

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

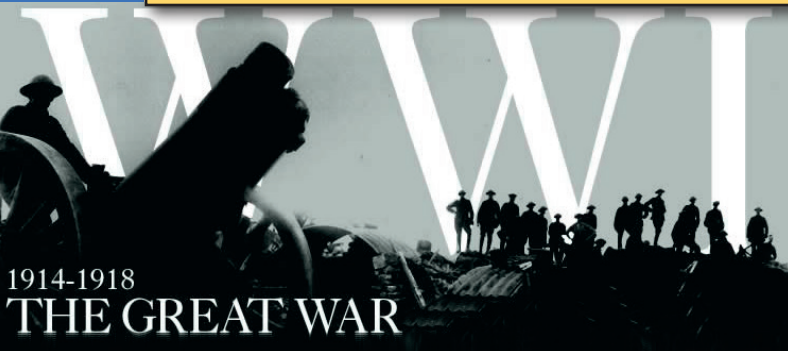
McCOOL, Francis Leslie Neil

Service Number: 2999

Rank: Private

*"Coo-ee-
Wont YOU
come?"*

From 1914 - 1918, 465 volunteers from Braidwood and the District
joined the Australian Imperial Force in World War I.
88 lost their lives, never to return home. This is their story.



1914-1918
THE GREAT WAR

100
YEARS OF
ANZAC

THE SPIRIT
LIVES
2014 - 2018

Introduction

This year, 2015, marks the centenary of the start of the Gallipoli campaign and Australia's involvement as a nation in the greatest and most terrible conflict ever seen to that time. Australians joined their Armed Forces in large numbers. Their motives were as varied as their upbringings, from a need to save the Empire, of which Australia was an integral part, to the desire to have a great adventure.

Braidwood and district were no exception. Over the four years from 1914 to 1918, from a population of about 5000, 465 men and women from what is now the 2622 postcode area – including Braidwood, Majors Creek, Araluen, Mongarlowe, Nerriga, Ballalaba and Jembaicumbene joined the Navy or Army. Of these 377 returned to Australia. Sadly, 88 lost their lives.

A varying amount of their history is recorded in the Australian War Memorial. Some of their names, but not all, are recorded on local memorials. More is recorded in limited local histories and newspapers, not readily available to the general public; and the people who lived with and knew these distant relatives are also passing on.

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch has collected all the information available from the Australian War Memorial and local sources, including the Braidwood Museum. Families, still resident in the district, have added their family knowledge and their precious memorabilia.

This booklet is the available story of **Francis Leslie Neil McCool**, one of the 88 Braidwood volunteers who did not return from World War I. It contains his details as recorded in the World War I Roll of Honour, his Enlistment Papers, Field Service records, any Casualty notification, correspondence relating to his death, details of decorations won, any available photos, and, in some instances, family correspondence or recollections.

Francis Leslie Neil McCool died for his country, for you and for me. Please pause a moment to remember him.

Lest We Forget.

WORLD WAR I

World War I lasted four years, from 4 August 1914 until 11 November 1918. It began after the assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne. The axis powers were Germany and Austria. Russia and France were the initial allies. When Germany invaded Belgium, Britain entered the war on the side of Russia and France.

The war was in Europe, the Western Front was in France and Belgium. The Eastern Front was Russia and Austria-Hungary. Africa was another front because of colonial possessions on that continent, and after Turkey entered the war on 1 November 1914, the Middle East became another theatre of war.

Australians generally thought of themselves as an integral part of the British Empire and the Australian Army and Navy were part of the Imperial Forces. In 1914, Australia's Prime Minister, Andrew Fisher, immediately promised Australian support for Britain 'to the last man and the last shilling.' The Australian population was less than five million. 324,000 Australians served overseas. 61,720 lost their lives. 155,000 were wounded. 4,044 became prisoners of war (397 died while captive).

The first Australian troops were sent to Egypt in 1915. The ANZACS – Australian and New Zealand Army Corps – were engaged in battle on the Gallipoli Peninsula against the Turks to control the Dardanelles' and open the way to Eastern Europe with their fateful landing on 25 April 1915.

The ANZACS were evacuated on 19-20 December 1915. The Gallipoli campaign resulted in the deaths of 7,600 Australians and the wounding of 19,000. Despite the defeat, the legend attached to the heroism, comradeship and valour of the soldiers remain a source of Australian pride and national identity.



ROLL OF HONOUR

FRANCIS LESLIE NEIL McCOOL

Service Number: 2999

Rank: Private

Unit: 31st Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 27 September 1917

Place of death: Belgium

Cause of death: Killed in action

Place of association: Sydney, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Menin Gate Memorial,
Ypres, Flanders, Belgium

Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War,
Army

Location on the Roll of Honour: Francis Leslie Neil
McCool's name is located at **panel 119** in the
Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial

31st Australian Infantry Battalion



31st Colour Patch

The 31st Battalion was raised as part of the 8th Brigade at Enoggera, on the outskirts of Brisbane, in August 1915. Some of the battalion's companies, however, were also raised at Broadmeadows Camp in Victoria. In early October, these two elements were united at Broadmeadows, and the battalion sailed from Melbourne the following month.

The 8th Brigade joined the newly raised 5th Australian Division in Egypt, and proceeded to France, destined for the Western Front, in June 1916. The 31st Battalion fought its first major battle at Fromelles on 19 July 1916, having only entered the front-line trenches 3 days previously. The attack was a disastrous introduction to battle for the 31st - it suffered 572 casualties, over half of its strength. Although it still spent periods in the front line, the 31st played no major offensive role for the rest of the year.

In early 1917, the German Army withdrew to the Hindenburg Line allowing the British front to be advanced and the 31st Battalion participated in the follow-up operations. The battalion subsequently missed the heavy fighting to breach the Hindenburg Line during the second battle of Bullecourt as the 8th Brigade was deployed to protect the division's flank. *The only large battle in 1917 in which the 31st Battalion played a major role was Polygon Wood, fought in the Ypres sector in Belgium on 26 September.*

Unlike some AIF battalions, the 31st had a relatively quiet time during the German Spring Offensive of 1918 as the 5th Division was largely kept in reserve. The Allies launched their own offensive with the battle of Ameins on 8 August, in which the 31st Battalion participated. It was subsequently involved in the operations that continued to press the retreating Germans through August and into September. The 31st fought its last major action of the war in September 1918 when the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions, and two American divisions attacked the Hindenburg Line across the top of the 6-kilometre-long St Quentin Canal tunnel; the canal was a major obstacle in the German defensive scheme. The 31st was resting and retraining out of the line when the war ended on 11 November 1918. It disbanded in France on 21 March 1919.

31st BATTALION, A.I.F. **McCOOL.**
Private F.L.N. 2999.

"KILLED. 27.9.17."

Informant described McCoel as about 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, aged about 24. He came from Darlinghurst and was a Cabdriver. He left Australia with Informant per "Anchises" in March, 1916.

Informant states that they both belonged to "A" Company. On 27.9.17 the Battalion was in action at Polygon Wood which they captured. About 3 p.m. after they had passed the German front line McCoel and three others rushed a pillbox and were not seen again. Informant saw them rush the pillbox which they reached and entered. The Battalion went on but Informant, who was a Runner, had to go back. He left the Battalion three days later and heard no more regarding McCoel.

Informant added that McCoel was a great mate of his and was well liked by the other boys.

INFORMANT:- Private W.J. Duggan, 2916,
"A" Coy, 31st Battalion, A.I.F.
Home address:- Garrong Road, LAKEMBA, N.S.W.

W.E.G.
10:4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.
12.7.18.

Time passed
5

SYDNEY BUREAU.

31st BATTALION.

McCOOL, P.L.H. Private,
No. 2999.

"KILLED 27.9.17"

Informant described McCool as about 5 ft 5/6 inches high, slight build, fair complexion, aged about 23/24/ Came from Paddington or Surry Hills. Thought to have been a cabman or connected with horses in Civil life.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company, 4th Platoon. On 26.9.17 the Battalion was in action at Polygon Wood. They hopped over early in the morning and about 2 hour later before they reached the objective informant saw McCool - he said to two or three of the boys round him, including informant "I am going in for my out". After that the party advanced and McCool soon after disappeared and no body seems to have seen him subsequently. He was reported "Missing" for a long time. The date of death officially given as 27th is wrong as on that date the Battalion was consolidating after the big fight which took place on the 26th and during which McCool was missed.

Informant added that McCool was a mate of his and was well thought of by his other mates.

Informant: Private A.L. Reeves, No. 1771.
A. Company, 31st Battalion.

Private address:
c/o Mrs. Mulholland.
PICTON.

W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY. 17.3.19

SYDNEY BUREAU. ✓

S. Turner Council



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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21 September 1917: Belgium: Western Front (Belgium), Ypres Area, Ypres: View from Polygon Wood looking toward Zonnebeke and Polygon Wood showing no man's land. In the background (right) is ruined structure, possibly used as a shelter or stronghold.

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

4215
2999

Name

McCool
R

Unit

10 REIN-20-BATTN

Joined on

5/31

5th Regt's
81st BATTN

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)
4. What is your age?
5. What is your trade or calling?
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?
7. Are you married?
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurrible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy?
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day.
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever?

1. *Francis Leslie Neil McCool*
2. In the Parish of in or near the Town of *Major's Creek* in the County of *Goulburn NSW*
3. *Natural born*
4. *20 yrs 7 mos*
5. *Driver*
6. *No*
7. *Single*
8. *Sister Miss May McCool 125 Grosvenor Crescent Chippendale Sydney Hill NSW*
9. *No* *Yes, Assault*
10. *No*
11. *24th Snr Cadets, 24th Inf, Enlisting*
12. *Yes*
13. *No*
14. *Yes*
15. *Yes*

I, *Francis Leslie Neil McCool* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

* And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife *three-fifths* wife and children

Date *Nov. 11. 15*

Frank McCool
Signature of person enlisted.

*7) is clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 15 years of age.

Transferred to

DEFENCE
B.R.

D7224

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2999

Rank *Plt* Name *Mc COOL F.L.N.*

Unit *31st Bde*

Casualty *Killed in action 27.9.17* *C.S.B. 411999, 21.0. dated London 8.10.17*

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"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

Pamphlet sent to *Untraceables 28/9/22*

MEMORIAL
SCROLL

Untraceables

331422

28/9/22

DATE

PURPORT

REF. NO.

OCT 1

M.C. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 27/9/17

23.10.14

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

24.4.18

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Personal*

16.6.18

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Personal*

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Circle No. *B 8106 1899 vide 9/24 Ad. 15/10/17*

Circular B.R.M 46/1868 & Booklet re Graves detached. *5 6 20 17*

WAR HISTORY INDEX



Regiment or Corps... 6th Reinforcements.

Rank Private Surname McCOOL Christian Name Francis Leslie Neil
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months
 Enlisted (a) 16.11.16 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) 16.11.16
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and rate _____
 Occupation _____ Signature of Officer _____

Date	Report From whom received	Particulars of circumstances, including date, during which service was rendered on Army Form B.103, Army Form A. 10, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.103, Army Form A. 10, or other official documents.
10.5.16	C.O. 6th Trng Bn	Embarked - Disembarked - Bn Trans. to Hospital, ex 6th Trng Bn.	Tel-el-Kebir	2.5.16	AL1831 D032 1893
15.5.16	C.T. & G.B. Dept	Marched in & Rtd to 8th Training Battalion.	do	5.5.16	AP7792
18.11.16	C.O. 31st Bn B122.	OFFENCE, A.W.L. from 1200 on 15/6/16 to 1200 16/6/16. AWARDED 1 day C.O. Perforite 2 days Pay (10/-) by Lieut W.S. Houghton.	Tel-el-Kebir	19.6.16	25/401/2 D024/4259
20.6.16	O.C. Troops	Embarked to join B E F per "HUNTSBEND"	Alexandria	20.6.16	LR 5981
30.6.16	do	Disembarked at	Marseilles	30.6.16	LR 5981
29.7.16	O.C. 5th Aus. D. Depot, B213	Proceeded to join Unit	Staples	22.7.16	AQ1410

1. In the case of a report received by a soldier from another soldier, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the soldier from whom received. 2. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a superior officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the superior officer. 3. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a medical officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the medical officer. 4. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a chaplain, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the chaplain. 5. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a non-commissioned officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the non-commissioned officer. 6. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a private, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the private. 7. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a lance, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the lance. 8. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a corporal, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the corporal. 9. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a sergeant, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the sergeant. 10. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a warrant officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the warrant officer. 11. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a commissioned officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the commissioned officer. 12. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a general, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the general. 13. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a lieutenant general, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the lieutenant general. 14. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a major general, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the major general. 15. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a lieutenant colonel, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the lieutenant colonel. 16. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a major, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the major. 17. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a captain, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the captain. 18. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a lieutenant, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the lieutenant. 19. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a subaltern, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the subaltern. 20. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a second lieutenant, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the second lieutenant. 21. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a first lieutenant, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the first lieutenant. 22. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a captain, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the captain. 23. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a major, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the major. 24. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a lieutenant colonel, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the lieutenant colonel. 25. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a major general, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the major general. 26. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a lieutenant general, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the lieutenant general. 27. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a general, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the general. 28. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a general officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the general officer. 29. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a general officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the general officer. 30. In the case of a report received by a soldier from a general officer, the authority to be quoted in each case shall be the name of the general officer.

Date	Report From whom received	Particulars of circumstances, including date, during which service was rendered on Army Form B.103, Army Form A. 10, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.103, Army Form A. 10, or other official documents.
28.7.16	C.O. 31st Bn B213.	Taken on strength 31st Bn	Field	23.7.16	AQ1801 D053/4144
18.8.16	do	To Hospital Sick.	do	17.8.16	AQ3443 D056/4466
19.8.16	14th Fld Amb	Admitted Debility	do	17.8.16	AK203/71
2.11.16	do	Discharged to Duty	do	21.8.16	55/561/6
25.8.16	C.O. 31st Bn B213.	Rejoined from Sick.	do	22.8.16	AQ3770 D057/4587
13.4.17	do B122	Offence, Absent without leave 1100 12/11/16 to 1200 15/11/16. AWARDED 28 days F.P. No 2 & Forfeit 14 days additional Pay, by C.O. 31st Battn. 15/11/16. TOTAL FORFEITURE, 31 Days Pay.	do	15.11.16	25/561/11 D026/4466 Corrig. - D.O. 52/836 E. 108/49
16.2.17	C.O. 31st Bn B2069.	CRIME. Absent without leave from 8.45 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. 8/2/17 and 8.45 a.m. to 4 p.m. 9/2/17. 8.45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 10/2/17. AWARD, 14 days F.P. No 2 by C.O. 31st Battn. 12/2/17. TOTAL FORFEITURE, 17 days Pay.	do	12.2.17	B108/7 D09/1672
6.4.17	C.O. 31st Bn B213.	To Hospital Sick.	do	3.4.17	28/4 D016/3008
7.4.17	3th Div. Rest Stn. (8th F.A.)	Rest Pleurisy Admitted & trafd to C.C. Stn.	do	3.4.17 4.4.17	AK1120/56

31st INFANTRY BATTALION I.I.F. Regimental Number. 3922
 Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps - **52nd Reinforcements.**

Rank **Private** Surname **McGOOL** Christian Name **Francis Leslie Neil**

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) **16/11/16.** Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a) **16/11/16.**

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended [] Re-engaged [] Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 28 or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
		Embarked		
		Disembarked		
8.4.17	3rd Aus. Cas. Cl. Station.	Pleurisy Admitted & Trfd to Ambulance Train.	Field 4.4.17	AK1120/48 8.4.17
6.4.17	3rd Stat. Hoop.	Pleurisy Admitted	Rouen	6.4.17 AK1120/39
10.4.17	do	Discharged to Gen. Depot	do	10.4.17 AK1120/82
10.4.17	2nd Con. Depot	Pleurisy Admitted	do	10.4.17 AK1120/82
13.4.17	do	do Discharged to Base Depot.	do	13.4.17 AK1120/81
21.4.17	O.C. 5th Aus. D. B. Depot B213	Marched in from Hospital.	Staples	16.4.17 B57/16
21.4.17	do	Marched out to Unit	do	16.4.17 B57/16
27.4.17	O.C. 31st Bn B213.	Rejoined Unit ex Hospital	Field	21.4.17 B8/17 D019 3480

1. This form is a duplicate of the original and is not to be used as a record. It is to be used for the purpose of providing information to the next of kin of the deceased. It is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit to which the deceased was attached at the time of his death. It is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit to which the deceased was attached at the time of his death. It is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit to which the deceased was attached at the time of his death.

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Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 28 or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
10.5.17	C.O. 31st Bn B2089	OFFENCE. Absent without Leave from 0300/4/17 till 2145 on 1/8/17. AWARDED 7 days P.P. No 2 By W.O. 31st Bn. 4.8.17 TOTAL FORFEITURE. 9 days Pay £2/5" - P.B. NO31195/8	Field 4.8.17	B108/19 D021/3711
29.9.17	C.O. 31st Bn B213.	KILLED IN ACTION	In the Field B.M.P.	29.9.17 B6/39 AT15928 VL488 D040/6099
SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.		B.G.D. H. L. FERNS Captain. O. i/c Records.		
		<i>Buried in the vicinity of Polygon Wood Gr. 25 NE J.10</i>		
		UR. 13 (sh. 9)		

McCool

M^r. A. G. McCool,
15 Little Queen St
Chippendale



To Major Lane.

Dear Sir.

Referring to my brother Pte. G. McCool. I would be very much obliged if you would let me know if any thing should happen to him, as I am very anxious concerning him. His name & address as follows:-

Home No. 2999.
Pte. G. McCool.
31st Battalion
5th Reinforcements.
A. S. Y.

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

MAY 25 1917

8711/12 20/17

19/12/16
2/10/15
24/15
No Work done
See Home No.

~~22/17~~
~~1/17~~
~~1/17~~

1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed.	McCool, Francis Leslie Neil, 2999, Pte., 31st Bn.
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed.	McCool, Amy Margaret, 8 Little Napier St., Padding
3. Relationship of such person to Member	Wid. Step-mother
4. Result of Claim	Pension of 28 p.f. granted from 20/12/17.
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	

Mr Shore 4/12
2999. 5/31. 18/17

W. 6001



5 Little Queen St.
Shippendale
4/6/17.

Lock to your care.

Base Records Office

Victoria Barracks

Melbourne.

ADDRESS
CAIRO & D. P. No.
18/6/17

Dear Sir.

Received your
letter referring to Miss. M.
McCool residing in Summer
Hill. N.S.W. I have to
state that I was the
McCool, the ^{only} sister of Pte. G.
L. N. McCool. lately married
to my first cousin, named
G. A. McCool. Sir. ~~to you~~

would you kindly tell me if
I could claim my brother's
money from my step-mother, as
she is the next of kin. And there
is no money being banked in
his name. And I don't think
she has any right to be
getting it, as she has ~~brought~~
an illegitimate child, our father
being dead only a little over
two years. And will you
let me know if I can get
his money so as I can bank
it for him.

I remain
yours faithfully
G. A. H.
McCool.

c/o Redfern
P.O.
Redfern.

Dear Sir.

Referring to my brother No. 2999.
Pte F. S. R. McHool. 5th Pinf 31st Batt, I would
like you to let me know if there are any letters
or P.C. to be forwarded to me. We heard that there
were two pocket wallets, letters + P.C. on him when
he was found. My stepmother got a letter from the
chaplain saying they would be forwarded. If
they come to hand would you let me know
who gets them if they are not to be sent to me.
Trusting you will oblige.

P.S. I am removing & I am
not certain where I am going
so would you send letters
to above address.

McHool
c/o Redfern P.O.
Redfern.

Namorgan
4/5

acted by pc
9.5.18

25 Centre St
Redfern.

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly let me know if I am entitled to a Bronze Memorial Plaque & a Victory Medal on account of my brother who was killed in action at Polygon Wood, as I am his eldest sister.

Mr. F. L. N. McBoole

31st Batt



DECEASED SECTION

JAN 30 1918

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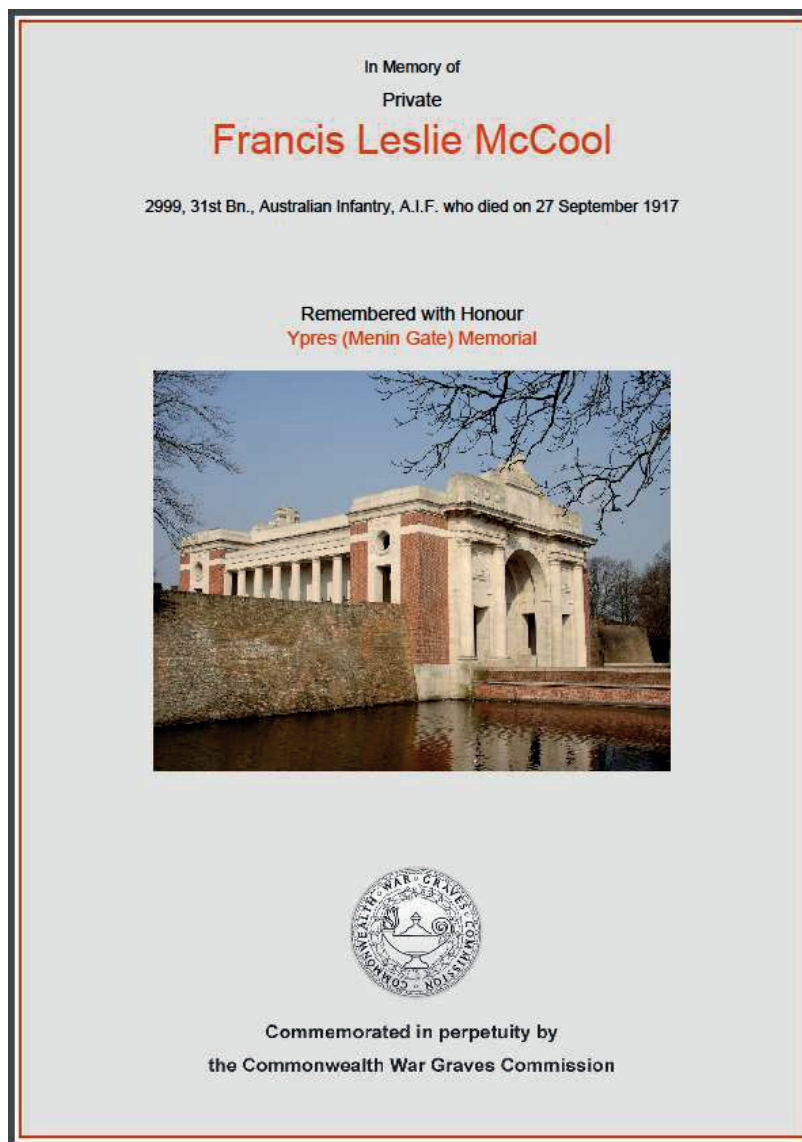
Mr. McBoole

So hoping you will let me know I remain yours
Sincerely

Ch. McBoole

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Miss Blue
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Acknowledgements

Everybody responded enthusiastically to the idea of capturing the information about Braidwood's 88 World War I veterans who lost their lives. The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch is most grateful for the support they received in carrying out this task and would like to acknowledge those of whom we are aware: Karen, Chris and Renee Nelson, Roslyn Maddrell, Karen Shea, Jill Clarke, Rod McClure, Ben and Meaghan Frohling, Diane McGrath, Us On Mondays Quilting Group, Len Mutton & Co and local shopkeepers for their World War I window displays.

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To all those who helped in any way, many thanks. Your efforts have ensured we remember these Braidwood and District Veterans well.

Back Cover: Peace Day, 11th November 1918, Wallace Street, Braidwood.

"Wild day in Braidwood: When Braidwood woke up on Tuesday morning to find the 'glad tidings of great joy' awaiting it that Germany had signed the armistice and the frightful carnage of the past four years or so had come to an end it simply went mad with delight. No other words could adequately describe the excitement that followed." "Braidwood Letters from the Front" by Roslyn Maddrell.

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Alley, Clair Underwood
Archer, Fred
Backhouse, Victor John
Barnett, Frederick George
Barry, Charles Louis
Beatty, Walter Cusack
Bell, John Henry Edward
Black, George Scott
Bruce, Thomas Fraser
Byrne, Cecil John
Callan, William Henry
Catlin, Robert Henry
Clarke, Lester Thomas
Cook, Thomas John
Crandell, Christopher George
Cregan, Clarence Theodore Augustus
Cullen, Henry Thomas
Davis, John Henry
Davis, Oscar Raymond Stanley
Dawson, Edric Athol
Dayball, Arthur Joseph
Dempsey, Charles Frederick
Dempsey, Charles
Dowell, Frederick Robert
Feeney, William
Fisher, Osborne
Flack, John Foster
Garnett, Henry James
Geelan, Robert Michael
Gosling, Fred
Gough, James
Green, Francis Henry
Healy, Myrtle James
Howard, John Alexander
Huggett, William
Hunt, Frederick William
Hunt, John
Hush, Percy Alfred
Hush, Thomas
Hush, Austin Septimus
Innes, Henry George
Kelly, Herbert Albert
Kemp, Leslie Smith
Keyte, Robert
Knight, Charles Oliver
Lee, Thomas James
Lennon, James
Lupton, Spencer
Lynch, James Joseph
Matthews, Francis
McCool, Francis Leslie Neil
McDonald, Alexander Joseph
McLean, Donald
McRae, Finley Arnold
Meade, Arthur Stuart
Merton, Thomas David
Montgomery, Stanley
Moore, William
Newberry, Alwyn (Alwin) Horace James
O'Brien, Thomas Daniel
O'Reilly, John
Pooley, Edward
Rex, Horace Joseph
Riley, Frank
Roberts, Frederick Bede
Robinson, William James
Rodgers, Albert
Seidel, Alfred George
Seidel, Henry Edward
Sharpe, George Lyle
Sharpe, Reginald
Sherman, Edgar Robert
Sherman, Percy Frederick
Simmons, George
Smith (Greenwood), George
Spicer, William Henry
Steele, Alexander Norman
Stein, Daniel Godfrey
Stewart, David Walter
Styles, Reginald Lucian
Torpy, Patrick Edward
Torpy, Thomas Patrick
Walker, William Albert
Watt, James
Watt, Oscar Harold McClure
White, Alister
Whitelaw, Thomas Philip
Wilson, Samuel Charles

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