

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

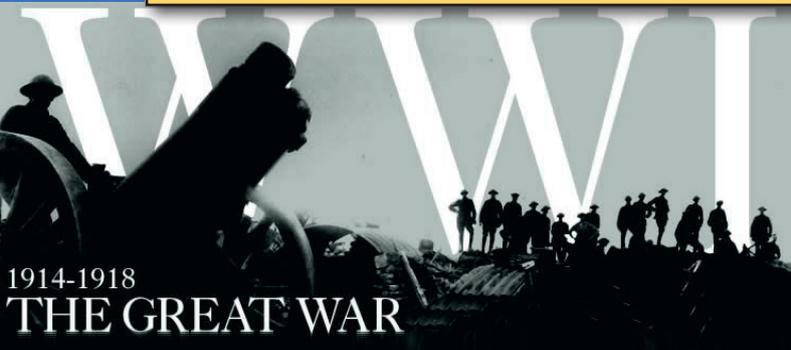
A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR
SEIDEL, Henry Edward
Service Number: 2395
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.



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 **Henry Edward Seidel**, 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.

Henry Edward Seidel 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

HENRY EDWARD SEIDEL

Service Number: 2395

Rank: Private

Unit: 35th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 01 June 1917

Place of death: Belgium

Cause of death: Killed in action

Place of association: Braidwood, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Strand Military Cemetery,
Ploegsteert, Wallonie, Belgium

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: Henry Edward Seidel's
name is located at **panel 126** in the Commemorative Area
at the Australian War Memorial

35th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 35th Battalion was formed in December 1915 in Newcastle, New South Wales. The bulk of the battalion's recruits were drawn from the Newcastle region and thus it was dubbed "Newcastle's Own". Reflecting the demographics of the area, there were a high proportion of miners among the battalion's original members.

The 35th Battalion became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom in May 1916. Arriving there in early July, the battalion spent the next four months training. It crossed to France in late November, and moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 26 November, just in time for the onset of the terrible winter of 1916-17.

The battalion had to wait until the emphasis of British and Dominion operations switched to the Ypres Sector of Belgium in mid-1917 to take part in its first major battle; this was the battle of Messines, launched on 7 June. The 35th's next major battle was around Passchendaele on 12 October. Heavy rain, though, had deluged the battlefield, and thick mud tugged at the advancing troops and fouled their weapons. The battle was a disaster for the 35th; 508 men crossed the start line but only 90 remained unwounded at the end.

For the next five months the 35th alternated between periods of rest, training, labouring, and service in the line. When the German Army launched its last great offensive in the spring of 1918, the battalion was part of the force deployed to defend the approaches to Amiens around Villers-Bretonneux. It took part in a counter-attack at Hangard Wood on 30 March, and helped to defeat a major drive on Villers-Bretonneux on 4 April. The desperate nature of the fighting at this time is revealed by the fact that the 35th Battalion suffered nearly 70 per cent casualties during these operations.

Later in 1918, the 35th also played a role in the Allies' own offensive. It took part in the battle of Amiens on 8 August; fought several small battles during the rapid advance that followed; and at the end of September provided reserves for the joint Australian-American operation that breached the Hindenburg Line, thus sealing Germany's defeat. The 35th Battalion disbanded in March 1919.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

P80277

20 October 1916 HMAT Borda (A30) departs Port Melbourne.

35th Battalion.

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SEIDEL, H.E.
2395 Pte

Killed in Action 1/6/17.

I knew Seidel well. He was a fine fellow and came from the country. We went over to see Stonehenge together. He was killed when we were in supports at Ploegsteert. He and Pte Johnson were camping together. He was shot through the temple and killed instantly. It was late in the evening of the first. He was a fine fellow. He would have a grave.

Informant: Beynon, Pte 2279
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.N.
27/12/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

35th Battalion.
A.I.F.

SEIDEL
Pte. H.E. No. 2395

K/A 1.6.17.

Informant described Seidel as about 5 ft 9 inches high, thick set, fair, aged about 25/6. A quiet mannered chap. Informant states that on 1.6.17 the Company of the above Battalion to which they both belonged had been in the front line but had been relieved and were in the sap between the supports and the front line. The place was known as Prow's Point near to Ploegstreet Wood. Shelling was going on while Seidel and Informant were in the sap and Seidel said he was going out to get his breakfast, and he had no sooner left the sap when he was hit in the head by a fragment of shell and died almost at once.

Informant: Pte. R.E. Wilson, 2667,
35th Battalion.
21st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Georges Heights,
MOSMAN.

Home address: Urunga, N.S.W.

W.E.G.
12.2.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

35th Battalion A.I.F.

SEIDEL Pte. H.E. No. 2395

Killed 1/6/17.

Informant described Seidel as about 5 ft. 6 inches high, stout build, fair complexion, aged about 25 years. He left Australia with Informant in the "Bonga" on 17/10/16. Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Company, and knew each other well. On 1/6/17, the Battalion was at Ploegstert Wood, holding the line. Informant did not see Seidel on the day of his death, but had seen him a couple of days before. He was informed by eye-witnesses that Seidel was going out for his dinner having his dixie in his hand, when he was shot through the head by a piece of shell and killed instantly. He was almost certain to have been buried at Ploegstert Cemetery, as the Battalion was not in action at the time.

Informant added that Seidel was very popular with the boys and was a nice quiet chap.

Informant:-- Pte. W.F. Carter, No. 2292,
"B" Co., 35th Battalion, A.I.F.
Home address 20 Albion St., Paddington.

W.E.G.
18/3/18.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Ploegsteert Wood, Belgium. C1917: Soldiers relaxing with some of them partially undressed and inspecting their clothing. (Donor H.J. Grant).



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

E01282

Belgium: Western Front (Belgium), Messines Area, Ploegsteert: A view from Strafer's Nest to Ploegsteert Wood showing duckboards and numerous graves, marked by crosses, along Mud Lane and Bunhill Row. Note two shell damaged buildings in the background. This is the left hand image in a two part panorama. The right hand image is held at E01283. See E01282P for the combined image.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

E00599

7 July 1917 Belgium: Western Front (Belgium), Messines Area, Messines Two message runners proceeding toward Hill 63, in Belgium, during the battle of Messines on 7 July 1917. Whilst this photo was being taken three shells burst one on top of the hill on the left; one on the extreme right of the picture, near Ploegsteert Wood; and one uncomfortably close to the camera.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

A00790

July 1917: Belgium: Western Front (Belgium), Messines Area, Ploegsteert A soldier sitting outside a Regimental Aid Post (RAP) which was constructed of sand bags, at Ploegsteert Wood. Note the duck boards on the ground.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

H1 2650

Ploegsteert Wood, Belgium. A section of the Strand Military Cemetery, with a remembrance cross in the background, which contained 1045 service graves including 288 of members of the AIF. (Donor Sir Herbert Ellison)

Mr. E. Seidel, an old resident of Mongarlowe, where he had lived for over 50 years, passed away on Tuesday morning. He was 89 years of age. For many years the deceased was engaged in mining pursuits, and had witnessed many ups and downs on this old goldfield. Two of his sons, Privates George and Henry Seidel, made the supreme sacrifice in France, while another son, Private Albert Seidel, returned invalided a short time back after having been severely wounded. He reared a family of ten— five sons and five daughters. The late Mr. Seidel could, therefore, fairly claim to have done his duty to his adopted country. He was a hard-working, industrious citizen, and was generally respected. The funeral took place yesterday in Braidwood, and was well attended.

1918: *The Braidwood Dispatch* reporting the passing of Henry Edward Seidel's Father.

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

2395
No. N.G. 2232

Name SEIDEL HENRY EDWARD
Unit 35th Bn. Hth Reimp
Joined on 30/1/16

B Coy
"F" Coy 55th Batt.
N 11799

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? Seidel Henry Edward
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 43
In the Parish of St Andrew in or near the Town of Braidwood in the County of Newcastle
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) 3 Natural Borne
4. What is your age? 4 27 years 2 months
5. What is your trade or calling? 5 Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period, 6 No
7. Are you married? 7 No (Father)
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8 E. SEIDEL
MONCARLOWE
BRAIDWOOD
N.S. WALES
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9 No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as In-corrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Dis-grace from the Navy? 10 No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, The Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 11 No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12 No
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 13 No
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which, together with Pay, would reach eight shillings per day? 14 No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? 15 No

I, Henry Edward Seidel 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 30/1/16

H. E. Seidel
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

D 29706

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2395

Rank

Plt

Name

SEIDEL H E

Unit

35th Batta.

Casualty

Killed in Action 1/6/17

85391478/9114 A dated London 9/6/17

LIST. 815

MEMORIAL SCROLL

To

Father

No. 5 Seidel

325138

5.12.21

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

Pamphlet sent to Mr. E. Seidel on 9.5.21

DATE.

A. F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT.

A. F. B. 2090A Received

REF. NO.

12 JUN 1917

M.G. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION, 1.6.17

27-6-17

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

24 10 17

Mr. W. Brown letter asking for Effects

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. 6. 10. 1478 Vide 7/60 D-12/6/17

18.12.17

"IP" to D.P.M. 2nd M.D. 23/55

Circular B.R.M. 46, 1808 met re Graves despatched 19.1.17, 12.12.17

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23. 12. 20

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE in triplicate TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B. R. M. No. 52/852 Kw



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22/4/21

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd M.D.B.R.M. 12008 53/308.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 4th RFTs 35th Battalion A.I.F.

Rank Pte Surname SEIDEL, Christian Name Henry Edward.

Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months

Enlisted (a) 30-4-16, Terms of Service (a) War and 4 Mos Service reckons from (a) 30-4-16,

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	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 103, 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 103, Army Form A 36, or other official documents
	O.C Troops	A30 "Borda"	Embarked Sydney	17-10-16.	
			Disembarked Plymouth	9-1-17.	
11-2-17.	B 213 9th Tng Bn	Marched in from Parkhouse	England	5-2-17.	DO 218 11/2-17. ER 9664.
24-4-17.	C.O. 9th Tng Bn	Proceeded O/Seas France	Folkestone	26-4-17.	LR1971, DO 26E 30-4-17.
28-4-17.	O.C 3rd ADEB	Marched in from England	Etaples	26-4-17.	AK 1188/9.
12-4-17.	O.C 3rd ADEB	Marched out to unit	"	12-4-17.	AK1188/29.
18-5-17.	C.O. 35th Bn	T O S 35th Bn	Field	13-5-17.	CG/25, DO32/2314
8-6-17.	C.O. 35th Bn	Killed in action	"	1-6-17.	CG/28, DO35/2659.
1-6-17.	3rd Divl H'Qrs	Killed in action	"	1-6-17.	AT12549, VL 368.

Anzac Section
3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.E.F.
26th June 1917

J. Holloway
Lieut.
Officer in charge records.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) *e.g. Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.

Regiment or Corps 4th 35th Battalion

Regimental No. 2395 Rank Private Name Seidel, Henry Edward

Enlisted (a) 30-4-16 Terms of Service (a) duration of war Service reckons from (a) 30-4-16

Date of Promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s _____

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 103, Army Form A 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B 103, Army Form A 36, or other official documents.
<u>Card 14/5/17</u>					
	O.C. Troops	A30 "Borda" (Embarked) (Disembarked)	Sydney Plymouth	17.10.16. 9.1.17.	(S.O.S) 1821/17.
2	4-2-17 B213 9th Tng Bn	M D from Parkhouse	Eng	5.2.17	CG 218 14/17 ER 9664
3	24/4/17 O.C 9th Tng Bn	Proceeded O/Seas France Ex 9th Tng Bn.	Folkestone	25/4/17	L.R. 1971 A.F.B. 215. Do 26E 30/4/17
4	28/4/17 O.C 3rd A.D.E.B.	In from England	Etaples	26/4/17	AK 1188/9
5	12/5/17	Out to unit	"	12/5/17	AK 1188/29
6	18/5/17 C.O. 35th Bn	T.O.S.	Field	13/5/17	CG/25 DO 32/2314
7	1/6/17 C.O. 35th Bn	Killed in action	"	1/6/17	CG/28 DO 35/2659
8	1/6/17 3rd Divl H'Qrs	Killed in action	"	1/6/17	AT 12549 VL 368

ORIGINAL Copies to Defence Melbourne, A.I.F. H'Qrs and C.P.M. with A.Ps B2090A. 26-6-17.

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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.

D25760

35th Battalion A.I.F.

REGIMENT OR CORPS 2395 Squadron, Troop, or Company Private.

Regimental No. SEIDEL, Rank Henry Edward.

Surname Christian Names 1st June 1917. in the Field BELGIUM.

Died Date Killed in action. Place Cause of Death* A. F.B 213 Dated 9-6-17.

Nature and Date of Report C.O. 35th Battalion A.I.F.

By whom made

* 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.

No report received.

Burial Place Date For Burial Report See B108

By whom reported Will not received

State whether he leaves a Will or not (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) (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 Anzac Section at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date G.H.Q. B.E.F. 26th June 1917. Officer in charge records.

(1452) W8587/M850 500,000 10/16 JFW [E328] Forms/B2090A/2

HEE

No. 2395

Private Henry Edward Seidel,
35th Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force.

XXXXXX was killed in action, -----

xxx in Belgium, 1st June, 17.

Cable No. C.I.B.V.

1478, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 9th June, 1917, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 12th June, 1917, and Army Form B 2090A.

1st June, 18. for Captain

D25160

WILL

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at the event of my Death I Give the ~~sum~~ whole of my Derfered Pay and other property to my Sister

Miss Violet Seidel
Mongarlon
Via Braidwood
New South Wales
Australia

Signature Pte Henry Seidel 2395
Rank and Unit 4/35 Battalion
Date 17.5.17

Certified to be a true copy of the Will extracted from Day Book of No. 2395 Pte. SEIDEL, Henry Edward, 35th Battalion.

Checked: *[Signature]*

[Signature]
Adm. Serv.,
London.

WAR PENSIONS ACT 1914-1916.

DAILY STATEMENT (MILITARY)

Showing Grants, Alterations, and Cancellations of Pensions (together with date from which such action took effect); also Rejections of Claims and Deaths of Pensioners.

Form Z.3.
473

Statement No. _____
Containing ³⁰~~27~~ sheets
Date 16/11/17

State of New South Wales

1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed

Seidel, Henry Edward - 2395, Pte., 35th Bn.

2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed

Seidel, Ellen - 238 Elizabeth St., Sydney.

3. Relationship of such person to Member

Mother

4. Result of Claim

Entry on statement 474 shows 30/- p.f. granted from 12/8/17. Such entry to be deleted.

5. Name and address of Trustee (if any)

Sydney
77 Goulburn St
October 24. 1917

DEFENCE
70/1500

The Officer in Charge
Base Records
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne



Dear Sir,

I am writing to make inquiries my Brothers belongings. One Brother Private H. E. Seidel (No 2395) 4th Reinforcements 35 Batt-9th Brigade was killed in action on the 1st of June 1917 the other Brother Bomber A. G. Seidel (No 1276) 2nd Light Trench Mortar Battery. was killed in action on the 20th of September 1917. We have received none of the first Boys belongings. I would be thankful if you could furnish me with details and also have their belongings sent along to me, if it is only a pocket book.

I am yours
Faithfully
Ada Brown

FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
SENT 31/7/17
J. M. Elcock
27/10

Address
Mrs A. E. Brown
Residentail Cafe
77 Goulburn St
Sydney

Golden Grove Hotel
Alma St
Darlington
May 20th 1918

To
Senator Pearce.
Minister for Defence.
Base Records
Melbourne.

It is now several months since I wrote you regarding my Brother's belongings to the present we have had no information. I am sure it is time they were returned, as it is now twelve months since the first brother was killed.

re 2395 Pte H. E. Liddel
35th Battalion



I am
Yours Faithfully
Mrs A. E. Brown.

In response
27/5

AC

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DWB
30th May, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 20th instant I have to state, no personal effects of your brother, the late No. 2395 Private H. E. Seidel, 35th Battalion, have been returned to this Office to date, but any coming to hand will be promptly despatched to his sister, Miss Violet Seidel, Mongarlow, N.S.W., in accordance with testamentary instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

— φ c

Mrs. A. E. Brown,
Golden Grove Hotel,
Alma Street,
Darlington, N.S.W.

In Memory of

Private

Henry Edward Seidel

2395, 35th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 01 June 1917

Remembered with Honour

Strand Military Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



*Celebrating Belgian Day, Ryrie Park, Braidwood, 14th May 1915
(Photo: Braidwood Letters from the Front by Roslyn Maddrell).*

While most of us associate Australia Day with 26 January, in 1915 that date was celebrated as Foundation Day and only in New South Wales, as each of the colonies had their own commemorations for their founding. During the First World War, the concept of a national 'Australia Day' was instead part of a wider fundraising plan where money was raised by declaring a special 'day' on which events such as auctions, stalls, performances and street collections were held to encourage the community to contribute to the war effort. Belgian Day, for example, held on 14 May 1915, was one of the first of these occasions. (Australian War Memorial.)

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
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
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Smith (Greenwood), George
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