

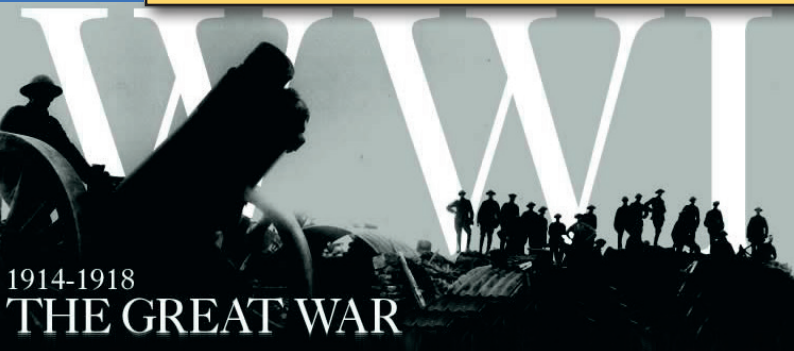
# Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

*"We will remember them well"*

## A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



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 **Arthur Stuart Meade**, 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.

**Arthur Stuart Meade** 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

## ARTHUR STUART MEADE

**Service Number:** 1501

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Unit:** 1st Australian Infantry Battalion

**Service:** Australian Army

**Conflict:** First World War, 1914-1918

**Date of death:** 05 June 1915

**Place of death:** Gallipoli, Ottoman Empire

**Cause of death:** Killed in action

**Age at death:** 22

**Place of association:** Bathurst, Australia

**Cemetery or memorial details:** Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Canakkale Province, Turkey

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

**Location on the Roll of Honour:** Arthur Stuart Meade's name is located at **panel 30** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial

## 1st Australian Infantry Battalion



1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Colour Patch

The 1st Battalion was the first infantry unit recruited for the AIF in New South Wales during the First World War.

The battalion was raised within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. The battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 as part of the second and third waves, and served there until the evacuation in December. Its most notable engagement at Gallipoli was the battle of Lone Pine in August. Two members of the battalion, Captain A. J. Shout and Lieutenant L.M. Keysor were awarded Victoria Crosses for their

valour at Lone Pine, Captain Shout posthumously.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli in December 1915, the battalion returned to Egypt. In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army, principally in the Somme Valley in France and around Ypres in Belgium. At Bullecourt in May 1917, Corporal G. J. Howell became the third member of the battalion to be awarded the Victoria Cross. The battalion participated in the battle of Amiens on 8 August 1918. This advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as 'the black day of the German Army in this war'.

The battalion continued operations until late September 1918. At 11 am on 11 November, 1918, the guns fell silent. The November armistice was followed by the peace treaty of Versailles signed on 28 June 1919. Between November 1918 and May 1919 the men of the 1st Battalion returned to Australia for demobilisation and discharge.

1 Batt., A.I.F.  
B. Coy., 3 Rfts.

(Kissing).

MEADE  
Sgt. A.S. 1501.  
(Arthur Stuart)

Witness knew Snowy Meade in the trenches at Steel's Post. Meade and a number of others were sent out to capture a machine gun, and did not return. His body could be seen from the trenches. A Lieutenant who is returning on the "Kanowna", wounded, was in charge, and can give a full account.

Ref.:-- Davis  
Pte. J.A. 1338  
1st Battalion, C. Coy.  
4th Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

C.H.Mc.L.  
13.3.16.

SYDNEY BUREAU.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**ARTHUR STUART MEADE #1501**

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**
**Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**

No.

1475

501

Name

MEADE, ARTHUR Stuart

Unit

1st Battalion

Joined on

26. 10. 14

**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 Incurable 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. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? .....

1. Meade Arthur Stuart
2. In the Parish of Bradwood in or near the Town of Bradwood in the County of New South Wales
3. Natural Born British
4. 21 years 11 months
5. Locomotive Fitter
6. J. Bathurst Railway Shop
7. No
8. Father, James Arthur Meade 166 Lambert Street Bathurst New South Wales
9. No
10. No
11. Serving at present in 1st Light Horse Regt. had 1 year leave
12. Yes
13. No
- 14.

I, Arthur Stuart Meade 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

Date 26

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1914

Arthur Stuart Meade  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause to be assented where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

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Transferred to

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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No. 1501

Rank Sergeant Name Meade, A.S.

Unit 1st Battalion

Casualty Reported Missing 5/6/15. MTC Alex: 21780/2968 R 14110/15 R BR 15519 R

5/6/15 Missing. MTC 21229/22604 Ad. 27/10/5 45 Missing. No further trace. He will be again asked on what authority Unit had... Killed in action, no Court Martial convened. MTC Alex. 24221/3278 D 2410/15: R BR 15513 R

5/6/15 Killed in action previously reported Missing. MTC 21359/4284 R 2410/15 R  
5/6/15 Killed in action at Gallipoli Peninsula

A.F. B. 2090A Received.

DATE	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
23 10 15	In L 2 adv Missing 5/6/15 investigating	
23 10 15	In L 2 adv Missing 5/6/15 investigating	
14 11 15	In L 2 adv as per cable 23/10	
21/11/15	N.O.K. asking if any reply has been received to cable sent	14/11
6 11 15	N.O.K. asking if any reply has been received to cable sent	14/11
16 1 15	N.O.K. asking if any reply has been received to cable sent	14/11
20 11 15	Reply sent to N.O.K.	
7. 1. 15	M.G. 7 ad (Killed in action)	
22 12 15	Copy made for War Pension	
10 1 16	PA Society Sydney asking for report	12/1
13 1 16	Reply sent P.A. Soc. no confirmation	
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PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT BAG BR. W 30747  
Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 2/1/20  
Sent 2110 1/11/20  
26-3-20 201430 Star issued BR. W 30747 787  
Circular 2 B.R.M. 46/1186

**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 1st BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, }  
or } Troop, Battery } "B" Coy  
CORPS }

Regt. No. 1475 1501 Rank Sergeant

Name MEADE A.S.

Died { Date 5/6/15  
Place Gallipoli Peninsula  
Cause of Death\* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report Court of Inquiry 6/8/15

By whom made C.O. Battalion

\*Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to full operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place No report of burial yet to hand  
Date do  
By whom reported do

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet to hand  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) do  
(c) as a separate document do



private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.E.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Cyril J. Griffiths Major

Station and Date Alexandria 29/12/15



<b>MEADE</b>	<b>Arthur Stuart</b>	1475 <del>1501</del>	1st Bn 3rd R.
Surname	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit
PURPORT. <i>102 / M / 23</i>			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at <i>Sydney</i> per H.M.A.T. <i>49, Seang Chuan</i> on <i>11/2/15</i>			
Sgt.			
<i>Info re B. Coy's allotment to 1475.</i>			<i>M.F.C. 78/5</i>
<i>Joined Bn from Luck Dist. 17.5.15</i>			<i>M.F.C. 21-15</i>
<i>Missing 6.6.15</i>			
<i>Joined Bn 7.5.15. Rejoined Bn 17.5.15 (27.15)</i>			<i>M.F.C. 25-3-15</i>
<i>7/5/15 Attached to "B" Coy. and to retain rank as Sgt.</i>			<i>M.F.C. 78/5</i>
<i>15/5/15 To Hosp. from Bn. N.Y.D.</i>			<i>29/10/15</i>
<i>5-6-15 Para 1077 Order 21 shown Missing Now declared by Court of enquiry to be KILLED IN ACTION.</i>			<i>M.E.F.O. 95</i>
<i>5-6-15 Para 1077 Order 21 delete and substitute missing as shown in para 9212 Order 95.</i>			<i>Page 3.</i>
<i>D.O. 96 Delete and substitute Killed in action 5/6/15. (FW).</i>			<i>M.E.F.O. 96</i>
			<i>Page 5.</i>
			<i>M.F.C. 9/1-16.</i>

D 825/2.10. - C. 2/24.

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*Duplicate B. Coy*  
**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Army Form B. 103.

Regiment or Corps 1st BATTALION A I F

1501

Regimental No. 1501 Rank Sergeant Name MEADE A S

Enlisted (a) 26/10/15 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 Months Service reckons from (a) 26/10/15

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
9/5/15	C O 1st Bn	Joined Battalion and posted to "B" Coy as Sgt	Gallipoli	7/5/15 B213	D O 25/1363 & 78/6849
16/5/15	"	To Hospital N Y D	"	15/5/15 B213	" 78/6850
23/5/15	"	Rejoined Battalion	"	17/5/15 B213	" 21/1076
6/6/15	"	MISSING	"	5/6/15 B213	" 21/1077 & 96/332 M F C 24246/7 1/11/15.
25/11/15	"	Court of Inquiry held August 6th Finding KILLED IN ACTION	"	5/6/15	A R 19/2/11 D O 95/9212 M F C 31350/1 16/12/15.

*Received*  
*Original forwarded*  
*a 3 Reg 29.12.15*

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

Enquiry - Sergeant Arthur Stuart Meade.  
Reg. No. 1401. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion,  
1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade, A. I. F.

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233 Lambert St.  
Baltimore, U. S. A.  
17<sup>th</sup> September, 1915

The Hon. The Minister  
for Defence, Melbourne.  
Sir: -

In connection with the attached  
lettergram of 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. inst. received in reply  
to my telegram dated 10.9.15, enquiring re  
my son, Sergt Arthur Stuart Meade, I  
have the honor to submit all the available  
information bearing on the matter.

At the outset I beg to point out  
that I believe Sergt Meade's number to be  
1401, and not 1501 as expressed in the  
attached lettergram.

The communication, dated 7.7.15,  
giving rise to my enquiry was received by  
a local lady from Corporal Russell Geo  
F. Hodge, No 514, 'B' Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion,  
1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade, A. I. F. The excerpt  
from the letter, received from Gallipoli,  
is as follows: -

"The only Baltimore boys who are  
" here that I know of are Saunders and  
" Arthur Meade. Poor old Meade is  
" missing. No news came back from  
" a bayonet charge we made."

The day following the despatch of my  
my telegram to your Department, a letter

What office would  
W. J. Nash hold?  
WJN

written & posted here on 2<sup>nd</sup> May last was returned through the Dead Letter Office, Sydney, the envelope being endorsed "Killed in action." W. J. Nash. The envelope - which please return - is attached as Exhibit 'A'.

I think 'B' con  
p. 1104.

Also attached, as Exhibit 'B', is an extract from a letter written to his parents in Bathurst by Lance-Corporal Eric Ward, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade (Infantry) from Hospital in Egypt. I am unable to give Lance-Corporal Ward's number, but probably he may be traced by the fact that on or about the date mentioned in the attached statement (Exhibit 'C') by Private Frederick Wright, No. , Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Infantry Brigade, who has returned to Bathurst wounded, Lance-Corporal Eric Ward was in Melbourne Convalescent Home & Hospital with a twisted knee resulting from a wound. I also understand from letters received by his parents that Lance-Corporal Ward was before a Medical Board, and was given light clerical employment in Egypt. Thus it may not be difficult to trace him.

I beg to invite careful comparison of the extract from Lance-Corporal Ward's letter (Exhibit 'B') with the statement made by Private Wright (Exhibit 'C'). It will then be seen that whilst Ward, in his letter, is by no means sure of my son's death, in his conversation with Private Wright he expressed himself as absolutely certain that the same would actually happen. Moreover, he desired to have my son

the body of my lad, the same lying only 10 or 12 feet from the trench, and facing towards it.

In connection with that portion of Ward's letter dealing with my son, Sergt Meade, having been charged with being asleep at his post; of being placed under arrest and taken before the Colonel, and being allowed to take part in an action whilst awaiting trial by Court-mar-

If under arrest would he not be dismissed? Would he be kept in the trench under arrest for a day or more before being tried? Would he be sent to take part in an action if under arrest?

trial, Lance-corporal Ward makes a definite statement in which no suggestion of doubt appears. Hence I take it as being either true or untrue. I may say, however, that Lance-corporal Ward had on a previous occasion whilst both were Senior Cadet officers tried to injure my son by bringing a number of charges against him, which, after a lengthy investigation by a Military Board were disproved, my son retaining his commission without as much as a caution or reprimand. Whether that exact has any bearing upon the present allegation by Ward, I do not know.

Whether I have seen the whole of what Lance-corporal Ward wrote to his parents regarding my son, I do not know, but the fact remains that it has been widely circulated in Battalion that Sergt Meade was court-martialed and shot for being asleep at his post, and that your Department when reporting his death would report him as having been killed in action. This statement has been traced to certain members of the Ward family, and I scarcely need say that since we, my wife, daughter, & myself heard of it on Monday last, 13<sup>th</sup> inst, we have been torn



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with dreadful anxiety and suspense. It is bad enough if our only son, whom we freely gave, has been <sup>shot</sup> killed in action, but that he should have died in a manner such as has been said is almost too much to bear.

I ask, therefore, that your Department will make every possible effort to furnish me with the true particulars, whatever they may be, at the earliest opportunity, for as we have received no word from Serjt Meade since 8th July last when, as stated in my letter of the 9th inst to the Minister asking for information, our anxiety is not lessened. It was not until after that letter was despatched that I saw the first written announcement of my son's death.

The foregoing, Sir, is the whole of the information at my disposal at present, but if it can be supplemented by anything which I may think of import, I shall forward same as early as possible. In the meantime I would again ask that I be informed as early as possible of what, if anything, has happened to my son, Serjt Meade.

If true, would it be reported at once to your Dept?

I would be very, very grateful indeed, and our anxiety would be much lessened, if your Department would inform me at once of the probability or otherwise of Lance-corporal Ward's story being true.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
J. C. Meade

Enquiry - Regimental No. 1401, Sergeant  
Arthur Stuart Meade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements,  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, A.I.E.F.

233 Lambert St.  
Baltimore, N.S.W.

ET. No. 1.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 1



POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

TELEGRAM. 5

This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.  
All complaints to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.

Station from, No. of words, check, and time lodged. Remarks.  
Melbourne 42/11 letters from 10 30 pm  
Meade 233 Lambert St  
Ba

B R 15836 fifteen rough  
one sergeant Arthur Stuart Meade  
third reinforcements first Battalion  
No official report killed or missing  
forward communication if in form and  
soldier number name rank all available  
Particulars & Department will investigate enquiries  
also pence 1-35

Please see the attached paper in  
which all available information is furnished.

The Hon.  
The Minister for Defence  
Melbourne

J.A. Meade  
17.9.1915

NOTE - The figures at the bottom indicate the time received at this office.

# Exhibit B

Copy of Extract from letter from Lance Corporal  
Eric Ward, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, to his parents in Balthamst.

" Arthur Meade arrived here 3 weeks after  
our landing and I met him for first time  
May 30<sup>th</sup> in the trenches. He happened to be  
sent to my battalion in 'B' Company.

Poor Arthur got into trouble through  
going to sleep on his post in the trenches.

He was up before the Colonel, and placed  
under arrest pending a District Court

Marshal (Martial?). A night or so before

his case came on his company made a

night attack on the Turks' trenches. It  
was reported missing, and several wounded.

The Turks' trenches are 60 or 70 yards away,  
and 4 bodies were counted outside our trenches.

It is almost certain ~~that~~ poor Arthur was  
killed, if so I am sure the poor lad died  
a noble death, and every sympathy is to be  
shown to his mother & father. There is a very  
small chance of him being taken prisoner  
by the Turks, and as he is posted missing  
he is thought to be dead. As it is not an  
absolute certainty do not tell his friends  
unless you read his name in the papers."

If under arrest  
would not be  
allowed to take part  
in the attack? If  
so how could he be  
posted missing?

Ward

# Exhibit 'C'

Bathurst

N.S.W. 16/9/15

I Frederick A. Wright - Private No 264 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade do hereby declare that at or about the end of July while at Helwan Convalescent Hospital, Cairo, Egypt, I met Lance Corporal Eric Ward 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade who was also an inmate of the hospital. I do not know his Reg. No. or company but his knee was twisted as the result of a wound. In the course of conversation Lance Corporal Ward told me that Sgt. Arthur S. Meade (claiming Sgt. A. S. Meade No 1401 3<sup>rd</sup> reinforcements 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade) had been killed in a bayonet charge made by his company. I asked Lance Corporal Ward if he was sure and he replied, absolutely certain. He got over the parapet but did not get further than 10 or 12 feet from the trench when he fell. He laid on his side facing the trench so that I could see his face and I'm sure it was him. As I have known Arthur Meade in Bathurst I again asked Lance Corporal Ward if he were

certain and received a reply to the effect that there could be no mistake. He said nothing whatever to me of any breach or dereliction <sup>of duty</sup> of the part of Sgt. Meade.

L. C. Pte F. A. Wright

Witness to signature. J. Gorman



233 Lambert St.  
Baltimore

12. 9. 15.

Dear Mr Carr,

Just a line to tell you that we have received no word yet from the Dept, re our boy, beyond the usual acknowledgments, and a letter from the Officer in Charge, Base Records Office, Mello., Capt. Lane, in which he said that in view of my letters to the Dept, he had cabled to have the case investigated. That letter was dated 27. 9. 15., so that presumably the cable had been sent before that. Yet, though fifteen days have elapsed we have received no definite tidings, and I think that by this we should have heard something. Localia, of course, that the circumstances over there at Gallipoli are almost certainly unfavorable to speedy reply, yet our two weeks should be productive of something by cable.

If you would again urge expedited action I would be very grateful, Mr Carr, as the suspense seems to grow more and more acute.

Yours gratefully in anticipation as well as for past favors & with kindest regards,

J. A. Meade

BA file  
JMS  
No. 210  
att. 3  
to  
20/9/15

11/14

233 Lambert St  
Baltimore Md. W.  
17/9/15

The Hon. Senator Pearce  
Minister for Defence  
Sir,



I am forwarding the attached papers to you direct  
I must plead justification in the fact that a perusal  
of what is contained in them will show that in the  
case of my son, Capt A. S. Meade there are such  
unusual & painful features as to make it very  
unlike other cases of soldiers who are reported  
killed or missing. I believe that enquiry into such  
cases must necessarily take time, but when you have  
read the attached papers I feel confident that if you  
are a parent, you will at once realize that the case  
of my son, which I submit, is one demanding the fullest  
& most searching enquiry. For this reason alone have I  
taken the step of bringing under your personal notice the  
unusual & painful aspects which it bears, and I trust  
that you will cause it to be the subject of instant &  
careful investigation. As stated in my official letter I  
would be very grateful for an immediate opinion as to  
the probability or otherwise of Lieutenant Meade's resolution  
re court martial or being tried. Thanking you in anticipation,  
Believe me, Yours in deep suspense. A. S. Meade



23/9/15

28/9/15

The Draining

Bathurst  
112/4/1940  
A.L.F.

My Dear Mr McDonald

I am troubling you again, but in a cause that I know will have your sympathies

Mr J. A. Tweede 203 Lambert Street Bathurst has a son Sgt Arthur S Tweede No 1401 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements 1st Battalion 1st Infantry Brigade who privately has been reported both Killed & missing - Officially no report has been received from the Defence Dept. Will you now assist us to find out something definite about the Sgt A. S. Tweede. You know this undoubtedly is Hellier. I know you will do your share to help an old Queenslanders & thus give comfort where comfort is needed. I am certain Senator Gioius will give you a helping hand if you need it. Let me have an answer as early as possible to give some hope. With  
you like

Yours Ever Sincerely

W. Craigston



General Officer's  
Office  
June 19/1915

The Secretary  
Refugee Dept  
Melbourne  
Dear Sir

I beg to hand  
you herewith a further  
letter from Mrs  
J. A. Meade with  
reference to her  
son, said to have  
been killed.

Can nothing be  
done to ease the minds  
of these poor people!

The boy was an  
only child & under  
stand - so it is a  
pathetic case.

Yours faithfully  
E. Stamer



W 25/11/66  
WB  
20/11

233 Lambert St  
Bathurst, N.S.W.

16. 11. 1915

Capt J M Lane,  
HQ Base Records Office,  
Melbourne, Victoria

Dear Sir,

I would like  
to have the  
endorsed en-  
velopes sent (?)  
to you returned  
to me when  
done with.  
Yours

Re the enquiries being made in the case  
of my son No 1501, Capt Arthur Stuart Ince,  
3rd Reinforcement, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, A.I.F.,  
regarding which your letter of 15th Oct most interest-  
ing a cable from Egypt which stated that he was  
"Missing, no further trace. Officer commanding unit  
will be asked on what authority Lieut. Ince  
endorsed letter 'Killed in action'", I write this to  
inform you that the envelope attached hereto was  
received, with letter, through the Dead Letter Office, Syd-  
ney, yesterday. The letter was written & posted here in  
Bathurst on 6th June last, and you will see that the  
envelope is endorsed "Killed", & "Just". I am  
forwarding it to you in the hope that it will assist  
in clearing up the mystery of my son's fate.  
Yours, very gratefully for past efforts,  
J. A. Ince



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 11th May, 1921.

Mr J.H. Meade,

H.W. Gaol,

Young, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

I regret very much that, notwithstanding the efforts of our Graves Services Unit, we have so far been unable to obtain any trace of the last resting place of

No. 1501, Sergeant A.S. Meade,

1st Battalion,

and, so that no possible source of information shall be overlooked, I shall be much obliged if you will let me have on loan any letters or communications that contain any reference to the circumstances surrounding his death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen alive. Of course any information you may have received as to his burial would be of the greatest assistance. The reason these steps are being taken is to identify, if at all possible, those bodies that are being recovered but which have nothing on them to definitely establish identification, and thus obviate the necessity of interring them in the new Military Cemetery under the heading "An Unknown Australian Soldier."

Only those portions of any letters having a direct bearing or reference to the above need be forwarded. They will be carefully preserved and returned without delay.

If you have nothing that will help, would you kindly let us know, so that we can advise the overseas authorities.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

*J. Meade*

MAJOR

Officer in Charge Base Records.

To the Officer in Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.

(KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR REPLY HEREUNDER.)

(Place) *A. M. Gaol, Young, N.S.W.*

Sir, (Date) *22<sup>nd</sup> May, 1921*

In connection with the matter of your communication I beg to state that the following are quotations from a letter received from Capt. Ingham Lloyd, 1st Battalion, A.I.F. and from 'London Times' Weekly Edition of Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1915. Capt. Lloyd wrote under date, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1916.

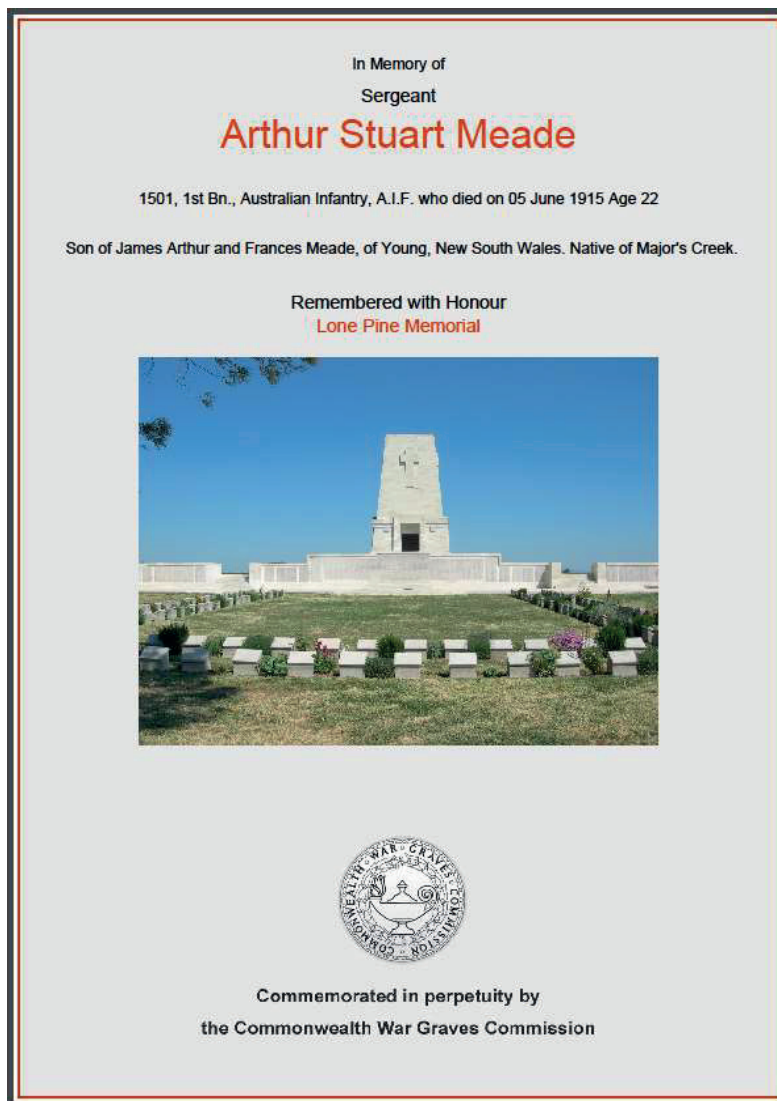
"Of course I know your son well. He was with me in the attack on the 'German Officers Trench' on 5<sup>th</sup> June (1915) in which trench he was killed. The operations... commenced at 3.20 am.... and your son was killed outright at 3.25 am.... his body lying on the enemy's parapet.... we were reluctantly compelled to leave our dead where they lay. Your son was in due course buried by the enemy, which will account for the non-recovery of his identity disc and pay book."

'London Times, Weekly Edition' 24.4.15.

"On 5<sup>th</sup> June a sortie was made from Division Post by 2 Officers & 100 men of the 1st Australian Infantry, the objective being the destruction of a machine gun in a trench known as 'German Officers Trench'. A special party of 10 men with the officer commanding the party (Lieut. E.E.L. Lloyd) made a dash for the machine gun.... The darkness of the trench and its overhead was penetrated the use of the bayonet, but some damage was done by shooting down over the parapet...."

In addition to the above I have also been informed by several soldiers that the body was lying near the parapet of 'German Officers Trench' for two or three days following the attack on the machine gun. So that if the enemy buried my son's body near where he fell, it would seem to have been buried near the position of the machine gun, as the attack would seem to have been concentrated upon that.

As the knowledge that our son's remains had been recovered and carefully interred would afford some satisfaction to those he left behind that what they said may assist in recovering it, for the opportunity of doing so, Sir, we are deeply grateful. Yours sincerely J.H. Meade, Doctor



## Acknowledgements

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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.*

# ROLL OF HONOUR

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

Lest We Forget