

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

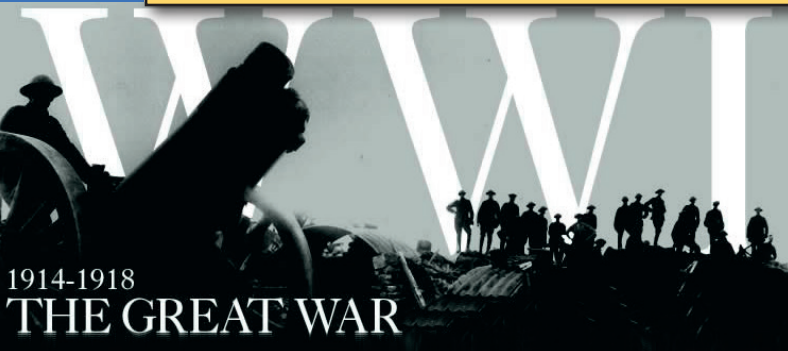
MOORE, William

Service Number: 3393

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 **William Moore**, 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.

William Moore 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

WILLIAM MOORE

Service Number: 3393

Rank: Private

Unit: 53rd Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 19 July 1916

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Killed in action

Age at death: 26

Place of association: Harrietville, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Pheasant Wood Military Cemetery, Fromelles, Lille, Nord Pas de Calais, France

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: William Moore's name is located at **panel 157** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial

53rd Australian Infantry Battalion

The 53rd Battalion was raised in Egypt on 14 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 1st Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 1st, the 53rd was predominantly composed of men from the suburbs of Sydney. The battalion became part of the 14th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

The battalion arrived in France on 27 June 1916, entered the front line for the first time on 10 July, and became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front, at Fromelles, on 19 July. The battle of Fromelles was a disaster. The 53rd was part of the initial assault and suffered grievously, incurring 625 casualties, including its commanding officer, amounting to over three-quarters of its attacking strength. Casualty rates among the rest of the 5th Division were similarly high, but despite these losses it continued to man the front in the Fromelles sector for a further two months.

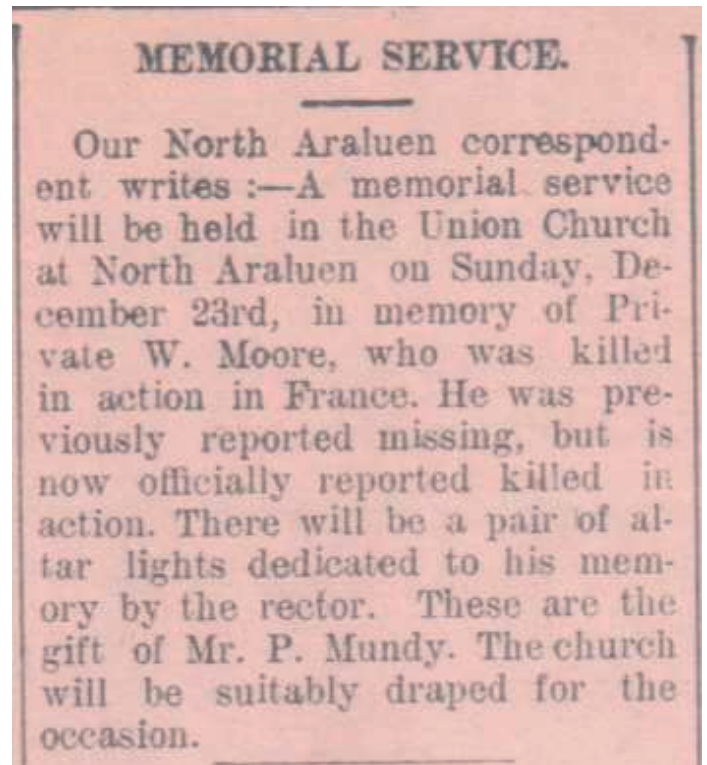
The 53rd spent the freezing winter of 1916-17 rotating in and out of trenches in the Somme Valley. During this period the battalion earned the nickname "the Whale Oil Guards" after the CO, Lieutenant Colonel Oswald Croshaw, ordered the troops to polish their helmets with whale oil (issued to rub into feet as a trench foot preventative) for a smart turn out on parade. In March 1917, the 53rd participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line. It was spared the assault but did, however, defend gains made during the second battle of Bullecourt. Later in the year, the AIF's focus of operations switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium. The 53rd's major battle here was at Polygon Wood on 26 September.

With the collapse of Russia in October 1917, a major German offensive on the Western Front was expected in early 1918. This came in late March and the 5th Division moved to defend the sector around Corbie. The 14th Brigade took up positions to the north of Villers-

Bretonneux and held these even when the village fell, threatening their flanks.

Once the German offensive had been defeated, the Allies launched their own offensive in August 1918. The 14th Brigade did not play a major role in these operations until late in the month, but its actions, including those of the 53rd Battalion at Anvil Wood, were critical to the capture of Peronne, which fell on 2 September. For a succession of courageous actions during the Peronne fighting, Private William Currey was awarded the Victoria Cross.

The 53rd Battalion entered its last major battle of the war on 29 September 1918. This operation was mounted by the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions, in co-operation with American forces, to break through the formidable German defences along the St Quentin Canal. The battalion withdrew to rest on 2 October and was still doing so when the war ended. The progressive return of troops to Australia for discharge resulted in the 53rd merging with the 55th Battalion on 10 March 1919. The combined 53/55th Battalion, in turn, disbanded on 11 April.



1917: *The Braidwood Dispatch* reporting the death of William Moore.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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19 July 1916: France: Western Front (France), Nord Region, Fromelles Area, Fromelles: Men of the 53rd Battalion in a trench in their front line a few minutes before the launching of the attack in the battle of Fromelles. (Photographer: Charles Henry Lorking).



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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19 July 1916: France: Western Front (France), Nord Region, Fromelles Area, Fromelles: Men of the 53rd Battalion waiting to don their equipment for the attack at Fromelles. Only three of the men shown here came out of the action alive, and those three were wounded. (Photographer: Charles Henry Lorking).

53rd Battalion A.I.F. MOORE W 3393

Missing 19.7.16.

I knew a W. Moore in B. Company-- he was a 10th Reinforcement to 1st Battalion, and his number would be about 33--. He was rather tall, fair, rather thickset. He was wounded at Fleurbaix. I met him 5 - 6 weeks ago in the train, and he told me he had been wounded at Fleurbaix. He was then in civilian clothes and had been discharged. He had been shot through the stomach. I have no idea where he lives. Moore was nicknamed "Mungeri", which is Arabic for food, as he was always eating. He was the only W. Moore I knew in the 53rd Battalion.

REFERENCE:-- Cpl. W.T. Jackson, 2380,
53rd Battalion A.I.F., B. Company,
George's Heights Detail Camp, SYDNEY.

H.S.O. SYDNEY BUREAU.
9.2.17. MS

To the
Officer in Charge

I am willing
to allow William Moore leave
of absence during the period
of the war, with the under-
standing that he resumes
duty on his return.

I will notify the Chief
Inspector of Factories.

A. M. Garratt
Baker

Faithful Street
Wangaratta

W. J.

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30157

TRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. MISSING

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3593

Name Moore William
Unit 10th REINE 4th BATTN
Joined on 27/7/15

4th Battalion
11th Reinforce

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... William Moore
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Ardenon in or near the Town of Ardenon in the County of Arvicent
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... yes
4. What is your age? ... 25 years
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Engine driver
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
7. Are you married? ... no
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... William Angus Moore Father
Harriet Meece
Bright Victoria
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? ... no
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 ... no
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... no
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... no (and)
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. ... yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... yes

I, William Moore 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 July 27th 1915
wife and children

William Moore
Signature of person enlisted.

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

Transferred to

DEFENSE
B.R.
D 35129

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3393.

Rank Pte Name Moore. W.




Unit 53. Btn. Late 4 Batta

206 Casualty 19. July. Missing. C.I.B.L. 306/68624 1st London 21/8/16

329 Previously reported missing

now reported killed in action 19.7.16

C.I.B.L. 19540⁵ dated London 2.9.16

DATE.	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
	A.F. E. 103 Received	
	<i>16.8.2 ADVISED, MISSING</i>	
	<i>16.11.3 ADVISED, MISSING</i>	
	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
	<i>A.M. Bishop Asking Information For GRIBBLE JF. 6th. McJannet</i>	
<i>17-9-16</i>	<i>ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 19.7.16</i>	
<i>23.10.16</i>	<i>ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 19.7.16</i>	
<i>24-9-17</i>	<i>At 6 pensions advised re casualty vide statement No 9</i>	
<i>25.3.19</i>	<i>Court of inquiry proceedings received - B.R.M. 40/470</i>	
	<i>Direct: B.R.M. 48/1388 & Booklet re Graves despatched 29.12.19</i>	<i>Received by agency by printed copy</i>
	"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."	
	<i>Pamphlet sent to Mr W.A. Moore on 2.2.21</i>	
<i>13/8/20</i>	<i>1914/15 Star Issued B.R.M. 43/1229/4/82</i>	
<i>9/9/21</i>	<i>To Comdt 3rd M.D. B.R.M. 51/557. 11331</i>	
	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 3rd M.D. B.R.M. 53/1214 1231	
		
		
		
	MEMORIAL SCROLL	
	<i>Father.</i>	
	<i>W.A. Moore</i>	
	<i>390126.</i>	
	<i>20/9/21 A.W.S.</i>	

LIST.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps ~~11th Reinforcements to 4th Battalion A.I.F.~~

Rank Private Surname M. O. O. R. E. Christian Name W.

Religion..... Age on Enlistment..... years..... months

Enlisted (a) 27/7/15. Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....

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		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as recorded in Army Form B. 101, Army Form A. 18, 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. 101, Army Form A. 18, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked.....			
		Disembarked.....			
11/12/15.	4th Aux. Hosp.	Admitted, MUMPS.	Abbassia	7/12/15.	A 36.
16/2/16.	C.O. 1st Tng Bn	Alotted & proceeded to join 53rd Bn	ex Zeitoun	16/2/16.	A.P. 407a.
19/2/16.	C.O. 53rd Bn AFB 213.	Taken on Strength of 53rd Battalion at	Tel-el-Kebir	16/2/16.	D.O. 1/524. A.P. 4455.
5/5/16.	do	Alotted to Bn Machine Gun Section	Ismailia	5/5/16.	A.L. 1604.
	G.O. Bn & "Royal George"	Embarked to join B.E.F. Disembarked at	Alexandria Marseilles	19/6/16. 28/6/16.	A.P. 9106.
28/7/16.	C.O. 53rd Bn AFB 213.	Missing in action	France	19/7/16.	A.Q. 1806. V.L. (CIBL 308) of 8/8/16.

149. In the case of a man who has been discharged from or withdrawn from Section II, Army Service, particulars of such disengagement or withdrawal should be stated in the report. (See also instructions on the reverse side of this form.)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as recorded in Army Form B. 101, Army Form A. 18, 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. 101, Army Form A. 18, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
2/9/17	C.O., 53rd Bn, Court of Enquiry.	KILLED IN ACTION	France	19/7/16	D/O 73/8327 19/566/11 V.L. 464 of 8/9/17
	ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.E.Q. British Expeditionary Force.				

W. J. ...
..... Captain,
O I/C ROYALS.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS } 53rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, }
Battery or Company } - - -

Regimental No. 3393 Rank Private.

Surname MOORE, Christian Names W.

Date 19th July, 1916 Place In the Field, FRANCE.

Died Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION.

Nature and Date of Report { Court of Enquiry convened by C.O., 53rd Bn. A.I.F.
By whom made { held "In the Field" on 2nd September, 1917.

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

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 54) Will Not received. (b) in Small Book (if at Base) - - -
(c) as a separate document. - - -

All 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.F.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.

Station and Date) ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.
British Expeditionary Force Signature of Officer in charge of Section) W. J. ... Captain,
Date) 28th September, 1917 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base) O i/c Records.

[12]

To the Officer in Charge
on whom it may concern
I have given my consent for my son
W. Moore to enlist for the front

Wm Moore
Private
Wamparatta
Mary Ann Moore

2/7/15
W. J.

15. 11. 16

To O. C. of Base Records Office
Victoria Barracks,

Dept. Gen. Serv.

RECEIVED
17 NOV 1916

If possible
would you kindly give any
information about Pte W. Moore

No 3393

53rd Batt.

14th Div of Brig.

A Coy

Machine gun
Section

Reported missing since 19th July 1916
Hoping you will oblige

I remain

Yours Resp.

W. R. E. Moore
Harristville

Via Bright

Vict.

W. R. E. Moore
18/11

CORRESPONDENCE
SECTION

NOV 21 1916

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RE NO. 3393, PTE. W. MOORE, 53rd BTN. & NO. 6780 PTE. H. J. MOORE
REPORTED "MISSING"

OFFICER IN CHARGE
BASE RECORDS.

Referred for any further information you may
be able to give regarding the "missing" soldiers mentioned
herein please.

How

JML/AR

(2)

FINANCE MEMBER.
7/9/1917.

FINANCE MEMBER

No. 3393 Private W. Moore, 53rd Battalion, is
now officially reported to have been killed in action -
19/7/16, cable dated London, 12/9/17.

No later report other than "missing 11/4/17"
has been received concerning No. 6781 Private J. J. Moore,
13th Battalion.

MELBOURNE
26/9/17.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	Moore William 3393 Pte 53rd Btn
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ...	Rose E. Moore, Harriestville
3. Relationship of such person to Member ...	Mother
4. Result of Claim ...	Granted 30/ p.f. as from 13/8/17
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...	

16th May, 1918

Dear Madam,

In reply to your communication of 8th instant, I have to state no personal effects of your sons, the late No. 6781, Pte. H. J. Moore, 13th Battalion, or No. 3593, Pte. V. Moore, 33rd Battalion, have been returned to this Office to date. It is pointed out that as these soldiers were posted "missing" for about five and thirteen months respectively, it is probable their bodies were never recovered, and anything they had with them at the time of their death would have disappeared. However, should anything in either case be received, it will be promptly forwarded to the addressee.

Yours faithfully

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.Mrs. W. A. Moore,
Harrietville,
Via Bright. V.

Harrieville
12th Jan. 1920

DECEASED
SECTION
APR 27 1920
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To
The Secretary
Department of Defence.

I cannot give much information
of my son William Moore. 3393.
as he was reported missing on the
19th July 1916. and.

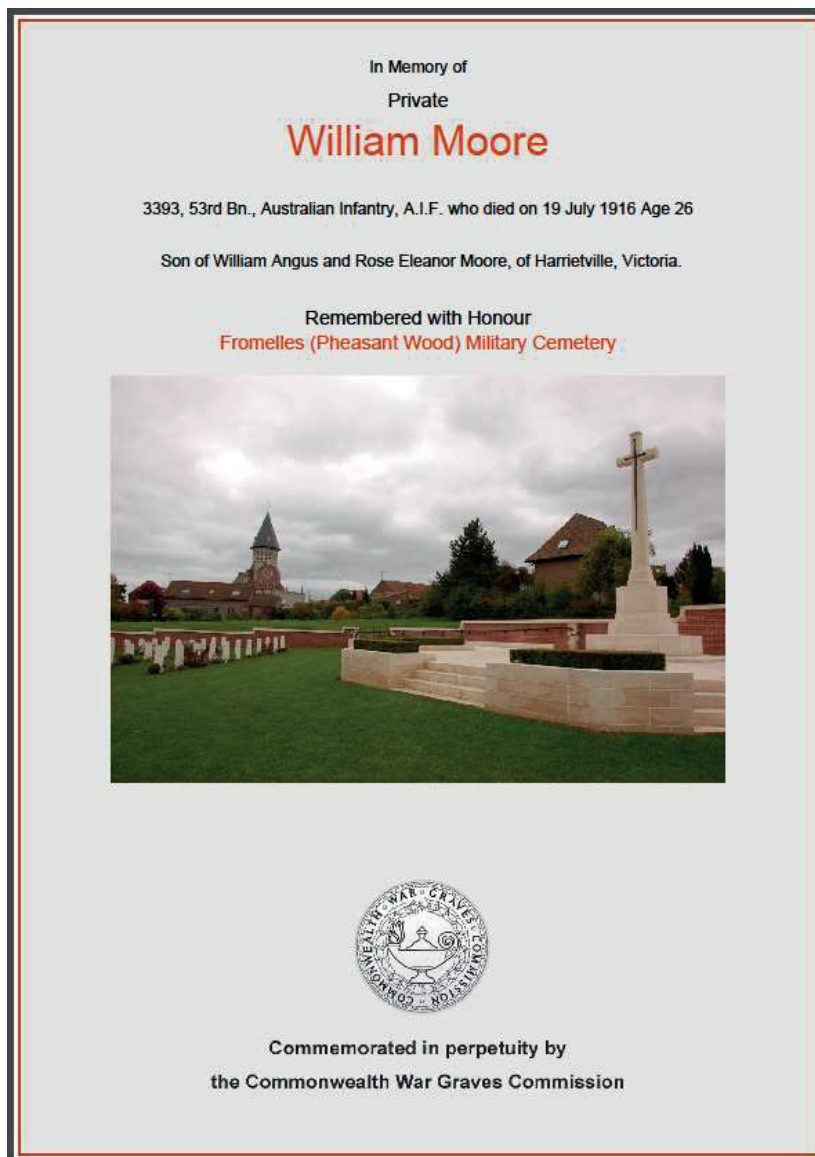
14 months later. was reported killed
in action. We got no particulars
of Mr. Mr. Keil, whose name I have
mentioned as likely to give information,
was a stretcher bearer in the 53rd
Battalion, is the only one who could
tell us about the 19th July 16.
He was not acquainted with my son,
but I think he may be able to give
information as to where my son
was killed.

Yours Respectfully

B. E. Moore
Harrieville

DEPARTMENT
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14 JAN 20
DEFENCE

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CI JAN 27 1920



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.

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

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