

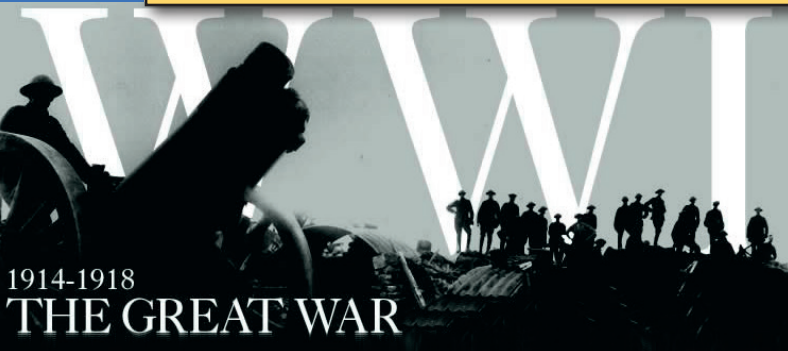
Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"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 **Patrick Edward Torpy**, 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.

Patrick Edward Torpy 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

PATRICK EDWARD TORPY

Service Number: 346

Rank: Lance Sergeant

Unit: 17th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 09 October 1918

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Died of wounds

Age at death: 27

Place of association: Braidwood, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: St Sever Cemetery
Extension, Haute-Normandie, France

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: Patrick Edward Torpy's
name is located at **panel 84** in the Commemorative Area
at the Australian War Memorial

17th Australian Infantry Battalion

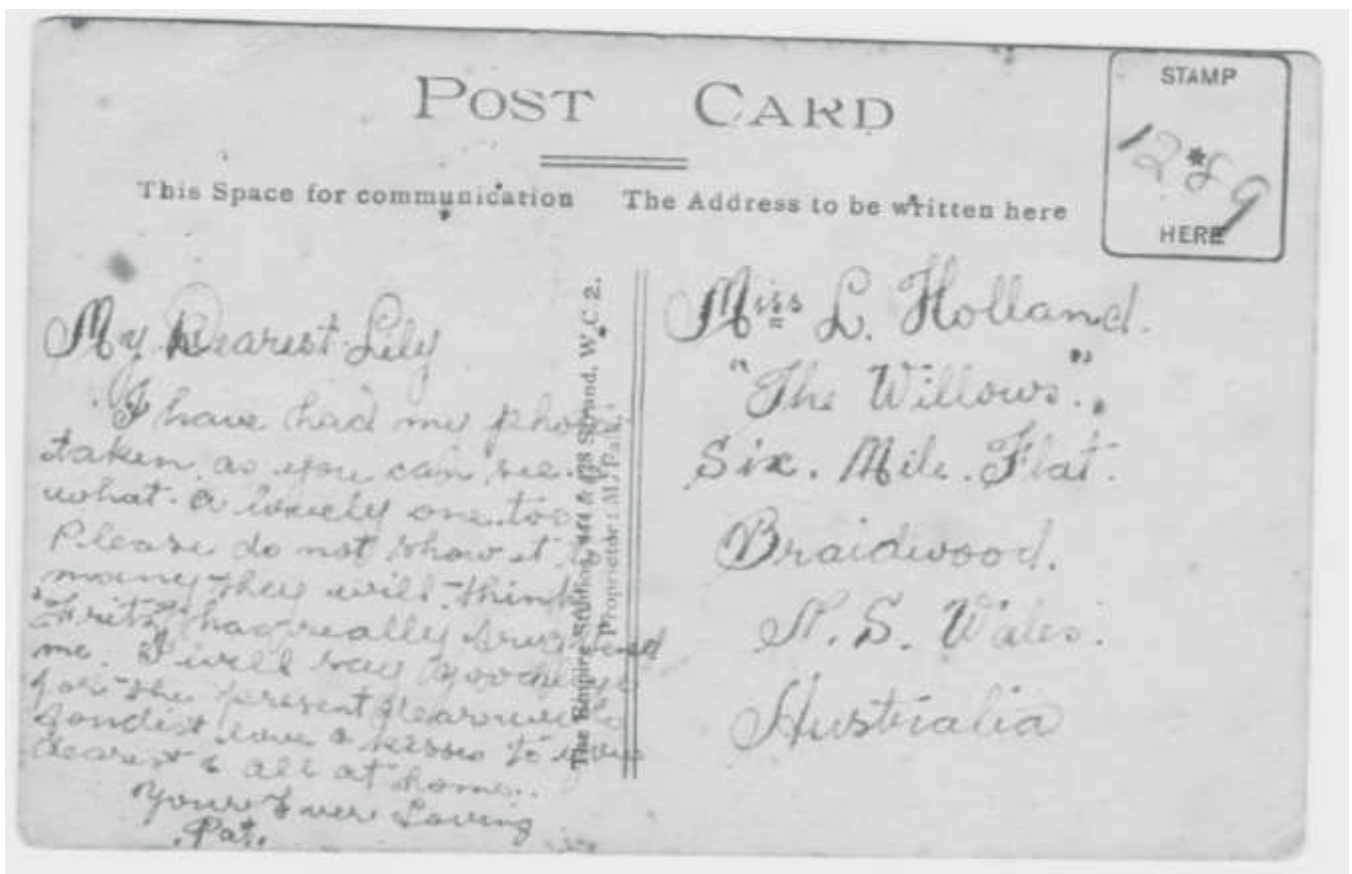
The 17th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. It left Australia in early May, trained in Egypt from mid-June until mid-August, and on 20 August landed at ANZAC Cove.

At Gallipoli the Battalion participated in the last action of the August Offensive ' the attack on Hill 60 ' before settling into defensive routine in the trenches. For a short period part of the 17th garrisoned Pope's Hill, but for most of its time on the peninsular the Battalion was responsible for the defence of Quinn's Post, one of the most contested positions along the entire ANZAC front. The Battalion was evacuated from Gallipoli in December 1915.

After further training in Egypt, the 17th Battalion proceeded to France. Landing there on 22 March 1916, it took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 25 July and 5 August. The Battalion returned to the Pozieres trenches for a second time, although in a reserve role, between 18 and 28 August. After a spell in a quieter sector of the front in Belgium, the 2nd Division, which included the 5th Brigade, came south again in October. The 17th Battalion was spared from having to mount an attack across the quagmire the Somme battlefield had become, but did have to continue manning the front through a very bleak winter.

In 1917 the 17th was involved in the follow-up of German forces after their retreat to the Hindenburg Line, and was one of four battalions to defeat a counter-stroke by a German force, almost four times as strong, at Lagincourt. The battalion took part in three major battles before the year was out, second Bullecourt (3-4 May) in France, and Menin Road (20-22 September) and Poelcappelle (9-10 October) in Belgium.

After another winter of trench duty, 17th Battalion helped to thwart the German Spring Offensive of 1918. With this last desperate offensive defeated, the Allied armies turned to the offensive and the 17th participated in the battles that pushed the German Army ever closer to defeat: Amiens on 8 August, the legendary attack on Mont St Quentin on 31 August, and the forcing of the Beaulieu Line around Montbrehain on 3 October. Montbrehain was the battalion's last battle. It was training out of the line when the armistice was declared in November 1918, and was disbanded in April 1919.





PATRICK EDWARD TORPY #346

At the time of WW1 Patrick Edward Torpy was engaged to Miss Lily Holland. The post card is from Pat to Lilly: *"My dearest Lily, I have had my photo (above) taken as you can see and what a lovely one too. Please do not show it to many they will think "Fritz" has really frightened me. I will say goodbye for the present dearest with fondest love and kisses to you dearest and all at home. Your ever loving Pat."*



Private Patrick Torpy, of Lagoon, Braidwood, son of Mr and Mrs M. Torpy, has died from wounds received in France, this is the second son they have lost, the other was Private Thomas Torpy, who was reported missing fully 12 months before any authentic information regarding his death was received. The late Patrick Torpy was 27 years of age, he took part in the Gallipoli campaign, returned to France in 1916. The deceased was a general favourite in the district, his other brother Private Eddie Torpy, returned recently suffering from a dose of Fritz's mustard gas.

The Braidwood Dispatch reporting the death of Patrick Edward Torpy, from Braidwood Letters from the Front, by Roslyn Maddrell.

OUR SOLDIERS.

Mrs. M. Torpy, of this town, on Wednesday received a telegram from the Defence authorities conveying the sad news that her son, Private P. Torpy, had been wounded in France. Mrs. Torpy's three soldier sons are now out of action. Private E. Torpy was admitted to the Cambridge Hospital on the 11th March suffering from wounds received in France, while Private T. Torpy was reported missing six months ago, and no information as to his whereabouts has since been received.

Writing from England to his mother, Mrs. M. Irwin, Braidwood, Private Vin. Irwin says that Private P. Torpy, son of Mr. E. Torpy, of the Criterion Hotel, had been recommended for a Military Medal or a French decoration.

1918: The Braidwood Dispatch reporting on the fate of the three Torpy brothers: Patrick, Thomas and Eddie.

17th BATTALION.

TORPY, P. T., Corporal
No. 346.

"DIED OF WOUNDS" 9.10.18."

Torpy was in B. Company VIII Platoon, with me as a Ten: Sergeant having been recently promoted from Corporal. He was a big lump of a chap and his name was I think Patrick. He was wounded in the eye on 3.10.18 at Johncourt the other side of the Hindenburg Line. I had been wounded just previously on the same day. He was carried out and died six days later at a Base Hospital. I heard of his death about 2 months later. I heard of his being wounded the day it happened. He was wounded by a piece of shell.

Informant: Sergeant J. Dolan 1346.
17th Battalion A. Company,
"Osterley"

Home address: Moorvale Avenue,
KENSINGTON.
No. 4 General Hospital RANDWICK.
21.2.19.
H.C.O.

SYDNEY BURGAN.

Sd

17th BATTALION.
A.I.F.

TORPY, Corporal
P.N. No. 346

"Died of Wounds 9/10/18"

Corporal Torpy and I went away together in March 1915 on the "Themistocles". He was about 5ft.7" in height, with freckled face, light hair and fair complexion. We were engaged in a stunt at Joncourt on the 7th or 8th October 1918 and I was alongside of him. We hepped over about 10 o'clock in the morning. After a little while, I cannot remember how long, I saw him hit by a bullet. He was very severely wounded. I saw the stretcher-bearers carry him off. I never saw him again.

Informant;- No. 411, Lance-Corporal J.E. Hugo,
17th Battalion.

Private address;- New Tunnell, WALLSEND, N.S.Wales.

W.C.W.
Anzac Buffet, Sydney.
31/5/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Sgd ✓

To

³⁴⁶
P.E. TORPY
Australian Red Cross Society, 17 Blt
38, Grosvenor Place,
London, S.W.1.

NO 6 GENERAL HOSPITAL
R 2 230

RECEIVED
18 4 JAN 1919

S 2 (2)

Reference attached, I have to inform you that Sgt Torpy was admitted to this Hospital on 8/10/18, suffering from "GSW Head". He died on 9/10/18, in spite of all that could be done for him. He was buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, on 11/10/18. Grave No 7308.

Rouen, 21/1/19.

W.H. Wilson
Major R.A.M.C.
for C.C. No 6 General Hospital.

Tel: VICTORIA (8576
8577
8578)

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY."
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

14th Jan. 19

The Officer Commanding,
6th General Hospital,
Rouen

Dear Sir, 346, *LSgt P. E. Dorpy, 17th Battalion*

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on *9. 10. 18* and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Vera Deakin*

Secretary.



*cc 2-10-18
2-10-18
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2-10-18*

RETURNED

FROM AUSTRALIA

WITH 14/17th 13th
W. L. Baker 13-10-16

17th BATTALION A. I. F.

AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.



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LIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

346

Name

P. E. Torpy

Unit

Cambick Column A Co 17th Batt

Joined on

17-2-15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name?

1. TORPY P. E.

In or near what Parish or Town were you born?

56

2. In the Parish of

near the Town of Braidwood

in the County of South Coast

Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)

3. Natural born Subject

What is your age?

4. 23 years 10 months

What is your trade or calling?

5. Laborer

Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?

6. No

Are you married?

7. No

Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)

8. Father of Charles Torpy

Lagoon Estate

Braidwood

Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?

9. No

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?

10. No

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

11. No previous service

Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?

12. No previous service

Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?

13. No

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

14. No

I, P. E. Torpy, 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 and children three-fifths

Date

Feb. 22 1915

P. E. Torpy

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.

15103 France
27.5.18
2 sheets

Enb. 22/10/16
Lidger Card

1914/15 Star

Statement of Service of No. 346

Name Torpy P E

Unit in which served:	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
Liverpool 1.4.15	Overstaying leave from 12m.A. 21.3.15 to 12 noon 31.3.15 9 days 12 hours burying my leave	Serg. Jones		Fined 10 days pay. Fined 5/-
Liverpool 20.4.15	Draus Hospital 16.9.15 1st C.C.S. Hos Ship 17.9.15 Hosp Malta x Somali 21.9.15 St Patrick's Hosp Malta 22.9.15	Serg. Beers		P. 2.764 14/9/15 " 1284 14-9-15 " 1554 21-9-15 " 1764 28-9-15
	RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA Nestor For 3 mos change		9.2.16	" 1655 25-2-16
	RETURNED FROM AUSTRALIA WITH 14/17 th B'n at 13.10.16			
	adm to Liverpool Military Hospital Sub Regt.		12.10.16	P. 55/2211E, 28.10.16
	REJOINED UNIT FROM Hosp. France.		12-2-17.	P.H. 12/1066. 24-2-17.
17th Bn	Marched in to No 2 Comm Depot Weymouth from Wartford		6.11.16.	P.I. 2. 521E 10.1.17. ER 8518
	Marched in to Inf Draft Depot No 1 Camp Perham Down from No 1 Com Depot. E.R. 7520	Perham Downs	24.1.17	Rty 10/1418E 14/2/17
	Proceeded to sea France via Inf Draft Depot per S.S. Inviola from Dikestone E.R. 9607	Dikestone	9.2.17	Rty 12/1445E 14.2.17
	To No: Sick France		8.4.17.	P.I. 25/2472N 21.4.17
	W. unled in Action	France	3 MAY 1917	42/29/2216 24/5/17
	Dis: 2nd Q.D. Rejoined Bn from Hosp.		11.7.16	Base records List 57 20.4.17 P.H. 26/2786/314/17

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

Transferred to

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No 4 Section

D 62303

23315 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 346 *Dr Sgt*

Rank *Private* Name *Torpy P.E.*

Unit *14 RFL 17th Battalion*

Casualty *Sick slight 21.9.15 disembarked Malta. Hos Ship Somali W.B. 1730/2616. 28/9/15*
Abscess on jaw. 24/9/15 Admitted Hosp. Malta from 14th "Somali" W.B. 1055 D 26/9/15
Embarked for Egypt 16.1.16 on S. "Valdivia" for transit to Aus. non cot case W.B. 4680/4869 20.1.16
Entered Admitted 21.1.16 - 1st Aux Hosp Cairo
Direct from Malta. Aibe Cairo 449/4959 D 24.1.16
9/2/16 Left Suez for Australia 47 Nestor due Melbourne 9/3/16 A HQ 93/5167 D 12/2/16
Abscess on jaw Embarked for Egypt. 16/1/16 on N.S. "Valdivia" for transit to Australia
W.B. 422/4264 Dated 19/1/16

DATE	A.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	REF. No.
8-10-13		NOIR advd sick slight disembarked Malta	
29/11/13		NOIR advd as per R.N.W.S	
24/1/14		Not advised: Embarked for Egypt for transit to Australia	
1.2.16		in 1st Aux Hosp Cairo	
23/2/16		returning Australia	
13.3.16		Retn. "Nestor" Entica. A HQ 93	12.2.16
		9/2/16 Discharged 2nd Aux Hosp to Australia E.H. 46 447/4107 D 12	
		via Cairo 9/2/16 B	
11.7.16		Reported fit for duty Sainbrook. BR 4/1053, Memo SORS 2 M.D. dt 11/7/16	
29.6.16		Re Embarked with 14 RFL 17 Bn. Authority N.R.	
		Sick (all) 6/1/16 Discharged from 3rd Aux Hosp to Weymouth. W.B. 75/14 D London 11/1/16	
		Wounded E.H. 1346.8853 dated London 5.5.17	
8 MAY 1917		O. K. Advised Wounded	
24 MAY 1917		Wounded apparently 2nd occasion	
11.5.17		Rejoined Batt from Hosp France P/20 3 1/2 10th France 28.5.17	
11.5.17		Died of wounds at 6th General Hospital (G.A.H. Head)	
		M.C. 2 ADVISED. DIED OF WOUNDS. O.I.L. 2895/3021 dated London 12/1/18 Resolved B. 14/10/18	
24.10.17		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS	
30.10.17		"Will" to D.P.M. 2 M.D.	
15.5.18		"Barambah"	
		Circular B.R.M. 46:188 & Booklet re C was despatched 12/12/19	
10/9/20		1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229	
		To Comd. 2nd Div. B.R.M. 61 1157	

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Statement of Service of No. 346

Name *Torpy P. E.*

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
20B	Pte. Rejd. Bn from Hoop <i>Wounded in Action</i>	France	11/6/17	<i>MS 31/3716 28/5/17</i>
	<i>Wounded in Action</i>	"	<i>5/6/17</i>	<i>MS 34/4273 15/6/17</i>
	<i>1/2 Pl Prom: T/Cpl. 7ce</i> <i>Liddle (wadd.)</i>	France	25.9.17	<i>Do 54/6263.7.10.17.</i> <i>RS. No. 153541.</i>
	<i>1/6 Pl from 2nd Gen. Hosp. Prom.</i>	"	15.10.17	<i>Do 68/6818 29/10/17</i>
1711	Pte Rejd. 17Bk from Hoop <i>Sick</i>	France	8.4.17.	<i>Do 62/7346</i> <i>14.11.17.</i>
"	<i>Cpl Adm. 2nd Gen. Hosp. -</i> <i>(while on leave from France)</i> <i>accident - Injury to leg.</i>	Brighton	28-1-18.	<i>MS 1420. P.O. 11/651</i> <i>7-2-18</i>
"	<i>1/2 Cpl. Adm. 2nd Gen</i> <i>Genl. Hos. Brighton</i>	England	28-1-18	<i>Do 16/1393.</i> <i>30.3.18</i>
	<i>Pte in Hospital while</i> <i>on furlough in U.S.</i>	France	28-1-18.	<i>Do 16/</i>
	<i>Pte) Wounded in Action</i>	France	15.4.17	<i>Do 26/2643</i> <i>29.4.17</i>
	<i>Cpl Proceeded Opeas France</i> <i>via Opeas Eng Regde</i> <i>Longbridge to Deverill</i>	Folkestone	22.5.18	<i>L4269</i> <i>Do 41/2043.</i> <i>27.5.18</i>
	<i>1/2 Pl to A.S.B.D. from</i> <i>U.S. 2nd Gen. Hosp.</i>	France	24/5/18.	<i>Do 33/3021. 8/6/18</i>

*Checked and sent to
A. H. Newman
2/5/18*

14th Bn

DIED OF WOUNDS

6th General Hosp: Rouen. 9.10.18

*Wounded St Sever beam: Ext:
Rouen. 29.11.18 L.S. 3509.*

JB 587. 14.10.18

620 L 2895.

Do 60/4046. 18/10/18

Do 4121.

W I L L.

866

In the event of my Death
I leave all my belongings
to my Mother

Mrs M Torpy
Lagoon Estate
Braidwood
NSW

Signed 346 Pte Torpy
17th Batt
A.I.F.

25792

Certified to be a true copy of will extracted from the Pay Book
of No.346 Pte TORPY Patrick Edwin. 17th Battalion A.I.F.

R. Millbourn Cpl.
Estates Branch.
Adm;H.Q. A.I.F.
London.

Checked *R. Millbourn* Cpl.

R.O'B. W-23315

SNO
M. TORPY

LAGOON ESTATE

BRAIDWOOD (N.S.W)

REGRET REPORTED SON PRIVATE P.E.TORPY SICK SLIGHT DISEMBARKED
MALTA 21st SEPTEMBER HOSPITAL SHIP SOMALI WILL PROMPTLY ADVISE IF
ANYTHING FURTHER RECEIVED

BASE RECORDS

8.10.15

Medical Report on an Invalid.

3287

Station **NO. 1. A.C.D.**
Date **22/Y/16**

1. Unit **17TH BATTN.**
 2. Regimental No. **346**
 3. Rank **PTF**
 4. Name **T O R P Y . PATRICK E.**
5. Age last birthday **24**
 6. Enlisted { on **22ND FEBRUARY 1915**
 at **SYDNEY**
 7. Former Trade {
 or Occupation } **LABOURER.**

8. Disability.

DEBILITY FOLLOWING ENTERIC.Statement of Case

Note. — The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability **28TH SEPTEMBER 1915**
10. Place of origin of disability. **ANZAC**
11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case
- IN BED WITH ENTERIC FEVER FOR SIX WEEKS.
 UP AND ABOUT FOR THE LAST SEVEN WEEKS.**
12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.
- CONTRACTED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.**
- (b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3)

E.C.

W.23315

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Department of Defence,

MELBOURNE. 1st February 1916

Dear Sir,

With reference to this office communication of the 24th ultimo, stating that No. 346 Private P. E. Torpy, 17th Battalion, had left Malta for Egypt per hospital ship "Valdivia", advice is now to hand which shows he arrived at, and was admitted to 1st Auxiliary Hospital, Cairo, 21st January.

This is evidently only until arrangements can be made for his return to Australia and you will be duly advised on receipt of later reports.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. M. Torpy,
Lagoon Estate,
BRAIDWOOD (N.S.W.)

J. M. LEAN, Captain.
Officer i/c Base Records.

E.C.

W.23315

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Department of Defence

MELBOURNE. 22nd February 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of cable advice to the effect that No. 346 Private P. E. Torpy, 17th Battalion, is returning to Australia, and is due in Melbourne about the middle of March, 1916. It is regretted no further details can be disclosed.

It is to be noted that owing to possible mutilations in the cabled advice and other causes this notification may not be correct pending verification from the roll on the troopship.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN.

Mr. M. Torpy,
Lagoon Estate,
Braidwood, N.S.W.

Officer i/c Base Records.
Capt.

346/17
XXXXXX RL

BRAIDWOOD NSW

M TORPY
LAGOON ESTATE

WB

PRIVATE PATRICK TORPY WOUNDED APPARENTLY SECOND OCCASION
WILL ADVISE ANYTHING FURTHER RECEIVED

BASE RECORDS 24.5.17

National Archives of Australia

NAA B2455, TORPY PATRICK EDWARD

IWD.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone ---HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— 346 Torpy P.E. 17th Btn.A.I.F.

Forwarded to— ² Legatee, Mother:-
Mrs. M. Torpy,
Lagoon Estate,
Braidwood,
NSW SOUTH WALES.

Effects received from the field. 28.10.18.(3/9242).
1 Parcel(sealed) containing:-

2 Discs, 2 Pipes, 1 Pair scissors, 1 Pair nail clippers,
1 Religious book, 1 Note book, Letters, Cards.

Barrett ✓

No. of Package

45893

Checked by

National Archives of Australia

NAA B2455, TORPY PATRICK EDWARD

Monday.
28. 10. 18

St Vincent's Hospital
Victoria Street
Darlinghurst

To the Officer in Charge

Dear Sir

Would
you kindly send me a photo of Corporal
P. E. Torpy's grave who died of wounds
on the 9. 10. 18 by doing so you will
greatly oblige

Miss A. Kerran

no 346.

Corporal P. E. Torpy

A. Company

14th Battalion

Australian Imperial Force
abroad

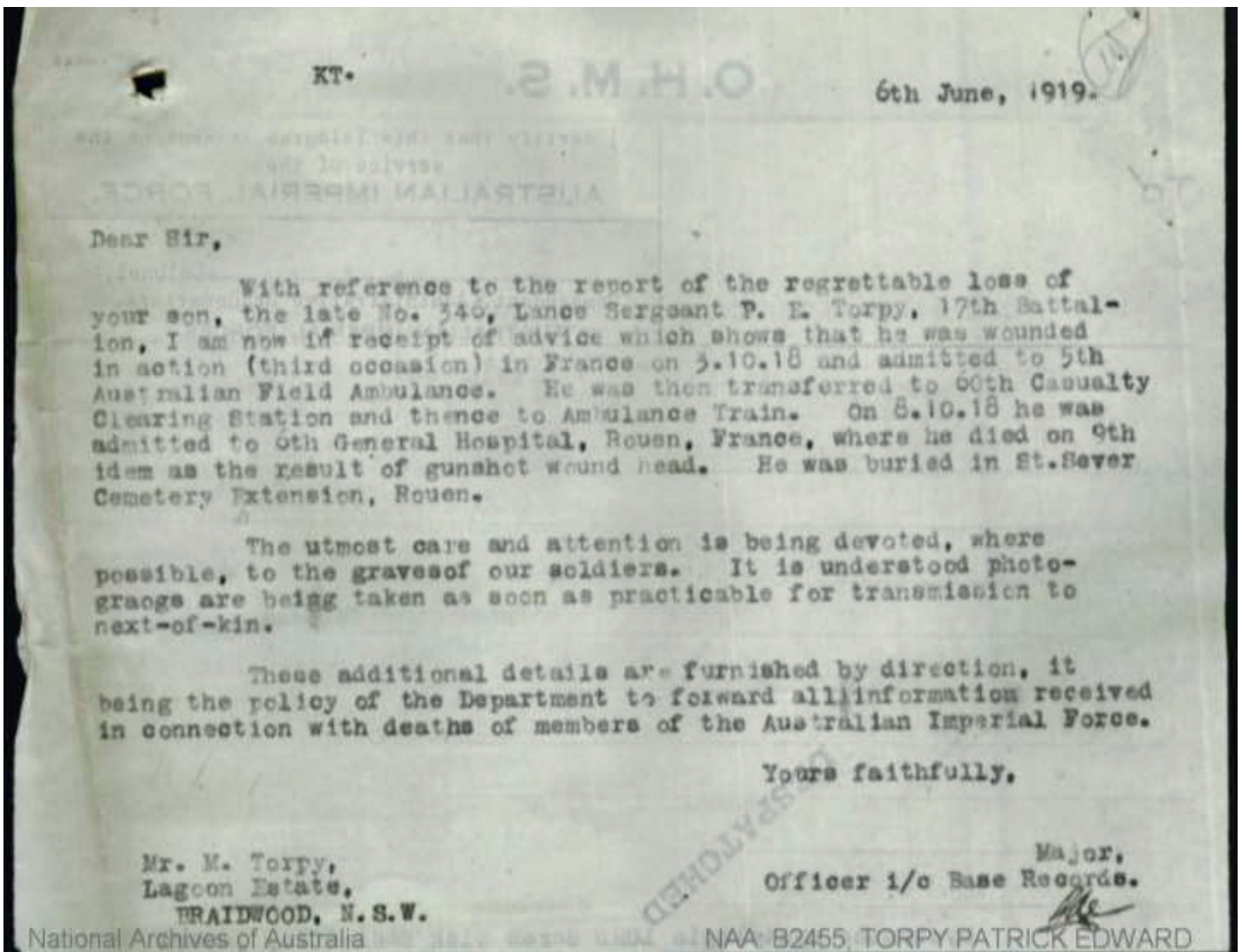
Ms. Torpy 30/10



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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1918: Will Longstaff, *Breaking the Hindenburg Line: The Battle of the Hindenburg Line* which began September 18, 1918, was a key turning point in the Hundred Days Offensive that eventually led to the end of World War 1. British forces spearheaded the attack against the German Line, continuing their effective use of tanks that started earlier in the Offensive at the Battle of Amiens. The battle was another sign that trench warfare was over as the Allies broke through the largest trench system on the Western Front.



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6th June, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 340, Lance Sergeant P. E. Torpy, 17th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he was wounded in action (third occasion) in France on 3.10.18 and admitted to 5th Australian Field Ambulance. He was then transferred to 60th Casualty Clearing Station and thence to Ambulance Train. On 8.10.18 he was admitted to 6th General Hospital, Rouen, France, where he died on 9th idem as the result of gunshot wound head. He was buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.

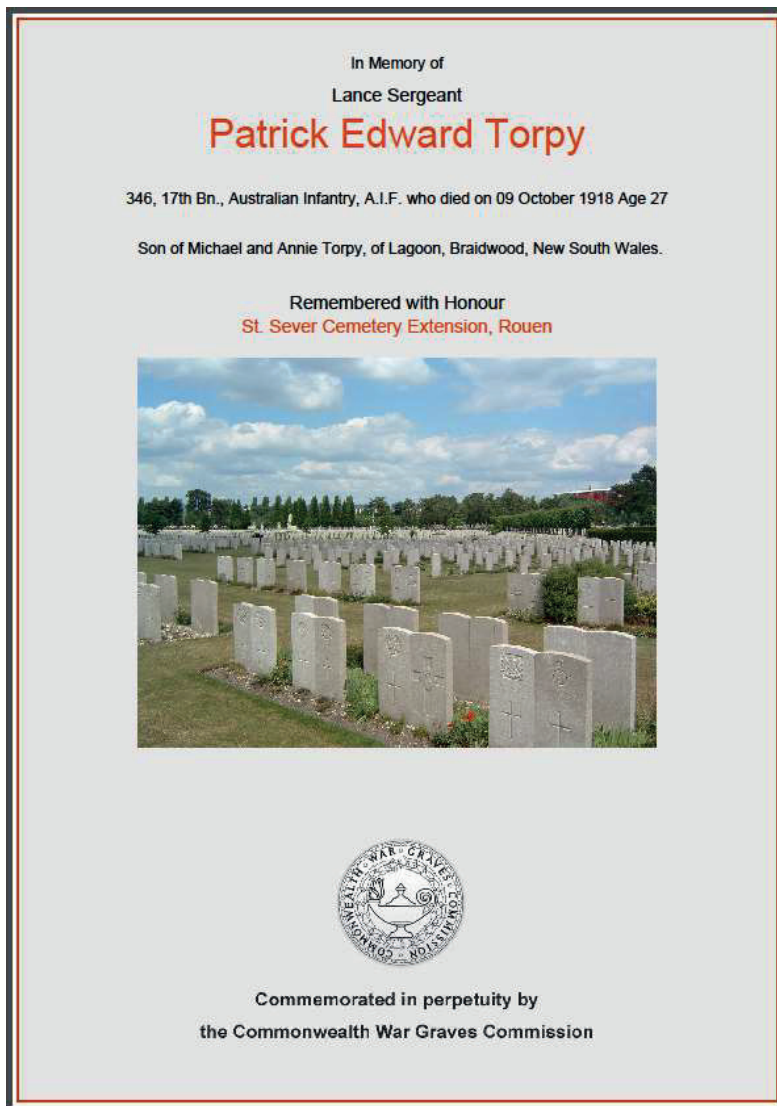
The utmost care and attention is being devoted, where possible, to the graves of our soldiers. It is understood photographs are being taken as soon as practicable for transmission to next-of-kin.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. M. Torpy,
Lagoon Estate,
BRAIDWOOD, N. S. W.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.



Acknowledgements

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To all those who helped in any way, many thanks. Your efforts have ensured we remember these Braidwood and District Veterans well.

Back Cover: Peace Day, 11th November 1918, Wallace Street, Braidwood.

"Wild day in Braidwood: When Braidwood woke up on Tuesday morning to find the 'glad tidings of great joy' awaiting it that Germany had signed the armistice and the frightful carnage of the past four years or so had come to an end it simply went mad with delight. No other words could adequately describe the excitement that followed." "Braidwood Letters from the Front" by Roslyn Maddrell.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Alley, Clair Underwood
Archer, Fred
Backhouse, Victor John
Barnett, Frederick George
Barry, Charles Louis
Beatty, Walter Cusack
Bell, John Henry Edward
Black, George Scott
Bruce, Thomas Fraser
Byrne, Cecil John
Callan, William Henry
Catlin, Robert Henry
Clarke, Lester Thomas
Cook, Thomas John
Crandell, Christopher George
Cregan, Clarence Theodore Augustus
Cullen, Henry Thomas
Davis, John Henry
Davis, Oscar Raymond Stanley
Dawson, Edric Athol
Dayball, Arthur Joseph
Dempsey, Charles Frederick
Dempsey, Charles
Dowell, Frederick Robert
Feeney, William
Fisher, Osborne
Flack, John Foster
Garnett, Henry James
Geelan, Robert Michael
Gosling, Fred
Gough, James
Green, Francis Henry
Healy, Myrtle James
Howard, John Alexander
Huggett, William
Hunt, Frederick William
Hunt, John
Hush, Percy Alfred
Hush, Thomas
Hush, Austin Septimus
Innes, Henry George
Kelly, Herbert Albert
Kemp, Leslie Smith
Keyte, Robert
Knight, Charles Oliver
Lee, Thomas James
Lennon, James
Lupton, Spencer
Lynch, James Joseph
Matthews, Francis
McCool, Francis Leslie Neil
McDonald, Alexander Joseph
McLean, Donald
McRae, Finley Arnold
Meade, Arthur Stuart
Merton, Thomas David
Montgomery, Stanley
Moore, William
Newberry, Alwyn (Alwin) Horace James
O'Brien, Thomas Daniel
O'Reilly, John
Pooley, Edward
Rex, Horace Joseph
Riley, Frank
Roberts, Frederick Bede
Robinson, William James
Rodgers, Albert
Seidel, Alfred George
Seidel, Henry Edward
Sharpe, George Lyle
Sharpe, Reginald
Sherman, Edgar Robert
Sherman, Percy Frederick
Simmons, George
Smith (Greenwood), George
Spicer, William Henry
Steele, Alexander Norman
Stein, Daniel Godfrey
Stewart, David Walter
Styles, Reginald Lucian
Torpy, Patrick Edward
Torpy, Thomas Patrick
Walker, William Albert
Watt, James
Watt, Oscar Harold McClure
White, Alister
Whitelaw, Thomas Philip
Wilson, Samuel Charles

Lest We Forget