

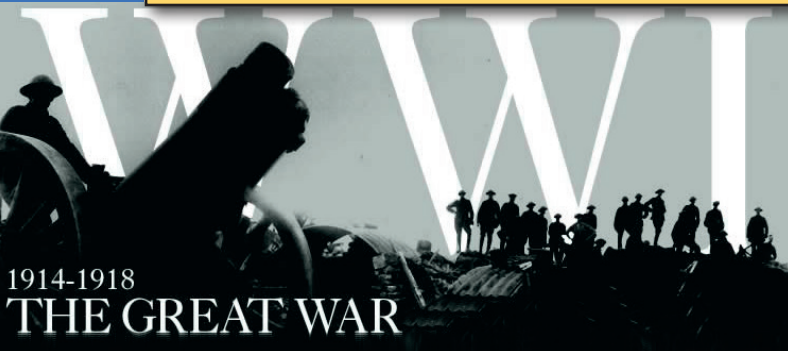
Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"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 **Edward Pooley**, 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.

Edward Pooley 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

EDWARD POOLEY

Service Number: 3187

Rank: Private

Unit: 3rd Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 13 November 1916

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Died of wounds

Place of association: Arncliffe, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Etretat Churchyard,
Etretat, Le Havre, Haute-Normandie, France

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: Lewis Edward Pooley's
name is located at **panel 38** in the Commemorative Area
at the Australian War Memorial

3rd Australian Infantry Battalion

The 3rd Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions it was recruited from New South Wales and, together with these battalions, formed the 1st Brigade.

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. In August, the battalion took part in the attack on Lone Pine. For his valorous action in defending Sasse's Sap at Lone Pine on 9 August, Private John Hamilton was awarded the Victoria Cross.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, 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. The battalion's first major action in

France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. Later the battalion fought at Ypres, in Flanders, before returning to the Somme for winter.

The battalion participated in a short period of mobile operations following the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line in early 1917, but spent much of that year fighting in increasingly difficult conditions around Ypres. In 1918 the battalion returned to the Somme valley and helped to stop the German spring offensive in March and April. The battalion subsequently participated in the Allies' great offensive of that year, launched east of Amiens on 8 August 1918. The advance on this day 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 to 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 3rd Battalion returned to Australia for demobilisation and discharge



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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October 1916: France: Picardie, Somme, Albert Bapaume Area, Pozieres Area, Pozieres: An unidentified Australian soldier examining the remains of a German 5.9 inch gun in the Copse at Pozieres, in France. This position was taken some months earlier by the 3rd and 11th Battalions, AIF.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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November 1916: France: Picardie, Somme, Albert Bapaume Area, Gueudecourt: A view of Fritz's Folly, the front line, Somme winter. A sunken road forming part of the German front line on the sector attacked by the 1st and 3rd Battalions on the night of 4 November 1916. The attack, made in the mud, failed. The position, subsequently abandoned by the Germans, eventually became a part of the Australian front line.

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Lewis Edward Pooley*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *3187 3rd Battalion*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) *Sydney* District *Arnehiffe* State *N.S. Wales Australia*
4. What was his Birthplace *Bradwood N.S. Wales Australia*
5. Date of Death *November 13th 1916*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *Not known*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Carpenter*
2. Age at time of Death *Twenty four years*
3. What was his School *Superior Public School Bradwood N.S. Wales Australia*
4. What was his other Training *He understood farm work*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia _____
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) *At Coast Infy Regt Sydney N.S. Wales Australia (Military)*
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
He was a good all round Australian.

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
Cousin of Charles Bailey Cooma N.S. Wales Australia. Killed in action in France.

9. Name and Address of the Person or other person giving this information—
Name *Mr E Pooley*
Relationship to Soldier *Father*
Address *Arnehiffe N.S. Wales Australia*
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name *Mr J & Bailey*
Address *"Monaro" Charles St Leichhardt Sydney N.S. Wales Australia*

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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MILITARY FORCES.

3rd Batt

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

3187

Name POOLEY Edward

Unit 7th Rein of 10th Batt

Joined on 11-9-15

3rd Batt

7th, Rein's
10th, Battalion.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Edward Pooley
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... in or near the Town of ... in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 33 years & months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Carpenter
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 2 1/2 years ...
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? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible 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 ... 3 yrs 1 Ave Int 3 mths T.C.C.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
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, Edward A. Pooley 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 20. 9. 15

E. Pooley

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 16 years of age.

CARD CHECKED

Statement of Service of No. 3187 Name. *Doyle Edward*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>1st Regt 18th Batt.</i>	To "on command" from 3rd Bn	<i>11.0.16</i>		<i>Plt 3977</i>
<i>3rd Bn 14/2/16</i>	<i>29/4/16</i>			<i>29/5/16</i>
<i>Plt 7655 10/3/16</i>	REJOINED UNIT from on command France	<i>25/6/16</i>		<i>Plt 65 5114</i>
	Embarked for Overseas at Ales:	<i>22.3.16</i>		
	<i>H.M.S. "Grampian"</i>			
	Disemb: at "Grampian" at Marseilles	<i>28.3.16</i>		<i>LR 5128</i>
	On Command 3rd Bn France	<i>29.4.16</i>		<i>AG 269. DO 47.</i>
	Rejoined unit from Command France.	<i>28.6.16</i>		<i>AG 835. DO 65.</i>
	<i>Wounded in action</i> France	<i>5.11.16</i>		<i>AG 10330.</i>
	Adm. 1/2 Ampt. SW Face & chest.	<i>6.11.16</i>		<i>AK 442/17.</i>
	Transfd. M.D.S A 36 to CC Station	<i>6.11.16</i>		
	Adm. 35 1/2 CC Stn G.S. W. Multiple	<i>6.11.16</i>		<i>AK 442/18.</i>
	Trans to Amb Train	<i>10.11.16</i>		
	Adm. No 1 G Hosp SW Face & chest & L thigh	<i>11.11.16</i>		<i>AK 442/16.</i>
	Died of wounds received in action. SW Face Chest L/leg (Amputated)	<i>13.11.16</i>		<i>AT 6467</i>
	<i>Ref No 958631 buried at</i>			<i>DO 958631 21/1/17</i>
	<i>Chesh Churchyard near Haste France</i>			<i>VL 143. 19.11.16</i>

Entered from Form B/03

I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

AK 3/24 3/1/17

Transferred to **D**

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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No. 3187

Rank Pte

Name POOLEY

Unit 3rd Ygtm

Casualty

Wounded Wounds face, chest, & thigh. Wound 256/7533. Dtd London 14/1/16

13.11.16 *slight* Wounds face, chest. amputation left leg. 10th Genl Hosp C16L. 713/7504
15/1/16

DATE	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
	A. F. B. 2090A Received.	

18 NOV 1916
19. 11. 16
20-11-16

M. O. K. Advised "wounded and dangerously ill"
M. O. 2 ADVISED. DIED OF WOUNDS. 13/11/16
COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF
Cable No. 22/11/16 vide 4/12/16 20/4/16

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX Chemist's tools

MEMORIAL SCROLL
To
Father
No. A Pooley
302116
13/11/16



Gr. Jular B.R.M. 46/1360 & Booklet re Graves despatched. 12/11/16
PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. 52/1397 tr

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HISTORY INDEX

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd M.D.B.R.M. 53/561

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to M. A. Pooley on 5.11.16

18. 11. 21

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. 48/94 apart
1921 list

LIST.

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 } 3rd. Battalion. A.I.F. Squadron,
or } (late 7/18th. BATTN. A.I.F.) Troop, Battery }
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 3187. Rank Private.

Name POOLEY. E.

Died { Date 13th. November 1916.

{ Place No 1. General Hospital, Etretat, France.

{ Cause of Death Died of Wounds, received in action.

Nature and Date of Report Death report, dated 14/11/16.

By whom made C.O. No. 1 General Hospital, Etretat, France.

* 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.

Burial { Place Not yet to hand.

{ Date -

{ By whom reported -

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) -
(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.

Signature of Officer in charge } *Sawman* LIEUT.
of Section Adjutant-General's }
Office at the Base } Officer I/C. Records.

Station and Date Rouen, (France) 8th. December 1916.
ANZAC SECTION, 3RD. WHELON. G.H.Q., B.E.F.

WT 1225/4111 400,000 12/15 JFW

Forms
B 290a

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number 3187.

Regiment or Corps 3rd. Battalion, A.I.F.
 Rank Pte. Surname POOLLEY. Christian Name H.

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months.

Enlisted (a) 20-9-15. Terms of Service (a) On of war & 4 Mos. after. 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 _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked ...			
19-2-16	3rd. Bn. B213.	Taken on strength from 18th. Battalion.	Tel-el-kebir	14-2-16	A. P. 4656. D. O. 33.
22-3-16	HT. "Grampian"	Embarked for O/Seas ex	Alexandria	22-3-16	A. P. 6054.
28-3-16	O. C. Troops.	Disemb. ex "Grampian" at	Marseilles	28-3-16	L. B. 5128.
5-5-16	3rd. Bn. B213.	On Command	France	29-4-16	A. G. 269. DO. 47
29-6-16	3rd. Bn. B213.	Rejoined Unit from Command	France	28-6-16	A. G. 835. DO. 65
10-11-16	3rd. Bn. B213.	Wounded in action	France	5-11-16	A. G. 10330.
11-11-16	1st. Anzac	Admit:- S. W. Face & Chest	France	6-11-16	A. K. 442/17.
	M. D. S. A36.	Transd. to C. C. Station	France	6-11-16	
11-11-16	38th. C. C. Stn.	Admit:- G. S. W. Multiple	France	6-11-16	A. K. 442/18.
	A36.	Transd. to Amb. Train	France	10-11-16	

(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.

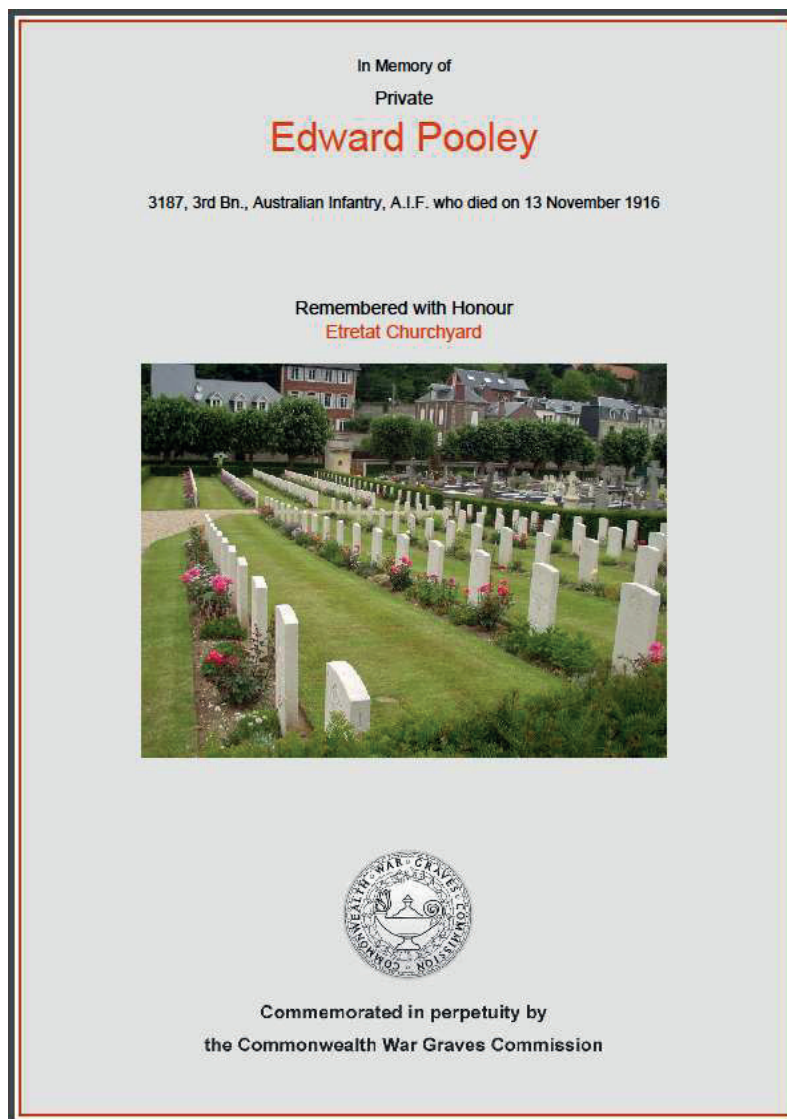
(b) Signaller, Shipping Smith, &c.

[P.T.O.]

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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
12-11-16	No. 1. G. Hosp. W3034.	Admitted, S. W. Face, Chest and L/Thigh <i>Dangerously Ill.</i>	Etretat	11-11-16	A. K. 442/16. FR 1070 813 83
14-11-16	No. 1. G. Hosp.	Died of wounds, received in action. S. W. Face, Chest L/Leg (Amputated)	Etretat	13-11-16	A. T. 6407. D. O. 95/B631. V. L. 143. 19-11-16.

1805 H. E. WAWN
 LIEUT.
 Officer I/C. Records.

ANZAC SECTION, 3RD. ECHELON. G.H.Q.
BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.



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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