

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



*"Coo-ee-
Won't YOU
come?"*

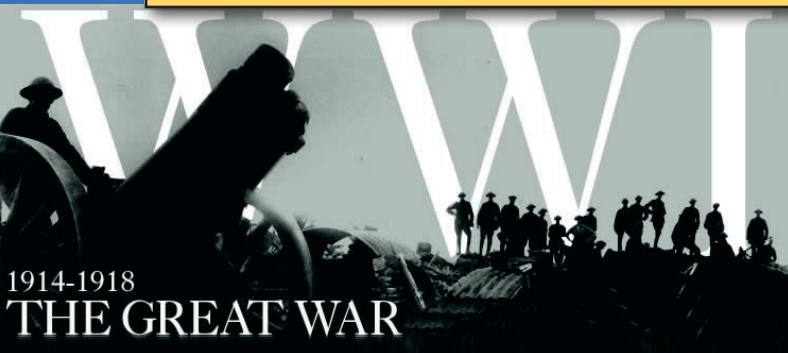
ROLL OF HONOUR

TORPY, Thomas Patrick

Service Number: 686

Rank: Private

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 **Thomas Patrick 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.

Thomas Patrick 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

THOMAS PATRICK TORPY

Service Number: 686

Rank: Private

Unit: 19th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 14 November 1916

Place of death: France

Age at death: 29

Place of association: Braidwood, Australia

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

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: Thomas Patrick Torpy's
name is located at **panel 90** in the Commemorative Area
at the Australian War Memorial

19th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 19th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. A large number of the 19th's original recruits had already served with the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) in the operations to capture German New Guinea in 1914. The 19th left Australia in late June, trained in Egypt from late July until mid-August, and on 21 August landed at ANZAC Cove.

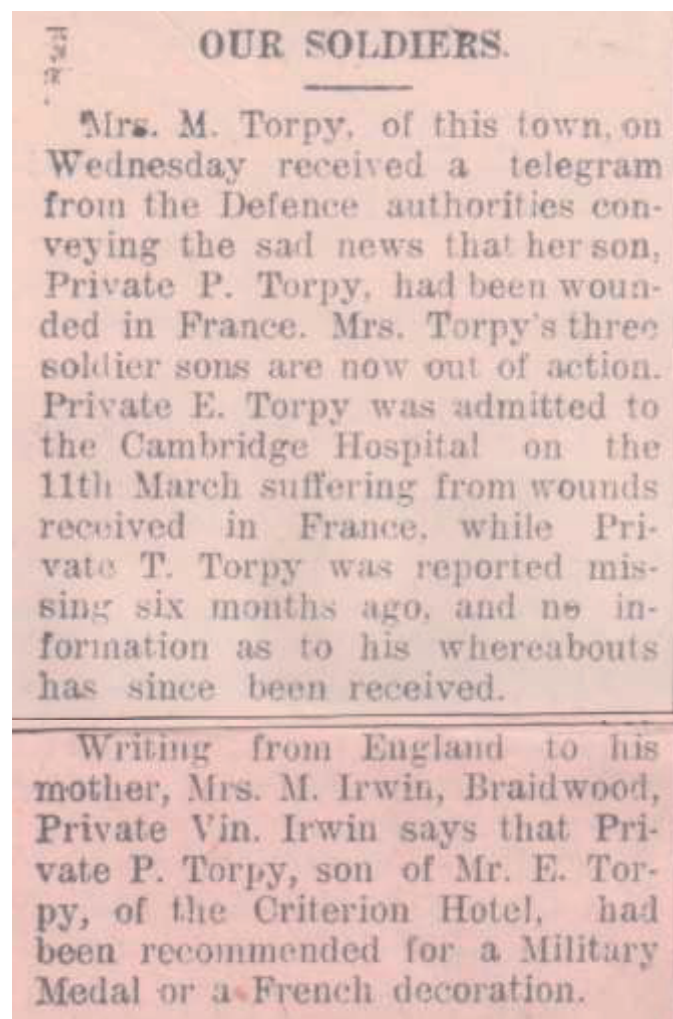
At Gallipoli the Battalion participated in the last action of the August Offensive ' the attack on Hill 60 ' before settling into defensive routine in the trenches. From mid-September, until its withdrawal from the peninsula on the night of 19 December, the 19th Battalion was responsible for the defence of Pope's Hill.

After further training in Egypt, the 19th Battalion proceeded to France. It took part in its first major offensive around Pozieres between late July and the end of August 1916. 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 19th Battalion attacked near Flers between 14 and 16 November, in conditions that Charles Bean described as the worst ever encountered by the AIF.

In 1917, the 19th 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 five 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.

The spring of 1918 brought a major German offensive that the 19th Battalion helped to stop. For his actions during the fighting around Hangard Wood on 7 April, Lieutenant Percy Storkey was awarded the Victoria Cross. With this last desperate offensive defeated, the 19th 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 Beaurevoir Line around Montbrehain on 3 October. Montbrehain was the battalion's last

battle. The casualties of 1918, combined with long-term leave for 1914 enlistees, and dwindling new enlistments had sapped the strength of the AIF. On 10 October 1918 the 19th Battalion was disbanded to reinforce other battalions in the brigade.



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

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, and 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 Thomas' brother, Patrick Edward Torpy, from Braidwood Letters from the Front, by Roslyn Maddrell

A.I.F. 19

TORPY, T.P. 686

M. November 14th 1916.

I have a brother named T.P.Torpy in the 19th Batt.
His number is 686. I was told by a man called Ted O'Brien
in the 19th Battalion, that my brother had been wounded in
five places. He only mentioned that it was somewhere on
the Somme, and he did not give the date when this happened.
I had a letter from my brother in December from the Devonport
Military Hospital, saying that he was getting along all right.
I have heard nothing more from him since.

Informant: Pte E.J.Torpy. 1860. D.Coy.16 pltn
No.3 Can.Gen.Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 9.3.1917.

*wrote to E.J. Torpy
24.3.17*

Sent Devonport 17

In care of E.J. H.I.

16-3-17

*1917
P.I. Bond.
S
AGL*

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHOLON.

2726/24/18

(COPY)

Statement made by No.659 Sgt Franklin L. 19th Btn

re No.686 Pte Torpy T.P. 19th Btn
Missing 14.11.16

Pte Torpy was killed 14th November at Flers.
He was not buried.

Dated at Perham Downs this 28th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) L. Franklin

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) R. Dooley Lt.

*S
P.I.
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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY,"
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— INQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54. VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W.

16th March 1917.

Officer Commanding,
Devonport Military Hospital,
DEVONPORT.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly tell us whether a private in
the A.I.F., named L 386 T. P. Corpy, 19th Battalion, was
in your Hospital during November or December? His brother
tells us he had a letter from him whilst there, as the man
is reported Missing, we are anxious to verify the truth
in this statement.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

W. F. Johnson

Asst - Secretary

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Military Hospital

M/8026/17

DEVONPORT

To,
Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society.

No. 346 Private Torpy P.E., was
admitted to this Hospital on the 12th October
1916, and transferred to the Australian
Hospital, Dartford on the 31st October 1916.

Receives
Lieut. Colonel R.A.M.C.
in charge Military Hospital.

DEVONPORT.

17-3-17.

30th March 1917.

No. 1860. Pte. E.J. Torpy.
D. Company.
18th Battalion A.I.F.
P.E.F.

Dear Pte. Torpy, We have been requested by our Sydney Bureau to
make enquiries for your brother.

1686. Pte. Torpy, 18th Bn. A.I.F.
Missing 14.12.16.

and have received your report given in Co. 3. Canadian General
Hospital on 9.8.17. in which you say you had a letter from your
brother in December from the Devonport Military Hospital.

We wrote at once to the C.C. Devonport Military Hospital, to try
and trace your brother and received ^{word} from the C.C. (17.3.17) that
your brother had never been a patient in his Hospital - the near-
est approach to such a name on their records being

346. P. E. Torpy, 17th Bn. Adm. 12.10.16.
We should be very glad if you could let us have the letter
which your brother wrote you in December, or failing that tell us
if there has been a typist's error in making the Hospital read
as "Devonport Military" for we are very anxious to trace your
brother in order to send word to enquirers.

With best wishes.

V.D. *flu*

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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

B19.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 686

Name T. P. Torpy
 Unit **19th. BATTALION.**
 Joined on 7/2/15

Induced

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. Torpy Thomas Patrick
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of Braidwood in or
near the Town of Braidwood
in the County of N. S. W.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) 3. yes
4. What is your age? 4. 2 years 8 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
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8. (mother) Anne Torpy
Braidwood
N. S. W.
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 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
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. yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 13. no
14. (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. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? 15. yes

original of 19th Battalion

I, Thomas Patrick 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 three-fifths
 wife and children

Date 7/2/15

T. P. 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.

1914-15. Stan

CARD CHECKED

Statement of Service of No.

686

Name

Torrey J. Patrick

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
B Coy 19 th Batt 11/5/15	Breaking camp Absent without leave 6 days		Fined 25/- loss of pay	
B Coy 19 th Batt 28/5/15	Breaking from Parade in Sydney		Fined 5/-	
17/6/15	Breaking camp Absent without leave early morning parade		F 1 10 days 683	
Crime (1) Drunkenness. (2) Conduct to the prejudice etc. in creating a disturbance in his billet 11/6/16. Award 20 days et 02. F.P. by C.O. 19 th Bn. 13/6/16				
Crime: A.W.H. from 9 th to 12 th 16 (12 hours). Award: 7 days F.P. by C.O. 19 th Bn. 3-8-16 Total Forfeiture 8 days				
Missing France 14/11/16	CIBH & H			34/2519 Pl 2/10 2/448 10 1 17
	Reported. Missing	14/11/16		Pt 2 96/6371 1/12/16
	Crime in the field absent without leave from 9 am on 12/8/16 till 9 am 15/8/16 (72 hrs) Award 20 days F.P. by C.O. 19 th Bn. Total forfeiture 15-8-16.			Pt 2/10 68/11516 18/9/16

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

SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSURE

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Transferred to

No 4 Section

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

D 43714

No.

686

Rank

Private

Name

TORPY

J.P.

Unit

19th Bn

Casualty

14.11.16 * Missing Bibl 884/7824 C. D London 19-12-16. C.A.
Being Investigated Aht 1253/9929 Dd Lond 24.9.17
Ba 501. 8Statement obtained from 859. Franklin 19th Bn regarding fate of
above, forwarded to unit for investigation
C. J. B. 1884/9696 Dd London 4.10.17 Ba 501

Previously reported missing

14/11/16

859 22002

232 B

dated London 7/10/18

now reported based on action

DATE.

A.F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT.

BA 465 B. 2090A Received

REF. NO.

22.12.16

M.C. 2 ADVISED, MISSING.

14.11.16

29.12.16

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

24.8.17

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. *Signature*

21.9.17

Admin. against London expedite reply BA 465

28.9.17

work. advd investigations being made

8.10.17

NOV 12 1917

M.C. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 14.11.16

27.11.17

A.A.B. Pensions advised re Casualty vide Statement 70 109.

24.11.17

Court of Inquiry proceedings received - B.R.M. 17/105.2 X

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

Memorial sent to M.M. Torpy on 19.8.21. *Signature*

Circular B.R.M. 46/1383 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12/12/19

15/10/20

1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1220 19/11/20 17998

To Comdt. 2nd

M.D. B.R.M. 51/1253.

WAR HISTORY INDEX



12/8/21

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd M.D.B.R.M. 55/1005 53/1048.

LIST.

21.2.21 Library Medal Booklet on charge to

PROCEED TO JOIN

August 1915

Army Form B. 103.

686

M. E. F. GALLIPOLI

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No.

Regiment or Corps

Rank

Name

Dated

Terms of Service

Date of appointment

Numerical position on

Date of promotion to
present rank

to lance rank

roll of N.C.Os.

Extended

Re-engaged

Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, 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. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		DISMISSED AT ALEX- ANDRIA 18/3/16 77/15 REG. 05406			
4.3.16	C. 19 Bn	Awarded 7 days No2 F.P. Absence without leave from 9.30 am 27/1/16 to 9.30 am 27/2/16	Coppe	2.3.16	10/2/16 H. 22/16 17/16/18
		PROCD TO JOIN B.E.F ALEXANDRIA 18/3/16			DISMISSED / ALEXANDRIA -25/3/16
17.6.16	19th Bn	(1) Drunkenness (2) Conduct to the prejudice of the duty in discharge of duty. Awarded 20 days No2 F.P. 13/4/16	France	13/4/16	Br 62 28/1/16 -5
	do	Absent without leave from 9 am 12th to 9 am 15th Aug. (1916). Awarded 20 days No2 F.P. 15/8/16	"	15/8/16	Br 69 10/2/16 20/6/16 15/16

See to 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.
 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

National Archives of Australia

NAA B2455 TORPY THOMAS PATRICK

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, 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. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
14.10.16	P.O. 19th Bn	Absent from Service 10th & 11th October 1916 (7 1/2 hours) Awarded 28 days No2 F.P.	France	13/11/16	HP 9243 Br 67 -20 85/5350
9.11.16	do	(1) Drunkenness (2) Absent without leave from 8.30 am 4/11/16 to 10 am 5/11/16 (25 1/2 hours) Awarded 28 days No2 F.P.	"	6/11/16	HP 10065 Br 66 -20 9/1/17
14/11/16	do	MISSING	"	14/11/16	HP 11156 Br 63 -20 9/1/17 20/11/16
27.10.17	do	Previously reported Missing Now reported Killed in Action	"	14.11.16 14.11.16	Br 63 Br 43 V. 520 4/11/17 -20 9/1/17

ORIGINAL Copies forwarded to A.I.F. Hdqrs London Chief Paymaster
 Defence Melb with A P B 2090A 12/11/1917

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

Officer i/o Records Lieut

50651

11th April,

6.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication (undated), and to inform you the nearest approach to the soldier referred to is shown on the records in this office as No. 686 Private Thomas Patrick Torpy, 19th Battalion.

He enlisted as a member of the Australian Imperial Force at Liverpool, New South Wales on 25/2/15, giving his age at that date as 27 years, 8 months, occupation laborer. He was born at Braidwood, New South Wales, and next-of-kin is shown as mother residing in that Town.

Should the above soldier be identical with the subject of your enquiry, the following is his present postal address:-

No. 686 Private T. P. Torpy,
19th Battalion,
5th Infantry Brigade,
Australian Imperial Force,
Egypt.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/o Base Records.

Mrs. E. Anderson,
19 Cascade Street,
Paddington,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

✓
HE
-9/11/16
5/4

19 Cascade St-
Paddington

To the Base Record office
would you if possible kindly
furnish me with the address
of G. Torpy who left here
with the expeditionary forces
now in Egypt- Trusting you
will reply favourably

I remain
yours Sincerely
Eric Anderson

Address
E. Anderson
19 Cascade St-
Paddington
Sydney



M Mackay
5/4/16

The Passon

Marion 100

5th March 1917

NSW

The Officer in Charge

Base Recd

Victoria Barracks

Melbourne

Encl

Will you kindly let
us have only the name of the Battle in which
my son Tom Torpy of 656 19th Battalion fought,
and has been reported missing. I have already
written for word, and since hearing of my son
Frank & I trying to find him I am anxious to know of those whereabouts, and
information will be thankfully received -

Will you let me know at your earliest

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Robb

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Amie Torpy

COMMUNICATIONS
SECTION

MAR 7 1917

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LF 10 20 53

nothing later on cards 7-8-17 \$

20th August 1917.

British Red Cross, and Order of St. John

Hotel Christol

Boulogne-sur-mer.

June 4th 1917.

Dear Sir,

This is a report we have had about Private T.P. Torpy 686, 19th Australians:-

He was in C Company. He was killed on 14th Nov. 1916. I afterwards saw his body in front of Le Transloy, there was no opportunity for burial. He was short and dark.

Informant: Sergt. L. Franklin. 859.

19th A.I.F. 8. Coy.

Le Havre 29/5/17.

Yours faithfully,

SGD. Secretary
Wounded & Missing Dept.

Pte T.P. Torpy,
19th A.I.F.

D 36971 **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 } **19th BATTALION A.I.F.** Squadron, Troop, }
OR CORPS } Battery or Company }

Regimental No. **686** Rank **Private**

Surname **TORPY** Christian Names **Thomas Patrick**

Died { Date **14th November 1916** Place **France**

{ Cause of Death* **KILLED IN ACTION**

Nature and Date of Report **Army Form B213 dated 27.10.17.**

By whom made **Commanding Officer 19th Battalion A I F**

* 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.

Burial { Place **Particulars not yet to hand** Date _____

{ By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) **Will not** (b) in Small Book (if at Base) _____

a Will or not { (c) as a separate document **received**

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.

ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. *V. J. Lusk* **Lieut**
Date **B. E. F.** Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

12th November 1917 **Officer i/c Records**
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Statement made by No.859 Sgt Franklin L. 19th Bn

re No.686 Pte Torpy T.P. 19th Bn
Missing 14.11.16

Pte Torpy was killed 14th November at Flers.
He was not buried.

Dated at Perham Downs this 28th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) L. Franklin

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) R. Dooley Lt.

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Torpy

Lagoon
Braidwood

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Dear Sir

your letter dated 28th Sept 20
re Enquiry No. 686 P.T.P. Torpy 19
But i have to inform you that he
is still alive & the address at the
foot will find him

Yours Faithfully

Annie Torpy



M Torpy
Lagoon
Braidwood

Mum Blue
12/10

Mr. Hanson 12.10.20

Lagoon
Braidewood

5-2-1921

To the Officer in charge Base Records

Dear Sir

I would like a photograph—
also of the grave of my late son
(686) Pte T P Torpy 19 Battalion
Yours faithfully
Annie Torpy

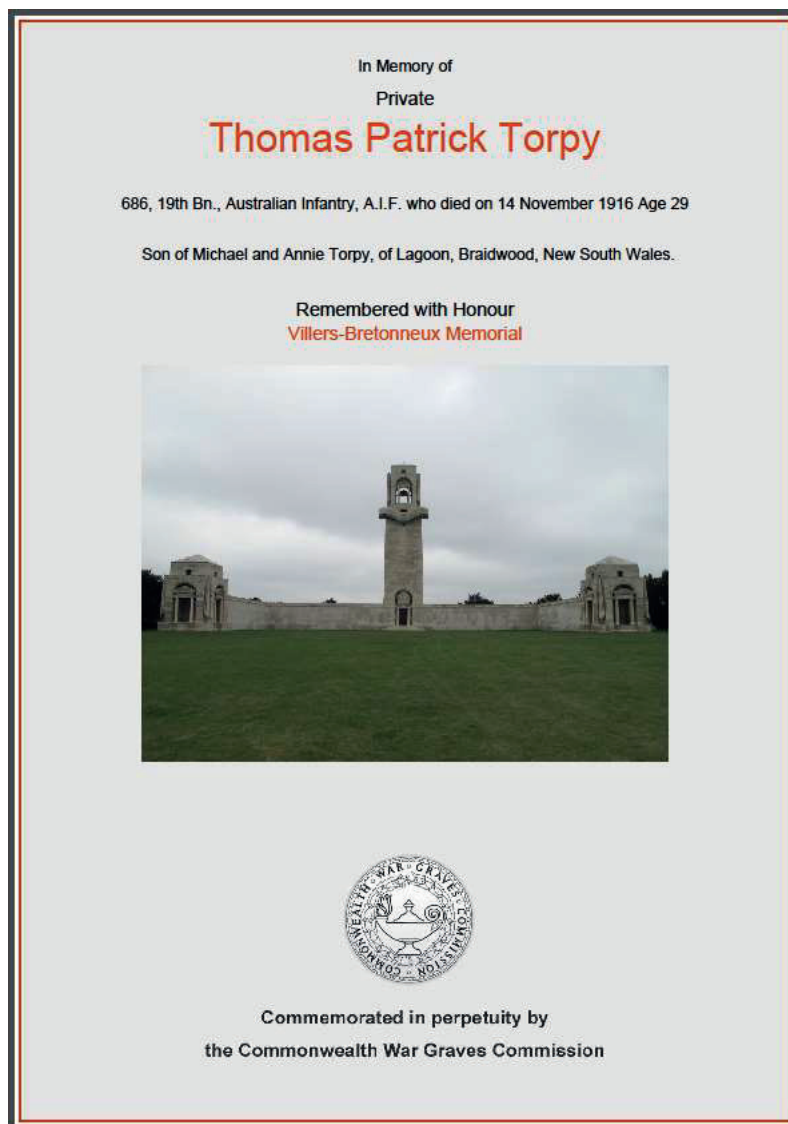


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Mrs M Torpy
Lagoon
Braidewood

6th 2nd 1921

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"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.

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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