

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

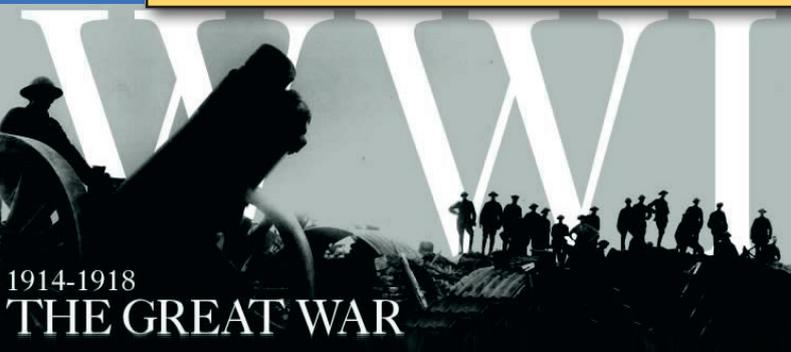
BYRNE, Cecil John

Service Number: 3016

Rank: Private

*"Coo-ee-
Wont YOU
come?"*

From 1914 - 1918, 465 volunteers from Braidwood and the District
joined the Australian Imperial Force in World War I.
88 lost their lives, never to return home. This is their story.



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 **Cecil John Byrne**, 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.

Cecil John Byrne 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

CECIL JOHN BYRNE

Service Number: 3016

Rank: Private

Unit: 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 11 March 1917

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Died of wounds

Age at death: 22

Place of association: Araluen, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Martinpuich British Cemetery, Picardie, France

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: Cecil John Byrne's name is located at **panel 172** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial

A selection of correspondence and articles published in *The Braidwood Dispatch*, about Cecil John Byrne, published in "*Braidwood Letters from the Front*", By Roslyn Maddrell.



Captain J Donnelly writing to Major U. Alley from "somewhere in France", 3 August. 1915

Gallipoli was hard fighting, but this is beyond description. Artillery is the main branch of service, and without it nothing can be done.

Cecil Byrnes has turned out trumps here, he was out with a party in "No Man's Land" recently and did good work, the officer in charge of the party reported very well on his work there. Will write more later.

These H.E. shells come too close for my liking. One thing the Germans know how to do and that is to build dug-outs. Some of them are 40 feet below the surface, and it takes a lot of fighting to win many of them.

(The Cecil Byrnes referred to is the son of J. Byrnes jun., Araluen. He was awarded a military medal for the action mentioned in Captain Donnell's letter.)



Corporal Cecil Byrne, writing to his mother, Mrs Byrne, Araluen, under the date France, November 17th 1916.

The weather is dreadful here now, heavy frosts every night, and still plenty of mud, but is frozen hard. The ice remains on the water all day, although the sun is shining. I have great work to get my boots on when I take them off. We had a charge the other morning, and took a number of prisoners and advanced – yards (distance censored), this is the first time I have been in a hop in daylight. It was a glorious and awesome experience.

I had some more of my mates knocked out and had some narrow escapes myself, three bullets and a piece of shell striking my steel helmet but they glanced off it again, had a piece of skin knocked off my knuckles, but did not say anything about it, as they would have reported me wounded, and I don't want that.

I have had nearly nine months active service in France now without a hit, so that I must have some luck. I met George Batty the other day, he is a linesman in the artillery, and was out mending a broken telephone wire when I met him, just imagine our surprise at meeting in such a place. We were both smothered in mud, and shells were screaming and bursting all around. I must have looked a guy with a bit of a beard and Capt. Donnelly's revolver in my belt. It was handy, too, as a man finds a few good targets for practice.

I have met a few of old college friends over here, and we had a bit of a 'jollo' before we came in here, and intend to have another if we have the luck to get out ok. It snowed during the night, everything is white this morning, and oh! It is cold!



Xmas with the troops, from France 30th December 1916

Corporal Cecil Byrne, son of Mrs J Byrne, Redbank Araluen, writing to give a description of how he spent Xmas there.

To begin with, I am at a signal school some considerable distance away from my battalion, which is in the line. We had leave to visit a fine city on Xmas Eve, and we made the most of it, and having had a jolly good time there we started for home, and found to our dismay that all the cars had gone, so we had to do 14 kilometres per boot.

We did not receive anything from the Red Cross, so we decided to make a Xmas pudding of our own, and we did it. I caused a fair amount of amusement, as everyone wanted to have a hand in it.

Eventually the puddings were mixed, and then the question was what to tie them up in. Well I can't exactly tell you what they were rolled in but one was an old singlet.

We had no pots to boil them in, but as several of our number were on good terms with a few neighbouring mademoiselles, there were easily persuaded to have them boiled.

During the process one of the pots became cracked, with the result that when they took the lid off we found the pudding stuck to the pot. Old madam went crook and we had to pay 7 francs for damaging the pot. However, the three other puddings were tre bonne, and with the help of a few bottles of wine they went ok.

Of course, I had a pudding and two cakes of my own.

In the afternoon we walked to a neighbouring village and visited some very historic caves. Among the names of the visitors on the walls we sighted that of John Norton (Australia).

On arriving home again we stood up to our frugal meal of bread and jam and tea. One consolation the (?) were opened that night, so we gladdened each other with toasts to the people at home and everyone else with long draughts of champagne, wine and cognac. Several French soldiers joined us, and we began to sing, altogether we spent a very enjoyable evening.

When it all was over we betook ourselves to our billet, and ended up by putting each other to bed, during the intervals between the songs we gradually dropped off to sleep, and so ended our Xmas Day.



The Telegram

A wire was received from the Defence Department announcing that Corporal Cecil Byrnes, of Araluen, had died from wounds in France.

The deceased will be remembered as the soldier whose letters from the front have appeared in the Review (Braidwood newspaper). The last one gave a description of Christmastide in the trenches, it was written in a humorous and optimistic strain.

The deceased was a school teacher by profession, and a fine manly young fellow who made a host of friends wherever he went.

He died the death of a soldier, fighting for his country, and all that we hold dear.

British Red Cross Convalescent Hospital No. 10 Ibrahimieh – Alexandria, Egypt



Araluen News: March 1917

A gloom cast over the Valley when it became known that Cecil Byrne and Charles Knight had lost their lives in recent fighting on the western front. Cecil Byrne was very popular in Araluen and he had been in action for some months without receiving injuries; he hoped his luck would see him through. But fate decreed otherwise. Mr and Mrs J Knight of Crown Flat, were informed that their son Private Charles Knight, was killed in action, he enlisted in Sydney. Much sympathy is felt for the parents of both the young men.



ROLL OF HONOR.

A tribute to the memory of **PRIVATE OECIL JOHN BYRNE**, who died of wounds in France on March 11th, 1917, aged 22 years and 10 months.

This gallant hero was the beloved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrne, junr., and the dearly loved grandson of the late Mr. Patrick McCarron, of Araluen.

He received his early education at St. Joseph's Convent School, Araluen, and, under the able tuition of the good Sisters, passed examinations in music, typewriting, and shorthand. When about 16 years old he left school, and was employed in various occupations; amongst others, for a short period he was assistant in the local post office. With the intention of becoming a school teacher he went to school to Mr. and Mrs. A. McGuinness, and under their careful instruction, at the age of 18 years, he sat for examination in August, 1912, and, being successful, was appointed in September to his first school at Ned's Creek, near Crookwell. The next year he was received to the public school at Frogmore, near Cowra, and in the following October was called from there to Hereford College, Sydney. During his term there he joined the citizen forces, and went through all military training. From the College he was appointed to the Public school at Thule, and at length was sent to the public school at Moama to relieve the headmaster, who was ill in Sydney. He came to Araluen for the September holidays, and enlisted, going on to Sydney to hand in his resignation, and having put in his course of training in camp, he sailed for Egypt on the 23rd December, 1915, with the 17th Battalion. From Egypt he was sent to France, having there joined the Signallers in the 2nd Australian Pioneers. He took part in the great battle of Pozieres. His bright and intelligent descriptions of the many adventures he came through were very interesting. He gained the esteem and admiration of his captain and officers, and was much loved by his comrades.

On two occasions he was mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the battlefield, the only medal awarded in this district. His modest bearing and unassuming manner endeared him to everyone, and his parents must find great consolation in the many expressions of genuine regret sent to them from near and far when it became known of the loss of their hero son who gave his life for his country.

On the 27th December last his mother, Mrs. Byrne, received a letter from Major McLean, Major in charge of base records, in which he says:—"It is with feelings of admiration at the gallantry of a brave Australian soldier who nobly laid down his life in



try of a brave Australian soldier who nobly laid down his life in the service of our King and country that I am directed by the Hon. Minister for Defence to forward to you, as the next of kin of the late Private C. J. Byrne, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F., the Military Medal which His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award to that gallant officer for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty while serving with the A.I.E.F. I am also to ask you to accept his deep personal sympathy in the loss which not only you but the Australian army has sustained by the loss of Pte. C. J. Byrne, whose magnificent conduct on the field of battle helped to earn for our Australian soldiers a fame that will endure as long as memory lasts."

Above is the latest photo of the late Private Byrne, together with one of his grave in France and the Military Medal which he had the honor of winning. R.I.P.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.
27th December, 1917.

Dear Madam,

It is with feelings of admiration at the gallantry of a brave Australian soldier who nobly laid down his life in the service of our King and Country that I am directed by the Honourable The Minister to forward to you, as the next-of-kin of the late No. 3016 Private C.J. Byrne, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, the Military Medal which His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award to that gallant soldier for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty while serving with the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force.

I am also to ask you to accept his deep personal sympathy in the loss which, not only you, but the Australian Army has sustained by the death of Private C.J. Byrne, whose magnificent conduct on the field of battle helped to earn for our Australian soldiers a fame which will endure as long as memory lasts.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know whether it comes safely to hand by signing and returning the attached receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Byrne,
Araruen,
Via Braidwood,
N.S.W.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

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Trans to 2nd Pioneer Batt.

AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

7th, Reinft's
17th, Battalion.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3016

Name BYRNE, C. J.

Unit 7th Reinft 17th Battn.

Joined on 3. 10. 15.

D21648

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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| 1. What is your Name? | 1. <u>Cecil John Byrne.</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? | 2. In the Parish of <u>Araluen</u> in or near the Town of <u>Araluen</u> in the County of <u>St. Vincent</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>21 years</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. <u>School teacher</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? | 6. <u>No.</u> |
| 7. Are you married? | 7. <u>No. single</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) .. | 8. <u>John Byrne, father, Araluen</u>
<u>Mary Byrne, mother, Araluen.</u>
<u>N. S. W.</u> |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? .. | 9. <u>No.</u> |
| 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? | 10. <u>No.</u> |
| 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 | 11. <u>Yes, Militia Reserves for 6 months.</u>
<u>In exempt area.</u> |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? | 12. <u>Yes</u> |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? | 13. <u>No.</u> |
| 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 | 14. <u>Yes</u> |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? | 15. <u>Yes.</u> |

I, Cecil John Byrne 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 three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife mother three-fifths from date of sailing.
wife and children

Date 28/9/13.

Cecil Byrne
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.

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Byrne

Statement of Service of No. 3016 Name Byrne E. J.

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>7th 17th Batt</i>	<i>Trans to 2nd Pioneer Batt.</i>			
	<i>from 14th Batt.</i>	<i>11.3.16.</i>		<i>412.11/687. 14/6/16.</i>
	<i>Awarded the Military medal for services rendered during the recent fighting at Pozieres.</i>	<i>2.9.16.</i>		
	<i>1st A.C. & 2nd A.C. routine orders dated 2.9.16.</i>			<i>413.38.2843. 13.9.16.</i>
	<i>Mentioned in dispatches for good services rendered as per 1st Army R.O.</i>	<i>21.12.16</i>		<i>pt II 1125. 2/1/17.</i>
				<i>Rouen.</i>
<i>2nd Bn</i>	DIED OF WOUNDS.	<i>France</i>	<i>11/5/17</i>	<i>C16L 1150</i>
	<i>Received in action</i>			
	<i>5th Aust. Std. Amb.</i>			<i>Pl 11¹³ 1663. 15.3.17.</i>
	<i>Buried Markinch British Cemetery 5 1/2 miles E. N. E. of Albert</i>			<i>91429 Pl 11¹³ 45/22325 11/7/17.</i>

See Copy of Form B103 enclosed.

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

Transferred to

W 38196

WAR SERVICE SCHEDULE

D 28 16/3

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D 24015

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 5016

Rank

Name

Byrne G. J.

Military Medal

Unit

2nd PIONEERS

1st Battalion 2nd PIONEERS

Casualty

Influenza met at sea 3/2/16 3rd Aux Hqs Cairo CGY 28/5093
Influenza Admitted 3-2-16 3rd Aux Hqs Cairo
to HQ unit 506/15 & Cairo 2-10-16
Discharged by 3rd Aux Hqs to duty 9th/11/16
Died of wounds 11-3-17 CIB 1150/849, London 1937

DATE

A. F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT.

A. F. B. 2090A Received,

REF. No.

12-2-16
23-3-17
16-4-17

Note added in hospital to an's Sick.

M. O. 2 ADVISED, DIED OF WOUNDS. 1/3/17

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. 1931 7180 vide 57312. D. 27/3/17

9-10-17
28/12/17

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. 20/12/17

Medal received; Sent to Comdt. D. O. K. H. O. 22/11/37



WAR HISTORY INDEX

Circular D.R.M. 46/1898 & Booklet re Graves despatched 1. 12 1937 "Received & acknowledged" by printed card 30.12.37



10-3-37

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. 58/11372 R

11. 11-21 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. 2nd N.D.B.R.M. 53/11405

LIST

3 MAY 1938

FIELD SERVICE

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS 2ND PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }
 Regimental No. KRM 3016. Rank Private.

Surname BYRNE, Christian Names C.J.

Died { Date 11th March, 1917. Place 5th Aust. Field Ambulance, France.

Cause of Death* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Telegram 12.3.17.

By whom made C.O. 5th Australian Field Ambulance.

* 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.

Particulars not yet to hand. Place _____ Date _____

Burial { By whom reported _____

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

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the Deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

APZAC SECTION 3RD ROYAL G.H.Q. Station and Date 28.3.17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section) LIEUT. [Signature] Adjutant-General's Office at the Base) Officer i/c Records.

(1232) W.L. 5712/174) 400,000 214 J.F.W. (E326) Form B.2090A/2

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 29th September 15

Place Araban

[Signature]
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to [Signature]

Date 29.11.15

Place Sydney

[Signature]
Commanding 7/17th Batta

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 2nd PIONEER BATTALION A.I.F.

Rank Pte. Surname **BYRNE,** Christian Name **G.J.**

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months

Enlisted (a) **3.10.15.** 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 _____

Signature of Officer.

Report		Record of promotion, reduction, transfer, discharge, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 28, 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. 28, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked			
		Disembarked			
3.2.16.	3rd Aux.Hosp.	Influenza Admitted	Heliopolis	3.2.16.	W3034
2.5.16.	C.O.2nd.Pn.Bn.	Transferred and Taken on Strength 2nd Pn. Battn.	Mocascar	11.3.16.	AG1063 D011/887.
		Proceeded to join B.E.F. ex Alexandria 19.3.16.	Disembarked Marseilles	26.3.16.	
2.9.16.	1st Anzac Corps Routine Orders.	Awarded the Military Medal for services rendered during the recent fighting at Pozieres.	In the Field	2.9.16.	AK283/3 AK283/14 D028/8843 A.I.F. Orders 3.9.16.
21.12.16.	do	Mentioned in Despatches for Good Services Rendered	do		AK575/58 D01/123.

(c) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or entered into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered in this form.
 (d) Signature, Writing, Initials, etc.
 (E) 10311 WASH/2004 10/16 215 022 G.S.S. Form B. 103A. E. 254.

[P.T.O.]

Report		Record of promotion, reduction, transfer, discharge, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 28, 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. 28, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
30.12.16	C.O.2nd.Pn.Bn	To 2nd Aust.Div.School of Instruction Fleaselles.	In the Field	4.12.16.	B213 AG13610 D02/197.
13.1.17.	do	Returned from 2nd.Aust.Div. School of Inst.Fleaselles	do	9.1.17.	B213 B3/2 D05/845.
17.3.17.	do	To Hospital (Wounded).	do	11.3.17.	B213 B2/11
12.3.17.	5th Aust. Fld. Amb.	Died of Wounds.	do	11.3.17.	AT9813 D013/1863 VL284 13.3.17.

ANZAC SECTION 3RD ECHELON G.H.Q.
British Expeditionary Force.

LINUT.
Officer i/o Records.

Hospital, at Month of 191

DIET SHEET OF	REGTL. No.	RANK AND NAME (Surname first)	CORPS	SQUADRON, TROOP, COMPANY OR BATTERY	AGE	SERVICE	DISEASE
	3016	BYRNE <i>of</i> <i>Rate</i>	7/17 Rats		21	$\frac{4}{12}$	Influenza
WARD NUMBER	NUMBER IN ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE BOOK	ADMITTED INTO HOSPITAL	DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL		RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION		
		8 FEB 1916 191	21. 2 191		R.C.		

If allowed up, the hours, and if fit for light hospital duty, state so.	Date	NAME OF DIET (First time in full, afterwards abbreviated)	DIET (DRINKS)				EXTRAS (QUANTITIES IN WORDS)							INITIALS OF MEDICAL OFF. (first time name in full) All spaces in which no entries have been made must be severally obliterated by the Medical Officer thus—before he signs his name or initials	
			Lemonade, Pints	Barley Water, Pints	Soda Water, Pints	Eggs, Number	Milk, Pints	Beef Tea, Pints	Custard Pudding	Rice Pudding	Ale, Bottles	Stout, Bottles	Port Wine, Oz.		Brandy, Oz.
	15/20	4 Milk diet													R.C.
	8	Chicken													MS
	11	big diet													TH
	12	Milk diet													MS
	14	Chicken													MS
	21	Ordinary diet													MS
milk 4 chicken 10 TOTAL IN FIGURES Ordinary 1.															

I certify that the above Diets, Drinks and Extras were prescribed by me solely for the use of the above-named Patient, for whom I consider them necessary.

[Signature] Officer in Charge of Case.

* No entry until Diet or Extra has been ordered.
 Note.—Extras may be ordered without, at the same time, ordering a Diet. After Diets or Extras have been entered on the Diet Sheet, no further entry need be made until a change is considered necessary. When any change is made, the Date and Extras are always to be rewritten in full, but the Diet may be abbreviated unless it has itself been changed, when it must be rewritten in full.

Date	Surname	Disease
11.2.16	abd soft; no definite tenderness Cough trouble some Chest clear R ₁ Post tetanic sp Dumb bell at 11 12/12 12/12 L ₁ 2/3 1/2 1/2 L ₂ 2/3 1/2 1/2	Cough trouble some R ₁ 1/2 1/2 1/2 from 11 to 12 No headache, no vomit No rigidity, No Babinski Doubtful Kernig
12.2.16	No pain Bands not moved to compare after 12/12 12/12 Cough trouble some	K.T. normal ✓
13.2.16	No pain anywhere. No in prog? No pain no tenderness for two days. R ₁ 1/2 1/2 1/2 L ₁ 2/3 1/2 1/2	Urine abd but not increased
15.2.16	Cough. All R ₁ 1/2 1/2 1/2 L ₁ 2/3 1/2 1/2	
17.2.16	Const. - Coloured s.t. note	
In discharge to hospital 21.2.16	& Unit duty J. P. [Signature]	

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.
5th January, 1947.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith copy of extract from Third Supplement No. 2975B 50 the London Gazette of 19th September, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, No. 3016, Private C. J. Byrne, 2nd Pioneer Battalion.

X X X X

AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned soldier :-

No. 3016, Private CECIL JOHN BYRNE. "

X X X X

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 184 of 14th December, 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. M. Byrne,
Ararua, N.S.W.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F.
22nd June 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from 1st Anzac Corps Routine Orders, dated 21st December, 1916; relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your late son, No.3016 Private C. J. Byrne, 2nd Pioneer Battalion.

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----- COMPLIMENTARY -----

" The name of the undermentioned soldier has been brought to the notice of the Army Corps Commander for his gallant conduct. In publishing his name the Army Corps Commander wishes to record his appreciation of his services:-

No.3016 Private REGTL JOHN BYRNE "

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The above has been promulgated in Military Order No.247 of 16th June 1917.

Yours faithfully,



Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. M. Byrne,
Araluen, N.S.W.

me in this matter. Trusting I am not asking too much. I beg to remain

yours very sincerely

Mary Byrne

Enclosed please find Addressed envelope for reply.



Red Bank
Araluen

October 15th 1917

Dear Major

just a few lines to ask, if you could get me a copy of the Will of my late son Pte. C. J. Byrne (3016) I understand that all soldiers make a Will in a form on the back of their Pay Book (I know he made no other Will) If there is none, would you kindly write a few lines to show that I am entitled to his pay and effects. as I want something to show to the Educational Department to get his pay made up, (as he was a school Teacher before he enlisted) I got word from the Inspector of Schools, to say they are ready to pay me, on showing the Will, or letter of Authority. Dear Major I will deem it a great favor if you can help

DLT

26th October, 1917.

Dear Madam,

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In reply to your communication of the 15th instant, I have to state there is no record of a Will of your son, the late No. 3016, Private C.J. Byrne, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, having passed through this Office to date. It is noted that the Field Service report dated France, 28/3/17, states "Will not received".

You are the registered next-of-kin in this instance and his personal effects were forwarded to you on the 9th instant.

As all matters in connection with pay will be dealt with by the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, N.S.W., I have to suggest you communicate with that Officer who will decide who is to receive the deferred pay.

Yours faithfully,

Major
Officer i/c Base Records

Mrs. M. Byrne,
Red Bank,
Araluen,
Via Braidwood. N.S.W.

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17th Oct 1921

Officer in Charge
Base Records.

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you,
that the father of the late No. 3016
Private C. J. Byrne, M. M. 2nd Pioneer
Battalion. is still alive, his
name and address is.

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John Byrne junor
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Via Braidwood, N.S.W.

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father

Yours Faithfully

(Mrs) Mary Byrne

Officer in Charge
Base Records
2.11.21

No. 3016,

Private Cecil John Byrne,

2nd Pioneer Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

wounds received in action,

DESPATCHED

5th Australian Field)
Ambulance, France,)

11th March

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Cable No. C.I.B.L.

1180, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London,
19th March, 1917, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F.
Headquarters, dated London, 27th March, 1917, and Army Form B2090A.

21st December 17

Major.

In Memory of

Private

Cecil John Byrne

MM

3016, 2nd, Australian Pioneers who died on 11 March 1917 Age 22

Son of John and Mary Byrne, of Redbank, Araluen, New South Wales.

Remembered with Honour
Martinpuich British Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



“Red Bank” Araluen (Photo from Braidwood Letters from the Front, By Rosslyn Maddrell)

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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