

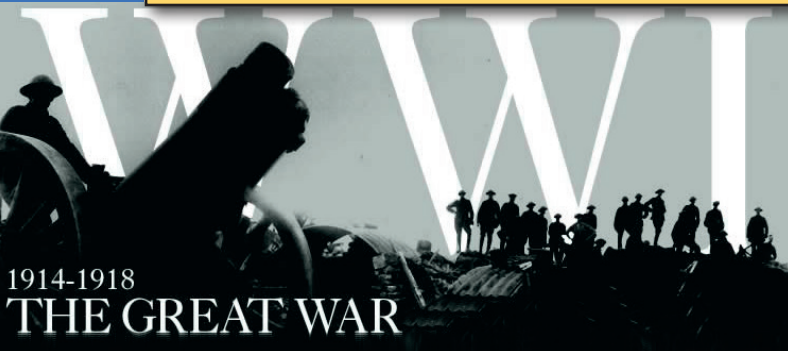
Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"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 **William James Robinson**, 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 James Robinson 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 JAMES ROBINSON

Service Number: 2071

Rank: Private

Unit: 47th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 03 April 1918

Place of death: France

Place of association: Bergalia, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: William James Robinson's name is located at **panel 144** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial

47th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 47th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 15th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 15th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men recruited in Queensland and Tasmania. The new battalion was incorporated into the 12th Brigade of the Australian Division.

Arriving in France on 9 June 1916, the 47th entered the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 3 July. It participated in its first major battle at Pozieres. Initially, the battalion provided working parties during the 2nd Division's attack on 4 August, and then, with its own division, defended the ground that had been captured. The 47th endured two stints in the heavily-contested trenches of Pozieres, as well as a period in reserve.

After Pozieres, the battalion spent the period up until March 1917 alternating between duty in the trenches and training and rest behind the lines. On 11 April it took part in the attack mounted against the heavily defended village

of Bullecourt - part of the formidable Hindenburg Line to which the Germans had retreated during February and March. Devoid of surprise, and dependent upon the support of unreliable tanks, the attack failed. Later in the year, the focus of the AIF's operations switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium where the 47th took part in the battles of Messines and Passchendaele.

The 47th rotated in and out of the front line throughout the winter of 1917-18. In the spring of 1918, it played a role in turning the great German Spring Offensive by defeating attacks around Dernancourt during the last days of March and the first days of April 1918. One of the battalion's actions at Dernancourt is depicted in a diorama at the Australian War Memorial. For his valorous actions at Dernancourt Sergeant Stanley MacDougall was awarded the Victoria Cross.

The defeat of the German offensive had come at a cost though. Due to heavy casualties and a lack of reinforcements from Australia, three brigades were directed to disband one of their battalions to reinforce the other three. The 12th Brigade was one of these, and on 31 May 1918 the 47th Battalion was disbanded.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

EO 3804

France: Picardie, Somme, Corbie Albert Area, Dernancourt: The railway line east of the railway bridge at Dernancourt, along which the Australians had established outpost positions. It was one of the first points assaulted by the enemy in his attack on 5 April 1918.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

E03794

France: Picardie, Somme, Corbie Albert Area, Dernancourt: The Albert-Amiens Railway Line, where it runs through the village of Dernancourt. A decisive battle was fought on this ground on 5 April 1918, when the Germans of four divisions vainly endeavoured by massed assaults to break the line of the 12th and 13th Australian Infantry Brigades, and continue their advance on Amiens. Both brigades suffered heavily, but the enemy was so terribly mauled that he made no further effort in this quarter



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

E02109

24 April 1918: France: Picardie, Somme, Corbie Albert Area, Dernancourt: A commanding position overlooking Dernancourt. On the right is seen an abandoned German machine gun in its position covering the slope up which the Australians advanced earlier in the month. This gun had not been noticed by the infantry, until the photograph was taken, it being near the front line trench at a place where it was policy to keep one's head down during daylight. The enemy trenches were about 200 yards away.

Bergalia
27th October 1915

I William Henry Philip Robinson of
Bergalia, Mosman, do hereby give my consent
to my son William James Robinson 18 ¹/₂ years of
age, enlisting for Military Service in the Military Forces
of the Commonwealth of Australia, within or beyond the
limits of the Commonwealth.

W H P Robinson

D 42727

ALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2071

Name ROBINSON, W. J.

Unit 47 Bn

Joined on 18-10-15

MILITARY FORCES, 1st L.I.H.

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. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day
- 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever?

- 1. William James Robinson
- 2. In the Parish of Araruen in or near the Town of Araruen in the County of St Vincent
- 3. Natural born
- 4. Eighteen years 4 months
- 5. laborer
- 6. No.
- 7. No.
- 8. Mother Mrs Kate Robinson
Bergalia via Marrya
N.S.W.
- 9. No
- 10. No
- 11. No
- 12. Yes
- 13. No
- 14. Yes
- 15. Yes

I, William James Robinson 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 25/10/15

W. J. Robinson
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

DEFENCE
B.R.

D 50162

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2071

Rank Private Name ROBINSON W J

Unit 47 Battalion

Casualty

Wounded *entl 809/4758F* *D London 11.12.16* *PD*
** G.S.W. Knee Condition not stated Admitted 11/16 1st London Gen Hospital*
W.F.M. to N. 29/7/18 " Need 29/11/18
Killed on Victoria 3/4/18 *CIBL 236/1277 dated London 2/1/18 Received B.R. 7/4/18/2nd*

DATE

A.F. B. 103 Received PURPOSE

REF. NO.

14 DEC 1917
2 - JAN 1917
APR 18 1918
24 4 18
23/9/18

N. O. K. Advised Wounded
N. O. K. Advised In Hospital
M.O. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION, 3/4/18
COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS
"WH" to D.P.M. M.D. 43/433
Effects ex "Barufga" lost at sea M 33,963

FINAL NOTICE

Circular B.R.M. 46,1868 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12.11.18 J.G. 12/1022



BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd Lt M.D.B.R.M. 54/5

4.11.21
HISTORY
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"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to No. 20, 4 Robinson 18.11.21 J.G.
Scap 19/11/21

LIST.

ROBINSON	William James (Pte)	2071	1st L.H.R. 14th R
Surname.	Other Name	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Sydney per H.M.A.T. R.M.S. "Osterley" on 15/1/16			
10/7/16	Joined 47th Bn. from 4th Pioneer Bn.		BEFO 25/2/16
10/7/16	Trans. from 4th Pioneers to 47th Bn. France		BEFO 14/2/16
22/4/16	Adm 1st A.S.H Ismailia OPTHALMIA (KW)		MEFO 4/5/16
16/4/16	trans to 4th Pnr Bn (KW)		MEFO 5/1/16-
23/11/16	Wounded in action (KW)		MEFO 49/7-16
27/2/17	Tfd. from 1st L.G.H. to 3rd. Aux. Hosp. GSW. Knee. (VE)		IE 189/35-17
1.3.16	T.O.S. (PD)		MEFO 3/6-16
	Transferred to 1st Light Horse Reserve Regt. 1/3/16.		Sup. B.R. 41/13
11-12-16.	Adm. to 1st. Lon. Gen. Hosp. GSW. Knee. (FS)		IE. 111/38-16
7-3-17	Disch. from 3rd Aux. Dartford. to Dis. to Dept. GSW. Knee. (FS)		IE 201/28
23-11-16	Adm. to 1st S.G. Hosp. GSW RIKnee (FS)		IE 1171/22-16
6-12-16	Emb. H.S. "Wandilla" at Havre for Eng. SW RT. Knee. (FS)		BEFO 53/4-16

D 825/216.-C. 2024.

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
11-12-16. Adm. 1st Lon. G. Hpl. GSW Knee.	LDN. 5/3-17
7.3.17. Mchd into No. 2 Com. Dep. Weymouth from Dartford.	LDN 23.3-17
Ref. D.O. 52 s. para 5602 shows:- Emb on HS Wandilla for Eng.	
6.12.16. Amend date of embarkation to read 10.12.16.	BEFO 36/1-17
23.11.17. proc. O.S. to France via Sthmptnx O.S. ENG. BDE. Sandhill Camp. Longbridge Deverill.	LOW. 87/3-17
29.11.17 Rej. unit from Wounded England.	MEFO 66/3-17
3.4.18 KILLED IN ACTION (Sts 47/Bn) (PD)	BEFO 16/9-18
16.4.18 Tfd to 4th Pnr Btn. (DHA)	MEFO 15/3-18

M55/9

Letter, dated 12.5.22, received from the Official Secretary, Australia House, London, advising that that late No. 2071 Pte. W. J. Robinson, 47th Bn., was reported to have been buried in the Military Cemetery, Dernancourt Railway Line, but that the grave cannot now be found. Records have, therefore, been marked "No trace on research".

A.G.S. 3/4/39.

4.7.22. M.G.

Army Form B. 103.

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47th BATTALION, A.I.F. Regimental Number 8071.

Casualty Form Active Service.

Private. ~~4th Pioneer Battalion Army~~ Regiment or Corps ~~189th Light Horse Regt Army~~
 Rank ~~Private~~ Surname ROBINSON Christian Name William James

Religion _____ 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) _____
 or Corps Trade and rate _____

Occupation _____ Signature of Officer _____

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.103, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.103, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
1/5/16	C.O. 1st L.H.	Tpr. Taken on strength	Heliopolis	1/5/16	Hom: Roll. D.O. 3/552.
22/4/16	do	" Transito 4th Pion: Bn.	Serapeum	16/4/16	AP7854. AB1017. D.O. 15/8781.
4/6/16	C.O. 4th Pion: Bn.	Pts. Taken on strength.	do	16/4/16	AL1017.
15/7/16	C.O. H. S. "Scottian"	" Proc: to join B.S.F. at Marseilles	Alexandria	4/6/16	D.O. 5/1103. AP8488.
15/7/16	C.O. 4th Pion: Bn.	" Transito 47th Bn. A.I.F.	France	11/6/16	LR5776.
25/11/16	C.O. 47th Bn.	" Taken on strength	do	10/7/16	B213. A.1096. D.O. 14/1856. B213. A.1096. D.O. 25/2218.
25/11/16	C.O. 47th Bn.	" WOUNDED IN ACTION.	FRANCE	25/11/16	B213. A.11387. D.O. 49/5212. VL157. 4/12/16.
25/11/16	1st Anzac H. Dress: Stn.	" G.S.W. rt KNMS; admitted	do	23/11/16	AK618/12.
25/11/16	36th C.O.S.	" do admitted	do	23/11/16	AK616/36.
30/11/16	2nd Gen: Hos:	" do admitted	Havre	30/11/16	AK616/29.
10/12/16	H.S. "Wandilla"	" do To England	do	10/12/16	AK616/89.
20/12/16	1st London Gen: Hospl.	" do embarked for England	do	10/12/16	AK616/75.
		" do admitted	Gamberwell	11/12/16	FR2864 D.O. 624.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged him, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be inserted.
 (b) Signaller, Shipping Office, &c. W. 412, 5722 10000 507 (2001) C.P.A. 2.114. Form B/103 E/1001. P.T.O.

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27/2/17	Erd Aux: Hospl	Pts. G.S.W. rt KNMS; admitted	Dartford	27/2/17	
7/3/17	do	" Discharged to No. 2. Comm: Depot Weymouth.	do	7/3/17	
11/3/17	No. 2. Comm: Depot.	" Marched in ex Dartford	Weymouth	7/3/17	LR575.
15/7/17	do	" Marched out to No. 4. Comm: Depot Godford.	do	9/7/17	D.O. 23/28692. LR5401.
15/7/17	No. 4. Comm: Depot.	" Marched in ex Weymouth	Godford	9/7/17	LR5553.
23/9/17	do	" Marched out to O/seas Tng Bde. Perham Downs	do	17/9/17	LR3661.
23/9/17	O/seas Tng Bde.	" Marched in ex Godford	Perham Downs.	17/9/17	LR9508.
7/10/17	do	" Marched out to No. 1. Comm: Depot Perham Downs.	do	6/10/17	LR9713.
6/10/17	No. 1. Comm: Depot.	" Marched in ex O/seas Tng Bde.	do	7/10/17	LR9179. LR9572.
4/11/17	do	" Marched out to O/seas Tng Bde.	do	3/11/17	LR10226.
4/11/17	O/seas Tng Bde.	" Marched in ex No. 1. Comm: Depot. Perham Downs.	Deverill	3/11/17	LR10183.
23/11/17	do	" Proc: O/seas France via S' Hampton	S' Hampton	23/11/17	LR10780. D.O. 872. 29/11/17.
25/11/17	4th A.D.B.D.	" Joined Depot ex England	Havre	24/11/17	D75/98.
28/11/17	do	" Marched out to Unit	do	27/11/17	D75/99.
1/12/17	C.O. 47th Bn.	" Rejoined Unit ex Hospl	France	29/11/17	B213. D15/48. D.O. 56/2773.
6/4/18	C.O. 47th Bn.	" KILLED IN ACTION.	FRANCE	5/4/18	B213. D15/86. D.O. 18/1896. VL879. 12/4/18.

(Sg) H.E. WAWN
 Captain.
 for Officer i/c Records.

AUST: SECTION. 3rd SCHEDULE. G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.
 Based at Mil. Cem. Demarcourt. Railway Line, Albert.
 Sh. 62 D.N.E. U.R. 1 (2/14)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

1st Jan., 1917.

Dear Madam, to advise you that information has been
now beg received to the effect that No. 2071 Private W. J. Robinson,
was admitted to the 1st London General Hospital, 11/12/16,
suffering from Gunshot Wound Knee.

His postal address will therefore be:-

WOUNDED. No. 2071 Private W. J. Robinson,
47th Australian Infantry,
In 1st London General Hospital,
C/o A. I. F. Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road,
Westminster, LONDON, S.W.

To ensure speedy delivery the word WOUNDED should be
written prominently in RED INK.

Any further reports coming to hand will be promptly
transmitted.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. K. Robinson,
Bergalia
via Moruya. NSW.

J. M. LEAN. Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

Australian Imperial Force.



A.I.F. KIT STORE.
110. GREYHOUND ROAD.
HAMMERSMITH.
LONDON, W. 6.

MB.

inventory of Effects of - 2071 Robinson, W.J. 47th Battalion, A.I.F.,

Forwarded to - Mother, Mrs. K. Robinson,
Bergalia,
Via Moruya,
New South Wales.

Effects.

-Ex 3rd Echelon, France (14378) 29.4.18.

Prayer Book, Wallet, 4 Cards, 2 Photos.

Per "Barunga" 20.6.18.
In Case No. 1153.

D/S. 33225.

No. of Package

Checked by

WILL.

12291

Name in full. I, William James ROBINSON

Unit. Regimental Number 2071 serving in 47th Battalion
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 Sister
Mary Hellen Robinson,
Bomaderry, Via Naura, N.S.W.

Name and Address of person or persons to receive personal estate (See Note) absolutely, and my personal estate I bequeath to Sister
Mary Hellen Robinson,
Bomaderry, Via Naura, N.S.W.

Fill in Date. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this Thirteenth
day of July A.D. 1917

W. J. ROBINSON (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 G. Williams,
Address and Occupation Butcher, Condobolin, N.S.W.

SECOND WITNESS

Signature of Witness H. G. Peak,
Address and Occupation Port Pirie, South Australia, Clerk

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 of the Will of No. 2071 Private ROBINSON
William James, 47th Bn. (Deceased)

Checked

Jones

Cpl.

A. Needham Cpl.

Estates Branch,
Adm. Hdqrs., London.
3/7/18

AUSTRALIA'S FIGHT!

There are many who say that this is not Australia's fight, that all that we are doing is to help the United Kingdom and the Allies, who are quite able to look after themselves.

THIS IS AUSTRALIA'S FIGHT, JUST AS MUCH AS IT IS ENGLAND'S FIGHT, OR FRANCE'S FIGHT, OR RUSSIA'S FIGHT, OR ITALY'S FIGHT.

When Germany declared war, she declared war against Australia as much as against any other country.

We are in this fight whether we like it or not, and all the theories in the world cannot alter that fact.

Was it Australia's fight when the "Scharnhorst" and the "Gneisenau" were cruising near German New Guinea ready to pounce on Australia as soon as war was declared?

Was it Australia's fight when the "Emden" prepared to send Australian transports to the bottom?

Isn't it Australia's fight when 100,000 Anzacs are facing German "Frightfulness" in France?

WE ARE IN THIS FIGHT NOW. LET US FIGHT WITH ALL OUR VIGOUR AND RESOURCES.

The only way to fight effectively is to fight to win. This is as true of war as it is of a boxing contest or a cricket match.

Surely it is better for Australia that she should fight away from her own territory, without all the horrors of warfare at her very doors, than that she should wait for the enemy to attack her in Australia.

AUSTRALIANS ARE FIGHTING IN FRANCE IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE TO FIGHT IN AUSTRALIA.

VOTE "YES" ON OCTOBER 28th

"Mirror" Print. Issued by authority of the Publicity Committee of the National Referendum Council, 115 Pitt Street, Sydney. Arthur Griffith, Chairman.

This poster was produced as part of the conscription campaign in Australia during the First World War. At the outbreak of war, the Defence Act in Australia supported conscription for home service only, not for service abroad. By 1916, the massive casualties and decline in volunteers saw a desperate shortage in men. Conscription for overseas service was furiously debated in Australia and the then Prime Minister Billy Hughes called two referendums, one in 1916 and another in 1917. Both were defeated, albeit narrowly in 1916. Campaigns for and against were vigilant, each side pushing its cause as more patriotic than the other.

In Memory of

Private

William John L. Robinson

4841, 53rd Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 19 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

V.C. Corner Australian Cemetery and Memorial, Fromelles



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

ARTV10140

First World War pro-conscription poster by cartoonist David Low. Depicts a war-weary woman sitting at a table with a ballot paper in front of her. The oversized boxes for 'Yes' and 'No' remain blank as she holds a pen up to her mouth, deep in thought. Hovering over her is a monstrously oversized Kaiser trying to sway her vote by pointing to the 'No' box as he whispers words of persuasion in her ear. This poster also reflects Low's personal belief that the process of voluntary recruitment had become farcical and conscription was the only real means of ensuring a steady stream of recruits.

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.

Thank you to the students and teachers of Braidwood Central School and St. Bedes School who have embraced these soldiers and have honoured their memories on Anzac Day 2015.

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch raised a good proportion of the funds for the cost of producing these booklets. The efforts of the members of the sub branch involved are very much appreciated. This money was augmented by welcome funding from the Federal Government through the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program and the Braidwood Community Bank.

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
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