

# Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

*"We will remember them well"*

## A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

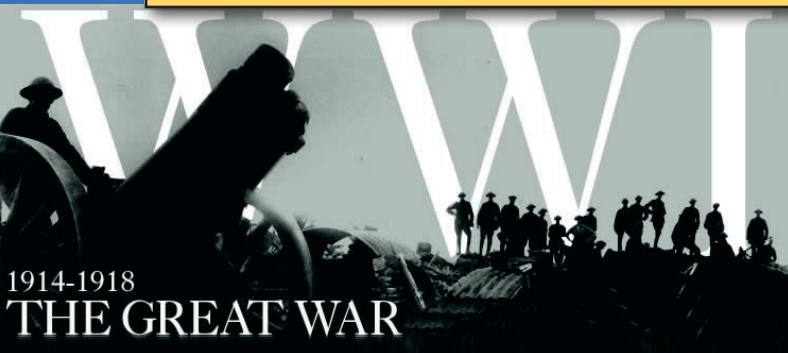
LEE, Thomas James

Service Number: 2433

Rank: Lance Corporal

*"Coo-ee-  
Won't 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 **Thomas James Lee**, 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.

**Thomas James Lee** 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

## THOMAS JAMES LEE

**Service Number:** 2433

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Unit:** 56th Australian Infantry Battalion

**Service:** Australian Army

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

**Date of death:** 16 October 1918

**Place of death:** France

**Cause of death:** Died of wounds

**Age at death:** 22

**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:** Thomas James Lee's  
name is located at **panel 162** in the Commemorative Area  
at the Australian War Memorial

## 56th Australian Infantry Battalion



56<sup>th</sup> Colour Patch

The 56th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 14 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 4th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 4th, the 56th was predominantly composed of men from New South Wales. The battalion became part of the 14th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

Arriving in France on 30 June 1916, the battalion entered the frontline trenches for the first time on 12 July and fought its first major battle at Fromelles a week later. The battle was a disaster, resulting in heavy casualties across the division. Despite these losses the 5th Division continued to man the front in the Fromelles sector for a further two months.

After a freezing winter manning trenches in the Somme Valley, in early 1917 the 56th Battalion participated in the advance that followed the

German retreat to the Hindenburg Line. It was spared the assault but did, however, defend gains made during the second battle of Bullecourt. Later in the year, the AIF's focus of operations switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium. The 56th's major battle here was at Polygon Wood on 26 September.

With the collapse of Russia in October 1917, a major German offensive on the Western Front was expected in early 1918. This came in late March and the 5th Division moved to defend the sector around Corbie. The 14th Brigade, took up positions to the north of Villers-Bretonneux and held these even when the village fell, threatening their flanks.

*Once the German offensive had been defeated, the Allies launched their own offensive in August 1918. The 14th Brigade did not play a major role in these operations until late in the month, but its actions were critical to the capture of Peronne, which fell on 2 September. The 56th fought its last major battle of the war, St Quentin Canal, between 29 September and 2 October 1918. It was resting out of the line when the Armistice was declared on 11 November. Soon after, members of the battalion began to be returned to Australia for discharge. It ceased to exist as a separate entity on 10 April 1919, when the remnants of all of the 14th Brigade's battalions were merged into a single unit.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*31 August 1918, France: Picardie, Somme, Clery: While maintaining the attempts to cross the Somme marshes, General Monash transferred the 2nd Division and 14th Brigade to the north of the Somme, and on this day launched the 5th Brigade (2nd Division) in a successful attack upon Mont St Quentin, the hill dominating Peronne. On the following day the 14th Brigade seized part of Peronne.*



*"Well Boy - You've done  
your Bit"*



**BUY**

**PEACE BONDS**



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RAILIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

1608

Name

LEE THOMAS JAMES

Unit

COULSTON DEPOT 560

Joined on

11/3/16

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

1. What is your Name? *Lee Thomas James*
2. In the Parish of *72* in or near the Town of *COOMA* in the County of *N.S. WALES*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *Natural Born*
4. What is your age? *21 years 5 months*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Laborer*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period. *No*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) *Mrs Joseph George Bialalomo N.S. WALES*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? *No*
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? *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 *From 43 Battalion O.T.C. 1/2/15*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? *No*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? *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? *No*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and eruptive fever? *No*

I, *Thomas James Lee*, 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

Date

11/3/16

Signature of person enlisted.







## (SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps **5/56th. BATTALION.** Regimental Number **2433**  
 \*Substantive Rank **Pte L/Opl** Surname **LEE** Christian Names **Thomas James.**  
 \*Acting Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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Date	From whom received					
	<b>Y</b>	<b>"A60" "Aeneas".</b>	<b>Embarkeo.</b>	<b>Sydney</b>	<b>30/9/16</b>	
			<b>Disembarked.</b>	<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>19/11/16</b>	
<b>21/12/16</b>	<b>14th.TB.</b>	<b>Procd. O/S.France.</b>	<b>per "Princessa</b>	<b>F'stone</b>	<b>21/12/16</b>	<b>D03/449E</b>
		<b>Victoria</b>				
<b>30/12/16</b>	<b>5th.DBD.</b>	<b>M/I.from England</b>		<b>Staples</b>	<b>22/12/16</b>	
<b>10/2/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>M/O.to Unit.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>1/2/17.</b>	
<b>9/2/18</b>	<b>CO.56th.</b>	<b>TOS.</b>		<b>France</b>	<b>7/2/17</b>	<b>D016/1599</b>
	<b>Bn.</b>					
<b>6/4/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>To Hosp sick.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>1/4/17</b>	<b>D019/2961</b>
<b>7/4/17</b>	<b>5th.DBS.</b>	<b>Influenza Adm.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>1/4/17</b>	
		<b>Tfd.to CCS.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>2/4/17</b>	
<b>7/4/17</b>	<b>1/17SM</b>	<b>Laryngitis Adm.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>2/4/17.</b>	
	<b>C.C.S.</b>	<b>Tfd.to 50th.AT.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>3/4/17</b>	
<b>4/4/17</b>	<b>3rd.AGH.</b>	<b>Adm.</b>		<b>Boulogne</b>	<b>4/4/17</b>	
<b>7/4/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Influenza To C.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>7/4/17</b>	
<b>7/4/17</b>	<b>7th.CD.</b>	<b>Adm.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>7/4/17</b>	
<b>12/4/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Tfd.to 10th.CD.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>12/4/17</b>	
<b>11/4/17</b>	<b>10th.CD.</b>	<b>Flu: Adm.</b>		<b>Esault</b>	<b>11/4/17</b>	
<b>19/4/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>CRIME. O'staying his pass from 9pm</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>16/4/17</b>	<b>D022/3619</b>
		<b>14/4/17. until 8-30pm.15/4/17.</b>				
		<b>Deprived of 3dys.pay Forfts:2dys.pay RW.</b>				
<b>26/4/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>To 3rd.Rst.Camp.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>26/4/17</b>	
<b>5/5/17</b>	<b>5th.DBD</b>	<b>M/I.from Hosp.</b>		<b>Staples</b>	<b>28/4/17</b>	<b>D023/3680</b>
<b>5/5/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>M/O.to Unit.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>5/5/17</b>	
						<b>In. &amp; Bn.</b>

**11/5/17** **CO.56th.** **Rejd. from sick.** **France** **4/5/17** **D024/3062**  
**1/6/17** **Bn.** **To Corps. Schl:** **"** **29/6/17**  
**8/6/17** **"** **Apptd. L/Opl.** **"** **31/6/17** **D028/452**  
**29/6/17** **"** **Rejd. X Schl: of Instr.** **"** **22/6/17**  
**26/10/17** **"** **Wounded I/A.** **Field** **18/10/17** **D048/71**  
**18/10/17** **3rd.APA.** **SW.Head Adm. & Tfd. to CCS** **"** **18/10/17** **VL511**  
**20/10/17** **10th.CCS.** **do Adm.** **"** **19/10/17**  
**To A.T.**

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<b>19/10/17</b>	<b>14th.GH.</b>	<b>GSW. Head</b>	<b>Adm.</b>	<b>Wimereux</b>	<b>19/10/17</b>	
<b>21/10/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>To England</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>21/10/17</b>	<b>D047/7131</b>
<b>"</b>	<b>HS.Princ</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>France</b>	<b>21/10/17</b>	
	<b>Elizabeth</b>					
<b>22/10/17</b>	<b>War Hosp.</b>	<b>Adm. Hosp. SW.Head.</b>		<b>Keighley</b>	<b>22/10/17</b>	<b>D083/4841E</b>
<b>13/11/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Adm. Hosp. 22/10/17. Furlo 13/11/17</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>13/11/17</b>	
		<b>to 27/11/17. &amp; Rep. to dep. S/Vny.</b>				
<b>2/12/17</b>	<b>Nol.CD</b>	<b>M/I.from AHQ.Ldn.X furlo (Class BIA3)</b>	<b>S/Vny.</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>28/11/17</b>	
<b>23/12/17</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>M/O to S.T.Bde. L'Dev:</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>20/12/17</b>	
<b>"</b>	<b>O/S.T.B.</b>	<b>M/I.from Nol.CD Dep. S/Vny.</b>	<b>L'Dev:</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>20/12/17</b>	
<b>16/1/18</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>Procdg. O/S.France X L'Dev: via</b>	<b>S'hampton</b>	<b>17/1/18</b>	<b>D07/364E</b>	
	<b>L'dev:</b>					
<b>18/1/18</b>	<b>A.I.B.D.</b>	<b>M/I.from England</b>		<b>Havez</b>	<b>18/1/18</b>	
<b>20/1/18</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>M/O. to Unit.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>20/1/18</b>	
<b>24/1/18</b>	<b>56th.B</b>	<b>Rejd. Bn.</b>		<b>Field</b>	<b>23/1/18</b>	<b>D06/443</b>
<b>12/4/18</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Rejd. To Hosp.Acc.Inj: (Cert:Acc)</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>9/4/18</b>	<b>Corr.VL784 D027/3061</b>
<b>10/4/18</b>	<b>55th.FA.</b>	<b>SW.Face &amp; R'Arm.(2nd.Coc) Adm.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>10/4/18</b>	<b>VL684</b>
<b>12/4/18</b>	<b>5th.GH.</b>	<b>Adm. do Adm.</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>12/4/18</b>	<b>D017/1480</b>
<b>16/4/18</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>do To England</b>		<b>Houen</b>	<b>16/4/18</b>	<b>D017/1566</b>
<b>16/4/18</b>	<b>3T.Patriot.</b>	<b>Sub for England</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>16/4/18</b>	
<b>17/4/18</b>	<b>War Hosp.</b>	<b>GSW. Face R'Arm. Sew.</b>		<b>Exeter</b>	<b>17/4/18</b>	<b>D032/1232E</b>
<b>6/5/18</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Tfd.to 1st.AH. H'field</b>		<b>"</b>	<b>4/5/18</b>	
<b>14/5/18</b>	<b>1st.AH.</b>	<b>Adm. 4/5/18. Furlo from 14/5/18. to</b>		<b>H'field</b>	<b>28/5/18</b>	
		<b>28/5/18. &amp; rept. No4.CD H'cott.</b>				

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Date:	From whom received.					
0/5/18	HQ4.CB.	M/I. from AM. Ldn. X Purlo		H'cott.	28/5/18	
7/18	"	M/O to O.T.B. L'Dev:		"	1/7/18	
7/18	O/S.TB.	M/I. from HQ. H'cott.		L'Dev:	1/7/18	
7/18	"	Procd. O/S. France X O/S. T. Bde. via		Antons	17/7/18	DO56/H.
7/18	L'Dev:					28/7/18.
7/18	A.I.B.D.	M/I. from X UK. X Acc. Inj.		Havre	18/7/18	DO31/3494
7/18	"	M/O. to Unit.		"	20/7/18	
7/18	56th. BN.	Rejd. Bn.		Field	23/7/18	DO32/3685
10/18	"	Wounded I/A. 2nd. Occ. Gas.		"	1/10/18	DO62/5321
10/18	8th. PA.	Gassed Adm. & Tfd. CCS.		"	"	72857
10/18	58th. CCS.	do AT42.		"	"	DO62/5410
10/18	Brd. 3H.	do Adm.		Rouen	2/10/18	
10/18	"	DIED ON WOUNDS received. I/A. Gas Shell.		"	15/10/18	DO44/6136 VIA 7H.
			(Sgd)	P. T. Dakin. LIEUT.		
				For O.I.O. of Recds.		
				Adm. Hdqrs. London.		

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2433/56

**TARAGO (NSW)**

MRS M LEFF

11/11/68 LANCE CORPORAL THOMAS LEE ADMITTED HOSPITAL  
FRANCE THIRD OCTOBER DANGEROUSLY ILL

BASE RECORDS

18/10/18



## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,Mrs. M. Lee,  
Braidwood

MELBOURNE, 10th Jan 1918

Dear Madam,  
I regretto advise you that Private T. J. Lee,  
has been reported admitted Keighley War Hospital,  
England, 22.10.17, suffering from gunshot wound head.  
His postal address will be:—No 2433 Private T. J. Lee,  
56th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force,  
Abroad.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.194/S.17.—O.3416.

*An intimation to the above effect was sent by you on 19 Nov last addressed to P.O. Binalong, but was returned by the Post at Adelaide.*

M.B.A.

7th October, 1919.

Dear Madam,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 2433, Lance-Corporal T. J. Lee, 56th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice that he was wounded (Gas) in action, 2nd occasion, on 1st October, 1918, and admitted to 8th Field Ambulance, transferred to 58th Casualty Clearing Station, transferred to Ambulance Train, thence to 3rd Stationary Hospital, Rouen, France on 2nd October, 1918, where he died on 16th October, 1918. He was buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France.

The utmost care and attention is being devoted to the graves of our fallen soldiers, and photographs are being taken as soon as possible 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 the deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Lee,  
TARAGO. N.S.W.Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.



D.T.  
Australian Imperial Force.



818  
A.I.F. KIT STORE.  
110, GREYHOUND ROAD.  
HAMMERSMITH.  
LONDON, W. 6.

Inventory of Effects of - 2433 Lee. T.J. 56th Btn.

A.I.F.

Forwarded to - Mother,  
Mrs Martha Lee,  
Binalong Post Office,  
New South Wales.

~~to Barambah~~

Effects received from the field (3/9817) 5.11.18.  
1 parcel (sealed) containing:-

Pipe, 2 Badges, 1 Shoulder Title, Metal Ring,  
2 Discs, 3 Coins, Wrist Watch, Metal Cigarette  
Case, Metal Bracelet, Wallet, Photos, Cards,  
Letters, Cotton Bag.

D/S.  
No. of Package

46088

✓  
Checked by

Memo: to Officer in Charge.

The effects in No 1 package were all  
in good order when received.

Martha Lee  
marks



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The office S/C Base records,  
Department of Defence  
Melbourne  
Victoria

Yarago  
June 2.6.1920

Dear Sir in regards to the  
soldier's grave which I received this morning  
of three post cards which are very nice  
of the soldier's grave I thank you very  
much for the post cards in regard to  
the head stone of the soldier's grave which I  
will not have it done yet as I have not got  
the ways and mean at present

Yours friend

Martha Lee  
Post office  
Yarago



DECEASED  
SECTION  
JUN 5 1920  
RECEIVED



Solus St,

Brandswood

13<sup>th</sup> April, 1921

The Officer in Charge  
Base Records  
Melbourne

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of 30<sup>th</sup> March ultimo in  
reference to nearest of kin to the Late No 2483  
Lance Corporal J. J. Lee 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion. I have  
to state that His Mother are the next of kin  
to the above. There is no Widow, Son or daughter  
or Father living. My address is as above.

Yours respectfully  
Martha Lee  
mark

War medals &c. to mother

*W. J. Lee* Major  
Officer in Charge Base Records

20. 4. 21.

APR 22 1921



In Memory of  
Lance Corporal  
**Thomas James Lee**

2433, 56th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 16 October 1918 Age 22

Son of Thomas and Martha Lee, of Elvington St., Braidwood, New South Wales. Native of Cooma, New South Wales.

Remembered with Honour  
**St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen**



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

*During the First World War, Commonwealth camps and hospitals were stationed on the southern outskirts of Rouen. A base supply depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were also established in the city. Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general, five stationary, one British Red Cross and one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever. In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension, where the last burial took place in April 1920. The cemetery extension contains 8,348 Commonwealth burials of the First World War (ten of them unidentified).*





*First World War poster by acclaimed British silhouette artist, Harry Oakley. At the right of the poster, a man in silhouette is carrying his rifle and bayonet at the ready. Behind him, depicted in grey silhouette, are his comrades. This Australian version of the poster does not bear the artist's signature on the stone, whereas the British one does. Australian First World War recruitment poster. Appeals to a patriotic sense of honour to help fight the war and encourages the viewer to 'Join To-day'.*

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**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*



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Archer, Fred  
Backhouse, Victor John  
Barnett, Frederick George  
Barry, Charles Louis  
Beatty, Walter Cusack  
Bell, John Henry Edward  
Black, George Scott  
Bruce, Thomas Fraser  
Byrne, Cecil John  
Callan, William Henry  
Catlin, Robert Henry  
Clarke, Lester Thomas  
Cook, Thomas John  
Crandell, Christopher George  
Cregan, Clarence Theodore Augustus  
Cullen, Henry Thomas  
Davis, John Henry  
Davis, Oscar Raymond Stanley  
Dawson, Edric Athol  
Dayball, Arthur Joseph  
Dempsey, Charles Frederick  
Dempsey, Charles  
Dowell, Frederick Robert  
Feeney, William  
Fisher, Osborne  
Flack, John Foster  
Garnett, Henry James  
Geelan, Robert Michael  
Gosling, Fred  
Gough, James  
Green, Francis Henry  
Healy, Myrtle James  
Howard, John Alexander  
Huggett, William  
Hunt, Frederick William  
Hunt, John  
Hush, Percy Alfred  
Hush, Thomas  
Hush, Austin Septimus  
Innes, Henry George  
Kelly, Herbert Albert  
Kemp, Leslie Smith  
Keyte, Robert

Knight, Charles Oliver  
Lee, Thomas James  
Lennon, James  
Lupton, Spencer  
Lynch, James Joseph  
Matthews, Francis  
McCool, Francis Leslie Neil  
McDonald, Alexander Joseph  
McLean, Donald  
McRae, Finley Arnold  
Meade, Arthur Stuart  
Merton, Thomas David  
Montgomery, Stanley  
Moore, William  
Newberry, Alwyn (Alwin) Horace James  
O'Brien, Thomas Daniel  
O'Reilly, John  
Pooley, Edward  
Rex, Horace Joseph  
Riley, Frank  
Roberts, Frederick Bede  
Robinson, William James  
Rodgers, Albert  
Seidel, Alfred George  
Seidel, Henry Edward  
Sharpe, George Lyle  
Sharpe, Reginald  
Sherman, Edgar Robert  
Sherman, Percy Frederick  
Simmons, George  
Smith (Greenwood), George  
Spicer, William Henry  
Steele, Alexander Norman  
Stein, Daniel Godfrey  
Stewart, David Walter  
Styles, Reginald Lucian  
Torpy, Patrick Edward  
Torpy, Thomas Patrick  
Walker, William Albert  
Watt, James  
Watt, Oscar Harold McClure  
White, Alister  
Whitelaw, Thomas Philip  
Wilson, Samuel Charles

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