

# Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

*"We will remember them well"*

## A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



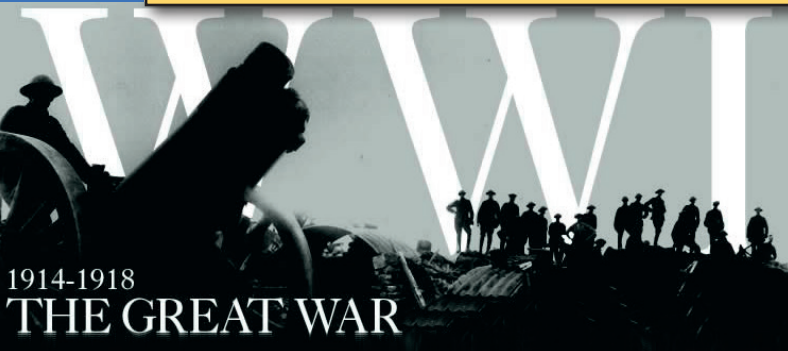
ROLL OF HONOUR

ROBERTS, Frederick Bede

Service Number: 3429

Rank: Private

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 **Frederick Bede Roberts**, 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.

**Frederick Bede Roberts** 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

## FREDERICK BEDE ROBERTS

**Service Number:** 3429

**Rank:** Private

**Unit:** 53rd Australian Infantry Battalion

**Service:** Australian Army

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

**Date of death:** 01 March 1918

**Place of death:** France

**Cause of death:** Died of wounds

**Place of association:** Araluen, Australia

**Cemetery or memorial details:** Outtersteene  
Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul, Nord Pas de Calais,  
France

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

**Location on the Roll of Honour:** Frederick Bede Roberts'  
name is located at **panel 158** 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. *Frederick Roberts Bede died of wounds on 1 March, 1918 (gun shot wound, head) received accidentally.*

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.



*Corbie, France. 1918. The remains of buildings on the streets of Corbie. The roof of the Cathedral has been damaged. The Allies often used Corbie as a resting point after battle. A soldier on a bicycle is on the right. (Donor J. Hardwicke)*

A.I.E. INFANTRY DEPT  
JUL 1915

53  
AUSTRALIAN



P3  
MILITARY FORCES.

# D 41190 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 5 34294

Name Roberts, Frederick Bede  
Unit 10th Bn. Royal Australian Rifles  
Joined on 27/7/15

425  
11th Bn. Rifle's  
1100

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? Frederick Bede Roberts
- 2. In the Parish of Aradoun in or near the Town of Aradoun in the County of St Vincent
- 3. yes
- 4. 20 years
- 5. laboured
- 6. no
- 7. no
- 8. William Roberts (Father)  
Aradoun
- 9. yes for minor breach of the peace (drunk + indecent to people)
- 10. no
- 11. no
- 12. yes
- 13. no
- 14. yes
- 15. yes

Frederick Bede Roberts 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

Fred. Roberts  
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.

Transferred to

DEFENCE  
D B.R.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

48562

No. *3429<sup>A</sup>*

Rank *MC*

Name *Roberts J B*

Unit *5<sup>th</sup> Batt ~~1<sup>st</sup> Div~~ (Case 6696)*

*193* Casualty

*Wounded C/O 2357669/L London 4/16/18*

*4. S.W. side mild admitted 21. 7. 16 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Genl. Hospital  
IN S.M.L London. 129/6849. H. received 20. 8. 16*

*Wounded 2 Occasion*

*(C.S.D. 1205) 5342 dated London 26. 3. 17 18*

*386*

*Died 1.3.18 G.S.W. head, compound fracture at 2<sup>nd</sup> C.G. Sta*

*D.I.B. 2337/1009 dated London 1/11/18 received B.R. 6. 2. 18 18*

*Ref C.S.D. 2337 now reported head wounds received accidentally 1<sup>st</sup> March 1918*

*D.I.B. 2343/1026 dated London 8/3/18 received B.R. 17/3/18*

DATE

A.F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT

REF. NO.

5 AUG 1916

*N.O.K. Advised Wounded*

20 AUG 1916

*N.O.K. Advised in Hospital*

29. 3. 17

*N.O.K. Advised Wounded second occasion*

MAR 7 1918

*M.C. 2 ADVISED. DIED OF WOUNDS. 1/3/18*

9. 3. 18

**COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS**

13. 7. 18

*M.C. 2 adv Died of wounds rec accidentally*

13. 3. 18

*Pensions advised Died of wounds rec accidentally etc*

13/5/18

*"W.I." to D.P.M. M.D. M 25/773*

*Effects ex "Darunga" lost at sea M 38/008*

*B.R.M. 46/1365 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12. 1. 21 18*

*FINAL NOTICE 14. 2. 1922*

WAR HISTORY INDEX

To Comdt. *Col.* M.D. B.R.M. 51/672

**"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."**  
Pamphlet sent to *M. W. Roberts* on *1/11/18*



BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. M.D. B.R.M. 53/351 1931

14/10/20 TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B.R.M. 51/1134 (2ms)

LIST

A.B.'s BRANCH.  
G.H.Q., 3rd ECHELON.  
19 JUL 1918  
No. 67  
CASUALTIES.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION, G.H.Q.  
17 JUL 1918  
A.F.W. 3428.  
3rd ECHELON B.E.F.

8074

**Report on Accidental or Self-Inflicted Injuries.**

To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this Form.

1. Number, Rank, Name and Unit of injured man. 3429 Private ROBERTS. F.B. 53rd Bn Date of Casualty. 28. 2. 18.

2. Nature, Location, and Severity of injury. (N.B.—Field Ambulance to be notified at once if wound is believed to be self-inflicted.)

3. Short statement of the circumstances of the case. (Signed statements of witnesses to be attached to this form.)  
*2109 Pte Connor Gates  
About 5 am on 28-2-18 he started up the flare post to examine it and it went off just as Pte Roberts came around the corner of the trench.  
Pte Roberts was killed by the flare.  
The flare was fired by Pte Connor Gates.  
The flare was fired from the trench.*

4. Commanding officer's opinion as to whether the man was:  
(a) In the performance of military duty. *Yes*  
(b) To blame. *No*  
(c) Who was to blame. *Yes*

14TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
17 JUL 1918  
A.F.W. 3428

Date 28/2/18 Commanding 53rd Bn

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade Do. 2109 Priv. Pte. H. Connor 53rd Bn  
(b) Disciplinary action taken or proposed, whether against injured man or another. was fined by 20 cu 9/4/18  
*Change? When O.A.S. on act to the presence of the flare post & military discipline in the trench the casualty was of Connor to be awarded as 3429 Pte F.B. Roberts on 28/2/18  
Found guilty & forfeited 7 days pay*

6. To W.A.G. 3rd Echelon Army "A."

Forwarded with reference to my Casualty Wire No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 10-7-18 10/2/18 10/2/18  
10/2/18 10/2/18  
to 5th Div. Division. Staff Capt.

7. To D.A.G., G.H.Q., 3rd-Echelon.

Forwarded for record. This casualty should be reported as classified as found as a result of  
Date 10/2/18  
Staff Capt. G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon

Do 20/3469

**Casualty Form - Active Service**

Regiment or Corps.....~~11/4th Batta~~ 53rd Battalion A.I.F.  
 Rank.....Pte. Surname ROBERTS Christian Name Fredrick Bede  
 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.....P.B. 5221..... Signature of Officer.....

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. 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...			
27/11/15	4th Aux.	Adm.	Abbassia	26/11/15	
		Dischd. to Duty		29/12/15	
16/2/16	C.O. 1st T.B.	Allotted & Proc. to join	Zeitoun	16/2/16	
		53rd Battalion ex			
19/2/16	C.O. 53rd Btn.	T.O.S. of 53rd Btn. at	Tel-el-Kebir	16/2/16	DO 1/689
9/4/16	" "	To take regtmntl. No. 3429A	Ismailia	9/4/16	DO 14/2366
	O.C. Btn.	Embkd. to join B, E, F.	Alexandria	19/6/16	
	& Royal George	Disembkd. at	Mar seilles	28/6/16	
28/7/16	C.O. Btn.	Wounded	France	19/7/16	DO 38/4153 V.L. 28/7/16
21/7/16	14th A.F.A.	Adm. Wd. Trfd. A, C, C.S.	France	20/7/16	

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shooting-Smith, &c. (17901.) W.L.W. 1887-P.1124. 1,000,000. 6/18. D.W.S. Form B.103, (E. 1255.)

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. 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				
22/7/16	2nd A.C.G. S.	Adm. G, SW. L. Side Trfd.			
		to Amb. Train	France	20/7/16	
26/7/16	3rd C, Gen Hp.	Adm. G.S.W. Side	Boulogne	21/7/16	
27/7/16	" "	Trans. to England G.S.W.	"	22/7/16	
22/7/16	3rd C, G? Hosp.	Embkd. on H.S. Jan Braydal	"	22/7/16	DO 36/3 48
		for Eng. S.W. Side.			
23/7/16	1st Sth. Gen. Hosp.	B.W. Lt. Side Sev.	Birmingham	23/7/16	DO 481E
2/11/16	No. 2 C, Dep.	M/O to Wareham	Weymouth	2/11/16	
6/3/17	4th Com. Dep.	CRIME A.W.L. from M/N on			
		9/12/16 till 1630 on 10/12/16 AWARD	Wareham	15/12/16	DO 25/1952
		Admonished FORFEITS 1 days pay R.W.			
25/12/16	No. 4 C, Dep.	M/O to Perham Downs	"	22/12/15	
30/12/16	Inf Dft. Dep.	Proc. O'Seas France per			
		Per. Dwns. "Princess Victoria "	Folkestone	31/12/16	DO 55- 5/E 24/1/17
13/1/17	5th A, D, B, D.	M/I ex England	Etaples	31/12/16	
13/1/17	" "	Proc. to rejoin 53rd Btn.	"	10/1/17	
19/1/17	C.O. 53rd Btn.	Rejoined from Wounds	France	12/1/17	DO 16/948
17/3/17	" "	Wounded in Action 2nd Occ.)	Field	11/3/17	DO 25/1980 V.L. 292 21/3 21/3/17
17/3/17	15th Aust.	Adm. S.W. Eye Rt.	"	11/3/17	
	Fld. Amb.	Trfd. to C.C.S.	"	11/3/17	



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form 2, 21A, 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 2, 21A, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
28/6/17	C.O. 53rd Bn. <u>CRIME</u> A.W.S. from 19/6/17 to 20 on 24/6/17. <u>AWARD</u> 18 days P.P. No. 2 Forfeit 6 days pay by R.N.		France	25/6/17	DO 54/4240
28/7/17	C.O. 53rd Bn. <u>CRIME</u> A.W.S. from 2200 on 17/7/17 until 1100 on 21/7/17. <u>AWARD</u> 10 days P.P. No. 2 Forfeits 4 days pay by R.N.		France	21/7/17	DO 63/4718 Addendum DO 13/2442942 Concurrent with DO 54/4240 Adm DO 70/5161
28/7/17	C.O. 53rd Bn. To Hosp Sick		France	28/7/17	DO 63/4707
28/7/17	15th Aust. Ad. I, D, G.		"	28/7/17	
	P. Amb. Trfd. to C.O. S.		"	28/7/17	
28/7/17	36th C.O.S. Adm. V, D, G.		"	28/7/17	
	Trfd. to 39th Gen Hosp.		"	28/7/17	
28/7/17	39th Gen Hosp. Adm. V, D, G. "4"		"	28/7/17	
27/8/17	Dis. to Base Dep. V, D, G.		"	27/8/17	DO 70/5161
	Total Period 34 Days.				
28/8/17	C.O. 5th A.D.B.D. M/I from Hosp.		"	27/8/17	DO 71/5176
5/9/17	" " To Hosp Sick		"	4/9/17	DO 73/5430
4/9/17	40th St. Hosp. Adm. Tonsillitis		Harfleur	4/9/17	
22/9/17	" " Trfd. to Gen. Dep.		"	22/9/17	
22/9/17	4th Gen. Dep. Adm. Tonsillitis		Harve	22/9/17	

ational Archives of Australia

NAA B2455. ROBERTS FREDERICK

D/W  
Army Form B. 103. Sheet No. 3 Regimental Number 3429A

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 53rd Battalion

Rank Pte. Surname ROBERTS Christian Name Fredrick Bode

Religion 27/7/15 Age on Enlistment            years            months

Enlisted (a)            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)           

Occupation FBI 53221 or Corps Trade and Rate           

Signature of Officer           

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form 2, 21A, 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 2, 21A, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked			
		Disembarked...			
28/9/17	4th Gen. Dep. Dis. to Base Dep.		Harve	28/9/17	
29/9/17	C.O. 5th A.D.B.D. M/I from Hosp.		Harve	28/9/17	DO 78/6324
3/10/17	" " M/O to Unit		"	3/10/17	
13/10/17	C.O. 53rd Bn. Rejoined Unit ex Sick		France	6/10/17	DO 78/6487
1/12/17	" " To detach. duty with 14th				
		Pld. Coy. Engrs.	Field	29/11/17	DO 86/7399
15/12/17	" " Rejoined Unit ex 14th Pld.				
		Coy. Engrs.	"	12/12/17	DO 88/7712
8/3/18	" " Accidentally Wounded		"	29/2/18	
2/3/18	2nd C, C.S. Adm. G, S, W. Head C, P. Q		"	1/3/18	V.L. 642
		Pte. of Hds. acc. received	France	1/3/18	DO 50/3489

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section 1, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) Signifier, Shilling-Smith, & Co. (1291) W.L.W. 187-P. 118, 119, 120, 615, D.S. Form B. 103, (R. 1916.)

(P.T.O.)

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 111, Army Form A. 31, or other official documents
Date	From whom received			
	Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. S.H.F. 23/7/15			Sgd. J. P. T. Lukin Lieut. Per Office: 1/c Records.
	<u>Soden diem</u> Ref No 40/5161 (1917). Showing general period. Add this sub para must be read in conjunction with No 63/5416 as part of signature set out therein runs concurrently with that set out therein.			No 13/942. 22/3/18.
	<u>Division Austrorhene Communal Secretary Bailleur</u>			D. G. H. E. L. S. 6. 225. No 43/1623E 3/6/18.

3429A.

Private Frederick Bode Roberts.

55th Battalion.

Australian Imperial Force.

Wounds accidentally received.

No 2, Casualty Clearing Station  
France.

1st March

18.

Cable No C.I.B.L 2343,

from the Commandant, A. I. F. Headquarters, dated London, 8th March 1918,  
and confirmed by Army Form A.F. B103.

17th March 1944

A.J. BOWMAN.

DMH.

COPY.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD.

FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— No.3429a Roberts, P.B. 53rd Bn. A.I.F.

Forwarded to— LEGATEE:—  
Mother,  
Mrs. Susan Roberts,  
North Aralvern, via Braidwood,  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

EFFECTS:—

EX 3RD ECHETON FRANCE. (13273) 5.4.18.

2 Discs, Badge, Rosary, Coin, Photos, Unit Colors, Diary, Tin Box, Wooden Torch Case.

Per."Barunga". 21.6.18. In Case No.1104.

No. of Package D/S.32226.

Checked by

LF/TR

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred to, is to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Base Records Office,

Victoria Barracks,

24th October 1916.

MELBOURNE

Madam,

Dear

of the 14th inst.,

In reply to your enquiry

I have to

inform you the postal address you require is as follows:—

WOUNDED.

No. 3429 Private F. B. Roberts,  
53rd (late 4th) Australian Infantry,  
C/o A.I.F. Headquarters,  
130 Horseferry Road,  
Westminster,  
London, S.W.

Mrs. L. Marshall,  
North Araluen, N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,

J.M. IRMAN,  
Major.

Officer i/o Base Records.

WILL.

Name in full. I, Frederick Bede Roberts

Unit. Regimental Number 3429a. serving in France 53rd Bn of the Australian Imperial Force do hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my last Will.

Name and Address of person or persons to whom it is to go I DEVISE and BEQUEATH all my real estate unto Susan Roberts Mother North Aralven Via Braidwood N S Wales Australia

Name and Address of person or persons to receive personal estate (See Note) absolutely, and my personal estate I bequeath to Susan Roberts Mother North Aralven Via Braidwood N S W Australia

Fill in Date. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of June A.D. 1917.

Frederick Bede Roberts (Signature).

All alterations to be initialled by Testator and Witnesses. Signed by the said Testator as his last Will and Testament the same having been read over and explained to him, in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

FIRST WITNESS. Signature of Witness Martin Alphonsus Hyland Address and Occupation Signaller 53rd Battalion A.I.F. France

SECOND WITNESS. Signature of Witness James Ritchie Dodd Address and Occupation 53rd Battalion A.I.F. France

N.B.-Personal Estate includes Pay, Effects, Money in Bank, Insurance Policy, in fact everything except Real Estate.

Certified to be a true copy of the Will of No.3429 Pte. ROBERTS Frederick Bede 53rd Battalion A.I.F.

Checked [Signature] Cpl.

[Signature] Cpl. Estates Branch, Adm. Hdqrs., London. 11.3.18.

Albion

October 14<sup>th</sup> 1916

Dear Sir

I received letter from Dead Letter office the address on the letter was the address private of P Robert - put on his letter when he wrote it is a different address so the one sent by Base record when he was first wounded if he has shifted to a

different address

I would be pleased if you <sup>would</sup> send it along to me  
Yours faithfully

Wm Leo Marshall  
North Albion

CORRESPONDENCE  
SECTION  
OCT 22 1916  
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In Memory of

Private

# Frederick Bede Roberts

3429, 53rd Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 01 March 1918

Remembered with Honour

**Outtersteene Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul**



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*Australian soldiers wore Rising Sun badges on the up-turned side of their slouch hats and on the collars of their tunics. The badges worn during the First World War were inscribed with the words "Australian Commonwealth Military Forces". Rising Sun badges were first issued to Australian soldiers in 1902 and continue to be worn by serving personnel today.*

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*"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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