

# **“For King and Country”**

Residents and those born on the  
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It is the soldier, not the minister, who has given us freedom of religion.  
It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the soldier, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.  
It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose  
coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.

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### **Absalom David John**

Private No.3057 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneers Battalion

Private Absalom was from Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 35 year old married miner when he enlisted on May 27, 1916. His wife was Jane Ann Absalom of Catherine Hill Bay. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916. <sup>1</sup>

### **Acland Elson Robert\***

Private No.6216 D Company 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 20<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Ackland was from Gosford.<sup>2</sup> He was a carpenter by trade and was single,. He was 21 years of age at embarkation from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on September 9, 1916.<sup>3</sup> His father was Alfred Albert Ackland, a railway ganger of Hill St in Gosford. Private Ackland had previous military experience when he served for 7 years in the senior cadets (compulsory training scheme) and in the 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Citizen Military Forces (C.M.F.). He enlisted on January 25, 1916. He was killed in the trench by shell fire on May 6, 1917 at Bullecourt in France.<sup>4/5</sup>

### **Acland Roy**

Private No.96258

Private Acland was a 20 year old single,, draper when he enlisted in November 4, 1918. He was one of the last to enlist and was discharged before leaving Australia. His father was Alfred Albert Acland of Hill St in Gosford. He previously serves as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of cadets.<sup>6</sup>

### **Adams Gilbert Warren**

Private, No.3561, 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Adams was 21 years of age and was a farmer from Empire Bay. His father was John Adams of Norfolk Island. He embarked on November 2, 1915 on HMAT A14

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<sup>1</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>2</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*.

<sup>3</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>5</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>6</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*



“Euripides. On August 2, 1919, he was discharged as being medically unfit suffering from epilepsy.”<sup>7</sup>

### **Adams Reginald John**

Private No.6459 Depot

Private Adams was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 22, 1916. His mother was Sarah Adams of Luddenham N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>8</sup> Private Adams of Wyong returned home from the war.<sup>9</sup>

### **Adams W.**

Infantry

Adams was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>10</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Adams W. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Aggett Albert Harold**

Private Infantry

Private Aggett was born at Gosford and lived at Woy Woy. He was 21 years old when he enlisted. He was discharged as medically unfit on October 3, 1915. His mother was Clara Blanche Aggett of “Louisville” in Woy Woy

### **Aggett H.**

Infantry

Aggett was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>11</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Aggett H. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

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<sup>7</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>8</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>9</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>10</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid*

### **Aggett Reginald Joseph Pretoria**

Private No.1681 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Aggett was born in Gosford. He was an 18 year old apprentice telephone mechanic when he enlisted on August 1, 1917. His mother was Ethel Aggett of 85 Davidville Rd, Marrickville in Sydney. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on February 28, 1918.<sup>12</sup>

### **Agst David Arno**

Private No.2781 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Agst was a 21 year old train shunter for the Department of Railways when he enlisted on July 25, 1915. His father was Carl Frederick Agst of Wentworthville in Sydney. He previously served as sergeant cadet in the school cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire on September 30, 1915.<sup>13</sup>

### **Akers Charles Alfred\***

Lance-Corporal No.2516 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Lance-Corporal Akers was from Kulnura. He was a 24 year old single,, orchardist when he enlisted on July 3, 1916. His mother was Mrs Mary Ellen Akers of Kulnura. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A11 “Ascanius” on October 25, 1916. Lance-Corporal Akers was killed as he was leaving Messines to go up to Passchendaele. He was in a shell hole at the time when at about 4 o’clock on the morning of October 13, 1917 he was killed instantly by a shell explosion.<sup>14</sup>

It was reported that Private Ackers who was from Kulnura was missing.<sup>15</sup> Private Ackers recently reported as missing was officially reported to have been killed in action by a shell in France. He was the only son of Mrs Ackers of Kulnura.<sup>16</sup>

### **Akers Henry Herbert**

Private No.36 36th Infantry Battalion

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<sup>12</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>13</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>14</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>15</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>16</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Akers was a 22 year old motor driver when he enlisted March 8, 1916. His father was Thomas Akers of the Royal Hotel in Ourimbah. He previously served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion A.I.F. for 18 months and was discharged as medically unfit due to a bullet wound. He embarked from Sydney on May 13, 1916 on board HMAT A72 “Beltana”.<sup>17</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mrs Akers received a telegram on Wednesday from the Secretary of Defence disclosing the sad news that her son, Private H. H. Ackers had been wounded in action at the Dardanelles.<sup>18</sup>

Herb Ackers, who had returned to the front and was, then in England did not expect to be sent to the firing line till after Christmas.<sup>19</sup> Later in a letter to his father he mentioned that he was now attached to a mortar battery and was getting all round experience.<sup>20</sup>

### **Akhurst Amos Ambrose**

Private No.124 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Tropical Unit.

Private Akhurst was born at Wyong. He was a 19 year old when he enlisted on June 10, 1916. His father was Frederick Joseph Akhurst of Wyong. He previously served in the cadets for 5 years. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Eastern” on November 28, 1914.<sup>21</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Akhurst resided in Wyong. He was entertained by the members of the Town Band at a Euchre Party and Social in the Literary Institute on Wednesday evening the previous week. There was a large attendance of townspeople and an enjoyable evening passed all too rapidly. After the euchre tournament, at which Miss H. Wilson and Mr Ray were the respective winners of the lady’s and gentlemen’s prizes, Mr Lloyd-Jones, on behalf of the Recruiting Association, presented Private Akhurst with a silver matchbox and in addition received from his fellow members of the Band a wristlet watch with the presentation being made by Mr Gersh Baker. He

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<sup>17</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*.

<sup>18</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, May, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>19</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>20</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>21</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*.

responded suitably. His brief speech was received with hilarity by the good nature of the audience.<sup>22</sup>

### **Ackhurst Cecil John**

Private

Private Akhurst was a 21 year old residing in Wyong. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>23</sup>

### **Alice William Henry**

Private No.8177 7<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers

Private Alice was born at Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 22 year old single,, blacksmith when he enlisted on January 20, 1916. His father was Henry Alce of Reservoir St, Pymble in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on April 14, 1916<sup>24</sup>

### **Alderton Charles**

Private No.1797 Camel Corps

Private Alderton was born at Woy Woy. He was an 18 year old when he enlisted on November 9, 1916. His father was George Alderton of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A7 "Medic" on December 12, 1916.<sup>25</sup>

### **Aldrich Victor Alexander**

Private No.9440 12<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

Private Aldrich was born at Wyong. He was a 23 year old single,, clerk when he enlisted on September 29, 1915. His father was Francis Aldrich of the Fisheries Department in Bridge St in Sydney. He embarked from Fremantle on HMAT 38 "Ulysses" on March 1, 1916.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>23</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>24</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid*

### **Alexander Alexander Norman\***

Signalman No.6946 2nd Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcement

Signalman Alexander was from Wyee.<sup>27</sup> He was 26 years old fettler on the railways when he enlisted on July 24, 1916. He embarked on November 9, 1916 on the “Benalla” and was the son of George and Ellen Alexander.<sup>28</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that the residents of Wyee turned out in force on Saturday night for the purpose of doing honour and making a presentation to Alexander who enlisted for the front and would soon be leaving shortly for the firing line. The send off was in the form of a social evening at the late residence of Mr Thornthwaite when dancing was indulged until 12 o'clock, refreshments being served in the meantime. During the night Signalman Alexander was presented with a silver wristlet watch suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by Mr J. Gavenlock an old resident of Wyee. Prior to enlisting Alexander was employed in the Permanent Way Branch of the Railway Department at Wyee and judging by the attendance and spirit shown he carried with him all the good wishes of all.<sup>29</sup>

It was reported that Private Alexander, the son of the Wyong Postmaster had been gassed and this being the third time resulted in him being put out of action.<sup>30</sup>

Signaller Alexander was killed on the morning of April 17, 1918 at Petit section at Bois near Hazebrouk. At about 7 a.m. he was standing in the doorway of a farm house which at the time was Company Headquarters. He had been killed instantly by a shell explosion which had landed about 40 yards away. Due to the heavy shelling his body had to remain till night time when a stretcher was brought to carry the body away.<sup>31</sup>

### **Allen Frederick James# Mention in Despatches (MID)**

Private No.4728 1st Battalion 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Allen was from Gosford. He was a 25 year old single, engine driver for the railways and lived at the Royal Hotel in Gosford when he enlisted on August 24, 1915.

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<sup>27</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

<sup>28</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>29</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>30</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>31</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

His father was J. Allen of Chaplin Rd, Willesdon Green in London, England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Star of England” on March 8, 1916. He was taken prisoner on July 19, 1916 by the Germans and was placed in a camp at Munster, Germany (Westphalia), and escaped on September 11, 1918 and reached Holland on 17th of the same month, finally reaching England October 5, 1918. He was mentioned in despatches “For gallant conduct and determination displayed in escaping, or attempting to escape, from captivity.” Awarded and promulgated *London Gazette* No. 31759 (January 30, 1920) *Commonwealth Gazette* No. 38 (April 29, 1920). He contacted influenza and bronchial pneumonia on October 19, 1918, and died at the Town Hall Hospital in Torquay in Exeter in England on October 26, 1918.<sup>32</sup>

Mr G. Bentley, of *The Gosford Times* staff received a post card from Private Allen (who prior to enlistment was employed as a cleaner at the Gosford railway station) which shows that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. Fred stated that he was in the best of health and jogging along as usual. He sent his kindest regards.<sup>33</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Allen, who was a prisoner of war in Germany, escaped to London. He was captured at Fleurbaix in July, 1916 and had worked long hours like a slave in the timber mills at Munster and was also underfed. When making his escape he tramped with an Englishman and a Canadian for six months in the soaking rain for one hundred miles towards Holland. During the last few days they were without food and had several close shaves, but avoided capture. Private Allen said that the Boches used to boast what they would do to England after their victory. They were now most depressed and resented any reference to the war, but still believed their submarines were starving England.<sup>34</sup>

### **Allen James**

Private

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<sup>32</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>33</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>34</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October 17, Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Private Allen was born in Wyong. He was 30 years old and his attestation papers from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>35</sup>

### **Allen Percy Bartholomew^**

Private No.1908 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Allen was from Brooklyn. He was a 31 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on January 27, 1915. His father was Bartholomew Allen of 18 City Markets in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915. On August 6, 1915 he suffered a gunshot wound to the head on Gallipoli and on October 7-8 he was admitted and transferred to base. He died of wounds on August 11, 1915 on board the hospital ship “Dunluce Castle” and was buried at sea between Anzac Cove and Malta.<sup>36</sup>

### **Anderson Alick Tonkin**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

Lieutenant Anderson was from Ourimbah and served right through the Boar War.<sup>37</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides on October 31, 1917.<sup>38</sup>

### **Anderson Harold John**

Private No.6211 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Anderson was from Yarramalong. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on September 11, 1916.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Anderson was the eldest son of Yarramalong’s teacher when he enlisted.<sup>39</sup> A send-off to Private Anderson took place on Friday night in Yarramalong and was well attended. He was presented with a wristlet watch.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>36</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>37</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>38</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>39</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>40</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Anderson Harold**

Private New Zealand Forces

On Friday Mr Neil Anderson received word that his only son died at sea on July 28, 1917. The deceased was the eldest of the family and enlisted with the New Zealand forces from Auckland. He was 38 years of age and was born at Sydney. Spending his boyhood days in Gosford, Private Anderson went to West Australia in the gold boom days and stayed there five years. Returning home he subsequently decided to go to New Zealand where he remained for about 14 years prior to enlisting. His respected father had been a resident of Gosford for 41 years.<sup>41</sup>

### **Anderson Lawrence Albert**

Private No.3719 Pioneers

Private Anderson was born at Gosford. He was a 31 year old single, iron moulder when he enlisted on June 2, 1917. His mother was Mrs Anderson of 21 Commonwealth St in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A28 "Miltiades" on August 2, 1917.<sup>42</sup>

### **Anderson William Andrew\***

Private No.701 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

Private Anderson was from Erina.<sup>43</sup> He was a 37 year old married horse driver when he enlisted on January 30, 1916. His wife was Ellen M. Anderson of "Edith" in Victoria Parade in Granville, Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916. On June 14, 1917, he suffered a gunshot wound to his right leg in Belgium. On August 16, 1917, he re-joined his Battalion. On October 13, 1917 he was reported as missing in action in Belgium. He was recorded as being killed in action on October 12, 1917. His name is recorded on Menin Gate in Belgium. Private Anderson was at Passchendaele at about 9.30 a.m., when he and some others took shelter in a German shell hole when a shell landed in the hole. Another man went over to see if there was any wounded but he reported that there were no bodies to be seen.<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>42</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>43</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

<sup>44</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*



*The Gosford Times* recorded that during the week Mrs J. J. Parry of Erina received word that her brother, Private Will Anderson of the 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion had been killed in action. He was reported missing on October 12, 1917. Private Anderson left Sydney on May 13, 1916 with Carmichael's Battalion. He left a wife and four little children.<sup>45</sup>

A cable was received on the Saturday announcing that Private Anderson from Gosford had been killed in action in France. A fine manly young fellow and everyone liked him.<sup>46</sup> He was 37 years and four months old when he enlisted.<sup>47</sup> It was later corrected that he had not been killed on September 3, 1917. Letters had just been received from him dated from September 11-15<sup>48</sup> and his memorial photo was on view in a local shop window for months.<sup>49</sup>

### **Anderson William J.**

Private 4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company

Private Anderson was from Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time. *The Gosford Times* recorded that he was incorrectly reported as having been killed in action some months earlier wrote to Mr Jack May saying,

I have met some of the Gosford boys including, Ern White, Jack Gibson, Harry Williams, J. Edwards and your own boy Harold.<sup>50</sup>

### **Anson Henry**

Sergeant No.1701 3rd Battalion

Sergeant Anson was a 22 year old single,, bushman when he enlisted on January 4, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A9 "Shropshire" on March 17,

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<sup>45</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>46</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>47</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>48</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>49</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>50</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

1915.<sup>51</sup> Sergeant Anson was from Ourimbah. It was reported that he had been seriously wounded for the third time and was in one of the soldier's hospital.<sup>52</sup>

### **Anson John**

Private No.2517 34th Battalion

Private Anson was a 25 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on September 27, 1916. His mother was Maggie Anson of Mandalong via Morisset. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Napier" on November 17, 1916.<sup>53</sup>

In *The Gosford Times* it was reported that Private Anson was from Mandalong and at a gathering of residents to wish God speed to Jack who was to shortly leave for the front; an advantage was taken of the occasion to present him with a wristlet watch. At the conclusion of an appropriate speech by Mr P. Kelly, the presentation was made by Miss Chapman. Private Anson was the younger son of Mr T. Anson of Mandalong. The other son was already in the firing line.<sup>54</sup>

### **Anthony K.**

Private

Private Anthony was from Gosford when he enlisted.<sup>55</sup> There is a number of Anderson K who went to World War 1 in National Archives. With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine which Anderson was connected to the Central Coast.

### **Archer Bruce Charles\***

Private No. 1297 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion G Coy

Private Archer was from Lisarow. He was a 20 years old single,, baker when he enlisted on August 31, 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on October 20, 1914.<sup>56</sup> On August 6, 1915 at Lone Pine Private Archer and other were

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<sup>51</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>52</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3.. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>53</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>54</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>55</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>56</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

participating in a charge when he was seen to fall and was not seen alive again. Another soldier saw Archer dead about 8 a.m. that morning from a gunshot wound to the chest.<sup>57</sup>

### **Archibald Alexander**

Private No. 3452 14<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Archibald was born at Wamberal<sup>58</sup> and lived at Erina.<sup>59</sup> He was a 22 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on October 19, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December 12, 1915.<sup>60</sup> His brothers were George and William Archibald

Private Archibald, son of Mr and Mrs William Archibald was wounded in action.<sup>61</sup> Mrs received a cable stating that her son Private Archibald had contacted trench fever.<sup>62</sup>

### **Archibald George^**

Sergeant No.3453 14<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalio

Sergeant Archibald was an 18 year old single,, orchardist when he enlisted on October 18, 1915. His father was W. Archibald. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December 12, 1915.<sup>63</sup> Sergeant Archibald was from Erina. His brother was Alex. He was promoted to Sergeant and was reported that he had been wounded. It was later reported that he had been dangerously wounded in the arm and thigh.<sup>64</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mrs W. Archibald of Erina received two letters from a nurse in France, one dated November 12, 1917, saying that her son was wounded in the right arm and thigh. His arm was so severely wounded that it had to be amputated on November 9. His condition at that time was poor. The other letter dated November 19, 1918 stated that he was improving.<sup>65</sup> Early in September with some other men he

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<sup>57</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>59</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*.

<sup>60</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>61</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>62</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>63</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>64</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>65</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

was temporally attached to the miners at Ypres. They had been combined with some Canadians to form a sapping party. Archibald was the sergeant and Canadian officers were in charge. He was working on a windlass at one of the saps. At dinner time he was getting into his dug-out, legs foremost with his Dixie to have his dinner when a German mortar was thrown from a trench mortar and burst in his trench and Sergeant Archibald was hit with fragments.<sup>66</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that one of the most successful functions organised by the lady members of the Erina Branch of the Red Cross was held on Friday night when a welcome home social was tendered to Lance-Corporal George Archibald. He was wounded in battle on the western front in France, resulting in the loss of his right arm. Erina Hall was nicely decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting and so on. Banquet tables were tastefully set out and so large was the attendance of those who gathered to do honour to the returned soldier that the tables had to be set twice.

Rev. A. Renwick acted as chairman and after a verse of the National Anthem had been sung, Mr J. M. McDonald proposed “Our Gallant Allies.” The speaker said it was an honour to have the privilege of proposing so important a toast. The Allies were notably playing their part in the unflinching determination to stand shoulder to shoulder till victory was reached and Prussianism was crushed forever. It was because of Germany’s preparedness that she had been able to stand out for so long, but there were unmistakable signs now that her power was waning. The glorious achievements of the Italians, and the transport of a million Americans on the western front, had altered the military situation and we had every reason to feel confident he said that, with the help of God victory would rest with the Allies.

Rev. A. Renwick then proposed the health of the guest of the evening. In doing so, he complimented the Erina people upon the splendid way they did things, upon the harmony and unity that always characterised social reunions of the kind shown and in his opinion the way of Erina might well be studied, learned and copied by those living in other parts of the district. They all got together that night he said on the one footing to welcome home a brave lad who with God’s blessing had returned from the

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<sup>66</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*.

war. "Blessed is the man whom the King delighteth to honour," so the old saying went, but blessed indeed was the man whom the people delighted in honouring.

Rev. Renwick then presented on behalf of the residents with an inscribed gold medallion and in doing so said that everyone was proud of him and appreciated his noble actions in going forth to fight for King and Country. Mr J. M. McDonald responded on behalf of Lance-Corporal Archibald. Mr A. M. Davis proposed "The Parents of Our Gallant Soldier." Mr W. Archibald had three sons at the front. One had returned wounded and word was received the day before that another son Private W. Archibald had also been wounded.

It was the parents who were responsible for the glorious name that Australians had made on the other side. Mr W. Archibald in responding thanked the residents for their kindness and particularly referred to the splendid work done by the ladies of the Red Cross, who not only attended to affairs in connection with local send-off and in welcome home, but never tired of sending parcels to the boys at the front. "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr W. H. Weiss and acknowledged by Sergeant Forrest, Gunner Hugh Kennedy and Mr S. Dwyer. Mr R. J. Baker proposed "Our Boys at the Front," and Mr H. L. Whittell "The Ladies."<sup>67</sup>

### **Archibald William**

Private No.7440 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Archibald was a 30 year old married orchardist. His wife was Lilian May Archibald of Wamberal.<sup>68</sup> Private Archibald from Wamberal wrote to say that they had arrived in England and had a good time at Durban, South Africa, a port of call. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" on June 14, 1917.<sup>69</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>68</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>69</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that he said he was suffering from rheumatics and at the time was in hospital. He said he expected to get back to camp soon and to remember him to all his old friends at Wamberal and thanked all those who helped to put his orchard in order.<sup>70</sup> He later stated that he was nearly as well as ever and hoped to be soon back in the firing line.<sup>71</sup> It was later reported that Private Archibald had joined up with his Battalion in France.<sup>72</sup>

Mr W. Archibald was informed that his son had been severely wounded. Three of his sons went to war and had been in the firing line. One had returned without an arm and one was still fighting on in France.<sup>73</sup> He was the brother-in-law of Private William Redgate.<sup>74</sup> It was recorded that Private Archibald was on the convalescent list.<sup>75</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that a welcome home social was tendered to Private Archibald, who had returned home wounded. A most enjoyable evening was spent with Mr W. H. Weiss in the chair. Mr M. Ward J. P., on behalf of the residents presented him with an inscribed pendant, which Mrs E. T. Andrew pinned on to his breast amid much applause. Among the speakers was Mr C. J. Loxton, K.C., whose sincerity and earnest was always so impressive. Private Archibald then responded.<sup>76</sup>

### **Archbold Gerald\***

Private No.20006 Army Medical Corps, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade

Private Archbold was from Narara. He was a 20 year old orchardist. His father was Frederick Richard Archbold of “Baroona” in Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Lydelton” on June 24, 1918. He was killed in action on June 5, 1918 in France<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>70</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>71</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>72</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>73</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>74</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>75</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>76</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, January, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>77</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Archbold had enlisted and was in camp. He underwent two operations to become medically fit.<sup>78</sup> While he was extremely grateful to all his friends and well-wishes at Narara, he requested that no person contribute to the proposed send-off to him as he would not be present. He said “England expects that every man will do his duty.”<sup>79</sup> He was the son of Mr F. R. Archbold, Erina Shire President and sailed from Sydney to the war on June 24, 1918.<sup>80</sup>

On Saturday Mr F. R. Archbold received a cable stating that his son had been admitted to 47<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital in Egypt suffering from severe dysentery.<sup>81</sup> At a later date Mr Archbold received a cable stating that his son, Acting Corporal Archbold, recently reported seriously ill in hospital was progressing favourably.<sup>82</sup>

### **Archbold William James**

Private No.3257 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Archbold was an 18 year old farmer when he enlisted on February 21, 1916. His father was James Archbold of Newberry Junction, Mackay in Queensland. He embarked from Sydney on December 23, 1916 on board HMAT A64 “Demosthenes”.<sup>83</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that a social send-off was given to Private Archbold at Mr Cashin’s Hall in Wamberal, on Friday night, January 19, 1917. Over 100 friends and well-wishers were present. Mr Manassas Ward was in the chair. Proceedings were opened by Mr Cashin rendering “God Save the King”, “Rule Britannia” and “The Masellaise” on his modern phonograph, with the audience joining in the “National Anthem”. Several songs and recitation were then given, the popular Mr Coulson rendering exceptionally good items. Bob Buckingham was encored for his recitation,

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<sup>78</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>79</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>80</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>81</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>82</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>83</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

“The Kaiser’s Dream,” which greatly amused the audience with “Bob Brown, You’re Spotted.”

The Chairman then in a few words introduced Private Archbold, his wife and mother saying they deserved the praise of everyone. Private Archbold enlisted because he felt it his duty to do so, although he already had two brothers at the front with one wounded. His wife also had three brothers wearing khaki, one being severely wounded and at present in the hospital at Randwick and another wounded in France.

Mr Loxton K.C. gave a most instructive and vigorous recruiting speech. He said that Private Archbold was to be applauded for his sacrifice to duty, especially as being the owner of a splendid orchard, which he had established by his own energies and having a wife and child besides his parents, he might easily have been excused without being called “a striker”, considering the great number without ties who could enlist, but would not, many of whom were to be seen daily fishing, shooting, at race meetings and so on, otherwise enjoying themselves. He wished Private Archbold bon voyage, a safe return to his loved ones and hoped his enlisting would be the means of other recruits from the district coming forward.

Mr E. Robson, Mr C. Redgate, Mr E. Ruff and Mr Rosamond also spoke in the very highest terms as to Private Archbold’s excellent character and wished him good luck. The Chairman then called upon Mr Archie Campbell to make the presentation, which he did in a very neat and appropriate manner. The gifts from the people of Wamberal were a wristlet watch, patent safety razor and a pair of military brushes; from his parents a combination knife, fork and spoon, also a money belt; from his sister, Mrs A. Brown a dozen khaki handkerchiefs; from his sister Mrs W. Brown, a testament and from the Tumby Umbi Red Cross League, a parcel of socks and other comforts.

Private Archbold thanked them all for their very great kindness and said he valued the gifts because he felt that he had the love and good-will of his very good friends present. The proceedings ended by singing “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow” and three cheers for “Billy” three more for his wife and three once again for his parents. After partaking the good things provided by the ladies, the Hall was cleared and dancing indulged in until the small hours, the dance music being provided by the Tumby Umbi Band. Thanks



were given to Miss Agnes Wilson of Terrigal for her very great help as accompanist on the piano throughout, also to Mrs Cashin and other including Mrs Morling, who kindly lent her piano for the occasion.<sup>84</sup> He died on May 26, 1918.<sup>85</sup>

### **Argaet Charles Ward**

Private No.21015 Hospital Transport Corp, No.1 Australian Hospital Ship

Private Argaet was a farmer from Tuggerah. He was a 39 year old married farmer when he enlisted on May 10, 1918. His wife was Florence May Argaet of Tuggerah. He previously served for 18 months in the N.S.W. Mounted Rifles. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT “No. 1 Hospital Ship” on September 18, 1918.<sup>86</sup>

### **Armitage Claude**

Private No.16078 1st Field Squadron Engineers

Private Armitage was born at Wyong. He was a 21 year old single,, man when he enlisted on August 6, 1916. His father was William John Armitage of Maitland. He embarked from Adelaide on board HMAT A41 “Bakara” on November 4, 1916.<sup>87</sup>

### **Armitage William James Eric**

Private No.2939 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Armitage was born in Wyee. He was an 18 year old single,, junior draftsman when he enlisted on June 26, 1915. His mother was Clara Armitage of Maitland Rd, Islington in Newcastle. He previously served in the cadets and the Australian Garrison Artillery. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on September 30, 1915.<sup>88</sup>

### **Artup Edward Harold Victor**

Private No.6458 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>84</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>85</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>86</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>87</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>88</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

Private Artup was from Tuggerah. He was a 22 year old married clerk when he enlisted on May 10, 1916. His wife was Gladys Artup of Tuggerah. He previously served in the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916. He was wounded in France.<sup>89</sup>

### **Ashdown Stanley Alfred**

Private No.126 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian General Hospital

Private Ashdown was from Morisset.<sup>90</sup> He was a 23 year old single,, hospital attendant when he enlisted on September 19, 1914. His father was Thomas Ashdown of 11 Warnley St in Gravesend. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914.<sup>91</sup>

### **Atkins Alfred Stanley#**

Private No.5970A 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Atkins was from Tuggerah.<sup>92</sup> He was single, and a labourer and died of illness in England.<sup>93</sup> There is no medical record to say how he died. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916.<sup>94</sup>

### **Atkins Arthur Shoobridge\***

Corporal No.2763 40<sup>th</sup> Battalion 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Corporal Atkins was from Wyong and enlisted on June 9, 1916. He was 38 years old married orchardist when he enlisted. He embarked from Melbourne on board the “Orsova” on December 6, 1916 and arrived in Plymouth on February 17, 1917. He previously served for 2 years in the Southern Rhodesian Volunteers. He was killed in action instantly by a shell on October 6, 1917 in Ypres in Belgium. The Red Cross files held by the Australian War Memorial does not give any details of his death.<sup>95</sup>

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<sup>89</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>90</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>91</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>92</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country’s Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>93</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>94</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>95</sup> *Ibid*

### **Atkins Frank Rowland**

Lance-Corporal No.4431 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Atkins was an 18 year old single,, timber cutter when he enlisted on October 5, 1915. His father was William Alfred Atkins of Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on January 15, 1916.<sup>96</sup>

Lance-Corporal Atkins was the son of Mr and Mrs W. A. Atkins of Woodport. It had been reported that he had been missing. It had been found that he was slightly wounded in the first attack at Pozieres on the night of July 22-23, 1916 by a bullet wound in the shoulder. He was, it was reported, to be doing well at the detail camp at Etaples.<sup>97</sup> His brother Private Horace Atkins also served in the A.I.F.

### **Atkins Horace**

Private No. 4426 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Atkins was from Woodport. He was a 34 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on September 10, 1915. His father was W. A. Atkins of Gosford. He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT A62 “Wandilla” on January 31, 1916.<sup>98</sup> He died suddenly of heart failure in Mametz-Albert in France on January 27, 1917.<sup>99</sup> His brother Lance-Corporal Frank Rowland Atkins also served in the A.I.F.

### **Atkinson George Edward**

Private No.3756 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Atkinson was a 23 year old orchardist when he enlisted on September 9, 1915. His mother was Caroline Atkinson of Cardiff in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on January 20, 1916.<sup>100</sup>

### **Attenborough William Milroy**

Private No.330 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, C Coy.

Private Attenborough was born at Wyong. He was a 19 year old single,, saw sharpener when he enlisted on August 18, 1914. His mother was Mrs Attenborough of 42 Ryan

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<sup>96</sup> National Archives, *op cit.*

<sup>97</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>98</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>99</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>100</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

St in Lilyfield Sydney. He later married and his wife was Mrs William Attenborough of 47 Gosford St in Liverpool, England. He previously served 6 years in St George's Rifles militia and was still serving when he enlisted. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 "Afric" on October 18, 1914.<sup>101</sup>

### **Ausburn Albert Charles**

Private No. 703 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

Private Ausburn was from Tuggerah.<sup>102</sup> He was a 21 year old wheelwright when he enlisted on February 14, 1916. His father was James Edward Ausburn of Henry St, Penrith in Sydney. He was at the time still serving in the militia.<sup>103</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916.<sup>104</sup>

### **Austin Arthur Thomas**

Private No.4428 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneers

Private Austin was from Erina. He was a 24 year old single,, railway employee when he enlisted on October 5, 1915. His sister was Eileen Elizabeth Herring of Lisarow. He embarked from Sydney on board "RMS Osterley" on January 15, 1916.<sup>105</sup>

### **Aylward Thomas William**

Private No.20186 6<sup>th</sup> Training Squad Australian Flying Corps

Private Aylward was a 25 year old single,, sail maker when he enlisted on January 24, 1917. His mother was Catherine Aylward of 36 Little Edward St in Springfield, Brisbane Queensland. He previously served 10 years in the Australian Naval Reserve and was previously medically unfit for service. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A71 "Nestor" on November 21, 1917.<sup>106</sup> Private Aylward was from Morisset.

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<sup>101</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>102</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>103</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>104</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>105</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>106</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>107</sup>

### **Ayrton Eric Guyong**

Private No.6030 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Ayrton was a 19 year old single,, cleaner when he enlisted on August 18, 1916. His father was Pelhan Ayrton of Woodcrock St, Waverton N.S.W. He embarked form Sydney on board HMAT A11 "Ascanius" on October 25, 1916.<sup>108</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Ayrton previously of the Hawkesbury River Bridge Guards was farewelled at the Convent of Mercy Hall in Brooklyn. The function was organised by Sergeants S. Sheehan and Gillard of the Guards. Lieutenant H. E. Naughten presented Ayrton with a wristlet watch on behalf of his comrades and while Master Vincent Kelly presented a silver boomerang and cigarette case (his own gift).<sup>109</sup>

### **Bailey Albert Lyall^**

Private No.6047 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Bailey was born at St. Albans. He was a 23 year old single,, stockman when he enlisted o October 12, 1916. His father was A. J. Bailey of St. Albans. He embarked from Sydney on July 10, 1917 on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on November 25, 1916. He suffered a gunshot wound to the head and died that day at No. 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium.<sup>110</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that news had been received by his parents of the death of their son somewhere in France. Private Bailey was a big strong young man and one who would inspire his mates with courage. It was a great pity that such a fine type of soldier, a man of such splendid physique with the iron constitution that he possessed, should have fallen so soon. No wonder the enemy have a wholesome dread of Australians such as he was. The only particulars at hand at the time were that he was

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<sup>107</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>108</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>109</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>110</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

hit in the head by a bullet and died the day after. He was the son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Bailey of St. Albans. Rev. A. P. Hannington held a memorial service on Sunday last.<sup>111</sup>

### **Bailey Cecil Henry<sup>^</sup>**

Private No.6 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Company

Private Bailey was from Hawkesbury.<sup>112</sup> He was 20 years old when he enlisted and was single, and an electrician by trade. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” on December 22, 1914. He was wounded in Gallipoli and died of his wounds May 7, 1915 in No. 17 General Hospital in Alexandria, Egypt.<sup>113</sup>

### **Bailey Clarence John**

Private No.5899 Machine Gun Battalion

Private Bailey was born at Yarramalong. He was a 19 year old single,, orchardist when he enlisted on May 27, 1918. His mother was Victoria Sofia Bailey of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918.<sup>114</sup>

On Saturday night last he and four others were entertained at a farewell social in the Ourimbah School of Arts, the attendances being exceptionally large and thoroughly representative. The organisers were Mrs S. Bridges, Mrs W. H. Foott, Mrs W. M. Reid, Mrs Coghlan, Mrs C. Ingram, Mrs Eaton and Miss Murphy. Mrs Read was the Secretary and Mrs Ingram Treasurer. In a neat speech Mrs Bridges made a presentation to each recruit from the ladies of an air cushion and mirror and on behalf of Mrs Luxford a pair of socks. The purport of Mrs Bridge’s speech was most appropriate and timely and will doubtless long be remembered by the recipients and all present.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that on behalf of Mr A. S. Jaques, Mr F. D. Burns read an address which contained sound and useful advice to the recruits and presented each of them with a gold ring. The gallant young men also received other presents from friends at Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong. Mr F. R. Archbold, Shire President, spoke highly of the recruits for their noble resolution and earnestly pointed out the necessity for more

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<sup>111</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>112</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*.

<sup>113</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>114</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

recruits in the present struggle for right, freedom and justice, as opposed to the arrogant claim of the semi-demented Kaiser to rule the world by the sword.

Private Anthony of Tuggerah, a returned soldier also addressed the meeting in suitable terms. Private Bailey responded for the presentation made by Mrs Bridges. Mr W. M. Reid responded on behalf of the recruits for Mr Jacques presents. The National Anthem having been sung in the good old loyal manner, the assemblage engaged in dancing to excellent music by the piano by Mrs Eaton, while the others looked on at the bright merry gathering and no doubt talked of the good old times. During the evening several musical items were rendered by friends. The hall was beautifully decorated by many willing hands and there was no lack of cordial help for the organisers when refreshments were heralded. Shortly before midnight the assemblage sang in the orthodox style the good old Scottish favourite “Auld Lang Syne.” The boys had a hearty send-off on Sunday evening by their many friends when they left by train to resume their duties at camp.<sup>115</sup>

### **Bailey Hercules Rupert**

Private

Private Bailey was a 26 year old residing in Wyong. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>116</sup>

### **Bailey Joseph**

Private No. 5652 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Coy

Private Bailey was a 30 year old married labourer when he enlisted on February 7, 1916. His wife was Kathleen Bailey of 43 Foveaux St Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on June 3, 1916.<sup>117</sup>

### **Baines Arthur**

Private No.2114 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

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<sup>115</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>116</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>117</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

Private Baines was from Mangrove Mountain. He was a 23 year old single,, farmer when he enlisted on April 4, 1915. His father was George Baines of Manor Farm, Hampstead in Birmingham, England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A63 “Karoola” on June 16, 1915.<sup>118</sup>

### **Baker Charles**

Private Depot

Private Baker was a 31 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on April 29. 1916. His next of kin was Mrs N. King of 69 Leathwain St Clapham Common in London.<sup>119</sup>

### **Bale Harold\***

Private No.1237 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Bale was from Yarramalong.<sup>120</sup> He was a 21 year old single,, electrician when he enlisted on September 9, 1914. His father was S. H. Bale of Gundagai N.S.W. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A46 “Clan McGillivray” on February 2, 1915. He was killed in action on August 27, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>121</sup>

### **Ballinger Arthur Percival^**

Private No.2108 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Ballinger was from Ourimbah. He was a 26 year old orchardist when he enlisted on May 10, 1915. His mother was Mrs Emily Ballinger of Folly House, Coleford Gloucestershire in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A63 “Karoola” on June 16, 1915. On August 6, 1915 he suffered a gunshot wound to his chest at Lone Pine and was transferred to England on September 20, 1915. On October 5, 1915 he suffered a gunshot wound to the left thorax and fractured ribs. He was discharged on October 28, 1915 and was invalided to Australia on board “Themistocles” and discharged from the army permanently as medically unfit.<sup>122</sup>

### **Banks Arthur Thomas\***

Private No.5331 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>118</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>119</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>120</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>121</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>122</sup> *Ibid*



*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mr R. Banks of Matcham was informed on Saturday morning, that his son Private Arthur Thomas Banks had been killed in action in France on November 1, 1916. He was 25 year old and was born at Brisbane and when he was a baby his parents moved to Parramatta where he lived until 1910 leaving the historic old town for Matcham. He was a cabinet-maker by trade and was a member of the staff of Toogood and Jones of Parramatta when he enlisted as a private in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements the previous December. He frequently came to Matcham and became well known and respected as the type of young Australian. His death was sincerely regretted. The cable announcing his death was received by Rev. A. Renwick, Rector of Christ Church in Gosford.<sup>123</sup>

### **Banks Thomas**

Private No.58997

Banks was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>124</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Banks Thomas was the local resident of the Central Coast. Private Banks embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918.<sup>125</sup>

### **Bardi Frank**

Private

There is no Frank Bardi listed in the National Archives for service during World War 1. It is possible that he was called Frank by his friends and that his first name was different when he enlisted. *The Gosford Times* recorded that a recruit from Tumby Umbi at the time was in the employ of Mr Rosamond and that he was a nephew of Mr Brough of this district enlisted at Newcastle and went to camp.<sup>126</sup>

### **Barnes Reginald Frederick\***

Private No.1314 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>123</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>124</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>125</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>126</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Barnes was from Wyong. He was 20 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on December 8, 1914. His mother was Mrs S. Barnes of Hermitage Rd, Finsbury Park in London, England. He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT A48 “Seang Bee” on February 13, 1915. He was wounded by a shell to his right wrist in Gallipoli on July 7, 1915. He then went to France where he was killed in action on April 15, 1917 at Noreuil.<sup>127</sup>

### **Barnes Samuel\***

Private No.5311 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Barnes was from Kanwal.<sup>128</sup> He was a 42 year old married pipe machine fitter when he enlisted on March 6, 1915. His wife was Mary Ann Barnes of 12 Bank Avenue, Daceyville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916.<sup>129</sup>

He was killed in action on April 14, 1917. He had been shot in the head just as the men were ordered back to the trenches from the open when the Germans were advancing. He was buried in a support trench.<sup>130</sup>

### **Barron William John**

Private No.5922 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Barron was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 38 year old married veterinary surgeon when he enlisted on June 6, 1918. His wife was L. Barron of Darlinghurst in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A30 “Borda” July 17, 1918.<sup>131</sup>

### **Bartlett Alfred**

Private Depot

Private Bartlett was born at Wollombi. He was a 22 year old single,, carpenter when he enlisted. His mother lived at Laguna N.S.W.<sup>132</sup>

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<sup>127</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>128</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>129</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>130</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>131</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>132</sup> *Ibid*

### **Bateup John\***

Private No.2531 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Bateup was a 20 year old single,, labourer, whose address was at the Wyee Post Office when he enlisted on September 19, 1916. His previous military training was with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry in the Compulsory Military Training scheme. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Napier” on November 17, 1916. He was killed in action when he and others went over the top and was killed by high explosive at Messines in France on June 8, 1917.<sup>133</sup>

### **Bayliss Edward Oscar**

Private No.4439 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Bayliss was from Woy Woy.<sup>134</sup> He was a 37 year old married tram driver when he enlisted on August 12, 1915. His wife was Alice Maud Bayliss of 29 Fitzroy St, Summer Hill in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A70 “Ballarat” on December 16, 1916.<sup>135</sup>

### **Beadman William James Frederick**

His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time. *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Beadman was at Bramshott Camp Hospital and was doing well where he was expected to be back in the firing line.<sup>136</sup>

### **Bean Albert Henry\***

Private No 5986 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Bean was a 21 year old market gardener when he enlisted. His father was Albert Arthur Bean of Queanbeyan, N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire on August 22, 1916.<sup>137</sup> He was killed in action on April 11, 1917. The Battalion was in action at Bullecourt and they went over the top at 5 a.m. and about a quarter of an hour later he was seriously wounded in the arm. He said to another soldier

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<sup>133</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>134</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

<sup>135</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>136</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>137</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

that he was going back and he was able to walk. He was reported missing and later a Court of Enquiry held in June found that he was killed in action<sup>138</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Bean was from Wamberal. He was for some years in the employ of Mr Forbes Campbell as a market gardener and was popular with everybody.<sup>139</sup>

### **Beattie A.\***

*The Gosford Times* recorded that he was from Tuggerah.<sup>140</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Beattie A. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Beattie Charles**

Private No. 6466 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Beattie was born at Gosford. He was a 24 year old single,, plasterer when he enlisted on March 11, 1915. His brother was Kenneth Beattie of Wingello N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on September 30, 1916.<sup>141</sup>

### **Beattie Ernest**

Private No.2292 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Beattie was born at Ourimbah. He was an 18 year old single,, baker when he enlisted. His father was John Arnold Beattie of Mann St in Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on September 30, 1915.<sup>142</sup>

### **Beattie R.\***

*The Gosford Times* recorded that he was from Tuggerah.<sup>143</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Beattie R. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

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<sup>138</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>139</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>140</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

<sup>141</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>142</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>143</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

### **Beavan Amos Reynolds**

Private Depot

Private Beavan was born at Wollombi. He was a 25 year old married police constable when he enlisted. His wife was Verlie Beavan of 9 Young St in Neutral Bay in Sydney.<sup>144</sup>

### **Beavan George**

Private Depot

Private Beavan was born at Wollombi. He was a 21 year old single,, shop assistant when he enlisted on May 15, 1916. His father was John Beavan of Dumaresque St in Cooks Hill N.S.W. He previously served 6 months in 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia.<sup>145</sup>

### **Beckingham Stephen Henry**

Private

Private Beckingham was a 27 year old orchardist when he enlisted on March 14, 1917. His father was E. Beckingham of Tumbi Umbi.<sup>146</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Beckingham was from Tumbi Umbi and was entertained at a send-off. A goodly number of residents were present to wish him a safe return. Speeches were made by Mr E. Robson, Mr P. Nolan and Mr Sullivan. Mr C. Redgate responded on Private Beckingham's behalf. A most enjoyable and social evening was spent concluding with the National Anthem.<sup>147</sup> Private Beckingham, writing home said it fell to his sad task to bury Bill Redgate and said that they put a wooden cross over his grave.<sup>148</sup>

### **Bell Darcy**

Private No. 3507 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>144</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>145</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>146</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>147</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>148</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Darcy was from Gosford. He was a 28 year old labourer when he enlisted on August 5, 1915. His father was Jack Bell of Woodstock in N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 “Port Lincoln” on October 13, 1915.<sup>149</sup> He was 29 years of age when he was discharged as medically unfit. He was struck by a Sydney train in the Woy Woy tunnel and died in 1917.<sup>150</sup>

### **Bellia Francis**

Signaller No.7209 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 24th Reinforcement

Private Bellia was from Tuggerah. He was a 27 year old married driver when he enlisted on January 23, 1917. His wife was S. H. Bellia of “Meroo” in Tavistock Rd, Flemington in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917. On February 13, 1918 he suffered from scabies. He was acting signaller at headquarters at the time of his death when he was killed in action on April 17, 1918 in France by a shell explosion near Stazeele. A farm house was being used as headquarters when it was heavily shelled and Private Bellia was doing duty there and was ordered to occupy a trench near there for safety but it was hit by a high explosive shell and he was killed instantly<sup>151</sup> leaving behind three little children and was the brother-in-law of Mrs J. J. Parry of Erina.<sup>152</sup>

### **Belling J. R.**

Trooper

His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time. *The Gosford Times* recorded that at Courangra on Saturday Trooper Belling was at the residence of Mr S. Warland and accorded a send-off by his friends and was presented with several gifts including tobacco pouch, wristlet watch and Balaclava cap.<sup>153</sup> There is no record of a Belling J. R. in the National Archives.

### **Bennett Athol Rupert**

Private No.2531 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>149</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>150</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>151</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>152</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>153</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Bennett was a 22 year old single,, farmer when he enlisted on September 26, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on November 9, 1916.<sup>154</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Athol Bennet of Ebenezer was accorded a send-off by the settlers on the Hawkesbury River in the School of Arts, Lower Portland before his departure on active service. Private Bennet was presented with a gold mounted fountain pen.<sup>155</sup>

### **Bennett Leslie Norman**

Private No.66184 57<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Bennett was born at Brooklyn. He was a 20 year old single,, motor mechanic when he enlisted on May 17, 1918. His mother was Esther Bennett of 125 Rose St, Darlington in Sydney. He embarked from Melbourne on board SS “Zealandic” on October 5, 1918.<sup>156</sup>

### **Bennett William Alexander Donald**

Private No.3356 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Bennett was born at Gosford. He was 32 years of age when he enlisted in 1917. His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A16 “Port Melbourne” on July 16, 1917.<sup>157</sup>

### **Bentley Ernest Richard**

Private No.3708 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Bentley was a 25 year old law clerk when he enlisted on August 11, 1915. His father was G. W. Bentley of “Dyrabba” of Addison Rd Marrickville in Sydney. He previously served 4 years as a senior cadet in Tenterfield and was a member of a rifle club for 12 months. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on December 20, 1915 and was a brother of Lionel Bentley who also served.<sup>158</sup>

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<sup>154</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>155</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>156</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>157</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>158</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Bentley, who returned from the war some time earlier died in Randwick Hospital on Thursday aged 27 years. Before enlisting he was employed in the Wyong office of Mr R Harris, solicitor.<sup>159</sup> He was interred at Rockwood Cemetery. He enlisted with the A. I. F., but he was invalided home suffering from diabetes.<sup>160</sup>

### **Bentley Harold Ernest Henry\***

Private No.4983 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Bentley was from Tuggerah.<sup>161</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on June 5, 1916. He was wounded on June 7, 1917.<sup>162</sup>

### **Bentley Lionel Samuel^**

Lance-Corporal No.1779 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Bentley was from the Wyong district.<sup>163</sup> He was a 20 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on June 11, 1915. His father was G. W. Bentley of “Dyrabba” in Addison Rd, Marrickville in Sydney. He previously served as a cadet in the Compulsory Military Training. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A61 “Kanowna” on June 19, 1915. He suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen and died at the 16<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on August 28, 1915 at Hill 60 in Gallipoli. His brother was Ernest Richard Bentley who also served.<sup>164</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that on Tuesday morning Mr G. W. Bentley, a member of the staff of *The Gosford Times* received word that his brother Lance-Corporal Lionel S. Bentley had died from wounds received in action at the Dardanelles. As this was the first intimation that Mr Bentley had received from his brother had been wounded it

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<sup>159</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>160</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>161</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>162</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>163</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>164</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*



naturally came as a great shock. Lionel was only 16 years of age when he sailed.<sup>165</sup> Yet the official records show that his age at the time of death was 17 years and 9 months but the cemetery records and gravestone at Embarkation Pier Cemetery, a special memorial at Gallipoli says he was 19 years of age.<sup>166</sup>

### **Benzing Christian William**

Private No.1118 Depot

Private Benzing was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 19 year old single,, drapery salesman when he enlisted on September 25, 1914. His next of kin was Susannah Miriam Benzing of Dinmore St, Rochdale in Sydney. He previously served in the militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914.<sup>167</sup>

### **Beresford John James**

Private No.6473 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Beresford was a 22 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on May 1, 1916. His brother was Ernest Beresford of 29 Francis St, Leichardt in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>168</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that a private cable the previous week by the parents of Private Beresford reported that he was quite well under date of April 3, 1917.<sup>169</sup> The paper also stated that he was from Blackwell where he lived for the previous nine years. His battalion expected to leave for England soon for further training. Jack’s many Woy Woy friends remembered him as a devotee of the dance and rarely did the late “Ginty” Murphy steer his launch to Gosford with passengers for any social function, but Jack was among them. He attained his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday while in Cootamundra Camp and received many useful presents, included knitted socks from young lady friends at

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<sup>165</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>166</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>167</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>168</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>169</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Blackwell. He was employed at the late Rock Davis ship yards and was popular for his many good qualities.<sup>170</sup>

### **Berry Herbert Vincent**

Private No.6611 8<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

Private Berry was born at Wyong. He was a 23 year old single,, carpenter when he enlisted on June 14, 1915. His father was William A Berry of Neutral Bay in Sydney. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A11 “Ascanius” on November 10, 1915.<sup>171</sup>

### **Betts Archibald Winter**

Private No.3683 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. Machine Gun Coy

Private Betts was born at Wyong. He was a 23 year old single,, farmer when he enlisted on April 4, 1916. His father was M.N.W. Betts of Mudgee N.S.W.<sup>172</sup>

### **Betts Percy William**

Private No.3163 4<sup>th</sup> Divisional Headquarters

Private Betts was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on August 2, 1915. His father was William Betts of Mudgee N.S.W. In 1907 he served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Horse. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A70 “Ballarat” on September 6, 1915<sup>173</sup>

### **Beveridge Albert Kennedy**

Private No.92387

Private Beveridge was born at Gosford. He was a 20 year old single,, man when he enlisted on August 8, 1918. His father was Henry Sidney Beveridge of Wallace St Balmoral in Sydney. He previously served 3 years in the senior cadets and militia (Sydney University).<sup>174</sup>

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<sup>170</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, July, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>171</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>172</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>173</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>174</sup> *Ibid*

### **Beveridge Arthur Engineer No.17030 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion**

Private Beveridge was a 24 year old telephone mechanic when he enlisted on March 27, 1916. His father was Mr W. Beveridge J.P., from Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A9 “Shropshire” on May 11, 1917.<sup>175</sup>

### **Bine Robert**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Bine was from Brooklyn. During the evening Mr W. H. Wood on behalf of the Brooklyn Soldiers’ Presentation Committee and by its President Mr S. Cole, a presentation was made to Private Bine, a local young man and a native of the district who had volunteered for the front.<sup>176</sup> There is no Robert Bine in the National Archives.

### **Blackwell J.\***

*The Gosford Times* recorded that he was from Woy Woy.<sup>177</sup> His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time.

### **Bleakley William Leslie\***

Lance-Corporal No.4778 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Lance Corporal Bleakley was from Noraville. He was a 25 year old married tent and tarpaulin maker<sup>178</sup> and was killed after two years of active service.<sup>179</sup>

### **Blundell Roy Bronsdon**

Private No.21626 Divisional Signal Companies and Signallers General

Private Blundell was born at Brooklyn. He was an 18 year old telephonist when he enlisted on June 16, 1917. His mother was Louis Blundell of Brooklyn. He was still serving in the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Militia) and had been for 12 months. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Darwin” on April 30, 1918.<sup>180</sup>

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<sup>175</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>176</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>177</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*.

<sup>178</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>179</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>180</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

**Boekenstein William Avila**

Private No.452 4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy

Private Boekenstein was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 21 year old architect when he enlisted on June 19, 1916. His mother was Cordelia Boekenstein of Lambton Rd, New Lambton in Newcastle. He embarked from Melbourne on HMAT A34 “Persic” on December 22, 1916.<sup>181</sup>

**Bohringer Henry Edward^**

Private New Zealand Forces

Private Bohringer was from Tumby Umbi. He was the son of Mr and Mrs P. Bohringer and died from wounds received in active service. He enlisted some months ago with the Canterbury Regiment of the Zealand forces and was gassed last October. On recovering he went back into the firing line and received wounds from which he died on November 12, 1918.<sup>182</sup>

**Boorn William Thomas**

Gunner No.19040 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion

Private Boorn was from Mt. Penang. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted in September 6, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on May 11, 1916. On October 22, 1918 he was gassed then he was killed in action at St. Souplet in France on October 22, 1918 while repairing telephone lines about ¾ mile from St Souplet at 4 p.m. He was hit in the heart and died instantly.<sup>183</sup>

**Booth Mart**

Trooper No.3330 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse

Trooper Booth was born at Wyong. He was a 41 year old married labourer when he enlisted on March 3, 1917. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Port Sydney” on May 6, 1917.<sup>184</sup>

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<sup>181</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>182</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1919, January, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>183</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>184</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

Booth deserted from the A. I. F. from the Holdsworthy Camp. He was born at Wyong and was described as being 40 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, dark complexion, grey hair and hazel eyes and bushman by trade.<sup>185</sup>

### **Bond Samuel**

Sergeant No.6799 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Sergeant Bond was among the latest batch to return home. Although he was 60 years of age, he saw two and a half years' service in Gallipoli and France.<sup>186</sup>

### **Booth Walter\***

Private No.1139 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Coy

Private Booth was a 33 year old residing in Wyong. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>187</sup>

The following witnesses' accounts stated that Private Booth was the Company cook. He was instantly killed by a shell on April 18, 1918 while at work in reserves while trying to save some dixies at about midday at Villers-Bretoneux in France. He was buried about 2 yards behind the kitchen alongside an embankment and a cross was erected. He was described as being 5 feet 11 inches tall, good looking and clean shaven. He was 25 years old and was called Wally.

The following report was written by a Captain of the Battalion stating,

#### “Killed in Action 18-4-18”

Regarding the late 1139. Pte. Booth. W. of 17<sup>th</sup> Battn. On the afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> April he was attending to his duties in a somewhat exposed place a little way about two miles behind the line, when the enemy commenced shelling the locality and a piece of shell killed him outright. We buried him in a grave

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<sup>185</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, January, 5, p.13, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>186</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>187</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

near where he fell and marked the spot with a cross. Our Regimental Chaplain Tugwell has the particulars of the exact locality which is still inside our lines and though it is impossible for me to procure them at present will do so at the first opportunity.

As to his description. He was of medium height, light hair and blue eyes and slim build, but I know no other marks or peculiarities, that may help identify him.

### **Boston William**

Gunner No.285 Siege Artillery Brigade

Gunner Boston was born at East Gosford. He was a 31 year old married butcher when he enlisted on June 5, 1915. His wife was Mrs W. Boston of 7 Short St, Darlinghurst in Sydney. On October 10, 1906 he joined the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery and was still serving when enlisting. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 “Orsova” on July 17, 1915.<sup>188</sup>

### **Both Lewis Thomas\* Military Medal**

*The Gosford Times* recorded that he was from Gosford.<sup>189</sup> There is no Lewis Thomas Both recorded in the attestation papers of the National Archives.

### **Bourne Austin Claude**

Private No. 2070 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Bourne was born at Wollombi. He was a 27 year old married wheeler when he enlisted on March 10, 1916. His wife was Margaret Ann Bourne of O’Brien’s Estate in Cessnock N.S.W. He previously served 6 months in the Australian Light Horse before leaving the district. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A46 “Clan McGillivray” on May 3, 1916.<sup>190</sup>

### **Bourne Oliver Gabriel\***

Private No.4735 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, A Coy.

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<sup>188</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>189</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*.

<sup>190</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Private Bourne was born at Wollombi. He was a porter for the Queensland Government Railways. His friend was Miss Elizabeth Jenkins of the Tram Terminus, Ascot in Brisbane.<sup>191</sup> He was declared missing on April 11, 1917. A soldier stated that he saw Private Bourne killed at Bullecourt on the Somme by a shell. He was advancing with others at the time when he passed the soldier and part of the same shell hit him. The soldier said he could not tell if Private Bourne was buried and that Bourne was in A Coy.<sup>192</sup>

### **Bowcock James Edgar**

Private No.1533 Anzac Police

Private Bowcock was born at Wollombi. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 3, 1915. His father was Timothy Bowcock of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Hawkes Bay” on October 23, 1915.<sup>193</sup>

### **Bowie B.**

Infantry

Bowie was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>194</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Bowie B. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Bowles William James**

Private No.2840 5<sup>th</sup> Pioneers

Private Bowles was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 34 year old engine driver when he enlisted on June 19, 1916. His wife was Rose Bowles. He previously served for 2 years in the volunteers. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A16 “Port Melbourne” on October 30, 1916.<sup>195</sup>

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<sup>191</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>192</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>193</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>194</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>195</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

### **Bowman Austin**

Infantry

Bowman was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>196</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Bowman A., was the local resident of the Central Coast. The electoral roll for the seat of Robinson has him recorded as a painter residing at Wyong.<sup>197</sup>

### **Bowman Oscar**

Private No.6960 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Bowman was a 19 year old single, butcher when he enlisted on July 31, 1915. His next of kin was J. Newman of Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on November 9, 1916. He previously served 2 years in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was discharged on December 14, 1915 as his services were no longer required.<sup>198</sup> Prior to leaving for the front Private Bowman was entertained at a social.<sup>199</sup>

### **Bowman William John Christopher**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that there was a fear at the time that Private Bowman may lose the use of his left arm because of a gunshot wound in the wrist.<sup>200</sup>

### **Boyd Robert Milroy Walker**

Trooper No.6303 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse

Private Boyd was born at Wyong Creek. He was a 24 year old single, horse trainer when he enlisted on July 11, 1916. His mother was Catherine Robertson Boyd of Wyong Creek. He was discharged from the army prior to leaving Australia.<sup>201</sup>

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<sup>196</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>197</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>198</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>199</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>200</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>201</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*



## **Boyd Samuel**

Private 6799 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

He was a 36 year old labourer when he enlisted on October 13, 1916. His father was Alexander Boyd from Wyong Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board “SS Port Nicholson” on November 8, 1916.<sup>202</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Boyd was from Yarramalong and a public welcome was given to him when he returned home from the war.<sup>203</sup> The function was held at Trigg’s Hall on Saturday January 26, 1918, where he was presented with a gold medal inscribed as a token of esteem from friends and well-wishes.<sup>204</sup>

## **Boyd William John\***

Private No.649 Cyclist Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, D Company

Private Boyd was born at Wyong Creek. He resided at Railway St in Wyong Creek. He was a 27 year old married saw miller when he enlisted on June 2, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic on October 7, 1916. On October 13, 1916 he suffered from mumps. He was killed in action on May 5, 1917 at Bullecourt in France. He was on a bombing post with ten others when at about 8 o’clock that night a shell landed right in the post and only two of them survived the others were killed outright<sup>205</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that twelve months earlier he went up to enlist, but developed appendicitis and had to undergo an operation in St. George’s Hospital. William Boyd was one of the Wyong district’s best known sports. He was the owner of “Ladysmith” and in nine starts won six races, second twice and third once. In the Show ring the mare won five firsts and one second prize.<sup>206</sup>

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<sup>202</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>203</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>204</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>205</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>206</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Bradley Jock (enlisted under name Smith J. #**

He was from Terrigal and died of illness on January 11, 1915.<sup>207</sup> Soon after the war broke out, Jock Bradley was in the employ of Mr Jack Smith of Terrigal. He enlisted and went to Egypt and later took part in the landing at Gallipoli where was wounded, being shot through the muscles of the arm. He was sent to the hospital and Mr Smith had just received a letter from the military chaplain stating that Jock (who enlisted under the name of J. Smith, died from pneumonia on 1 November 1915.<sup>208</sup>

### **Brady James\***

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Sergeant Brady of Teralba had been advised that his son Private Brady was killed in France on October 24, 1916.<sup>209</sup>

### **Braithwaite Arthur Archibald**

Private

Private Braithwaite was a labourer from York Street in Gosford.<sup>210</sup> He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>211</sup> His attestation paper was not available at this time.

### **Bragg Edmund Allen\***

Private No.1512 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Bragg was a 28 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on December 15, 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A49 "Seang Choon" on February 11, 1915.<sup>212</sup> He was given 28 days detention for refusing to obey orders on May 1, 1915 and was killed in action at Gallipoli on May 19, 1915.<sup>213</sup> *The Gosford Times* recorded

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<sup>207</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>208</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>209</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>210</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>211</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>212</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>213</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

that Private Edmund A (Ned) Bragg a well-known local had been officially reported killed in action at Gallipoli.<sup>214</sup>

### **Brand Arthur Welwyn**

Corporal No.25678 5th Divisional Ammunition Column, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Corporal Brand was a 20 year old when he enlisted on February 1, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 “Orsova” on July 29, 1916. His father was William George Brand of “Welwin” in Point Clare. He previously served for 2 years in the senior cadets.<sup>215</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Corporal Brand wrote to his parents, Mr and Mrs George Brand of Point Clare from Salisbury Plains in England saying that he was well in health and expected to be in the trenches in France before the letter reached home.<sup>216</sup> His brother was Richard Brand.

Mr G. Brand of Leichhardt, late of Point Clare, received word that his son had been gassed and wounded over in France. A few hours previous to the bad news, Mr Brand received a cable from London stating that his son was on furlough and in the best of health.<sup>217</sup>

### **Brandis Christopher George**

Private No.3729 36th Battalion

Private Brandis was a 42 year old married grazier when he enlisted on June 8, 1917. His wife was Muriel Mary Brandis of Mosman in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A28 “Miltiades” on August 2, 1917.<sup>218</sup>

### **Bridge Archibald**

Private No.89473 Depot

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<sup>214</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>215</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>216</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>217</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>218</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op.cit.*

Private Bridge was born at Dooralong. He was a 19 year old set worker when he enlisted. His father was George Bridge of Dooralong. His attestation paper was cancelled because he was aged 17 years and 8 months and was underage.<sup>219</sup>

### **Bridge Benjamin Thomas**

Private No.2339 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Bridge was born at Wyong. He was a 22 year old single, fireman when he enlisted on July 19, 1915. His father was Benjamin Henry Bridge of Yarramalong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on October 5, 1915.<sup>220</sup>

### **Bridge Clarence**

Private No.6962 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Bridge was born at Yarramalong. He was a 27 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on October 3, 1916. His mother was Mrs Catherine Bridge of Dooralong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916.<sup>221</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Bridge was from Dooralong and enlisted a short time earlier and was home on his final leave. He was at Broadmeadow Camp for a few days then into Liverpool Encampment during the week. He was to receive a send-off at the local hall.<sup>222</sup> Mr George Bridge was notified the previous week that his son was wounded in action in France and was sent to hospital in England. He had enlisted 12 months previously.<sup>223</sup> He had also received word the previous week that his son had been invalided home. In a letter received by his mother only a few weeks previously, he mentioned that he was discharged from the hospital and expected soon to return to France.<sup>224</sup>

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<sup>219</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>220</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>221</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>222</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>223</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>224</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Bridge arrived home the previous Friday. He was wounded in action in France some months ago and was sent to hospital in England.<sup>225</sup> A meeting was held at the local hall in Dooralong on Thursday the previous week and decided to arrange for a welcome home for Private Bridge, who was still in hospital in Sydney. It was understood that the welcome home was to take place on the coming Friday night at the local hall if Private Bridge was well enough to be present on the occasion.<sup>226</sup>

The welcome home took place on Saturday night. It had previously been arranged to take place on a Friday night, so as to permit, at the request of the young men, of an all-night dance. Presuming that the announcement of its being held on the Friday night was correct, some young lady visitors over the mountain from Yarramalong in the evening, only to find themselves disappointed. They didn't forget to hurl reproaches at the newspaper for its stupidity in saying Friday instead of Saturday, but hoped for their forgiveness when they read the explanation. It appeared that Private Bridge who was in hospital could only get leave for Saturday night and it was not known till pretty late in the week that he could not come till Saturday.

A large crowd, perhaps the very largest that ever assembled at the Dooralong Hall was there on Saturday night to honour Private Clarence Bridge. Dancing was commenced at an early hour and was continued till 10 o'clock, when refreshments were served on a truly lavish scale. After luncheon, Mr MacKimm delivered an address. It was later noted by Mr Frank Hall that it was the best address ever delivered in the hall and the finest that he had ever listen to. Later on dancing was resumed and during the interval between dances, songs were interspersed.

Little Miss Boyd, niece of Mrs Labe Bridge, rendered one or two songs creditably for a child of her years. A noticeable feature of the gathering was the preponderating number of young men present and it was pleasing to reflect that it was not the magnetic attraction of a dancer, but the desire to honour Private Bridge that brought them there. Mr Walter Martin carried out the duties of Master of Ceremony to the satisfaction of

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<sup>225</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>226</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

all and Miss Brown, of Jilliby, was the pianist. At about 12 o'clock the National Anthem was rendered. It remained to say that the hall was tastefully decorated with palms, a work carried out; it was understood, under the directions of Mr Hitchcock. Private Bridge spent Sunday evening with Mr J. Edwards and family and on Monday morning took his departure for Sydney.<sup>227</sup> He came home for the Easter holidays and was getting his discharge papers soon.<sup>228</sup>

### **Bridge Joseph**

Trooper No.1596 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Trooper Bridge was born at Wollombi. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 14, 1915. His next of kin was his cousin Mrs Violet White of Maitland. He was fined five shillings (5/-) and forfeited one day's pay for being absent from duty on January 21, 1916. He was also fined one pound (£1) and given 15 minutes drill after each parade for a week for disobedience.<sup>229</sup>

The *Police Gazette* record that Trooper Bridge was born at Wollombi. He deserted the A. I. F. in 1916 and was described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, dark complexion, brown hair and eyes, with a scar around the neck.<sup>230</sup>

### **Britten Charles Roy**

Private No.2874 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Britten was born at Hawkesbury. He was an 18 year old single, man when he enlisted on May 24, 1916. His mother was Mary Ann Britten of Mudgee N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A11 "Ascanius" on October 25, 1916.<sup>231</sup>

### **Bromley Cecil George**

Private No.94769 Depot

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<sup>227</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>228</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>229</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>230</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, August, 30, p.435, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>231</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

Private Bromley was born at Erina. He was an 18 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on September 23, 1918 and was discharged on October 8, 1918. His father was Andrew Bromley of Erina. He previously served 4 years in the cadets.<sup>232</sup>

### **Bromley Frederick Ernest**

Private No.4136 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Bromley was born at Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on August 24, 1914. His father was Andrew Bromley and his mother was Amy Bromley both of Erina.<sup>233</sup> Bromley was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>234</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 "Aeneas" on December 20, 1915.<sup>235</sup>

### **Brooks Charles**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that prior to enlisting Brooks was employed in the Permanent Way Branch of the Railway Department at Wyee.<sup>236</sup> His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.

### **Brooks Edwin**

Private No.1379 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 11th Reinforcement, Australian Light Horse

Private Brooks was a 22 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on September 7, 1915. His mother was Barbara Brooks of 37 Brighton St, Petersham in Sydney. *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Brooks from Point Clare was farewelled and was presented with a sheep skin vest, which was subsequently forwarded to him at camp.<sup>237</sup>

On the Monday evening he was entertained along with other returned soldiers at a social at the School of Arts. The social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society and the hall was crowded to the doors, many being unable to obtain admission and when they

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<sup>232</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>233</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>234</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>235</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>236</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>237</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

did a good number had to stand, all the seating accommodation being monopolised. The chair was occupied by Mr F. A. Stayner in the absence of the Shire President, Mr F. R. Archbold, who had met with an accident that morning.

Proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, after which a musical programme was rendered, contributed to by Mrs F. Cohen, Mrs F. Wheeler, Mrs E. K. White, Miss Zoe Mason, Miss Dawes, Mr A. Harvey, Mr Greaves and Baby Dawes. The Chairman congratulated the returned lads upon the safe arrival and welcomed them on behalf of the townspeople and residents of the district. He sincerely hoped that the returned lads would live long enough to enjoy what a grateful country was duty bound to give them.

After the war he said the most pitiful man in the community would be the eligible man who had lost his opportunity to try and find an excuse to satisfy his conscience, the conscience that made cowards of us all, why he had failed to respond to his county's call. Mr H. L. Whittell hoped that the time was not far distant when the sword would be turned into plough shares. That was what these returned boys had been fighting for and what other eligible men should be doing also. He thanked the returned hero's for what they had done for their King and country, deeds that would not be forgotten.

Rev. S. Wedge, in the name of the Methodist Church, welcomed the boys home and hoped that having played their part in the world's fearful drama they would live long to enjoy the respect of the community and the gratitude of the people they had fought for. Mr C. Peck, former master at Gosford Public School, said he came there especially that night to pay homage to the soldier lads who had returned from the war. They had gone voluntarily when the Empire called and the country was proud of them, thousands of other men should and would have gone if the woman folks had refused to allow eligible men to become shirkers.

He was proud that another Gosford lad had won military distinction, nevertheless every man who said to his Government, "Take me," was equally a hero even though he never reached the firing line. Mr Peck concluded his remarks by complimenting the ladies of Gosford upon the fine decorations and splendid manner in which the arrangements for the evening had been carried. Bombardier Guerin responded on behalf of his comrades. He thanked the citizens for their royal welcome and for the medals presented to them.



He thanked the Girls' Patriotic Society and Red Cross for their parcels and cheery letters which had been a wonderful comfort to the boys over yonder.

Like his comrades he was pleased to be back in Australia. They had travelled far during the past few years, but there was no place like home. Australia, the finest country in the world, with the finest people and the finest girls he said. Private Anthony, a returned man, also addressed the people and appealed to the eligible men to enlist. He had attended a send-off at Ourimbah on Saturday night, where the recruits were mere lads. They did not want boys. It was men who were able to carry a ninety-six pound pack that was needed.

Reinforcements were wanted now more than ever, men who would voluntarily offer to go over to France to help their brother Australians who were sorely in need of a spell. He had two and a half years' service, but was going back to help his mates because they were dinkums. There were thousands of dinkums still in Australia if only they would here the call. Cheers were given for the returned lads and the boys at the front after which Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem were sung. Then refreshments were served and a dance was held until midnight.<sup>238</sup>

### **Brown Alfred\***

Private No.2765 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Brown was born at Wyong. He was a 20 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on April 18, 1915. His father was Charles Brown of 53 Pine St in Sydney. He previously served 2 years in 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915.<sup>239</sup>

On July 27, 1916, Private Brown was killed in the trenches by a shell at Pozieres. A piece struck him in the face and another piece in the side. He was killed outright. Another soldier went to apply a dressing to his wound and found that he had died. He

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<sup>238</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>239</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

was described as being 21-22 years of age, fairly tall and dark. Another report stated that his body was never found.<sup>240</sup>

### **Brown Charles**

Trooper No.1379 6<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment

Brown was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>241</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Brown was the local resident of the Central Coast. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Hawkes Bay" on October 23, 1915.<sup>242</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Brown was from Lisarow. It was rumoured that Private Brown was returning home from active service, minus an arm. He sailed to the front over two years earlier.<sup>243</sup> It was later reported to Mrs E. Brown that the previous report that her son had lost an arm was not true. He had both arms.<sup>244</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that quite an eager crowd awaited the arrival of the 9.20 train on Saturday night as Private Brown; the first of the Lisarow boys to return from the front was expected by that train. As Private Brown stepped from the carriage he was greeted with hearty cheers and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." He would have been well pleased with the warmth of the reception he received. Private Brown, who it was said was a fine type of young Australian, had been away from Lisarow for two years. He was eighteen months in the firing line and received several bullet wounds.

Being advised by the doctor to have his arm amputated, he said he was not prepared to part with it, for which he was thankful as he had good hopes of being able to regain the use of it. Private Brown spoke in the highest terms of the treatment he received in the

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<sup>240</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>241</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>242</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>243</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>244</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

hospitals, both in England and France and expressed his satisfaction at being back in Lisarow. A public welcome was to be tendered to him by the residents of Lisarow on June 15.<sup>245</sup>

In an another article of *The Gosford Times* a very pleasant function was held on Saturday afternoon last in Mr Howard's packing shed when a welcome home tea was tendered to Private Brown, who recently returned from the front. The building was nicely decorated with flags and so on, the work of the ladies and members of the Progress Association. Rev. E. H. Walker, who was also a returned soldier, occupied the chair and proceedings opened with the National Anthem. After grace had been said, the good things provided were enjoyed by all. Mr Walker said he was always glad to welcome a soldier home, for he knew what it was like on the other side.

Private Brown had been away for two and half years and had some strenuous experiences, so he would appreciate being back in Australia again. Mr A. Edden M.L.A. said he was proud to be able to join in honouring the returned soldier. His speech was brief as he had to attend a similar function in Toronto that night. The chairman had spoken of home and country. Only those who were far from the land of their birth fully realised how much the words meant. He loved his home and he loved his country. Even the sands of the hills were dear to him. How he longed to see the old home and but for the war might have been able to visit it. The word home brought back memories of a mother's love and care and boyhood scrapes, and he always managed to get into plenty.

Mr Eden, than asked Private Brown to step forward and on the behalf of the residents of Lisarow presented him with an inscribed gold medal. Private Brown, in a few heartfelt words, thanked the people of Lisarow for their welcome and good wishes. Mr Archbold then made a stirring appeal for generous treatment for returned men. That day he had received a letter from Mr Orchard, Minister for Recruiting, thanking him for the number of recruits the Erina Shire had produced and asking him to put forward still greater efforts. He was proud to welcome Private Brown and thanked him in the name

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<sup>245</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

of King and country. Miss Ida Clifton effectively rendered a recitation of “The Good Old Flag.”

The Chairman then called upon Sergeant Forrest to speak. The Sergeant referred to his experiences in Gallipoli and France. He said it was only when he went away and saw other lands that we could appreciate Australia first. Australia he said was the finest country on God’s earth and he realised it best when he sailed into Sydney harbour at sunrise upon his return to Sydney. He made a strong appeal to any man who could go to do so at the earliest moment. He had seen sights in France and Belgium and he knew Private Brown had seen the same, which could not be told to a mixed audience.

If the Germans got to Australia our wives, mothers and sisters would be better dead. He said he did not know if there were any there that afternoon who were eligible, but their conscience would tell them whether their place was here or at the front. Great praise was due to the ladies who carried out all arrangements so admirably. A vote of thanks to the chairman was carried by acclamation. Cheers for Private Brown and the boys at the front brought a pleasant evening to a close.<sup>246</sup>

Word was received that Private Brown, who was under special treatment for his wounded arm, was making good progress and had every prospect of recovering almost the full use of it again.<sup>247</sup>

### **Brown Charles Frederick**

Private No.4135 5<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Regiment

Private Brown was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, motor mechanic when he enlisted on September 11, 1915. His mother was Caroline Brown of the Brooklyn Post Office at Hawkesbury River. He previously served 2 years in the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.) militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on December 20, 1915.<sup>248</sup>

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<sup>246</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>247</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>248</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

### **Brown Edwin James**

Private No.1512

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Brown was from Martinsville and a send-off for him was given in the local hall on Wednesday night. He was on his final leave prior to his departure for the front. Dancing was indulged in until the break of day. After supper, Mr Charles Pointer (President) spoke of his departure and called upon Mrs Patrick Martin who, on behalf of the ladies, presented him with a safety razor. Mr F. W. Kidd, who also presented him with a combination jack knife and tin opener, hoped that good use of the presents and that he would have a better reception on his return home and that peace would soon be declared. The gathering was representative of the whole district.<sup>249</sup> Private Brown embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 “Marathon” on May 4, 1916.<sup>250</sup>

### **Brown Eric**

Infantry

Brown was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>251</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Brown was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Brown Ernest Albert**

Private No.2274 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Brown was born at Wyee. He was a 19 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on December 4, 1915. His father was William Brown. He previously served 12 months in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A68 “Anchises” on March 14, 1916.<sup>252</sup>

### **Brown Gustave Adolphus**

Sapper No.2718 7<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers

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<sup>249</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>250</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>251</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>252</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Brown was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>253</sup> The electoral roll records Brown as residing in Woy Woy and was a carpenter by trade.<sup>254</sup> His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on December 22, 1915.<sup>255</sup>

### **Brown Harold Henry\***

Private No.425 20th Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade, A Coy

Private Brown was born at Brooklyn and his mother was Caroline Brown of Brooklyn and was a 19 year old engineer when he enlisted on April 22, 1915 and embarked from Sydney on June 26, 1915 on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on September 24, 1915. He suffered from dysentery and on October 2, 1915 he suffered from pneumonia. He served for two years with the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade when he returned home per the “Commonwealth” for three months on January 21, 1916 suffering from enteric fever.<sup>256</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that at a social tendered at the time of his departure for the second time to the front on Friday night was well attended although the usual prices were charged for admission. At 10 p.m. the hero was presented with a gold wristlet watch and a set of pipes by Mr W. H. Wood who also acted as the chairman of the arranging committee on behalf of the citizens of Brooklyn. The presentation was supported by Mr J. Shea, Mr W. Matthews and Mr W. J. Johnson. The ladies had a supply of scones, tea, cakes and coffee on hand and the gathering did more than sample the collection. Dancing was indulged in until the wee small hours of the morning.<sup>257</sup> After returning to Europe Private Brown was killed in action on October 4, 1917 at Zonnebeke in Belgium.<sup>258</sup>

### **Browne Wallace James**

Signaller No.1060 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>253</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>254</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>255</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>256</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>257</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, July, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>258</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

Private Browne was a 21 year old married labourer when he enlisted on January 3, 1916. His wife was Lily May Browne. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" on May 2, 1916.<sup>259</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Signaller Browne was from Woy Woy and the only son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Browne of "Patonga" in Woy Woy. He was shot through the neck and also contacted pleurisy, but a cable was sent saying that he was improving.<sup>260</sup> He was later promoted to the rank of an officer in the Flying Corps.<sup>261</sup>

### **Buckley Albert Vincent**

Private No.2441 Divisonal Ammunition Column

Private Buckley was born at Dora Creek. He was a 35 year old railways night officer when he enlisted on August 27, 1914. His mother was Mrs John Buckley of Fitzroy St in Carrington St, Newcastle. Then she moved to c/o of Mrs Law of "Lynhurst" 10 John St, Leichardt in Sydney. He previously served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Rifle Regiment (A.A.R.) militia and 1<sup>st</sup> Kitchener's Horse in South Australia and time expired and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mounted Rifles time expired. He embarked from Melbourne on HMAT A9 "Shropshire" on October 20, 1914.<sup>262</sup>

### **Buckley John Joseph (Jack)\***

Private No.3122 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Jack Buckley the eldest son of Mr J. Buckley, Gosford's Postmaster enlisted.<sup>263</sup> He was an 18 year old single, postal worker when he enlisted on September 18, 1916. His mother was Mrs Mary Ann Buckley of Gosford Post Office. He embarked from

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<sup>259</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>260</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>261</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>262</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>263</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916. He was killed in action by a machine gun burst to the head on September 1, 1918 at Peronne in France.<sup>264</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that feelings of deep sympathy were expressed to Mr and Mrs John Buckley and family of Gosford Post Office on the sad news conveyed to them by Rev. Father Kelly on Friday evening last that their son and brother, Private Buckley had been killed in action on September 1, 1918. The deceased soldier had just attained his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was born at Parkes and educated by the Marist Brothers, West Maitland, joining the Postal Department five years earlier. Enlisting in September, 1916, he sailed for the war in November and was transferred to France about seventeen months earlier where he remained on active service up to the time of his death. A fine athlete and crack rifle shot, he was selected for the dangerous post of sniper and also served as a scout. No particulars at the time were on hand as to the manner of his death, the cable simply advising that he had been killed in action.

Jack was a splendid young man, a loving and dutiful son, a fond and affectionate brother, according to the local paper. In his letters home, he told of the fearfulness of the battlefield, how hundreds of times he had escaped while death grasped its victims all around and expressed the firm conviction that he would never again see Australia or the faces of those at home whom he loved, a prophesy that was only too sadly fulfilled. Prior to going to the war the deceased soldier had acted on the relieving staff at Morpeth, Gosford, Wyong, Wiseman's Ferry and Stockton and was attached to Nymagee Post Office as postal assistance.

### **Buckton George William**

Private No.96164 Depot

Private Buckton was born at Wyong. He was a 21 year old married labourer when he enlisted on October 29, 1918. His wife was Minnie Buckton of Church St in Wyong.<sup>265</sup>

### **Buckton Richard George\***

Private No.6954 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcement

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<sup>264</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>265</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*



Private Buckton was born at Wyong and his mother was Mrs M. E. Buckton of Wyong. He was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 7, 1916 and embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Seuvic” on November 11, 1916. He was killed in action on October 4, 1917 and has no known grave. His name appears on the Menin Gate memorial.<sup>266</sup>

### **Buie Robert**

Private No.6039 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion

Private Buie was a 23 year old single, fisherman. His mother was Jean Buie of Brookland N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917.<sup>267</sup>

### **Burns Arthur**

Private

Private Burns was from Morisset. He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>268</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Burns was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Burns John James**

Private No.6001 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Burns was born at Gosford. He was a 39 year old single, sleeper cutter when he enlisted in 1916. His mother was Elizabeth Burns of Kincumber. He embarked from Fremantle on board HMAT A28 “Miltiades” on August 7, 1916.<sup>269</sup>

A report from a lance-corporal stated that while they were holding a trench in the Hindenburg line he saw Private Burns killed on the spot by a bullet. It hit him in the chest. When they were relieved his body was still there of cause. It was very hot at the time and one could do nothing. Private Burns was a 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement. He was described as being short and thick set and had grey hair.

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<sup>266</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>267</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>268</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>269</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

Private Burns was declared missing on April 16, 1917 than it became known that he had become a prisoner of war and was interned at Wahn, Limburg in Germany. In a postcard he had sent to a friend on June 10, 1917 he said "Hoping this finds you in good health as it leaves me at present." From another prison of war camp at Friedrichfeld in Germany an extract from a postcard received on April 4, 1918 he said "I have not received any parcels for 3 months now. Have only received 6 parcels all told, but they may come along some day. I am quite well." He was repatriated to Dover, England arriving on March, 18, 1918.<sup>270</sup>

### **Burns Ralph Whitely\***

Private No.5343 13th Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Burns was from Mangrove Mountain. He was an 18 year old single, farmhand and he was with the "Kangaroo" route march when he enlisted on December 8, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 "Nestor" on April 9, 1915. He was killed in action at Pozieres in France on July 8, 1916.<sup>271</sup>

### **Burton Charles Hector**

Private No.2344 5<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Regiment

Private Burton was born at Wollombi. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 21, 1915. His next of kin was his aunt Mrs Annie Gibson of Hamilton in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 "Themistocles" on October 5, 1915.<sup>272</sup>

### **Bushell Archibald Ernest\***

Sergeant-Major No. 2526 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4th Reinforcements

Sergeant-Major Bushell was from Popran Park via Peats Ridge. He was a 26 year old engineer when he enlisted on April 26, 1916. His parents were Mr Jacob and Maria Bushell of Popran Park via Peats Ridge. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on November 9, 1916.<sup>273</sup> He was killed in action on June 11, 1917. The

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<sup>270</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>271</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>272</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>273</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

Battalion was holding the line at Messines and sometime during the day while he was at a Lewis gun he was killed outright by shell fire. A witness stated that he was about 5 yards away in the next bay of the trench and saw the explosion and immediately afterwards seeing where Sergeant-Major Bushell had fallen. The Battalion came out of the trench soon afterwards and Bushell was left for the time being where he had fallen. He was described as being about 5 feet 9-10 inches tall, heavy build, rather red hair and was about 24 years old.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that the sad news was received on Friday that Sergeant-Major Bushell had been killed in action June 11, 1917. The news came as a shock seeing that this gallant young son of Mangrove Mountain had only recently gone into the firing line after having been instructing at Salisbury Plains in England for some time and having gained some commendation for success and practice. He was the second son of Councillor Jacob Bushell of "Propran Park", Gosford and was 26 years of age. The Late Sergeant-Major Bushell received his first training in military evolutions under Major Cowlshaw and Lieutenant Winterbottom in the Mangrove Mountain Volunteer Corps, of which 50 per cent enlisted.

He was a fine type of young Australian, a worthy son of worthy parents and his ultimate end was sincerely regretted. The news was broken to the family on Friday evening by Canon McDonnell and on Sunday the Cannon held service with the family. A number of neighbours called to express their sympathy to the bereaved, Rev. C. B. Elwin being among them. Mrs Bushell was away in Brisbane with family and friends endeavouring to recuperate failing health and the shock will be a severe one to the mother who idolised her soldier son.<sup>274</sup>

### **Butler Geoffrey Ernest Albert**

Private No.3354 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse

Private Butler was born at Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 44 year old married storeman when he enlisted on April 4, 1917. His wife was Cecilia Butler of Young St, Neutral

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<sup>274</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Bay in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 "Port Lincoln" on June 11, 1917.<sup>275</sup>

### **Butler Leonard Leslie**

Private No.86273 Depot

Private Butler was born at Yarramalong. He was a farmer when he enlisted on March 11, 1918. His father was Joseph Butler of Yarramalong.<sup>276</sup>

### **Butler Victor George**

Private No.1976 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Butler was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 35 year old single, jackaroo when he enlisted on March 1, 1916. His mother was Mrs Butler of Moree N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Port Sydney" on September 4, 1916.<sup>277</sup>

### **Buttsworth Aubrey E. ^**

Lance-Corporal No.184 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Company

Lance-Corporal Smith was born at Tuggerah. He was a 26 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 3, 1916. His mother was Mrs Matilda Jane Smith of Tuggerah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Honorata" on May 2, 1916. On July 25, 1917 he was treated for a sprained ankle and on October 12, 1917, he was treated for a gunshot wound to his abdomen. He was recommended for the Military Cross on account of his bravery at the time of his death. He died of wounds from a gunshot wound to the abdomen at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on October 12, 1917 at Passchendaele in Belgium.<sup>278</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that news had been received that Private Smith, son of Mr and Mrs J. Smith of Tuggerah had died from wounds somewhere in France on October 12, 1917. He was 25 years of age and had enlisted 18 months earlier and sailed with the 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion.<sup>279</sup>

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<sup>275</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>276</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>277</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>278</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>279</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

**Buttsworth John Edmund^**

Sergeant No.N19629 12<sup>th</sup> Reserve Company

Sergeant Buttsworths was a 23 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on November 10, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 24, 1916.<sup>280</sup>

Sergeant Buttsworth was from Hawkesbury. He suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen at 7.30 a.m. on April 8, 1918. In another report it stated that on the day between Cashy and Glisy he was in reserves. Early in the morning he was going with a ration of rum for his platoon and while doing so he was hit by a shell splinter to his left side. He was badly wounded and unconscious and did not regain consciousness. He was taken to the Battalion R.A.P. and died there. This was behind Villers-Bretonneux about three miles from the front line in the reserve trench.<sup>281</sup>

**Byrnes Frank Gabriel (George) ^**

Private No.1062 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, D Coy

Private Byrnes was from Sentry Box, Courangra. He was a 19 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 14, 1916. His father was James Thomas Byrnes of Moss Vale in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 “Marathon” on May 4, 1916. He was wounded about a mile from Ploagsteert Wood on June 7, 1917. He was looking over the parapet when a high explosive shell burst near. A piece of shell pierced his helmet and penetrated his brain. He died of wounds on June 11, 1917 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station<sup>282</sup>

**Byrnes Norbert Joseph**

Private No.2901 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Byrnes was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 38 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 7, 1916. Both his parents were deceased and his eldest

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<sup>280</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>281</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>282</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

brother was Arthur James Byrnes of Bank St in Wollongong N.S.W. Private Byrnes lived in Brisbane.<sup>283</sup>

### **Caban Albert William**

Private No.5053 1<sup>st</sup> Division Machine Gun Coy.

Private Caban was born at Wollombi. He was a 35 year old single, railway labourer when he enlisted on January 4, 1916. His mother was Jane Caban of 468 Victoria Rd Marrickville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Makarini” on April 1, 1916.<sup>284</sup>

### **Cain Sydney Alexander ^**

Private No.385 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, D Company

Private Cain was from Brooklyn. He was a 35 year old single, fisherman when he enlisted on August 25, 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board Transport A23 “Suffolk” on October 18, 1914. He died of wounds on July 10, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>285</sup>

### **Caldecott John Vincent**

Gunner, No.1964, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Gunner Caldecott was from Ourimbah. He was an 18 year old station hand when he enlisted on October 16, 1915. His father was Edward Caldecott of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on December 20, 1915 on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas”. He suffered shrapnel wound to the jaw on November 2, 1916 and required dental care on October 31, 1917 and had a bullet wound right thigh and suffered a fractured femur which had to be amputated. He returned home to Sydney on board D14 “Kanowna” from England and was discharged. On December 10, 1918 he drowned at about 4 p.m. at Palm Beach in Sydney.<sup>286</sup>

### **Camden Hugh Allison Distinguish Conduct Medal**

Sergeant No. 503 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>283</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>284</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>285</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>286</sup> *Ibid*

Private Camden was a 23 year old single, foreman labourer when he enlisted on March 1, 1915. His mother was Mrs Camden of East Kempsey. He previously served for 2½ years in the Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.) militia. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915.<sup>287</sup> Sergeant Camden, at one time employed at Wilkinson Bros., store in Wyong was awarded the D. C. M. for conspicuous bravery.<sup>288</sup>

### **Campbell Albert Henry**

Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Military District

Private Campbell was born at Gosford. He was a 33 year old married labourer when he enlisted on December 28, 1915. His wife was Gertrude A. Campbell of Maitland Rd in Narara. He previously served 2 years in the Australian Bushman. Private Campbell was discharged from the A. I. F. on January 6, 1916 before leaving Australia.<sup>289</sup>

### **Campbell Allan Hynd**

Private No.6720 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Campbell was born at Wamberal. He was an 18 year old single, farm hand when he enlisted on August 17, 1916. His father was Archibald Campbell of Wamberal. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Nicholson” on November 8, 1916.<sup>290</sup>

### **Campbell Colin**

Private No.17961 Engineers Training Unit

Private Campbell was born at Gosford. He was a 36 year old married police constable when he enlisted on March 30, 1917. His wife was Margaret Lilia Campbell of “Glenbrook” in Baulkham Hills in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Port Sydney” on May 9, 1917.<sup>291</sup>

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<sup>287</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>288</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>289</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>290</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>291</sup> *Ibid*

Private Campbell was from Wamberal.<sup>292</sup> *The Gosford Times* recorded that on Saturday evening a second social under the auspices of the Girls' Patriotic Society was held at the School of Arts to farewell Private Campbell.<sup>293</sup>

The School of Arts hall was crowded on the Monday night. Shire President Mr Archbold occupied the chair and, after the National Anthem, a programme of songs and recitations was rendered, contributed by Mrs Fred Cohen, Mrs Fred Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Mr A. Harvey, Mr J. Corbett, Mr C. Horne and Sergeant Forrest. President Archbold referred to the fact that during the past few weeks some fifty recruits had volunteered in the Erina Shire, of whom thirty-nine had been accepted for service. The enthusiasm shown in local recruiting was largely due to the good work put in and tact displayed by the local officer, Sergeant Forrest, who as a returned man knew how to put the case to those eligible who was needed on the other side to help Australia's brave lads.<sup>294</sup>

### **Campbell Colin Elks**

Private No.90468 Depot

Private Campbell was 19 year old single, coach driver when he enlisted on May 2, 1918. His father was Robert McGregor Campbell of Terrigal. Private Campbell also resided at Terrigal.<sup>295</sup>

### **Campbell Forbes Blair**

Captain

Captain Campbell was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour" list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>296</sup> The electoral rolls record him as a florist residing at Wamberal.<sup>297</sup> His attestation papers from National Archives are not available at this time.

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<sup>292</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>293</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>294</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>295</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>296</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>297</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche



**Campbell Henry Albert (Harry)\***

Private No.2082 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneers 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcement

Private Campbell was born at Gosford and attended Narara Public School and was a 35 year old married stockman when he enlisted on February 18, 1916. He previously served approximately 2 years in the Boar War. His wife was Mrs Gertrude Amelia Campbell of Maitland Rd, Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A46 “McGillivray” on May 3, 1916.<sup>298</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that a social evening and send-off organised by the Girls’ Patriotic Society was held in the Gosford School of Arts on Wednesday June 6, 1917. Mr F. R. Archbold occupied the chair and the following artists contributed to the programme. Overture, Mrs Cohen, songs by Mrs A. I. Chapman, Mrs F. Wheeler, Miss Boyd, Miss Guerin and Mr L. B. Allan; recitations by Miss Archbold and Mr A. Sterland; pianoforte duet by Mrs and Miss Cohen. At the conclusion of the musical programme the Rev. A. Renwick made the presentation on behalf of the Society, also parcels of comfort from the War League.

After supper, dancing was indulged in till midnight, music being supplied by Mrs Cohen, Miss Coulter and Miss Guerin. The sum of four pounds six shillings and nine pence (£4/6/9), which converts to eight dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$8.69) was netted for the Red Triangle Fund. The committee wished to thank the local band for their assistance.

B. FREWIN and M. DEASEY Honorary Secretaries.<sup>299</sup>

The Campbell’s were a fighting family. In the Boar War Harry and his brother Flem served right through the campaign. At the outbreak of the present war Flem (the late Captain Campbell) at once enlisted and fell fighting at Gallipoli. Tom, another brother was at the time on his way to Egypt and Harry also left his wife and children to serve King and country. The eldest of the family Mr J. W. S. Campbell, school-master of

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<sup>298</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>299</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Galston (who had a son at the front) was an old Reservist and was officially asked how soon he could be in camp if required. His answer was brief and said immediately.<sup>300</sup>

Private Campbell died of wounds on November 9, 1917 at West Howick this side of Passchendaele in Belgium. His name is recorded on Menin Gate. He was in a rest camp and he and another man went up to the line to find a comrade and bury him. He was killed on the way up by a shell instantaneously.<sup>301</sup>

Mr C. Hills, Manager of the Commercial Bank had completed a memorial tablet to be presented to the Narara Soldiers Recognition Association to the relative of Private Campbell who was killed in action. The tablet was an excellent likeness of the deceased soldier. The design which was executed in water colour represented the typical Anzac in uniform bearing the Australian ensign with a trumpeter seen in the outline against the dawn sounding the "Last Post."<sup>302</sup>

### **Campbell Hugh**

Trooper No.78024 Australian Light Horse

Trooper Campbell was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, printer for *The Gosford Times* when he enlisted on May 28, 1917. His father was Thomas James Campbell of Gosford. He previously served in the militia.<sup>303</sup>

### **Campbell Hugh Stanley**

Trooper No.551 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment

Trooper Campbell was a 28 year old married mounted police officer. His wife was E. G. Campbell of 50 Denbigh St in Pimlico in London. Trooper Campbell address was in Wyoming.<sup>304</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that on Saturday evening locals met in the Narara Hall to do honour to Hugh Campbell. Mr R. Hill occupied the chair and after a musical programme had been rendered he was presented with a pocket wallet as well as knife,

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<sup>300</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>301</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>302</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>303</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>304</sup> *Ibid*

fork and spoon on behalf of the residents of Narara. Hugh Campbell returned thanks on himself and his mates. Mrs Walsh, Miss Harvey and Mr Ralph Teeson contributed to the evening's enjoyment and Miss Coull presided at the piano in her usual able manner. Sergeant Colman, Recruiting Officer for the district gave a humorous recitation, which was much appreciated.<sup>305</sup>

### **Campbell Irvin Fleming^**

Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Lieutenant Campbell was born at Gosford. He was a 37 year old married shire clerk when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His wife was Gertrude Ellen Campbell of "Avoca" in St Aubins St, Scone N.S.W. He previously served in 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A23 "Suffolk" on October 18, 1914.<sup>306</sup>

Captain Campbell whose death was reported in June, 1915 having succumbed to wounds received in action at the Dardanelles, was the fourth son of Mr and Mrs Campbell of "Wyoming" Gosford, one of the oldest and best known families in the Brisbane Water district. Word was received on that Friday that he had been wounded and a few days later a cable conveyed the sad intelligence that he was to be the first Gosford victim to give his life for King and country in this war.

Captain Campbell was born at Gosford in 1877 and apparently came from military stock, for at an early stage after being educated at Newington College he became a drill instructor. When the Boar War broke out he enlisted and went to South Africa and in the following year was invalided home. Having recovered he married at Manly Miss Gertrude Wand, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Wand, also old residents of Gosford. Later on he returned to South Africa and holding the rank of Quartermaster Sergeant he served until peace was declared.

Returning to Gosford he continued his duties as drill instructor and eight years later left for Scone to take up the position of Shire Clerk. In his new location he was appointed Captain and continued military duties as instructor for the districts of Scone,

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<sup>305</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>306</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

Muswellbrook and Murrurundi. Captain Campbell's death came as a great shock to the family and friends. He left a widow and three sons, the eldest being 10 years of age and two twins about 12 months old.<sup>307</sup>

### **Campbell Isaac Arthur**

Private No.594 14<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy

Private Campbell was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, drover when he enlisted on March 14, 1916. His mother was F. H. Campbell of Narara. He previously served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Melbourne on board RMS "Osterley" on February 14, 1917.<sup>308</sup>

### **Campbell Matthew Thomas**

Private No.5685 C Company

Private Campbell was born at Wyong. He was a 22 year old single, grocer when he enlisted on September 17, 1916. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth Campbell of Donnison St in Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A14 "Euripides" on September 9, 1916.<sup>309</sup>

It was reported that Private Campbell had returned home from the war.<sup>310</sup> A welcome home under the auspices of the Gosford Patriotic Society was held in the School of Arts on Monday evening.<sup>311</sup> The function was under the auspices of the Gosford Patriotic Society. Mr F. R. Archbold acted as chairman and after speeches by Mr Stayner and Mr Kirkness, presentations were made by Rev. A. Renwick. Private King responded. During the evening songs and recitations and musical items were rendered by Mrs Cohen, Mrs White, Mrs Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Miss Friedman and Mr Harvey. Musical selections in front of the hall were played by the Band.

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<sup>307</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>308</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>309</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>310</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>311</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Gifts for despatch to the soldiers included 5 tins fruit, 152 packets and 3 tins of cigarettes, 1 tin of groats, 1 packet of playing cards, 1 tin of pork beans, 6 tooth brushes, 3 combs, 2 pair of socks, 4 chewing gum, 1 stick shaving soap, 14 writing wallets, 2 books gum-nut babies and blossoms, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 towels, 9 packets envelopes, 4 tins and 1 packet tobacco, 2 tins sardines, 4 cakes and 1 box soap, 1 tin jam, 1 pair slippers, 1 writing tablet and 38 shillings and 6 pence in cash.<sup>312</sup>

### **Campbell O. F.**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Campbell was a coach driver from Terrigal.<sup>313</sup>

It was not possible to identify the attestation papers O. F. Campbell.

### **Campbell Thomas James**

Private No.1574 2<sup>nd</sup> Remount Unit

Private Campbell was born at Gosford. He was a 47 year old married labourer when he enlisted on September 27, 1915. His wife was Florence Hannah Campbell of Gosford.<sup>314</sup> Campbell was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 "Orsova" on November 10, 1915.<sup>315</sup>

### **Cant Robert\***

Private No.1366 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Cant was from Morisset.<sup>316</sup> He was a 19 year old single, farm labourer when he enlisted on November 27, 1914. His father was Alexander Cant. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A48 "Seang Bee" on February 11, 1915.<sup>317</sup>

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<sup>312</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>313</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>314</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>315</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>316</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>317</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

### **Capper Stanley Vivian Walker**

Private No.8735 1st Field Ambulance

Private Capper was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on July 18, 1915. His sister was Australia Alberta Martin of Dungog St in Hamilton. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on January 15, 1916.<sup>318</sup>

### **Carey W. J.\***

Carey was from Woy Woy.<sup>319</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to identify the attestation papers of W. J. Carey.

### **Carter Joseph Ernest**

Private 2889 57<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Carter was a 27 year old single, labourer from Warnervale. His next of kin was his uncle Patrick Soherly, c/o John Newart. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 “Afric” on November 3, 1916.<sup>320</sup>

### **Cassell Howard Leslie**

Private No. 2256 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Cassell was born at Ourimbah. He was an 18 year old single, blacksmith when he enlisted on May 28, 1915. His mother was Janet Lucy Cassell of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A62 “Wandilla” on May 3, 1916<sup>321</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Cassell was from Ourimbah writing from the trenches under date February 28, 1917, he said that he had met Fred Gibson, Charlie Brown and other Erina boys. He also said that he received a parcel of biscuits all the way from Ourimbah and they were in excellent condition. He also said he thought that a lot of the boys letters had been sunk at sea lately he was told.<sup>322</sup>

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<sup>318</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>319</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>320</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>321</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>322</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Casey Oswald**

Private No.58549 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Casey was born at Wyong. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 21, 1918. His mother was Elizabeth Casey. He previously served in the Royal Australian Navy for eleven months on board H.M.A.S. "Encounter" and was discharged in December due to sickness.<sup>323</sup>

### **Cassell John**

Private

Private Cassell was a 44 year old married blacksmith when he enlisted on May 25, 1916. His wife was H. L. Cassell of Ourimbah. He was discharged from the A.I.F. before leaving Australia.<sup>324</sup>

### **Castles Leslie**

Private

Private Castles was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 30, 1915. His father was Harold Castles of George Town in Tasmania.<sup>325</sup>

### **Cater Claude Anthony**

Private No.89058 Depot

Private Cater was born at Jilliby. He was an 18 year old single, teamster when he enlisted on October 3, 1918. His father was George James Cater of Jilliby.<sup>326</sup>

### **Cathels James**

Private No.6784 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20 Reinforcements

Private Cathels was an 18 year old single, carter when he enlisted on June 5, 1917. His sister was Agnes Cathels of a private hospital in Darlinghurst Rd, Darlinghurst in Sydney. The National Archives stated that Private Cathels joined in Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on June 16, 1917.<sup>327</sup>

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<sup>323</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>324</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>325</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>326</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>327</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

### **Cato Vincent Arthur\***

Corporal No.23 D Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry

He was a 36 year old widower engine driver when he enlisted on August 22, 1914. His son was Cecil Victor Cato of Niagara Park. He previously served in the Royal Navy. He was killed in action on May 2, 1915 at Gallipoli and has no known grave.<sup>328</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Cato who enlisted with the first contingent was reported missing at Gallipoli. A telegram to that effect was received on that Tuesday.<sup>329</sup> He was later promoted to corporal and he was serving with the Expeditionary Forces when he sent *The Gosford Times* the following typed "Soldier's Don'ts, a copy of which had been supplied to each soldier and they were,

Don't show the white flag unless your officer orders you.

Don't stop firing or advancing because the enemy shows a white flag till your officer orders you to

Don't, however, fire deliberately at the man showing the flag.

Don't have any friendly chat with the enemy; he is just as likely to be treacherous as not.

Don't kill a man who has thrown down his arms as a sign that he has cease to resist.

Don't be heartbroken if you kill such a one by mistake. It is his fault for having resisted up till too late.

Don't fail to shoot a wounded man who continues to fight; he is quite right to do so, but you cannot be expected to treat him differently from a hale man.

Don't hide your weapons, or your uniform.

Don't spare an enemy who does the same; haul him to your officer and let him deal with him.

Don't rub or file your bullets; if you are caught with such bullets on you, you will be shot and serve you right.

Don't shoot a spy off hand; he is doing a very plucky thing and deserves a trial; all the same.

Don't let him off and

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<sup>328</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>329</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Don't give him time to make up a story.

Don't become a prisoner of war if you can help it. They will be getting short rations by June, but if caught.

Don't resist your guard.

Don't refuse to work; you have no right to jib work except such is connected with the fighting actually in progress.

Don't refuse to give your name and regiment; it doesn't do any good and your people won't know what has become of you.

Don't fail to escape if you get a chance.

Don't maltreat prisoners of war, when first captured, or take their private property.

Don't fail to shoot a prisoner of war who tries to escape.

Don't fail to shoot a prisoner of war trying to assist the enemy.

Don't fail to shoot a prisoner of war who assaults you viciously.

Don't fail to down a prisoner of war who resists you in any other way.

Don't torture a prisoner for information.

Don't give parole except through your officer.

Don't act treacherously, or in any way which has a hint of meanness in it.

Don't let yourself be caught by the others acting treacherously.

Don't be a brute because the enemy is one. If he breaks the laws you may be sure that some suitable punishment will be thought out and inflicted; but as for yourself.

Don't go beyond your rights and do as you would be done by.<sup>330</sup>

### **Chalk Wilbie Frederick**

Gunner No.28952 Medium Trench Mortar Battery

Gunner Chalk was born at Morisset. He was a 32 year old married hospital attendant when he enlisted on June 9, 1916. His wife was Mrs Edith Chalk of Cooranbong Rd in Morisset. He previously served 4 years in the 4<sup>th</sup> Queen's West Surrey Regiment and 4 years in Sussex Imperial Yeomanry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916.<sup>331</sup>

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<sup>330</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, April, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>331</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

### **Chandler Harold Ebenezer**

Private No.54645 5<sup>th</sup> A.M.T.

Private Chandler was a 19 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on April 24, 1918. His father was Albert Frank Chandler of “Ferndale” at Wyong Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Field Marshall” on June 19, 1918.<sup>332</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Chandler was from Wyong Creek and enlisted. He passed the medical examination as being fit and went into camp to swell the “Carmichael Thousand.” He was the third son Mr and Mrs Chandler had given to fight for the Empire. The latest recruit was a fine stamp of an Australian, 6 feet tall, well set up, a good shot, and a splendid horseman. He offered his services on his nineteenth birthday.<sup>333</sup>

### **Chandler Leslie Campbell**

Driver No.19257 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Driver Chandler was a 23 year old single, teamster when he enlisted on November 29, 1915. His father was Albert Chandler of Wyong Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on May 11, 1916.<sup>334</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Driver Chandler was from Wyong Creek and in writing to his mother he said he had just spent two weeks in Scotland and had a very good time. Everywhere he went Australia’s sons were made welcome. After his return to France he met Sid Goldsmith, Albert Sharp. W. Earl, E. Reilly, Tom Maher and Jack Tarrant, all Wyong boys. It was a rare thing to meet so many friends in one day he said. He had more than two years’ service and was still going strong.<sup>335</sup>

### **Chandler Robert William**

Private No.4063 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Brigade

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<sup>332</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>333</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>334</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>335</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Private Chandler was a 21 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on February 7, 1917. His mother was Frances Rosina Chandler of “Ferndale” in Wyong Creek. He previously served 89 days in the Remount Corps, Australian Army Corps. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on June 16, 1917.<sup>336</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Chandler was from Wyong Creek he had passed as a marksman and wore the cross arms on his sleeve. He also won a good cash prize at musketry before leaving for England for the front.<sup>337</sup> He later married.<sup>338</sup>

### **Chapman Stanley**

Private No.7346 5<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Chapman was born at Woy Woy. He was a 28 year old single, commercial traveller when he enlisted on July 4, 1916. His father was Mark Jenkins Chapman of Peppermint Grove in Western Australia. He embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on board HMAT A28 “Miltiades” on January 29, 1917.<sup>339</sup>

### **Chapman Victor**

Private No.8357 20<sup>th</sup> Army Service Corps

Private Chapman was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, architect when he enlisted on September 13, 1915. His father was John Chapman of Daniel St, Granville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A66 “Uganda” on November 27, 1915.<sup>340</sup>

### **Chaseling Clifford Stanley**

Private No.6048 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Chaseling was from Tuggerah. He was an 18 year old single, rope maker when he enlisted on December 7, 1915. His father was Donald Chaseling of 44 May St, St. Peters in Sydney. He previously served for 2 years in the Citizens Forces. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A11 “Ascanius” on October 25, 1916.<sup>341</sup>

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<sup>336</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>337</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>338</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>339</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>340</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>341</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

### **Chilcott John**

Private No.95083 Depot

Private Chilcott was born at Ourimbah. He was a 39 year old married miner when he enlisted on October 5, 1918 and was discharged from the army before leaving Australia. His wife was Elizabeth Chilcott of 42 Throsby St, Wickham in Newcastle.<sup>342</sup>

### **Chippendall Herbert, Military Medal**

Gunner Infantry

Gunner Chippendall was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>343</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that at the Police Court, Gosford, on Friday last, reference was made by the Chairman of the Bench to the departure of Mr Chippendall, deposition clerk, to fight for his country. Mr Adrian, Stipendiary Magistrate who, with Mr Archbold J. P. occupied the Bench, said he desired to express on behalf of the Bench, their admiration for Mr Chippendall. Personally, he always felt the utmost admiration for young men who offered their services for their country. In the present instance their young friend was giving up a good position and prospects to fight for his King and country in a cause that was absolutely just and all felt he was doing the right thing in making the sacrifice.

It meant that deliberately he was offering his life for his country's life and liberty and what nobler way a man's life could end. Life was, after all, a short span, but how we lived and how we died that really mattered. Mr Chippendall had chosen deliberately and knew he was doing right and they all admired him for his choice. At the same time it must be remembered that it was only a percentage that were wounded and a still smaller percentage that were killed and they hoped to welcome him back full of honours and in the hope that he might live to tell his sons and his grandsons that he was proud to have offered his life and done his part towards saving his country in the great war of 1915.

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<sup>342</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>343</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Sergeant Morris of the Gosford Police, (who had a son at the front and was later killed) said that while they were proud to know that another of their young men had enlisted, they would miss Mr Chippendall at the Gosford office, for he was a most capable officer. They had no doubt that he would acquit himself with credit along with the other gallant Australians who had enlisted.

Mr J. W. Lees of the Crown Prosecution Service said that in Mr Chippendall's departure they were losing a good officer for a time, but after he had done his part in the fighting line, where he had no doubt he would do well, they would rejoice to welcome him back again.

Mr A. J. Chapman, on behalf of the citizens of Gosford, desired to add his congratulations and to testify to the esteem in which Mr Chippendall was held, and their admiration for him in disregarding everything to obey his country's call. It was only by sacrifice that victory would be achieved and Mr Chippendall had not hesitated to make that sacrifice.<sup>344</sup>

Mr H. H. Chippendall, relieving police magistrate for the State and formerly C. P. S. at Newcastle, was advised that his son had been awarded the Military Medal. He took charge of a gun sub-section twice when all the N. C. O.'s had been either killed or wounded. It was for this that the distinction was conferred on him. His brother was Gunner Leonard Chippendall<sup>345</sup>.

### **Chippendall Leonard, Mention in Despatches**

Gunner

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Gunner Chippendall was mentioned in despatches for rescuing under fire a number of wounded men.<sup>346</sup> With the lack of information available

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<sup>344</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>345</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>346</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Chippendall was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Chippendall M.**

Infantry

Chippendall was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>347</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Chippendall was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Chisholm Ivor Archibald**

Private No.667 Australian Light Horse

Private Chisholm was born at Gosford. He was a 19 year old single, tailor when he enlisted on October 10, 1914. His mother was Mrs Marshall of 12 Holt St in Stanmore. He previously served 2 years as a driver in the 8<sup>th</sup> A.M.C. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on November 28, 1914.<sup>348</sup>

### **Church Chester Cecil^**

Lance-Sergeant No.635 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

Lance-Sergeant Church was a 24 year old single, hairdresser when he enlisted on July 2, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 9, 1915. He was killed instantly in action by a shell in France on July 20, 1916 at Fleurbaix in France. However in various Red Cross reports there is a different story. It was recorded by witnesses that Lance-Sergeant Church was taken prisoner by the Germans. Below is a translated copy of a card found in the Machweis Buro in Berlin and forwarded by Captain Mills on August 14, 1919 that No.835 C. Church, 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion did not exist and it obviously refers to above. NAME Church C., RANK Pte No. of identity disc, 835, DIVISION 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A.I.F., TIME and PLACE of CAPTURE identity disc handed in by N.O. of A.O.K.O. Lance-Sergeant Church also appeared on a German death list dated November 4, 1916.<sup>349</sup>

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<sup>347</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>348</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>349</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

### **Clancy Donald Vincent**

Private Depot

Private Clancy was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 27 year old married butcher when he enlisted on October 24, 1915. His wife was May Clancy of 15 Bourne St. Marrickville in Sydney. He previously served for 3 years in the Irish Rifles. He was discharged on December 14, 1915 as his services were no longer required.<sup>350</sup>

### **Clarke Andrew**

Private No.4803 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Clarke was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 11, 1916. His mother was Mary Clarke of Leonard St, Waitara in Newcastle. He previously served in the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on April 13, 1916.<sup>351</sup>

### **Clarke Arthur James^**

Private No.1888 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcement

Private Clarke was a 31 year old single,, labourer when he enlisted on January 18, 1916. His father was Mr W. T. Clarke of 76 Cross St, Double Bay. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A37 "Barambah" on June 23, 1916. He was killed in action at Passchendaele in Belgium on October 12, 1917. His name is recorded on Menin Gate.<sup>352</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that unofficial information was received here the previous week of the death in France of Private Clarke, who before enlisting was on the staff of the local bank in Wyong. He died some months earlier of wounds received in action.<sup>353</sup>

### **Clegg Herbert John**

Private No.1930 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Clegg was born at Gosford. He was a 24 year old single, fireman when he enlisted on January 18, 1915. His sister was Mrs A. E. Crane of Sydney Rd in Goulburn

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<sup>350</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>351</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>352</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>353</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on April 13, 1915.<sup>354</sup>

### **Clouten Abraham^**

Private No. 2421 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Clouten was from Wyong.<sup>355</sup> He was wounded for the second time in France.<sup>356</sup> Then he was listed as wounded and was reported to have been killed in action.<sup>357</sup>

He was born at Dora Creek and was a 20 year old single,, fisherman when he enlisted on June 15, 1916. His father was Mr W. J. Clouten of Toronto N. S. W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on October 17, 1916. He was killed in action when he was hit by a bullet in the stomach at 4.30 p.m. in the open during a counter attack. He died the same night at the R. A. P. at Villers-Bretonneux in France on April 5, 1918.<sup>358</sup> His was the brother of Leslie Clouten

### **Clouten Leslie**

Private No.2421 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Clouten was born at Dora Creek. He was a 20 year old single, fisherman when he enlisted on June 29, 1916. His father was W. J. Clouten of Toronto Fish Company. He previously served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.). He embarked from Sydney on RMS “Orontes” on October 17, 1916.<sup>359</sup> He was the brother of Abraham Clouten.

### **Cobb Oscar**

Private

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<sup>354</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>355</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>356</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>357</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>358</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>359</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*



Private Cobb was from Gosford.<sup>360</sup> He was born at Wyong and was a 30 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on May 6, 1918. His father was Charles Cobb of Wyong.<sup>361</sup>

### **Coady William Vincent\***

Private No.6487 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20th Reinforcements

Private Coady was born at Wollombi. He was a 33 year old single, school teacher when he enlisted on May 8, 1916. His mother was Katherine Coady of 20 Pine St Newtown in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on October 7, 1917<sup>362</sup>

Private Coady was killed in action on April 2, 1918. A soldier in his platoon, of 7th platoon, B Company stated that Coady was a bomber in the squad and on the whole day of May 8, 1918, they were in the front line at Villers-Bretonneux and Coady was out alone in a small dug-out in front of the trench. The trench was very small and there was no room for all the bombing squad to lie down to sleep. They had only taken that trench from the Germans the night before and had not had time to enlarge it. It was very small only having been used by the Germans as a listening post. Coady had gone further to the front to find a place to sleep and had remained there the whole day.

He was returning in the dusk of the evening when a machine gun got him in the throat and legs and killed him. The soldier said that Coady would have felt nothing at all. As soon as the others saw what had happened for they were watching him come in, they went over the top and picked him up. They got him behind a bank and examined him, but he was dead. They took off his equipment and carried him to the rear where he was buried the same night in a shell hole in the rear of what was then their reserve line. Their Platoon Officer took possession of Coady's papers and other property. Coady was described as being about 5 feet 7 inches tall and on the thin side, lean and wiry.

### **Cock Allen Geddes**

Private No.13036 2 Divisional Ammunition Column

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<sup>360</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>361</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>362</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Private Cock was born at Wyong. He was a 20 year old single, carter when he enlisted on August 17, 1915. His father was John Cock of Gunnedah N.S.W. Private Cock was currently serving in the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1916.<sup>363</sup>

### **Codd John (Jack).**

Private No.2597 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Codd was a 23 year old gardener when he enlisted on August 1, 1915. His next of kin was Patrick Codd in Ireland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>364</sup> *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Codd was from Wyong Creek. News had been received that Private J. Codd had been wounded and was in hospital in France.<sup>365</sup> Later he was in a Convalescent Camp with a wound in his arm and hand.<sup>366</sup>

### **Cohen Edward Daniel**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Cohen was from Erina and after six attempts was finally accepted for military service and went into camp the following week.<sup>367</sup> His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time.

### **Collins Harold J. #**

Corporal No.1993 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Light Horse, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Corporal Collins was from Ourimbah. He was a 23 year old married dairy farmer when he enlisted on September 24, 1915. He previously served for 8 years with the Australian Light Horse at Bangalow. His wife was Edith Sarah Collins. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A62 “Wandilla” on January 31, 1916 He died on January 16, 1917 at the 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance Station.<sup>368</sup>

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<sup>363</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>364</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>365</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>366</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>367</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>368</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

However, *The Gosford Times* recorded that Corporal Collins was to be welcomed home at Ourimbah on Friday Night.<sup>369</sup> On Friday, April 5, 1918, a welcome home was tendered. The night was wet and kept many from attending. In the absence of the Shire President, the presentation of a medal was made by Mr F. D. Burns.<sup>370</sup>

### **Cole Percival David**

Private No.4381 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Cole was born at Gosford. His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1916.

### **Coleman Joseph Leonard**

Captain No.7241 Army Service Corps

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Coleman was 27 year old manufacturer agent when he enlisted on May 18, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A66 “Uganda” November 27, 1915.<sup>371</sup> He was later promoted and *The Gosford Times* recorded that Captain Coleman was from Mangrove Mountain and was the younger brother of Roger Coleman.<sup>372</sup>

### **Colman Roger Military Medal**

Driver No.9602 4<sup>th</sup> Army Service Corps

Driver Colman was from Mangrove Mountain and the brother of Joe Coleman. He was a 19 year old clerk when he enlisted on September 8, 1915. His father was George Colman. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December 17, 1915<sup>373</sup>

### **Colville William**

Private 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>369</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>370</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>371</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>372</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August 2,. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>373</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* recorded that William Colville, aged 72, a resident of Mutu St in Woy Woy, passed away on Saturday morning. Death was due to heart failure. The late Mr Colville was a military pensioner. He served as a private in the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion having enlisted in 1914 and saw active service at Gallipoli. The funeral took place at Point Clare cemetery on Monday. Members of the Woy Woy Sub-branch of the Returned Services League formed a guard of honour as his coffin was conveyed from the cottage to the hearse.<sup>374</sup>

### **Compton Clarence Henry\***

Sergeant No.1011 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division

Private Compton was from Green Point. He was a 40 year old married farmer when he enlisted on September 25, 1914. His next of kin was Mrs C. H. Compton of 4 Ventor Avenue in Perth, Western Australia. He previously served for 18 months in the West Australian Mounted Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A39 "Port Macquarie" on December 21, 1914. He was listed as being killed in action, but his records noted that he committed suicide by shooting himself at Marakeb in Palestine.<sup>375</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private C. H. Compton, writing to his foster mother, Mrs Cuthbert, Green Point, from Egypt under date 8<sup>th</sup> May, stated that he had been promoted to the rank of Lance-Corporal and was leaving immediately for the front.<sup>376</sup> Two years later Mrs Cuthbert received word that her adopted son was killed in action in Palestine about September 4. He enlisted as a private and after three years' active service rose to the rank of Sergeant.<sup>377</sup>

In another article, *The Gosford Times* recorded that Mr and Mrs Cuthbert had just received the last letter written home by Sergeant Compton. In it he complained of being tired to death after three years continuous service without a break or a holiday. He expressed the hope that Mr Hughes would send reinforcements to give a rest to those who were left of the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division. It would make the men at the front more

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<sup>374</sup> Phillips Edward James, 1935, February, 14, at *The Gosford Times* Office, Mann Street, Gosford, for the Executor in the Estate of the Late Baker Robert James

<sup>375</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>376</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>377</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

satisfied if they knew that their mates in Australia were coming to give them a hand, but when they had to fight on and on for three years at a stretch, it was little wonder that the men (those who had not been killed or wounded) were despondent and despaired of ever seeing their homes again.

At the time of writing he said that the British and Australians were pushing on in Palestine and hoped to be in the holy city of Jerusalem before Christmas. The advance from the Suez Canal, he wrote, was wonderful. Twelve months ago they were 175 miles back and during the year they had advanced that distance across the sand desert, building railways as they went, laying the mains for a water supply and fighting the Turks the whole of the distance. He was right, the troops reached Jerusalem before Christmas, but Sergeant Compton occupied a soldier's grave on the way, as did many other valiant Australians who went across for their country and all that it meant to them and to those who remained behind.<sup>378</sup>

### **Condron F.**

Private Liverpool Depot, C Coy

Private Condron was born at Gosford. His attestation paper only gives his name. There was a warrant for his arrest issued on October 26, 1915 for desertion from the Liverpool Depot. He deserted on September 27, 1915 approximately. He was described as being 25 years and 10 months old labourer, 5 feet 8¼ inches tall, dark complexion, dark hair. He enlisted in Sydney on August 9, 1915.<sup>379</sup>

### **Connelly Edward Augustus**

Lance-Corporal No.4754 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Lance-Corporal Connelly was a 22 year old driver when he enlisted on October 22, 1915. He previously served for six months with the Navel Expedition Forces in New Guinea. His mother was Ellen Connelly of 18 Park St, Rozelle in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916. He was wounded and suffered shell shock on July 19-23, 1916 and on October 10, 1916, he

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<sup>378</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>379</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

returned to England suffering from hernia and varicocele. He returned home on the “Runic” on May, 5, 1917 and was discharged from the army on August 21, 1917.<sup>380</sup>

### **Connelly Eric\***

Private

Private Connelly was from Ourimbah.<sup>381</sup> *The Gosford Times* recorded that Mr O. B. E. Connelly, Shire Clerk at Darlington Point, has received a cable from the military authorities stating that his son, Eric, had been killed in action in France on July 26. Private Connelly enlisted in March, 1915 and was four months in Gallipoli and took part in the historic evacuation. He left with the first of the Anzacs for France. The telegram announcing the young hero’s death was received by his parents on the eve of his birthday, August 19, when he would have reached the age of 23 years. “Our one consolation is that he died fighting for the liberty of his country, but even that does not take the sting out of our loss” said his father. The late Private Conolly was well known in the Gosford district, residing with his parents at Ourimbah. His father Mr O. B. E. Conolly acted as Shire Councillor for several years and occupied the position of President, Erina Shire.<sup>382</sup>

### **Connelly William Martin**

Private No.4749 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Connelly was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 30 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 11, 1916. His mother was Frances Connelly of 53 Military Rd, Neutral Bay in Sydney. He served just 2½ week in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.) when he transferred to the A.I.F. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917.<sup>383</sup>

### **Condran Michael Hugh**

Private No.3385 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Condran was born at Ettalong. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on December 23, 1916. His father was Michael Condran of “Molong” in

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<sup>380</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>381</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

<sup>382</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>383</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Cessnock N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917.<sup>384</sup>

### **Connor Leslie Keith**

Private

Private Connor was an 18 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>385</sup>

### **Cook Arthur**

Private No.59302 A.B.D. Headquarters

Private Cook was a 19 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on May 31, 1918. His brother was Albert Cook of Milton Farm Bombara via Coonamble N.S.W. Private Cook resided at Webb’s Creek via Wiseman’s Ferry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918.<sup>386</sup>

### **Cook James**

Private Tunnellers

Private Cook was born at Gosford. He was a 47 year old single, miner when he enlisted on May 29, 1917.<sup>387</sup>

### **Coombe Ernest Albert Edward**

Gunner 2701 Divisional Ammunition Column

Coombe was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>388</sup> The Electoral Roll has Coombe recorded as temporary postal assistant residing in Wyong.<sup>389</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A22 “Rangatira” on September 25, 1914.<sup>390</sup>

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<sup>384</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>385</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>386</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>387</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>388</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>389</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>390</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

Word had been received by *The Gosford Times* of the death of Private Ernest Coombe, who was at one time employed at the Wyong Post Office.<sup>391</sup> However, *The Gosford Times* printed the following article about Private Coombe of Wyong, who recently returned wounded from the war, paid a visit on Sunday. He was looking well despite his Gallipoli experiences. He did not know whether it was on account of being wounded, but the young ladies took after him. He had very soft pillows and the affection shown was quite sisterly.<sup>392</sup>

In another article it was written that the Wyong Literary Institute being crowded on a Tuesday evening when the local Recruiting Association entertained Private Coombe, who recently returned home wounded from the Dardanelles at a conversazione. Councillor Wilkinson presided and had with him on the platform in addition to the guest of the evening the Rev. Professor Macintyre, who gave a most eloquent address on the war, Corporal Lawler, Rev. Mr Cowie, Dr Tomlinson and Mr Street, Mr J. Kay and Mr Ling.

At the conclusion of a short, but enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations contributed by Miss Susie Kay, Mrs C. Walters, Miss Ruby Tarrant and Mr A. Richards, Mr Viney, Mr Wilkinson and Mr Colley, a handsome gold medal was presented to Private Coombe on behalf of the Association by Professor Macintyre, who congratulated the recipient on his manliness and courage in responding so early in the conflict to the Empire's call and he earnestly exhorted the young men of Wyong to follow the example of the comrade they had assembled to honour and enlist without delay.

Private Coombe, who walked with the aid of a stick, on rising to return thanks, was greeted with prolonged applause, but being a typical Australian soldier, his speech was brief and very modest and he probably faced the audience with less confidence than he did the deadly fire of the Turks at Gallipoli. However, he too, urged the boys at home to join their mates in the trenches, where he spent many weeks before being wounded. At the conclusion of his speech, three ringing cheers were given for this happy warrior

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<sup>391</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>392</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



at the instance of Professor Macintyre and on the motion of Rev. Mr Cowie a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Professor himself, for his finely delivered address.

A collection to argument the funds of the Recruiting Association were taken up by Mr Cooper and Corporal Lawler and a very pleasant evening concluded with the singing by all present of Rule Britannia and the National Anthem.<sup>393</sup>

### **Cooper L**

Private

Cooper was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>394</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Cooper was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Cooper William James Frederick**

Private No.6139 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Cooper was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 28, 1916. His father was James F. Cooper of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916.<sup>395</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mrs A. Cooper of Woy Woy Bay received information that her only son was in Alexandria Hospital in Cosham suffering from severe trench feet.<sup>396</sup> In another article Mr and Mrs J. Cooper of Woy Woy Bay have been officially notified that their only son was in Berrington War Hospital with a severe gunshot wound in the back received on August 31, 1918.<sup>397</sup>

### **Cornwell Sidney Gordon**

Private No.19256 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

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<sup>393</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>394</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>395</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>396</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>397</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Cornwell was employed by the Narara Viticultural Nursery.<sup>398</sup> He was a 30 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on December 13, 1915. His father was John William Cornwell of “Livenside” of 3 Hampden St, Ashfield in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on May 11, 1916.<sup>399</sup>

### **Costello W.**

Infantry

Costello was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>400</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Costello W. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Cotterill Arthur William**

Private No.7698 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Cotterill was born at Ourimbah. He was a 23 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on January 7, 1918. His father was William Cotterill also of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A54 “Runic” on March 22, 1918.<sup>401</sup>

### **Coull Sydney Archibald\***

Private No.2151 B Coy 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Coull was from Narara. He was 28 year old single, railway night officer when he enlisted on February 28, 1916. His mother was Mrs Mary Agnes Coull of Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 29, 1916. He was killed by a shell while he was in the trench on August 29, 1917 at Warneton near Messines Ridge in Belgium and his name is recorded on Menin Gate.<sup>402</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that word was received by Mrs A. Coull on September 14, through Rev. Father Kelly, that her youngest son was killed in action on August 29, 1917, in Belgium. He was for many years a relief officer in the Railway Department, a

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<sup>398</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>399</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>400</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>401</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>402</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

position he resigned three years earlier to take up the study of opera singer. His teacher, Mr Alfred Hill, of Sydney, predicted a brilliant career for the young singer, his voice being a robust tenor. After studying about 18 months, he responded to the call and enlisted in January 1916, sailing on August 22. He went into action in January and fought in the Somme and Messines battles, after which he was transferred to the glorious 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion. With the exception of a few weeks in hospital suffering from trench fever, the young soldier was in action till August 29 last, when he was killed in action.<sup>403</sup>

### **Coulter Albert**

#### **Infantry**

Private Coulter was from Gosford and it was reported that he had been wounded in France.<sup>404</sup> He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>405</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Coulter was the local resident of the Central Coast. Private Coulter arrived home from the war on Saturday last.<sup>406</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that on Monday evening a welcome home under the Girl's Patriotic Society was tendered to Private Coulter. He looked remarkably well and it must have been gratifying to him to see such a large attendance present. Proceedings opened with a vocal and musical programme, the selection of which was in the capable hands of Miss E. Campbell and this young lady was to be commended for her choice of artists. Individual praise of the contributions was superfluous as acquitted them in a first-class manner and quite a number had to respond to encores.

The following contributed; Overture Mrs O. C. Ogden (mandolin), Miss Mason (piano) and Mr J. Grieves (violin); song, Miss M. Guerin; recitation, Mr C. Hills; violin solo, Mr J. Grieves; song, Miss Ursula Mason; song. Mrs A. I. Chapman; pianoforte solo,

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<sup>403</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>404</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>405</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>406</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Mrs F. Cohen; song, Mr A. Harvey; recitation, Mr C. Hills; song, Miss M. Guerin and a capital violin solo, "Home Sweet Home" by Mr J. Grieves, accompanied by Miss Mason concluded the programme.

Mr F. R. Archbold occupied the chair and in a brief and pointed speech, explained the object of the gathering referring to the heroic deeds of the returned hero they had welcomed that evening. Mr F. C. Stayner, Mr J. J. Fagan, Mr A. J. Davies and Mr C. Hills also spoke in laudatory terms of the deeds of the returned hero. Rev. A. Renwick then presented Private Coulter with an inscribed gold medal. An outburst of applause greeted the guest as he rose to respond. Private Coulter said that he felt it impossible to adequately convey his feelings and the welcome that had been extended to him that evening by the good people of Gosford. Life in the trenches he said had its pleasures and well as its hardships and if given the opportunity nothing would please him more than to be there again. In conclusion he thanked them for the presentation and the hearty welcome he received.

Mr Archbold, during the evening proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies of the Society, which was carried by acclamation. He also took the opportunity to apologise for the absence of Mr R. J. Baker, who was representing N.S.W. at the Adelaide Press Conference. Thanks to the committee were due to the Gosford Band for their assistance at these functions. The National Anthem and cheers for the boys at the front terminated one of the best functions of its kind held in Gosford.<sup>407</sup>

### **Coulter Robert Irvine Lucas**

Private No.1397 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Coy

Private Coulter was born at Gosford. He was a 28 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on September 11, 1915. His father was Robert Coulter of Gosford. He previously served 4 years in the Rifles Reserves. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916.<sup>408</sup>

### **Cox Clare Austin**

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<sup>407</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>408</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

Private No.740 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Cox was from Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, stockman when he enlisted on June 1, 1916. His mother was Susannah Cox of Gosford. He previously served in E Company Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.) militia. He embarked from Sydney on HMAA A40 "Ceramic" on June 25, 1915. The embarkation rolls has recorded that the original rolls stated his name as Clair A. Cocks.<sup>409</sup>

### **Cox Edward King Standish#**

Private No.164 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, E Company

Private Cox was from Wagstaffe Point and was the brother of Private Miles Standish Cox. He was a 29 year old single, station hand when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His father was Mr E. S. Cox of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 "Euripides" on October 20, 1914. He died of pneumonia in Egypt on December 13, 1914.<sup>410</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that thirty-three pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence (£33/17/9) had been collected to perpetuate the memory of the Cox brothers of Wagstaffe Point, members of the Expeditionary Force who recently died in Egypt. The total included; No 1 Box three pounds one shillings and threepence (£3/1/3). No 2 Box two pounds four shillings (£2/4/-). Lists W. Hadley, ten pounds (£10), E. F. Cox ten pounds eleven shillings (£10/11/-), W. M. Kenny four pounds eleven shillings and sixpence (£4/11/6), J. A. Beattie one pound five shillings and sixpence (£1/5/6), A Davis sixteen shillings and sixpence (16/6), F. Couche one pound one shilling (£1/1/-), A. Besle seven shillings (7/-). Rev. W. M. Herford was honorary treasurer to the fund and Mr Hadley and Mr Kenny joint honorary secretaries. When the new Church of England was erected at Wagstaffe a memorial tablet was to be placed therein. In the meantime the tablet was erected in the new Mission Hall in Woy Woy.<sup>411</sup>

In another article on the Sunday afternoon Mr J. Murphy kindly placed one of his ferry boats at the disposal of the residents between Wagstaffe and Woy Woy for those who

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<sup>409</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>410</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>411</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, February, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

desired to attend the memorial service held in the Church of England Mission Hall in Woy Woy. The service was conducted by Rev. W. M. Herford, when the tablet erected to the memory of the brothers Edward King and Miles Standish Cox who died in Egypt was unveiled. There was present a very large attendance of all denominations being represented while a squad of recruits in their khaki uniforms from Gosford gave the ceremony a military and imposing effect. Mr Kirkness of Gosford during the service gave a short inspiring address which was followed by the Rev. Hereford in the delivery and appropriate sermon.

A full choir assisted and the Dead March was played by the organist, Mr A. M. Booth. It was announced that half the collection taken up would be devoted to the branch of the War Fund. The tablet bearing the inscription was a fine piece of workmanship. This and the excellently conducted service and the large representative congregation certainly impressed everyone present with the prevailing earnestness and sincerity.<sup>412</sup>

### **Cox Miles Standish#**

Private No.165 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Cox was from Wagstaffe Point and was a 23 year old single, station hand when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His father was Mr E. S. Cox of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board Transport A14 "Euripides" on October 20, 1914. He died of disease on December 16, 1914, in Egypt.<sup>413</sup> Private Cox was the brother of Private Edward King Standish Cox.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mr E. S. Cox received letters from the Chaplain and from the Officer in Command of the Battalion of which his two deceased sons belonged. The letter expressed sincere regret and sympathy for the loss sustained by the parents and family, also he spoke highly of the popularity and good conduct of the young soldiers, whom were assured had every possible care and attention of the doctor and his nursing staff and were also given a military funeral, the full Company walking a considerable distance to pay their last respect to their comrades. The public was also

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<sup>412</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, February, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>413</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

asked to subscribe towards a fund to be utilised in a suitable manner in perpetuating the brother's memory.<sup>414</sup>

### **Cox Raymond**

Infantry

Cox was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour" list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>415</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Cox was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Cragg William\***

Private No.284 33rd Battalion

Private Cragg was from Mann St, Gosford. He was a 29 year old married carpenter when he enlisted on November 6, 1916. His wife was Mrs Lily Cragg of Mann St, Gosford and he had previous military experience in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on November 25, 1916. He was killed in action at Passchendaele in Belgium and his name is recorded on Menin Gate.<sup>416</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mrs Cragg, late of Gosford, was officially advised that her husband had been killed in action on October 12, 1917. Her address at the time of notification was 17 Swan St, Hamilton N. S. W.<sup>417</sup> In another article word was received on a Tuesday morning that Private Cragg, who prior to enlisting was in business at Gosford, was killed in action on October 12, 1917.<sup>418</sup> Prior to enlisting he was employed at the local railway refreshment rooms and subsequently commenced business for himself as a fruiterer and grocer. He enlisted about 12 months earlier and

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<sup>414</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, February, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>415</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>416</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>417</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>418</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

was sent straight to France. He left a widow who up to a few months earlier resided in Gosford.<sup>419</sup>

### **Crane George Robert**

Private No.2810 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Crane was born at Wyong. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 19, 1915. His father was Philip Crane of Wyong. Private Crane previously served 2½ years in 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on September 30, 1915.<sup>420</sup>

### **Crane Hector Phillip^**

Private No.2339 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Crane was from Wyong. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 10, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 “Orsova” on June 14, 1915. He was the son of Mr and Mrs P. Crane of McPherson’s estate and was the brother of George Robert Crane. He was killed in March, 1917 by being crushed by a shell when it buried him on the Somme in France.<sup>421</sup>

### **Crane John Thomas**

Private No.2488 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Crane was a 26 year old single, timber cutter when he enlisted on June 7, 1915. His father was William Crane of Tuggerah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on October 5, 1915.<sup>422</sup>

### **Crane Phillip Patrick (Toby) ^**

Private No.7224, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Crane was from Ourimbah. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 23, 1917. His father was W. Crane of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>423</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported

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<sup>419</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>420</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>421</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>422</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>423</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*



that Mr W. Crane senior had a letter from his son at Durban. Toby said he was on his way to the fighting line to help his brothers.<sup>424</sup>

In another article news had been received that Private Crane had died of wounds somewhere in France, a cable to that effect having been received by Rev. A. P. Hanington, Rector of Wyong. He was the youngest son of Mr W. Crane of Ourimbah and sailed from Australia in February 1917.<sup>425</sup> On October 13, 1917 he suffered a gunshot wound to the chest at Passchendaele in Belgium and he died of his wound on October 25, 1917 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian General Hospital at Estaples in France.<sup>426</sup> Two brothers of Private Crane were still in the firing line on the western front. "Toby" Crane was very popular in both Ourimbah and Ourimbah Creek.<sup>427</sup>

### **Crane Robert George\***

Lance-Corporal No.2810 4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Crane was from Wyong. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 19, 1915. He was the son of Mr and Mrs P. Crane of McPherson's Estate in Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAS A8 "Argyllshire" on September 30, 1915. He was killed in action when he was shot through the head on April 11, 1917 at the Somme in France.<sup>428</sup> He was the brother of Hector Crane, who was killed in March, 1917.<sup>429</sup> Mr Crane senior had notification from the military authorities that his son had been wounded and was also suffering from shell shock.<sup>430</sup>

### **Crane Thomas**

Infantry

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<sup>424</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>425</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>426</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>427</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>428</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>429</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>430</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Crane was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>431</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Crane was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Crane Walter Ramos**

Private No.436 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Crane was from Wyong.<sup>432</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 "Berrima" on June 25, 1915.<sup>433</sup>

### **Crane William James**

Private Infantry

Private Crane was a carter and resided in Tuggerah.<sup>434</sup> He was the son of W. J. Crane. He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served."<sup>435</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Crane was the local resident of the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr Crane senior received a cable from the military authorities stating that his son, Private W. J. Crane had been severely wounded in France. He enlisted about 15 months earlier and was sent to Egypt. From there he was ordered to Gallipoli with a machine gun detachment and fought until the evacuation. Later on he was sent to France.<sup>436</sup>

### **Crawford Edwin**

Private No.6301 2nd Machine Gun Battalion

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<sup>431</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>432</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>433</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>434</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>435</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>436</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Crawford was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old single, driver when he enlisted on October 16, 1916. His sister was Edith Wilson of “Beryl Cottage” Dulwich Hill in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916.<sup>437</sup>

### **Crawford Reginald Edward\***

Private No.2292 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Crawford was from Warnervale. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on March 18, 1916. His mother was Mrs Lillian Glover also of Warnervale His previous military experience was with the compulsory cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on October 17, 1916. On February 13, 1917 he was admitted to hospital in England suffering from influenza and on May 26 1917 he was admitted to hospital with osteoma of the femur and re-joined his unit on August 7, 1917. He was killed in action on September 18, 1918 in France.<sup>438</sup>

### **Crompton C. H.**

Infantry

Crompton was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>439</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Crompton C. H. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Cross Frederick John**

Private No.7458 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Cross was born at Wiseman’s Ferry. He was a 42 year old married farmer when he enlisted on March 24, 1917. His wife was Mary Teresa Cross of 244 Edgewater Rd, Enmore in Sydney. He was previously rejected for deficient teeth.<sup>440</sup>

### **Cross Patrick**

Private

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<sup>437</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>438</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>439</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>440</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Cross was from Wiseman's Ferry and who was a resident of Gosford for some time prior to his enlistment had been invalided home. He had the sensational experience of being blown many feet in the air by a shell explosion.<sup>441</sup>

### **Cross Percy Alfred**

Private No.5358 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Cross was born at Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 23, 1916. His father was Charles David Cross of Wiseman's Ferry. He was previously rejected because of his teeth. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on April 14, 1916.<sup>442</sup>

### **Cunliffe Alfred James**

Private No.9136 M. G. B. R. O. C

Private Cunliffe was born at Gosford. He was a 25 year old single, railway porter when he enlisted on September 24, 1915. His mother was Mrs J. Cunliffe of Wamsley. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A61 "Kanowna" on December 22, 1915.<sup>443</sup>

### **Gulla Aloysius**

Private No.3379 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Gulla was born at Morisset. He was a 33 year old single, groom when he enlisted on January 1, 1917. His mother was Mrs Margaret Gulla of Maitland Rd, Wickham in Newcastle.<sup>444</sup>

### **Cunningham James\***

Private No.6298 1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance Brigade Army Medical Corps

Private Cunningham was born at Gosford. He was a 24 year old single, bank clerk when he enlisted on July 2, 1915. He attended the Gosford Public School. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth B. Cunningham of 35 Dalton St, Mosman Bay N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 "Port Lincoln" on October 13, 1915. On January 16,

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<sup>441</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>442</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>443</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>444</sup> *Ibid*

1916 he was admitted to hospital at Tel-el-ebir suffering from jaundice. On January 20, 1916 he was admitted to hospital at Ghezireh with jaundice and on Jan 23, 1916 he was admitted to hospital at 2<sup>nd</sup> Aux Con Dept. at Heliopolis suffering from influenza. He was killed in action on August 17, 1916 at Contalmaison, Albert in France.<sup>445</sup>

### **Cunningham George**

Private No.9607 First Field Ambulance, Army Medical Corps

Private Cunningham was born at Gosford. He was a 19 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on August 3, 1915. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth B. Cunningham of 35 Dalton Rd Mossman in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Star of England” on March 8, 1916.<sup>446</sup> He was a brother of Thomas Cunningham.

### **Cunningham Thomas**

Private No.85776 4<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

Private Cunningham was born at Gosford. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 17, 1919 on special service after previously serving with the 4<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance for nearly 2 years. His mother was Elizabeth B. Cunningham of McPherson St, Mosman in Sydney. He was a brother of George Cunningham.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Cunningham was in the Heliopolis hospital. He took part in the Gallipoli battle and was wounded in the right eye, necessitating two operations. A cable received on August 25, however, stated that he was doing well and was recovering his eyesight.<sup>447</sup>

### **Curtin Leslie Joseph**

Private No.1833 1st Pioneer Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Curtin was born at Gosford. He was a 26 year old married woodworker when he enlisted on January 3, 1916. His sister-in-law was Agnes Curtin of 19 Mount St, Pyrmont in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on April 14, 1916.<sup>448</sup>

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<sup>445</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>446</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>447</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>448</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

## **Curtis Arthur Prior<sup>449</sup>**

Sergeant No.1326 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2nd Reinforcement

Sergeant Curtis was from Narara. He was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 18, 1914. His mother was Mrs L. Gould of Howd Green in Heckfield, Winchfield in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A48 "Seang Bee" on February 11, 1915. On August 13, 1916 he suffered a wound to the jaw from a bomb blast and was transferred to Alexandria. On August 27, 1917 he was admitted to hospital suffering from trench fever and was returned to his unit on September 10, 1917. On October 20, 1917 he suffered shell wounds to his back, legs, heel and abdomen and he died of his wounds on October 22, 1917 at the 17<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium.<sup>449</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr C. Hills, Manager of the Commercial Bank had completed a memorial tablet to be presented to the Narara Soldiers Recognition Association to the relative of Sergeant Curtis killed in action. The tablet was an excellent likeness of the deceased soldier. The design which was executed in water colour represented the typical Anzac in uniform bearing the Australian ensign with a trumpeter seen in the outline against the dawn sounding the "Last Post."<sup>450</sup> During the week Mrs A. White of Narara, received word that her nephew Sergeant Curtis had been killed at the front. He enlisted from Narara. His mother resided in England.<sup>451</sup>

## **Dafter Clem**

Private Infantry

There were no attestation papers for Private Dafter. *The Gosford Times* recorded that on Friday evening Private Clem Dafter of Tumbi Umbi was entertained by the residents prior to his departure for the seat of war. A programme of singing and dancing was indulged in and Mr Frank Salmon of Wyong Creek kept them very much alive. Speeches were made by Mr C. Redgate, Mr E. Robson, Mr C. Rosamond, Mr G. Frankish, Mr A. Pescud and Mr R. Sheldon and Mr P. Nolan responded on behalf of

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<sup>449</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>450</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>451</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Dafter, who during the evening demonstrated that he could sing better than he could talk.<sup>452</sup>

### **Dafter Norman Clement**

Private No.4098 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry

Private Dafter embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Star of England” on March 8 1916. Private Dafter enlisted for both World Wars and as such his attestation papers were combined with his World War 11 papers, which are not available from National Archives. His service number was N391271.<sup>453</sup> *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Dafter was from Tuggerah. Mr L. J. Dafter received a cablegram stating that his brother Private Dafter was ill in Cheltenham Hospital in England having been invalided from the trenches in France.<sup>454</sup>

### **Dafter Norman E.**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Dafter was from Tuggerah and in writing from England stated that he was well. He spent four days in London on leave.<sup>455</sup> His attestation papers were not available from National Archives at this time.

### **Daley Charles**

Sapper No.5516 Tunnelling Companies

Sapper Daley was from Woy Woy. He was a 41 year old married labourer who worked as a vet surgeon in Ireland for 3 years. His wife was J. E. Daley of Woy Woy. He previously served for 6 months in the Guernsey Militia Artillery. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” on October 25, 1916.<sup>456</sup>

### **Daley Harold Augustine**

Private No.1616 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion D Coy.

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<sup>452</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>453</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>454</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>455</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>456</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

Private Daley was born at Wollombi. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 28, 1916. His father was Robert Daley of King St in Cessnock N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 “Hororata” on May 2, 1916.<sup>457</sup>

### **Dalglish Robert Emanuel**

Signaller No.926 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Signaller Dalglish was a 20 year old single, clerical telegraphist when he enlisted on August 25, 1914. His father was E. F. Dalglish, Postmaster. He previously served about 2 years in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on October 18, 1914. He also served in World War II.<sup>458</sup>

Signaller R. E. Dalglish, son of Mr and Mrs Dalglish of Gosford and was wounded at the Dardanelles was an inmate of Netley Hospital in England.<sup>459</sup>

### **Davey Wallace James**

Private No.3030 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Davey from Wyee was reported to have been gassed.<sup>460</sup> He was a 21 year old single, mechanic when he enlisted on January 4, 1916. His father was Henry Davey of Wyee. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 10, 1917.<sup>461</sup>

### **Davies Frederick Charles**

Private No.3787 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Davies was a farmer from Blackwell.<sup>462</sup> He was a 31 year old married storeman when he enlisted on October 2, 1915. His wife was Margaret M. Davies c/- of Mrs T. Ellis of “Prestatyn” in Fanning St, Tempe in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on January 20, 1916.<sup>463</sup>

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<sup>457</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>458</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>459</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>460</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>461</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>462</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>463</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*,



**Davies Phillip Lewis**

Private No.2326 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Davies was born at Wyoming. He was a 19 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on August 26, 1915. His father was William Davies of “Abarlee” in Mannering River, N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A56 “Palermo” on April 18, 1916.<sup>464</sup>

**Davis Daniel John**

Private Depot

Private Davis was born at Yango near Wollombi. He was a 31 year old single, farmer when he enlisted. His mother was Sarah Emma Davis of Mount View via Cessnock N.S.W.<sup>465</sup>

**Davis George William**

Private 94155

Private Davis was recorded as an 18 year old single, cook. His Aunt was Mrs Laidlaw of West Tamworth. However his enlistment was cancelled as he was under age.<sup>466</sup>

**Davis Harold**

Private No.4765 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Davis was born at Woy Woy. He was an 18 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on August 21, 1915. His parents were Mr and Mrs Arthur Davis of Davis Town. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Star of England” on March 8, 1916.<sup>467</sup>

**Davis Henry**

Private No.1932 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Davis was born at Woy Woy. He was a 28 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 23, 1915. His mother resided in Bryne Avenue in Drummoyne in

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<sup>464</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>465</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>466</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>467</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on April 13, 1915.<sup>468</sup>

### **Davis Henry Charles**

Private No.2318 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Davis was born at Wollombi. He was a 21 year old single, blacksmith’s striker when he enlisted on September 22, 1915. His mother was Sarah Davis of Mount View via Cessnock N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 “Orsova” on March 11, 1916.<sup>469</sup>

### **Davis Kenneth Robert**

Private No 71437 1<sup>st</sup> Machine Gun Corps, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Davis was born at Woy Woy. He was a 22 year old married labourer when he enlisted on February 12, 1917. His wife was Dorothy Davis. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on June 21, 1917.<sup>470</sup>

### **Davis L. A.**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Davis was from Corranbong and a farewell and presentation was held in the Cooranbong Public School on Saturday evening under the auspices of the local Soldiers Recognition Association. Private Davis was presented with a medal and was also the recipient of a wallet from Mr E. Andrews. A most enjoyable programme was rendered and ample refreshments provided. Mr E. Taylor was chairman and made the presentation while Miss Ivy Jenkins, a soldier’s daughter, pinned on the colours.<sup>471</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine which L. A. Davis was a resident of Cooranbong.

### **Davis Leslie Maxwell**

Private No.59958 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>468</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>469</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*.

<sup>470</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*.

<sup>471</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Davis was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, chaumaker. His father was Harry Davis of Park Rd, Five Dock in Sydney. Private Davis lived with his father. He previously served with the 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Gaika” on July 30, 1918<sup>472</sup>

### **Davis Oswald Bernard**

Private No.1834 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Divisional Force

Private Davis was born in Woy Woy. He was a 21 year old single, shipwright. He did his training with Rock Davis for 5 years. His father was Arthur Davis of Empire Bay. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on April 14, 1916.<sup>473</sup>

### **Davis Percy Herbert**

Private No.21731 Field Engineers

Davis was born at Gosford.<sup>474</sup> He was a 24 year old single, motor driver when he enlisted on December 3, 1917. He previously did 3 years ship building under H. Davis. His father was Seth Davis. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on March 22, 1918.<sup>475</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Davis was the nephew of the late T. Atkins, who had lived in the Mangrove since he was a lad and who was well known by everyone on the Creek and River, having been employed on the Hawkesbury steamers for some years. He went with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Force.<sup>476</sup> His father was Seth Davis. His mother was Elizabeth Davis and was the brother of Thomas Loftus Davis<sup>477</sup> It was reported that Percy Davis had lost one of his arms.<sup>478</sup> It was reported that Percy Davis was being invalided back home again which would be good news for his family if true.<sup>479</sup>

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<sup>472</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>473</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>474</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>475</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>476</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>477</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>478</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>479</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 191, November, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Davis Thomas Loftus**

Private No. 5791 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Davis was born at Woy Woy. He was a 27 year old storeman when he enlisted on June 17, 1916. His mother was Elizabeth Davis. His father was Seth Davis and was the brother of Percy Herbert Davis. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>480</sup>

### **Davis Thomas**

Infantry

Davis was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>481</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Thomas Davis was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Davis William Benjamin**

Private No.2320 Depot

Davis was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>482</sup> He was from Blackwell and was a saw mill employee.<sup>483</sup>

### **Dawson Albert Edward known as Dick^**

Trooper No.2634 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron, D Troop

Trooper Dawson was from Gosford. He was a 31 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on November 9, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 “Hororata” on May 2, 1916. His next of kin was his brother Alfred Charles Dawson of Bent St, Lindfield in Sydney an elder brother Frederick William Dawson and a sister Miss Phoebe C. Dawson of Walton Cres., Abbotsford in Sydney. On November 3, 1917 he suffered a gunshot wound to the groin while he was helping to carry a wounded man back from the firing line at Beersheba and died the next day.<sup>484</sup>

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<sup>480</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>481</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>482</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>483</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>484</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

### **Deaves Gay Arthur**

Private No.10406 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 4th Reinforcements

Private Deaves was born at Wyong. He was a 30 year old married labourer when he enlisted on March 15, 1916. His wife was Lilian Deaves of Armidale N.S.W. He was previously discharged from the A.I.F. as medically unfit.<sup>485</sup>

### **Deaves Leo Robert**

Trooper

Trooper Deaves was born at Cooranbong. He was a 27 year old single, bushman. His father was John William Deaves of Wyong Creek. *The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Deaves was from Wyong Creek when he enlisted.<sup>486</sup> He was already in camp and would be soon off to do his bit. But by recent accounts the Turk will be non-est and it was hoped there would be very little to do.<sup>487</sup>

### **Deaves Philip**

Private No.94762 Depot

Private Deaves was born at Wyee. He was a 20 year old single, man when he enlisted. His father was David Robert Deaves of Cooranbong.<sup>488</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Deaves was from Cooranbong. A send-off to Private Deaves was given in the local Public School on Saturday evening last. During the evening dancing was indulged in, interspersed with several vocal and instrumental items. At 11 o'clock, Mr Kibley took the chair and after a brief speech called upon Mr Edward Taylor, an old resident, who in a neat speech, congratulated the guest upon enlisting and wished him every success in his call to duty. He then presented Private Deaves with a nicely engraved medal and cigarette case. Mr Genner, Mr Kidd, and Mr

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<sup>485</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>486</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>487</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>488</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

G. A. Wright also spoke. Supper haven been partaken of, the whole company sang the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.<sup>489</sup>

### **Deaves Roy Henry**

Private No.2053 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Deaves was born at Cooranbong. He was a 28 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on April 25, 1916. His father was George Charles Deaves of Wyee and his mother was Florence Emily Howard of Wyee. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” August 24, 1916.<sup>490</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Deaves was on the sick list.<sup>491</sup>

*The Gosford Times* also reported that on Thursday night, Private Deaves, the son of Mr and Mrs G. C. Deaves, was welcome home from the front right loyally. The railway platform was crowded with a vast assemblage to pay honour to our first returned hero. On arrival he was besieged with acclamation of “dieu vous garde” by his friends and escorted to the residence of his parents, “Kia Ora”, where a sumptuous repast was in readiness. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, Mr James Armitage in a few well-chosen words proposed the health of our soldier boy and welcomed him home to the land of his birth.

The guest, who on rising to respond was overcome with emotion, thanked one and all very kindly for their hearty reception and for the kind words said of him. He said he went to do his bit against the Hun and had done so, but suffered extreme privations. He left Sydney on August 24, 1916, arriving in England on October 4. He was immediately ordered to Salisbury Plains where he received a brief training and was sent to the front. After a month in the trenches he contracted pneumonia, snow and slush being two feet deep and bitterly cold. He was sent on to Bologne, thence to Guilford Hospital in England, where he received every care and attention. His injury was slight shrapnel

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<sup>489</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October 17, Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>490</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>491</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

wound. He brought with him several souvenirs including a belt made with badges belonging to soldiers of various regiments who paid the penalty on the field of battle.<sup>492</sup>

### **Denham Maurice**

Private No.2645 51<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Denham was born at Ourimbah. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 10, 1915. His guardian was Joseph Morris of Ethan Cottage in Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>493</sup>

### **Denham William Alfred**

Private

Denham was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>494</sup> He was a railway employee and resided at Gosford His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time.

### **Dennis Albert William**

Private No.2671 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Dennis was residing at Gosford. His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Napier” on November 17, 1916.

### **Denny Henry Robert^**

Driver No. 5001 15<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers

Driver Denney was from Tuggerah.<sup>495</sup> He was a 23 year old single, carrier when he enlisted on September 28, 1915. His father was Frederick Joseph Denney of Bowraville, Nambucca Heads, N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December 17, 1915. On October 27, 1917 he suffered from a compound fracture of

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<sup>492</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>493</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>494</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>495</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

the right leg and died on October 30, 1917, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium.<sup>496</sup> He was a brother of Rupert Joseph Denny.

### **Denny Rupert Joseph**

Private No.2162 1<sup>st</sup> Field Coy Engineers, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Denny was born at Tuggerah. He was a 20 year old single, horse driver when he enlisted on August 12, 1915. His father was Joseph Denny. He embarked from Sydney on RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>497</sup> He was a brother of Henry Robert Denny.

### **Denny Samuel James**

Private No.7237 62<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Denny was born at Dora Creek. He was a 45 year old married fisherman when he enlisted in January 1917. His wife was Dola Denny of “Boulevard” in Toronto N.S.W. he embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>498</sup>

### **Dent Arthur Ernest**

Lieutenant 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

The National Archives records his attestation paper as missing. His embarkation notes records that he embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915.<sup>499</sup> Lieutenant Dent prior to the war was employed as a clerk in the Erina Shire Office in Gosford.<sup>500</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that profound sympathy was expressed in all quarters of Gosford on Monday evening when the news was circulated that Lieutenant Arthur Ernest Dent had been killed in action at the front. Rev. A. Renwick, whose unpleasant duty it was to break the sad news, visited the hero’s late home and conveyed the following message to his parents,

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<sup>496</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>497</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>498</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>499</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>500</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Victoria Barracks,  
Rev. Renwick,  
Gosford,  
Officially reported that Lieutenant Arthur E. Dent, 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion,  
killed in action 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please inform Mr W. J. Dent,  
solicitor, Gosford and convey deep regrets and sympathy of  
Commonwealth Government in loss he and Army have sustained  
by death of Officer  
Signed Col. Luscombe.<sup>501</sup>

It was reported that he was killed in action on November 14, 1915. An officer had sent a soldier to go out and bring Dent back in who was lying in the front line trench at Flers on November 14. The soldier went up and came across another wounded man and took him back. On the way back again it was reported that Dent had died.<sup>502</sup>

It was surmised that his untimely end came during the capture of Beaumont-Hamel and Beaucourt, which engagement took place on the date mentioned in the message. Lieutenant Dent was 22 years of age on September 13 and was born at Melbourne. When nine months old his parents came to Sydney and resided in Balmain for a time and later departed to the western districts of N.S.W., living at Dubbo, Gilgandra and Peak Hill respectively, where the Editor of *The Gosford Times* saw him grow from a little boy to a fine stamp of a young Australian.

In June, 1911, he came to Gosford and was engaged in clerical duties by the late Mr F. Cox, who retained his services until he disposed of his business to Chapman & Sons. By this time Lieutenant Dent had acquired a liking for Local Government work and Erina Shire Office, where he carried on the duties of clerk until the present war broke out. Under The *Defence Act* he became a member of the Citizens Forces and being ambitious in military matters, was not long in passing examinations which entitled him to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

He did duty in the Mobilisation Camp at Newcastle and Liverpool and also at the German Concentration Camp. He left Australia for Egypt in the troopship "Ceramic"

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<sup>501</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>502</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

on June 25, 1915 and celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in the trenches at Gallipoli. After the evacuation he went to France and took part in the great battle of Pozieres, in which he had a close call, being hit on the helmet on two occasions. Since being at the front he had been promoted to First Lieutenant and at the time of his reported death was due for further promotion. As a military officer Lieutenant Dent was most popular with his men and as a civilian was a valued and courteous member of the community.<sup>503</sup>

Lieutenant Dent, as mentioned above was reported to have been killed in France on December 14, 1916. A few weeks earlier however, Mr Dent received a cable from his brother in England stating that Arthur was not dead but a prisoner in Germany. Mr Dent immediately communicated with the military authorities and on Monday received from Colonel Luscombe, Victoria Barracks, stating that enquiries had been made and the report that Lieutenant Dent was a prisoner in Germany was officially confirmed.<sup>504</sup> He wrote a letter home to his parents dated February 24, 1917.<sup>505</sup>

He had been wounded in four places, in the abdomen and foot requiring four operations in a German Hospital. He was interred in a Gefungenenlager (A Prisoner of War camp) in Brandenburg. In an extract from a letter to Mrs B A Dent it was noted that “the camp was far away better than the hospital and that he had walked three kilometres in boots.” It was reported in the *Morning Post* in England on December 31, 1917 that Dent had been repatriated to Switzerland and was then admitted to the Millbank Hospital.<sup>506</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr W. J. Dent received a cable on Monday from his son, who was a prisoner in Germany, stating that he had been transferred to the internment camp in Switzerland.<sup>507</sup> He later wrote a letter stating that he was getting along well and hoped to be sent to England and then home. He said he had a shocking

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<sup>503</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>504</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>505</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>506</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>507</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

time of it under the German treatment and wondered how it was possible to live through it all.<sup>508</sup>

In another article it was reported that on Monday evening a welcome home under the Girl's Patriotic Society was tendered to Captain Dent. He looked remarkably well and it must have been gratifying to him to see such a large attendance present. Proceedings opened with a vocal and musical programme, the selection of which was in the capable hands of Miss E. Campbell and this young lady was to be commended for her choice of artists. Individual praise of the contributions was superfluous as acquitted them in a first-class manner and quite a number had to respond to encores.

The following contributed; Overture Mrs O. C. Ogden (mandolin), Miss Mason (piano) and Mr J. Grieves (violin); song, Miss M. Guerin; recitation, Mr C. Hills; violin solo, Mr J. Grieves; song, Miss Ursula Mason; song, Mrs A. I. Chapman; pianoforte solo, Mrs F. Cohen; song, Mr A. Harvey; recitation, Mr C. Hills; song, Miss M. Guerin and a capital violin solo, "Home Sweet Home" by Mr J. Grieves, accompanied by Miss Mason concluded the programme.

Mr F. R. Archbold occupied the chair and in a brief and pointed speech, explained the object of the gathering referring to the heroic deeds of the returned hero they had welcomed that evening. He outlined the experience of Captain Dent, who was left on the battlefield for dead and how he had been found by a German in a shell hole, severely wounded and who had commanded him to rise and follow him at the point of a revolver, but nature revolted and when the Captain came to his senses he was an inmate of a German hospital. During the time he was under enemy treatment he underwent no less than four serious operations and it was a marvel he was still alive today.

Mr Archbold said he was proud of his acquaintance with Captain Dent and that his parents had reasons to be proud of him. The speaker also referred to his pleasant association with Captain Dent in the Shire Office prior to his enlistment and concluded by sincerely thanking him for the noble part he played in this world wide war. Mr F. C.

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<sup>508</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Stayner, Mr J. J. Fagan, Mr A. J. Davies and Mr C. Hills also spoke in laudatory terms of the deeds of the returned hero. Rev. A. Renwick then presented Captain Dent with an inscribed medal and a parcel from the War Relief League.

An outburst of applause greeted the guest as he rose to respond. Captain Dent said he, like one of the previous speakers was a would-do-gooder, on this occasion, a would-to-God, he could be swallowed up before facing such an ordeal, but considered what he had done for his country was not only a duty but a privilege. Australians were a warm-hearted people, all of whom he looked upon as part and parcel of that great and indomitable British army. Their letters, their parcels and their comforts all played a prominent part in the fighting lines and assisted our boys in the great work they had in hand. During the three years he had been in the army he considered it the greatest time of his life.

His only regret was that he had not been able to continue to the end. His experience as an officer and a soldier had been somewhat sensational and if permitted would give an account of it in the local paper. He concluded by thanking them from the bottom of his heart for the right royal welcome they had given him that evening and hoped it would not be long before they were welcoming all the boys home. Mr Archbold, during the evening proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies of the Society, which was carried by acclamation. He also took the opportunity to apologise for the absence of Mr R. J. Baker, editor of *The Gosford Times* who was representing N.S.W. at the Adelaide Press Conference. Thanks to the committee were due to the Gosford Band for their assistance at these functions. The National Anthem and cheers for the boys at the front terminated one of the best functions of its kind held in Gosford.<sup>509</sup>

### **Denton Arthur Oliver\***

Corporal, No. 531 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers

Corporal Denton was a 19 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on March 2, 1915. He previously served for two years in the Senior Cadets and was currently in the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Citizens Military Force. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT

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<sup>509</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

“Ceramic” on June 25, 1915.<sup>510</sup> He was killed instantly by shell fire while digging a communication trench between two old German trenches two nights after the attack at Bullecourt when there was a heavy barrage of shell fire on May 5, 1917.<sup>511</sup>

Corporal Denton was born at Jilliby. Mr and Mrs George Denton of Sixth St, Adamstown received a message that their youngest son was killed in action by a shell explosion at Bullecourt on May 5, 1917.<sup>512</sup> Prior to enlisting he was serving his time with Mr Taylor of Hamilton a builder and contractor.<sup>513</sup>

### **Denver Ralph\***

Private No.12104 9<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Section B

Private Denver was from Hawkesbury.<sup>514</sup> He was a 21 year old single, hospital attendant when he enlisted on November 15, 1915. His father was Edward Denver of 606 Harris St, Ultimo N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 “Hororata” on May 2, 1916. He was killed in action by an aerial bomb on December 12, 1917 in France during a football match. A German air squadron came over while the game was in progress and dropped bombs amongst them killing and wounding about ten of them Private Denver was a despatch rider for 9<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance and was carrying a despatch when he was hit. The orderly room was phoned and an ambulance brought him in where he died.<sup>515</sup>

### **Derley Frederick Robert\***

Lance-Corporal No.2383 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Lance-Corporal Derley was from Gosford. He was a 28 year old single, fettler when he enlisted on July 19, 1915. His father was James Derley of 232 Harris St, Pyrmont in Sydney and his mother was Susan Derley. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on October 5, 1915. He was killed in action in France.<sup>516</sup>

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<sup>510</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>511</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>512</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>513</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>514</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

<sup>515</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>516</sup> *Ibid*

### **Dickenson J.**

Dickinson was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>517</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Dickinson was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Dickinson John William (Jack)\***

Private No.2356 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Dickinson was from Ourimbah. He was a 30 year old gardener when he enlisted on May 10, 1915. He previously served for three years in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. His wife was Essel Dickinson a nurse from Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 "Orsova" on July 14, 1915.<sup>518</sup> He was killed in action at Villers-Bretonneux in France on August 8, 1918.<sup>519</sup>

### **Dimmock Samson**

Private No.52562 4<sup>th</sup> Div. Signals Coy.

Private Dimmock was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was an 18 year old single, postal assistant. His mother was Annie Smith Dimmock of Sale St in Greta, N.S.W. He previously served 3 years in the senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A14 "Euripides" on May 1, 1918.<sup>520</sup>

### **Dives Robert John**

Gunner No.28870 Medium Trench Mortar Battery

Gunner Dives was from Wyong when he enlisted.<sup>521</sup> He was a 25 year old single, linesman when he enlisted on April 16, 1916. His mother was Evelyn Dives of Tea Gardens in Port Stevens N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 "Aeneas" on September 30, 1916.<sup>522</sup>

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<sup>517</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>518</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>519</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>520</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>521</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>522</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

### **Dixon David William\***

Private No. 4705 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, B Company, 5<sup>th</sup> Platoon

Private Dixon was from Wyong and he was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 1, 1916. His father was Mr W. D. Dixon of Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on April 13, 1915. He was killed in action by a shell which fell just outside of the village of Villers-Bretonneux in France on August 8, 1918.<sup>523</sup>

### **Dixon Len**

Infantry

Dixon was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>524</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Len Dixon was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Dodds Arthur**

Private No.3104B 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Dodds was born at Wyong. He was a 20 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on September 26, 1916. His father was Sydney Dodds of Ellenborough N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916.<sup>525</sup>

### **Donovan Jack**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Donovan was from Mangrove Mountain it was noted that he was wounded.<sup>526</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Jack Donovan was from the Central Coast.

### **Douglass George Alexander**

Private No.5497 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

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<sup>523</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>524</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>525</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>526</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Douglass was born at Dora Creek. He was a 27 year old single, wool classer when he enlisted on October 8, 1915. His father was J. Douglass of Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A71 "Nestor" on October 11, 1915.<sup>527</sup>

### **Douglass Horace Surry**

Private No.2085 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Douglass was from Morisset.<sup>528</sup> He was born at Dora Creek and was an 18 year old single, butcher when he enlisted on February 5, 1915. His father was reported to be deceased and his mother was Mrs John R. Douglass of Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A40 "Ceramic" June 25, 1915.<sup>529</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Douglas was reported missing at the Dardanelles.<sup>530</sup> He was reported missing between August 6 and 11 and was the third son of Mr and Mrs John Douglas of "Doree" in Dora Creek. He was 19 years of age and was the first to enlist from Dora Creek. Private Douglass left Sydney on June 25 with the 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

He had taken part in the charge at Lone Pine and the casualties were very heavy when he was wounded and taken to the Harefield Hospital in Middlesex in England, but his file notated that there was no record of him at the hospital. On September 16, 1916 his name appeared on the German list of prisoners. On a postcard sent by Private Douglass on March 25, 1917 he stated that he had been transferred to Friedrichsfeld. On another postcard dated September 9, 1918, he requested that a pair of spiked running shoes be sent to him because he wanted to keep fit and be able to run when he returned home. He stated on the card that he was fit and well and was receiving his parcels regularly. He was repatriated to Rippon in England on November 22, 1918.

### **Dransfield Frank Albert**

Private No.2869 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>527</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>528</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>529</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>530</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Private Dransfield was from Morisset. He was a 27 year old hospital attendant when he enlisted on January 8, 1915. His next of kin was recorded as a friend Miss Martha Bourke of “Nerrigundah” in Church St, Croydon in Sydney.<sup>531</sup>

### **Dransfield Reuben Argyle**

Private No.2791 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Dransfield was a 24 year old married man when he enlisted on August 9, 1916. His wife was Beatrice Alice Dransfield of High St, West Maitland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 25, 1916.<sup>532</sup>

### **Draper Charles McKenny\***

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant No.3304 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Draper was born at Gosford and he was a 19 year old bank clerk when he enlisted on August 2, 1915. His mother was Mrs Emily Jane Draper of Benevolent House in Waratah, N.S.W. His father was deceased. He previously served in the BRM/Snr Cadets for 14 months. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 “Port Lincoln” on October 14, 1915. He was killed in action on August 6, 1916 at Pozieres in France.<sup>533</sup>

### **Draves Gay Arthur**

Private 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Draves was born at Wyong. He was a 30 year old married labourer when he enlisted on March 15, 1916. His wife was Lilian Draves of Armidale N.S.W. He was discharged from the A. I. F., in July, 1916 as medically unfit.<sup>534</sup>

### **Dries John**

Trooper

Trooper Dries was born at Wyong Creek. He was a 25 year old single, bushman. His mother was Kathleen Dries of Wyong Creek.<sup>535</sup>

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<sup>531</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>532</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>533</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>534</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>535</sup> *Ibid*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Dries was already in camp and would be soon off to do his bit. But by recent accounts the Turk will be non est and it was hoped there would be very little to do.<sup>536</sup>

### **Driscoll Frederick William**

Private No.2051 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Driscoll was originally a state child from Gosford Boys Home. He was a 22 year old single, dairyman when he enlisted on April 29, 1916. His next of kin was a friend Mrs Jacobsen of Saratoga.<sup>537</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 24, 1916.<sup>538</sup>

### **Drummond Norman Wesley**

Private No.6486 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Drummond was born at Wollombi. He was a 22 year old single, public school teacher when he enlisted on January 13, 1916. His father was James Drummond of Rock Flat N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>539</sup>

### **Dubois Cecil**

Private No.N95748 Depot

Private Dubois was from Wyong Creek.<sup>540</sup> He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted October 22, 1918. His father was William Dubois of 128 Church St, Newcastle.<sup>541</sup>

### **Dubois Henri**

Private No.11955 9<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

Private Dubois was from Matcham. He was a 28 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on September 10, 1915. His mother was Anna Dubois of Grosvenor Rd,

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<sup>536</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>537</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>538</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>539</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>540</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>541</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

Lindfield in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on May 11, 1916.<sup>542</sup>

### **Duffell Donald Percival**

Private No.3283 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Duffell was born at Brooklyn. He was a 26 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on August 3, 1915. His mother was Martha Duffell of Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>543</sup>

### **Duffy Edmund Denning Military Medal**

Gunner No.15558 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Gunner Duffy was born at Ourimbah. He was a 21 year old carpenter when he enlisted on November 8, 1915. His father was Charles James Duffy of The Entrance. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on April 14, 1916.<sup>544</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Gunner Duffy was the second youngest son of Mr C. J. Duffy that enlisted for the war and went into camp on November 8. All his many friends wished him good luck as he was the first to enlist from The Entrance.<sup>545</sup> Mr C. J. Duffy had received word that his son, Gunner Duffy had been wounded in France.<sup>546</sup> He had completely recovered and was back to his gun again.<sup>547</sup> In another article it was reported that Mr C. J. Duffy had received information that his son, Gunner Duffy had been promoted by two stripes and had been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.<sup>548</sup>

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<sup>542</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>543</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>544</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>545</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>546</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>547</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>548</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Dumas Emil Henry**

Sapper No.1837 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Sapper Dumas was a 26 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on January 10, 1916. His father was Alexander Dumas of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on April 14, 1916.<sup>549</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Dumas was from Empire Bay had returned from the war.<sup>550</sup> A social was to be held at Kincumber School of Arts on Wednesday, November 28, 1917, to welcome him home.<sup>551</sup>

### **Duncan James Edward**

Private No.4159 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Duncan was born at Wyong. He was a 25 year old single, fisherman when he enlisted on March 10, 1916. His father was Thomas Duncan of Noraville. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 "Wiltshire" on August 22, 1916.<sup>552</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Duncan from Noraville had been wounded. A cable to that effect was received by his family on Tuesday. It did not state the nature of the wound.<sup>553</sup> James Duncan suffered from Jacksonian epilepsy and on September 19, 1918 he shot himself.

### **Duncan Percy Thomas#**

Private No.483 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Duncan was from Kanwall. He was a 25 year old fisherman and suffered a gunshot wound to the head. He returned home to Australia and was discharged from the army on August 23, 1918 and died in Randwick hospital.<sup>554</sup> He had embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 "Afric" on October 18, 1916.<sup>555</sup>

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<sup>549</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>550</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>551</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>552</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>553</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>554</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>555</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

### **Duncan Peter T.\***

Private No.2646 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Duncan was from Wyong.<sup>556</sup> He was a 23 year old single, packer when he enlisted on July 28, 1915. His mother was Mrs A. Duncan, 13 Melrose Ave, Rutherglen in Glasgow Scotland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915. He was killed in action on April 2, 1917, at Louverval in France.<sup>557</sup>

### **Duncan R.**

Infantry

Duncan was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>558</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Duncan was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Duncan Sydney Arthur Victor**

Private No.95929 Depot

Private Duncan was born at Wyong. He was a 28 year old single, fisherman when he enlisted on November 4, 1918. His father was Thomas Duncan of Wyong. He previously served 6 years in the Royal Australian Navy.<sup>559</sup>

### **Duncan Thomas Jnr**

Infantry

Duncan was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.<sup>560</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Duncan was the local resident of the Central Coast.

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<sup>556</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>557</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>558</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>559</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>560</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Duncan previously of the Hawkesbury Bridge Guards was farewelled at the Convent of Mercy Hall, Brooklyn. The function was organised by Sergeants S. Sheehan and Gillard of the Guards. Lieutenant H. E. Naughten presented Dunn with a wristlet watch on behalf of his comrades and while Master Vincent Kelly presented a silver boomerang and cigarette case (his own gift).<sup>561</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Duncan, who was reported as being dangerously wounded, was out of danger. He had been in the war since the beginning and was one of the original Anzacs.<sup>562</sup> In another article it was reported that he arrived back home from the front on Saturday the previous week. He was one of the first to volunteer and had been in most of the principal battles both at Gallipoli and in France. He had been wounded a number of times, but the last time he came very close to making the supreme sacrifice. He was given a reception on his arrival.<sup>563</sup>

### **Duncan William George**

Private No.3756 57<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Duncan was born at Gosford. He was a 38 year old farmer when he enlisted on June 1, 1917. His father was Thomas Duncan of High St in Coffs Harbour N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 31, 1917.<sup>564</sup>

### **Dunford Horace Rupert**

Private

Private Dunford was a 27 year old from Morisset.<sup>565</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that on a Saturday evening at Wilson’s Hotel in Morisset, George McIlraith was met by their fellow workers at the Morisset Hospital and was farewelled for the front with the A. I. F.<sup>566</sup>

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<sup>561</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>562</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>563</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>564</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>565</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>566</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

## **Dunn Charles**

Private

Private Dunn was from Morisset. He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>567</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Charles Dunn was the local resident of the Central Coast.

## **Dunn Harold**

Private Depot

Private Dunn was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 20 year old single, clipper and miner when he enlisted. His mother was Annie Dunn of Abedare Rd in Weston, N.S.W. He previously served in the militia in the Maitland area.<sup>568</sup>

## **Dunn Richmond Edward Military Medal**

Private Hawkesbury River

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Dunn was from the Hawkesbury River and was the son of Mrs Dunn of Windsor.<sup>569</sup>

## **Dwyer Fabian Rev.**

Chaplain 4<sup>th</sup> Class

The Rev. Fabian Dwyer was a 33 year old Roman Catholic Priest when he enlisted. His father was Cornelius Joseph Dwyer of Clarendon in Windsor N.S.W.<sup>570</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he was sometimes an assistant priest in the Wyong parish when he became a Chaplain in the A.I.F. He was expected to sail for Europe during the week.<sup>571</sup> In another article it was reported that Father Dwyer sailed for the front the previous week. He had four brothers in khaki. He embarked from Melbourne on HMAT A9 “Shropshire” on May 11, 1917.<sup>572</sup>

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<sup>567</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>568</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>569</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>570</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>571</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>572</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Dwyer J. J.**

Australian Light Horse

Dwyer was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour" list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>573</sup> It is not possible to determine which J. J. Dwyer was the resident of the Central Coast.

### **Dwyer Oliver Milton**

Private

Private Dwyer was a 21 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>574</sup>

### **Dwyer Thomas\***

Private No.6729 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcement

Private Dwyer was from Dooralong and was a 26 year old single, teamster when he enlisted on August 7, 1916. His mother was Mrs E. J. Dwyer of Dooralong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT SS "Port Nicholson" on November 8, 1916.<sup>575</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a farewell was tendered to Private Tom Dwyer on Friday night at the local hall. There was a good attendance a number being present from Jilliby and elsewhere. The presentation, a set of safety razors, was made by Mr Whiteman on behalf of the residents. Mr Frank Dwyer returned thanks on behalf of his son. Mr Dwyer's address was admirably restrained in tone and marked by good sense. Dancing was kept up nearly all night and the gathering broke up after rendering "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." <sup>576</sup>

In another article it was reported that word had been received that Private Dwyer had been killed in action in France. He was the eldest son of Mr Frank Dwyer and enlisted

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<sup>573</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>574</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>575</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>576</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



about 12 months earlier. His brother Jack was wounded in Gallipoli.<sup>577</sup> He died on October 3, 1917.<sup>578</sup> He was killed in action by a shell explosion on October 3, 1917 and his name is recorded on Menin Gate. He was a stretcher-bearer in his Company when he was hit by a shell at Broodseinde on a road and had his foot taken off. Another stretcher-bearer attended to him and he died on the stretcher and was buried in a shell hole.<sup>579</sup>

### **Earl Charles Stanley**

Private No.2813 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Earl was born at Ourimbah. He was a 21 year old sleeper cutter when he enlisted on June 25, 1915. His father was Roy Robert James Earl also of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on September 30, 1915.<sup>580</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Earl had been seriously wounded in France.<sup>581</sup>

### **Earl Claude Jamison**

Private No.412A 1<sup>st</sup> Machine Gun Coy.

Private Earl was born at Erina. He was an 18 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on May 25, 1915. His mother was Mrs Ellen Earl of Ourimbah. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A17 “Port Lincoln” on October 20, 1916.<sup>582</sup>

### **Earl Francis Victor**

Private No.2659A 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Earl was born at Jilliby. He was a 19 year old single, sawmill employee when he enlisted on October 9, 1916. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth Earl of Maitland Rd, Wyong. He previously served for 6 months in the senior cadets and 1½ years in the 16<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>577</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>578</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>579</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>580</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>581</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>582</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

Battalion. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on November 9, 1916.<sup>583</sup>

### **Earl William Joseph**

Private No.420 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Earl was born at Wyong. He was a 26 year old single, teamster when he enlisted on November 30, 1915. His father was William Earl junior of Wards River Railway N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 1, 1916.<sup>584</sup>

### **Earl Wilfred Victor**

Private No. 378B 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Cyclists

Private Earl was born in Ourimbah. He was a 25 year old single, timber heaver when he enlisted on January 18, 1916. His mother was Ellen Earl of Ourimbah.<sup>585</sup>

### **Eather Albert Ernest**

Private No.3286 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Eather was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, man when he enlisted on July 21, 1915. His father was Thomas Eather of Mary St in Singleton. He previously served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 1, 1916.<sup>586</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he was wounded and sent to Harefield Hospital in Middlesex England.<sup>587</sup>

### **Eather Robert James\***

Private No.2411 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Eather was from the Upper Colo, Hawkesbury River. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on April 8, 1916. His father was John Eather of Upper Colo. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises on August 24, 1916. He was killed in action on June 7, 1917 and his name is recorded on Menin Gate.<sup>588</sup>

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<sup>583</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>584</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>585</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>586</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>587</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>588</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

### **Eaton Walter James**

Trooper No.3535 Australian Light Horse

Trooper Eaton was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on May 28, 1917. His father was Walter Henry Eaton of Gosford. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A73 "Commonwealth" on November 2, 1917.<sup>589</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday evening locals met in the Narara Hall to do honour to Trooper Eaton. Mr R. Hill occupied the chair and after a musical programme had been rendered he was presented with a pocket wallet as well as knife, fork and spoon on behalf of the residents of Narara. Hugh Campbell returned thanks on himself and his mates. Mrs Walsh, Miss Harvey and Mr Ralph Teeson contributed to the evening's enjoyment and Miss Coull presided at the piano in her usual able manner. Sergeant Colman, Recruiting Officer for the district gave a humorous recitation, which was much appreciated.<sup>590</sup>

### **Edwards John Williams**

Private No.3319 5 Divisional Train

Private Edwards was born at Brooklyn. He was a 33 year old married fishmonger when he enlisted on July 19, 1915. His wife was Agnes Lilian Edwards of 51 Moore St, South Yarra in Melbourne. He was previously a member of the Brooklyn Rifle Club. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 "Nestor" on October 11, 1915.<sup>591</sup>

### **Edwardes William Harold Rev.**

Chaplain Captain

The Rev. Edwardes was a 54 year old married clerk in Holy Orders when he enlisted. His wife was Violet Helen Mary Edwardes of North Sydney. He previously served in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.) as Chaplain for 15 years. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A43 "Barunga" on October 20, 1916.<sup>592</sup> *The Gosford Times*

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<sup>589</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>590</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>591</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>592</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

reported that The Rev. Edwardes from Gosford and Erina was appointed Chaplain and left the previous week on one of the transports.<sup>593</sup>

**Egan Joseph John\***

Private No.1435 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion

Private Egan was from Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on August 7, 1915. His guardian was Frederick Arthur Stayner of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A47 "Mashobra" on October 4, 1915. He was killed in action on August 6, 1916 at Villers-Bretonneux.<sup>594</sup>

**Eley Samuel Thomas\***

Private No.3513 14<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion, Infantry

Private Eley was from Wyoming. He was a 25 year old married fettler when he enlisted on October 19, 1915. His wife was Mrs E. Eley of Wyoming. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 "Berrima" on December 12, 1915. He was killed in action on May 18, 1917 at Noreuil in France.<sup>595</sup> He was formerly employed at the Narara Viticultural Nursery.<sup>596</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that last Tuesday Rev. A. Renwick received a cable from Sergeant W. Eley stating that his brother had been killed in action in France on May 18, 1917. The Late Private Eley, who had four brothers at the front, was with his brother Sergeant William Eley employed at Narara Viticultural Nursery and both enlisted about two years earlier. He had only just joined his brother in the Machine Gun Section in France. He left a wife and one child.<sup>597</sup>

In another article it was reported that the Narara Voluntary Workers met at Mrs Eley's orchard on Saturday last and made a great progress in cleaning up the orchard. The following workers took part; R. Hill, J. Campbell, J. Gallaher with horse and plough,

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<sup>593</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>594</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>595</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>596</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>597</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

T. Hodson, Albert Roffe, A. Saul, P. Fiddick, D. Jenkins, C. Braithwaite of Gosford, H. Kay, C. Newton with carpentering work at H. Campbell's and F. Dawson. During the afternoon refreshments were supplied by the ladies of Gosford and Narara Voluntary Workers, which was much appreciated. Funds were required by this Association for the purchase of manure for the soldier's orchards and would be acknowledged through the column of *The Gosford Times* by R. Hill.<sup>598</sup>

### **Eley William**

Platoon Sergeant No.3514 14<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy

Sergeant Eley was a 37 year old married foreman nursery hand when he enlisted on August 19, 1915. His wife was Mrs Eley of Wyoming Estate. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 "Berrima" on December 12, 1915.<sup>599</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that William Eley of Narara Viticultural Nursery, who had recently enlisted, passed the required examination and was promoted to the rank of Platoon Sergeant, A Company of the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion of reinforcements.<sup>600</sup> He along with his brother Sam came from a fighting family. He joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry as a mere lad and left a few years ago with first class discharge certificates. He was one of the ill-fated H.M.S. "Bulwark" maiden crew, the battleship that recently went to the bottom in Sheerness Harbour as a result of an explosion. Mr Eley had two brothers Bert and Frederick in the fighting line in Flanders, they having enlisted in Kitchener's army at the outbreak of the war.<sup>601</sup> Sergeant Ely of Narara, then in the trenches sent to *The Gosford Times* a copy of the first issue of *The Rising Sun* a journal of the A. I. F. in France.<sup>602</sup>

In another article it was reported that on a Saturday afternoon a number of residents turned up at Wyoming and put in a few hours orchard work on account of Sergeant

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<sup>598</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>599</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>600</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>601</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>602</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Eley, who at the time was in the trenches in France.<sup>603</sup> In a further article Mrs Eley of Narara received word that her husband, Sergeant Eley had been invalided home and was on his way home.<sup>604</sup> He had returned from the war and was to be entertained at a welcome home social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society at the School of Arts on Monday evening next.<sup>605</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Eley who had been at the front in the firing line in France for over two years, a member of the Machine Gun Section, was entertained at a welcome home social in the School of Arts on Monday evening by the Girl's Patriotic Society. The President of the Shire, Mr F. R. Archbold J.P., acted as Chairman and proceedings opened with the National Anthem after which the following musical programme was rendered; Instrumental duet, Mrs and Miss Cohen; song, Miss Mary Guerin; recitation, Baby Dawes, whose appeal was responsible for a shower of coins; song, Miss Ursula Mason; song, Mr Garvin; song, Mr Harvey; skipping dance, Miss Dawes.

Sergeant Eley was greeted with cheers as he stepped on to the stage where he was officially welcomed by the Chairman. Mr Archbold referred to Sergeant Eley's brave and honourable service and regretted that the hall was not overflowing with people whose duty it was to welcome home a brave soldier from the field of battle. He was told that there was a picture show on that night and he could not understand how anyone could go to such a place of amusement in preference to honour one who had gone abroad to fight for them. He hoped it would be the last time that a picture show or any other function would clash with the welcome home socials given to our returned hero lads.

Mr F. C. Stayner said he was proud to be present to assist in welcoming home Sergeant Eley. The members of the Girl's Patriotic Society, was responsible for the welcome home socials tendered each soldier as he returned displayed a fine spirit and zeal in their

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<sup>603</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>604</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>605</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

self-imposed patriotic work and they were determined that no effort should be relaxed until the last man was safe home from the horror stricken battlefields of Europe, where our brave lads were now fighting at death grips with the Kaiser's hordes in their struggle for the right of humanity.

Mr Stayner made an appeal for the war loan and said that those who could not go to the front should do all that was in their power to provide the sinews of war. He warned them against the disloyalty of indifference and said that while Australia had sent good men away to fight for King and country, there were plenty of good men left. Now that the Empire had called for help, he expected to see thousands respond to the appeal. Mr D. Jenkins said that while genius could always command admiration, it was the man of character who was honoured and respected. Prior to going to the war Sergeant Eley was a trusted employee at the Viticultural Nursery and on behalf of his old comrade he, Mr Jenkins, extended to him a hearty welcome home and hoped that his wife and family he would enjoy long life and happiness.

Sergeant Eley was a brave man, a typical soldier and with his brothers had battled for King and country. One of his brothers was now filling a lonely but honourable grave on the fields of Flanders. Mr W. E. Kirkness said they could never pay off the debt of gratitude they, one and all, were under to Sergeant Eley and the other worthy sons of Australia who had crossed the seas to fight the Empire's cause in its struggle for liberty and civilisation. At the present time the Empire's fate was trembling in the balance and the Dominions were being appealed to send more men.

Would Australia head the call, would it send help to their other brave lads who had done so much to make the name of Australia famous the world over? Some people had said that we did not go the right way about recruiting. They had tried every conceivable way to get recruits and if it was not the right way, then for Heaven's sake let these people tell the recruiting authorities which was the right way. Sergeant Eley was one of the first to hear the call and had given the best that was in him and they honoured him as a brave man and rejoiced at his return. In conclusion, Mr Kirkness referred to the noble work performed by the ladies of the Red Cross Society in providing meals for all the wounded soldiers who passed through Gosford railway station bound for their homes up north.

After this cruel war was over the world would be brighter and better, for true men and true woman would know what the words brotherhood and sisterhood stood for. And to the Parliaments of their country would be elected those who had fought and bled for all they held dear and who had proved themselves worthy to sit in high places. Dr Paul and Mr J. J. Fagan, J.P., also joined in extending a hearty welcome to the returned soldier. The Rev. A Renwick prior to presenting Sergeant Eley with a gold medal apologised for the unavoidable absence of Corporal Rigelsford. The medal handed to Sergeant Eley bore the following inscription; "Presented by Citizens to Sergeant W. Eley, Gosford 1918."

On behalf of the Girl's Patriotic Society, Mr Renwick congratulated the Sergeant on his safe return. His career in the Army had been watched with interest and pride, and they were all glad to see him back again with those so near and dear to him. Sergeant Eley in his brief reply again testified to the fact that many soldiers can fight better than they can talk. The war was blamed for many things, but it had shown to him that he had made many good and true friends in the Gosford district. He thanked them for the welcome home extended to him and also thanked those who had kept an eye on his little orchard while he was on the other side.

He also thanked the Girl's Patriotic Society and the War Relief League for the parcels sent to him while at war, and it would be gratifying to them to know that these parcels were received regularly and were highly appreciated. He was glad to be home again, but was proud that he had gone to do his little bit against his country's enemies. He wouldn't have missed it for all the tea in China.<sup>606</sup>

### **Elliott A. A. T.**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Elliott was a farmer from Ourimbah Creek.<sup>607</sup> On Saturday night last he and four others were entertained at a farewell social in the

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<sup>606</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>607</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Ourimbah School of Arts, the attendances being exceptionally large and thoroughly representative. The organisers were Mrs S. Bridges, Mrs W. H. Foott, Mrs W. M. Reid, Mrs Coghlan, Mrs C. Ingram, Mrs Eaton and Miss Murphy. Mrs Read was the Secretary and Mrs Ingram Treasurer. In a neat speech Mrs Bridges made a presentation to each recruit from the ladies of an air cushion and mirror and on behalf of Mrs Luxford a pair of socks. The purport of Mrs Bridge's speech was most appropriate and timely and will doubtless long be remembered by the recipients and all present.

On behalf of Mr A. S. Jaques, Mr F. D. Burns read an address which contained sound and useful advice to the recruits and presented each of them with a gold ring. The gallant young men also received other presents from friends at Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong. Mr F. R. Archbold, Shire President, spoke highly of the recruits for their noble resolution and earnestly pointed out the necessity for more recruits in the present struggle for right, freedom and justice, as opposed to the arrogant claim of the semi-demented Kaiser to rule the world by the sword.

Private Anthony of Tuggerah, a returned soldier also addressed the meeting in suitable terms. Private Elliott responded for the presentation made by Mrs Bridges. Mr W. M. Reid responded on behalf of the recruits for Mr Jacques presents. The National Anthem having been sung in the good old loyal manner, the assemblage engaged in dancing to excellent music by the piano by Mrs Eaton, while the others looked on at the bright merry gathering and no doubt talked of the good old times. During the evening several musical items were rendered by friends. The hall was beautifully decorated by many willing hands and there was no lack of cordial help for the organisers when refreshments were heralded. Shortly before midnight the assemblage sang in the orthodox style the good old Scottish favourite "Auld Lang Syne." The boys had a hearty send-off on Sunday evening by their many friends when they left by train to resume their duties at camp.<sup>608</sup>

### **Elliot Norman John**

Trooper No.2180 7th Australian Light Horse

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<sup>608</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Trooper Elliot was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on November 28, 1915. His father was Thomas Elliot of Ourimbah Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT Orsova on March 11, 1916.<sup>609</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Elliot, was from Ourimbah and in writing to his father, mentions that he is a real live soldier now, having been in action for a couple of days and both he and his mate came out of the ordeal alright after being subjected to rifle, machine gun and shell fire for a solid 24 hours at one stretch. But when they charged with the bayonet they succeeded in killing a good many and assisted to capture 1,800 prisoners. Trooper Elliot stated that although he had been in two engagements he expects that the third lap is not far distant.

Trooper Elliot sent another letter home to his family stating that he had just emerged out of his second engagement with the Turks in Egypt<sup>610</sup>

### **Ellis L.**

Private

Private Ellis was from Morisset. He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>611</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Ellis was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Eschbank Albert**

Private No.4773 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Eschbank was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 7, 1915. His brother was J. H. Eschbank. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916.<sup>612</sup>

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<sup>609</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>610</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>611</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>612</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

### **Etherington David Harold**

Private No.17185 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Etherington was born at Ourimbah. He was a 21 year old labourer when he enlisted on January 10, 1916. His mother was Mary Ann Etherington of “Katoomba” Sydney Rd, Manly in Sydney. He previously served for 3 years in the compulsory militia cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on June 5, 1916.<sup>613</sup>

### **Evans G**

Evans was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>614</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Evans was the local resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Evans was from Point Clare and that he had been wounded in France.<sup>615</sup>

### **Evans John Arthur^**

Private Infantry No.1337 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcement

Private Evans was from Lisarow. He was a 19 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 23, 1915. His next of kin was Miss E. Evans of Lisarow. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A48 “Seang Bee” on February 11, 1915.<sup>616</sup> He died of wounds on March 1, 1917, sustained in France.<sup>617</sup>

### **Evans Walter Eric\***

Corporal No.289 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Corporal Evans was from Gosford. He was a 28 year old motor engineer when he enlisted on August 24, 1914. He previously served for 5 years in the Yeomanry Service and 2 years and 165 days with 120<sup>th</sup> Battery, Royal Field Artillery. He embarked from

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<sup>613</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>614</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>615</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>616</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>617</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on October 18, 1914. On June 19, 1915 he suffered shrapnel wound to his back on Gallipoli and died at sea on June 26, 1915.<sup>618</sup>

### **Everingham William**

Private No.846 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Everingham was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 24 year old single, driver when he enlisted on March 13, 1915. His mother was Lydia Everingham of Carar St, Marrickville in Sydney. He later married and his wife was Eva Everingham of “Rose Cottage” in Magdalene near Kings Lyne, Norfolk in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on June 15, 1915.<sup>619</sup>

### **Ewing George Harold**

Private No.2576 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Ewing was 21 year old single, fruit grower when he enlisted on September 14, 1916. His father was Captain H. Ewing of Point Frederick. He previously served 12 months in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.).<sup>620</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Monday evening at the Gosford School of Arts, a welcome home was extended to Private Ewing. The function was under the auspices of the Gosford Patriotic Society. Mr F. R. Archbold acted as chairman and after speeches by Mr Stayner and Mr Kirkness, presentations were made by Rev. A. Renwick. Private King responded. During the evening songs and recitations and musical items were rendered by Mrs Cohen, Mrs White, Mrs Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Miss Friedman and Mr Harvey. Musical selections in front of the hall were played by the Band.

Gifts for despatch to the soldiers included 5 tins fruit, 152 packets and 3 tins of cigarettes, 1 tin of groats, 1 packet of playing cards, 1 tin of pork beans, 6 tooth brushes, 3 combs, 2 pair of socks, 4 chewing gum, 1 stick shaving soap, 14 writing wallets, 2 books gum-nut babies and blossoms, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 towels, 9 packets envelopes, 4

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<sup>618</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>619</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>620</sup> *Ibid*

tins and 1 packet tobacco, 2 tins sardines, 4 cakes and 1 box soap, 1 tin jam, 1 pair slippers, 1 writing tablet and 38 shillings and 6 pence in cash.<sup>621</sup>

In another article it was reported that on Friday night Private Ewing was accorded another very hearty welcome and was presented with a medal by the citizens of Ourimbah. The entertainment held under the auspicious of the Reception Committee was largely attended and was a success in all ways. The hero was introduced to the gathering by Mr F. D. Burns, President of the Committee and Mr F. R. Archbold Shire President, presented the medal amidst much cheering. The presentation over the refreshments was served by the ladies. These ladies, who, by the way, did most of the work at all patriotic affairs in the hall, deserved the highest praise for their untiring energy in catering for the thirsty dancers and hungry boys who always appeared for refreshments. All present were glad to see that Private Ewing was recovering so well from his injuries. Ample evidence of the return of his health was to be seen in the energetic manner in which he participated in the dancing. The gathering broke up at about 3 a.m. on Saturday morning, all going home well satisfied with the evening they had spent.<sup>622</sup>

### **Fagan Patrick Joseph\***

Private No.1192 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Company

Private Fagan was from St. Carthage's Convent, "Brookland" Hawkesbury. He was an 18 year old single, station hand when he enlisted on March 22, 1915. His next of kin was Miss Mary Fagan, St. Carthage's Convent, "Brookland" Hawkesbury. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 "Berrima" on June 26, 1915. He was killed in action when he was buried by a shell on December 21, 1916 at Villers-Bretonneux.<sup>623</sup>

### **Fargie William Gregory\***

Private No.2893 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>621</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>622</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>623</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

Private Fargie was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old brass dresser when he enlisted on May 20, 1916. His next of kin was his brother Norman James Fargie of “Dundee” in Trongate St, Granville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on October 25, 1916 on the “Ascanius” He was instantly killed and buried by an exploding shell on May 15, 1917 between Bullecourt and Lagnecourt.<sup>624</sup>

### **Farr Donald**

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Farr was from Narara<sup>625</sup> he died in Malaya on October 27, 1943.<sup>626</sup> As his is attestation papers from World War 1 were combined with his papers from World War 11 they were not available from National Archives.

### **Farr Victor Emanuel\***

Private No.828 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade

Private Farr was a 20 year old single, miner when he enlisted on August 29, 1914. His mother was M. Drummond of Cessnock St in Branxton N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A19 “Afric” on October 18, 1914.<sup>627</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that in the 42<sup>nd</sup> list published on Monday, Private Farr of Catherine Hill Bay was given as being wounded.<sup>628</sup> He was killed in action between April 25 and 29, 1915. A soldier had reported that Private Farr was missing on the first day and that nothing was heard of him. The soldier stated that he did not see how it was possible for anything definite to be known about Private Farr or others lost on that first day.<sup>629</sup>

### **Farrell Donald**

Private

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<sup>624</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>625</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>626</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>627</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>628</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>629</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Don Farrell from Wamberal was wounded in France,<sup>630</sup> but had returned to the firing line.<sup>631</sup> He had two brothers, Jon and Michael also serving in the front lines.<sup>632</sup> His attestation papers were not available from National Archives.

### **Farrell James Arthur^**

Private No.6990 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 23<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Farrell was from Wyong. He went to Wyong Public School. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 8, 1916. His father was Mr J. Farrell of Wyong. He had previously served in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916. He died of wounds after he had been shot. He was acting as a runner at the time at Strazelle in France.<sup>633</sup>

### **Farrell John^**

Private No.4468 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Farrell was from Wamberal and was the elder brother of Private Michael Farrell.<sup>634</sup> He was a 27 year old carpenter when he enlisted on September 11, 1915. His sister was N. Farrell of Meehan St in Granville. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS "Osterley" on January 15, 1916. He died of wounds when he was badly wounded in the chest and abdomen on May 7, 1917 in France.<sup>635</sup>

### **Farrell Lionel**

Private No.3247 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>630</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>631</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>632</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>633</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>634</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>635</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

Private Farrell was born at Wollombi. He was a 20 year old single, shop assistant when he enlisted on October 23, 1914. His mother was Grace Mary Farrell of Glebe Rd, Glebe in Sydney.<sup>636</sup>

### **Farrell Michael\***

Private No.3485 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Farrell was a 31 year old single, bridge labourer when he enlisted on August 30, 1915. His father was Thomas Farrell of Wamberal. He embarked from Brisbane Queensland on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on January 3, 1916.<sup>637</sup> He was killed in action on October 29, 1917 at Ypres in Belgium.<sup>638</sup> He was a brother of John Farrell *The Gosford Times* reported that word was received that Private Farrell from Wamberal had been wounded for the second time.

In another article it was reported that the many local friends of Private Mick Farrell regretted to learn that his sister, Mrs Walsh of Tweed Heads received a cable stating that he was killed in action in France on October 27, 1917. He was a son of the late Thomas and Mrs Farrell and though born at Hawkesbury River, came to Gosford when a mere boy, his father holding the position of ganger on the railway line here for many years. On leaving school he passed into the employ of Mrs Worley and so remained until attaining manhood, when he left Gosford to take up positions on the railways of N.S.W. and later went to Mackay in Queensland, where he was at the time of enlistment.

After spending his final leave with his father at Wamberal, he sailed for the front a few days before Christmas 1915, with the 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion. As a soldier he proved himself to be of the right stuff and as a man he was esteemed by those who knew him. The battle of Pozieres brought him his first serious injury a gunshot wound in the head, which necessitated him spending many months in hospital in England, during which time he wrote of the great kindness displayed to him by the nurses and the English people generally.

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<sup>636</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>637</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>638</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit.*



But life away from the scene of battle did not satisfy him and his letters stated that he was “weary to be back on the other side of the Channel where the real sport was.” He had not long returned to duty, however, when he was again wounded and on recovering, was sent to a school of instruction in sniping and observing and though particulars were not at hand at the time it was felt that it seemed that he met his death in the discharge of these duties, as his most recent letter stated that that was what he expected to be doing.

An elder brother, Private John Farrell (known in his Battalion as “Honest John”) was killed on May 6, 1917 and Mick wrote that he had “a big score to wipe off against the enemy for his brother’s death,” words that he was fast carrying into effect according to the letters received from a younger brother, Private Donald Farrell, who still remained on active service.

### **Farrell Timothy Farrell**

Gunner No.3148 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Gunner Farrell was born at Wollombi. He was a 26 year old married school teacher when he enlisted on October 5, 1914. His wife was Daisy Farrell of Manilla N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on December 22, 1914.<sup>639</sup>

### **Fearnside Horace Vivian Joseph**

Private No.9502 Depot

Private Fearnside was an 18 year old single, farmer when he enlisted May 9, 1918. His father was Joseph Fearnside of Coachwood Rd in Matcham. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918.<sup>640</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday night a social and presentation was tendered to Private Fearnside and three others prior to their departure to the front. There was a large and representative gathering attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent in singing songs and dancing. At 8.30 p.m. refreshments were handed round and when justice had been done to the good things provided, the Rev. A. Renwick, who was ever

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<sup>639</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>640</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

ready to do all in his power to assist in affairs of this kind, addressed the soldiers and the gathering and expressed all the good wishes of himself and on behalf of the people presented each with a combination set knife, fork, spoon and money belt from the citizens.

Miss Pritchard and Miss Cleary, on behalf of Matcham Comfort Fund, in a few well-chosen words, presented each soldier with a woollen scarf. The company joined in singing “For They Are Jolly Good Fellows” and the National Anthem, after which further dancing and so on concluded the proceedings. The Committee desired to thank all those who helped to make the night a success.<sup>641</sup>

### **Fawcett Cecil Aubrey**

Private

Private Fawcett was a 39 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>642</sup>

### **Fernance Darcy Lyle\***

Gunner No.32005 5<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Gunner Fernance was a 20 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on October 8, 1916. His father was J. D. Fernance of St. Albans on the Hawkesbury River. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917 He was killed in action behind Westlock Ridge when he was sitting outside his dugout having a feed with another man when a shell burst almost on top of them killing them both instantly on September 29, 1917 at Ypres in Belgium.<sup>643</sup>

### **Ferrington Gordon William Thomas**

Private No. 74280 Depot

Private Ferrington was born at Gosford. He was a 31 year old married dealer when he enlisted on January 10, 1917. His wife was Stella May Ferrington of 33 Roseberry Rd, Leichardt in Sydney.<sup>644</sup>

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<sup>641</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>642</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>643</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>644</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

### **Ferris Alexander**

Private No.2330 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Ferris was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, electrical mechanic when he enlisted on November 4, 1915. His mother was Lucy Ferris. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A56 “Palermo” on April 18, 1916.<sup>645</sup>

### **Fiddick Percival Henry**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Fiddick from Narara enlisted for war.<sup>646</sup> His attestation papers were not available from National Archives.

### **Field Frederick John Dwyer**

Sergeant No.331 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Company

Sergeant Field was a 19 year old single, shop assistant when he enlisted on July 8, 1915. His father was William Alfred Dwyer Field of Park St in Merewether, Newcastle. He previously served for 6 years in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 9, 1915.<sup>647</sup>

### **Fishburn Lawrence James**

Private

Private Fishburn was a 35 year old residing in Wyong. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>648</sup>

### **Fishburn W. (Fishenden) Mention in Despatches\***

Corporal No.3039 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Corporal Fishburn was from Woy Woy.<sup>649</sup> He was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 14, 1915. His father was J. P. Fishenden of Glen Innes. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A69 “Warilda” on October 8, 1915. He suffered from

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<sup>645</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>646</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>647</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>648</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>649</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*.

diphtheria on December 19, 1915 and was discharged from hospital on January 26, 1916. Then he had peri-tonsilla abscess and was discharged on February 29, 1916. He also suffered a gunshot wound to the right buttock and compound fracture to the right hand. He re-joined his unit on January 24, 1918. He was killed in action on April 17, 1918 in France.<sup>650</sup>

### **Fisher Percy Frederick**

Private No.7056 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 21 Reinforcements

Private Fisher was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on June 27, 1917. His father was Albert Fisher of John St in Cardiff, N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” on December 19, 1917.<sup>651</sup>

### **Flack Arthur Peter William**

Private No.10080 Depot

Flack was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>652</sup> He was a 19 year old single, painter employed at Wyong railway station when he enlisted on July 23, 1915. His father was Frederick William Flack of “Lynwood” on Melbourne St, East Maitland N.S.W. He previously served 5 years with 5<sup>th</sup> Scottish Rifles militia and completed his term.<sup>653</sup>

### **Fleming George Ray^**

Private No.720 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, D Company

Private Fleming was from “Stoneleigh” Central McDonald via Wiseman’s Ferry. He was a 23 year old single, teacher when he enlisted on August 25, 1914. His mother was Mrs Fleming of “Stoneleigh” Central McDonald via Wiseman’s Ferry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 19, 1914.<sup>654</sup> He died of wounds after being badly wounded in the head at Gallipoli. He died at Valettia Hospital on Malta on May 26, 1915.<sup>655</sup>

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<sup>650</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>651</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>652</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>653</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>654</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>655</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

**Fleming Walter**

Private No.437 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Coy

Private Fleming was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 21 year old grocer's assistant when he enlisted on December 28, 1915. His mother was Ada Fleming of Ada St in Hamilton N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916.<sup>656</sup>

**Fletcher Herbert Edwin**

Private 5<sup>th</sup> Depot, C Coy

Private Fletcher was born and lived in Gosford. He was a 29 year old married timber getter when he enlisted on September 10, 1915. His wife was Elizabeth May Fletcher of Davistown and at her request her husband was discharged on December 23, 1915. He previously served for 4 years in the Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.) militia.<sup>657</sup>

**Foley James**

Trooper No.1016 Australian Light Horse

Trooper Foley was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 11, 1915. His mother was Mrs Foley of Wyee.<sup>658</sup>

**Foord Nelson**

Private

Private Foord was from Morisset. He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>659</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Foord was the local resident of the Central Coast.

**Ford Jack Bell**

Private No.755 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>656</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

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<sup>658</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>659</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Ford was from Somersby, was invalided to England after being wounded in France and had recovered and returned to his regiment at the front again.<sup>660</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on May 13, 1916.<sup>661</sup>

### **Ford Reuben**

Infantry

Ford was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>662</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Ford was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Forfar Earnest Henry**

Private No.66654 22 General Services

Private Forfar was an 18 year old single, motor driver when he enlisted on August 5, 1918. His father was William Walter Forfar c/o C. R. Staples of Woy Woy. He was previously in the senior cadets for 18 months. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Wyreema” on October 14, 1918.<sup>663</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Forfar was tendered a send-off at Woy Woy on Friday night and was presented with a wristlet watch.<sup>664</sup>

### **Foster William John**

Private

Private Foster was a 37 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>665</sup>

### **Fountain Raymond George Mention in Despatches\***

Sergeant No.54 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

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<sup>660</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>661</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>662</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>663</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>664</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>665</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

Sergeant Fountain was from Woy Woy.<sup>666</sup> He was a 21 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on February 3, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board Transport A40 “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915. He was killed in action on October 9, 1917 in Belgium.<sup>667</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr G. A. Fountain of Woy Woy had been informed by the War Office that his son was mentioned in a despatch from Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig dated November 7, 1917 and published in the second supplement of the “London Gazette” dated December 25, 1917, for gallant and distinguished service in the field. Mr Fountain also received a message from the King expressing appreciation of the services rendered by the late Sergeant Fountain who was killed in action and trusting that the public acknowledgement may be of some consolation to his father.<sup>668</sup>

### **Fowler Lance Joseph D’Arcy\***

Private No.1943 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Fowler was from Wyong.<sup>669</sup> He was a 28 year old licensed surveyor when he enlisted on January 22, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT A55 Kyarra” on April 13, 1915 and he was killed in action on Gallipoli on August 24, 1915.<sup>670</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Fowler was a licensed surveyor under the N.S.W. Government, and the youngest son of Mr Henry C. Fowler, surveyor of Wyong, late of Exeter in England. He received seven years training for his profession with his father, principally in the Australian bush throughout Warialda, Collarenebri and Bourke districts. He recently secured his certificate as a licensed surveyor when he received the appointment to his father’s position as one of the surveyor staff of the Western Land Board. When the Empire called he put aside the brightest prospects of a successful career and proceeded to the Dardanelles as a private.

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<sup>666</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*.

<sup>667</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>668</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>669</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country’s Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>670</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

The deceased soldier was 28 years of age and was educated at Bowral and Exeter and had private tuition in Sydney. He survived his mother by just two years and leaves two brothers, Roy and Richard, also two sisters, Eileen (Mrs O. J. Moore, of Bourke) and Kathleen (Mrs A. B. Francis of Carlingford.) His brother Richard had enlisted with a view of entering the flying corps. Private Fowler was an expert bushman and a keen lawn tennis enthusiast.<sup>671</sup>

### **Fowler Richard William Harold**

Private No.220 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, Australian Flying Corps

Private Fowler was a 30 year old single, aviation mechanic when he enlisted on January 7, 1916. His father was Henry Clarke Fowler of “Minoru” in Boyce Avenue in Wyong. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A67 “Orsova”<sup>672</sup>

### **Franklin Richard Joseph**

Private No.943 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Franklin was from Wyong. He was a 26 year old single, miner. His father was G. T. Franklin of the Post Office in Fifield, N.S.W. He embarked from Newcastle on board HMAT A58 “Kabinga” on May 21, 1915.<sup>673</sup>

### **Fraser Peter**

Sergeant

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr and Mrs Fraser of Palmdale had received word that their eldest son, Sergeant Fraser had been slightly wounded.<sup>674</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine which Peter Fraser was from the Central Coast.

### **Fraser William John**

Private No.1816 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>671</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>672</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>673</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>674</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Private Fraser was 26 year old single, grocer when he enlisted on March 21, 1916. His father was William Fraser of 9 Nobby Rd in Newcastle.<sup>675</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Fraser was a butcher from Ourimbah. On Saturday night last he and four others were entertained at a farewell social in the Ourimbah School of Arts, the attendances being exceptionally large and thoroughly representative. The organisers were Mrs S. Bridges, Mrs W. H. Foott, Mrs W. M. Reid, Mrs Coghlan, Mrs C. Ingram, Mrs Eaton and Miss Murphy. Mrs Read was the Secretary and Mrs Ingram Treasurer. In a neat speech Mrs Bridges made a presentation to each recruit from the ladies of an air cushion and mirror and on behalf of Mrs Luxford a pair of socks. The purport of Mrs Bridge's speech was most appropriate and timely and will doubtless long be remembered by the recipients and all present.

On behalf of Mr A. S. Jaques, Mr F. D. Burns read an address which contained sound and useful advice to the recruits and presented each of them with a gold ring. The gallant young men also received other presents from friends at Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong. Mr F. R. Archbold, Shire President, spoke highly of the recruits for their noble resolution and earnestly pointed out the necessity for more recruits in the present struggle for right, freedom and justice, as opposed to the arrogant claim of the semi-demented Kaiser to rule the world by the sword.

Private Anthony of Tuggerah, a returned soldier also addressed the meeting in suitable terms. Private Fraser responded for the presentation made by Mrs Bridges. Mr W. M. Reid responded on behalf of the recruits for Mr Jacques presents. The National Anthem having been sung in the good old loyal manner, the assemblage engaged in dancing to excellent music by the piano by Mrs Eaton, while the others looked on at the bright merry gathering and no doubt talked of the good old times. During the evening several musical items were rendered by friends. The hall was beautifully decorated by many willing hands and there was no lack of cordial help for the organisers when refreshments were heralded. Shortly before midnight the assemblage sang in the orthodox style the good old Scottish favourite "Auld Lang Syne." The boys had a hearty send-off on

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<sup>675</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

Sunday evening by their many friends when they left by train to resume their duties at camp.<sup>676</sup>

### **Frazer Robert**

Private No.6557 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Private Frazer was born at Gosford. He was a 26 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on June 5, 1916. His mother was Margaret Frazer of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on February 7, 1917.<sup>677</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Frazer, who had enlisted some time earlier, had been laid up with pneumonia and on the previous Thursday his relatives were sent for to come to Sydney. The report at the time stated that he was on the mend.<sup>678</sup>

In another article, Private Frazer, son of the late Mr Charles Frazer, returned home on Monday owing to ill-health. He had bad luck not being able to take part in any actual fighting, also after many months of hard training. He was expected to be discharged from the forces shortly.<sup>679</sup>

In a third article a welcome home social was tendered to Private Frazer at Ourimbah on Friday, November 17, 1917.<sup>680</sup> The welcome home was a decided success. It was in fact, a wonder that there was someone in Ourimbah mean and despicable enough to make such a contemptible statement as “Bob Frazer does not deserve a welcome as he did not see any fighting” and “that because he was annoyed at not getting a reception the week he tried to refuse one at all.” If it was true that some cold-footed, knock-kneed and envious skunk said that was according to the local paper, absolutely beneath their contempt.

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<sup>676</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>677</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>678</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>679</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>680</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

The paper also wondered did the author of those words go along and sing “He’s a Jolly Good Fellow,” or did he stay away because he would not go to a recruiting meeting. The hero of the evening was a tall well-built athletic fellow and a jolly good sport for not wishing to take any credit (which he certainly deserve) according to the local paper, for having done what many others had not done, his duty as a man, as a Christian and as a citizen of the Great Empire. A medal was presented to the returned soldier by the Shire President, Counsellor F. R. Archbold on behalf of the citizens of Ourimbah, showing their appreciation towards this brave lad for having done his bit in helping to uphold Australia’s honour. A splendid supper was ably handled by the ladies. Dancing was concluded at 2 a.m.<sup>681</sup>

### **Frazer Wallace**

Private No.19068

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Frazer, who at one time worked in the saw mills at Ourimbah, was having a rest here. He returned home about a month earlier suffering from shell shock.<sup>682</sup>

### **Frazer William John**

Private No.59028 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Frazer was born at Ourimbah. He was a 20 year old single, butcher when he enlisted on May 28, 1918. His mother was Margaret Frazer also of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918<sup>683</sup>

### **Freeburn Herbert John**

Lance-Corporal No.3046 2nd Machine Gun Coy

Private Freeburn was an 18 year old single, carter when he enlisted on June 27, 1915. His mother was Winifred Freeburn of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A69 “Warilda” on October 8, 1915.<sup>684</sup>

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<sup>681</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>682</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>683</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>684</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Machine Gunner Freeburn was from Ourimbah and it was reported that he had been wounded in the recent fighting. No particulars at the time were given as to the extent of his injuries sustained.<sup>685</sup> It was then reported that he had been seriously wounded.<sup>686</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private Freeburn returned home Monday last. Many friends gathered at Ourimbah station long before train time impatiently waiting his arrival. Under the circumstances he looked very well. He was suffering from wounds in the left arm and shoulder. He was only 18 years of age when he enlisted over two years earlier, but had seen much fighting on the Western Front.<sup>687</sup>

In another article it was reported that on Friday night Lance-Corporal Freeburn was accorded a very hearty welcome and was presented with a medal by the citizens of Ourimbah. The entertainment held under the auspicious of the Reception Committee was largely attended and was a success in all ways. The hero was introduced to the gathering by Mr F. D. Burns, President of the Committee and Mr F. R. Archbold Shire President, presented the medal amidst much cheering. Freeburn's speech in reply was exceedingly brief and to the point, but was received with a great deal of cheering. The presentation over the refreshments was served by the ladies.

These ladies, who, by the way, did most of the work at all patriotic affairs in the hall, deserved the highest praise for their untiring energy in catering for the thirsty dancers and hungry boys who always appeared for refreshments. All present were glad to see Lance-Corporal Freeburn recovering so well from his injuries. Ample evidence of the return of his health was to be seen in the energetic manner in which he participated in the dancing. The gathering broke up at about 3 a.m. on Saturday morning, all going home well satisfied with the evening they had spent.<sup>688</sup>

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<sup>685</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>686</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>687</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>688</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Freestone Thomas**

Private No.6605 Depot

Private Freestone was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 24 year old single, dealer when he enlisted on May 7, 1916. His mother was Catherine Freestone of 26 O'Hara St, Marrickville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on October 7, 1916.<sup>689</sup>

### **Freestone Thomas Patrick**

Private No.70171 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 25 Reinforcements

Private Freestone was born at Wyong. He was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February, 1917. His father was John Freestone of Yarrambulli Creek in Manilla N.S.W. His mother was Mrs Freestone of the same address. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 "Marathon" on May 10, 1917.<sup>690</sup>

### **French Thomas Richard<sup>^</sup>**

Private No.2644 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private French was a 23 year old single, driver when he enlisted on January 15, 1916. His father was Thomas French of 6 Brady's Gully in Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 "Nestor" on April 9, 1916. He died of wounds from a compound fracture of the skull at a Canadian Clearing Station on September 16, 1917 at Ypres in Belgium.<sup>691</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that official word was given that Private French had died of wounds on September 16. Private French enlisted from Bradly's Gully, Gosford, where his father resided, but who, although an aged man, is now doing his bit as a munitions worker abroad.<sup>692</sup>

### **Frewin Arthur John Edward**

Private No.5393 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>689</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>690</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>691</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>692</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Frewin was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, locomotive fireman when he enlisted on January 17, 1916. His mother was Alice Frewin of Binbury N.S.W. He embarked from Fremantle on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on April 17, 1916.<sup>693</sup>

### **Frewin Harold Ivor**

Private

Private Frewin was a 19 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>694</sup>

### **Frewin Robert Gwynne**

Trooper No.2659 Australian Light Horse

Trooper Frewin was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, farrier when he enlisted on May 7, 1917. His father was Joseph Frewin of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Canberra” on November 16, 1917.<sup>695</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a social evening and send-off organised by the Girls’ Patriotic Society was held in the Gosford School of Arts on Wednesday June 6, 1917. Mr F. R. Archbold occupied the chair and the following artists contributed to the programme. Overture, Mrs Cohen, songs by Mrs A. I. Chapman, Mrs F. Wheeler, Miss Boyd, Miss Guerin and Mr L. B. Allan; recitations by Miss Archbold and Mr A. Sterland; pianoforte duet by Mrs and Miss Cohen. At the conclusion of the musical programme the Rev. A. Renwick made the presentation on behalf of the Society, also parcels of comfort from the War League.

After supper, dancing was indulged in till midnight, music being supplied by Mrs Cohen, Miss Coulter and Miss Guerin. The sum of four pounds six shillings and nine pence (£4/6/9), which converts to eight dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$8.69) was netted for the Red Triangle Fund. The committee wished to thank the local band for their assistance.

B. FREWIN and M. DEASEY Honorary Secretaries.<sup>696</sup>

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<sup>693</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>694</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>695</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>696</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Trooper Frewin was one time an apprentice at *The Gosford Times* and at the time was present in a camp at Menangle.<sup>697</sup> Word had been received that Trooper Frewin, of Gosford, had been slightly wounded in Palestine but was still remaining on duty.<sup>698</sup>

### **Frewin Victor Joseph\***

Lieutenant Infantry 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Lieutenant Frewin was born at Gosford and went to Gosford Public School and Sydney High School. He was a 26 year old single, teacher of Hill St, Gosford when he enlisted on May 14, 1915. His mother was Mrs H. M. Frewin of Hill St, Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on September 30, 1915. He was killed in action when he was in command of A Company, which went over the top to take a Copse about 500 yards in front of the French front line at Hangard Wood on the morning of April 15, 1918. It was dark, about 3 a.m. when the company went over and took the Copse. The Germans counter attacked and had taken back the ground. Lieutenant Frewin had been shot but had to be left behind, it was not known if he was dead or not. When a patrol went out to recover the bodies he was found dead.<sup>699</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a cable conveying the sad news was received during the week. Lieutenant Frewin was the eldest son of Mr J. J. Frewin of Hill Street, Gosford and was born at Gosford and educated at the local Public School. He went on to Sydney High School and then to the Teachers’ Training College. His first appointment was to Islington in Newcastle and then Gosford, Temora and Burwood Superior Public School. He enlisted from Burwood on May 13, 1915.

Reaching the battlefield he was wounded on three different occasions, first on May 10, 1915, when he was recommended for a commission and gained it on being sent, after convalescence, to New College, Oxford. Returning to France he was again wounded in February, 1917 and again towards the close of the year. He took part in many battles, including Bullecourt, Zonnebecke, Passchendaele, Polygon Wood, Anzac House and

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<sup>697</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>698</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>699</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Broodsceinde, in the last offensive where he was killed in action. The late Lieutenant Frewin was a fine Australian, popular and respected by all who knew him and in the death of their gallant son and brother. Mr and Mrs Frewin had the sympathy of the whole community.<sup>700</sup>

### **Friedman Henry Eric**

Private No.2985 Depot

Private Friedman was born at Gosford. He was a 26 year old married clerk when he enlisted on January 4, 1918. His wife was Valerie May Friedman of Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A 30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918.<sup>701</sup>

### **Frost Alfred Charles**

Private No.2035 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcement

Private Frost was born at Kincumber. He was a 19 year old single, timber cutter when he enlisted on September 11, 1915. His father was Walter Frost of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A70 "Ballarat" on February 16, 1916.<sup>702</sup>

### **Frost Clive Harris#**

Trooper No.2333 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Brigade, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Trooper Frost was born at Gosford and resided at Kincumber. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 18, 1915. His mother was Mrs Amelia Frost of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A56 "Palermo" on April 19, 1916. He was wounded on June 6, 1916 and was in hospital at Tel-el-Kebir Hospital. Had mumps on July 18, 1916 and died of nephritis on December 1, 1918.<sup>703</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Frost writing from the front sent love and kisses to all the kind ladies of Gosford War Relief for sending a parcel of socks, shirts and so on.<sup>704</sup>

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<sup>700</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>701</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>702</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>703</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>704</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



In another article Mr James Frost of Kincumber received word that his son died in the No. 14 Australian General Hospital, Port Said from Bright's disease. He enlisted from Kincumber two years and eight months earlier and would have been 21 years of age in December. While in Egypt and Palestine the deceased was in the same Regiment with Lieutenant Humphreys of Kincumber, who informed *The Gosford Times* that Clive had grown into a splendid young soldier, a credit to his parents and the country and the Empire in whose service he gave his life.<sup>705</sup>

### **Frost Herbert Henry**

Private No.2566 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5th Reinforcements

Private Frost was born at Kincumber. He was a 27 year old single, horse trainer when he enlisted on August 18, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Napier" on November, 17, 1916.<sup>706</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Frost, who was the owner of the racehorse "Ayr Girl", sailed on active service on November 17. His brother was Manasseh Frost of Kincumber.<sup>707</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Frost was wounded in France<sup>708</sup> and later had returned from the war.<sup>709</sup> A social was to be held at Kincumber School of Arts on Wednesday, November 28, 1917, to welcome him home.<sup>710</sup>

### **Frost Kenneth Austin**

Private No.4584 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Frost was a 21 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on August 16, 1918. His father was Wallace George Frost. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS "Osterley" on January, 15, 1916.<sup>711</sup>

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<sup>705</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, December, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>706</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>707</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>708</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>709</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>710</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>711</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

### **Frost Percival William James Distinguish Conduct Medal**

Private no. 6053 18th Battalion

Private Frost was born at Kincumber. He was a 22 year old single, teamster when he enlisted on November 3, 1915. His mother was Amelia Frost of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on October 31, 1916.<sup>712</sup>

The *Police Gazette* recorded that Private Frost deserted from the A. I. F. on March 16, 1916. He was described as being 23 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, dark complexion, dark brown hair and brown eyes.<sup>713</sup> He was later arrested by Sergeant 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Weir and Constable F. J. Noble of the Gosford Police and handed over to the Military Authorities.<sup>714</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Frost was from Gosford and was the son of Mr James Frost of Kincumber. He was reported to have won the Distinguish Conduct Medal. He had been twice wounded and still had a bullet behind the lung, which was too close to a vital spot to be operated for. He was wounded at Bullecourt in the same battle as Captain Hobbs of Gosford.<sup>715</sup>

In another article Private Frost, who was in France with the 23 Battalion sent home a copy of *The Voice of the Battalion* an A. I. F. souvenir printed on the battlefield, the object being to provide a lasting literary and photographic memento for those who had the honour to belong to the 23<sup>rd</sup> and a memorial to those who had fallen in its ranks.<sup>716</sup>

### **Frost William Henry**

Private 94302

Private Frost was born at Morisset. He was a 21 year old single, porter when he enlisted on August 28, 1918. His father was Harry Joseph Frost of Willoughby Rd, Willoughby in Sydney. He previously served 1 year in the cadets.<sup>717</sup>

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<sup>712</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>713</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, April, 19, p.215, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>714</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, May, 3, p.243, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>715</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>716</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October 17,. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>717</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

**Fuller Harold Claude**

Private No.58279 Depot

Private Fuller was from Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, baker when he enlisted in 1918. His father was Alfred Fuller of Warner Avenue in Wyong.<sup>718</sup>

**Gallaher Joseph Desmond**

Private No.94718 Depot

Private Gallaher was from Point Frederick. He was a 31 year old married motor driver when he enlisted on October 21, 1918. His wife was Jessie Gallaher of Point Frederick.<sup>719</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Monday evening a welcome home under the Girl's Patriotic Society was tendered to Private Gallaher. He looked remarkably well and it must have been gratifying to him to see such a large attendance present. Proceedings opened with a vocal and musical programme, the selection of which was in the capable hands of Miss E. Campbell and this young lady was to be commended for her choice of artists. Individual praise of the contributions was superfluous as acquitted them in a first-class manner and quite a number had to respond to encores.

The following contributed; Overture Mrs O. C. Ogden (mandolin), Miss Mason (piano) and Mr J. Grieves (violin); song, Miss M. Guerin; recitation, Mr C. Hills; violin solo, Mr J. Grieves; song, Miss Ursula Mason; song, Mrs A. I. Chapman; pianoforte solo, Mrs F. Cohen; song, Mr A. Harvey; recitation, Mr C. Hills; song, Miss M. Guerin and a capital violin solo, "Home Sweet Home" by Mr J. Grieves, accompanied by Miss Mason concluded the programme.

Mr F. R. Archbold occupied the chair and in a brief and pointed speech, explained the object of the gathering and complimented on the action Private Gallaher had taken and the motive that tempted him to enlist and hoped that Private Gallaher would return home safe and sound to Gosford at no distance date. Mr F. C. Stayner, Mr J. J. Fagan, Mr A.

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<sup>718</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>719</sup> *Ibid*

J. Davies and Mr C. Hills also spoke. Rev. A. Renwick then presented Private Gallaher with a money belt and a parcel from the War Relief League. An outburst of applause greeted the guest as he rose to respond. Private Gallaher said he was pleased to have the distinguished honour of being on the platform with returned heroes such as Captain Dent and Private Coulter and sincerely thanked the people of Gosford for the manner in which they had farewelled him and the presentations from the Patriotic Society and the War Relief League.

Mr Archbold, during the evening proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies of the Society, which was carried by acclamation. He also took the opportunity to apologise for the absence of Mr R. J. Baker, who was representing N.S.W. at the Adelaide Press Conference. Thanks to the committee were due to the Gosford Band for their assistance at these functions. The National Anthem and cheers for the boys at the front terminated one of the best functions of its kind held in Gosford.<sup>720</sup>

### **Galloway John#**

Private Infantry No.554 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Company

Private Galloway was from Mt. Penang. He was a 37 year old single, farm labourer when he enlisted on February 1, 1915. His next of kin was his brother Stewart Galloway of 4 June St, Manchester in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A32 "Themistocles" on May 12, 1915. He died from dysentery on board HMAA "Gascony" on October 4, 1915.<sup>721</sup>

### **Gambrill Edwin Horace**

Private 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>720</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>721</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

Private Gambrill was from Morisset. He was a 23 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on August 6, 1916, but was discharged as being medically unfit on December 2, 1916. His father was also from Morisset.<sup>722</sup>

### **Gambrill George Henry**

Private No.5021 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Gambrill was a 21 year old married slate layer when he enlisted on April 18, 1917. His wife was Ethel May Gambrill. Private Gambrill was from Morisset. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 “Marathon” on May 10, 1917.<sup>723</sup>

### **Gardiner Frederick John**

Private No.703 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Gardiner was born at Gosford. He was a 28 year old married labourer when he enlisted on March 26, 1917. His wife was Mary Gardiner of 7 Willis St, Redfern in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on October 30, 1917.<sup>724</sup>

### **Gardiner William Thomas Briggs^**

Private No.222 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Brigade, A Squadron

Private Gardiner was from Wyoming. H was a 22 year old single, horse breaker when he enlisted on November 3, 1914. He had previously served with the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.) militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A33 “Ayrshire” on December 20, 1914. He died from shrapnel wounds to the abdomen on September 3, 1915 and was buried at sea.<sup>725</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private “Tommy” Gardiner, son of Mrs Gardiner of Wyoming was wounded on August 30 and died September 3 on the hospital ship *Gloucester Castle*. This week’s mail brought letters written by Private Gardiner from Anzac on the day he was wounded addressed to his mother and sister. At the time of writing he was in excellent health and spirits and stated that he had been working as

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<sup>722</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>723</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>724</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>725</sup> *Ibid*

one of the stretcher-bearers. It was while he was helping to remove his wounded comrades that he was struck by shell shrapnel receiving injuries that ended his promising young life.<sup>726</sup>

### **Gardner Vivian Charles^**

Lieutenant No.3639 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Lieutenant Gardner was a 21 year old single, music teacher when he enlisted on July 2, 1917. His father was George Mitchell Gardner of Elderslie via Camden N.S.W. He previously served 7 years in the senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on October 31, 1917.<sup>727</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Lieutenant and Scoutmaster Gardner had enlisted and went into camp a week after he turned twenty-one. He had been known on Mangrove Creek since he was a little curly headed lad.<sup>728</sup> Lieutenant Gardner died on April 19, 1918 from gas poisoning. He had been admitted to the 55<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance on April 17 and was transferred to Sty Hospital on April 19. A report from the Chaplain stated that he was an inmate in the hospital for some days before his death and that he had seen Lieutenant Gardner daily and had given him the Blessed Sacrament. He was buried in the cemetery of St Sever in Rouen and the grave number was 2468. And on April 27, 1918 the Chaplain made an application for a photograph of his grave to be sent to his father Mr C. M. Gardner at Elderslie via Camden N.S.W. in due course.<sup>729</sup>

### **Garlick George (Pat)**

Private

Private Garlick brother of Miss Garlick of the Gosford Boy's Home was gassed in the trenches and was an inmate of Bath Hospital in England.<sup>730</sup>

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<sup>726</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>727</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>728</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>729</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>730</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Garth Albert John Geddis**

Private No.4174 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Garth was born at Wyong. He was a 29 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on December 6, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 “Orsova” on March 11, 1916.<sup>731</sup>

### **Garthan S.**

Private

Private Garthan was from Brooklyn. *The Gosford Times* reported that on the evening of Tuesday, July 9, 1918, a farewell social was given at the residence of Mr Jonathan Byrnes to Private Garthan and Woods, who were ready to sail for the front. Dancing was indulged in until the tables were spread at about 10 o’clock when over fifty adults, besides many juniors took their seats to partake of the good things provided. Mr Cameron J.P. was appointed chairman and Mr Marchant, vice-chairman. In opening the pleasant function, the Chairman said that he was highly honoured to be placed in the position he took that evening. He was always proud to be associated with anything connected with our brave men who were willing to risk all for King and country. He was a member of the Wiseman’s Ferry Win-the-War League and felt very proud of the guests of the evening, whom he eulogised at considerable length.

He then outlined the programme for the evening, proposed the toast of “Our Guest” and called upon Mr Marchant to say something in support of same. Mr Marchant said it was a very great pleasure to fulfil such a request as that bestowed upon him. Having a son in the firing line made him a close student of all things pertaining to the war. He spoke of his one year’s acquaintance with the guests of the evening, which had always been pleasant. He said he always felt proud of the man whose ears were not wilfully closed to the Empire’s call and spoke at some length on the present condition of things at the front and of recruiting in our own corner of the grand old Empire. He then wound up by wishing them a safe trip, a glorious victory and a safe return.

Mr W. G. Edge, being called upon, said that he was pleased to be there that night to add his sentiments to what had already been said. He said that the two previous speakers

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<sup>731</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

had said so much that he felt there was very little left for him to say, without reiterating their statements. He also wished them a safe trip over and a speedy and safe return. Mr H. Callaghan also spoke a few words in support of what had been said. Mr T. Dornan, a returned soldier, who bears many unmistakable marks of battle, was asked to say a few words, which he did in a manner only possible to those who had been and seen and done.

He rose amid an uproar of applause and told as many interesting things about our guests that they had little to fear for things were not as half as bad as often illustrated. He, himself, was trying to get fit and re-join his mates. He, also, joined in best wished for the boys, a certain victory and a speedy return to their friends. Mr Jonathan Byrnes was then called upon to make the presentations, which included a wristlet watch each, presented by the present company; Private Garthan received a pair of socks by Miss May Byrnes. Mr Byrnes spoke of a long acquaintance with the two young soldiers before them and in his characteristic manner, poured quite an ovation of good advice upon them. Then called upon Mrs Marchant, who had a brother at the war, to fasten the watches upon them then pronounced a mother's blessing on them.

The boys' heart seemed very full and they each responded and each said they found it hard to find the words to thank the people for words said. They both said they were going to do all that was in them for the sake of right and freedom. "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" was sung then three cheers for the two brave soldiers, three cheers for all the other brave lads including the returned men, the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne." The Chairman then moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Byrnes, whose untiring efforts went so far towards making the social such a success, also to the other ladies who assisted. The young people then enjoyed the light fantastic until well into the morning.<sup>732</sup>

### **Garton Samuel\***

Private No.5341 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

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<sup>732</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Private Garton was from Hawkesbury. He was a 39 year old single, fisherman of Mooney St in Hawkesbury when he enlisted on February 26, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916. He was killed in action at Bullecourt when he was caught by a shell and badly hit about the head and body with death being instantaneous on May 3, 1917.<sup>733</sup>

### **Gascoigne Thomas**

Petty Officer Royal Australian Navy

He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>734</sup> Petty Officer Gascoigne was born in Wyong. He was 24 years old in 1915 having served 5 years in the navy. His mother was Sarah Gascoigne.<sup>735</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a very successful social was held on Saturday night in aid of Wyong hero, Tommy Gascoigne. Mangrove Mountain was well represented and there were visitors from Wyong Creek, who all recognised that the cause was a good one. The secretary of the movement in Wyong, Mr W. Baldwin, also Councillor Wilkinson was present. The music was kindly supplied by Mrs T. Schofield, Mrs Grey and Mr J. Schofield. During the evening songs were nicely rendered by Messrs Hunt with two, Greethead and Miss M. Palmer, also recitations by Mr Grant and Mr Roseby. The secretary, Mr Appledorff and the Committee were to be congratulated on the success of the event.<sup>736</sup>

### **Gates Herbert John**

Sergeant No.21909 Field Company Engineers

Corporal Gates was a 31 year old married architect when he enlisted on April 16, 1917. His wife was Mabel Ivy Gates of “Hereford” in Taylor St, West Kogarah in Sydney. He previously served 8½ years in the Australian Light Horse and was previously rejected from enlistment due to Neurathemia.<sup>737</sup> In another article it was reported that

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<sup>733</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>734</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>735</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>736</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, February, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>737</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

after being in the Army some months he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and expected to be leaving for the front within a few weeks.<sup>738</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on March 22, 1918.<sup>739</sup> He was promoted to Sergeant and sent a cable saying that he had arrived safely in England.<sup>740</sup>

### **Gavenlock Frederick Albert (Dutchy)**

Private No. 6164 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Gavenlock was born at Narara. He was a 29 year old single, nursery hand when he enlisted on November 11, 1915. His father was Francis Gavenlock of Narara and his mother was Anna Gavenlock. He previously served for 3 years in the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.) militia. He embarked from Freemantle on board HMAT A28 “Miltiades” on January 29, 1917.<sup>741</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr F. Gavenlock was a former employee of the Narara Viticultural Nursery. When he sailed for the front three weeks earlier was at the time an inmate of the Freemantle Hospital suffering from pneumonia.<sup>742</sup> It was reported that Private Gavenlock had been wounded.<sup>743</sup>

The *Police Gazette* reported that Private Gavenlock deserted the A.I.F. on January 25, 1916. He was described as being 19 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, dark complexion, brown hair and eyes, a native of Gosford and a nursery hand by trade.<sup>744</sup> He was later arrested by Constable Kelly of the Gosford Police and handed over to the Military Authorities.<sup>745</sup>

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<sup>738</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>739</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>740</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>741</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>742</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>743</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>744</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, March, 15, p.148, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>745</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, August, 16, p.415, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

### **Gavenlock Wilfred John Cecil (Barney)**

Trooper Australian Light Horse

Trooper Gavenlock's attestation paper is not available from National Archives at this time. *The Gosford Times* recorded that on Saturday evening locals met in the Narara Hall to do honour to Wilfred Gavenlock. Mr R. Hill occupied the chair and after a musical programme had been rendered he was presented with a pocket wallet as well as knife, fork and spoon on behalf of the residents of Narara. Mrs Walsh, Miss Harvey and Mr Ralph Teeson contributed to the evening's enjoyment and Miss Coull presided at the piano in her usual able manner. Sergeant Colman, Recruiting Officer for the district gave a humorous recitation, which was much appreciated.<sup>746</sup> In another article it was reported that Trooper Gavenlock had contracted rheumatic fever, but was on the mend.<sup>747</sup> He returned home from the hospital the previous week, but was still under the doctor's care.<sup>748</sup>

### **Gee William Albert**

Private No.3241 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

The following information was all that was written on his attestation paper. Private Gee father was H. James Gee of Ingleburn in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" on May 2, 1916.

### **Gell Francis\***

Private No.6009 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, A Coy, 4 Platoon

Private Gell was a 26 year old married horse driver and a bread carter when he enlisted on March 4, 1916. His wife was Mrs E. M. Gell of Hassell St, Parramatta in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 "Wiltshire" on August 22, 1916. He was killed in action when hit in the head from a piece of shell in the Hindenburg Line trench at Bullecourt in France.<sup>749</sup>

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<sup>746</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>747</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>748</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>749</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Thursday the sad news was received by cable that Private Frank Gell of Gosford had been killed in action in France. Deceased soldier was born at Wamberal 27 years earlier and enlisted in January 1916 with the 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. After a couple of months at Salisbury Plains camp in England, he was sent across to France, where, with many other young Australians he met a soldier's death. He was married to Miss Hall, daughter of Mr Thomas Hall of Gosford and left a widow and two young children.<sup>750</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that the entertainment to be given by the "Merrymakers" on Wednesday night next, to assist in building a home for the widow and children of the late Private F. Gell, promises to be a record success. The bookings for reserved seats are far exceeding expectations and a packed house is assured.<sup>751</sup> The following donations had been collected by Mrs Hadley and Mr P. Glenister of Woy Woy on behalf of the widow and family of the late Private F. Gell, who was killed in France on May 5, 1917; Mrs C. Waters and H. Oxenham, one pound each (£1), Mrs Hadley fourteen shillings(14/-), P. Glenister, Miss Glenister, Mrs Aggett, Mrs J. W. Browne, Mr Smith, H. Frater, Mr Butler, J. C. Barnes, Jack Mayo ten shillings each (10/-); Mr Sylvester, Leonce Gilan, C. R. Staples, F. Couche, Mr Margin five shillings each (5/-); A. Thomas four shillings (4/-); J. Irwin, Friend, Mr Brentnall three shillings each (3/-); J. Wallwork, Paddy Parks, Paul Gilan, H. Watts. J. L. K., Bert Alderton two shillings and sixpence each(2/6); J. Freeman two shillings (2/-); Rea, San Jose one shillings each (1/-), total ten pounds (£10).<sup>752</sup>

### **Gell Lloyd Tinsley**

Private No.6939 2<sup>nd</sup> Signals Troop, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Gell was born at Gosford. He was a 19 year old postal assistant when he enlisted on September 12, 1915. His mother was Elizabeth Gell of Frederick St, East Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 "Orsova" on March 11, 1916.<sup>753</sup>

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<sup>750</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>751</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>752</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>753</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

### **Gell Philip**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, No.7702, Photographic & Publicity Section,

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Gell was a 25 year old manager born at Gosford. His mother was Catherine Jane Gell of 24 Kellett St, Darlinghurst in Sydney. He enlisted on 25 July, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A37 "Barambah" on December 4, 1915.<sup>754</sup>

### **Geraghty William Joseph^**

Corporal No.3056 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Geraghty was from Woy Woy.<sup>755</sup> He was a 21 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on August 4, 1915. His father was F. Geraghty of Edgeware Rd and Amidmore St, Marrickville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A69 "Warilda" on October 8, 1915. On August 11, 1916 he suffered from tonsillitis, on March 2, 1917 he was admitted to hospital with influenza in England, On March 9, 1918 he was gassed and eventually admitted to Bethnal Green Military Hospital in England and on August 23, 1918 he suffered a penetrating shell wound to the abdomen and died of wounds the same day in France.<sup>756</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that according to advice received by Mrs J. Geraghty of Woy Woy, her son had been wounded and gassed. He was formerly a clerk in the employ of T. A. Edison in Sydney.<sup>757</sup> In another article it was reported that Corporal Geraghty of Woy Woy was killed in action.<sup>758</sup>

### **Gibson Edward Norman**

Trooper No.2482 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse, 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>754</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>755</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>756</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>757</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>758</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October 17, Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Trooper Gibson was born at Ourimbah. He was an 18 year old labourer when he enlisted on November 20, 1915. His father was Edward Gibson of “Glenroy” in Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A39 “Port Macquarie” on April 26, 1916.<sup>759</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Gibson was invalided back from Egypt. He arrived back in Ourimbah by the 4 o’clock train the previous Thursday.<sup>760</sup> His parents were Mr and Mrs Gibson from “Glenroy” Ourimbah and his brother was Frederick Gibson. A social and presentation to Trooper Gibson took place at Ourimbah in the School of Arts Hall on June 21, 1917. The night was stormy with heavy rains, but a splendid gathering of residents assembled to do honour to our returned hero. Dancing started at 8 p.m. Mrs Eaton and Mrs Dodd presiding at the piano, the violinist being Mr J. Morris. Dancing was kept up till the small hours and all departed well pleased with the night’s entertainment.<sup>761</sup> He was a brother of Frederick Crowdy Gibson.

#### **Gibson Frederick Crowdy Military Medal\***

Private No.5378 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, D Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Division

Private Gibson was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 13, 1915. His father was Mr E. Gibson of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9 1916.<sup>762</sup> He was aged 23 years was killed in action in France on August 8, 1918. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Gibson of Macquarie Farm in Glenfield and late of “Glenroy” in Ourimbah. He enlisted in Gosford in 1914 and was attached to the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Division. While he was on active service he was recommended by Major-General Holmes for his plucky work as a stretcher bearer during an attack on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 and was awarded a Military Medal. On 14<sup>th</sup> November of the same year he was again congratulated by Major-General MacLagan for pluck and devotion to duty tending wounded under fire near Zonnelluke on September 26, 1917. The deceased soldier was born at Cooma, Manaro, where his family resided for some years. He was a prominent footballer, his

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<sup>759</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>760</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>761</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>762</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

Battalion having won six trophies since the advent of war.<sup>763</sup> He was a brother of Edward Norman Gibson.

### **Gibson Norman John\***

Private No.3803 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Gibson was from Kulnura. He was a 19 year old single, fruit grower when he enlisted on September 22, 1915. His father was F. G. Gibson of Kulnura. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on January 20, 1916. He was killed in action on April 3, 1917 in France.<sup>764</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr and Mrs F. Gibson of Kulnura received word that the youngest son Norman was killed in action in France on April 3, 1917. The young soldier was only 19 years of age.<sup>765</sup> In another article it was reported that on Sunday afternoon a Memorial Service was held at Kulnura for Private Gibson. The service was conducted by Rev. S. Wedge of Gosford. It was largely attended and impressive in character. Mr W. H. Kellynack ably presided at the organ. A short resume of the life of the departed soldier was read and reference made to the sterling worth of his character and at the conclusion of the service “Dead March” in Saul was played whilst all remained silently standing after which the National Anthem was sung. The service and its solemnity would be long remembered by those who attended.<sup>766</sup>

### **Gilbert Richard Francis**

Private

Private Gilbert was a 22 year old residing in Wyong. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>767</sup>

### **Gillan Anthony Whitmore**

Private No.5704 Depot

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<sup>763</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>764</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>765</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>766</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>767</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Private Gillan was a 21 year old married hairdresser when he enlisted on February 3, 1916. His wife was Stella M. Gillan of Railway St in Wyong. He previously spent 2 years in the cadets from 1907 to 1909. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A55 “Kyarra” on June 3, 1916.<sup>768</sup>

### **Gillan William Whitmore**

Private No.692 Army Medical Corps

Private Gillan was a 32 year old married fettler when he enlisted on October 6, 1914. His wife was Elizabeth Gillan of Gosford. He was previously a member of a Rifle Club for 3 years.<sup>769</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Gosford soldier Mr W. Gillian, who sailed with the second contingent had been transferred to the Army Medical Corps and was at the time engaged on boats removing wounded soldiers from the Dardanelles to the hospital base.<sup>770</sup> Gillan was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list of 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>771</sup>

### **Gilligan Richard Joseph**

Private No.85584 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Gilligan a farmer from Gosford enlisted.<sup>772</sup> He was an 18 year old single, farmer from the Gosford Boys Home when he enlisted on January 9, 1918. He previously served in the cadets and for the past 2 years in 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on May 8, 1918.<sup>773</sup>

### **Gillies Alexander Samuel**

Sapper No.5763 1<sup>st</sup> Divisional Signals, 14 Reinforcements

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<sup>768</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>769</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>770</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>771</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>772</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>773</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.



Sapper Gillies was born in Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on November 17, 1915. His mother was Sarah Jane Wilson of Lostock via Gresford N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on January 20, 1916.<sup>774</sup>

### **Gleeson John Thomas**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Gleeson was from Warnervale.<sup>775</sup> His attestation papers were not available from National Archives. The electoral rolls have him recorded as a boatman residing at The Entrance.<sup>776</sup>

### **Glenister Sydney Norman**

Private No.597 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Glenister was a 29 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on August 6, 1916. His father was Philip Glenister of 217 Victoria St, in Darlinghurst in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on August 9, 1915.<sup>777</sup>

### **Glover Reuben**

Private No.2058 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital

Private Glover was from Woy Woy. He was an 18 year old single, baker carter when he enlisted on April 28, 1916. His father was H. Glover of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 24, 1916.<sup>778</sup>

### **Goggins David Henry**

Private No.38367 Dubbo Depot

Private Goggins was an 18 year old single, apprentice jeweller when he enlisted on August 14, 1916. His father was David Goggins of “Coughoo” in Mitchell St, Enfield in Sydney. He previously served for 4 years in the cadets and was still serving after 9

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<sup>774</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>775</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>776</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>777</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>778</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

months in the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry (Militia). He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Nicholson” on November 8, 1916.<sup>779</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Goggins previously of the Hawkesbury Bridge Guards was farewelled at the Convent of Mercy Hall, Brooklyn. The function was organised by Sergeants S. Sheehan and Gillard of the Guards. Lieutenant H. E. Naughten presented Goggins with a wristlet watch on behalf of his comrades and while Master Vincent Kelly presented a silver boomerang and cigarette case (his own gift).<sup>780</sup>

### **Goldie Frances**

Private, No.2805 Depot

Private Goldie was born at Tuggerah. He was a 34 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 7, 1916. His sister was Barbara Goldie of Tuggerah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 25, 1916.<sup>781</sup>

Private Goldie was born in 1882 and was a labourer from Gosford. His parents were David & Frances Goldie of Kangy Angy. He did not serve overseas as he was deemed unfit for service physically and mentally. In 1923 he drowned by throwing himself into Ourimbah Creek. An Inquest held 28 Nov 1923 by W E Kirkness found Goldie had wilfully caused his own death by throwing himself into the waters of Ourimbah Creek, while suffering from the effects of excessive drink.<sup>782</sup>

### **Goldsmith Frank Henry\***

Corporal Infantry No.3334 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, C Company

Corporal Goldsmith was a 19 year old single, cream tester when he enlisted on July 21, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on Board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on October 5, 1915.<sup>783</sup> He was killed in action instantly by a shell at Passchendaele in France. His name is recorded on Menin Gate.<sup>784</sup>

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<sup>779</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>780</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>781</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>782</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>783</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>784</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

*The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Goldsmith was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs G Goldsmith of Wyong. He was killed in action on October 3, 1917. He was 21 years of age and sailed on October 5, 1917. After remaining in Egypt for some time he was sent to France, where he was for about 18 months when the final call came.<sup>785</sup>

### **Goldsmith Raymond Leslie^**

Private No.1537 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, H Company

Private Goldsmith was from Wyong. He was born at Wollombi and attended Wyong Public School. He was a 20 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 29, 1914. His mother was Mrs Goldsmith of Hill St in Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 "Euripides" on October 20, 1914. He sustained a shell wound on July 25, 1915 and died on August 1, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>786</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a wave of sympathy and sadness spread over the town of Wyong when news became known that Private Ray Goldsmith had died from wounds received in the fight at the Dardanelles. He died an honourable death in performing his duty to his home and country and having performed that supreme quality of duty was entitled to rank with the most distinguished of his race. At the outbreak of the war he was employed on the duplication works at Yass, but being inspired with the virtues which come from the innate monitor, conscience, soon placed his services in the hands of the Empire. On enlisting he wrote to his parents saying, "Mother, it is my duty to go. My great grandfather fought for us in the Crimean War and I deem it my duty to help the Empire."

His great grandfather fought in the Crimean War and the Service Medal was still being held by Mr John Goldsmith, grandfather of Ray. Private Goldsmith was the second son of Mr and Mrs Ernest J. Goldsmith of Wyong and was 21 years and 9 months old. He enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war and became a private in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion and sailed with the first contingent on October 19, 1914. After serving a time in the Camp at Egypt, he embarked with his comrades to affect a landing at the Dardanelles and took part in that memorable and heroic Australian dash on April 25, 1915.

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<sup>785</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>786</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

Private Goldsmith was first wounded on May 19 and after being in the hospital for about a month, he returned to the front on June 26. He was wounded again on July 25 and died of wounds on August 1. He was one of the last of the Wyong boys to be wounded and the first to succumb. Private Goldsmith was 6 feet tall and was always a keen sport, indulging a good deal in football and fishing and a young man who was fond of home and mother, but when the Empire called, he deemed it to be his duty to join the colours and fight for King and country.<sup>787</sup>

In another article it was reported that the people of Wyong presented an enlarged photo of Private Ray Goldsmith to his parents Mr and Mrs E. J. Goldsmith, the inscription being as follows;

In Grateful Memory of Private Ray Goldsmith, one of Australia's Sons, who fought and fell for his King and Country, at the Dardanelles, May, 1915, in a just and honourable cause. This token is freely presented to his esteemed parents with the sincere hope they will be comforted in their sorrow and loss by the everlasting fact that he entered his rest a hero brave and bold, who name is now in golden letters scrolled.<sup>788</sup>

### **Goldsmith Sidney**

Private No.2652 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Goldsmith was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, teamster when he enlisted on August 4, 1915. His father was George Goldsmith of Wyong Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915.<sup>789</sup>

### **Goldspink James Alfred\***

Private No.2635 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Goldspink was a 25 year old married grocer when he enlisted on August 3, 1915. His wife was Ethel Goldspink of the Railway Hotel in Morisset. He embarked

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<sup>787</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>788</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>789</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>790</sup> Goldspink had been promoted to Corporal when he was killed by a machine gun bullet and only lived for a few minutes and was unconscious and did not suffer up to the time of his death. It happened at about 4.30 a.m. on April 9, 1917 when they went over the top and he had only gone about 150 to 200 yards when he was hit at Hermies and he was buried at the outskirts of that village.<sup>791</sup>

### **Goodsir William James**

Private No.771 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Coy

Private Goodsir was a 28 year old married fettler when he enlisted on February 25, 1916. His wife was Alice Louise Goodsir c/o of the Post Office at Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on May 13, 1916.<sup>792</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Goodsir writing from the front sent love and kisses to all the kind ladies of Gosford War Relief for sending a parcel of socks, shirts and so on.<sup>793</sup> In another article it was reported that a welcome home social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society was held on Wednesday evening. Private Goodsir was home from the war.<sup>794</sup>

In another article it was reported that on Saturday evening locals met at the Narara Hall to welcome home Private Goodsir who had been invalided on account of ill-health. Mr F. R. Archbold, President of Gosford Win-The-War League, presented Private Goodsir, on behalf of the residents, with a very handsome wallet and at the same time made a strong appeal for recruits. Private Goodsir responded to a very suitable manner, impressing upon it lads who ages ranged from 16 to 20 years the importance of obedience. The Recruiting Officer appealed in a very gentle and persuasive manner for at least one man to accompany each of the boys going out.

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<sup>790</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>791</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>792</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>793</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>794</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

He said he had much respect for the men who had been rejected as he had for those at the front. He quoted Shackleton as his ideal, making use of the great man's language in the following: "Love of Woman", "Love of Ease", "Love of Riches" "What are these in the balance of a man's own soul and his own manhood?" Fawcett Wright again offered himself and after "God Save The King" had been sung the inevitable dance followed.<sup>795</sup>

### **Goodwin Alfred Oswald**

Private

Private Goodwin was an 18 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>796</sup>

### **Goodwin Victor Lindsay\***

Private No.2907 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Goodwin was from Rabbit Island, Hawkesbury River. He was a 38 year old single, motor driver when he enlisted on July 12, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Port Nicholson" on November 8, 1916. He was killed in action from a bullet wound to the throat at Messines in Belgium and his name is recorded on Menin Gate. One report said he was shot in the throat by a machine gun bullet and another said he was killed by a shell. He was left in a shell hole and when stretcher bearers went back to collect him the body was not there.<sup>797</sup>

### **Gorman Arnold**

Private Depot

Private Gorman also served in World War 11, service number N108679 and as such his World War 1 file was integrated into his World War 11 file and is not available at the National Archives website.<sup>798</sup>

### **Gorman Richard**

Private No.3074 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>795</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>796</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>797</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>798</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

Private Gorman was born at Gosford. His attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1916.<sup>799</sup>

### **Gorrie Stanley**

Private No.3099 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Gorrie was born at Gosford. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 9, 1915. His mother was Louise Cross of 177 Commonwealth St, Surry Hills in Sydney. He previously served 5 years in the Naval Reserve. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on December 20, 1915.<sup>800</sup>

### **Gossop A. J.**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Gossop was from Lisarow and it was reported that he had been wounded by gas and was wounded for the second time.<sup>801</sup> It was possible to access his attestation papers from National Archives at this time

### **Gould Henry Frederick Waldermar**

Private Depot

Private Gould was a 31 year old married orchard hand when he enlisted on April 26, 1916. His wife was H. Gould of Wyong Creek.<sup>802</sup>

### **Graham Hercules Rae (Jack)**

Private No.1936 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Graham was an 18 year old single, orchardists when he enlisted on June 18, 1915. His father lived in “Kanwal” in Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on August 9, 1915.<sup>803</sup> *The Gosford Times* recorded that Mr H. A. Graham of “Kanwal” in Wyong received the following cable from Victoria Barracks, Melbourne,

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<sup>799</sup>

<sup>800</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>801</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>802</sup> National Archives, 2013, op cit.

<sup>803</sup> *Ibid*

“Regret report your son Hercules Rae Graham admitted Bombay Presidency General Hospital, Alexandria, December 6, frost bite; will probably advise if anything further received.”<sup>804</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that he was the brother of Sergeant W. A. Graham and used to drive the Kanwal mail. Up to latest advices at the time he was still unhurt and very well and cheerful. He was out of the trenches on fatigue duty for a short spell and said he heard the trenches were in a fearful state with mud and water, “but don’t worry about me dad” he added “I’m still a good swimmer and if a chap keeps a sharp look out for submarines he ought to pull through.” This boy (19 years of age next month) had been at it continuously since the middle of March without relief, though hoping for furlough every day. Though hit twice in the Pozieres push he had escaped injury, but he suffered frost bite on the Peninsula. The only change he had since last March had been withdrawal from the trenches for a few days for fatigue duty in the rear, a species of “knocking of work to carry bricks.” He, like thousands of his mates, wanted help and rest badly.<sup>805</sup>

In another article it was reported that a large and exceedingly cheerful company assembled at the Warnervale Literary Institute on Friday. November 30, 1917, to welcome Private Graham, who had recently been invalided home after strenuous experiences in Gallipoli and France. The warmth of the reception accorded him testified to the esteem in which he was held by all and was of a nature that might have embarrassed anyone but a member of the gallant A.I.F. It was clearly demonstrated that there are other methods of saluting than the regulation military type.

The hall had been tastefully decorated with flowers and greenery by the ladies and, with the floor in first class order, excellent music was provided by Mrs Craigie and Mrs Emslie, dancing, interspersed with songs, furnished an enjoyable programme. Advantage was taken of the supper interval to formally welcome the guest of the evening, which pleasant duty was performed by Mr E. E. Craigie, President of the

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<sup>804</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>805</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Institute. In well-chosen terms the speaker expressed the sincere pleasure of the company in having in their midst again their young friend.

He referred to the send-off held in August, 1915, when the enlistment of Private Graham, together with Frank and Herbert Jones and Sam Barnes, all of barely military age, must have disturbed the conscience of the older men who had held back. After Mr C. Henley had added a few appreciative remarks, Private Graham, who was greeted with enthusiasm, briefly and with the modesty of a real soldier, returned thanks for the cordial reception accorded him.

Mr H. A. Graham, the lad's father, in expressing his appreciation of the welcome tendered to his son, made a forcible appeal for an affirmative vote in the forthcoming Referendum. He said that people had expressed their surprise and had even reproached him, for letting so young a boy enlist. He would assure them that it was not because he thought it would be a lark for the boy, his parents, or his sisters, that he consented to let him go, but because he felt that every fit man was wanted. The young fellow desired to enlist, it seemed to the speaker, because he wanted to give one back for the shot that had wounded his brother, who was then in hospital in Egypt.

His patriotism was at that time, no doubt, genuine, but he was too young to realise the immense significance of the issues at stake in what was the war of all time, with the fate of the British Empire and of civilisation itself dependent on the result. He gave the boy a fortnight to think over his request and the opportunity for withdrawal if he desired and then as his son was still persistent, he felt that he could no longer conscientiously withhold his consent, as fit and willing men were too valuable. The boy sailed from Australia on August 9, 1915, and would not be 20 years of age till February 17, the following year.

He saw nearly two months in the trenches of Gallipoli and then after recovering from frost bite, spent 13 months almost without a break in the trenches and at scouting work in No Man's Land in France. Mr Graham concluded by saying that he was convinced it was the plain duty of every fit and free man to take his part in this momentous struggle. It was absurd to suggest that they were fighting England's battles. Room for expansion was what Germany desired and they would seek it, not in crowded European

countries, but in the immense but barely populated continent of Australia. If the Huns came out of this struggle with anything less than a crushing defeat, even if they did not win now, and that was remotely possible, there would be another and still more terrible conflict in the future. He exhorted them if they had any admiration for his son or regard for him to vote “Yes” at the referendum on the 20<sup>th</sup>.<sup>806</sup>

### **Graham W. A.**

Sergeant “D” Company 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion Infantry

Sergeant Graham was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>807</sup> It is not possible to determine which W. A. Graham was the resident of the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that in the 262<sup>nd</sup> casualty list Sergeant Graham, who was from Wyong was reported to be ill. He originally went away as a Private in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was best known hereabout as something of a cricketer. After recovering in England from his wound he received in Armentries in July last, just after the big push there in which he took part, he returned to duty in France on October 14, 1916. Only one letter had been received from him since that date and it contained nothing of much importance. But on December 30, a wire was received from Base Records in Melbourne saying that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of that month he had been admitted to the First Southern Hospital with severe trench feet.

A private cable to London on the same day elicited the reply that he was convalescent and on January 6, Base Records wrote saying he was reported as progressing favourably. This fighter had been wounded twice, frost bitten twice and slightly ill once and as salient features of his service has participated in the Anzac’s first landing, Lone Pine (where he was hit three times without injury), and the Armentries great July push.<sup>808</sup>

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<sup>806</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>807</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>808</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Grant Albert**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Grant was from Kulnura, the eldest son of Mr C. Grant was reported wounded in France.<sup>809</sup> His attestation papers were not available from National Archives.

### **Grant Alexander**

Gunner No.27296 Depot

Gunner Grant was 21 year old from Mt. Penang and was an agricultural labourer. His father was William Grant and he enlisted on May 8, 1916. He embarked from Sydney September 30, 1916 on the ship “Aeneas” and arrived at Plymouth November 19, 1916. On December 21, 1916 he was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital in Salisbury plains with bronchitis and on March 11, 1917, in the same hospital with hernia. He returned to Australia for discharge on the ship HMAT “Suevic” June 8, 1918 and discharged as medically unfit.<sup>810</sup>

### **Grant Alexander Arthur (Sandy) ^**

Private No.5023 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, B Coy

Private Grant was born at Gosford. He was a 23 year old ticket collector for the N.S.W. Railways when he enlisted on October 27, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT “Ajana” on July 7, 1916. His father was Alexander Grant of “Duri” in Hampden Rd, Artarmon N.S.W.<sup>811</sup> On August 28, 1918, Private Grant of B Company, 5<sup>th</sup> Platoon was in action at Bray. They went over the top at 4.30 in the morning and just as they got to their objective, which was on the outskirts of Bray, Grant was hit on the head by a bullet. He was carried out on a stretcher. He was described as being about 6 feet tall, medium build, dark complexion and about 20 years of age. Private Grant was admitted to a field ambulance on August 23, 1918 suffering from a wound to the head. He was transferred to 16<sup>th</sup> General Hospital on August 24, 1918 and operated upon the same day. A foreign body was removed by magnet, but death came on September 4, 1918.

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<sup>809</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>810</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>811</sup> *Ibid*

He was buried on September 9 in the British Military Cemetery at Mont Huon, Le Treport in France.<sup>812</sup>

### **Grant J.**

Infantry

Grant was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour" list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>813</sup> It is not possible to determine which Grant was the resident of the Central Coast.

### **Grant Reginald Edwin**

Private No.4940

The electoral rolls have recorded him as an orchardist residing in Kulnura.<sup>814</sup>

### **Greaves Jack**

Driver

*The Gosford Times* reported that Driver Greaves was from Lisarow and the members of the Progress Association, together with a number of residents, met on the railway platform on Monday night to make a presentation to Driver Jack Greaves, who was leaving the following morning for the firing line. Mr A. J. Thomas, on behalf of the residents, presented him with a wristlet watch and in doing so hoped he would be spared to return and receive the reception which is waiting for the Lisarow boys who are now doing their duty at the front. Mr Thomas concluded by asking Miss McDonald to buckle the watch to Driver Greaves wrist. Then the company gave cheers for the departing soldier.<sup>815</sup> He was reported to have been gassed.<sup>816</sup>

### **Grant Reginald Edwin**

Private No.4940 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

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<sup>812</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>813</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>814</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>815</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>816</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Grant was from Morisset. He was a 20 year old single, fruit farmer when he enlisted on September 22, 1915. His father was Charles Grant of Kulnura.<sup>817</sup> Private Grant was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>818</sup>

### **Graves John Walter**

Driver No.16260 8<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers

Driver Graves was born at Gosford. He was a 34 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on October 6, 1916. His father was John Graves of Lisarow. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916.<sup>819</sup>

### **Green Eric Norman Joseph**

Private No.65985 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Green was born at Gosford and was 29 years of age and a bushman when enlisted on July 8, 1918. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A41 “Bakara” on September 4, 1918.<sup>820</sup>

### **Green William Hartley**

Private No.1127 3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Green was born at Woy Woy. He was a 28 year old married labourer when he enlisted on January 5, 1916. His wife was May Green of Mulla Creek via Kootingal. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 “Marathon” on May 4, 1916.<sup>821</sup>

### **Greethead Alfred**

Private No.2139 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Greethead was from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>822</sup> He was an 18 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on April 20, 1918. His father was Henry Greethead of Yarramalong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A63 “Karoola” on June 16,

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<sup>817</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>818</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>819</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>820</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>821</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>822</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

1915.<sup>823</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Greethead was from Kulnura and was officially reported as being wounded. He was among the first to enlist from Kulnura and had seen three years' service, this being the first time he had been put out of action.<sup>824</sup>

### **Grey Herbert Edward^**

Private No.1543 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcement

Private Grey was from Kulnura.<sup>825</sup> He was 23 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on April 12, 1915. His mother was Mrs A. Grey of 16 Maritime St, Bow Common Lane, London, England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 "Themistocles" on May 12, 1915. He died of wounds at the 8<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at 4.15 p.m. from multiple wounds to the head, legs, arm and back on June 21, 1916 in France.<sup>826</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Sunday afternoon a Memorial Service was held at Kulnura for Private Grey. The service was conducted by Rev. S. Wedge of Gosford. It was largely attended and impressive in character. Mr W. H. Kellynack ably presided at the organ. A short resume of the life of the departed soldier was read and reference made to the sterling worth of his character and at the conclusion of the service "Dead March" in Saul was played whilst all remained silently standing after which the National Anthem was sung. The service and its solemnity would be long remembered by those who attended.<sup>827</sup>

### **Gribble Eric Livingstone Bulny**

Gunner No.11069 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Gunner Gribble was an 18 year old single, man with the Postal Department when he enlisted on October 23, 1915. His mother was Amelia Julia Gribble of Gosford. He

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<sup>823</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>824</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>825</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>826</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>827</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

previously served 7 months in the militia. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on January 15, 1916.<sup>828</sup>

### **Gribble Jack**

Private Infantry

Gribble was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>829</sup> It is not possible to determine which Jack Gribble was the resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Jack Gribble of Gosford was wounded in the right eye and was invalided to England.<sup>830</sup> In another article it was reported that Mrs Gribble of Gosford received a cable stating that her son had been wounded for the second time in France.<sup>831</sup> In another article it was reported that Jack Gribble now having been promoted to Lieutenant was wounded for the third time.<sup>832</sup>

### **Griffiths F. S. Rev.**

Chaplain

*The Gosford Times* reported that Chaplain Griffiths was from St. Albans. On September 26, 1918 a send-off was given for him. Mr W. Walker occupied the chair and there was the usual team of speakers and an impromptu programme of songs and recitations was got through. Rev. Griffiths was resented with a wristlet watch.<sup>833</sup>

### **Grigg Henry John**

Trooper 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse

Trooper Grigg’s attestation paper is covered by a sheet of paper marked dental. The only information that can be read is that he was a 29 year old farmer separated from his wife when he enlisted. His mother was Mary Harriet Grigg of Palmdale. He previously

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<sup>828</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>829</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>830</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>831</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>832</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>833</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

served 18 months in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Light Horse before he left the district. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>834</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Grigg, from Ourimbah, who had been home on final leave, returned to camp on the Sunday night and was bade farewell by a large circle of friends and relatives.<sup>835</sup> It was reported that Private Grigg had been wounded.<sup>836</sup> In another article it was reported that he returned home on leave on Saturday and was returning to the firing line<sup>837</sup> and that he was home the previous week after undergoing a successful operation.<sup>838</sup>

### **Grigg Raymond Thomas**

Private

Private Grigg was an 18 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>839</sup>

### **Guerin Acland Chiron, Military Medal**

Bombardier No.5871 1<sup>st</sup> Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade

Bombardier Guerin was a 22 year old single, time keeper for the tramways when he enlisted on August 9, 1915. His father was Marco Guerin of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A62 “Wandilla” on November 9, 1915.<sup>840</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Gunner Guerin of West Gosford wrote from the front saying, “Kind regards to all Gosford friends. I am as well as possible and quite enjoying the snow, mud and other niceties of the service over here.”<sup>841</sup>

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<sup>834</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>835</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>836</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>837</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>838</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>839</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>840</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>841</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



In another article it was reported that a cable had been received stating that Gunner Guerin had been reported wounded.<sup>842</sup> Mr and Mrs Guerin received a cable from England on the Monday from their son saying that he was getting along well.<sup>843</sup>

In a later article it was reported that a Mrs and Mrs M. Guerin had received a cable message that their son, Gunner Guerin had again been wounded, this time in the arm, sustaining a severe compound fracture, which necessitated a visit to Blighty. He was in the Third Southern General Hospital, Oxford in England. Gunner Guerin's first wound was in the forehead, requiring several stitches, but he remained on duty. On that occasion he was promoted to the rank of Bombardier and recommended for a military decoration. On three separate occasions he was the only man left in his sub-section, that is a gun detachment and under such trying conditions of over two years active service even a spell in hospital must have felt a relief. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battery of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade had been in some hot corners and big stunts and would have some vivid memories for those who were fated to return home.<sup>844</sup>

Gunner Guerin was promoted to Bombardier for working his gun single, handed after all his mates were killed.<sup>845</sup> In another article it was reported that Mr and Mrs Guerin had received a cable stating that their son had been invalided home and was expected to leave Weymouth, England early in the week. Aclan had been on active service for three years and had been wounded three times and was recently awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field of battle.<sup>846</sup> He was invalided home and was expected to arrive in Gosford on Saturday.<sup>847</sup> A welcome home social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society on Wednesday evening.<sup>848</sup>

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<sup>842</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>843</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>844</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>845</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>846</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>847</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>848</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

He was promoted to Bombardier and on the Monday evening he was entertained along with other returned soldiers at a social at the School of Arts. The social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society and the hall was crowded to the doors, many being unable to obtain admission and when they did a good number had to stand, all the seating accommodation being monopolised. The chair was occupied by Mr F. A. Stayner in the absence of the Shire President, Mr F. R. Archbold, who had met with an accident that morning.

Proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, after which a musical programme was rendered, contributed to by Mrs F. Cohen, Mrs F. Wheeler, Mrs E. K. White, Miss Zoe Mason, Miss Dawes, Mr A. Harvey, Mr Greaves and Baby Dawes. The Chairman congratulated the returned lads upon the safe arrival and welcomed them on behalf of the townspeople and residents of the district. Bombardier Guerin had won the Military Medal and was the second Gosford boy to return home with the military decoration. He sincerely hoped that the returned lads would live long enough to enjoy what a grateful country was duty bound to give them.

After the war he said the most pitiful man in the community would be the eligible man who had lost his opportunity to try and find an excuse to satisfy his conscience, the conscience that made cowards of us all, why he had failed to respond to his country's call. Mr H. L. Whittell hoped that the time was not far distant when the sword would be turned into plough shares. That was what these returned boys had been fighting for and what other eligible men should be doing also. He thanked the returned hero's for what they had done for their King and country, deeds that would not be forgotten.

Rev. S. Wedge, in the name of the Methodist Church, welcomed the boys home and hoped that having played their part in the world's fearful drama they would live long to enjoy the respect of the community and the gratitude of the people they had fought for. Mr C. Peck, former master at Gosford Public School, said he came there especially that night to pay homage to the soldier lads who had returned from the war. They had gone voluntarily when the Empire called and the country was proud of them, thousands of other men should and would have gone if the woman folks had refused to allow eligible men to become shirkers.

He was proud that another Gosford lad had won military distinction, nevertheless every man who said to his Government, "Take me," was equally a hero even though he never reached the firing line. Mr Peck concluded his remarks by complimenting the ladies of Gosford upon the fine decorations and splendid manner in which the arrangements for the evening had been carried. Bombardier Guerin responded on behalf of his comrades. He thanked the citizens for their royal welcome and for the medals presented to them. He thanked the Girls' Patriotic Society and Red Cross for their parcels and cheery letters which had been a wonderful comfort to the boys over yonder.

Like his comrades he was pleased to be back in Australia. They had travelled far during the past few years, but there was no place like home. Australia, the finest country in the world, with the finest people and the finest girls he said. Private Anthony, a returned man, also addressed the people and appealed to the eligible men to enlist. He had attended a send-off at Ourimbah on Saturday night, where the recruits were mere lads. They did not want boys. It was men who were able to carry a ninety-six pound pack that was needed.

Reinforcements were wanted now more than ever, men who would voluntarily offer to go over to France to help their brother Australians who were sorely in need of a spell. He had two and a half years' service, but was going back to help his mates because they were dinkums. There were thousands of dinkums still in Australia if only they would hear the call. Cheers were given for the returned lads and the boys at the front after which Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem were sung. Then refreshments were served and a dance was held until midnight.<sup>849</sup>

### **Hackney James Charles**

Private R1003 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Signals Coy

Private Hackney was a 20 year old single, man when he enlisted on April 24, 1915. His mother was Mary Hackney of 10 Prospect St, Summer Hill in Sydney. He previously served 18 months in the 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia and 18 months in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Militia). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A31 "Ajana" on May 31, 1915.<sup>850</sup>

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<sup>849</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>850</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

*The Gosford Times* reported that James Charles Hackney, who appeared in uniform as a member of the Expeditionary Forces, pleaded guilty at the Sydney Sessions to have committed a breach of the Commonwealth Postal Act. The Crown Prosecutor explained that the accused was an assistant at the Wyong Post Office. A Department letter addressed to the acting Postmaster was opened by him in the belief that it had reference to an application for a horse. Hackney on finding it had no reference to the horse closed the letter up again and told another official what he had done. There was no suggestion of dishonesty.

His Honour said the authorities were perfectly justified in bringing the case before the Court. Opening a letter was a very serious matter and if it were once overlooked it was hard to say when the practice would stop. In this case there did not appear to be any moral guilt and he saw no reason why the accused, who was a soldier, should not be allowed to go to the front. After Hackney had been bound over to come up for sentence when called upon, his Honour said that if the military authorities required any official notification regarding the case, he would write them a letter. "Good luck go to the front with you," said his Honour to the accused; "you are not a member of the class of people that ordinarily come here."<sup>851</sup>

### **Hackworthy Stanley Lloyd\***

Lance-Corporal 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Lance-Corporal Hackworthy was from Gosford. He was 18 years of age when he enlisted on August 14, 1916 at Gosford. He previously served for 4 years in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board A11 "Ascanius" on October 25, 1916. He was wounded in Boulogne with a gunshot wound to the left forearm and hand on October 19, 1917. He was killed in action at Villers-Bretonneux in France.<sup>852</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that news had been received of the death of Lance-Corporal Hackworthy, which occurred in France on May 6, 1918. He was 21 years of age and enlisted with the 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion in July, 1916 and saw considerable service, being twice

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<sup>851</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, May, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>852</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

wounded before going into action for the last time. Prior to enlistment he was attached to the staff of the Commercial Bank at Gosford as a ledger-keeper and all who knew him liked him. His parents resided in Islington in Newcastle.<sup>853</sup>

### **Hagan Arthur Houston**

Private No.1857 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hagan was from Empire Bay. He was a 21 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on January 10, 1916. His mother was Mrs Hagan of Empire Bay. He previously served for 3 years in the Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.) militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on April 14, 1916.<sup>854</sup>

### **Hagan Hugh Broadford**

Private No.4795 2nd Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Hagan was from Empire Bay. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 30, 1915. His father was Hugh Andrew Hagan of Davis Town. He previously served 3 years in the Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.) militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916.<sup>855</sup>

### **Haines Richard**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Haines was recently entertained at a social send off in Tuggerah Hall. Private Haines had already seen active service and returned wounded some months earlier. He had decided to go back and help his mates.<sup>856</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine which Richard Haines was from the Central Coast.

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<sup>853</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>854</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>855</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>856</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Hall Andrew Robert\***

Private No.1352 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcement, Bombing Platoon, D Section.

Private Hall was from Morisset. He was a 21 year old single, baker when he enlisted on November 6, 1914. His mother was Mrs M. Hall of Morisset He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A48 "Seang Bee" on February 11, 1915. He was killed in action on August 29, 1916 at Pozieres in France. An attack was made that night at Monquet Farm, but it was not a success and they had to come back. Private Hall left the trenches to fetch a stretcher to bring back a wounded man, who was lying on top of the parapet. There was very heavy shelling at the top of the parapet. If he was killed going along the top of the parapet or while he was going up to the parapet no one knew as he was not seen again.<sup>857</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hall was the son of Mrs Hall from Dooralong. He was previously reported as missing, it was now recorded to have been killed in action in August, 1916.<sup>858</sup> In another article it was reported that this had been corrected by stating that Private Hall of Morisset was at the time in hospital at Heliopolis.<sup>859</sup>

### **Hall Arthur Thomas**

Private No.4822 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hall was an 18 year old single, railway employee. His mother was Eliza Hall of Mann St in Gosford. He previously served for 6 months in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916.<sup>860</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hall was employed at the Gosford railway station. His father was Mr Thomas Hall. In another article it was reported that Private Hall had been severely wounded in the right eye and was admitted into hospital on May 12, 1917. He enlisted on October 5, 1915 and sailed on March 8, 1916.<sup>861</sup> In a further article it was reported that Mr Thomas Hall received a wire from the military authorities

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<sup>857</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>858</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>859</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>860</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>861</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

stating that his son was invalided to England and was improving in one of London's hospitals.<sup>862</sup>

### **Hall Cecil^**

Private No.2649 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hall was from Morisset. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 20, 1915. His mother was Mrs M. Hall of Dooralong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915. He died of wounds sustained in battle from a gunshot wound to the throat at 3<sup>rd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on May 6, 1917 in France.<sup>863</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs Hall was officially informed that her son Cecil had been killed in action in France.<sup>864</sup> It was reported that he was killed in France on May 6, 1917. Mrs Hall had five sons at the front, two of whom had given their lives fighting against the Huns.<sup>865</sup>

### **Hall John Irwin**

Private No.5544 Depot

Private Hall was from Wyong. He was a 31 year old married orchardist when he enlisted on June 26, 1916. His wife was Mrs I. Hall of Wyong. He previously served in the Singleton Australian Light Horse (Militia) and at enlistment was not discharged. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A38 "Ulysses" on October 25, 1916.<sup>866</sup>

### **Hall Norman**

Private No.6998 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hall was an 18 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on October 23, 1916. His mother was Mary Hall of Dooralong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916.<sup>867</sup>

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<sup>862</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>863</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>864</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>865</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>866</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>867</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hall was from Dooralong and enlisted a short time earlier and was home on his final leave. He was at Broadmeadow Camp for a few days then into Liverpool Encampment during the week. He was to receive a send-off at the local hall. His brother was Roy Hall.<sup>868</sup>

### **Hall Roy**

Private No.6997 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hall was an 18 year old bushman when he enlisted on October 23, 1916. His mother was Mary Hill of Dooralong.<sup>869</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hall was from Dooralong and enlisted a short time earlier and was home on his final leave. He was at Broadmeadow Camp for a few days then into Liverpool Encampment during the week. He was to receive a send-off at the local hall. His brother was Norman Hall.<sup>870</sup>

### **Hall William\***

Private No.4136 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 10th Reinforcement

Private Hall was from Gosford.<sup>871</sup> He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 13, 1915. His mother was Mrs M. Mahoney of Lambeth St in Glen Innes N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916. He was killed in action on November 15, 1916 when he was on a fatigue party between Montauban and Deville Wood when a shell exploded which killed him at Fleurbaix in the Battle of Fromelles in France.<sup>872</sup>

### **Hallard Hugh Reginald**

Captain

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<sup>868</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>869</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>870</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>871</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>872</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*



*The Gosford Times* recorded that Captain Hallard was from Mangrove Mountain. He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>873</sup>

Captain Hallard made an application for a commission in the A.I.F. on March 3, 1916. National Archive papers show that he attended Sydney Grammar School and that he served in the Australian Garrison Artillery militia and was a Captain in the reserves. He qualified at a competitive examination for a first appointment as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in March 1905. His occupation was as a fruit farmer and an accountant and he was born at December, 1884. He was married and his wife was Beatrice nee Whippell. His address was “Glen Vine’ in Mangrove Mountain.”<sup>874</sup>

### **Halloran Allan**

Private No.22074 5<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers

Private Halloran was a 19 year old single, student when he enlisted on December 12, 1917. He previously served 4 years in the cadets and was currently served 2 years in the University Regiment. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A34 “Persic” on March 21, 1918.<sup>875</sup> He was the son of H. F. Halloran from Avoca.<sup>876</sup>

### **Hammond Alfred James\***

Corporal No.3554 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion D Company

Corporal Hammond was from Somersby. He was a horse driver when he enlisted on October 6, 1915. His father was C. W. Hammond of Somersby. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” December 20, 1915. He was sick on April 11, 1916 and went to Hospital at Ferry Post and was again admitted to hospital with dermatitis on November 27, 1916. He was killed in action on May 15, 1917 at Bullecourt in France.<sup>877</sup>

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<sup>873</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>874</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>875</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>876</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>877</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Hammond, aged 24, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. Hammond of Somersby was reported to have been killed in action on May 15, 1917, in France. He enlisted with D Company and sailed from Sydney on December 17, 1915. From Egypt he was sent to France. Mr and Mrs Hammond had reason to be proud of the part they had played in assisting the Empire in its fight for life. Three of their sons got into khaki and one had just been killed in the heroic fight against the enemy on the western front. Charles was at present in Egypt and James was doing his bit in France.<sup>878</sup>

### **Hammond Charles**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hammond was from Somersby and was the brother of Alfred and James Hammond.<sup>879</sup> It was possible to determine from National Archives which Charles Hammond was from the Central Coast.

### **Hammond James**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hammond was from Somersby and was the brother of Alfred and Charles Hammond.<sup>880</sup> It was possible to determine from National Archives which James Hammond was from the Central Coast.

### **Hammond Joseph Henry**

Private No.440 57<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hammond was born at Gosford. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on December 15, 1915. His father was Henry Hammond of 10 New Street, Annandale in Sydney. He previously served for 18 months in E Company of the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.) militia in Gosford. He failed a riding test for the Australian Light Horse. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916.<sup>881</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hammond was from

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<sup>878</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>879</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>880</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>881</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

Gosford. He sailed for the front some few months earlier. He wrote to the *Gosford Times* from the trenches somewhere in France.<sup>882</sup>

### **Hamson Frederick**

Private No. 2580 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hamson was born at Ettalong. He was a 23 year old married fireman when he enlisted on August 30, 1916. His wife was Emily Hansom of “Sherwood” Thornleigh in Sydney. He previously served 4 years in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A24 “Benalla” on November 9, 1916.<sup>883</sup>

### **Hand John Antonio**

Lieutenant Infantry

Lieutenant Hand had made an application for a commission in the A.I.F. on August 27, 1915. The records show that he attended Sydney Boys High School. He had previously served in the militia for the previous 9 years and was made a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant when he had passed a competitive examination on June 8, 1915. His occupation was as a plate layer and he was born on June 8, 1890 and was single,. His father was John Henry Hand of Balmain in Sydney. His address was c/o C. B. Smith of Wyong.<sup>884</sup> In another article it was reported that he was later promoted to Captain and then took the place of Captain Tarrant from the firing line due to the injuries to his leg when Captain Tarrant became the instructor at the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Base.<sup>885</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A70 “Ballarat” on September 6, 1915.<sup>886</sup> In a further article it was reported that it was reported that Captain Hand, who was from Wyong, had been wounded in France.<sup>887</sup>

### **Harding Gilbert^**

Private No.7356 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Harding was an orchardist when he enlisted on February 3, 1917. He previously worked as an attendant in a Hospital for the Insane. His wife was Mrs E. Harding of

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<sup>882</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>883</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>884</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>885</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>886</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>887</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Kanwal. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A46 "Clan McGillivray" on May 10, 1917. He died of wounds from a shell wound to the head, arms and legs at 53<sup>rd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on August 18, 1918 in France.<sup>888</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Harding was from Kanwal. Word was received that Private Harding had died of wounds on August 15, 1918. The deceased soldier was 37 years of age and left a wife and four children. The eldest was 11 years of age and the youngest was 19 months to mourn their loss.<sup>889</sup>

### **Harold Clarence Armitage**

Private Depot

Private Harold was born at Wyee. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. His father was William Armitage of Maitland Rd, Islington N.S.W.<sup>890</sup>

### **Harris Cecil**

Private No.1764

Private Harris was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, plumber when he enlisted on March 18, 1916. His wife was Elizabeth Harris of Canley Vale in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS "Osterley" on May 8, 1918.<sup>891</sup>

### **Harris Cecil**

Private No.53466 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Harris was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old engineer when he enlisted on April 5, 1918. His mother was Hannah Harris of "Haitohi" at McQuarie St Junction in Newcastle. Private Harris resided with his mother. He previously served 3 years in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.).<sup>892</sup>

### **Harris Reginald**

Private No.53740 Depot

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<sup>888</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>889</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>890</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>891</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>892</sup> *Ibid*

Reginald Harris was born at Gosford. He was a 38 year old married solicitor when he enlisted on May 10, 1917. His wife was Winifred May Harris of 60 Castlereagh St in Sydney. He worked for the firm of Harris & Co. in Newcastle for the previous 5 years. He previously served 4 years in the 4<sup>th</sup> Independent Rifles of Newcastle militia and 3 months in the Bushman's Contingent during the Boar War. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Field Marshall" on June 19, 1918.<sup>893</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr Reginald Harris from Mangrove Mountain and a well-known solicitor in the Brisbane Water district enlisted and hoped to get away with the next contingent.<sup>894</sup> It had been requested to mention through *The Gosford Times* that Private Harris was doing his bit, not shirking as some friends were insinuating. Although rejected on his first application, for medical reasons, he underwent a serious operation, took a sea trip to convalesce, reapplied and was accepted. He went into camp working hard at the Officer's School and sailed at an early date.<sup>895</sup>

### **Harris William Lindley Clark^**

Lance-Corporal No.4355 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Corp

Lance-Corporal Harris was from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>896</sup> He was a 28 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on October 15, 1915. His father was J. Harris of Kulnura Pomona via Wyong. He embarked from Freemantle in Western Australia on board HMAA A30 "Borda" on January 17, 1916. He died of wounds from a shell explosion to the head and arms at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on April 19, 1917 in France.<sup>897</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that another volunteer for the front from the small community of Kulnura was Mr William Harris, late of Tamworth. The district holds the distinction of having sent and offered more than one seventh of their population to the

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<sup>893</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>894</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>895</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>896</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>897</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

war. This was owing to so many of the residents being able body. The community felt very proud of those joining the forces for Europe.<sup>898</sup>

In another article it was reported that on Sunday afternoon a Memorial Service was held at Kulnura for Acting Corporal Harris. The service was conducted by Rev. S. Wedge of Gosford. It was largely attended and impressive in character. Mr W. H. Kellynack ably presided at the organ. A short resume of the life of the departed soldier was read and reference made to the sterling worth of his character and at the conclusion of the service "Dead March" in Saul was played whilst all remained silently standing after which the National Anthem was sung. The service and its solemnity would be long remembered by those who attended.<sup>899</sup>

### **Harrison Reginald Ernest**

Private No.2163 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Harrison was a 21 year old single, poultry farmer when he enlisted on May 10, 1916. His mother was Mrs C. Harrison of "Dulcis Vale" in Lisarow. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 "Anchises" on August 24, 1916.<sup>900</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that his father received a telegram stating that his son, who was in the trenches in France had been wounded.<sup>901</sup> Then he received word on Tuesday that his son had been wounded for the second time in France.<sup>902</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private Harrison was wounded for the third time.<sup>903</sup> Then later word was received by his father that he had been gassed and was in hospital for the fourth time.<sup>904</sup> There was no further word forthcoming about Private

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<sup>898</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, May, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>899</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>900</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>901</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>902</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>903</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>904</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Harrison being admitted to hospital after being gassed.<sup>905</sup> Later again word was received that Private Harrison had recovered from his recent shell shock and was about ready for the front again.<sup>906</sup>

### **Harrison Thomas**

Private

Private Harrison was born at Gosford. His attestation paper does not record his number, unit or date of enlistment. He was a 33 year old widower motor mechanic when he enlisted. His sister was Mary A. Harrison of 21 Hagarty St, Forrest Lodge in Sydney. He previously served for 3 months in the A.I.F. and was medically unfit. Not due to misconduct.<sup>907</sup>

### **Haslem Ernest**

Driver No.63754 Field Artillery, 35<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Driver Haslem was from Wyong.<sup>908</sup> He was a 28 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 31, 1918. His father was John M. Haslem and he lived in Melbourne, Victoria. He embarked from Sydney on RMS "Orontes" on June 5, 1918.<sup>909</sup>

### **Hassell Samuel George**

Private Depot

Private Hassell was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old married engine driver when he enlisted in 1915. His wife was Mrs M. Hassell of Cooma. Private Hassell was discharged on October 19, 1915 at his wife request.<sup>910</sup>

### **Hastings George William\***

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Company

Lieutenant Hastings was from Gosford and he attended Gosford Public School. He was a 37 year old single, bank clerk when he enlisted on August 27, 1914. His father was

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<sup>905</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>906</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>907</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>908</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>909</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>910</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

William Hastings of Gosford. He previously served as a Lieutenant of the Newcastle Scottish Rifles militia. At one time he was the Secretary of the Swan River Rowing Club in Perth, West Australia. He embarked from Freemantle, West Australia on board HMAA A11 "Ascanius" on November 2, 1914. He was killed in action on July 22-25, 1916 at Pozieres in France when early on a Sunday morning after taking Pozieres he was passing from the first German trench to the other side of the road where he and others dug themselves in when he was hit by shrapnel through the heart and died instantly.<sup>911</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that another Gosford soldier had given his life for King and Country, a cable having been received announcing the death of Lieutenant W. G. (George) Hastings, son of Mr and Mrs William Hastings, old and highly esteemed residents of Gosford. He was 39 years of age and prior to enlisting he was an officer of the Commercial Bank of Australia, having been in the service in Sydney, Narrabri, Newcastle, Townsville in Queensland and Perth, Western Australia.

The deceased joined the colours in Perth and sailed with the first contingent on November 1, 1914 as a Lance-Corporal in the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He was in the first boat to land at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915 and was wounded three days later and sent back to Cairo. After his recovery he served on the Provost Marshall's staff at Imbros for some time, re-joining his Battalion on January 22, 1916. At the end of March with other Australians he was sent to France and there was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and then gained his commission as Lieutenant.

The cable received by his parents stated that he had been killed in action in France between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July. His brother Henry was also in France serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance. At Gallipoli the late Lieut. Hastings was in the firing line for twenty weeks, only leaving when the whole of his Division was withdrawn. Prior to the war he held the rank of Lieutenant in the Newcastle Company of the Scottish Rifles.<sup>912</sup>

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<sup>911</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>912</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Hastings Henry**

Private No.31 1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance, Army Medical Corps

Private Hastings was from Gosford<sup>913</sup> He was a 30 year old single, station clerk when he enlisted on August 24, 1914. His father was William Hastings of Gosford. He previously served 10 months in the Newcastle Scottish Rifles militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914.<sup>914</sup>

### **Hastings William**

Infantry

Hastings was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>915</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which William Hastings was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Hatel Clement Alfonse William**

Private No.1123 Depot

Private Hatel was born at Wiseman’s Ferry. He was an 18 year old single, coal miner when he enlisted on October 29, 1914. His father was William Hatel of Brook St, Oatley Park N.S.W. He previously served three years in the militia.<sup>916</sup>

### **Hattley George**

Private No.2390 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hattley was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 21, 1915. His next of kin was his brother was Charles Hattley of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT “Themistocles” on October 5, 1915.<sup>917</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hattley arrived home from the war during the week. He told many interesting anecdotes of the desert fighting and had several souvenirs which he took from the Germans.<sup>918</sup>

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<sup>913</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>914</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>915</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>916</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>917</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>918</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Hawker Clarence West Erskine**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant No.93 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Light Horse

Lieutenant Hawker was from Empire Bay.<sup>919</sup> He was a 26 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on August 24, 1914. His father was Colonel J. C. Hawker the Military Staff Officer in Melbourne Victoria. He was previously a Defence Rifle Club member for 7 years. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A26 “Armada” on October 20, 1914.<sup>920</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Colonel J. C. Hawker, Assistant Adjutant-General of Victoria, received word that his eldest son C. W. E. Hawker, formerly of Empire Bay, who joined the Australian Imperial Force in September, 1914 and had been at the front for the last 21 months, had been promoted to the rank of Captain and transferred to the 29<sup>th</sup> Australian Army Service Corps, 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Divisional Train.<sup>921</sup>

### **Hawker Godfrey Carew**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Godfrey Carew Hawker, second son of Colonel J. C. Hawker, Assistant Adjutant General, 3<sup>rd</sup> Military District (Victoria) was granted a commission as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Battery, 6<sup>th</sup> A Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, at present stationed in Glasgow, Scotland. This Brigade had been formed for supplying reinforcements to the Royal Field Artillery Batteries in the field. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant G. C. Hawker and his brother 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant C. W. E. Hawker, 10<sup>th</sup> Army Service Corps, Australian Imperial Forces, now in Egypt, were well known in the Empire Bay district where they resided for some time prior to the commencement of the war.<sup>922</sup>

### **Hawkins Edward James**

Private No.3845 Special Tramway Reinforcements

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<sup>919</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>920</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>921</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, July, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>922</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, March, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Hawkins was born at Wollombi. He was a 44 year old widower bushman when he enlisted on October 15, 1915. His next of kin was his daughter Mrs Hawthorn of Woolgoolga in N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” January 20, 1916.<sup>923</sup>

### **Hawkins Keith Spendlove**

Driver No.16868 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy Engineers

Driver Hawkins was a 25 year old married engineer. His wife was Muriel Thelma Hawkins of “Haroldene” at The Boulevard, Strathfield in Sydney. He previously served 3 years with the school cadets and 6 months with the Sydney Institute Rifle Club. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>924</sup>

### **Hawkins Robert**

Private No.73079

Private Hawkins was born at Gosford. He was a 46 year old married labourer when he enlisted on April 16, 1917. His wife was Margaret Elizabeth Hawkins of Coffs Harbour in N.S.W. He was previously rejected for service due to his teeth.<sup>925</sup>

### **Hayes Percy**

Trooper Australian Light Horse

*The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Hayes was wounded in Egypt with shrapnel in the cheek.<sup>926</sup> He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>927</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Percy Hayes was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Haynes Richard Arthur**

Private No.66718 Depot

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<sup>923</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>924</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>925</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>926</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>927</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Haynes was a 27 years old single, bread carter from Tuggerah Rd in Wyong when he enlisted on August 15, 1918. His father was James Haynes of Luddenham in N.S.W. He later married Amy Margaret Haynes. He previously served 1 year and 98 days in 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was discharged medically unfit. He was discharged before leaving Australia.<sup>928</sup>

### **Hayward Ernest^**

Private No.5583 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Hayward was from Wyee. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 29, 1916. His father was Thomas Hayward of Wyee. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on September 9, 1916. He died of a gunshot wound sustained to the left breast on March 15, 1917 in France.<sup>929</sup>

### **Healey Harold Whyam**

Private Depot

Private Healey was a 25 year old single, farmer when he enlisted. His father was Morris William Healey of Unara St, Campsie in Sydney. Private Healey resided at “Oakridge” in Ourimbah. He was examined and rejected.<sup>930</sup>

### **Healey S.**

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr S. Healey was a former employee of the Narara Viticultural Nursery. With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which S. Healey was the resident of the Central Coast

### **Healey W.**

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr W. Healey was a former employee of the Narara Viticultural Nursery. With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which W. Healey was the resident of the Central Coast

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<sup>928</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>929</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>930</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

### **Hearne Arthur**

Private No.6460 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hearne was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 22 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on February 1, 1916. His father was Francis John Hearne of Hawkesbury River. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916.<sup>931</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hearne lived at Wiseman’s Ferry and was returning from the war.<sup>932</sup>

### **Heaton John Joseph**

Private No.7484 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Heaton was born at Dora Creek. He was a 28 year old married timber cutter when he enlisted on February 9, 1917. His wife was Rebecca Jane Heaton of Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 “Marathon” on May 10, 1917.<sup>933</sup>

### **Hedge William Francis**

Private No.3073 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hedge was a 25 year old married miner when he enlisted on January 3, 1916. His wife was Gladys Alice Hedge of 9 McLaren St, Boulder in Western Australia. He embarked from Fremantle on board HMAT A18 “Miltiades” on January 29, 1917.<sup>934</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Willie Hedge, formerly a pupil of Wamberal School enlisted and sailed for the front a few weeks earlier. A greater fighter as a boy, there was not much fear of Will ever turning his back to a Turk or a German.

### **Hedley Reginald Brickley**

Private No.333 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse

Private Hedley was a 25 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on September 24, 1914. His mother was Jane Ann Stewart Black of Norma Parade, Manly in Sydney. He

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<sup>931</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>932</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>933</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>934</sup> *Ibid*

embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on December 21, 1914.<sup>935</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hedley was from Wyong and had left for the war two years earlier. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant having it gazetted.<sup>936</sup>

### **Hegarty Frank Patrick**

Private No.65997 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hegarty was born at Wyong. He was a 19 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted in 1918. He previously served in the senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on December 21, 1914.<sup>937</sup>

### **Hemmings Arthur Calvert**

Private No.7499 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hemmings was from Matcham. He was a 19 year old single, carpenter and joiner when he enlisted on November 16, 1916. His mother was Alice Hemmings of “St. Helens” of Durham St, Arncliffe in Sydney. He previously served in the senior cadets from 1912 to 1914 then 25<sup>th</sup> Signals Co. Australian Engineers from 1914 to 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Makarini” on April 1, 1916.<sup>938</sup>

### **Henderson Sidney Stevenson William**

Private No.59134 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Henderson was born at Wyong Creek. He was a 20 year old single, butcher when he enlisted on February 5, 1918. His mother was Ellen Martha Henderson of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918.<sup>939</sup>

### **Henry Arthur**

Corporal

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<sup>935</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>936</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>937</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>938</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>939</sup> *Ibid*

Private Henry was the son of Mr and Mrs J. Henry of Cut Rock Road in Ourimbah and was the brother of James William and Jack Henry.<sup>940</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that He was later promoted to Corporal and was officially reported as missing on May 7, 1918.<sup>941</sup>

### **Henry Ernest Ramsden**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Henry was a farmer from Wyong Creek and was the first soldier to enlist from that district and it was a singular coincidence that he was welcomed home on the height of the day that the first glad tidings of peace flashed across the ocean.<sup>942</sup>

In another article it was reported that the first man to enlist from the district was Corporal E. R. Henry, who left his wife and child at home while he went across the sea to fight for King and Country. He was one of the original Anzacs and took part in the famous landing at Gallipoli and afterwards was on active service on the western front. He came through scratch less so far as wounds were concerned. But the long strain had its effects and he was sent home to recuperate. The function was held in the School of Arts with Mr Clive Waters, President of the local Patriotic League, as chairman and was largely attended by local and district residents.

After the toast of the King, Councillor G. A. Palmer proposed a toast to “Our Guest” and in doing so spoke of the sterling qualities possessed by Corporal Henry, not only was a soldier, but as a local resident. The toast was supported by Mr T. Stinson, Mr E. Kennedy and Mr J. A. Hill, another returned Anzac. “A Victorious and Enduring Peace” was proposed by Mr J. S. Anderson. Mr E. P. Braithwaite proposed “The Ladies” to which Mr Arthur Stinson responded. The chairman on behalf of the community then presented Corporal Henry with a gold medal suitably inscribed and also handed him a cheque for twenty-five pounds (£25).

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<sup>940</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>941</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>942</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, November, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Corporal Henry responded in a neat happy speech. In which he assured his audience how much he appreciated the splendid reception accorded him and the handsome gifts of which he had been made the recipient. The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs J. E. Waters assisted by Mrs W. J. Waters, Mrs J. S. Anderson, Mrs T. Murray, Mrs E. Waters, Mrs A. Beaven, Miss Hodges and Miss Waters. Mr L. Hodges was Master of Ceremonies and Mr E. Hodges, assisted by Master Roy Waters presided at the piano. The secretarial arrangements were in the hands of Mr W. J. Hill.<sup>943</sup>

### **Henry George Joseph**

Private No.3647 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Henry was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 5, 1915. His mother was Alice Dickson of 40 Union St in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 "Aeneas" on December 20, 1915. He had been repatriated.<sup>944</sup> *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Henry was from Erina and was the son of the late Mr George Henry and was reported missing.<sup>945</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private Henry, who was the grandson of Mr Joseph Lilley wrote from Germany, where he was a prisoner of war to his mother to say he had received her parcel with some medicine. He had some mates such as MacGray from Dubbo and a young man named Harrison of Darlington. There were a good many Sydney boys held prisoner in Germany he said and they get parcels fairly regularly from Australia sent by the Red Cross Society. His share had been underclothes, cardigan jacket, razor, shaving outfit, kitbag, boots, shoes, socks and they were sending an overcoat and uniform. He thought the public ought to know what a splendid work the Red Cross people were doing for them over there. Some people had adversely criticised the Red Cross, but he did not know what they would do but for them. He would never tire of singing their praises. They sent them one food parcel every week, including bread.<sup>946</sup>

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<sup>943</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, November, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>944</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>945</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>946</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Henry James William<sup>^</sup>**

Private No.3165 48<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Williams was from Ourimbah. He was a 31 year old labourer when he enlisted on October 30, 1916. He lived at the Horseshoe Coffee Palace in Pier St, Perth, West Australia. His father was John Henry of Ourimbah and his mother was Agnes Henry, both parents were of Cut Rock Road in Ourimbah. He embarked from Perth on board HMAT A35 "Berrima" on December 23, 1916. He died of shrapnel wounds to the arm and a compound fracture to the right thigh at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium. He was the brother of John Henry.<sup>947</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Henry was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Henry of Cut Rock Road in Ourimbah. He died of wounds in France on October 14, 1917. He was 33 years of age and enlisted in Western Australia in the 48<sup>th</sup> Battalion.<sup>948</sup>

### **Henry John\***

Private No.1145 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Henry was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 16, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" on May 2, 1916. He was killed in action on May 15, 1917 at Villers-Bretonneux in France. He was a brother of John William Henry.<sup>949</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Henry was from Ourimbah. He was the son of Mr J. Henry and it was reported to have been killed in France on May 15, 1917.<sup>950</sup> In another article it was reported that Mr and Mrs J. Henry of Ourimbah were notified by cable that their son had been killed in action during the big push in France on May 15, 1916. He enlisted in February, 1915 joining the 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion and after a course of training at Rutherford Camp was sent to England where he put in a couple of months at Salisbury Plains and was then sent across to France. The deceased soldier was only 23

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<sup>947</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>948</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>949</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>950</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

years of age and was born at Bellawongarah on the South Coast of N.S.W. Mr and Mrs Henry had two other sons in the firing line.<sup>951</sup>

### **Henry Oscar Nelson**

Private No.1001 1<sup>st</sup> Divisional Signals Coy

Private Henry was a 24 year old single, telegraphist when he enlisted on December 10, 1914. His father was David Henry of Panonya Rd in Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A31 “Ajana” on May 31, 1915.<sup>952</sup>

### **Henry R. L.**

Sapper Infantry

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Henry was from Wyong and it was reported that he had been wounded and was in a London hospital.<sup>953</sup> He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>954</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which R. L. Henry was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Henry T.**

Infantry 1915

Henry was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>955</sup> It is not possible to determine which T. Henry was the resident of the Central Coast.

### **Herbert Frank**

Private No.3132 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Herbert was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 20, 1916. His mother was Annie Herbert of Gresford in N.S.W. and his sister was Eileen May

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<sup>951</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>952</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>953</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>954</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>955</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Moffitt of Muswellbrook in N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916.<sup>956</sup>

### **Herbert Percy Molyneux Meritorious Service Medal**

Quarter- Master Sergeant No.19081, 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battery, 28th Battery

Herbert was 28 years of age and was from Gosford. He was a 28 year old single, bank accountant in Sydney and enlisted on December 29, 1915 and embarked on 11 May 1916 Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire”. On May 6, 1919 Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.<sup>957</sup>

### **Herring Richard**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Herring was a ganger from Wyong and it was reported that he was on the sick list.<sup>958</sup>

### **Herrington**

Corporal

*The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Herrington from Point Clare was farewelled and was presented with a sheep skin vest, which was subsequently forwarded to him at camp. As no first name was given in the article With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Herrington was a resident of the Central Coast.

### **Higgins J.**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Higgins was from Brooklyn. With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which J. Higgins was a resident of the Central Coast.

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<sup>956</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>957</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>958</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Higgs T.\***

In *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, by Michael Rooksberry Higgs was from Narara.<sup>959</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which T Higgs was a resident of the Central Coast.

### **Hill Frank**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Frank Hill was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hill was from Wyong Creek. A farewell social and presentation was presented to Private Frank Hill at the Literary Institute on Wednesday, September 27, 1916. Despite the fact of the weather being unfavourable, a large number of friends and well-wishers attended. Mr W. H. Salmon filled the position of chairman and after proposing the health of the King, called on Mr Thomas Stinson to propose the toast of the evening "Our Guest." He was supported by Mr A. Pescud and Mr W. Stinson. Each spoke of the esteem in which Private Hill was held and wished him a safe return.

Mr Fred Salmon then, on behalf of the residents, presented Private Hill with a handsome gold mounted fountain pen. He dwelt on the many known good qualities of the recipient and the fact of him being connected with the work of the Literary Institute. Private Hill in a few well-chosen words, thanked all presented for their good wishes and assured them that he would endeavour to do his bit for the Empire. Mr J. Hill proposed the toast of the ladies and Mr A. Stinson responded. Mrs Fred Salmon proposed the toast of the Red Cross Nurses and Mrs Thomas Schofield responded. Mrs Emslie provided the music.<sup>960</sup>

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<sup>959</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>960</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In another article it was reported that Private Hill had been wounded and was on his way home.<sup>961</sup> In a further article it was reported that a public welcome was given to Private Hill when he returned home from the war.<sup>962</sup>

### **Hill Francis Wallace**

Private No.2429 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hill was born at Wyong Creek. He was a 32 year old farmer when he enlisted on July 3, 1916. His father was William John Hill of Wyong Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916.<sup>963</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he lived at Yarramalong and that he was to be entertained at a welcome home social at Yarramalong on Friday night.<sup>964</sup>

### **Hill George Henry**

Private

Private Hill was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour" list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>965</sup> It is not possible to determine which Hill was the resident of the Central Coast.

### **Hill James**

Infantry

Hill was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour" list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>966</sup> It is not possible to determine which James Hill was the resident of the Central Coast.

### **Hill James Alexander**

Private No.1377 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

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<sup>961</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>962</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>963</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>964</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>965</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>966</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Hill was born at Wyong. He was a 33 year old bushman when he enlisted on November 23, 1914. His next of kin was Mrs Sara Saul of Wyong Creek.<sup>967</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hill was from Yarramalong.

### **Hindes George**

Private No.2655 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Coy

Private Hindes was a 24 year old single, professional golfer when he enlisted on January 31, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1916.<sup>968</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hindes was from Gosford and was injured.<sup>969</sup>

### **Hitchcock Albert John (Bishop)**

Trooper

Trooper Hitchcock was a 24 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>970</sup> It was reported that Trooper Hitchcock fell of a camel in Egypt and injured his back. He was invalided back to Gosford.<sup>971</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Monday evening Trooper “Bishop” Hitchcock was welcomed home from Egypt at a social promoted by the Gosford Patriotic Society and held at the School of Arts. The programme was contributed by Mrs Cohen, Miss Harris, Miss Guerin, Miss Mason, Miss Broadfoot, Miss Fletcher, Miss McCann, Miss Hitchcock, Miss Dillon, Miss Donnelle, Mr Bonser, Mr Corbett and Master Charlie Ernst. President Archbold occupied the chair and after a brief speech, Mr M. Ward presented the returned soldier with a gold medal. “Bishop” modestly returned thanks. The rest of the evening was devoted to games and dancing. The Committee desired to thank all who assisted to make the function a success especially Mrs Cohen, Miss

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<sup>967</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>968</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>969</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>970</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>971</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Mason, Miss Fletcher, Miss Guerin and Miss Anderson, who supplied the music and members of the band.<sup>972</sup>

### **Hitchcock Arthur Joshua**

Private No.1099 Camel Corps, Australian Light Horse

Private Hitchcock was born in Gosford. He was a 20 year old single, butcher when he enlisted on January 6, 1916. His mother was Emma Agnes Hitchcock of Erina. His brother Frank Hitchcock also served. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Mongolia” on July 8, 1916.<sup>973</sup>

### **Hitchcock Charles Joshua (Nip)**

Private

Private Hitchcock was a 37 year old butcher born in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>974</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he was an old and active member of the local Brass Band.<sup>975</sup>

### **Hitchcock David**

Private No.60120 Depot

Private Hitchcock was a 19 year old single, miner when he enlisted on June 12, 1918. His father was William Henry Hitchcock of Court Rd, New Lambton in N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Gaika” on July 30, 1918.<sup>976</sup>

### **Hitchcock Francis Henry (Turk)#**

Private No.584 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private No. 937 discharged on December 3, 1914, same person

*The Gosford Times* reported twice he enlisted to go to the front but the fates were against him and Francis Henry Hitchcock better known as “Turk” passed away at the Coast Hospital on Monday afternoon from the effect of pneumonia and pleurisy. “Turk” was a 22 year old single, horse driver and a native of Gosford. He was conscious right up to

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<sup>972</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>973</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>974</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>975</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>976</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

the time of his death. Recognising that the end was in sight, he asked to see his family, relatives and his mother and brothers hastened to his bedside. He passed away just three minutes before they arrived. He had been an inmate of the hospital for three weeks, prior to which he was in the Liverpool Camp and expected to get away with the next contingent to the Dardanelles. The remains, enshrouded in the Union Jack were brought to Gosford on Wednesday morning and interred in Point Frederick cemetery. The Rev. Arthur Renwick read the service at the graveside.<sup>977</sup>

### **Hitchcock Frank**

Private No.584 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, B Coy

Private Hitchcock was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, horse driver when he enlisted on March 11, 1915. His mother was Emma Hitchcock of Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A70 "Ballarat" on February 16, 1916.<sup>978</sup> His brother Arthur Joshua Hitchcock also served

### **Hitchens Frederick Walter**

Private No.699 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hitchens was from Narara. He was a 22 year old single, man when he enlisted on June 23, 1916. His father was William Hitchens of Murwillumbah in N.S.W. He previously served 9 years in the Infantry militia in Murwillumbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A48 "Seang Bee" of October 21, 1915.<sup>979</sup>

### **Hobbs Henry Edward**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Hobbs an orchardist from Mangrove Mountain enlisted.<sup>980</sup>

### **Hobbs Nicholas Hamlyn, Military Cross**

Captain No.719 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, B Coy.

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<sup>977</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>978</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>979</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>980</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Lieutenant Hobbs was from Gosford. He was a 28 year old single, merchant tailor and a school teacher for 8 years. His father was James Hobbs of Gosford. He previously served 2 years and 5 months in the Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.) and 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia and 6 months in the Australian Regiment as orderly room sergeant. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAAT A35 “Berrima” on June 25, 1915.<sup>981</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Lieutenant Hobbs, another Gosford soldier, was wounded for the second time. Word was received that he had returned to duty.<sup>982</sup> In another article Mr and Mrs A. J. Hobbs of Gosford received a cable on Wednesday from his son stating that he had been promoted temporarily to the rank of Captain and had been awarded the Military Cross.<sup>983</sup> In another article it was reported that Captain N. H. Hobbs, son of Mr and Mrs A, J, Hobbs of Gosford was at Buckingham Palace presented by the King with his Military Cross recently won by him on the battlefield in France.<sup>984</sup>

In a further article a cable had been received from Captain Hobbs stating that he had been invalided home and was on his way back to Gosford.<sup>985</sup> Captain Hobbs had been wounded for the fourth time and it was thought to have him invalided home.<sup>986</sup> On Thursday afternoon Captain Hobbs, who was a son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Hobbs of Mann St, Gosford, but came to Gosford as a young lad and was educated at the local Public School. He enlisted as a private on August 8, 1914 and went to Rabaul in German New Guinea. Promotion followed his return and it was not long before he was again ordered on active service and with the second Division.

He landed in due course at Gallipoli remaining there about four months prior to the evacuation. With the rank of Lieutenant he went on to the battle fields of France and

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<sup>981</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>982</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>983</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>984</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>985</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>986</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

stayed there 14 months, during which period he won the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery. He was promoted to the rank of Captain and was wounded on three occasions, at Armentieres, Pozieres and Bullecourt. Invalided to England he was, with other gallant heroes, summoned to Buckingham Palace where he was personally decorated and congratulated by His Majesty King George.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that as the train steamed into Gosford station on Thursday afternoon the platform was crowded with friends eager to welcome home one who had proved himself worthy. Cheers greeted Captain Hobbs as he stepped from the carriage and with Gosford's picked beauty as a bodyguard he was escorted to a be flagged (sic) motor car to which a rope was adjusted and he was drawn along Mann Street to the home of his parents. On Monday night at the School of Arts, Captain Hobbs was officially welcomed home, the gathering being under the auspices of the Patriotic Club, assisted by the Committee of the School of Arts, Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Lodge and Civilian Rifle Club.

The Hall was decorated with flags and over the stage in large letters was suspended words "We Welcome Our Hero." The building was completely inadequate to hold the large gathering that assembled and it was doubted if in the town's history a more popular event had been celebrated. The Town Band under Bandmaster Lovell rendered an open air programme. Shortly after 8 p.m., Mr F. R. Archbold, President of the Shire commenced proceedings by inviting cheers for the King and the returned Captain. The Chairman traced Captain Hobbs' military career and said that Gosford was very proud indeed of its soldier lad who had helped to make the name of Australia famous and who intended returning to the firing line as soon as he recovered from the wounds received in France.

Speeches were made by Rev. A. Renwick, Mr Charles Peck, Mr J. Kibble, Mr T. Deasey, Mr F. G. Givney, Mr F. Stayner and Mr J. J. Fagan, in the course of which special reference was made to Captain Hobbs' respected parents. Mr C. Hills, President of the School of Arts Committee present Captain Hobbs with the following address which was to be printed in album form, saying,

Gosford,

September 3, 1917,  
To Captain Nicholas Hamlyn Hobbs, M. C.  
Dear Sir,

On the occasion of your return to Gosford after three years of active service with the Australian Expeditionary Forces, we take the opportunity of welcoming you back into our midst on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Gosford School of Arts. As a member of this institution before joining the colours, we have watched with interest your career as a soldier into which you entered with a non-commissioned rank, in which you have won for yourself by your valour and devotion to duty on the field of battle, the rank of Captain. We learned with conscious pride, some few months ago, of the great honour conferred upon you at the hands of His Majesty the King and now our pride is intensified as we see you in our midst wearing the coveted decoration of the Military Cross

We have heard of the deeds by which your name has become greatly distinguished amongst the officers and men of your gallant Battalion and we are proud to think of the honour gained for Gosford by the devotion to duty and reckless bravery displayed by one of its soldier citizens. We have a particular pleasure in addressing you, on account of your former honourable association with our Institution in past years in the capacity of Secretary, Treasurer and Committeeman. We ask you on behalf of the School of Arts to accept life membership as a slight token of the great esteem in which you are held by its members. Wishing you a speedy return to perfect health, we have pleasure in subscribing ourselves.

Yours sincerely  
C. Hills, President,  
Chas. K. Adrian, Vice-President,  
J. Alex Stafford, Hon. Secretary.

Gold medals, suitably inscribed, were presented on behalf of the Patriotic Society and Loyal Gosford Star Lodge, M. U. I. O. O. F., the presentations being made by Rev. A. Renwick and Mr R. J. Baker.

After cheers and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," Captain Hobbs said he desired to thank all present for the cordial welcome home extended to him and for several presentations. He had been referred to as a gallant soldier, but no one could say he was much of a speaker, for it was easier for him to go over the top of the trenches than to make a speech. Several of the speakers had referred to him as a hero, but every man

who went into the firing line to fight for his country and all they held dear was a hero. He had been lucky enough to win the Military Cross, but there were thousands of soldier lads who did brave deeds and deserved not only the Military but the Victoria Cross, yet they were never noticed.

He thanked the members of the Patriotic Society for what they had done and doing for the soldiers. If they could only see the happy faces of the lads when they received a parcel of comforts, it would be more than repay for the trouble undertaken. Referring to war conditions in France, Captain Hobbs said relatives need not get alarmed when the names of husbands or sons appeared on the lists of wounded. A soldier was quite happy when he received a wound, for it meant a well-earned rest in the hospital and all the comforts surrounding convalescence

Life in the trenches was not as bad as it was painted and behind the lines when off duty the lads were happy as sand boys and had all manner of sport and enjoyment. To those able to bear the strain there was no life better than that of a soldier's. It was the duty of every able-bodied man to enlist. If they would not fight for their country they had no right to live in it. They wanted more and more men over at the front to give a spell to those who had been fighting for the past three years and he appealed to those who had not yet responded to the call to settle the matter with their conscience straight away and get into khaki.<sup>987</sup>

In another article it was reported that Captain Hobbs wounded three times and who had been home for a spell, expected to be returning to the front in a few weeks' time. In history he will be known as the first Gosford boy to win the Military Cross and the people of Gosford would always feel proud of him.<sup>988</sup> In a further article it was reported that Captain Hobbs joined the Aviation Corps since returning to active service.<sup>989</sup>

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<sup>987</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>988</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>989</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

### **Hobbs Ronald Stanley (Roy) ^ Military Cross**

Lieutenant 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Lieutenant Hobbs, son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Hobbs of Gosford, who enlisted some time earlier, won his commission at Duntroon and was attached to the Newcastle Camp. Mr Hobbs had two sons in khaki and both had won commissions.<sup>990</sup>

Lieutenant Hobbs was a 27 year old single, school teacher when he enlisted on November 17, 1915. His mother was Mrs Margaret Hobbs of Mann St in Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on November 9, 1916. He died of wounds he sustained on April 4, from a machine gun fire to the stomach and died on April 5, 1918 at the 9<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Forward Dressing Station at Villers-Bretonneux in France. He was the brother of Capt. Hamlyn Hobbs M.C.<sup>991</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr Roy Hobbs, son of Mr A. J. Hobbs of Gosford, had enlisted, having vacated a position on the Education Department Relieving Staff. Mr Hobbs had two sons in khaki and also a brother who was on H.M.A.S. Australia. Lieutenant Hobbs was another named among the slain. He was the third eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Hobbs of Mann Street in Gosford. It fell to Rev. A. Renwick on Monday afternoon to convey the sad intelligence to the parents that their soldier son had died in France on April 5, 1918 from wounds received in battle.

The name Roy Hobbs adds one more to the long lists of heroes whose noble deeds, bravery and self-sacrifice at the present time embellish the golden scroll of fame of the Brisbane Water district. Lieutenant Hobbs was born at Balmain nearly thirty years earlier and he was reared and educated at Gosford. Entering the teaching profession at Erina, the Hawkesbury and Grafton and prior to enlisting two years earlier was on the relieving staff. He obtained his commission at Duntroon College and sailed to the front 15 months earlier. After the usual period of training in England he crossed over to

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<sup>990</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, July, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>991</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

France, where, like thousands of other Australian heroes, he laid down his life fighting the enemies of his country.<sup>992</sup>

In another article it was reported that Mr A. J. Hobbs received a cable stating that his son who died of wounds in France on April 5, 1918, had been awarded the Military Cross. He was the second son of Mr and Mrs Hobbs to win the cross for bravery on the field of battle.<sup>993</sup> He was awarded the Military Cross “for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He rendered valuable assistance during the approach to the enemy's position. He led his men with great dash and coolness to the objective, and, after a struggle, captured an enemy officer and four other prisoners. He set a splendid example to his men.”

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 165

Date: 24 October, 1918.<sup>994</sup>

### **Hodge William Henry\***

Private No.1547 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hodge was a 19 year old single, horse driver when he enlisted on April 8, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on May 12, 1915. He was transferred to hospital in Alexandria suffering from dysentery He was killed in action on July 27, 1916 at Villers-Bretonneux in France, on November 26, 1915.<sup>995</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that prior to the war Private Hodges attended Wamberal school and later was in the employ of Mr E. Robson.<sup>996</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Hodge who was a pupil at Wamberal Public School and a late resident of Tumby Umbi, was killed in action in France on July 26, 1916. He went through the Gallipoli campaign before being removed to France.<sup>997</sup>

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<sup>992</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>993</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>994</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>995</sup> Gosford Library *op cit.*

<sup>996</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>997</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 15, 1916. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

### **Hodges Robert Henry**

Private

Private Hodges was a 23 year old residing in Wyong. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>998</sup>

### **Hodgetts Joseph Leslie**

Private No.4562 Depot

Private Hodgetts was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 19 year old coal clipper when he enlisted on January 9, 1918. He lived with his father Robert William Hodgetts of Allandale Rd in Coonock N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Port Darwin" on April 30, 1918.<sup>999</sup>

### **Hodson Harold J.**

Private No.9718 Depot

Private Hodson was from Mangrove Mountain. He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1000</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Hodson was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Hodgson Mark**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Mark Hodgson was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Hodgson was from Ourimbah and was to be welcomed home at Ourimbah on Friday Night.<sup>1001</sup> In another article it was reported that on Friday, April 5, 1918, a welcome home was tendered. The night was wet and kept many from attending. In the absence of the Shire President, the presentation of a medal was made by Mr F. D. Burns.<sup>1002</sup>

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<sup>998</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>999</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1000</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1001</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1002</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Holland Francis Albury**

Private No.4800 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Holland was born at Wyong. He was a 22 year old single, labourer who served 3 years as a blacksmith's apprentice. His mother was Louisa Holland of Allison Rd in Wyong. He previously served for 4 months in the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.) militia and was discharged. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916.<sup>1003</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Holland returned wounded to Wyong and was presented with a gold medal by the local residents.<sup>1004</sup>

### **Holland Lyall**

Private No.377 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Holland was born at Wyong. He was a 29 year old single, baker when he enlisted on December 28, 1915. His next of kin was his uncle, H. L Long of Bellinger River via Bellinger in N.S.W. He was previously rejected for military service due to hernia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on June 5, 1916.<sup>1005</sup>

### **Hollebone Walter Robert**

Private

Private Hollebone was a 19 year old from Woy Woy. There is no copy available of his attestation paper in National Archives.<sup>1006</sup>

### **Hollingshed Albert Lawrence**

Private No.2327 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Hollingshed was born at Wollombi. He was a 27 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on May 8, 1916. His father was William Hollingshed of Mount View via Cessnock in N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916.<sup>1007</sup>

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<sup>1003</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1004</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1005</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1006</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1007</sup> *Ibid*



### **Holmes Edgar Wade**

Private No.3211 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Holmes was a 34 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 20, 1916. His father was Edwin Holmes of “Gowan Bide” at Bolwarra in West Maitland. He previously served 2 years in the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916.<sup>1008</sup>

### **Holmes Harold Stewart**

Private

Private Holmes was a 35 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>1009</sup>

### **Holmes William Henry**

Private

Private Holmes was a 37 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>1010</sup>

### **Holton Alfred E.**

Private

Private Holton was from Tumby Umbi and he embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A72 “Belyana” on May 13, 1916. *The Gosford Times* reported that he had been wounded in France<sup>1011</sup> and in another article it was reported that he was officially reported as missing on May 7, 1918.<sup>1012</sup> In a further article it was reported that Mr Holton received word that his son, previously reported as missing was a prisoner in Germany.<sup>1013</sup>

### **Hopkins James**

Private No.96 No.9 Depot Coy

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<sup>1008</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1009</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1010</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1011</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1012</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1013</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Hopkins was born at Ourimbah. He was a 27 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on February 25, 1915. His mother was Mrs Jane Hopkins of 606 Beaufort St, Perth in Western Australia and was the brother of Oscar William Hopkins. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A11 “Ascanius” on July 12, 1915.<sup>1014</sup>

### **Hopkins Oscar William**

Private No.632 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hopkins was born at Ourimbah. He was a 23 year old single, seaman when he enlisted on August 18, 1914. His mother was Jane Hopkins of 56 Lindsay St, Perth in Western Australia. He previously served 3 years in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on October 18, 1914.<sup>1015</sup> He was the brother of James Hopkins.

### **Hopkins Stanley Edward**

Sapper No.46 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Company Engineers

Sapper Hopkins was a farmer from Dooralong. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A3 “Orvieto” on October 21, 1914.<sup>1016</sup>

*The Gosford Times* recorded that a letter had been received from Sapper Hopkins, who at the time of writing was at Lille in France. Private Hopkins wrote in raptures of beautiful France and said he would like to live there altogether.<sup>1017</sup> In another article it was reported that a letter from Private Hopkins who had been promoted to Corporal stating that he was in hospital in Sydney and that he was improving in health and that he expected to return to the front soon.<sup>1018</sup> In a further article it was reported that Hopkins who had been promoted to Corporal arrived home last week and a social to welcome him home was held at the Hall the previous Friday night.<sup>1019</sup> He was

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<sup>1014</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1015</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1016</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1017</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1018</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1019</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

discharged as medically unfit for further military service and was staying for a few weeks with Mr Davey down at Carlingford.<sup>1020</sup>

### **Horigan Joseph**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Joseph Horigan was a resident of the Central Coast *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Horigan was from Martinsville and a send-off for him was given in the local hall on Wednesday night. He was on his final leave prior to his departure for the front. Dancing was indulged in until the break of day. After supper, Mr Charles Pointer (President) spoke of his departure and called upon Mrs Patrick Martin who, on behalf of the ladies, presented him with a safety razor. Mr F. W. Kidd, who also presented him with a combination jack knife and tin opener, hoped that good use of the presents and that he would have a better reception on his return home and that peace would soon be declared. The gathering was representative of the whole district.<sup>1021</sup>

In another article it was reported that Mrs Joseph Horigan received word that her husband had been wounded in action. Private Horigan sailed for the front in October, 1916.<sup>1022</sup> In a further article it was reported that Private Horigan was recovering from his wounds.<sup>1023</sup> In a further article it was reported that he arrived home on Friday and was met at the railway station by relatives and friends, the Reception Committee being represented by Mr C. Pointer and Mr F. W. Kidd. An energetic Committee in Cooranbong amalgamated with Martinsville to welcome him home before the end of the month.<sup>1024</sup>

### **Horigan Patrick**

Private No.89180 Depot

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<sup>1020</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1021</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1022</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1023</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1024</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Horgan was born at Martinsville. He was a 43 year old married labourer when he enlisted on May 26, 1918. His wife was Lily Horgan of 503 Riley St, Surry Hills in Sydney.<sup>1025</sup>

### **Horgan Gordon Rowaller Cameron**

Private No.4363 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Horgan was born at Dora Creek. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 24, 1915. His father also enlisted and his mother was Mrs L. Horgan of 49 Arthur St, Surry Hills in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on December 30, 1915.<sup>1026</sup>

### **Horn Stanley Maurice**

Private No.653 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Horn was a 19 year old single, agricultural student when he enlisted on August 28, 1914. His father was Frederick William Horn of 22 Derwent Villa High Rd in Whetstone, London. He later married Mrs A. Horn of “Dorothea” in Coolund Lane, Southern-on-sea. He previously served 4 months in the militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A5 “Omrah” on September 24, 1914.<sup>1027</sup>

### **Hornsby Roderic Henry**

Private No.626 Depot

Private Hornsby was born at Jilliby. He was a 22 year old clerk when he enlisted. His next of kin was Charles Hornsby of Victoria St Bunbury in Western Australia. He previously served for 12 months in the senior cadets and was a member of a rifle club. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on December 22, 1914.<sup>1028</sup>

### **Hoskins Raphael Ernest**

Private No.5126 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1025</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1026</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1027</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1028</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

Private Hoskins was born at Wyong. He was a 21 year old single, salesman when he enlisted on January 11, 1916. His mother was Teresa Hoskins of 69 Style St, Leichardt in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Makarini” on April 1, 1916.<sup>1029</sup>

### **Houghton Ernest James**

Private No.4624 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Coy

Private Houghton was born at Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, farrier when he enlisted on July 17, 1915. His father was James Houghton of Penshurst in Sydney.<sup>1030</sup>

### **Howard Clarence Felix**

Lance-Corporal No.468 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

Lance-Corporal Howard was a 28 year old single, grazier when he enlisted on January 5, 1916. His father was David Robert Howard of Lisarow. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on May 13, 1916.<sup>1031</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he had been dangerously wounded in France.<sup>1032</sup> In another article it was reported that a military wedding was celebrated on April 10, 1918 being Lance Corporal Howard, a returned soldier and the son of Mr D. R. Howard of “Iona” in Lisarow and the bride, Miss Ruby Staff of Warwick in Queensland.<sup>1033</sup>

### **Howard Leslie James Henry**

Private No.2140 31th Battalion

Private Howard was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, clipper when he enlisted on September 13, 1915. His father was Ernest Howell of O’Brian’s Estate in Cessnock N.S.W. He previously served for 4 years in the senior cadets.<sup>1034</sup>

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<sup>1029</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1030</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1031</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1032</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1033</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1034</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

### **Howarth B.^**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which B. Howarth was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private B. Howarth, who had been reported as having died from wounds sustained at the Dardanelles, was at the time he enlisted a member of the staff of the Morisset Hospital. He was the first of sixteen members of the staff who enlisted, the number included his brother. In another article it was reported that on Saturday a letter was received at the Hospital by the brother of B. Howarth, stating that they were all well and sincere regret was expressed at the Hospital when the news of his death was published on Monday.<sup>1035</sup>

### **Howarth Jack**

Private No.80110 Depot

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Howarth was from Morisset.<sup>1036</sup> He was a 36 year old married labourer when he enlisted on July 3, 1917. His wife was Annice Howarth of 18 Lambton Rd, Broadwater in Newcastle.<sup>1037</sup>

### **Howell Ernest Andrew**

Private No.791 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Howell was born at Wollombi. He was a 40 year old married miner when he enlisted on January 10, 1916. His wife was Narrett Howell of O'Brien's Estate in Cessnock N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" May 2, 1916.<sup>1038</sup>

### **Howell Leslie James Henry**

Private No.2140 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Howell was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, clipper when he enlisted on September 13, 1915. His father was Ernest Howell of O'Brien's Estate in

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<sup>1035</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September,3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1036</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1037</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1038</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

Cessnock N.S.W. He previously served 4 years in senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMA70 "Ballarat" on February 18, 1916.<sup>1039</sup>

### **Howlett A.**

Private Infantry

Private Howlett was from Matcham. He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1040</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which A. Howlett was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Howlett W. Jnr.**

Infantry

Private Howlett was from Matcham. Howlett was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1041</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Howlett was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Hubbard Ebby**

Private No.92494 Depot

Private Hubbard was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old fitter's apprentice at the N.S.W. Railway. His father was William Hubbard of Darley Rd, Randwick in Sydney. The attestation paper is marked cancelled age incorrect.<sup>1042</sup>

### **Hubbard Ernest**

Private

Private Hubbard was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. His father was Robert Hubbard of Erina His attestation paper was marked discharged and does not give his service number or unit.<sup>1043</sup>

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<sup>1039</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1040</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1041</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1042</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1043</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

### **Hubbard Stanley Robert**

Private No.2966 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Stanley Hubbard was from Erina.<sup>1044</sup> He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 12, 1915. His father was Robert Hubbard of Erina. He previously served for 6 months in the senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A8 “Argyllshire” on September 30, 1915.<sup>1045</sup> He was the brother of William Alfred Hubbard.

### **Hubbard William Alfred**

Private No.4699 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Hubbard was a 26 year old single, farm labourer when he enlisted on December 7, 1915. His father was Robert Hubbard of Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A40 “Ceramic” on April 13, 1916.<sup>1046</sup> He was the brother of Stanley Robert Hubbard.

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Friday evening Private Hubbard, who had just returned from the war, was at Erina Hall. He was entertained at a banquet and social as a guest of the Ladies Welcome Home Committee. He was presented with an inscribed gold medal. The principal speakers were Rev. E. Walker, Mr J. M. McDonald and Mr F. A. Stayner. The function was splendidly managed by the Ladies Committee and they were accorded special vote of thanks, to which Mrs S. Taylor responded.<sup>1047</sup>

### **Hughes Alfred Prendergast**

Private No.4449 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Hughes was from Empire Bay. He was a 23 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on August 21, 1915. His mother was Mary Agnes Hughes of Empire Bay Post Office. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1916<sup>1048</sup> *The*

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<sup>1044</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1045</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1046</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1047</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1048</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*



*Gosford Times* reported that Private Hughes was promoted to Lance-Corporal and was attached to the Military Police at Salisbury Plains in England.<sup>1049</sup>

### **Hughes George Thomas\***

Private No.862 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, H Coy.

Private Hughes was born at Woy Woy. He was a 27 year old railway porter when he enlisted on August 26, 1914. His widowed mother was Mrs Elizabeth Hughes of Railway St, Corrimal N.S.W. He embarked on board HMAA A23 "Suffolk" on October 18, 1914. He was killed in action on August 7-14, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>1050</sup>

### **Hughes Harold**

Private No.3318 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Field Artillery

Private Hughes was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, carter when he enlisted on July 28, 1915. His mother was Francis Elizabeth Hughes of Gorbell St, Paddington in Sydney. He previously served 4 years in the senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915.<sup>1051</sup>

### **Hughes Henry George**

Private No.10346 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Hughes was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on April 5, 1916. His father was Edward Hughes of Empire Bay Post Office. He had previously been rejected for military service because of his teeth.<sup>1052</sup>

### **Hughes John**

Private No.4519 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hughes was born at Gosford. He was a 40 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 16, 1915. His sister was Alice Mary Munson of 246 Abercrombie St, Redfern in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A70 "Ballarat" on February 16, 1916.<sup>1053</sup>

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<sup>1049</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1050</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1051</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1052</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1053</sup> *Ibid*

### **Hughes Walter**

Private No.2008

Private Hughes was born at Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 27, 1916. His father was Augustus Hughes of 6 Searle St, Petersham in Sydney. He previously served 5 weeks in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.).<sup>1054</sup>

### **Humphrey William George.**

Private No.3062 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Humphrey was a 22 year old single, man when he enlisted on October 10, 1916. His mother was Mrs Humphrey of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A68 "Anchises" on January 24, 1917.<sup>1055</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Humphrey enlisted and was from Kincumber.<sup>1056</sup> In another article it was reported that he wrote from Durrington Camp in England to say that he was now a signaller and on July 9, 1917 he entered the Signal School for training.<sup>1057</sup>

### **Humphreys Hugh**

Private No.3160 Australian Light Horse

Private Humphreys was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was an 18 year old single, colliery employee when he enlisted on March 24, 1917. His sister was Mrs Annie Woods. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A15 "Port Sydney" on May 9, 1917.<sup>1058</sup>

### **Humphreys Leslie**

Driver

*The Gosford Times* reported that Driver Les Humphreys was from Ourimbah. With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Leslie Humphries was a resident of the Central Coast.

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<sup>1054</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1055</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1056</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1057</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1058</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

## **Humphreys Tomas Francis**

Lieutenant No.108 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment

*The Gosford Times* reported that Lieutenant Humphreys was from Kincumber.<sup>1059</sup> He was a 42 year old single, building contractor when he enlisted on September 23, 1914. His mother was Agnes Humphreys of Davis Town. He previously served in the Boar War in the Imperial Bushman and the Australian Commonwealth Horse. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAAT A33 “Ayrshire” on December 20, 1914.<sup>1060</sup>

A writer to the *Gosford Times* felt glad that Lieutenant Humphreys had been given a commission, an honour the writer felt was richly deserved. He served for two years in the South African War with non-commissioned rank and a more popular Quartermaster Sergeant was never known. This fact was self-evident when it was learned that the rank and file of his squadron presented him with a purse of sovereigns before disbanding. How many in Australia, the letter said could boast of service equal to the redoubtable Tom? He was entitled to wear Queen Victoria’s 1900 medal, King Edward’s medal and five bars and the decorations for this campaign. The writer felt that fighting under three sovereigns was something to be proud of.<sup>1061</sup>

In another article it was reported that Mrs Humphreys of Kincumber received word on Monday that her son had been wounded in the right arm while fighting in Egypt.<sup>1062</sup> In a further article it was reported that Mrs Humphreys of Kincumber received a letter from her son stating that he had returned to the firing line after three months in hospital with a wound to the arm. He was with the Australian troops at Sinai where the Turks had recently been beaten again.<sup>1063</sup>

In a further article it was reported that Mrs Humphreys received a cable from her son, Lieutenant Humphreys stating that he was quite well and hoped within a few days to be

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<sup>1059</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1060</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1061</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1062</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1063</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

in Jerusalem with other Australian troops.<sup>1064</sup> Mrs Humphreys of Davis Town received a cable on Tuesday stating that her son was coming home for a rest. He enlisted shortly after the war broke out and had seen over 2½ years' active service, during which he was wounded in an engagement with the Turks.<sup>1065</sup> Lieutenant Humphreys arrived home from the war and received a hurrah welcome at Woy Woy railway station.<sup>1066</sup>

### **Hungerford William Percival\***

Private No.2646 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, D Company

Private Hungerford was born at Morisset. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 22, 1915. His father had died and his mother was Mrs Janet Heaton of Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915.<sup>1067</sup> He was killed in action on February 28, 1917. Witnesses reports stated that Private Hungerford was shot through the head by a sniper and killed outright just as he was getting over the barricade during a bombing raid at Warlencourt at about 3 p.m. During the night a soldier went out to the body to collect his pay book and identity disc. His body was buried where it was found and there was no cemetery there.<sup>1068</sup>

### **Hunt Charles**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Hunt was a 46 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>1069</sup>

### **Hunt George Thomas**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that at the Union Church in Mangrove Mountain on Saturday, January 7, a meeting was held to bid farewell to Mr George Hunt, an orchardist and son of Mr J. C. Hunt, M. L. A., who enlisted and was leaving for camp.

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<sup>1064</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1065</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1066</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1067</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1068</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>1069</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

There was a large and representative gathering from all around the district. The chair was taken by W. H. Kelynack J. P., the president of the Church Committee. The chairman in his address paid a warm tribute to Mr Hunt, both as a citizen and a member of the Church. He said they had decided to present Mr Hunt with a watch and he had brought two for Mr Hunt to choose from, a wristlet watch and a belt watch. He still had a considerable amount of money in hand and had decided to consult Mr Hunt as to the manner in which it should be expended.

Rev. S. Wedge of Gosford, speaking on behalf of the circuit, expressed the appreciation of the work that Mr Hunt had done and the sense of loss that they would experience in his absence. Major Cowlshaw and Mr Walter Black and other residents also paid a tribute of appreciation to Mr Hunt's action in enlisting and Mr E. K. Bowden also addressed the meeting. In reply Mr Hunt thanked the friends for their beautiful and useful gifts. When the roll of honour was first unveiled in the church he had realised that before long his name would be there and the only question had been as to when he should go. He felt that then was the most convenient time, as the crop had been gathered and if he did not go away now he might not be able to get away at all. The speakers had referred to his self-sacrifice. He had not given up as much as others had surrounded and it was the duty of every man to do his utmost to win the war.<sup>1070</sup>

### **Hunter Christopher**

Private No. 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Hunter was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on December 8, 1915. His mother was Margaret Hunter of 187 Jones St, Ultimo in Sydney. He was a brother of William James Chalmers Hunter<sup>1071</sup>

### **Hunter William James Chalmers**

Private No. 91154 Depot

Private Hunter was born at Gosford. He was a 30 year old single, carpenter when he tried to enlist. His mother was Margaret Jones of 187 Jones St, Ultimo in Sydney. His

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<sup>1070</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1071</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

attestation paper is marked cancelled, previously discharged. He was a brother of Christopher Hunter.<sup>1072</sup>

### **Huntley Clive Nielson Reynolds^**

Lieutenant 1<sup>st</sup> Field Company Engineers

Lieutenant Huntley was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old single, engineering draughtsman when he enlisted on September 26, 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 "Afric" on October 18, 1914. He died of wounds aboard the "Gascon" sustained at Gallipoli.<sup>1073</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that the late Lieutenant Huntley, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Engineers, who died of wounds on May 8, was the son of Mr and Mrs Huntley of Wharf Road, Snail's Bay. He was a native of Gosford where he was born nearly thirty years earlier. His father was manager of the Mercantile Bank in Gosford during 1886-7. After serving his term as an engineer with Waugh and Josephson in Sydney he entered the Railway and Tramway Service and made rapid progress. He had a genial disposition that drew all men unto him according to the local paper.

Clive Huntley was among the founders of the Draftsmen's Association, which later on became a branch of the above Service. The loss of such an excellent man was felt very keenly by the Department and his comrades, who predicted a brilliant future for him. Lieutenant Huntley wrote to say that he had been selected for special duty, but his modesty forbade any mention of the fact that he had been promoted for good work in Egypt.<sup>1074</sup>

### **Hyslop Alexander Godfrey**

Private No.3829 Machine Gun Battalion

Private Hyslop was born at Gosford. He was a 24 year old single, boiler maker when he enlisted on August 13, 1915. His mother was Leah Jane Hyslop of Liverpool Rd,

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<sup>1072</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1073</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1074</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Ashfield in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 “Runic” on January 20, 1916.<sup>1075</sup>

### **Inman Wilfred Alexander**

Corporal Army Medical Corps

Corporal Inman was a 53 year old married man when he enlisted on August 3, 1915. His wife was Mary Inman of Wamberal.<sup>1076</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Mr W. A. Inman, a resident of Wamberal, was attached to the orderly room doing clerical work at Liverpool camp. Mr Inman being over the age limit to enlist as a regular and being anxious to assist, offered his services to the authorities, which were gladly availed of, though he had to pass all tests, which he did and be vaccinated after one week’s leave went into camp. Mr Inman expected to be sent to Egypt soon.<sup>1077</sup>

### **Innes Alexander**

Private

Private Innes was a 26 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>1078</sup>

### **Izatt John**

Private

Private Izatt was a 35 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>1079</sup>

### **Jackson Albert Amos**

Private Depot

Private Jackson was born at Howe’s Valley via Wollombi. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 11, 1918. His mother was Mary Ann Marshall of Howe’s Valley.<sup>1080</sup>

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<sup>1075</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1076</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1077</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1078</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1079</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1080</sup> *Ibid*

### **Jackson C. G.**

Private 1915

Private Jackson was from Morisset. He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>1081</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Jackson was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Jacobsen Carl Ernest**

Private No.3551 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Jacobsen was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 27 year old single, fireman when he enlisted on September 6, 1915. His mother was Annie Jacobsen of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on December 20, 1915.<sup>1082</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Jacobsen was living at Woy Woy when he was wounded in France.<sup>1083</sup>

### **Jacobson Stephen**

Trooper No.1796 Engineers Australian Light Horse

Trooper Jacobson was a 21 year old single, motor mechanic when he enlisted on November 7, 1917. His father was Adolf Jacobson and his mother was Annie Jacobson.<sup>1084</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he was from Woy Woy and a large gathering was expected to be at a complimentary social to be held on Thursday before he leaves for Mesopotamia.<sup>1085</sup>

### **James Harold Basil**

Gunner No.253 5<sup>th</sup> Field Battery

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<sup>1081</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1082</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1083</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1084</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1085</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Gunner James was born at Wollombi. He was a 26 year old single, baker when he enlisted on February 24, 1915. His mother was Ada Maria James of Foley St in Muswellbrook N.S.W. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915.<sup>1086</sup>

### **Jamieson William^**

Bombardier 1969 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Bombardier Jamieson was from “Trenton” in Mangrove Mountain. He was a 30 year old orchardist when he enlisted on November 27, 1916. His father was Fraser Jamieson of Shetland, North Scotland. He embarked from Sydney on board “Osterley” on February 10, 1917. He was wounded from gunshot wound to the legs, lower back on April 13, 1918 and died from his wounds in the 7<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital in Boulogne in France.<sup>1087</sup>

### **Jarvis Edgar\***

Private No.2601 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, D Company

Private Jarvis was from Wyee. He was a 20 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 19, 1916. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth Jarvis of Rossmore via Liverpool. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Napier” on November 17, 1916. He was killed in action on October 1, 1917. On October 1, 1917 the Battalion was at Zonnebeke in support to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. Jarvis was engaged with a fatigue party bringing up supplies from Headquarters to the front line and when he was about 300 yards from Headquarters he was killed outright by a piece of shell. The next morning when carrying out the wounded men a soldier saw Jarvis lying dead on the track. He went over to him and took his papers from him and handed them in at Headquarters. His name is recorded on Menin Gate in Belgium.<sup>1088</sup>

### **Jenkins Giles William**

Corporal No.3943 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1086</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1087</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1088</sup> *Ibid*

Corporal Jenkins was a 26 year old married carpenter when he enlisted on March 22, 1915. His wife was Mrs L. Jenkins of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A69 “Warilda” on May 22, 1916.<sup>1089</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Jenkins was from Woy Woy. He was later promoted to Corporal. Mrs Jenkins received word that her husband had left England and was expected to arrive in Australia soon.<sup>1090</sup>

In another article it was reported that the enthusiasm engendered by the Armistice was reflected in the welcome home accorded to Corporal Jenkins of Woy Woy, which was held in Piper’s Hall, Woy Woy on Thursday evening last. The residents assembled in great force to do honour to a member of that gallant band which has done no small part in making possible the accomplishment of a victorious peace. The greatest credit was due to the organisers of the function for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. Certainly they acted in ignorance of the Repatriation regulations governing presentations to returned soldiers, but the spirit of the affair was right at any rate.

The hall was gaily decorated with bunting and greenery, a huge banner bearing the words “Welcome Home” being stretched across the stage. Admission was free, the use of the hall and lighting were donated by Mr H. J. Piper, while the ladies provided the refreshments on a generous scale. The guest of the evening was received with cheers upon being escorted to the stage, where a number of other returned soldiers were seated. The presentation took the form of a handsome gold medal, inscribed with the recipient’s name, date of the presentation, and the words “From the Boys and Girls of Woy Woy.”

Rev. E. C. Tanner in making the presentation said that he was proud to be accorded the privilege of welcoming Corporal Jenkins home to Woy Woy. Corporal Jenkins was one who had offered his all in the cause of King and country, but through the grace of God the supreme sacrifice had not been required of him. The presentation was unique. The boys and girls of Woy Woy had overcome many obstacles and shown that they knew what to do and how to do it. In concluding the speaker paid a high tribute to the

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<sup>1089</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1090</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

personality of the guest of the evening and wished him and his brave wife health and prosperity. He said that all hoped that the sacrifice which Corporal Jenkins had made and the wounds which he had sustained would not jeopardise his chance in life.

A private token of esteem was also given to Corporal Jenkins on behalf of Mr and Mrs Couche. In supporting the remarks of the previous speaker, Mr J. M. McDonald said it was fitting that all should rejoice upon this occasion. It was fortunate that they should be able to meet in Woy Woy that night one of the men to hand helped to send the ex-Kaiser to the place he occupied at that moment. The man whom they were welcoming home that evening was a fine specimen of Australian manhood and he had honoured their town by going forth to fight the enemy of humanity. He referred to the kindly feeling which had sprung up during the war between the Scot and the Australian and to the admiration and esteem in which each held the other.

He was naturally interested in the men of "Old Scotia," but equally interested in the soldiers of the land of his adoption. "Welcome Corporal Jenkins. May your shadow never grow less? I am sure we all hope that the wounds which you have so honourably received on the field of battle will not handicap you in your civilian life. The education in which you have received in going forth will be of use to the town of Woy Woy." Continuing, Mr McDonald said it seemed hardly possible for more enthusiasm to be shown than was in evidence that night, but he hoped that the next function of the kind would be even more enthusiastic.

He concluded by wishing Corporal Jenkins and his wife all posterity in the days that lay before them and offered the heartfelt thanks of all for the sacrifice they had made in the cause of humanity and of the Empire. Corporal Jenkins, in responding, thanked those present for the kindness with which they had received him and said that he had greatly appreciated the gift of "the boys and girls of Woy Woy."

After justice had been done to the refreshments provided by the ladies the floor was cleared for dancing, which was kept up till 2 a.m. During the evening a number of songs and recitations were given, the artists including Miss Phyllis Cooper and Mr J. B. Baker, Mr P. Lonnard on the piano and Mr R. Taylor on the violin supplied the music. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent and the boys and girls of Woy Woy

proved that their spontaneous and enthusiastic efforts in setting up the function met with the hearty approval and appreciation of the people as a whole.<sup>1091</sup>

### **Jenkins Richard Lewis Hay Blake**

Major Infantry 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion Headquarters

Major Jenkins was from Gosford.<sup>1092</sup> He was a 49 year old married farmer when he enlisted on April 12, 1915. His wife was Blanche Eliza Jenkins of 76 Pitt St in Sydney. He previously served in the Manchester Regiment of the British Army, The Sydney Scottish Rifles and the N.S.W. Permanent Artillery (RAA). He served in the Boar War and had the King's and Queen's Medals with five bars. He embarked from Sydney on board Transport "Berrima" on June 25, 1915. On September 6, 1915 he suffered from dysentery. He was killed in action at Gallipoli.<sup>1093</sup>

### **Jenkins William Thomas**

Sapper No.3314 Mining Corps

Sapper Jenkins was a 42 year old married miner when he enlisted on April 8, 1916. His wife was Edith Jenkins of Cooranbong. He previously served for 3 years in the Welsh Volunteers. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A69 "Warolda" on May 22, 1916.<sup>1094</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Jenkins was from Cooranbong and it was reported that he was ill.<sup>1095</sup>

### **Jensen C.**

Private

Private Jensen was from Morisset. He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1096</sup> With the lack of

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<sup>1091</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, November, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1092</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1093</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1094</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1095</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1096</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which C. Jensen was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Johnson Arthur Frederick<sup>^</sup>**

Private 5596 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Johnson was born at Brooklyn. He was a 23 year old single, navvy when he enlisted on January 8, 1916. His father was J. H. Johnson of Brooklyn. Private Johnson later married and his wife was Margaret Johnson of Maclean on the Clarence River N.S.W. He previously served 18 months in the Parramatta Cadets. He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT A46 "Clan McGillivray" on September 7, 1916<sup>1097</sup> He died of shell wounds to his back, head and legs on April 24, 1918 at the 20<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on admission. He was buried Johnson had been hit by a shell while he was in a dug-out at about 11 a.m. he was asleep inside with others and the shell burst right above them. Soldiers pulled out the bodies and Johnson was taken to the Casualty Clearing Station.<sup>1098</sup>

### **Johnson Frederick Thomas**

Private No.6266 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Johnson was born at the Hawkesbury River. He was a 22 year old single, tinsmith when he enlisted on January 17, 1916. His father was Joseph Johnson of Hawkesbury River. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on September 9, 1916.<sup>1099</sup>

### **Johnson Harold**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Harold Johnson was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Johnson was from Ourimbah. He was a one time resident of the district and was returning home on the next boat. He was another Ourimbah lad who had been away doing his bit in France.<sup>1100</sup>

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<sup>1097</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1098</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>1099</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1100</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Johnson John Stobert<sup>^</sup>**

Private No. 5118 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Johnson was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 6, 1915. His mother was Margaret Ellen Johnson of “Fernhill” in Gosford.<sup>1101</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Johnson, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas W. Johnson of Gosford, was wounded in France on or before May 9, 1917 and a cable during the week announced his death on June 22, 1917. Deceased soldier lad was 24 years of age and was born at Merewether in Newcastle. He enlisted from Gosford in September, 1915 and sailed on April 1, 1916, landing in Egypt, England and finally in France where, in the trenches he spent last Christmas. After being wounded from a gunshot wound to the spine he was invalided to England and died in Kitchener’s Military Hospital.<sup>1102</sup>

He died at 3.45 p.m. on June 22, 1917 from a primary gunshot wound to his spine. The secondary cause of death was Pyelitis. He was buried in the Harefield Churchyard, Australian section, grave No.27 on Sunday June 24 at 2 p.m., the burial service being conducted by Chaplain-Captain Gregg-MacGregor, who was attached to the hospital. The Chaplain had written to the deceased soldier’s next of kin, his mother Mrs Margaret Ellen Johnson of “Fernhill” in Gosford. The medical officer in charge of the case was Captain Craig. Private Johnson was only at the hospital for four days.

A number of the deceased English relatives were informed of the death and his Aunt, Miss M. Johnson of the Nurses Hostel in Francis St, London and another were able to attend the funeral, which was given as usual with military honours. There was a fund at the hospital subscribed to by the staff and patients with the object of erecting headstones to the memory of the Australian soldiers buried in the Harefield Churchyard. Captain Tarleton R.N. of Breakspears, Uxbridge arranged to have all the graves turfed and

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<sup>1101</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1102</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

guaranteed to keep them in order during his own and his children's lifetime according to a letter from Major Browne.<sup>1103</sup>

### **Johnson Phillip Matthias\***

Private No.6527 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Johnson was a 24 year old widower labourer when he enlisted on May 17, 1916. His next of kin was his son William Johnson c/- Mrs M. Martin of Matcham Estate. He embarked from Sydney on board the "Ceramic" on October 7, 1916. He suffered from trench foot on April 21, 1917 and re-joined his unit on August 22, 1917 in France. He died on November 6, 1917 in Belgium. He was the brother-in-law of Private Cyril Henry Martin<sup>1104</sup>

### **Johnson Walter Alexander**

Private No.90471 Depot

Private Johnson was a 21 year old single, drover when he enlisted on May 2, 1918. His mother was Mary Ann Cusack of St Ives via Pymble in Sydney. He was living with J. J. Fagan at West Gosford.<sup>1105</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Johnson was a drover from West Gosford.<sup>1106</sup> In another article it was reported that the School of Arts hall was crowded on the Monday night, the occasion being a send-off under the auspices of the Girls' Patriotic Society. Shire President Mr Archbold occupied the chair and, after the National Anthem, a programme of songs and recitations was rendered, contributed by Mrs Fred Cohen, Mrs Fred Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Mr A. Harvey, Mr J. Corbett, Mr C. Horne and Sergeant Forrest. President Archbold referred to the fact that during the past few weeks some fifty recruits had volunteered in the Erina Shire, of whom thirty-nine had been accepted for service. The enthusiasm shown in local recruiting was largely due to the good work put in and tact displayed by the local officer,

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<sup>1103</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1104</sup> Gosford Library, 2013. *op cit.*

<sup>1105</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1106</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Sergeant Forrest, who as a returned man knew how to put the case to eligible who was needed on the other side to help Australia's brave lads.<sup>1107</sup>

### **Johnson W. R.**

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Harold Johnson was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Mr W. R. Johnson, ex M.L.A., for Robertson and who was defeated by Mr W. M. Fleming at the last Federal election, joined the colours and was in Liverpool camp. Writing in *The Gosford Times* he said "On Friday last, with about 550 other men, I was marched from Holdsworthy Camp. After 4 weeks of hard drillings to Liverpool where we are now split up as 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. I am in the 12<sup>th</sup>."<sup>1108</sup>

### **Johnston George Albert**

Private No.13750 Australian Service Corps

Private Johnston enlisted on September 6, 1916. A piece of paper was stapled to his file held at the National Archives and with the lack of information available it was not possible to read the details of his enlistment.<sup>1109</sup>

### **Johnston Herbert Leslie**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Johnston was from Wyee. With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Herbert Leslie Johnston was a resident of the Central Coast.

### **Johnston William Adolphus**

Private No.806 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>1107</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1108</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1109</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)



Private Johnston was born at Wollombi. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 17, 1916. His mother was Ada Johnston of Darnsery via Wallsend N.S.W. he previously served 4 years in 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A20 "Hororata" on May 2, 1916.<sup>1110</sup>

### **Johnston William Robert**

Sapper, 13<sup>th</sup> Engineers

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mr W. R. Johnston, letter-carrier at Gosford enlisted and went into camp on 18 August 1915. He had eleven years military service and held the rank of Lieutenant.

### **Johnstone Percy Lloyd**

Private No.777 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Johnstone was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on December 11, 1914. His mother was Alice Johnstone of North Parramatta in Sydney.<sup>1111</sup>

### **Jones Benjamin**

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Benjamin Jones was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Jones was a 21 year old baker from Woy Woy

### **Jones Clinton James**

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Clinton James Jones was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Jones was a 21 year old Woy Woy.

### **Jones E.**

Private

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<sup>1110</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1111</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which E. Jones was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Jones was from Mangrove Mountain

### **Jones Frank**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Frank Jones was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Jones was a farmer from Kanwal and the brother of Herbert Jones.<sup>1112</sup>

### **Jones George**

Private No.2200 Anzac Police Corps

Private Jones was born at the Hawkesbury River. He was a 21 year old single, furrier when he enlisted on September 25, 1915. His father was George Jones of Hawkesbury. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 "Orsova" on March 11, 1916.<sup>1113</sup>

### **Jones George Henry**

Private No.9163 A.V.D. Hospital

Private Jones was born at Wollombi. He was a 25 year old single, surgical instrument and drug packer. His father was Matthew V. Jones of 228 Evan St, Rozelle in Sydney. He later married and his wife was Mrs P. A. Jones on September 30, 1919.<sup>1114</sup>

### **Jones Herbert**

Private 1915 Kanwal

Private Jones was a labourer from Kanwal and was the brother of Frank.<sup>1115</sup> He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1116</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine

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<sup>1112</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1113</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1114</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1115</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1116</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

from the National Archives which Herbert Jones was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Jones John Oswald**

Private Depot

Private Jones was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 19 year old single, grocer when he enlisted on December 28, 1915. His mother was Kate Jones of Catherine Hill Bay.<sup>1117</sup>

### **Jones Michael**

Private

Private Jones was a 43 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>1118</sup>

### **Jones Thomas**

Private Infantry

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Thomas Jones was a resident of the Central Coast. The electoral rolls records that Private Jones was a labourer from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>1119</sup>

### **Jones Varney Lloyd**

Private No.2337 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Jones was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, ironmonger's assistant when he enlisted on May 31, 1916. His father was David Lloyd Jones of "Arrawatta" in Wyong. He was still serving in the cadets when he enlisted.<sup>1120</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he was living in Wyong and was reported as being wounded in France. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916.<sup>1121</sup>

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<sup>1117</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1118</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1119</sup> New South Wales Electoral Rolls 1915-1917 (Commonwealth Division) *Seat of Robinson* microfiche

<sup>1120</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1121</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

## **Jones William\***

### Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which William Jones was a resident of the Central Coast. T *The Gosford Times* reported that he death of Private William Jones of Jilliby was that he died in Liverpool Field Hospital. He gave his name in for enlistment at the recruiting meeting held there about six weeks earlier and was accepted. After being in camp some little time he contracted measles and pneumonia from which he died. Much sympathy was felt by all for his Uncle Mr Mills and family. Private Jones was a member of the local cricket club and was very highly respected.<sup>1122</sup>

In another article it was reported that the unveiling of the headstone erected to the memory of William Jones took place on a Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of residents of Wyong and Jilliby. The stone, (which is a book stone and tilled all over the grave and purchased from Meldrum and Markey of Newcastle), was covered with the Union Jack. Mr Pattinson, the president of the committee, opened the ceremony with a brief speech, stating the delay of getting the stone and so on after which he called on Mr W. Wamsley and Mr W. Russell to unveil it.

Mr W. Smith Jnr, Mr Jones (the local school teacher and military instructor) and Mr R. Boyd also delivered brief speeches and all spoke highly of the young soldier who thought he had not been able to go to the front, did his duty and died in the service of his King and country. Mt Pattinson apologised for Mr W. A. Chapman and Mr A. Wilkinson, who were unavoidably unable to be present. The cost of the stone was 21 pounds and fifteen shillings (£21/15/-), and as the sum of twenty-two pounds and threepence (£23/0/3) was still owing on it a collection was taken up. The sum of two pounds two shillings and two pence (£2/2/2), was thrown on the flag, leaving a balance of twenty shillings (20/-), which was donated to the next send-off held at Jilliby. The singing of the National Anthem concluded the ceremony. The inscription on the stone read,

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<sup>1122</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

To the memory of Private William Jones, who died at  
Liverpool Camp, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1914, aged 18 years.  
He arose responsive to his country's call, but, alas, was  
ripped off in the bud.  
Erected by Mr Mill and friends<sup>1123</sup>

### **Joyce William George**

Private No.2663 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers

Private Joyce was a 35 year old single, miner when he enlisted on August 2, 1915. His brother was Sydney Joyce of Ourimbah.<sup>1124</sup>

### **Jurd Cyril Clifford**

Trooper No.870 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse

Trooper Jurd was born at Central McDonald on the Hawkesbury River. He was a 20 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 12, 1915. His father was C. Jurd of Central McDonald.<sup>1125</sup>

### **Jurd Owen**

Trooper No.27 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse

Trooper Jurd was born at Central McDonald on the Hawkesbury River. He was a 28 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 14, 1914. His father was R. Jurd of Central McDonald. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A16 "Star of Victoria" on February 25, 1915.<sup>1126</sup>

### **Kain Clarence**

Private No.54464 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Kain was from Courangra.<sup>1127</sup> He was a 19 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on May 6, 1918. His father was Patrick Kain of the Criterion Hotel in Braidwood N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Field Marshall" on June 19, 1918.<sup>1128</sup>

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<sup>1123</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1124</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1125</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1126</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1127</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1128</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

### **Kay Cecil James**

Private No.132 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Kay was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on November 4, 1915. His father was James Kay of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 1, 1916.<sup>1129</sup>

### **Kay James Henry**

Private

Private Kay was a 36 year old residing in Gosford. His attestation paper from National Archives was not available at this time.<sup>1130</sup>

### **Kay Leslie William**

Private no.65774 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Kay was a 20 year old single, hairdresser when he enlisted on June 10, 1916. His father was John Henry Kay of Railway St in Wyong. He previously served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion of the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A41 “Bakara” on September 4, 1918.<sup>1131</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Kay was from Wyong. He was entertained by the members of the Town Band at a Euchre Party and Social in the Literary Institute on Wednesday evening the previous week. There was a large attendance of townspeople and an enjoyable evening passed all too rapidly. After the euchre tournament, at which Miss H. Wilson and Mr Ray were the respective winners of the lady’s and gentlemen’s prizes, Mr Lloyd-Jones, on behalf of the Recruiting Association, presented Private Kay with a silver matchbox and in addition received from his fellow members of the Band a wristlet watch with the presentation being made by Mr Gersh Baker. He responded suitably. His brief speech was received with hilarity by the good nature of the audience.<sup>1132</sup>

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<sup>1129</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1130</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1131</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1132</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

In another article it was reported that Private Kay was expected to sail on the week-end. He paid a visit to his home a few days earlier. There was a good muster of friends at Wyong railway station to wish him God's speed.<sup>1133</sup>

### **Keating William**

Private No.5713 48<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Coy

Private Keating was born at Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 16, 1916. His next of kin was recorded as his friend Sarah Kinder of Thorn St in Wagga Wagga. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 "Kyarra" on June 3, 1916.<sup>1134</sup>

### **Keats Henry Edwin**

Sapper No.2566 2<sup>nd</sup> H.L.R.O.C. Railway Unit Reinforcements and Special Draft

Sapper Keats was from Ourimbah. He was an 18 year old single, apprentice coach painter for the Government Transport Department. His father was Henry Keats of "Rocklands" in Arncliffe Rd, Arncliffe in Sydney. He previously served for 4 years in the senior cadets. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A71 "Nestor" on February 28, 1918.<sup>1135</sup>

### **Keene F. A.**

Sergeant No. 1240 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which F. A. Keene was a resident of the Central Coast.

### **Kelle Leonard Jean\***

Private Infantry No.1542 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Kelle was a 34 year old single, carrier when he enlisted on January 13, 1915. His next of kin was A. Kelle of "Burnside" in Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 "Argyllshire" on April 10, 1915. He was killed in action at Lone Pine from a gunshot wound to the forehead on August 9, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>1136</sup>

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<sup>1133</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1134</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1135</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1136</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private L. J. Kelle of Wyong previously reported wounded was included in the list of soldiers missing at the Dardanelles.<sup>1137</sup> In another article it was reported that his parents later received word that their son had died at Lone Pine.<sup>1138</sup>

### **Kelly Herbert Augustine\***

Private No.6360 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Kelly was from Spencer.<sup>1139</sup> He was born at Mangrove Creek and was a 22 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on October 16, 1916. His mother was Mrs M. Kelly of Eric St, Leichhardt Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916. He was killed in action on September 20, 1917. On September 20, he went over the top at Menin Road when he was hit by a shell to the stomach and was killed instantaneously. His name is recorded on Menin Gate in Belgium.<sup>1140</sup>

### **Kemp Milton Joseph**

Private No.3327 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Kemp was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old railway porter when he enlisted on July 4, 1917. His father was Edward Kemp of Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A28 “Miltiades” on August 2, 1917.<sup>1141</sup>

### **Kenloch Sydney Herbert Alexander**

Gunner No.32617 9<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery

Gunner Kenloch was born at Wollombi. He was a 24 year old single, clerk when he enlisted. His father was James Kenloch of Public School in Hoxton Park via Liverpool in Sydney.<sup>1142</sup>

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<sup>1137</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1138</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November., 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1139</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit.*

<sup>1140</sup> Gosford Library, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1141</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1142</sup> *Ibid*



### **Kennedy Albert**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Albert Kennedy was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that on Wednesday afternoon, September 20, Mr Bert Kennedy, the teacher of Mangrove Mountain Public School, was presented by the scholars with a gold mounted fountain pen. Mr Kennedy had enlisted having obtained leave of absence from the Department of Public Instruction (*forerunner to the Department of Education.*) The presentation was made by Eva White, as the senior scholar and the speech delivered by Councillor J. Bushell as representative of the scholars. Mr W. H. Kelynack was called upon to speak on behalf of the residents. Mr Kennedy suitably replied, but was visibly affected by the incident as evidencing the esteem and goodwill of scholars and residents. Refreshments were served and the remainder of the afternoon spent in games.<sup>1143</sup>

### **Kennedy Albert William**

Driver No.1392 34th Battalion

Private Kennedy was a 23 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on February 1, 1916. His mother was Mary Kennedy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 12, 1916.<sup>1144</sup>

### **Kennedy B. A.**

Sapper

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which B. A. Kennedy was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Kennedy, who resigned as teacher of Mangrove Mountain School in order to enlist went to the front as a sapper in B Company. He had been succeeded by Mr L. Allen.<sup>1145</sup>

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<sup>1143</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1144</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1145</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Kennedy Hugh Douglas**

Private No.11350 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Kennedy was born at Gosford. He was a 35 year old married labourer when he enlisted on September 28, 1915. His wife was Elsie Kennedy of Claude St, Chatswood in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on January 15, 1916.<sup>1146</sup>

### **Kennedy Leslie**

Infantry

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Leslie Kennedy was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Mr Les Kennedy, an old Gosford boy, had enlisted and was to sail with the next contingent.<sup>1147</sup>

### **Kerin James**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which James kerin was a resident of the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private formerly of the Wyong Post Office and was attached to the Wireless Corps and paid a farewell visit to his town on the Saturday to say good bye to all his friends. He sailed for France on the Tuesday.<sup>1148</sup>

### **Kerr John Hugh^**

Private No.1841 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Kerr was born in Wollombi. He was a 39 year old married labourer when he enlisted on January, 1916. His wife was Catherine Morris who was recorded on his attestation paper as apparently remarried. She resided at Martin’s Creek via West Maitland N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Port Sydney” on September 4, 1916. He died of wounds at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sty General Hospital on April 8, 1918, suffering from gunshot wounds to the thighs. They were badly septic and one leg had

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<sup>1146</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1147</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1148</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

to be amputated at once. He was buried on April 10, 1918 in St Sever Cemetery in the city of Rouan. Private Kerr was described as being 6 feet 5 inches tall, dark with a dark moustache. He was out stretcher bearing when he was hit.<sup>1149</sup>

### **Kerrigan Leslie, Military Medal**

Sapper No.2858 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Sapper Kerrigan was a 19 year old single, postal assistant when he enlisted on March 1, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 25, 1916.<sup>1150</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that word had been received by Mrs F. E. Harris of Mann Street in Gosford, that Sapper Kerrigan, for some time employed at the Gosford Post Office had been awarded the Military Medal for sending despatches under fire.<sup>1151</sup>

### **Kiernan Frank Lawrence**

Private No.1717 5<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy

Private Kiernan was a 25 year old single, man when he enlisted on May 11, 1915. His father was Bernard Kiernan of Dublin in Ireland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on July 28, 1915.<sup>1152</sup>

### **Kilpatrick Albert George\***

Lieutenant 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Lieutenant Kilpatrick was a 25 year old single, postmaster when he enlisted on September 28, 1916. His father was George Kilpatrick of “Eastwood” in Walcha N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on October 17, 1916. He was killed in action on October 12, 1917 at Passchendaele. His name is recorded on Menin Gate in Belgium. He was the brother of W. J. Kilpatrick.<sup>1153</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Lieutenant Kilpatrick, who prior to enlisting was attached to Gosford Post

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<sup>1149</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*.

<sup>1150</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1151</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1152</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1153</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

Office staff, had made the supreme sacrifice, a cable having been received that he had been killed in action.<sup>1154</sup>

### **Kilpatrick B.**

Infantry

Kilpatrick was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1155</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which B. Kilpatrick was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Kilpatrick William James**

Lieutenant 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Kilpatrick was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1156</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which William James Kilpatrick was the local resident of the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that prior to his departure for camp Mr W. J. Kilpatrick an accountant was presented by the employees of Chapman & Sons with a solid silver military wristlet watch and by Mr A. I. Chapman with a fountain pen and leather wallet. The presentation took place at "Chap's" when goodwill and God speed were doled out by "all hands and the cook." Mr Kilpatrick was not many days in camp before he was given the position of "Pay Corporal."<sup>1157</sup> He was the brother of Mrs W. F. Wharton of Empire Bay and was reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany. He was recently posted on the missing list.<sup>1158</sup>

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<sup>1154</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1155</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1156</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1157</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1158</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In another article it was reported that on April 4, 1918 Lieutenant Kilpatrick was declared missing when a letter from the Central Prisoners of War dated April 23, 1918 stated that he was a prisoner of war. He was interned in a prisoner of war camp at Karlsruhe as certified by a German list dated June 14, 1918. He was repatriated to England arriving on December 3, 1918.<sup>1159</sup>

### **Kimberley Hugh B.**

Driver, 13<sup>th</sup> Engineers

*The Gosford Times* reported that Driver Kimberley was from Yarramalong. Letters from Driver Kimberley arrived saying he had a rather bad time and wrote from an English hospital with several wounds and the sight of one eye injured. However he said, "That it is only a detail in comparison with what other poor chaps get." He sends remembrances to Creekites and hopes some of them will buck up and come this way to help, can do with them all, "better than cricket." He deplored, like hundreds more, the dreadful destruction of beautiful French towns and villages and the dreadful sufferings of the inhabitants<sup>1160</sup>.

In another article it was reported that Driver Kimberley returned from the front a week or so earlier and his Mountain and Creek friends intended to give him a welcome home as soon as he obtained leave.<sup>1161</sup> In the previous list of returned soldiers was the name of Driver Kimberley, who had done his bit in Egypt and France. All his friends back home would be very pleased to welcome him home again.<sup>1162</sup>

### **King J.**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which J. King was the resident from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that a welcome home under the auspices of the Gosford Patriotic Society was

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<sup>1159</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1160</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1161</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1162</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

held in the School of Arts on Monday evening.<sup>1163</sup> The function was under the auspices of the Gosford Patriotic Society. Mr F. R. Archbold acted as chairman and after speeches by Mr Stayner and Mr Kirkness, presentations were made by Rev. A. Renwick. Private King responded. During the evening songs and recitations and musical items were rendered by Mrs Cohen, Mrs White, Mrs Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Miss Friedman and Mr Harvey. Musical selections in front of the hall were played by the Band.

Gifts for despatch to the soldiers included 5 tins fruit, 152 packets and 3 tins of cigarettes, 1 tin of groats, 1 packet of playing cards, 1 tin of pork beans, 6 tooth brushes, 3 combs, 2 pair of socks, 4 chewing gum, 1 stick shaving soap, 14 writing wallets, 2 books gum-nut babies and blossoms, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 towels, 9 packets envelopes, 4 tins and 1 packet tobacco, 2 tins sardines, 4 cakes and 1 box soap, 1 tin jam, 1 pair slippers, 1 writing tablet and 38 shillings and 6 pence (38/6) in cash.<sup>1164</sup>

### **King John E.**

#### **Private Infantry**

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which John E. King was the resident from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that a cable was received during the week announcing that Private J. E. King, of Point Clare, who was wounded at Gallipoli, was invalided to England.<sup>1165</sup> In another article it was reported that word was received by Mr P. Walker of Point Clare that his partner had been wounded for the second time in France.<sup>1166</sup>

In a further article it was reported that Private King was expected home from the war. King enlisted two years earlier and left Sydney for Egypt on May 12, 1915. Since that time he had been in Gallipoli and France and was wounded twice by shrapnel. He had

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<sup>1163</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1164</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1165</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1166</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

done his bit for the Empire and was to come home after spending some time in hospital.<sup>1167</sup>

### **Kirby**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Kirby was the resident from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Kirby was from Wagstaff Point. He had recently returned home from the war and was entertained at a welcome home at Manly House on December 21, 1917. Mrs Murphy, Mrs Dowling and Miss Ransley were the honorary organising committee. The function was most successful one. Crowds from neighbouring places came in launches and stayed to enjoy a pleasant evening.<sup>1168</sup>

### **Kirk Walter Bede**

Private

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Private Kirk an orchardist was from Mangrove Mountain. He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1169</sup>

### **Kirkby Alfred**

Private No.1573 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements

Private Kirkby was born at Erina. He was an 18 year old single, plumber when he enlisted on July 12, 1915. His father was Johnathan Kirkby of Erina. He previously served 18 months compulsory military training. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on November 9, 1915.<sup>1170</sup>

### **Kirkby Jonathan**

Private No.91523 Depot

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<sup>1167</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1168</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1169</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1170</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

Private Kirkby was born at Erina. He was a 19 year old single, plumber when he enlisted on July 22, 1918 and was discharged on April 10, 1919. His mother was Elizabeth Kirkby of Erina.<sup>1171</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Kirkby was from Erina and was entertained at a send-off.<sup>1172</sup> In another article it was reported that on Friday evening Private Kirkby, who had just enlisted was at Erina Hall. He was entertained at a banquet and social as a guest of the Ladies Welcome Home Committee. He was presented with a money belt and combination cutlery set. The principal speakers were Rev. E. Walker, Mr J. M. McDonald and Mr F. A. Stayner. The function was splendidly managed by the Ladies Committee and they were accorded special vote of thanks, to which Mrs S. Taylor responded.<sup>1173</sup>

### **Kirkness James Dunlop**

Quartermaster Sergeant No.4411 3<sup>rd</sup> General Hospital, Army Medical Corps

Quartermaster-Sargent Kirkness was a 26 year old single, engineer mechanic when he enlisted on March 12, 1915. His mother was Mary Kirkness of Gosford. He previously served 5½ years in the Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.) militia and served in New Guinea in the Expeditionary Force for 6 months. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Mooltan” on May15, 1915.<sup>1174</sup>

### **Klein Albert Sydney**

Private No.469 1<sup>st</sup> Machine Gun Company, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Klein was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 40 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on April 28, 1916. His brother was George Klein of Public School in Campbelltown in Sydney. He previously had been rejected because of his teeth. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” October 25, 1916.<sup>1175</sup>

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<sup>1171</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1172</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1173</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1174</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1175</sup> *Ibid*



### **Klumpp Leslie**

Private No.59538 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Klumpp was a 22 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on May 3, 1918. His father was Gottlieb Klumpp of Matcham. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918.<sup>1176</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday night a social and presentation was tendered to Private Klumpp and three others prior to their departure to the front. There was a large and representative gathering attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent in singing songs and dancing. At 8.30 p.m. refreshments were handed round and when justice had been done to the good things provided, the Rev. A. Renwick, who was ever ready to do all in his power to assist in affairs of this kind, addressed the soldiers and the gathering and expressed all the good wishes of himself and on behalf of the people presented each with a combination set knife, fork, spoon and money belt from the citizens.

Miss Pritchard and Miss Cleary, on behalf of Matcham Comfort Fund, in a few well-chosen words, presented each soldier with a woollen scarf. The company joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" and the National Anthem, after which further dancing and so on concluded the proceedings. The Committee desired to thank all those who helped to make the night a success.<sup>1177</sup>

### **Knight Albert Ernest**

Private No.3336 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Knight was from Wyong Creek. He was a 25 year old married labourer when he enlisted. His wife was Rachael Knight of Wyong Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A28 "Miltiades" on August 2, 1917.<sup>1178</sup>

### **Kruman Jack**

Private

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<sup>1176</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1177</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1178</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which Jack Kruman was the resident from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that word was received that Private Kruman had been gassed and at present was in hospital.<sup>1179</sup>

### **Kocoan Peter**

Private No.1252 Depot

Private Kocoan was a 32 year old married labourer when he enlisted on March 23, 1915. His wife was Mrs E. Kocoan who was living in Russia.<sup>1180</sup>

### **Krone Lionel Arthur Edwin**

Private No.33907 2<sup>nd</sup> D.A.C. 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Krone was an 18 year old single, newspaper reporter when he enlisted on July 6, 1916. His father was Arthur Crone of “The Elysian Flats” in Milson Rd, Cremorne in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A9 “Shropshire” on May 11, 1917.<sup>1181</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Krone previously of the Hawkesbury Bridge Guards was farewelled at the Convent of Mercy Hall, Brooklyn. The function was organised by Sergeants S. Sheehan and Gillard of the Guards. Lieutenant H. E. Naughten presented Krone with a wristlet watch on behalf of his comrades and while Master Vincent Kelly presented a silver boomerang and cigarette case (his own gift).<sup>1182</sup>

### **Krumin Arthur Albert**

Private No.385 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Krumin was born at Lisarow. He was a 21 year old single, slate layer when he enlisted on January 18, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A46 “Clan McGillivray” on May 3, 1916.<sup>1183</sup> His brother was John Alfred Krumin.

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<sup>1179</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1180</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1181</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1182</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1183</sup> *Ibid*

### **Krumin John Albert**

Private No.2593 3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Krumin was born at Lisarow. He was an 18 year old single, slate cleaner when he enlisted on July 24, 1916. His mother was Sarah Wilson of Lisarow. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on November 9, 1916.<sup>1184</sup> His brother was Arthur Alan Krumin.

### **Lackersteen Frank Stanley**

Private No.7003 Army Service Corps

Private Lackersteen was a 31 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on May 19, 1915. His father was L. Lackersteen of Ryde in Sydney. He previously served for 3 years in the Engineers. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A21 "Marere" on August 16, 1915.<sup>1185</sup>

### **Lackie Nathan Douglas, Military Medal**

Lance-Corporal No.8428 Army Service Corps

Lance-Corporal Lackie was a 26 year old when he enlisted on September 13, 1915 and embarked on November 18, 1915 on the ship "Persic". He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A66 "Uganda" on November 27, 1915.<sup>1186</sup> He was promoted to Lance-Corporal on November 2, 1917.<sup>1187</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday evening at the Royal Hotel, Mr N. D. Lackie, who enlisted in the Army Service Corps, was entertained by his fellow employees of Narara Viticultural Nursery, who presented him with a well filled tobacco pouch. The Superintendent, Mr D. Jenkins made the presentation on behalf of Mrs Jenkins and himself handed Driver Lackie a case of pipes. The recipient who stood 6 feet 2 inches tall in his socks, made a gallant response.<sup>1188</sup>

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<sup>1184</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1185</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1186</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1187</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1188</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In another article it was reported that the Military Medal had been awarded to Private Lackie. Before enlisting he was employed at the Narara Viticultural Nursery. His brother Private William Lackie was reported missing and was officially recorded as killed in action.<sup>1189</sup> He was the brother of William Chalmers Lackie.<sup>1190</sup>

### **Lackie William Chalmers\***

Private No.2205 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Lackie was a 30 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on March 4, 1916. His father was Henry Lackie of “Morebank” in Liverpool N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A16 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916. He was reported missing on February 24, 1917. He was transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion for having inflicted wound by shooting himself in the knee at Guedecourt near Bapaume. He was court marshalled and given 2 years imprisonment. In 1918 he lost one of his legs over it. He was the brother of Nathan Douglas Lackie.<sup>1191</sup>

### **Lambert Henry Harding**

Private No.3068 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Lambert was born at Gosford. He was a 20 year old single, warehouseman when he enlisted on July 17, 1916. His mother was Madeleine Hannah Lambert of 15 Gelverton St, St Peters in Sydney. He previously served in the senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917.<sup>1192</sup>

### **Landaman Albert Edward\* Military Medal**

Sergeant No.3260A 5<sup>th</sup> Pioneers

Sergeant Landaman was a 27 year old married tram conductor when he enlisted on September 18, 1915. His wife was Mrs B. Landaman, 26 Mount St Pymont in Sydney with a son Edward Charles Landaman. He embarked on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on December 20, 1915. He was killed in action on September 14, 1917. He was killed

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<sup>1189</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1190</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1191</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1192</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

by shell explosion on the Leicester Rd at Zillebeke in Ypres. His name is recorded on Menin Gate in Belgium.<sup>1193</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Landaman was from Noraville and news had been received of his death in action in France on September 9, 1917. He enlisted with the Tramway Contingent about two years earlier and was the previous year awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bringing in wounded comrades during the night after an engagement.<sup>1194</sup>

### **Lansdowne Alexander Walter**

Private No.3849 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion

Private Lansdowne was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 16, 1915. His mother was Margaret Polk Lansdowne of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 "Runic" on January 20, 1916.<sup>1195</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs M. P. Lansdowne of Kincumber received a cable saying that her son had been wounded in France<sup>1196</sup>. He was the brother of Charles J., Sydney Ernest and C. W. Lansdowne.<sup>1197</sup>

### **Lansdowne Charles J.\***

Private No.4654 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, C Company

Private Lansdowne was a 29 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on November 21, 1916. His father was James Caldwell Lansdowne of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A64 "Demosthenes" on December 23, 1916. He was killed in action on September 27, 1917 at Zillebeke in Belgium. On the morning of his death he and several others were taking rations to the trenches near Polygon Wood and were taking shelter in a shell hole when a shell burst amongst them. Three of them were wounded, but Private Lansdowne was killed.<sup>1198</sup>

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<sup>1193</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1194</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1195</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1196</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1197</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1198</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs M. P. Lansdowne of Kincumber received a cable saying that her son had been wounded for the second time in France<sup>1199</sup> He was the brother of Alexander Walter, Sydney Earnest and C. W. Lansdowne.<sup>1200</sup>

### **Lansdowne Cecil William**

Private No.4655 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Lansdowne was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 9, 1915. His father was James Caldwell Lansdowne of Kincumber.<sup>1201</sup>

### **Lansdowne Sidney Ernest John\***

Lance-Corporal No.3850A 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Lansdowne was from Kincumber. He was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 26, 1915. His mother was Mrs M. P. Lansdowne of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 "Runic" on January 20, 1916. He was wounded from a gunshot wound to the right shoulder, face and eye. He was killed in action April 12, 1918 in France.<sup>1202</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs M. P. Lansdowne of Kincumber received a cable stating that her two sons Privates Alexander W. and Sydney Ernest J. had been wounded in France. A third son Private C. W. Lansdowne had also been reported wounded for a second time.<sup>1203</sup>

### **Larsen Sidney Oscar**

Private No.6789 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Larsen was a 23 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on July 31, 1916. His father was John Larson of 296 Wardell Rd, Dulwich Hill in Sydney.<sup>1204</sup> Private

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<sup>1199</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1200</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1201</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1202</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1203</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1204</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

Larsen was employed by the Narara Viticultural Nursery. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Napier” on November 17, 1916.<sup>1205</sup>

### **Law L. F.**

Private

With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which L. F. Law was the resident from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Law was from Warnervale and was a blacksmith by trade.<sup>1206</sup>

### **Lawler Charles Frederick**

Corporal No.225 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade

Corporal Lawler was a 34 year old married labourer when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His wife was Mrs C. F. Lawler of Byron St in Wyong. He previously served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.S.W. Mounted Rifles and the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914.<sup>1207</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Lawler, one of the wounded soldiers returned to Wyong by train on Thursday evening. He was met at the station and conveyed to the Literary Institute where he was tendered a public reception, about 400 people being present. Councillor Wilkinson occupied the chair and on the platform were Lawler’s mother, wife and daughter. Speeches were delivered by Mr Kay, Mr Street and Mr Ross. A presentation of a medal and a case of pipes were made by Mr Kay. Corporal Lawler in responding said he could not properly describe the fighting, nor could any man. He urged all the young men of N.S.W. to get to the front and finish the work that the first landing party did.<sup>1208</sup>

### **Lawrence Victor Samuel**

Private No.2798 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

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<sup>1205</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1206</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1207</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1208</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 20 . Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Lawrence was from Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 25, 1916.<sup>1209</sup> He was a 21 year old single, farmer and was killed in action in France on October 10, 1917.<sup>1210</sup>

### **Lees F.\***

Private

Private Lees was from Tuggerah.<sup>1211</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from National Archives which J. King was the resident from the Central Coast.

### **Le Frank William**

There were no Le Frank in the files held by National Archives. *The Gosford Times* reported that William Le Frank was in a Convalescent Camp recovering from an illness.<sup>1212</sup>

### **Le Gray Richard Hubert^**

Private No.6330 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Le Gray was from Mangrove Mountain. He was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on October 24, 1916. His sister was Mrs O’Neill of Unanderra N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916. He died of pneumonia on December 16, 1916 in the General Hospital in Cape Town South Africa.<sup>1213</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that the Somersby School of Arts was taxed to the limit on Saturday when the many friends of Private Le Gray met to bid him farewell prior to his departure for the front. The district must have been drawn upon from a large area for such an attendance. Though many must have attended at considerable inconvenience apparently it was not in vain as the innocent merriment that prevailed was pleasing to

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<sup>1209</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1210</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1211</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country’s Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1212</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1213</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*



behold. During the course of the evening, songs, recitations, and so on were rendered by the following Mrs Hammond, Miss P. Sabass, Miss I. Henson, Mr P. Lowe, Mr S, Coull and Mr Leask (gramophone selections).

A willing response to collectors Miss Sabass, Miss Grant and Miss Gambling, who, in short notice worked hard prior to the farewell enabled Mr Kilkenny to present Private Le Gray with two useful and valuable presents, a radium dial wristlet watch and a soldier's kit. In making the presentation, Mr Kilkenny glowingly referred to the many sterling qualities of the recipient. He was one of the Penang's most industrious young men and he alone could only know the sacrifice he was making in leaving such a household as he had worked up to go 12,000 miles to fight for King and country. After supper, dancing closed a most enjoyable evening. Mr B. Gavenlock, of Narara, supplied the music, while Mr Harry Moore proved an efficient Master of Ceremony. The committee wished to publicly thank Mrs Maree who kindly lent all the crockery required.<sup>1214</sup>

### **Lewis John James**

Private No.1780 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Lewis was born in Gosford. He was a 30 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 8, 1915. His next of kin was recorded as Mrs W. G. Hayes. He previously served 18 months for cattle stealing.<sup>1215</sup>

### **Lewis John Thomas**

Private No.1780 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion

Private Lewis was born at Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A9 "Shropshire" on March 17, 1915.

### **Lloyd Bertie Edward John**

Private Depot

Private Lloyd was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 19 year old single, motor mechanic when he enlisted on July 22, 1918. His father was Isaac Lloyd of Brooklyn.

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<sup>1214</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9 . Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1215</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

His attestation papers were marked Failed to Report. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>1216</sup>

### **Lloyd Clarence Victor**

Private No.289 14<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Lloyd was born at Gosford. He was a 30 year old married postal assistant when he enlisted on May 9, 1916. His wife was Amy E. Lloyd of “Cooei” in Everton Rd in Strathfield, Sydney. He previously served 2 years in the Australian Infantry Regiment (A.I.R.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 1, 1916<sup>1217</sup>

### **London Augustus Military Medal**

Lance-Corporal No.3380 Depot

*The Gosford Times* reported that Lance- Corporal London was from the Hawkesbury River and was the son of Mr William London of Kurrajong.<sup>1218</sup> He was a 24 year old single, man when he enlisted on July 27, 1915. He previously served 12 months in the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on October 5, 1915.<sup>1219</sup>

### **Long Francis Fletcher**

Private No.6197 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Long was born on the Hawkesbury River. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on June 27, 1916. His mother was Lily Mary Long of Bondi in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A11 “Ascanius” on October 25, 1916.<sup>1220</sup>

### **Love A. J.**

Sergeant

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<sup>1216</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1217</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1218</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1219</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1220</sup> *Ibid*

Sergeant Love was from Morisset. He was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list 1915 of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>1221</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which A. J. Love was the local resident of the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Love had returned from the war after three years and five months active service, eighteen months of which he spent in Egypt and Gallipoli where he was wounded, and twenty months in the trenches in France, where he came through without a scratch, but was allowed to return home for family reasons. He lost two of his brothers in France, Cliff being killed in action while fighting on the Somme in 1915. And the other brother died after an operation for appendicitis. Prior to enlisting Sergeant Love owned the local newsagency, but on the sad death of his wife he sold out to Mr Holmes and went to the war. While at Gosford he was a very popular man.<sup>1222</sup>

#### **Love Clifford Vernon\***

Private No.421 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, D Company

Private Love was a 20 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. He previously served in the Citizen Military Forces. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on October 18, 1914. He was killed in action on December 24, 1916 at Guedecourt near Bapaume in France. He was on ration fatigue at the time and was killed by the last shell of the night. He was previously wounded at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915 and re-joined his unit on June 2, 1915. On June 22, 1915 he suffered a bullet wound to the chest and returned to active duty on November 18, 1915, In November, 1915 he was hospitalised with malaria and invalided to Australia. He returned to France where he was killed instantly by a shell explosion near Fluers.<sup>1223</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that In another article it was reported that Private Love was from Mangrove Mountain. News was received the previous week that Cliff Love, who had been promoted to Sergeant, had fallen in action in France on December 24, 1916.

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<sup>1221</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1222</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1223</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

Sergeant Love, with his brother, was for some time engaged in running an orchard on Mangrove Mountain. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and was wounded at Gallipoli. After recovering from his wounds he did police duties in Egypt and then returned to Australia as escort. After a few weeks furlough here he again obeyed the call and sailed for France with the rank of Sergeant and had only been a few weeks in the firing line when he fell. Sergeant Love had two brothers at present on active service. After two years and five month's service he gave his life for the cause of Freedom and Justice.<sup>1224</sup>

### **Love Colin Henry#**

Gunner/Driver/Bombardier, No. 19309, 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Bombardier Love was a 25 year old hairdresser when he enlisted on January 17, 1916. His mother was Eliza Love c/- A. J. Love "Bungalook" at Peats Ridge. He embarked from Sydney on May 11, 1916 on board HMAT A8 "Argyllshire" on May 11, 1916. From June 20 to 25, 1918, he was in hospital with sickness and was admitted again to hospital on August 7, 1918 with appendicitis and died on August 14, 1918 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Casualty Clearing Station. He was the brother of Sergeant Love.<sup>1225</sup>

### **Lowe St. Clair**

Trooper 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse

*The Gosford Times* recorded that Mrs Low, a resident of Wamberal, had a son St. Clare, a farmer at the front. He sailed for Egypt on December 19, 1914 and had been in the trenches for some time. Two other sons, William, who was well known in these parts and Alick, of Leichhardt were at Liverpool. They expected to sail with the next contingent.<sup>1226</sup>

In another article it was reported that a welcome home social was tendered to Sergeant St. Clair Low. He was one of the famed Anzac. A most enjoyable evening was spent with Mr W. H. Weiss in the chair. Mr M. Ward J.P., on behalf of the residents presented him with an inscribed pendant, which Mrs E. T. Andrew pinned on to his breast amid

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<sup>1224</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1225</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1226</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 20 . Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

much applause. Among the speakers was Mr C. J. Loxton, K.C., whose sincerity and earnest was always so impressive. Sergeant Low then responded.<sup>1227</sup>

### **Low William**

Trooper 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse

William Lowe joined the Australian Light Horse on July 12.<sup>1228</sup> Low was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1229</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which William Low was the local resident of the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* reported that a most enjoyable and instructive social evening was held in Mr Cashin's Hall on Saturday, 2 October, the occasion being a recruiting and send-off to Trooper Low. The hall was decorated with flags, war cartoons and so on and made quite a patriotic display. Musical and vocal items were rendered by Sydney and local artists, the National Anthem being sung by a chorus, all Sydney visitors being particularly good. Mr E. J. Loxon occupied the chair and during the evening delivered a stirring and instructive address in favour of recruiting and explaining the position at the front.

This address was absolutely, according to the local paper, the best heard in Wamberal and residents should feel proud to think a gentleman of Mr Loxton's standing and ability should take an interest in their small community the local paper wrote. Addresses were also delivered by Mr Jones, a barrister of some renown in the Northern Territory, being a visitor here; also Corporal Inman, of Wamberal. Trooper Low, the hero of the evening, was being wished God speed by all. God Save the King concluded a very interesting first part of the evening.

Refreshments were provided and handed round by the ladies of the Committee and an hour's dancing was indulged in by the young folks up to midnight when the final Auld Lang Syne finished all. The Committee had about thirty shillings (30/-) in hand after

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<sup>1227</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1919, January, 16. Printed and published

<sup>1228</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 20 . Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1229</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

paying expenses with which it was intended to give Trooper Low a present on his final leave, probably the coming Saturday as he expected to sail about November 15.<sup>1230</sup>

In another article of *The Gosford Times* it was recorded that Trooper William Low sailed on Wednesday previous for the front. He was presented on his departure for camp on the Monday with a pair of field glasses by his Wamberal friends. He wished to express his gratitude to the Wamberal people for their handsome gift.<sup>1231</sup>

### **Lowe T.**

#### **Infantry**

Lowe was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1232</sup> With the lack of information available it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which T. Lowe was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Lower Joseph**

Private No.59337 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Lower was from Morisset.<sup>1233</sup> He was a 34 year old married Hospital Attendant when he enlisted on June 11, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918.<sup>1234</sup>

### **Lower Walter Clement**

Private No.20781 Depot

Private Lower was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 22, 1916. His next of kin was his sister Mrs Evelyn Davies of Wyalong N.S.W.<sup>1235</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Lower of Wyong returned home from the war.<sup>1236</sup> At the

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<sup>1230</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1231</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1232</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1233</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1234</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1235</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1236</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Literary Institute in Wyong the previous Friday evening a public welcome was tendered. The Recruiting Association presented him with an inscribed medal for which he returned the thanks. Mr Alex Wilkinson was the chairman and had with him on the platform, in addition to the guest of honour, Rev. Hanington, Mr G. Ling, Mr Arch Wilkinson, Mr Lloyd Jones, Mr J. Kay, Mr C. Lawler, Mr Gavenlock, Captain Hand, Lieutenant Colley, Private Grey and Private Murrell. The Wyong Band was in attendance and rendered a delightful selection of airs. Others who contributed to the much enjoyed programme were Mrs Rye, Miss Louie Tarrant, who gave a humorous recitation of local composition, Miss Kane, Miss Tewkesbury, Mr Fripp, Rev. Hanington, Mr George Flynn song and dance, Miss Alexander, and Mr C. Viney, Mr Alexander and Mr T. H. Hawthorn supplied the comic numbers and won much applause.

Mr Hawthorn also contributed a musical monologue and a duet, song and dance with Miss Tewkesbury, all being encored as indeed were most of the items. The entertainment concluded with the National Anthem. Miss L. Smith, Miss Kane and Miss Tewkesbury and Miss C. Walters shared the duties of accompanist and Mr Small attended at the door. Mention should be made of the effective draping of the stage and Band enclosure with the flags of the Allies in which our own colours and those of the United States were prominent. Other returned soldiers from the Wyong district were also welcomed home and appear under their individual names.<sup>1237</sup>

### **Loxton Edward Hamilton**

Captain Army Medical Corps

Captain Loxton was a 23 year old married medical practitioner when he enlisted on February 15, 1916. His wife was Nancy Loxton. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A63 "Karoola" on May 20, 1916.<sup>1238</sup>

### **Loxton Merlin Forster**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Royal Field Artillery

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<sup>1237</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1238</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

Second Lieutenant Loxton of the Royal Field Artillery was mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig on 30 April, 1916 for “gallant and distinguished conduct on the field”. Lieutenant Loxton, who was a son of Mr Edward J. Loxton K.C. of Wamberal and was 21 years of age at the time of enlisting and an undergraduate at Sydney University. He was educated at Barker College in Hornsby and while there he won the gold medal for the best shot in the school. Later he obtained a commission in the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry. When war broke out Lieutenant Loxton was lying in Prince Alfred Hospital with a broken leg sustained while playing football with the University team. He left Sydney to enlist in England in April, 1915 and received his commission on June 3 and left at the end of September for France, where he had been since. Another son of Mr E. J. Loxton, Captain Hamilton Loxton was also in France with the Army Medical Corps.<sup>1239</sup>

### **Loydstrom Gustave Leonard**

Private No.66236 Depot

Private Loydstrom was a 44 year old married clerk when he enlisted on June 11, 1918. His wife was Carrie Loydstrom of Patonga with Gustave. He embarked from Melbourne on board SS “Zealandic” on October 5, 1918.<sup>1240</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Loydstrom was from Woy Woy and on Friday evening in Piper’s Hall, Private Loydstrom of “Earl’s Court” was entertained at a banquet social by the residents with a handsome pocket wallet, Woy Woy’s G. O. M. Mr Phil Glenister acting as chairman. “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow” was sung as the soldier guest entered the flag draped building and proceedings opened with the National Anthem. After the good things provided had been freely sampled, glasses were charged and Mr W. E. Hadley proposed “Our Guest.” In doing so he referred to the splendid work done by Mrs Loydstrom for the Red Cross Society. Private Loydstrom was going across the sea to assist in the fight for freedom and they all hoped he would come through safely through the perils of battle, so it was not good bye with them but au revoir.

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<sup>1239</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1240</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.



Mrs J. W. Browne supported the toast. Had her husband been going to the war, their only son was on active service and had recently been wounded, she would be sorry that he was leaving her but proud to know that he was in khaki. Woy Woy was playing its part all right and on a population basis had done as well as any other part of the State in sending men to war and raising funds for patriotic purposes. The speaker prophesied that Private Loydstrom would return decorated with medals. The toast was also supported by Mr F. W. Roberts and Mr J. J. Fagan. In reply Private Loydstrom thanked the speakers on behalf of his wife and he for the complimentary remarks made and also thanked the residents for their attendance and appreciated gifts.

Referring to the Red Cross he said that the lady workers were playing their part equally as well as the men who enlisted. The Australians were the best conditioned troops on the battle field thanks to the noble women who worked early and late to ensure that they were supplied with the necessary comforts. Though never in favour of Conscription he had on three previous occasions tried to enlist because he thought it was up to every man who could go to war to do so. He appealed to eligible men to get into khaki and spoke of the joys of camp life and the sweet satisfaction to the conscience that followed when a man did his duty.

“The Allies” was proposed by Mr Frater, supported by Mr Mould and Mr J. Bourke toasted “The Visitors.” Mr A. McCallum and Mr J. Russell supported the toast which was acknowledged by Mr C. Hills of Gosford and Mr Rose of Sydney. Mr Ken Stewart replied for “The Ladies,” whose health was proposed by Mr White. Other toasts were “The Press” and “The Chairman,” proposed by Mr E. L. Aubrey and Mr J. J. Fagan respectively. Proceedings terminated with cheers for Private and Mrs Loydstrom and “Auld Lang Syne” A social was subsequently held and it was early in the morning before the dancers called a halt.<sup>1241</sup>

### **Lucas Harold John**

Private No.92821 Depot

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<sup>1241</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Lucas was a plumber and fitter from Wyong.<sup>1242</sup> He was 24 years old and married to Alice Minnie Lucas of 4 Ormond St, Ashfield in Sydney. Harold resided in John Rd in Wyong.<sup>1243</sup>

### **Lukeen George Mathew**

Private 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Lukeen was a 31 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on August 16, 1915. His next of kin was a friend Mabel Potter of Goode St, Granville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A70 "Ballarat" on February 16, 1916.<sup>1244</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Lukine who enlisted from Woy Woy was reported missing since July 19.<sup>1245</sup>

### **Lucre George Henry**

There are two, Lucre George Henry in National Archives and with the lack of information available it was not possible to distinguish which one was from the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* recorded that on the Monday evening he was entertained along with other returned soldiers at a social at the School of Arts. The social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society and the hall was crowded to the doors, many being unable to obtain admission and when they did a good number had to stand, all the seating accommodation being monopolised. The chair was occupied by Mr F. A. Stayner in the absence of the Shire President, Mr F. R. Archbold, who had met with an accident that morning.

Proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, after which a musical programme was rendered, contributed to by Mrs F. Cohen, Mrs F. Wheeler, Mrs E. K. White, Miss Zoe Mason, Miss Dawes, Mr A. Harvey, Mr Greaves and Baby Dawes. The Chairman congratulated the returned lads upon the safe arrival and welcomed them on behalf of

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<sup>1242</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1243</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1244</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1245</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

the townspeople and residents of the district. He sincerely hoped that the returned lads would live long enough to enjoy what a grateful country was duty bound to give them.

After the war he said the most pitiful man in the community would be the eligible man who had lost his opportunity to try and find an excuse to satisfy his conscience, the conscience that made cowards of us all, why he had failed to respond to his country's call. Mr H. L. Whittell hoped that the time was not far distant when the sword would be turned into plough shares. That was what these returned boys had been fighting for and what other eligible men should be doing also. He thanked the returned hero's for what they had done for their King and country, deeds that would not be forgotten.

Rev. S. Wedge, in the name of the Methodist Church, welcomed the boys home and hoped that having played their part in the world's fearful drama they would live long to enjoy the respect of the community and the gratitude of the people they had fought for. Mr C. Peck, former master at Gosford Public School, said he came there especially that night to pay homage to the soldier lads who had returned from the war. They had gone voluntarily when the Empire called and the country was proud of them, thousands of other men should and would have gone if the woman folks had refused to allow eligible men to become shirkers.

He was proud that another Gosford lad had won military distinction, nevertheless every man who said to his Government, "Take me," was equally a hero even though he never reached the firing line. Mr Peck concluded his remarks by complimenting the ladies of Gosford upon the fine decorations and splendid manner in which the arrangements for the evening had been carried. Bombardier Guerin responded on behalf of his comrades. He thanked the citizens for their royal welcome and for the medals presented to them. He thanked the Girls' Patriotic Society and Red Cross for their parcels and cheery letters which had been a wonderful comfort to the boys over yonder.

Like his comrades he was pleased to be back in Australia. They had travelled far during the past few years, but there was no place like home. Australia, the finest country in the world, with the finest people and the finest girls he said. Private Anthony, a returned man, also addressed the people and appealed to the eligible men to enlist. He had attended a send-off at Ourimbah on Saturday night, where the recruits were mere lads.

They did not want boys. It was men who were able to carry a ninety-six pound pack that was needed.

Reinforcements were wanted now more than ever, men who would voluntarily offer to go over to France to help their brother Australians who were sorely in need of a spell. He had two and a half years' service, but was going back to help his mates because they were dinkums. There were thousands of dinkums still in Australia if only they would here the call. Cheers were given for the returned lads and the boys at the front after which Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem were sung. Then refreshments were served and a dance was held until midnight.<sup>1246</sup>

### **Lush Phillip**

Private No.1584 4th Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements

Private Lush was a 42 year old labourer when he enlisted on December 15, 1914. His parents were deceased at the time and had a brother S. Lush living in Frankton in New Zealand and a sister Mrs Corfield.<sup>1247</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A49 "Seang Choon" On February 11, 1915.<sup>1248</sup> He died on May 11, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>1249</sup>

### **Lyall James\***

Private No.1704 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, C Company, 12<sup>th</sup> Platoon, 16<sup>th</sup> Section

Private Lyall was a 27 year old married forest guard when he enlisted on September 1, 1915. His wife was Mrs Evelyn Lyall, c/- H. K. Ford of Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on November 9, 1915. He was killed in action on October 4, 1917 at Ypres in Belgium. Lyall was a machine gunner and the Battalion was engaged in an attack on Passchendaele Ridge. They went over the top at 6 a.m. About ten minutes later they were in No Man's Land when Lyall was hit in the knee by a bullet. Lyall continued in the advance and was put in a pill box to wait for a stretcher bearer. While there he was killed by concussion from a shell which burst nearby.<sup>1250</sup>

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<sup>1246</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1247</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1248</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1249</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1250</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Lyall was from Narara and was later promoted to Sergeant. He was killed in action and he left behind a wife and a child.<sup>1251</sup>

### **MacDonald J. G.**

Corporal

There were a number of J. G. MacDonald mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal J. G. MacDonald, who was formerly on the staff of the Wyong Post Office had been reported wounded and was ill in hospital in France. Corporal MacDonald had a number of friends in Wyong and paid a farewell visit here the previous March, two days before he sailed for France.<sup>1252</sup>

### **Macey Alfred**

Private No.2411 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Macey was born at Gosford. He was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 6, 1915. His mother was Mary Macey of 24 Hartle St, Rozelle in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A9 "Shropshire" on August 20, 1915.<sup>1253</sup>

### **Mackley Tom Military Medal\***

Private No.2492 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Mackley was from Spencer. He was a 24 year old single, tram conductor in Sydney when he enlisted on May 25, 1915. His mother was Mrs Sarah Jane Mackley of 10 Hubert St in Leichhardt. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 "Orsova" on July 14, 1915. On Tuesday, July 25, 1916, he was wounded while he was digging new trenches at Pozieres with his tunic off when a shell came over and buried him. He sustained shell shock and was sent away to the No.1 Canadian General Hospital and later returned to his unit. He was killed in action on May 5, 1917 at Bullecourt. It happened at about 2.30 p.m. when he fell in a German trench which was taken by

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<sup>1251</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1252</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1253</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

bombing. He was shot through the shoulder and kidney. He was carried away by four German prisoners about fifty yards to the rear to await the stretcher bearers, but he died a few minutes later.<sup>1254</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that word had been received that an old Spencer boy Private Tom Mackley, had made the supreme sacrifice in France.<sup>1255</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Mackley had been promoted to Quarter-Master Sergeant. He was killed early in May of 1917.<sup>1256</sup>

### **MacPherson Cecil Gordon**

Private No.67026 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private MacPherson was a 19 year old civil servant when he enlisted on April 29, 1918. His father was Peter MacPherson of East Gosford. Private MacPherson also resided at East Gosford. He previously served 2 years in the senior cadets and 1 year in the militia. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Wyreema” on October 14, 1918.<sup>1257</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday evening a second social under the auspices of the Girls’ Patriotic Society was held at the School of Arts to farewell Private MacPherson.<sup>1258</sup> In another article it was reported that the School of Arts hall was crowded on the Monday night, the occasion being a send-off under the auspices of the Girls’ Patriotic Society. Shire President Mr Archbold occupied the chair and, after the National Anthem, a programme of songs and recitations was rendered, contributed by Mrs Fred Cohen, Mrs Fred Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Mr A. Harvey, Mr J. Corbett, Mr C. Horne and Sergeant Forrest. President Archbold referred to the fact that during the past few weeks some fifty recruits had volunteered in the Erina Shire, of whom thirty-nine had been accepted for service. The enthusiasm shown in local recruiting was largely due to the good work put in and tact displayed by the local officer, Sergeant Forrest, who as a returned man knew how to put the case to eligible who was needed on the other side to help Australia’s brave lads.<sup>1259</sup>

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<sup>1254</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1255</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1256</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1257</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1258</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1259</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Maher Thomas**

Private Infantry

There were a number of Thomas Maher mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Maher was from Wyong

### **Mansbridge Howard Wynn**

Private No.5837 Dubbo Depot

Private Mansbridge was a 24 year old married blacksmith. His wife was Hilda Mansbridge of Woy Woy. He previously served in the infantry in Western Australia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on October 7, 1916.<sup>1260</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Mansbridge was from Bookers Bay and on Sunday afternoon the friends of Private Mansbridge assembled to wish him Gods speed and a safe return, he being on final leave. Mr Fred Vaughan acted as chairman. Private Mansbridge leaves a wife and two children behind while he goes abroad to fight the country's enemy.<sup>1261</sup>

### **March Osmond Harold**

Private No.2935 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private March was a 21 year old single, contractor when he enlisted on July 24, 1916. His father was John Thomas March of Cooranbong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A11 "Ascanius" on October 25, 1916.<sup>1262</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private March had been wounded.<sup>1263</sup>

### **Marchant Albert George**

Private No.3761

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<sup>1260</sup> National Archives, 2013, *Op cit*

<sup>1261</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1262</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1263</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Marchant was a 20 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on September 9, 1917. His father was Albert George Marchant of Lower Hawkesbury. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 “Euripides” on October 31, 1917.<sup>1264</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Marchant was from the Lower Hawkesbury and word was received by Mr A. G. Marchant that his son had been severely wounded in the left arm by gunshot.<sup>1265</sup>

### **Mariner James**

Driver No.2823 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment

Driver Mariner was from Woy Woy. He was a 20 year old single, miner when he enlisted. He was killed in action at Zillebeke in Belgium.<sup>1266</sup>

### **Marks Alfred Percy**

Driver No. 2823, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment

Driver Marks was born at Gosford. He was a 28 year old labourer when he enlisted on December 31, 1916. He previously served with the Military Police in Liverpool until his services were no longer required. His mother was Mrs Maria Marks of Cecil Park Liverpool N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Mongolia” on July 8, 1916. He was wounded on September 23, 1917 and was sick on November 17, 1917 and was sent to hospital with Pyrexia, a fever of unknown origin. He died on November 23, 1917 from malignant malaria in Kantara Egypt.<sup>1267</sup>

### **Marks Cecil Henry**

Private No.6352 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Marks was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 24 year old single, motor mechanic when he enlisted on October 10, 1916. His mother was Rhoda Marks of Catherine Hill Bay. He was a member of a Rifle Club Reserves. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A64 “Demosthenes” on December 23, 1916.<sup>1268</sup>

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<sup>1264</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1265</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1266</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1267</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1268</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*



### **Marks Oliver**

Private No.2448 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Marks was born at Gosford. He was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on March 20, 1916. His mother was Maria Marks of Cecil Park via Liverpool N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A47 “Mashobra” on September 14, 1916.<sup>1269</sup>

### **Marks Walter Owen#**

Private No.1671

Private Marks was from Matcham. He was a 28 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 1, 1916.<sup>1270</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a most pleasant evening was held at Matcham Hall on Friday night, February 22, when a welcome home was given to Private Marks as the first of the Matcham boys to return. The hall was tastefully decorated and the tables nicely arranged with a splendid variety of good things, which showed that no effort had been spared by the ladies who had the arrangements in hand. On entering the hall the hero was greeted with three ringing cheers and three were also given for the King and Empire. Mr Booth presided and “The King, Army and Navy and the Guest” were proposed by Rev. A. Renwick., “The Visitors” by Mr Weiss, and “The Ladies” by Mr King. Mr Heath responded on behalf of the ladies, after which the National Anthem was sung.

After justice was done to the good things provided, Private Marks was presented with a gold medal, suitably inscribed from the people of Matcham. The Rev. A. Renwick, in making the presentation, complimented Private Marks on his safe return after having spent eight months amidst the horrors and ghastliness of this war. Miss Cleary, Secretary, pinned the medal to his tunic and congratulated him and all joined in singing “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.” On receiving the medal Private Marks thanked all those who had shown him such kindness and he said he would still try to be worthy of

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<sup>1269</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1270</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

it all and gave a very interesting account of his experiences and travels and how he was wounded. It was 21 months ago since he left Matcham.<sup>1271</sup>

### **Maroney Michael\***

Trooper No.4861 Australian Light Horse

Trooper Maroney was a 37 year old married labourer when he enlisted on July 27, 1915. His wife was Grace Maroney of Grace St, West Wyalong.<sup>1272</sup> Trooper Maroney was from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>1273</sup> He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT A73 “Commonwealth” on March 28, 1916. He was later transferred to 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion and had been promoted to Corporal when he was declared killed in action on April 11, 1917. He was previously declared missing. A witness made a statement saying that he saw Corporal Maroney killed at Bullecourt. He was hit about the shoulder with shell fragments and death was instantaneous. They had lost ground, which was not regained until a few days later. The witness did not know the place of burial. Another witness stated that Corporal Maroney was in No Man’s Land between the first and second trenches when he saw the corporal throw up his hands, let out a yell and fall over. He was shot, but whether dead or alive the witness did not know.

### **Maroney Redmond McLean**

Sapper No.2406 1<sup>st</sup> Field Company Engineers

Sapper Maroney’s attestation papers from National Archives were not available at this time. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Mooltan” on December 11, 1915.<sup>1274</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that the late Mr R. M. Maroney was one of the pioneers of Mangrove Mountain having taken up land there in 1910 in the virgin bush. When war broke out in 1914 he had made a great improvement, but left his young orchid to enlist and left Australia with the 1<sup>st</sup> Field Company Engineers on December 10, 1915 and served with the A.I.F. until the end of the war. While he was on active service he was gassed several times, blown up and buried by a minnenwerfer (German trench mortar) and on another occasion badly wounded.

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<sup>1271</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1272</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1273</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1274</sup> *Ibid*

With the exception of short periods in hospital, he served for the whole period of the war, towards the end transferring to the 1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance as a stretcher bearer. Mr Maroney participated in most of the big engagements with the A.I.F. on the Western Front and when he returned to Australia was suffering badly from the effects of his war experience. He never regained his health and two years earlier began to fail and was admitted to hospital. However it was apparent that his life could not be saved and was allowed to return home. Mr Maroney was one of the best known and most highly esteemed men in the district and willingly participated in every movement for the benefit of other individuals. In 1925 he married Miss Lily Pinkstone, sister of Fred and Norman Pinkstone.<sup>1275</sup>

### **Martin A. A.\***

There were a number of A. A. Martin mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry noted that he was from Woy Woy.<sup>1276</sup>

### **Martin Audrey Leslie**

Private No.422 1<sup>st</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Martin was a 25 year old single, farm hand when he enlisted on April 26, 1916. His mother was Mrs A. S. Martin of Yarramalong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 "Port Lincoln" on October 20, 1916.<sup>1277</sup> Private Martin was from Yarramalong and it was reported that he had been wounded.<sup>1278</sup>

### **Martin Cecil\***

Private Infantry

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<sup>1275</sup> Edward James Phillips, 1935, March 7, at *The Gosford Times* Office, Mann Street, Gosford, for the Executor in the Estate of the Late Baker Robert James

<sup>1276</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1277</sup> National Archives, *op cit*

<sup>1278</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

There were a number of Cecil Martin mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Martin was from Matcham. In another article it was reported that on Saturday a cable message was received by Rev. A. Renwick, Rector of Christ Church, conveying the sad intelligence that Private Martin had been killed in battle against the Hun in France. He was 22 years of age and enlisted the previous year<sup>1279</sup>

### **Martin Cyril Henry^**

Private No.3355 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Martin was from Matcham. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 27, 1915. His father was J. Martin of Matcham. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915. He died of a gunshot wound to the shoulder and back on August 8, 1916, at No. 8 Clearing Station Hospital in France. He was previously wounded with a gunshot wound to the left shoulder. He was the brother of Private Harold George Martin and the brother-in-law of Phillip Mathias Johnson.<sup>1280</sup>

### **Martin F.**

Private

There were a number of F. Martin mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Martin was from Matcham. In another article it was reported that on Saturday night a social and presentation was tendered to Private Martin and three others prior to their departure to the front. There was a large and representative gathering attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent in singing songs and dancing. At 8.30 p.m. refreshments were handed round and when justice had been done to the good things provided, the Rev. A. Renwick, who was ever ready to do all in his power to assist in affairs of this kind, addressed the soldiers and the gathering and expressed all the good

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<sup>1279</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1280</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

wishes of himself and on behalf of the people presented each with a combination set knife, fork, spoon and money belt from the citizens.

Miss Pritchard and Miss Cleary, on behalf of Matcham Comfort Fund, in a few well-chosen words, presented each soldier with a woollen scarf. The company joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" and the National Anthem, after which further dancing and so on concluded the proceedings. The Committee desired to thank all those who helped to make the night a success.<sup>1281</sup>

### **Martin Harold George**

Private No.3354 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Martin was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 27, 1915. His father was James Martin of Matcham. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A 14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915.<sup>1282</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Martin was from Matcham. He was the brother of Private Cyril Henry Martin and the brother-in-law of Phillip Mathias Johnson.<sup>1283</sup>

### **Martin Sidney Ernest**

Honorary Lieutenant No.1183 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Honorary Lieutenant Martin was a 42 year old married agent when he enlisted on January 9, 1916. His wife was Lily Martin of Gosford Rd, Hamilton in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A63 "Karoola" on August 19, 1916.<sup>1284</sup>

### **Marr Norman George**

Private No.54467 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Marr was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 17 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on April 18, 1918. His father was George Marr of Lower Hawkesbury. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Field Marshall" on June 19, 1918.<sup>1285</sup>

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<sup>1281</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1282</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1283</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1284</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1285</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

### **Mason H.\***

There were a number of H. Mason mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry noted that he was from Ourimbah.<sup>1286</sup>

### **Mason Lance Joseph**

Private No.927 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Mason was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 21, 1916. His father was William Mason of 28 Newton St in Leister, England. He embarked from Sydney on Boars HMAT A64 “Demosthenes” on May 18, 1916.

*The Gosford Times* reported that an Egyptian paper reports where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Infantry held their “first annual sports” and says that “a finer body of men were never assembled to exhibit their capacity in real British sports.” The paper concludes its report thus, “Special mention should be made of the excellent music which was given by the combined bands of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalions under the leadership of Bandmaster L. Mason.” The later was Mr Lance Mason, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Mason of “Waterville,” Gosford.<sup>1287</sup>

In another article it was recorded that Corporal Lance Mason, of Gosford, who contacted illness in the trenches at Gallipoli had been transferred to Light Duty Camp at Imber.<sup>1288</sup> In a further article Bandmaster Mason writing to his parents at Gosford said that he had been sightseeing in London, rowing on the Thames, visiting the Tower of London and so on. He went back to France and he said that the end of the war still

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<sup>1286</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1287</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, April, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1288</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

seemed a long way off.<sup>1289</sup> Mason was promoted to Bandmaster, 39<sup>th</sup> Battery Australian Field Artillery.<sup>1290</sup>

### **Mason Laurence Wilfred**

Private No.760 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Mason was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old single, musician when he enlisted on August 25, 1914. His father was J. J. Mason of Gosford. He previously served in the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on October 18, 1914.<sup>1291</sup>

### **Matheson Frederick Hugh\***

Sergeant Infantry No.352 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, B Company

Sergeant Matheson was from Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 28, 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 19, 1914. He was killed in action on July 24, 1916 at Pozieres in France. He was in a trench at the time cleaning his rifle and a huge explosive happened from a shell and a piece of shrapnel hit him on the forehead and killed him instantly. He did not move after he was hit. The trench was later buried by shell fire.<sup>1292</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that word had been received that Sergeant Matheson of Wingello Farm at Gosford had been wounded at Gallipoli having been struck in the eye with a piece of shrapnel or bullet.<sup>1293</sup>

### **Mather W. H.**

Australian Light Horse

Mather was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>1294</sup> There were a number of W. H. Mather mentioned in

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<sup>1289</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1290</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1291</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1292</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1293</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1294</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast

### **Maud John Almondy**

Private No.31533 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade Australia Field Artillery

Private Maud was born at Woy Woy. He was a 19 year old single, engineer when he enlisted on April 25, 1916. His father was Edwin Beaumont Maude.<sup>1295</sup>

### **May Alfred Stanley**

Private No.3679

Private May was born at Gosford. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 30, 1917. His father was John (Jack) May of Gosford. He previously served (still serving) 1 year with the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 31, 1917.<sup>1296</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that the three following May’s were the sons of Mr Jack May. The brothers came from a fighting stock as their grandfather, Private John May, served in the British Army for 23 years and 40 days and was discharged on a pension. He enlisted when he was 19 years of age in 1837 and retired on January 12, 1861.<sup>1297</sup>

### **May Harold Thomas**

Private No.15610 11th Field Artillery Brigade

Private May was born in Gosford. He was a 19 year old single, butcher when he enlisted on September 29, 1915. His father was John Thomas May of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on April 14, 1916. He previously served 1½ years in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, D Coy militia.<sup>1298</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private May was from Gosford. On Tuesday Mr John May received a cable stating that his son, who had been in France for some time had been wounded.<sup>1299</sup>

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<sup>1295</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1296</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1297</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1298</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1299</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



In another article it was reported that he returned home and a welcome home social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society on Wednesday.<sup>1300</sup> On the Monday evening he was entertained along with other returned soldiers at a social at the School of Arts. The social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society and the hall was crowded to the doors, many being unable to obtain admission and when they did a good number had to stand, all the seating accommodation being monopolised. The chair was occupied by Mr F. A. Stayner in the absence of the Shire President, Mr F. R. Archbold, who had met with an accident that morning.

Proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, after which a musical programme was rendered, contributed to by Mrs F. Cohen, Mrs F. Wheeler, Mrs E. K. White, Miss Zoe Mason, Miss Dawes, Mr A. Harvey, Mr Greaves and Baby Dawes. The Chairman congratulated the returned lads upon the safe arrival and welcomed them on behalf of the townspeople and residents of the district. He sincerely hoped that the returned lads would live long enough to enjoy what a grateful country was duty bound to give them.

After the war he said the most pitiful man in the community would be the eligible man who had lost his opportunity to try and find an excuse to satisfy his conscience, the conscience that made cowards of us all, why he had failed to respond to his county's call. Mr H. L. Whittell hoped that the time was not far distant when the sword would be turned into plough shares. That was what these returned boys had been fighting for and what other eligible men should be doing also. He thanked the returned hero's for what they had done for their King and country, deeds that would not be forgotten.

Rev. S. Wedge, in the name of the Methodist Church, welcomed the boys home and hoped that having played their part in the world's fearful drama they would live long to enjoy the respect of the community and the gratitude of the people they had fought for. Mr C. Peck, former master at Gosford Public School, said he came there especially that night to pay homage to the soldier lads who had returned from the war. They had gone voluntarily when the Empire called and the country was proud of them, thousands of

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<sup>1300</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

other men should and would have gone if the woman folks had refused to allow eligible men to become shirkers.

He was proud that another Gosford lad had won military distinction, nevertheless every man who said to his Government, "Take me," was equally a hero even though he never reached the firing line. Mr Peck concluded his remarks by complimenting the ladies of Gosford upon the fine decorations and splendid manner in which the arrangements for the evening had been carried. Bombardier Guerin responded on behalf of his comrades. He thanked the citizens for their royal welcome and for the medals presented to them. He thanked the Girls' Patriotic Society and Red Cross for their parcels and cheery letters which had been a wonderful comfort to the boys over yonder.

Like his comrades he was pleased to be back in Australia. They had travelled far during the past few years, but there was no place like home. Australia, the finest country in the world, with the finest people and the finest girls he said. Private Anthony, a returned man, also addressed the people and appealed to the eligible men to enlist. He had attended a send-off at Ourimbah on Saturday night, where the recruits were mere lads. They did not want boys. It was men who were able to carry a ninety-six pound pack that was needed.

Reinforcements were wanted now more than ever, men who would voluntarily offer to go over to France to help their brother Australians who were sorely in need of a spell. He had two and a half years' service, but was going back to help his mates because they were dinkums. There were thousands of dinkums still in Australia if only they would here the call. Cheers were given for the returned lads and the boys at the front after which Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem were sung. Then refreshments were served and a dance was held until midnight.<sup>1301</sup>

**May William James**

Private No.873 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

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<sup>1301</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Private May was born in Gosford. He was a 20 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 25, 1914. His father was John May of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on October 18, 1914.<sup>1302</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a photograph of W. J. May, who was recently wounded at the Dardanelles, appeared in Wednesday’s *Telegraph*. Private May was 21 years of age and the son of Mr John May of Gosford. At the time of his enlistment he was in the employ of the Hornsby Brick Co. He was a good footballer and the previous year played with the Hornsby team, which won the district premiership.<sup>1303</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private May, who was wounded in the first battle at Gallipoli and who when convalescent returned to the firing line, writing home to his parents, Mr and Mrs Jack May of Gosford said that he was then in good health and though a bit shaky, owing to the long hours and battle excitement. At the time of writing they were expecting to be relieved and said they could do with a few weeks’ spell. He said he had received *The Gosford Times* in every mail and enjoyed reading the paper which told them the news at home. He said it was fearfully exciting under fire, the bullets poured on to them like hailstones, but he forgot all about it when he remembered that their mission was to “bag the Turks”. He said he could safely say that per medium, his rifle and bayonet there were a few Turks less to trouble the Union Jack.<sup>1304</sup>

### **Mayo Richard Stanley\***

Signaller No.162 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, A Company

Private Mayo was from Gosford.<sup>1305</sup> He was a 20 year old single, fitter’s assistant when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His next of kin was S. K. Mayo of 83 Elizabeth St, Paddington in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 19, 1914. He previously served in the cadets. He was killed in action at Proyart near Peronne in France.<sup>1306</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Signaller Mayo

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<sup>1302</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1303</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1304</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1305</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country’s Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1306</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

was killed in action in France on August 23, 1918 after four years' active service. He was a Gosford schoolboy and one of the original Anzacs.<sup>1307</sup>

### **Mayo William Burns**

Private No.4811 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Mayo was born at Woy Woy. He was an 18 year old single, clerk when he enlisted. His mother was Margaret Mayo of 64 Enmore Rd, Marrickville in Sydney. He previously served in the Senior Cadets in 1915 and the Woollahra Militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916. Private Mayo was declared missing, but was found to be a prisoner of war and was repatriated after the war.<sup>1308</sup> He arrived in England on December 18, 1918 and a telegram was sent of his arrival on December 21, 1918.<sup>1309</sup>

### **McClure Arthur Murray**

Private No.50281 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcement Egypt

Private McClure was a 22 year old wool classer when he enlisted on April 29, 1918. His father was David McClure of Wagga Wagga N.S.W. Private McClure resided c/- H. Denning of Tuggerah Lakes. He previously served 3 years in Senior Cadets and 2 years Australian Light Horse Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.) He was also previously rejected because of hernia.<sup>1310</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday evening, May 11, 1918, a social was held at "Bay View", The Entrance, as a farewell to Private Arthur McClure, who had enlisted for service abroad. Mr G. H. E. Taylor acted as chairman and in a neat speech explained the nature of the entertainment and mentioned that as there was little time a present could not be procured, but those who cared to do so could contribute any sum and to which all heartily responded, the result being over seven pounds (£7) in cash, also knitted socks and a cap. Mr F. Charlson, who was unable to be present, forwarded one pound (£1) in his usual generous manner.

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<sup>1307</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1308</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1309</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded%20and%20missing)

<sup>1310</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

The following also contributed; Miss Davis, Mr H. Denning and Mr C. Duffy, one pound (£1) each; Mr Whitnall and Mr Tetney, ten shillings (10/-) each and numbers of smaller sums helped to make a very satisfactory sum. During the evening songs and musical items were given. “God Send You Back to Me” was beautifully played by Mr Witnall on his coronet and Miss Riordan on the piano. Mr Windsor sang several songs in his usual excellent style, Miss Denning acting as accompanist. Dancing was also indulged in until about 11.30 p.m. when Mrs Denning and staff served refreshments. Private McClure, in a few well-chosen words, thanked all most heartily for the good feeling shown to him and after singing the National Anthem and “Auld Lang Syne” the guests said good night.<sup>1311</sup>

### **McDonald Angus R.**

Infantry

There were a number of Angus R. McDonald mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private McDonald was from Wyee.

### **McDonald Charles Richard**

Private No.16088

Private McDonald was born at Wollombi. He was a 38 year old married labourer when he enlisted on September 12, 1917. His wife was Sarah McDonald of Wingham N.S.W.<sup>1312</sup>

Private McDonald deserted the A. I. F. on March 19, 1918, he was described as being 38 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, medium complexion, brown hair, grey eyes with four scars on the back of the body, a labourer by trade and born at Wollombi.<sup>1313</sup>

### **McDonald Francis**

Private

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<sup>1311</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1312</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1313</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1918, *Police Gazette*, May, 1, p.205, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

There were a number of Francis McDonald mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that word was received that Private McDonald was still going strong and had not received a scratch although he had seen much hot fighting.<sup>1314</sup>

### **McDonald Mack**

Mack McDonald was mentioned in *The Gosford Times* However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record any information about him

### **McDonald Matthew Peter**

Private No.1198 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private McDonald was born at Wollombi. He was a 32 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 20, 1916. His mother was Sarah McDonald of West Maitland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" on May 2, 1916.<sup>1315</sup>

### **McDougall Archibald**

Private No.3849 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private McDougall was a 20 year old single, miner when he enlisted on September 4, 1915. His father was William James McDougal of Catherine Hill Bay Post Office. His mother was Mary Rebecca McDougal.<sup>1316</sup> Private McDougall of Catherine Hill Bay was reported wounded somewhere in France. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 "Runic" on January 20, 1916.<sup>1317</sup> He was a brother of George McDougall.

### **McDougall Douglas**

Private No.825 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion C Coy

Private McDougall was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 28 year old single, fettler for the Government Railways. His mother was Elizabeth McDougall of Robert St,

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<sup>1314</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1315</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1316</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1317</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Artarmon in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on May 13, 1916.<sup>1318</sup>

### **McDougall George**

Private No.2170 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private McDougall was 19 year old single, miner when he enlisted on May 13, 1916. His father was William James McDougal of Catherine Hill Bay Post Office. His mother was Mary Rebecca McDougal.<sup>1319</sup> Private McDougall was from Catherine Hill Bay and it was reported that he had been wounded in France. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 24, 1916.<sup>1320</sup> He was a brother of Archibald McDougall.

### **McCracken John Thomas**

Private No.1060 9<sup>th</sup> Light Trench Mortar Battery

Private McCracken was born at Brooklyn. He was a 25 year old single, taxi meter maker. His mother was Mary Ann McCracken of Barton Avenue, Hurlston Park in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on September 9, 1916.<sup>1321</sup>

### **McEnery Thomas Henry\***

Corporal No.1302 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Corporal McEnery was from Wyong Creek.<sup>1322</sup> He was a 19 year old fireman when he enlisted on September 12, 1914. He previously served for 5 years in the junior cadets. His parents were deceased and his step-mother was Mrs Minnie Scott Ross nee McEnery of Terminus Liverpool N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on December 22, 1914. He was killed in action at Gallipoli on May 27, 1915.<sup>1323</sup>

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<sup>1318</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1319</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1320</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1321</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1322</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

<sup>1323</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

### **McEvoy Thomas**

Private No.1200 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private McEvoy was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 20 year old single, striker when he enlisted on January 16, 1916. His mother was Sara McEvoy of Windsor St, Merewether in Newcastle. He previously served 2 years in the senior cadets and had previously been rejected because of his eyesight. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 1, 1916<sup>1324</sup>

### **McFadden Frank Albert Military Medal**

Private No.2002 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade

Private McFadden also served in World War 11 His service number was NX149795 and as such his attestation paper is not available and an application form must be sent to National Archives for its release. During World War 1 he embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on April 13, 1915.<sup>1325</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs McFadden of Woy Woy received a copy of the extract taken from the *London Gazette* of 16 November 1915, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by her son, Private F. A. McFadden, 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion and for which (bravery in the field) he was awarded the Military Medal by King George V. Major-General Sir H. V. Cox, K.C.M.G., commanding the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Division, in a despatch had congratulated Private Frank Albert McFadden, 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, for his bravery and devotion to duty as a runner between headquarters and the firing line near Pozieres from the night of August 6, to the afternoon of August 7, 1916. Private McFadden was also presented with a medal and ribbon by General Birdwood. He was only 19 years of age and the son of Mrs McFadden of “Rubyville”, Woy Woy.<sup>1326</sup>

### **McFadyen Donald Walter Lindsay**

Private No.2073 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1324</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1325</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1326</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Private McFadyen was a 20 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on March 24, 1915. His mother was Mary McFadyen of 134 Arthur St in North Sydney. He previously served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Sydney Grammar School Cadets and 41<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Hawkesbury Colonial Citizens Forces. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on April 13, 1915.<sup>1327</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs Donald McFadyen of Ashfield has had a cable from the military authorities informing her that her son Lindsay was in hospital at Alexandria suffering from enteric fever. Lindsay McFadyen is on the Gosford Roll of Honour and left here at the beginning of April in the reinforcements going straight to Gallipoli. He was in the fighting line just seven weeks when he contracted enteric fever. Since the cable arrived Mrs McFadyen had two letters from her son from the trenches written in June saying he was in good health and being well looked after and the only thing he lacked was a good wash. He also mentioned having seen several aeroplanes being shelled with shrapnel. A private cable from a friend in Ghezireh Hospital at Cairo arrived yesterday informing Mrs McFadyen that her boy was seriously ill, not dangerously ill.<sup>1328</sup>

### **McGowan Joseph Bernard**

Private, No.473 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion B Coy.

Private McGowan was a 35 year old married engineer when he enlisted on July 18, 1915. His wife was Madge McGowan of Kerr St in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 9, 1915. He previously served 2 years and 8 months in the Australian Bushman in the Boar War.<sup>1329</sup>

### **McGrath Thomas Francis**

Private No.7498 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private McGrath was from Gosford.<sup>1330</sup> He was a 19 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on January 4, 1916. His mother was Mrs M. E. McGrath of “Jambaroo” in High

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<sup>1327</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1328</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1329</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1330</sup> *Ibid*

St, Carlton in Sydney. His father was Mr T. McGrath. He previously served 5 years in the militia forces.

### **McIlraith George**

Private

There were a number of George McIlraith mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that on a Saturday evening at Wilson's Hotel in Morisset, George McIlraith was met by their fellow workers at the Morisset Hospital and was farewelled for the front with the A. I. F.

### **McIntosh Barney James**

Private No.N90281

Private McIntosh was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. His father was Sydney J McIntosh of Taree N.S.W. It was later discovered that he was underage and his enlistment was cancelled.<sup>1331</sup>

### **McIntosh Thomas**

There were a number of Thomas McIntosh mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **McIntosh William Roy**

William Roy McIntosh was mentioned in *The Gosford Times* However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record any information about him

### **McIntyre Colin David**

Colin David McIntyre was mentioned in *The Gosford Times* However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record any information about him

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<sup>1331</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

### **McIntyre Cyril David**

Private No.5491 1<sup>st</sup> A.C.C. Stn

Private McIntyre was born at Gosford. He was a 20 year old single, bank officer when he enlisted on June 8, 1915. His father was William McIntyre of 239 Queen St, Brisbane in Queensland. He previously served 3 years in the senior cadets in Tasmania but was discharged because of ill health.<sup>1332</sup>

### **McIntyre Percy Allen**

Private No.4740 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private McIntyre was a 21 year old single, butcher when he enlisted on December 21, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on April 13, 1916.<sup>1333</sup> His brother was Hugh McIntyre

### **McKay A.**

Driver

A. McKay was mentioned in *The Gosford Times* However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record any information about him.

### **McKay Edwards Angus**

Major Doctor Army Medical Corps

There were a number of Edward Angus McKay mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Major Edwards was from Wyong. On Thursday the citizens of Wyong had a night of entertainment in honour of Major Edwards on his return from the war.<sup>1334</sup> He was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour" list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>1335</sup>

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<sup>1332</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1333</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1334</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1335</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **McKenna Victor Herman\***

Private No.4605 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private McKenna was from Erina. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 16, 1915. His father was J. J. McKenna of Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS "Osterley" on January 15, 1916. He was killed in action on August 8, 1916 in France.<sup>1336</sup>

### **McKenzie John\***

Private

There were a number of John McKenzie mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry recorded that Private McKenzie was from the Wyong district.<sup>1337</sup>

### **McLean Allan^**

Private No. 6145 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private McLean was from Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on June 14, 1916. His mother was Mrs Elvira McLean of Wiseman's Ferry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A11 "Ascanius" on October 25, 1916. He died of wounds on August 8, 1918, sustained in France. The Battalion was in support at a village near Raincourt. At about 4 p.m. he was standing in the trench during heavy shelling the Germans having seen him and others going into position. He was badly hit in the arm by a shell and was bleeding badly. He was taken away on a stretcher and taken to 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance where he died.<sup>1338</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Friday night in Mr Walmsley's Hall a send-off was tendered to Mr McLean's son, Allan, who joined the colours. There was a large number of friends present and during the evening musical items were rendered and speeches

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<sup>1336</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1337</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

<sup>1338</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

delivered. Refreshments were provided by the ladies.<sup>1339</sup> In another article it was reported that he was later promoted to Lance-Corporal.

In a further article it was reported that Private McLean, son of Mr and Mrs McLean, late teacher of Wiseman's Ferry was reported to have died from wounds. There was to be a memorial service at Wiseman's Ferry next Sunday by Rev. Hughes. The deceased young soldier was well respected and was a blow to his parents who have only one son left.<sup>1340</sup>

### **McLoughlan Douglas**

Driver

Douglas McLoughlan was mentioned in *The Gosford Times*. However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record any information about him. *The Gosford Times* reported that Driver McLoughlan was from Tumby Umbi. A farewell social and dance was tendered to Private McLoughlan on the eve of his departure for the front by the residents of Tumby Umbi on Friday night. Although the night was a wet one, a good muster turned up and had a very enjoyable evening. Farewell speeches were given by Mr C. Redgate, Mr E. Robson and Mr E. Codrington, wishing Driver McLoughlan bon voyage and a safe return. Mr P. Nolan responded on behalf of Driver McLoughlan. Dancing was carried out on to the early hours of the morning, and the music being supplied by the Tumby musicians.<sup>1341</sup>

### **McManus Ernest Alexander\***

Private No.3193 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private McManus was a 28 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 3, 1916. His mother was Mrs Ada McManus of Warnervale Railway Siding. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916. He died of pneumonia on January 6, 1917 in Durban South Africa.<sup>1342</sup>

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<sup>1339</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1340</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1341</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1342</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private McManus was from Wyong. He died at Durban, South Africa while on the way to the front.<sup>1343</sup> In another article it was reported that Mr J. McManus received word that his son, Private McManus had died of pneumonia on his way to England. The deceased was 21 years of age and was a native of the Mudjee district.<sup>1344</sup>

### **McManus Harold**

Private McManus was a 21 year old from Warnervale. His attestation details are not available.<sup>1345</sup>

### **McManus Percy\***

Enlisted as Jack Williams No.3252 46<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Sergeant McManus enlisted under the name of Jack Williams. He was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on June 6, 1916. His friend was recorded as his next of kin named Jack Morris of Warnervale. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916.<sup>1346</sup> He was officially declared missing on September 26, 1917. On the same day it was reported that he had been killed by a shell in the advance on Polygon Wood that day. Sergeant McManus body was found by some of the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade and was identified by his pay book and disc. The casualty happened sometime about midday. A letter from a Private Bright stated that when he last saw Sergeant McManus he was lying out in a shell hole in No Man's Land badly wounded in the stomach and that if he was listed as missing it would be certain that he died there since he was too bad to get from the shell hole himself. Sergeant McManus was described as being very short, dark hair and full faced, stout and aged about 25 years old.<sup>1347</sup>

### **McMillian Richard Bruce\***

Lance-Corporal No.2428 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1343</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1344</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1345</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1346</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1347</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*

Private McMillian was from Narara.<sup>1348</sup> He was a 33 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on July 20, 1915. He previously served in the militia for 7 years. His mother was Mrs M. McMillan of “Rosebank” in Eugowra. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on October 5, 1915. He was killed in action on October 5, 1917, in Belgium. He was killed instantly by shell fire while approaching Broodseinde Ridge near Ypres. He was previously wounded with a gunshot wound to the nose and shell shock on July 27, 1916. He returned to his unit on August 16, 1916. He suffered from trench foot November 10 to 19, 1916. He again suffered from trench foot from 28 February to March 13, 1917. He suffered from boils to his neck from March 18 to April 1, 1917 and was wounded by cannon fire on September 21, 1917. He was the brother of Vivian Ernest McMillian.<sup>1349</sup>

### **McMillian Vivian Ernest**

Private No.2429 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private McMillian was from Narara. He was a 33 year old single, farmer when he enlisted. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on October 5 1915.<sup>1350</sup> He was killed in action at Armentieres in France while erecting barb wire entanglements. He was the brother of Richard Bruce McMillian.<sup>1351</sup>

### **McQueen Leslie Thomas**

Private No.1744 23<sup>rd</sup> battalion

Private McQueen was a 22 year old single, driver when he enlisted on February 17, 1915. His father was Donald McQueen of Barkley St, Mordialloc in Victoria. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A64 “Demosthenes” on July 16, 1915.<sup>1352</sup>

### **McQueen N.**

Sergeant Army Medical Corps

N. McQueen was mentioned in *The Gosford Times* However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record

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<sup>1348</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1349</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1350</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1351</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1352</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

any information about him. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant McQueen was 21 years of age.

### **McRae Norman**

Private No.2130 Australian Army Pay Corps

Private McRae was born at Wollombi. He was a 19 year old plumber's assistant when he enlisted on April 7, 1916. His father was James McRae of Cardiff N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 "Anchises" on August 24, 1916.<sup>1353</sup>

### **McRae Victor George**

Private No.2913 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private McRae was a 22 year old married grazier when he enlisted on January 31, 1916. His wife was Jessie McRae c/- of John Simpson in Armidale, N.S.W. He previously served 5 years in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on November 25, 1916.<sup>1354</sup>

Private McRae was born at Wollombi and deserted from the A. I. F. on May 6, 1916. He was described as being 22 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes.<sup>1355</sup>

### **Melrose Harold**

Sapper

Harold Melrose was mentioned in *The Gosford Times* However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record any information about him. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Melrose was a train guard before enlisting.

### **Menzies Cecil William**

Lieutenant 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Lieutenant Menzies was from Ourimbah.<sup>1356</sup> He was a 25 year old Railway Officer when he enlisted on July 31, 1917. His father was Andrew Menzies of "Strathpeffer"

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<sup>1353</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1354</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1355</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, May, 31, p.289, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>1356</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*



in Beamish St, Campsie in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” October 7, 1916. He was admitted to the Fargo Military Hospital with tonsillitis on January 31, 1917 and was killed in action by shell fire at Polygon Wood, Ypres in Belgium.<sup>1357</sup> His brother was Private Harold Christopher Menzies.<sup>1358</sup>

### **Menzies Harold Christopher**

Private No.144

Private Menzies was born at Ourimbah. He was a 27 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on August 22, 1914. His father was A. Menzies of “Strathpeffer” of Beamish St Campsie in Sydney. He previously served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse. His brother was Lieutenant Cecil William Menzies. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A16 “State of Victoria” on October 20, 1914.<sup>1359</sup>

### **Methven Peter Will**

Gunner Infantry 15<sup>th</sup> Battery, Field Artillery Brigade

Private Methven was from Matcham. He was a 26 year old single, engineer when he enlisted on August 9, 1915. His father was J. Methven of Mt Druitt in Sydney. He previously served 2 years in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A34 “Persic” on November 18, 1915.<sup>1360</sup>

### **Michelson Ulric W.**

Private

Ulric W. Michelson was mentioned in *The Gosford Times* However, there was no attestation papers mentioned in National Archives under this name so it was not possible to record any information about him. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Michelson was from Matcham. He was on his final leave and expected to be leaving for the front any day. He was a married man with four children.<sup>1361</sup>

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<sup>1357</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1358</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1359</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1360</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1361</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In another article it was reported that Private Michelson who enlisted two years earlier then went straight to the front with the machine guns and later with the Headquarters Staff as an Observer. After many months in the firing line he returned home safe and sound to his wife and family and was, on August 16, 1918, welcome by the residents of Matcham. The hall and tables were tastefully decorated with native wattle, ferns and flowers, not forgetting the good things provided by the local ladies. After the eatables had been done full justice to the Chairman, Mr T. R. Michelson, in a short speech, welcome the returned hero back to Matcham. Mr Dodds with a few well-chosen remarks presented Private Michelson with a gold medal as a token of Matcham's esteem.

The returned hero thanked the residents for the welcome they had given him and also the gold medal, which he would ever cherish, after which he related some of his experiences at the front. A number of toasts were honoured and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was then sung by the company. The hall was cleared and dancing punctuated with songs and recitations were indulged in. During the evening Mr Weiss gave that old favourite "The Man From Ironbark." At midnight the ladies handed around refreshments after which dancing continued till early hours of the morning, a most able time was being spent.<sup>1362</sup>

### **Miles William John Wallis**

Private

Private Miles was born in Erina and resided in Wyong. He was a 20 year old single, bushman when he enlisted. His father was Albert John Miles of Erina.<sup>1363</sup>

### **Miller Percival Aubrey Leslie**

Private Miller was born at Brooklyn. He was a 24 year old single, hod carrier. His next of kin was Jenny Miller of Telegraph Sound via Wauchope N.S.W.<sup>1364</sup>

### **Miller Robert^**

Sergeant No.453 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Company

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<sup>1362</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1363</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1364</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

Sergeant Miller lived at “Glenlomond” in Woy Woy. He was a 24 year old single, draper when he enlisted on August 23, 1914. His mother was Mrs William Miller of Gunhill Terrace in Garkhall, Scotland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914. He died of wounds on August 23, 1918 at Proyart near Peronne in France. At about 4.30 or 5 a.m. the Battalion was in action near Bray. About 10 a.m. they had gone forward about two or three thousand yards and had got all but the last objective when Sergeant Miller was badly wounded by machine gun fire and was taken to the Casualty Clearing Station where he died.<sup>1365</sup>

### **Minter Frederick George alias Moody Frederick George\***

Corporal No.1193 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Company

Private Minter enlisted under the alias of Frederick George Moody. He was a 23 year old single, painter. His next of kin was a friend Miss Alice Lieb in Newcastle. His sister was later added to his file as Miss A. M. Taylor in London. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 9, 1915.<sup>1366</sup>

George Moody was wounded in France and was in hospital in England.<sup>1367</sup> He had been seriously ill on July 24, 1916, then he had been admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern General Hospital on July 28, 1916, suffering from a gunshot wounds to his right shoulder and left arm injuring the nerve but had progressed satisfactorily. He returned to Headquarters on August 15, 1916. On December 14, 1917, he was killed in action. He had been on barbed wire fatigue at the Messines front and was going up to the front from reserve when a shell fell amongst the fatigue party hitting Moody about the head. He lived for a few minutes but was unconscious all the time He was described as being a short, broad and dark man about 25 years of age. He was buried at Wulverghem cemetery.

### **Moase William Mark Meritorious Service Medal**

Farrier No.8330 5<sup>th</sup> Divisional Train

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<sup>1365</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1366</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1367</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Farrier Moase was from Gosford. He was a 26 year old single, farrier when he enlisted on September 1, 1915. His father was William Moase of Donnison St in Gosford. He previously served 2 years in the Australian Garrison Artillery in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A66 "Uganda" on November 27, 1915.<sup>1368</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday evening at the Gosford School of Arts a farewell and presentation was tendered to Farrier W. M. Moase on the eve of his departure for the front. There was a large and representative gathering present and a most enjoyable time was spent. During the evening games and dances, interspersed with musical items were indulged in right merrily until the announcement that midnight had brought this pleasant function to a close.

Prior to the breaking up, refreshments were served, which were in abundance and provided by the ladies. The presentation, a wristlet watch with radium stops, was presented by Mr E. J. Phillips, who in a short and pointed speech, referred to the departing guest's good qualities as a member of the Catholic Church and his earnest labours in connection therewith and also his worth as a highly respected member of the community and with pleasure handed to Private Moase the present as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Church and his Gosford friends. The speaker was ably supported by Mr A. Olsen and Mr C. Braithwaite.

Farrier Moase, who was greeted with cheers, said that he had not expected such hospitality as was shown that evening and could scarcely find words to convey his deep feelings of gratitude for the splendid manner in which he had been farewelled and motive which prompted the making of a beautiful presentation. In reference to Church matters mentioned by the Chairman, he had followed the good example set by his parents and labours he had done for the Church had been a pleasure to him. He would long remember the many kindnesses of the Gosford people. A word of praise was due to the ladies. Particularly to Mrs McCarthy and Miss Ryan, who were responsible to a great measure for the success of the evening. "Auld Lang Syne," "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable function to a close.<sup>1369</sup> In

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<sup>1368</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1369</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

another article it was reported that Farrier Bill Moase of Gosford who was in France had been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant Farrier<sup>1370</sup> and in a further article it was reported that he had been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.<sup>1371</sup>

### **Mobbs Allan George**

Private No.53546 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Mobbs was born at Narara. He was a 20 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 4. His father was James Albert Mobbs of Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on May 8, 1918.<sup>1372</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Mobbs was from Narara and went into camp.<sup>1373</sup> His parents did not approve of the send-off given to their son, who was on his final leave.<sup>1374</sup> He was employed by the Narara Viticultural Nursery.<sup>1375</sup>

### **Mobbs Donald Ernest**

Driver No.7559 7<sup>th</sup> Coy, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, Army Service Corps

Driver Mobbs was a 21 year old single, nursery man when he enlisted on August 17, 1916. His father was James Albert Mobbs of Narara. He previously served in 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry.<sup>1376</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a welcome home was tendered to Private Mobbs in the Narara Hall on Saturday last. Counsellor F. R. Archbold presided and there was a good attendance. The following artists provided a first class programme, Mrs Cohen, Miss Cohen, Mrs Walsh, Miss Guerin, Miss Archbold, Mr C. Hill and Mr Wright. Mr Hill’s items were immensely enjoyed by the audience and he had to respond to several encores. Short addresses were delivered by Mr Archbold, Mr Kirkness, Mr Sellars and Mr E. Willis, each speaker expressing appreciation of the service of the returned private,

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<sup>1370</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1371</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1372</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1373</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1374</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1375</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1376</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

extending to him a hearty welcome home and wishing him a speedy restoration to health. On behalf of the Narara Soldiers' Recognition Association, the Chairman presented a gold medal suitably inscribed. Mr Mobbs suitably responded on behalf of his son.<sup>1377</sup>

### **Moffitt Albert Henry**

Private No.1175 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Moffitt's attestation papers were not available from National Archives at this time. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on May 1, 1916.<sup>1378</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Moffitt was from Martinsville and was reported to be in hospital suffering from deafness. He was a bomb-thrower.<sup>1379</sup> He had recovered sufficiently to resume duty in England.<sup>1380</sup> In another article it was reported that Mrs Moffitt received word that her son was on the way home.<sup>1381</sup>

In a further article it was reported that on Friday afternoon a welcome home social was tendered by residents of Martinsville to Private Moffitt. During the evening he was presented with a suitably inscribed medal with Battalion colours. This was pinned on by Miss Ivy Jenkins, whose father was still at the front. The presentations were made by Mr C. Pointer, who acted as chairman. Speeches were made by Mr J. Adams, Mr P. Gardiner, Mr E. Taylor and George Taylor of Yarramalong. Private Moffitt responded.<sup>1382</sup>

### **Moffitt Peter**

Private No.7287 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Moffitt was 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 24, 1917. His father was James Moffitt and his mother was Sarah Moffitt of Cooranbong N.S.W.

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<sup>1377</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1378</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1379</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1380</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1381</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1382</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>1383</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Moffitt was from Martinsville and had arrived in England for the war in France.<sup>1384</sup> It was later reported that Private Moffitt had been wounded.<sup>1385</sup>

### **Moffitt Sylvester**

Private No.7286 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Moffitt was born at Morisset. He was 22 years old and single, when he enlisted on January 23, 1917. His mother was Sarah Moffitt and his father was James Moffitt of Cooranbong N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>1386</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Moffitt was from Martinsville and had arrived in England for the war in France.<sup>1387</sup> It was later reported that he was ill in hospital.<sup>1388</sup>

### **Moir Charles Norman\***

Gunner No.34779 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Gunner Moir was from East Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on November 1, 1917. His father was John T. Moir of East Gosford. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on June 21, 1917 and was admitted to the ship’s hospital on July 27, 1917 suffering from mumps. He was killed in action on March 14, 1918 in Belgium when a tunnel collapse caused by a shell explosion near Hill 60 after being ordered to take cover there by the Battery Commander.<sup>1389</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Gunner Moir was killed in action in Flanders on March 14 last. He was a member of an old and well-known Mudgee family who removed to

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<sup>1383</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1384</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1385</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1386</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1387</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1388</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1389</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

East Gosford about two years ago. The youthful soldier, he was only 23 when the last call came was a typical Australian of very fine physique, being six feet in height. He enlisted in the N.S.W. Field Artillery in October 1916 and sailed for England on board the “Suevic” on June 19, 1917, eventually reaching France in the middle of November. Between that time and the date of his death he was four times in action with the guns and his latest letters, cheerfully worded missives as befits a brave soldier, though written on the battlefield, show that he had been through heavy engagements. Much sympathy had been expressed for his bereaved mother, Mrs J. Moir, of “Morquong” Eat Gosford and his brothers and sisters. Another member of the family, Bombardier John L. Moir, also of the Artillery was present at the front.<sup>1390</sup>

### **Moir George Heartyn**

Private No.59778 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Moir was a 19 year old single, orchardist residing in Springfield when he enlisted on May 21, 1918. His father was John Thomas Moir of Mudgee N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Gaika” on July 30, 1918.<sup>1391</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that the School of Arts hall was crowded on the Monday night, the occasion being a send-off under the auspices of the Girls’ Patriotic Society. Shire President Mr Archbold occupied the chair and, after the National Anthem, a programme of songs and recitations was rendered, contributed by Mrs Fred Cohen, Mrs Fred Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Mr A. Harvey, Mr J. Corbett, Mr C. Horne and Sergeant Forrest. President Archbold referred to the fact that during the past few weeks some fifty recruits had volunteered in the Erina Shire, of whom thirty-nine had been accepted for service. The enthusiasm shown in local recruiting was largely due to the good work put in and tact displayed by the local officer, Sergeant Forrest, who as a returned man knew how to put the case to the eligible who was needed on the other side to help Australia’s brave lads.<sup>1392</sup>

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<sup>1390</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1391</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1392</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Moore C. J.**

Private

There were a number of C. J. Moore mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Moore was from Lisarow and it was officially reported that he had been wounded.<sup>1393</sup>

### **Moore Eric Byron John.**

Private

Private Moore was an 18 year old from Wyong. His attestation paper is no available.<sup>1394</sup> There was no embarkation or medical file at the National Archives.

### **Moore Hector Ivan**

Private No.19591 1<sup>st</sup> Divisional Signal Corps

Private Moore was an 18 year old single, telegraphist when he enlisted on April 16, 1917. His father was Stephen Moore of Boyd Ave in Wyong. His mother was Selina Moore of 19 Stanley St, Bondi Junction in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 8, 1917.<sup>1395</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he was to sail in a day or two spent his final leave in Wyong. He left on Wednesday morning when several friends gathered at the station to say good bye. Private Moore, who was formerly on the staff of the local Post Office belonging to the Wireless Corps

### **Moore Roy Horace**

Gunner No.10277 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Moore was a 21 year old single, customs officer. His father was William Moore of Gosford. He previously served with the Expeditionary Forces and was discharged at his request. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December

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<sup>1393</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1394</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1395</sup> *Ibid*

17, 1915.<sup>1396</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Moore of Wyong was reported to have been wounded.<sup>1397</sup>

### **Moore Rufus Stephen**

Private No.6053 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Moore was a 19 year old single, bricklayer when he enlisted on March 6, 1918. His mother was Mrs Sylvester Moore of Marathon St in Wyong. He previously served 1½ years in 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916.<sup>1398</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Moore was from Wyong. At the Literary Institute in Wyong the previous Friday evening a public welcome was tendered. The Recruiting Association presented him with an inscribed medal for which he returned the thanks. Mr Alex Wilkinson was the chairman and had with him on the platform, in addition to the guest of honour, Rev. Hanington, Mr G. Ling, Mr Arch Wilkinson, Mr Lloyd Jones, Mr J. Kay, Mr C. Lawler, Mr Gavenlock, Captain Hand, Lieutenant Colley, Private Grey and Private Murrell. The Wyong Band was in attendance and rendered a delightful selection of airs. Others who contributed to the much enjoyed programme were Mrs Rye, Miss Louie Tarrant, who gave a humorous recitation of local composition, Miss Kane, Miss Tewkesbury, Mr Fripp, Rev. Hanington, Mr George Flynn song and dance, Miss Alexander, and Mr C. Viney, Mr Alexander and Mr T. H. Hawthorn supplied the comic numbers and won much applause.

Mr Hawthorn also contributed a musical monologue and a duet, song and dance with Miss Tewkesbury, all being encored as indeed were most of the items. The entertainment concluded with the National Anthem. Miss L. Smith, Miss Kane and Miss Tewkesbury and Miss C. Walters shared the duties of accompanist and Mr Small attended at the door. Mention should be made of the effective draping of the stage and Band enclosure with the flags of the Allies in which our own colours and those of the

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<sup>1396</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1397</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1398</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

United States were prominent. Other returned soldiers from the Wyong district were also welcomed home and appear under their individual names.<sup>1399</sup>

### **Moore Stanley Wenloch**

Private No.92502

Private Moore was a 33 year old married letter carrier when he enlisted on July 26, 1918. His wife was Emily Jane Moore of Holden St in Gosford. He went into camp a few weeks earlier and was declared medically unfit owing to the after effects of a broken leg and could be placed on the home defence list.<sup>1400</sup>

### **Moore William Ernest\***

Signaller No.5130 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Signaller Moore was born at Wollombi. He was a 22 year old single, carter. His father was Walter Edward Moore of Wollombi. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A16 "Star of Victoria" on March 31, 1916.<sup>1401</sup>

He was wounded about 600 yards left from the village of Messines just in front of a green hedge. He was badly wounded in the leg. They were advancing when another soldier was wounded and when he came back to his lines he saw that Signaller Moore had died. The ground had been taken by the enemy and they retired for the night. He was described as being a stout, fair and clean shaven man about 24 years of age.<sup>1402</sup>

### **Morris Albert Arthur**

Private No.2035A 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Morris was born at Wyong. He was a 21 year old single, bushman when he enlisted. His father was William George Morris of Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A54 "Runic" on August 9, 1915.<sup>1403</sup>

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<sup>1399</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1400</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1401</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1402</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>1403</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

### **Morris Arnold Alfred**

Private

His attestation paper does not record his service number or unit it only records him as a 22 year old and his father was Alfred John Morris.<sup>1404</sup>

### **Morris C. H.**

Private

There were a number of C. H. Morris mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Morris was a carpenter from Ourimbah.

### **Morris Cecil William.\***

Private No.160 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, A Company

Private Morris was from Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, Sanitary Inspector when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His father was Sergeant William Morris of the Gosford Police. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on October 19, 1914. He was killed in action between August 7 and 12, 1915. He was previously wounded on August 6, 1915 by either a shell or bayonet wound to the stomach.<sup>1405</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on October, 1915 Private Mayo wrote home stating that Private Cecil W. Morris, of Gosford, had been killed in the charge on the Turkish trenches at Lonesome Pine on August 6. No confirmatory news was received from the military authorities and Sergeant Morris of the Gosford Police at once placed himself in communication with the Officer of Base Records. Several cables were sent to and fro and on December 16 the following letter was received from the Department of Defence;

In continuation of letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, a further cable has been received from Egypt that No.160, Private C. W. Morris, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion was last seen on the parapet of a Turkish trench seriously wounded. The foregoing is the result of an enquiry made to the officer commanding your son's battalion.  
Yours faithfully J. M. Lean, Capt.

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<sup>1404</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1405</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

Private Cecil Morris was the eldest son of Sergeant Morris of the Gosford Police and head he lived, would have celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on October 21. He was educated at Gosford, Burwood and Fort Street Superior Schools and was last employed as a clerk in Goddall's office in Sydney. On the outbreak of war he enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Forces and was sent to Egypt and later to the Dardanelles. He was twice wounded prior to the storming of the Turkish trenches at Lonesome Pine.

As already stated Private Morris was but 21 years of age and was an all-round athlete, just the type of young Australian that would play his part when acts requiring grit and courage were called for, otherwise he would not have received his death blow on the parapet of his enemy's trenches, noted the *Gosford Times*. The local paper went on to say that they deeply sympathised with the parents and family relatives in their sad bereavement, but they had the consolation of knowing that their brave young soldier boy died doing his duty with his face to the foe, as so many of our gallant young Australians had done in this cruel and world-wide war.<sup>1406</sup>

### **Morris Clement Henry**

Private No.65783

Private Morris was born at Ourimbah. He was 19 years old and single, when he enlisted on April 25, 1918. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A41 "Bakara" on September 4, 1918.<sup>1407</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday night last he and four others were entertained at a farewell social in the Ourimbah School of Arts, the attendances being exceptionally large and thoroughly representative. The organisers were Mrs S. Bridges, Mrs W. H. Foott, Mrs W. M. Reid, Mrs Coghlan, Mrs C. Ingram, Mrs Eaton and Miss Murphy. Mrs Read was the Secretary and Mrs Ingram Treasurer. In a neat speech Mrs Bridges made a presentation to each recruit from the ladies of an air cushion and mirror and on behalf of Mrs Luxford a pair of socks. The purport of Mrs Bridge's speech was most appropriate and timely and will doubtless long be remembered by the recipients and all present.

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<sup>1406</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1407</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

On behalf of Mr A. S. Jaques, Mr F. D. Burns read an address which contained sound and useful advice to the recruits and presented each of them with a gold ring. The gallant young men also received other presents from friends at Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong. Mr F. R. Archbold, Shire President, spoke highly of the recruits for their noble resolution and earnestly pointed out the necessity for more recruits in the present struggle for right, freedom and justice, as opposed to the arrogant claim of the semi-demented Kaiser to rule the world by the sword.

Private Anthony of Tuggerah, a returned soldier also addressed the meeting in suitable terms. Private Morris responded for the presentation made by Mrs Bridges. Mr W. M. Reid responded on behalf of the recruits for Mr Jacques presents. The National Anthem having been sung in the good old loyal manner, the assemblage engaged in dancing to excellent music by the piano by Mrs Eaton, while the others looked on at the bright merry gathering and no doubt talked of the good old times. During the evening several musical items were rendered by friends. The hall was beautifully decorated by many willing hands and there was no lack of cordial help for the organisers when refreshments were heralded. Shortly before midnight the assemblage sang in the orthodox style the good old Scottish favourite "Auld Lang Syne." The boys had a hearty send-off on Sunday evening by their many friends when they left by train to resume their duties at camp.<sup>1408</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Morris was expected to sail to the battle front the next day. He enlisted with several other boys but, much to his disappointment was not allowed to sail with them on account of needing dental attention.<sup>1409</sup>

### **Morris Hilton Sydney**

Private No.59189 17<sup>th</sup> battalion

Private Morris was born at Ourimbah. He was a 20 year old single, railway porter when he enlisted on August 27, 1918. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918.<sup>1410</sup>

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<sup>1408</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1409</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1410</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Morris was a railway porter from Ourimbah. On Saturday night last he and four others were entertained at a farewell social in the Ourimbah School of Arts, the attendances being exceptionally large and thoroughly representative. The organisers were Mrs S. Bridges, Mrs W. H. Foott, Mrs W. M. Reid, Mrs Coghlan, Mrs C. Ingram, Mrs Eaton and Miss Murphy. Mrs Read was the Secretary and Mrs Ingram Treasurer. In a neat speech Mrs Bridges made a presentation to each recruit from the ladies of an air cushion and mirror and on behalf of Mrs Luxford a pair of socks. The purport of Mrs Bridge's speech was most appropriate and timely and will doubtless long be remembered by the recipients and all present.

On behalf of Mr A. S. Jaques, Mr F. D. Burns read an address which contained sound and useful advice to the recruits and presented each of them with a gold ring. The gallant young men also received other presents from friends at Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong. Mr F. R. Archbold, Shire President, spoke highly of the recruits for their noble resolution and earnestly pointed out the necessity for more recruits in the present struggle for right, freedom and justice, as opposed to the arrogant claim of the semi-demented Kaiser to rule the world by the sword.

Private Anthony of Tuggerah, a returned soldier also addressed the meeting in suitable terms. Private Morris responded for the presentation made by Mrs Bridges. Mr W. M. Reid responded on behalf of the recruits for Mr Jacques presents. The National Anthem having been sung in the good old loyal manner, the assemblage engaged in dancing to excellent music by the piano by Mrs Eaton, while the others looked on at the bright merry gathering and no doubt talked of the good old times. During the evening several musical items were rendered by friends. The hall was beautifully decorated by many willing hands and there was no lack of cordial help for the organisers when refreshments were heralded. Shortly before midnight the assemblage sang in the orthodox style the good old Scottish favourite "Auld Lang Syne." The boys had a hearty send-off on Sunday evening by their many friends when they left by train to resume their duties at

camp.<sup>1411</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Morris recently sailed for the front and was the brother of Horace Morris.<sup>1412</sup>

### **Morris Horace**

Private No.66247 67<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Morris was born at Ourimbah. He was an 18 year old single, horse driver when he enlisted on August 8, 1918. His father was Sidney Morris of “Streathmore” in Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Zealandic” on October 5, 1918.<sup>1413</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Morris was from Ourimbah and was in camp. He was the brother of Hilton Morris.<sup>1414</sup> A farewell social was held in the School of Arts in Ourimbah on Saturday, September 7, 1918.<sup>1415</sup>

### **Morton Frederick Emanuel**

Gunner No.32736 Medium Trench Mortar Batteries, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Gunner Morton was born at Wollombi. He was a 33 year old married miner when he enlisted on April 9, 1914. His wife was Hilda Maud Norton of Edward St in Kurri Kurri N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>1416</sup>

### **Moses Ascher**

Private No.87536

Private Moses was from Ourimbah. He was an 18 year old single, dairy farmer when he enlisted. His next of kin was recorded as a friend Charles Ernest Pope of “Wyuna” of Ourimbah Creek. His enlistment was cancelled as being under age on April 23, 1918.<sup>1417</sup>

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<sup>1411</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1412</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1413</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1414</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1415</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1416</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1417</sup> *Ibid*



### **Mould William Edward**

Private No.66037 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Mould was a 26 year old married farmer with one child when he enlisted on May 6, 191-. His wife was Alma Mary Mould of the Royal Hotel at Gosford. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Mould was the only son of Mr and Mrs Alex Mould of the Royal Hotel, sailed for the war during the week.<sup>1418</sup>

### **Moulds Leslie**

Private No.8 Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance

Private Moulds was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on August 22, 1918. His father was James Moulds of Richmond N.S.W. He previously served in the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A27 "Southern" on September 23, 1914.<sup>1419</sup>

### **Moxham Robert**

Private

There were a number of Robert Moxham mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that a Spencer-Mangrove picnic to Palm Beach was held to honour Mr Robert Moxham who was due to leave for England with the A. I. F. and who was the guest of the day was a success. It was hoped that when he was overseas he would regard this day as one of his happiest.<sup>1420</sup> In another article it was reported that he was the cousin of Frederick Warmoll.

### **Mucholland Harold**

Private

Private Mucholland was born at Wyong. He was a 29 year old single, miner when he enlisted on December 22, 1915. His mother is Catherine Bridge of Dooralong.<sup>1421</sup>

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<sup>1418</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1419</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1420</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1421</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

**Muddle Stanley Robert#**

Sapper No.57002, 2<sup>nd</sup> F.S.C.

Sapper Muddle was born at Gosford and was a 31 year old single, station hand when he enlisted. He died of dysentery in Damascus on October 14, 1918.<sup>1422</sup>

**Munro Samuel Angus**

Private No.2955 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Munro was born at Tuggerah. He was a 25 year old married locomotive fireman when he enlisted on June 14, 1916. His wife was Ethel Louisa Munro of East Parade Sutherland in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Port Nicholson" on November 8, 1916.<sup>1423</sup>

**Murphine Oscar Dudley\***

Private No.2184 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Murphine was from Ourimbah.<sup>1424</sup> He was a 21 year old farmer when he enlisted on May 31, 1915. His father was Alfred Robert Murphine of Beckford Estate in Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 "Argyllshire" on August 30, 1915. On February 6, 1916 he suffered from synovitis and was admitted to the Hospital Staging Camp in Egypt. He died on May 22, 1916 in France.<sup>1425</sup>

**Murphy Andrew Arthur (Ginty)#**

Private No.68 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Murphy was born at Woy Woy. He was a 23 year old launch driver when he enlisted on March 20, 1915. His father was Andrew Murphy of "Grandview" in Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT "Karoolla" on January 20, 1916. He was admitted to the Heliopolis Camp Hospital with phthisis on February 3, 1916. While at a stopover in Colombo he fell from a bridge on to the road crushing his skull. A Coroner's Inquest was held the next day into his death.<sup>1426</sup>

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<sup>1422</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1423</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1424</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1425</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1426</sup> *Ibid*

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Monday evening he was entertained by the townspeople in the local hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. He was held in high esteem by the general community and there was little doubt he would do his part as a soldier of the Empire. Councillor John Bourke occupied the chair. In proposing the toast the Rev. W. M. Herford, who had just returned from a health trip to the mountain, wished the young soldier God speed. The toast was supported by Mr Phil Glenister, who said he hoped that Private Murphy would return safe and sound and hoped that his action would prove an incentive for other able bodied young men to follow in his footsteps.

Private Murphy in responding said he did not look for any compliments. He was going to the war because he felt it was his duty and that the Empire had need of him. He appreciated the kindness of the Woy Woy people and he only regretted that more of the young men of the town and district were not going with him. He considered that the freedom enjoyed under the British flag was being challenged and that it was the duty of every Australian and every British man to defend the freedom so dearly fought in the days gone by.

The toast of the Empire was proposed by Mr L. Aubrey, supported by Mr H. J. Gates. Mr F. C. Warmoll proposed "Our Allies, the toast being supported by Mr Drinkwater and Mr Vokes. The toast to "The Parents" was proposed by Mr W. S. Hadley, to which Private Watts responded. Several other toasts were proposed, including "The Chairman" with Councillor Bourke acknowledging Mr A. McCallum's kindly remarks. A special vote of thanks was on the motion of Rev. W. M. Herford, accorded Mr Warmoll for the excellent manner in which all arrangements had been made and Mr Latta was thanked for allowing the use of the hall. During the evening musical items were rendered by Mrs Vokes, Mr Adams, Mr Gates, Miss Pointer and Miss Booth and recitations by Mr Stuart and Mr Aubrey.<sup>1427</sup>

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<sup>1427</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Murphy Jack\***

Private

There was a number of Jack Murphy mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Murphy was from Brooklyn. On Tuesday Rev. Father Kelly was advised that Private Murphy had been killed in action in France.<sup>1428</sup>

### **Murray F.**

Private

There were a number of F. Murray mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Murray was from Morisset.

### **Murray Harold\***

Private No.5415 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Company, 15th Platoon

Private Murray was from The Entrance.<sup>1429</sup> He was born at Wyong Creek and was an 18 year old mill hand when he enlisted on December 30, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 "Nestor" on April 9, 1916. He was admitted to hospital suffering shell deafness on August 12 to 14, 1916. Again he was admitted to hospital suffering from Rheumatism on August 30 to September 3, 1916. On April 5, 1918, just off Amiens Rd, between Derancourt and Albert in France a shell exploded wounding him in the leg and face and killing two others with him at about 7.30a.m., and he later died.<sup>1430</sup>

### **Murray Henry Edward# real name was H. E. Peters.**

Private No.7522 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Murray lived at Ourimbah. He was a 36 year old labourer when he enlisted on April 17, 1917. His father was Clement Peters of Temora N.S.W., and his wife was

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<sup>1428</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1429</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1430</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

Winifred Peters also of Temora. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 "Marathon" on May 10, 1917. He was wounded from a gunshot wound to the left hand on April 17, 1917 and was transferred to England. He was admitted sick to Bulford Hospital in England July 10, 1918. He was hit by a wagon and fractured his right leg on August 7, 1918. An inquiry was held the next day at No.1 Camp in Parkhouse and driver error was found to be at fault. He died in the Military Hospital in Tidworth, Wiltshire in England from acute atrophy of the liver on December 18, 1918.<sup>1431</sup>

### **Nancarrow Claude Eugene\***

Private No.2366 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Nancarrow lived at Ourimbah. He was a 35 year old married labourer when he enlisted on May 11, 1916. His wife was Mrs Martha Nancarrow of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916. He was killed in action at Passchendaele in Belgium. His name is recorded on Menin Gate. He was in the Lewis Gun section of the Battalion when he was killed instantly by a shell shortly after daylight. He had one leg blown off and the other badly shattered.<sup>1432</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Nancarrow was from Ourimbah Mrs Nancarrow had received word that her husband, who had been fighting in France had been missing since August.<sup>1433</sup> Word had been received by Mrs Nancarrow that he husband was killed in action on October 13, 1917. He was the son of Mr J. Nancarrow of West Maitland and left Australia on October 16, 1916. He left a widow and three children.

### **Neil A.\***

There were a number of A. Neil mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry recorded that he was from Narara.<sup>1434</sup>

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<sup>1431</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1432</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1433</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1434</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

### **Nesbitt Alfred Dunleavy\***

Private No.4498 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, D Company

Private Nesbitt was an 18 year old single, glassblower when he enlisted on December 8, 1915. His father was J. Nesbitt of 14 Carrington St Summer Hill. He embarked from Sydney on December 8, 1915 on board HMAT A71 "Nestor" on April 9, 1916. He was killed at Bullecourt in France on May 2, 1917. He was in a railway cutting or a sunken road when a shell exploded badly hitting him in the leg and head.<sup>1435</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Nesbitt, who for some years worked for Mrs S. Dermody, at the Gosford Boys Home, was killed in action in France on 2 May, 1917, aged 18 years. In his work he was most careful, thorough and persevering, no task appeared too difficult to his confident nature. He enlisted in Sydney and sailed shortly afterwards, but was detained in England having to undergo two operations which laid him up for seven months. Within a very short time of his leaving hospital, he paid the supreme penalty "somewhere in France."<sup>1436</sup>

### **Nicholas L. T.**

Private

There were a number of L. T. Nicholas mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that his father, W. J. Nicholas of Woy Woy, received a letter from his son stating that he had left the hospital in France and that he was going on furlough to England. He enlisted at Wyong over two years earlier<sup>1437</sup>

### **Noble Joshua Oswald Earl**

Private No.2475 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1435</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*.

<sup>1436</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1437</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Noble was born at Ourimbah. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 12, 1916. His father was Alfred Noble of Collector in N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on September 30, 1916.<sup>1438</sup>

### **Norman John William^**

Private

Private Norman was an 18 year old from Gosford. He was s single, labourer and died of wounds on board SS “Reiwa” at sea on August 3, 1915.<sup>1439</sup>

### **Norman George**

Private No.2388 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Norman was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 21 year old single, clipper when he enlisted on August 25, 1918. His father was William Norman of Church St, in Wickham Newcastle. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on March 14, 1916.<sup>1440</sup>

### **Norris/Morris Frank**

Private No.1156/2156 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Norris was born at Gosford. He was a 24 year old labourer when he enlisted on October 7, 1914. His mother was Agnes Morris of 4 Centre St, Redfern. He died at sea on board S.S. “Reiwa” with a gunshot wound to the neck, received in action. He was buried at sea. His mother was unaware of her son’s enlistment. Father deceased. Mother stated he was younger then that stated on the enlistment papers. He and his sister had been placed in the Kincumber Orphanage and he absconded from their in about 1909. There is confusion over the name Norris and Morris.

### **Nowell John**

Lance-Corporal No.6865 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Lance-Corporal Nowell was already a single, soldier in the permanent forces when he enlisted on April 4, 1916. His mother was Alice Nowell. *The Gosford Times* recorded that Lance-Corporal John Nowell returned from New Guinea and it was his intention

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<sup>1438</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1439</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1440</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

to go to Egypt. While at Rabaul John had an attack of malarial fever and was very bad, but he was beginning to look his old self again. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Nicholson” on November 8, 1916.<sup>1441</sup>

### **Nugent William**

Private

Private Nugent was from Gosford and was a draper.<sup>1442</sup> There were a number of William Nugent mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast

### **O’Grady Joseph J.**

Infantry

There were a number of Joseph J. O’Grady mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* reported that a very pleasant meeting was held at “Bay View”, the residence of Mr H. Dening of The Entrance, the occasion being the send-off of Mr J. J. O’Grady, who had enlisted for the front. The large dining room was handsomely and artistically decorated by the staff. After a sumptuous spread was partaken of, Mr H. Dening, who occupied the chair, explained the object of the meeting and spoke in a praiseworthy manner of the young man that was leaving them and who had been an employee at his house for about two years. He said he had always found Mr O’Grady a respectable and trustworthy man and wished him good luck on his somewhat risky journey. Mr Denning then presented him with a wristlet silver radium watch, nicely encased and hoped that when he was in Gallipoli or any other part of the world it would remind him of the friends he had left behind at The Entrance. There were several other presents from “Bay View.”

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<sup>1441</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, February, 5 . Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1442</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Mr G. H. E. Taylor spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr O'Grady and said he was glad and sorry at losing such a fine, jolly fellow, yet he was glad he was going to the front and that he was not like some of the young fellows of this part that were too frightened to face the music. O'Grady was built of different stuff and was showing those who were troubled with "cold feet" an example that it was hoped they would follow. In conclusion he spoke with some feeling and trusted that the guest would return to them safely after he had done honour to his King and country and that he would bring back with him a mark of distinction that he might wear in honour of himself and country.

Miss M. Delaney and Miss M. Norris also spoke in glowing terms of Joe, who appeared to be a general favourite with the girls. Mr O'Grady, in returning thanks said "I am not much of a public speaker, but I thank you all from my heart for the handsome presents I received from the people of "Bay View" and assure you that although you say I am a good man here, when my time comes I will show you I am both a soldier and a man." The meeting terminated with thanks to the Chairman and the singing of the National Anthem.<sup>1443</sup>

### **O'Leary A.**

Private

There were a number of A. O'Leary mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private O' Leary was from Morisset.

### **Olsen William Henry Gustave**

Private

Private Olsen was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted in 1918. His next of kin was recorded as a friend Mrs J. P. Smith of the Brooklyn Post Office. Private Olsen gave his address as the Brooklyn Post Office also.

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<sup>1443</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **O'Leary Timothy**

Private No.5750

Private O'Leary was born at Morisset. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 31, 1916. His father was Timothy O'Leary of 84 James St, Hamilton in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 "Kyarra" on June 3, 1916.<sup>1444</sup>

### **O'Neil John James**

Private No.3165 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private O'Neil was from Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 22 year old married miner when he enlisted on May 16, 1916. His wife was Elizabeth O'Neil of Catherine Hill Bay.<sup>1445</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **O'Reilly Septimus Vincent**

Private No.2716 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8th Reinforcements

Private O'Reilly was born at Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on June 28, 1915. His father lived at Wiseman's Ferry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 "Runic" on August 9, 1915.<sup>1446</sup>

### **O'Rourke Alexander\***

Private No.3415 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private O'Rourke was from Narara.<sup>1447</sup> He was a 33 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 7, 1915. His mother was Mrs M. J. O'Rourke of Nambucca Heads N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 "Port Lincoln" on October 13, 1915. He was killed in action on April 3, 1917 in France.<sup>1448</sup>

### **O'Toole Aloyeius**

Private

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<sup>1444</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1445</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1446</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1447</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1448</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

Private O'Toole was 23 years old and resided at Narara. This was the only information given on his attestation paper.

### **O'Toole Austin Stanley<sup>^</sup>**

Private Infantry No.959 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

Private O'Toole was from Narara. He was a 27 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on March 23, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board Transport "Berrima" on June 25, 1915. He died of wounds on May 12, 1916 in France. He was in number 26 General Hospital, Ward C. He was there for four or five days. His condition was very critical and was extremely weak. He was conscious for short intervals, but delirious the greater part of the time.<sup>1449</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private O'Toole, son of Mr and Mrs J. O'Toole of Narara, who recently sailed for Gallipoli had written home from the Red Sea to say all's well. During the voyage a number of flying fish, porpoises and whales were sighted, but they had a run of three weeks before seeing land. Two British destroyers were passed and the transport was stopped by a French cruiser. The soldier's mascot, a wallaby, was lost overboard a week after leaving Melbourne and a strange thing about it said Private O'Toole that two jackasses who remained as solemn as owls since leaving Sydney broke out in loud laughter as they saw the wallaby go over the side of the vessel. A postscript added that the transport had reached Port Suez and the soldiers immediately en trained for Cairo. The latter was described as a beautiful city with better buildings than in Sydney. The weather there was fearfully hot yet the troops were in excellent spirits and were looking forward to the hour when they would be sent to the front.<sup>1450</sup>

In another article it was reported that Mr J. O'Toole of Narara on Wednesday received a wire from the military authorities stating that his son Private A. S. O'Toole had contracted sickness and disembarked at Malta on September 18 from the hospital ship "Dunuche Castle"<sup>1451</sup>

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<sup>1449</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1450</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 10,. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1451</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In a further article Mr J. O'Toole of Narara received words from the military authorities that his son, Private A. S. O'Toole was in one of the hospitals in London suffering from dysentery. Mr O'Toole had two sons at the front, Austin and Lloyd. A third son Cecil was now in camp and the fourth boy Percy would also have been wearing khaki but that he developed ptomaine poisoning while in camp and had to return home. Four sons in a family of six volunteers to serve the King and country according to the local paper was a record that should make any parent proud.<sup>1452</sup>

### **O'Toole John Cecil**

Private No.11114 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Private O'Toole was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 14, 1915. His father was James O'Toole. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS "Osterley" on January 15, 1916.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private John Cecil O'Toole, second eldest son of Mr and Mrs James O'Toole of Narara, enlisted in September, 1915 and sailed for the war by the "Osterley" in January, 1916, his destination being Egypt. After being in the Land of the Pharaohs for about six weeks Private O'Toole was ordered over to France and Belgium where he was on active service up till November 15, 1917, when he was struck by a bullet through the lungs in the battle of Passendale. After being in hospital for three months he spent some time in a convalescent camp and was then invalided home, arriving in Sydney on August 1, 1918.

*The Gosford Times* also reported that Private O'Toole was from Narara and was on the trench mortar was promoted to Bombardier and ranked as a one-striped officer.<sup>1453</sup> In another article it was reported that Mr J. O'Toole of Narara received word that his son would arrive home by the next boat. He had seen three years active service in France and was recently wounded through the chest. Mr O'Toole's four sons had been to war,

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<sup>1452</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1453</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

one paid the supreme sacrifice and another lad died a few weeks earlier after being invalided home.<sup>1454</sup>

### **O'Toole Lloyd**

#### **Infantry**

O'Toole was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served."<sup>1455</sup> There were a number of James Taylor mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast

### **O'Toole Percival Claude**

#### **Private No.852 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion "C" Coy**

Private O'Toole was a 22 year old from Narara. His father was James O'Toole of "Tapersville" Narara. He enlisted on January 20, 1915 and embarked from Sydney on May 13, 1916 on the ship A72 "Beltana" and disembarked at Plymouth on July 3, 1916. He was the brother of Austin Stanley O'Toole. On Oct 1914, he was discharged with Pleurisy. Re-enlisted March 1915 and on April 7, 1915 he was discharged. He re-enlisted February 28, 1916 and contracted typhoid fever on ship overseas. On August 27, 1917 he returned to Australia for change suffering TB Lung and on April 24, 1918 he was discharged.<sup>1456</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that his father received word that Private O'Toole was admitted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern General Hospital on January 21, 1917, suffering from severe myalgia.<sup>1457</sup> He was later welcomed home.<sup>1458</sup>

In another article it was reported that a welcome home was tendered to Private O'Toole in the Narara Hall on Saturday last. Counsellor F. R. Archbold presided and there was a good attendance. The following artists provided a first class programme, Mrs Cohen, Miss Cohen, Mrs Walsh, Miss Guerin, Miss Archbold, Mr C. Hill and Mr Wright. Mr Hill's items were immensely enjoyed by the audience and he had to respond to several

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<sup>1454</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1455</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1456</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1457</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1458</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

encores. Short addresses were delivered by Mr Archbold, Mr Kirkness, Mr Sellars and Mr E. Willis, each speaker expressing appreciation of the service of the returned private, extending to him a hearty welcome home and wishing him a speedy restoration to health. On behalf of the Narara Soldiers' Recognition Association, the Chairman presented a gold medal suitably inscribed. Mr O'Toole Snr. suitably responded on behalf of his son.<sup>1459</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private O'Toole, who was invalided home from the war about six months earlier and had since been in the military hospital and lately in a Sanatorium on the Mountains,<sup>1460</sup> In a further article it was reported that Private O'Toole, son of Mr and Mrs O'Toole of Narara, passed away on Saturday morning last, aged 24 years and 10 months. He enlisted on February 24, 1916 and went into camp at Broadmeadow joining Carmichael's Thousand, he sailed for the front on May 13, 1916 and was six weeks in the trenches in France when he developed pneumonia and was invalided home after being four months in hospitals in France and Cheltenham in England.

He left Weymouth on August 26, 1917 and landed in Sydney on October 26, and was under medical treatment up to the time of his death. The remains were interred in the Catholic portion of Brady's Gully cemetery. Rev Father Gell, in the absence of Rev. Father Kelly, conducted the burial service. Deceased was accorded a military funeral. The coffin was draped by the Union Jack and ladies of the Red Cross marched in the sad funeral procession. Mr Mac Hitchcock sounded the Last Post bugle call and a squad of soldiers under Lieutenant Coulter fired a volley over the grave.<sup>1461</sup>

### **Ogden Harold**

Private No.207 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>1459</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1460</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1461</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Ogden was a 32 year old railway night officer when he enlisted on October 1, 1914. His father was George Edward Ogden of Victoria St in Mayfield N.S.W. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” on December 22, 1914.

### **Olive Richard Townsend**

Private No.1485 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Olive was a 37 year old married orchardist when he enlisted on November 23, 1914. His wife was Nora Olive of 162 Glebe Rd, Glebe in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A49 “Seang Choon” on February 11, 1915.

### **Ormiston John Horace<sup>^</sup>**

Private No.23723 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, D Company, 15<sup>th</sup> Platoon.

Private Ormiston was from Woy Woy.<sup>1462</sup> He was a 42 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on April 3, 1916. His father was Robert Henry Ormiston of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on October 17, 1916. He died of wounds on May 6, 1918 near Amiens in France. He was admitted to the main dressing station 11<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance at Querrien (Somme) suffering from a gunshot wound, fractured skull and bullet wound in the left arm and back. He died from the wounds at 2 p.m. that day.<sup>1463</sup>

### **Osborne**

Private

As there were no first names given it was not possible to determine which Osborne was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that a welcome home, under the auspices of the Morisset Win-The-War League was tendered to Private Osborne in the School of Arts hall. After a few brief speeches of welcome, Miss Muriel Mullard, on behalf of the residents, pinned a gold medallion on the tunic of our returned hero and the National Anthem was sung.<sup>1464</sup>

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<sup>1462</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

<sup>1463</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1464</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **O'Sullivan William**

Private

There were a number of William O'Sullivan mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private O'Sullivan was from Dooralong and enlisted some time back and left with a Queensland contingent. Shortly before his departure he was on a visit to Wyong.<sup>1465</sup>

### **Outram Hughie Humphries**

Private No.165 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Outram was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was an 18 year old single, wheeler when he enlisted in November 1915. His next of kin was Margaret Outram of William St in Holmesville, West Wallsend N.S.W. He previously served 4 years in the senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on May 1, 1916.<sup>1466</sup>

### **Owen Percy**

Trooper No.2652 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment 18<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement Australian Light Horse

Trooper Owen was born at Martinsville. He was a 34 year old married tram driver when he enlisted on January 4, 1916. His wife was Martha Owen of Prank St, Botany in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" on May 2, 1916.<sup>1467</sup>

### **Packman Frederick George**

Private No.2630 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Packman was from Brooklyn. He was a 27 year old single, cook when he enlisted on September 19, 1916. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth Fenton (2<sup>nd</sup> marriage) of 51 Eleanor Rd, Woolwich in Kent, England. He later married and his wife was Ida Dorothy Packman of Viewland Rd, Plumstead SC18 in London. He previously served 146 days in home defence in the Territorial Army in England. His time of service had

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<sup>1465</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1466</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1467</sup> *Ibid*



expired. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on November 9, 1916.<sup>1468</sup>

### **Page Thomas Alwyn McDonald^**

Bugler No.542 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion C Company

Bugler Page was from Gosford. He was a 20 year old single, railway clerk when he enlisted on September 1, 1914. His next of kin was Thomas Page, school teacher at Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914. He died of wounds from a gunshot wound to the head at Lone Pine, Gallipoli.<sup>1469</sup>

### **Palethorpe John Charles**

Private No.6860 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Palethorp was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 28, 1916. His next of kin was his sister Marian Palethorpe of 618A Armstrong St in North Ballarat, Victoria. He previously served 18 months in the Citizen’s Forces and had previously been rejected because of an injury to his right foot. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Napier” on November 17, 1916.<sup>1470</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he was employed by the Narara Viticultural Nursery.<sup>1471</sup>

### **Parker Charles**

Private

There were a number of Charles Parker mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Parker was from Gosford.<sup>1472</sup>

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<sup>1468</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1469</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1470</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1471</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1472</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Parker Harold Carlisle**

Private No.715 37<sup>th</sup> Battalion

There were no attestation papers available for Private Parker. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A34 “Persic” on June 3, 1916.<sup>1473</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Parker a gardener, was from Brooklyn and he enlisted. In another article it was reported that on Saturday evening a second social under the auspices of the Girls’ Patriotic Society was held at the School of Arts to farewell Private Parker.<sup>1474</sup>

### **Parker H. C.**

Private

There were a number of H. C. Parker mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Parker a gardener, was from Brooklyn and he enlisted.<sup>1475</sup>

### **Parks Ernest**

Private

There were a number of Ernest Parks mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Parks from Woy Woy enlisted to go to war.<sup>1476</sup>

### **Parry Joseph Valentine**

Corporal No. 1237 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion Infantry

Corporal Parry was a 20 year old single, farmer when he enlisted. His father was Joseph John Parry of Erina. He previously served in F Company, 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915.<sup>1477</sup>

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<sup>1473</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1474</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1475</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1476</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1477</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

*The Gosford Times* reported that he was later promoted to Sergeant and that he was from Erina and his parents were Mr and Mrs J. J. Parry.<sup>1478</sup> In another article it was reported that he returned to the firing line having been out of action for a fortnight, the result of shell shock and slight injuries. His uncle was Private W. A. Anderson and his brother was Private W. J. Parry.<sup>1479</sup>

In a further article it was reported that on the previous Friday, Mr and Mrs J. J. Parry of Erina, received word that their son had again been severely wounded and later that he was dangerously ill. It was the third time that he had been wounded and that he had been promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.<sup>1480</sup> On Friday night last a most enthusiastic welcome home was given to Lieutenant Parry, who had just returned from the world's war after over three years' honourable service in the field. During this time he was put out of action several times through wounds. The last bullet he was unfortunate enough to stop has rendered him unfit for service, hence his return home and the magnificent welcome he received at the hands of his friends throughout the Erina Shire on Friday night. The crowd was a record one and it was said that there had not been anything like it at any function throughout the Erina Shire.

Representatives were there from almost every part of the district, even from far way Penang, to give the hero the glad hand of welcome and right royally it was given. There was a standing committee of ladies here, elected by the Win the War Branch to carry out the functions of this nature. The excellence of their work was beyond praise and their names should be mentioned and they were, Mrs Bromley, President and Secretary; Mrs Martin, Treasurer; together with Mrs G. Howard, Mrs Atkins, Mrs Parry and Miss Hubbard.

Of course they had many able assistants. How they managed to satisfy the inner wants of nearly 300 people, 100 more than was expected, was not known, but they did it and did it without a fault. It was a fine example of splendid organised effort on their part

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<sup>1478</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1479</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1480</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

that deserved every credit. The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. Renwick. The toast of the King was honoured in the usual way. The Rev. Chairman than officially welcome Lieutenant Parry in an address of great force and ability one of those happy little speeches that were always expected from the Reverent.

This time his efforts were far and away above anything that was heard from him on previous occasions. He then presented the guest of the evening with a gold medal, suitably inscribed, the gift of the citizens of Erina. In responding, the returned hero deprecated any illusion to his doing anything heroic during his fighting and very modestly repudiated the charge, but the three little gold stripes let into his cuff tell a different tale to those who knew what those stripes meant. Mr Weiss suitably proposed the guest parent's, responded to by Mr J. J. Parry Snr.

Mr Davies toasted "Our Lads at the Front," in his usual forceful manner. Mr Bromley "The Visitors," Mr Weiss responded. Mr Beveridge very gently handled the toast of "The Ladies," ably responded to, in solemn silence, by Mr R. Klumpp for the ladies. Miss C. Bromley rendered a piano forte selection in her best style and Miss Wilson entertained us with a very pleasing vocal effort, admirably rendered, to her own accompaniment. Then the debris was cleared away for the inevitable dance to follow. All the young people and a good few of the old ones were soon chasing the hours with flying feet till the early hours of the morning.<sup>1481</sup>

### **Parry William John**

Private No.3678 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Parry was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on July 9, 1917. His father was Joseph Parry of Erina. He was still serving after 3½ years in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A28 "Miltiades" on August 2, 1917.<sup>1482</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Parry was from Erina and at the time was in Liverpool Camp and was expected to sail soon. He was the brother of Sergeant J. V.

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<sup>1481</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1482</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

Parry and the nephew of Private W. A. Anderson.<sup>1483</sup> In another article it was reported that one of the most successful functions organised by the lady members of the Erina Branch of the Red Cross was held on Friday night when a welcome home social was tendered to Private W. Parry, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Parry. He was invalided home on account of a severe attack of pneumonia, the after effects which had in his case had been most pronounced. Erina Hall was nicely decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting and so on. Banquet tables were tastefully set out and so large was the attendance of those who gathered to do honour to the returned soldier that the tables had to be set twice.

Rev. A. Renwick acted as chairman and after a verse of the National Anthem had been sung, Mr J. M. McDonald proposed "Our Gallant Allies." The speaker said it was an honour to have the privilege of proposing so important a toast. The Allies were notably playing their part in the unflinching determination to stand shoulder to shoulder till victory was reached and Prussianism was crushed forever. It was because of Germany's preparedness that she had been able to stand out for so long, but there were unmistakable signs now that her power was waning. The glorious achievements of the Italians, and the transport of a million Americans on the western front, had altered the military situation and we had every reason to feel confident that, with the help of God victory would rest with the Allies.

Rev. A. Renwick proposed the health of the guest of the evening. In doing so, he complimented the Erina people upon the splendid way they did things, upon the harmony and unity that always characterised social reunions of the kind shown and in his opinion the way of Erina might well be studied, learned and copied by those living in other parts of the district. They all get together that night on the one footing to welcome home a brave lad who with God's blessing had returned from the war. "Blessed is the man whom the King delighteth to honour," so the old saying went, but blessed indeed was the man whom the people delighted in honouring.

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<sup>1483</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Rev. Renwick then presented on behalf of the residents with an inscribed gold medallion and in doing so said that everyone was proud of him and appreciated his noble actions in going forth to fight for King and Country. Mr A. M. Davis proposed "The Parents of Our Gallant Soldier." It was the parents who were responsible for the glorious name that Australians had made on the other side. Mr W. Archibald in responding thanked the residents for their kindness and particularly referred to the splendid work done by the ladies of the Red Cross, who not only attended to affairs in connection with local send-off and in welcome home, but never tired of sending parcels to the boys at the front. "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr W. H. Weiss and acknowledged by Sergeant Forrest, Gunner Hugh Kennedy and Mr S. Dwyer. Mr R. J. Baker proposed "Our Boys at the Front," and Mr H. L. Whittell "The Ladies."<sup>1484</sup>

### **Parsonage Bertram**

Private No. 3589 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Parsonage was an 18 year old railway storeman when he enlisted on October 30, 1915. He previously served in the militia. His parents were E. W. and Margaret Parsonage of Church St, Ryde in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 "Berrima" on December 17, 1915. He was reported sick with dental problems on December 12, 1916. He died on November 1, 1917 and was buried in Ypres prison cemetery in Belgium.<sup>1485</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that the death of Private Parsonage was mentioned in a Sydney paper. He was killed in action in France. Bert was well known here and was a relative of Mr H. Drury with whom he was staying some prior to enlisting. He went into khaki at the age of 16 as a bugler about two years earlier.<sup>1486</sup> He was killed on November 1, 1917. He was killed by a dud shell which hit him about the head and chest which came through a wall on the Belgian Barracks in Ypres while he and others were sleeping and was killed instantly.<sup>1487</sup>

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<sup>1484</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1485</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1486</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1487</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

### **Parsons Albert George Horace\***

Private No.857 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

Private Parsons was from Penang. He was a 42 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on January 19, 1916. His brother was Henry James Parsons of Johnstone St, Annandale in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916. He was admitted into hospital at Fango in England on August 1, 1916. Admitted again for influenza in France on December 23, 1916 and again with rheumatism on January 25 1917 and transferred to London. He was killed in action on May 4, 1918 in France.<sup>1488</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Parsons was from Penang. He was invalided to England after being wounded in France some months later and had recovered and returned to his regiment at the front again.<sup>1489</sup> He was killed in action on May 4, 1918. He enlisted several years earlier and in his last letter he hoped that the people of Australia would carry on until the Allies gained final victory.<sup>1490</sup>

### **Parsonson Cecil Claude\***

Bugler No.88 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, A Company

Bugler Parsonson was a 20 year old single, blacksmith's assistant when he enlisted on August 21, 1914. His mother was Mrs H. Parsonson of Bathurst Rd in Lawson, Blue Mountains. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 "Suffolk" on October 18, 1914. He was killed in action on April 27, 1915 in Gallipoli. During the first week after the landing in April, 1915, he was shot in the head as he was taking cover behind a bush on one of the slopes of Anzac, about 2½ miles from the beach. Another soldier was near him at the time and went across and spoke to him. They shook hands and Parsonson died a minute later.<sup>1491</sup>

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<sup>1488</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1489</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1490</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1491</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Bugler C. C. Parsonson killed in action at the Dardanelles was the first member of F (Gosford) Company of the 16<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Infantry Regiment reported killed. He joined F Company in September 11, 1911. His family was then residing at Point Clare and when his parents moved to Burwood he journeyed to Gosford to attend parades rather than break away from his Company and comrades by transferring to a City Regiment.

When the war broke out he went into the mobilisation camp at Newcastle and while there he volunteered for active service, he being one of the first to submit his name when volunteers were called for. On that occasion names had to be submitted within two hours from the time of the notice coming out and as there was some delay, the whole of the names were late. This proved to be for the New Guinea expedition.

A few days later volunteers were again called for and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade and he with a number of others left with that Battalion. Young Parsonson was a brilliant bugler and an excellent soldier. He was one of the most popular members of the Company and possessed that very excellent quality in a soldier of being always bright, even under the most trying conditions.

At the last Liverpool camp he was out with the Company while the heat registered 106 in the shade and while the Regiment was plodding through the Liverpool red dust, which was fully six inches deep, he could always be heard leading in some popular song, if not occupied with his bugle march and he never missed an opportunity in attempting to brighten his comrades by joking over the trying conditions. Naturally his loss will be mourned by all ranks. He was also well known at Wyong as a footballer, he being a member of the Wyong Club while he resided at Tuggerah and playing the whole of one season with the Club where he gained much popularity and numerous friends.<sup>1492</sup>

### **Partridge Wilfred George**

Trooper No.6564

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<sup>1492</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



Trooper Partridge was a 22 year old married labourer when he enlisted on April 20, 1917. His wife was Bridget Christina Partridge of Wyong Creek.<sup>1493</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Saturday night at Wyong Creek was enlivened by the strains of music and gaiety and judging by the large gathering and merry laughter of the company everybody seemed to be having a right royal time at Trigg's hall. The occasion was the send-off and presentation to Trooper Partridge, who was on final leave and expected to sail for the front at an early date. The Hall was decorated with palms, bunting and Chinese lanterns and looked very pretty with the soft light used. The ladies supplied an abundance of refreshments and the toast of the health of the guest was not neglected. The gathering was representative of all the families on the Creek and many came from long distances to be present at the function. Councillor G. A. Palmer made the presentation and Mr F. Chandler occupied the chair and conducted the proceedings.

The music was supplied by the various friends and visitors. Mr W. Pemberton acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mr Chandler, in opening proceedings spoke of the patriotic spirit which prompted Trooper Partridge to enlist.. He felt sure that the soldier would give a good account of him and hoped to have an early opportunity of welcoming him home again. Mr G. Stinson expressed his pleasure at being present and urged the company to hope for a speedy peace with honour to our flag. Councillor Palmer then made the presentation. He felt proud to be present and equally proud of the young guest who was going to the front to whom he presented an elaborate pipe, tobacco pouch, pocket knife and case of cigarettes.

Three cheers were given for Trooper Partridge and the company joining hands and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" Trooper Partridge returned thanks for the presents and said he would value them more than they thought he would. He would do his best at the front and would not forget the happy gathering or the kind words which had been spoken. Songs, dancing and recitations were indulged in and the National Anthem brought a highly successful party to a close about midnight.<sup>1494</sup> It was reported that

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<sup>1493</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1494</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Trooper Partridge was wounded.<sup>1495</sup> He returned home from the front with a disabled foot.<sup>1496</sup>

### **Payne Edgar**

Private No.1105 5<sup>th</sup> M.B.G.P.O.C.

Private Payne was born at Wollombi. He was a 29 year old locomotive fireman when he enlisted on January 15, 1917. His wife was May Payne of 4 Telarah St in West Maitland N.S.W. He previously served 3 years in 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, West Maitland and was previously rejected because of his teeth. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A28 "Miltiades" on January 24, 1917.<sup>1497</sup>

### **Payne Oliver Humpden**

Private No.64751 12<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Regiment

Private Payne was born at Wollombi. He was a 19 year old single, farm labourer when he enlisted on May 14, 1918. His father was James Payne of Jerry's Plains via Singleton N.S.W. His attestation paper also records Legatee Brother Ronald Payne of West Tamworth N.S.W.<sup>1498</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Peak B. J.\***

There were a number of B. J. Peak mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry recorded that he was from Woy Woy.<sup>1499</sup>

### **Pearse O.**

Infantry

There were a number of O. Pearse mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

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<sup>1495</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1496</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1497</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1498</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1499</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

### **Peck Eric**

Private No.3435 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Peck was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on December 29, 1916. His father was George William Peck of Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Peck from Narara sailed on Wednesday the previous week for the front.<sup>1500</sup>

### **Peel Harry^**

Private Infantry No.3433 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneers

Private Peel was from Woy Woy. He was a 21 year old single, mechanic when he enlisted on August 3, 1915. His father was H. Peel of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 “Port Lincoln” on October 13, 1915. He died of wounds at the 44<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on August 4, 1916 in France he was wounded by a shell just near Pozieres.<sup>1501</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that a few days earlier word was received that Private Harry Peel had been seriously wounded and a later cable announced his death.<sup>1502</sup>

### **Pellow Allaniah George**

Private No.5945 1 Anzac Cyclist Battalion

Private Allaniah was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was an 18 year old single, surveyor’s assistant when he enlisted on March 15, 1917. His father was William James Pellow. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 “Hororata” on June 14, 1917.<sup>1503</sup>

### **Pemberton Bertram#**

Private No.4891 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneers, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Pemberton was from Wyong Creek. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 24, 1917. His father was Thomas Pemberton of Wyong Creek.

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<sup>1500</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1501</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1502</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1503</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” on December 19, 1917. He suffered from bronchitis in Sutton Veny in France on April 29, 1918 and died on February 3, 1919 from Influenza in France.<sup>1504</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a send-off for Private Pemberton was to be held in the Wyong Creek Literary Institute on Friday night, November 9, 1917.<sup>1505</sup> In another article it was reported that the social was held at the Literary Institute in Wyong. He was presented with a fountain pen. Mr W. Salmon acted as chairman and Mr T. Schofield made the presentation. Speeches were made by both gentlemen named and supported by Mr Kennedy and Mr Hill.<sup>1506</sup>

In another article it was reported that the many friends and well-wishers of the House of Pemberton gathered in full force on Saturday evening last at Triggs Hall, to do honour to their son Private Pemberton, who was on final leave and expects to sail for the front at an early date. The hall was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, lanterns and bunting and it was a credit to those who undertook the work. The floor was in first class order, under the capable supervision of Mr Thomas Murray, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. The dancers seemed to enjoy themselves to the full. The function took the form of a presentation and social evening and the friends came from all over the district to wish the young soldier God’s speed. The chair was occupied by Mr A. E. Chandler and he was supported by Councillor G. A. Palmer and Mr W. Baldwin, who made the presentation. The Chairman, in opening the proceedings said it gave him much pleasure to be present once more to join the residents in showing their esteem for their young guest. He felt sure that Private Pemberton would do his duty and he earnestly hoped that an early peace would give his friends an opportunity to welcome the young soldier home again.

Councillor Palmer said he felt proud to be present and proud of the young man going to the front. He wished him every success and he would watch anxiously for news of him and would be glad to get a chance to welcome him home again Mr Baldwin then

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<sup>1504</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1505</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1506</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

placed upon the young soldier's wrist a handsome silver watch bearing this inscription "Presented to Private Bert Pemberton by the residents of Wyong Creek as a mark of esteem on his departure for the front" In a few well-chosen words Mr Baldwin urged Private Pemberton to be steadfast and true to the honoured name he bore and to himself and the watch would remind him that he took away with him the best wishes of the residents of Wyong Creek.

Three cheers were then given for the soldier and the company joined hands and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Private Pemberton returned thanks in a brief speech in which he said he would always strive to do his duty. He knew he was not going to a picnic and was not afraid to do his bit. He would value their gift all his life and was grateful for the encouragement which had been spoken that night. The company then partook of a substantial repast and singing, dancing and recitations were indulged in and the National Anthem brought one of the most successful and enthusiastic parties to a close about midnight.<sup>1507</sup> It was officially reported that Private Pemberton was seriously ill.<sup>1508</sup>

### **Pemberton Jack**

Private No.966 5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

Private Pemberton was born at Mangrove Creek. He was a 21 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on July 17, 1915. His next of kin was recorded as Mrs Annie Colman of 6 Oxford St, Woollahra in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916.<sup>1509</sup>

### **Pemberton Leslie Richmond**

Driver No.28038, 4th Div. Ammunition Column

Driver Pemberton was born at Mangrove Creek. He was a 22 year old engine greaser when he enlisted on April 25, 1916. His mother was Margaret Pemberton of "Lochloman" West St, Five Dock in Sydney. He embarked on board HMAT

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<sup>1507</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1508</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1509</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

“Ascanius” on October 25, 1916. He was treated for scabies from December 23 to 27, 1917 and died of bronco-pneumonia on February 21, 1919.<sup>1510</sup>

### **Pemberton Percy Pemberton**

Driver No.6350 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Train, 16<sup>th</sup> Australian Army Service Corps

Driver Pemberton was born at Gosford. He was a 29 year old married foreman of public works when he enlisted on March 29, 1915. His wife was Gladys Serena Pemberton of Cunderin in West Australia. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A19 “Afric” on May 22, 1915.<sup>1511</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Driver Pemberton was from Mangrove Mountain. He was with the Army Service Corps and had been promoted to Sergeant in the Commissariat.<sup>1512</sup>

### **Pemberton Roy Torrens Michael\***

Private No.4506 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Pemberton was born at Gosford and was a former Mangrove Creek boy. He was a 21 year old farmer when he enlisted on December 13, 1915. His father was late George Pemberton and his mother was Margaret Pemberton of 2 Great North Rd, Five Dock in Sydney. He was wounded on October 4, 1916 with multiple bomb wounds to the back in France as a result of an accidental Mills hand grenade going off in the trench. He was killed by a bullet to the head.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Pemberton, a grandson of Prime Minister Billy Hughes who had grown up at Mangrove Creek had enlisted and gone into camp. He had a cousin there already and his uncle Percy was “one of the best of former Creek boys,” had been in Egypt with the Army Medical Corps for the past six months. He joined in Western Australia where he settled some ten years earlier.<sup>1513</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private Pemberton was from Mangrove Mountain. The particulars of Private Pemberton’s death had reached his people. His friend wrote

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<sup>1510</sup> Gosford Library, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1511</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1512</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1513</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

saying, “Roy and I had just taken shelter in a shell hole when a bullet struck Private Pemberton in the head and he was killed instantly.”<sup>1514</sup>

### **Pendleton George Henry**

Private No.8192 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Pendleton was born at Woy Woy. He was a 29 year old married engine driver when he enlisted on August 25, 1914. His wife was Elizabeth Pendleton of 114 Latrobe Terrace, Geelong West in Victoria.<sup>1515</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Penn Mason\***

Corporal No.744 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Company

Corporal Mason was a 29 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on May 11, 1915. His next of kin was William Mason Penn of Stanley Rd, Kugford in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915. He was killed in action on August 25, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>1516</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Mason Penn was killed at Dardanelles. His brother received the news the previous week. This was the first death that had occurred among those who had left for the front.<sup>1517</sup>

In another article it was reported that on Sunday afternoon a Memorial Service was held at Kulnura for Corporal Mason. The service was conducted by Rev. S. Wedge of Gosford. It was largely attended and impressive in character. Mr W. H. Kellynack ably presided at the organ. A short resume of the life of the departed soldier was read and reference made to the sterling worth of his character and at the conclusion of the service “Dead March” in Saul was played whilst all remained silently standing after which the National Anthem was sung. The service and its solemnity would be long remembered by those who attended.<sup>1518</sup>

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<sup>1514</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1515</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1516</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1517</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1518</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Perkins William John\***

Private Infantry No.966 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, E Company

Private Perkins was from Point Clare. He was a 27 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 18, 1914. His mother was Mrs W. Perkins of Liverpool Rd, South Strathfield in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914. He died from a gunshot to the head on Anzac Beach on June 27, 1915.<sup>1519</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that to Point Clare belongs the sad duty of recording the first death among their local lads at the Dardanelles. “Killed in action; Private W. J. Perkins.” Only a few words but they served to bring home the horrors of war in a clearer sense than can be conveyed by newspaper reports. Private Perkins was 29 years of age, being born at Chippendale in 1887. One of the first to hear and answer the call of duty, he left Sydney in the “Euripides” with the 1<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Force. He had been in the employ of Mr Frank Wilkinson, formerly of Ourimbah, but at prod and humanity, Empire and freedom.<sup>1520</sup>

### **Perry W.**

Infantry

There were a number of W. Perry mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Phelps Harold Ernest**

Gunner No.36650 29<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Reinforcements

Gunner Phelps was a 25 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on February 17, 1917. His father was James Casey Phelps of 18 Woods Parade, Manly in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Port Sydney” on November 5, 1917.<sup>1521</sup>

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<sup>1519</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*

<sup>1520</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1521</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*



*The Gosford Times* reported that Gunner Phelps, who had been up on final leave, was entertained by the residents of Peat's Ridge, Mangrove Mountain. The company assembled at Mr Gerald FitzGerald's "Moorabinda" on Thursday. On Tuesday evening Gunner Phelps and others spent a pleasant social at "Doryanthes" the residence of Mr Fred Pinkstone and on Friday afternoon Gunner Phelps was entertained at Mr Ray Moore's farm snugery, "Lilydale". Gunner Phelps was the second son of Mr J. Le Vassey Phelps of Manly to enlist. His brother Corporal Reg Phelps enlisted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion Infantry and served at Gallipoli, But was now in the Red Cross Stores in Egypt having been wounded by a rifle gun shot in the shoulder.<sup>1522</sup>

### **Phelps Reginald Welchman**

Private No.1585 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements

Private Phelps was a 25 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on April 16, 1915. His father was James Phelps of 18 Woods Parade, Manly in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 "Themistocles" on May 12, 1915.<sup>1523</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Phelps of Mangrove Mountain, then in the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital, Heliopolis, cabled on September 27, "Wounds not serious; doing well." The father of the wounded soldier was a member of the R. V. R. R., No. 1 Company, Colonel Wallace, Ballarat, 1862-3, while his grandfather was one of the "Die Hards," 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment and served under three kings, George III, George IV and William IV.<sup>1524</sup> He was the brother of Harold Phelps and had been promoted to Corporal.<sup>1525</sup>

### **Phillips Roy Alexander^**

Private No.7758 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Phillips of Kanwal, near Wyong enlisted September 3, 1917. His father was A. W. Phillips of 77 Woolcott St Darlinghurst in Sydney. He embarked on board HMAT A38 "Ulysses" on 19 December 1917.<sup>1526</sup> He was a 28 year old single, orchardist. He

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<sup>1522</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1523</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1524</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1525</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1526</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1526</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed

was admitted to hospital in England with an illness on February 21, 1918 and admitted again with influenza on June 5, 1918. On September 18, 1918 he received a gunshot wound to the head and right shoulder and was taken to 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Field Ambulance where he died.<sup>1527</sup>

### **Phipps Colin**

Trooper No.2065 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Trooper Phipps was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 25 year old single, station overseer when he enlisted on September 21, 1915. His mother was Jas. Crawford of Mt. Bismarck in Queensland. He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT A62 “Wandilla” on January 31, 1916.<sup>1528</sup>

### **Pickett Joseph Edward**

Gunner No.5488 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

There were no attestation papers available at this time. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on October 11, 1915. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Pickett was from Matcham

### **Pile Sydney Clarence**

Private No.N23253 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Pile was born at Gosford and was residing in Somersby. He was a 27 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on March 28, 1916.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr and Mrs Pile had received the distressing information that their son Private Pile had been wounded in France. No details had been received and that his wound was not a serious one.<sup>1529</sup> He later had recovered from his wounds.<sup>1530</sup>

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<sup>1527</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1528</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1529</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1530</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In another article it was reported that Mr Henry Pile of Penang received a cable on Saturday stating that his son was wounded about April 18, 1918 had since then had to have his left leg amputated. Private Pile had been wounded on two previous occasions. He was in the battle of Messines on July 12, 1917, when he was wounded in the right leg. After being in hospital for seven months he returned to the firing line on February 17, 1918, to be again struck down two months later.<sup>1531</sup>

In a further article it was reported that numbering among the most enjoyable functions held in the district was one which took place on Thursday night last, when residents from all parts of the Mountain district and also from Gosford, gathered at the Somersby Hall to offer a welcome home to Private Pile, after being on active service for two years. The proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a short concert programme to which the following artists contributed; Mrs Hammond, Miss Britten, Mr Peter Howe, Mr W. Glass, Mr A. G. Leask, Master Glass and last, but by no means least, Mr F. W. Fletcher, who kept the audience in roars of laughter. Mr Fletcher was undoubtedly a comedian of the first rank and will at any time be received with applause at Somersby.

Mr H. S. Robinson, Chairman, then addressed the meeting and in a few well-chosen words offered Private Pile on his own behalf and on behalf of the Somersby Progress Association, a hearty welcome home. He then called upon Mr Stayner to speak a few words of welcome. Mr Stayner said he was very pleased to be there and looked upon it as an honour to be able to welcome home one who had done so much for his King and Empire. Private Pile was one of those brave and gallant men who made the name of Australia a household word throughout the world. He had very much pleasure in extending to Private Pile the hand of welcome and trusted that he would live long to enjoy the fruits of victory he had been fighting so long for.

Cannon Studs, who was called upon to make a presentation, said that he had been present and had addressed all kinds of meetings, but he had never attended one with greater pleasure than this one to welcome Private Pile. That such a large number of

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<sup>1531</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

people were present was an evidence of the esteem and admiration in which the returned soldier was held. He was sorry that Private Pile had been wounded on the battlefield, but felt that he had much more cause for congratulation than sympathy and was sure that Private Pile himself would consider it an honour to have lost a limb in defence of his home and his Empire. On behalf of the residents of Somersby he then presented Private Pile with a handsome gold medal suitably inscribed with the wish that he would long be spared to live among a people who had every respect and admiration for him. The audience rose and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"

Private Pile, on rising to respond, received a rousing reception. He thanked them all for the splendid welcome they had given him and also for the medal which would always be one of his most cherished possessions. He said he was glad to have been at the front to do his bit and considered that every young man who could go should be there doing his bit also. He was very glad to be back among all his old friends, but would prefer to be among the boys in the trenches. Supper was then handed round after which dancing was commenced. Mr W. Glass acted as accompanist and also played all the dance music. This gentleman was always to the fore when anything needed doing and his services on this occasion were specially appreciated likewise those of Mr F. Fletcher. The hall was again tastefully decorated by Mrs Parsons and Miss Britten. These ladies never seem to tire of rendering assistance whenever they are required.<sup>1532</sup>

### **Pine John\***

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Pine was reported killed in action on May 12, 1917. Up to 1915 he was a resident of Gosford and worked on many of the Shire road contracts. He enlisted from Cessnock and sailed about 12 months earlier. He left a wife and four children and was the brother of Mrs Fred Sanders of Narara. His mother died at the latter place a few months earlier.<sup>1533</sup>

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<sup>1532</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1533</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Pinkstone Norman Ewart Franklin**

Lieutenant No.883 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, B Coy

Lieutenant Pinkstone was a 20 year old single, journalist when he enlisted on August 20, 1914. His mother was Emile Jane Pinkstone of Thomson St in Cootamundra N.S.W. He previously served in the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914. *The Gosford Times* reported that Lieutenant Pinkstone of Mangrove Mountain and the brother of Captain Sidney Pinkstone, was promoted to Captain.<sup>1534</sup>

### **Pinkstone Sidney Albert**

Corporal No.511 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade

Corporal Pinkstone was a 22 year old single, printer when he enlisted on August 18, 1914. His father lived at Peats Ridge. He previously served as Lieutenant 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914.<sup>1535</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Pinkstone was the son of Mr F. Pinkstone and was from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>1536</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Captain Pinkstone returned from the war during the week and on Tuesday went up to Mangrove Mountain for a rest. He enlisted when the war broke out and sailed with the first contingent. From the rank of Corporal he was promoted to Captain and had once been wounded. Captain Pinkstone went right through the Gallipoli campaign with three other brothers, one of whom, Vic lost his life in battling against the Turks.<sup>1537</sup>

Mr F. Pinkstone had received word that his son was sailing home. Captain Pinkstone had been through the whole of the present campaign from the commencement of hostilities at Gallipoli and through the heavy fighting in France.<sup>1538</sup> Captain Pinkstone who was spending a holiday on Mangrove Mountain was returning to the front on

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<sup>1534</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1535</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit.*

<sup>1536</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by

<sup>1537</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1538</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

August 18, 1917.<sup>1539</sup> He embarked from Sydney as a Captain of 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 31, 1917.<sup>1540</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that a cable from Captain Pinkstone, who was recently out in Australia on furlough, had been wounded and was in England. He had a bullet wound in the leg, but generally speaking had been one of the lucky ones among the original Anzacs.<sup>1541</sup> Captain Pinkstone was a brother of Captain Norman Pinkstone.

### **Pinkstone Victor John\***

Private No.964 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, E Company

Private Pinkstone was a 19 year old farmer when he enlisted on August 22, 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914. He was killed in action at Lone Pine in Gallipoli on August 7-12, 1915.<sup>1542</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Pinkstone of Mangrove Mountain, who enlisted shortly after the war broke out, was reported to have been killed in action at Gallipoli between August 7 and 12. He was only 19 years of age’ the youngest of three brothers in the firing line. Deceased had previously been wounded and the previous letter from him found that he was in the hospital at Zietoun, in which he stated that he had almost recovered and hoped soon to be back with his mates in the Gallipoli trenches. His other two brothers were both in the hospital. They are sons of Mr Fred Pinkstone, proprietor of the Cootamundra *Herald* and the three went with the 1<sup>st</sup> Expedition, landing on the Peninsula on the historic April 25. After six hours in that terrible encounter Victor got a bullet through one of his legs. A couple of months later he returned to the firing line, and the sad news came that he had been killed. Particulars of the late Private Victor Pinkstone had been sent from Gallipoli by his brother Norman, who was with him when he died. .<sup>1543</sup>

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<sup>1539</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1540</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1541</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1542</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1543</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In another article it was reported that a small party of men were left in charge of a Turkish captured trench. They were only a handful and had had a hard fight to hold it all the night before. At daylight Norman left Victor in charge of his section and went back to his post. Word then came to Norman that Victor had been wounded. When Norman got back to him, Victor said "Don't worry Norman. I'm done for. Say goodbye to everyone for me. Just give me a drink. I'm in no pain. All feeling has left me." And while Norman was preparing a bandage, Victor died, smiling and happy. There was a little consolation in knowing that he did not suffer. He was wounded in the back with shrapnel and paralysed. Norman was knocked out a few hours afterwards. He was picked up insensible from shock from a bomb that burst at the back of him and he was carried off to hospital. Sidney Pinkstone was wounded about the same time.<sup>1544</sup>

### **Piper James**

Engineer, Australian Light Horse

There were a number of James Piper mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Piper was from Woy Woy and a large gathering was expected to be at a complimentary social to be held on Thursday before he leaves for Mesopotamia.<sup>1545</sup>

### **Place Edward Henry^**

Private No.6369 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Place was from Narara. He was a 25 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 12, 1916. His father was John Edward Place of Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A64 "Demosthenes" December 23, 1916. He died of wounds on October 6, 1918 in France. He was shot about 300 yards from the hop off point in front of Bellcone Farm. He was put on the No. 5 Ambulance Train at Tincourt near Peronne with a gunshot wound to his right thigh and fractured femur. He died at 1.30 a.m. as the train was passing Poix on the way to Rouen where the body was detained.<sup>1546</sup>

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<sup>1544</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1545</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1546</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr J. E. Place of Narara received a cable announcing the death of his son Private Place from wounds received on the battle field in France.<sup>1547</sup>

### **Plews William Edward**

Sergeant No.892 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Sergeant Plews was a 27 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 2, 1915. His father was William E Plews of Gosford. He previously served 2 years in St George Rifles. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on November 23, 1915.<sup>1548</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr W. E. Plews from Green Point received word that his son Sergeant Plews of 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneers had been wounded in France and was at present an inmate of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Hospital, Brighton, England, suffering from a gunshot wound to the right arm and a severe gunshot wound penetrating the abdomen.<sup>1549</sup> Sergeant Plews was reported to be convalescent.<sup>1550</sup>

### **Pocock Herbert George**

Private No.7038 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Pocock was a 23 year old single, gardener when he enlisted on October 23, 1916. His mother was Charlotte Pocock of Cooranbong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916.<sup>1551</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Pocock was from Corranbong and a farewell and presentation was held in the Cooranbong Public School on Saturday evening under the auspices of the local Soldiers Recognition Association. Private Pocock was presented with a medal and was also the recipient of a wallet from Mr E. Andrews. A most enjoyable programme was rendered and ample refreshments provided. Mr E.

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<sup>1547</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1548</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1549</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1550</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1551</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.



Taylor was chairman and made the presentation while Miss Ivy Jenkins, a soldier's daughter, pinned on the colours.<sup>1552</sup>

### **Pollard William**

Private

There were numbers of William Pollard mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Pollard was from Matcham

### **Porritt Alexander Military Medal^**

Corporal No.2671 45th Battalion, C Company

Corporal Porritt was a 29 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on June 13, 1915. His mother was Mrs E. Porritt of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 "Runic" on August 9, 1915. He died of wounds on February 27, 1917 in France. He was a bomber and was in charge of the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of the bombers, during the attack at Gudecourt he was struck by a piece of bomb. He was semi-conscious when he was hit and hardly knew his companions. He was taken away on a stretcher to the South Midland Casualty Clearing Station where he died.<sup>1553</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs Porritt had been officially informed that her eldest son, who was in Egypt had been wounded by a gunshot in the right arm and was at present in the hospital.<sup>1554</sup> In another article it was reported that Mrs Porritt of Gosford received word on the Friday that he third son Alexander was killed in France on February 27, 1917.<sup>1555</sup> Mrs Porritt had three sons at the war. On Friday Rev A. Renwick received a telegram requesting him to break the sad news to her of her third son's death. He died from gunshot wounds in the chest. The deceased soldier was 29 years of age, was born at Moredun near Ben Lomond and enlisted in June 1915. He served in the Peninsular campaign and was present at the evacuation of Gallipoli. Lance-Corporal

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<sup>1552</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1553</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1554</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1555</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Porritt was a fine stamp of young Australian, being 6 feet in height and weighed 13 stone 7 pounds. He was a splendid horseman, a good rifle shot and a prominent member of the Manchester Unity Order of Oddfellows. Two of his brothers were in the firing line, one attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse and the other doing his duty in the trenches somewhere in France. Mrs C. Metyard was Private Porritt's sister.<sup>1556</sup>

In a further article it was reported that Mrs Porritt had been officially informed that her son, Corporal Porritt, who died of wounds the previous February, was awarded the Military Medal for bravery and that the medal was being sent on.<sup>1557</sup> she received the Military Medal won by her hero son Corporal A. Porritt for bravery on the field of battle and who met his death in France the previous February.<sup>1558</sup>

### **Potter Walter Ernest\***

Private No.3395 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Potter was from Woy Woy.<sup>1559</sup> He was a 25 year old single, fuel man when he enlisted on August 5, 1915. His father was W. R. Potter of Raydon Stores, Disco in Norfolk in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915. He was killed in action on July 19, 1916 at Fromelles in France.<sup>1560</sup> A cable was received stating that Private Potter, son of Mr Potter, one time station master at Woy Woy had been killed in action in France on July 19 or 20.<sup>1561</sup>

### **Price Edwin James**

Private No.2369 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Price was a 44 year old and married when he enlisted on May 23, 1916. His wife was Wilhelmina Adelaide Price of Morisset. He embarked from Sydney on board

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<sup>1556</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1557</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1558</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1559</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1560</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit.*.

<sup>1561</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

HMAT A30 “Borda” on October 17, 1916.<sup>1562</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Price was from Martinsville and a send-off for him was given in the local hall on Wednesday night. He was on his final leave prior to his departure for the front. Dancing was indulged in until the break of day. After supper, Mr Charles Pointer (President) spoke of his departure and called upon Mrs Patrick Martin who, on behalf of the ladies, presented him with a safety razor. Mr F. W. Kidd, who also presented him with a combination jack knife and tin opener, hoped that good use of the presents and that he would have a better reception on his return home and that peace would soon be declared. The gathering was representative of the whole district.<sup>1563</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private Price had been wounded in France.<sup>1564</sup> In a further article it was reported that on the previous Tuesday he returned home from active service in France, having been wounded in the arm. He was cordially received by a number of his friends. Private Price was a veteran, having served under the colours in South Africa and could tell many a yarn regarding that campaign. He enlisted early in 1917, but did not sail until October. Unfortunately his service in France was brief, but he had the satisfaction of knowing he had done his duty to King and Country. He was still under treatment at the time of his return. Owing to the date of his return being uncertain, he had not been given a Welcome Home, but it was the intention of his friends and well-wishers to give him a district welcome, along with others, who were due to arrive in a few days.<sup>1565</sup>

In another article it was reported that he arrived home. An energetic Committee in Cooranbong amalgamated with Martinsville to welcome him home before the end of the month.<sup>1566</sup> And on Friday afternoon a welcome home social was tendered by residents of Martinsville to Private Price. During the evening he was presented with a suitably inscribed medal with Battalion colours. This was pinned on by Miss Ivy Jenkins, whose father was still at the front. The presentations were made by Mr C.

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<sup>1562</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1563</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1564</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1565</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1566</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Pointer, who acted as chairman. Speeches were made by Mr J. Adams, Mr P. Gardiner, Mr E. Taylor and George Taylor of Yarramalong. Private Price responded.<sup>1567</sup>

### **Price Samuel George**

Private No.4292 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Price was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 20 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 25, 1915. His father was Thomas Price of East Greta N.S.W. He previously served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 "Aeneas" on December 20, 1915.<sup>1568</sup>

### **Priest William George**

Private No.N96714

Private Priest was born at Wyong. He was a 19 year old single, electrician when he enlisted on November 11, 1918. His father was Clarence Chapman Priest of Bessnock St, Kurri Kurri N.S.W. He previously served 4 years in the cadets and 2 years in the militia.<sup>1569</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Pritchard Herbert Roy**

Private No.869 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Pritchard was from Matcham. He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 30, 1915. His father was G. Pritchard of Oak Rd in Matcham. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on May 1, 1916.

### **Pritchard William**

Private Infantry

There were numbers of William Pritchard mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Pritchard was from Matcham.

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<sup>1567</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1568</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1569</sup> *Ibid*

### **Preston C. C. \***

There were numbers of C. C. Preston mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry recorded that he was from Tuggerah.<sup>1570</sup>

### **Preston Leslie**

Private No.3105 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Preston was a 21 year old single, gardener when he enlisted on January 31, 1917. His mother was Emma Preston of Kangy Angy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 “Benalla” on May 17, 1917.<sup>1571</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Preston was from Tuggerah and answered his country’s call and was to go into camp that day.<sup>1572</sup> A social evening and dance was held in the local hall at Tuggerah for the purpose of entertaining Private Preston, the eldest son of Mr Joseph Preston of Kangy Angy, who had joined the A.I.F. for active service abroad. The presentation of a wristlet watch was made to Private Preston by Mr J. E. Ward, President of the Entertainment Committee speeches were also made by Mr Jennett, Mr W. Sales, Mr A. Pescud and Mr W. B. Lees. Mr A. G. Buttenshaw responded on behalf of the young soldier, after which a ring was formed and the large gathering of friends heartily sang “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow”. Refreshments were provided by the ladies and at midnight after a dance programme the National Anthem was sung.<sup>1573</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Preston had been wounded in France. He had been in the firing line since November 1, 1917.<sup>1574</sup>

### **Preston Stanley Herbert**

Private No.87451

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<sup>1570</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

<sup>1571</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1572</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1573</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1574</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Preston was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 20 year old single, dairyman when he enlisted on August 13, 1918. His father was William Preston of Brooklet via Burra Burra, Lismore N.S.W. Private Preston resided at the same address. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Carpentaria” on November 7, 1918.<sup>1575</sup>

### **Pryce Errol William Carron**

Private No.2699 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Price was a 19 year old single, bank clerk when he enlisted on August 25, 1916. His father was John Thomas Pryce of Kincumber. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Napier” on November 17, 1916.<sup>1576</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Pryce was from Kincumber and he sailed on active service on November 17.<sup>1577</sup>

### **Quigley James Henry**

Private No.843 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Quigley was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, miner when he enlisted on August 29, 1914. He previously was a member of the Gosford Rifle Club for 1½ years. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A46 “Clan McGillivray” on February 2, 1915.<sup>1578</sup>

### **Quintel G.**

Infantry

There was one Quintel mentioned in attestation papers and it was not G. Quintel. *The Gosford Times* reported that G. Quintel was from Empire Bay.

### **Rae Thomas Robert\***

Private No.2424 14<sup>th</sup> Field Corps Engineers

Private Rae was from Matcham. He was a 35 year old mining engineer when he enlisted on August 30, 1915. His mother was M. Rae of Provincial Rd, Lindfield in Sydney. He embarked from Fremantle on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on June 6, 1916.<sup>1579</sup> He was

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<sup>1575</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1576</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1577</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1578</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1579</sup> *Ibid*

killed in action on October 30, 1917. He was killed instantly by a shell near a pill box between West Roek Ridge and Anzac Ridge, Ypres in Belguim. Several others were killed and wounded by the same shell. They were putting up a shelter at the time for the Artillery men when they were hit. It was about 9.30 a.m. He was described as being 38 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, shallow medium build. He was buried about 200 yards from where he was killed.<sup>1580</sup>

### **Ralph Lawrence Albert**

Private No.2736 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Ralph was born at Gosford. He was a 27 year old single, iron moulder when he enlisted on October 14, 1915. His mother was Susan Ralph of Edna St, Lillyfield in Sydney.<sup>1581</sup>

### **Ramsey Vivian Johnston**

Private No.36656 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Private Ramsey was a 29 year old single, bank accountant when he enlisted on February 17, 1917. His father was Thomas Joseph Ramsey of 53 West St, Petersham in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT "Port Sydney" on November 5, 1917.<sup>1582</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Ramsey was the cashier at the Bank of New South Wales at Hornsby. He enlisted during the week.<sup>1583</sup>

### **Randall Kenneth George\***

Private No.3251 33rd Battalion

Private Randall was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on April 10, 1916. His father was Alfred Randall of Terminus St, Liverpool in Sydney. His mother was Avery Randall. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916.<sup>1584</sup> He was killed in action and buried on the north edge of St Martin's Wood one mile east of Proyart on August 22, 1918. The Battalion had dug itself in and whilst they were digging the enemy started to shell them and the Officer

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<sup>1580</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>1581</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1582</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1583</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1584</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

Commanding B Coy moved Headquarters into a sort of tin shelter. A shell fell right on this at about 10 a.m. and killed five soldiers Private Randall among them. And at about 8 p.m. two men from each platoon buried the dead. He was the Lewis gunner for headquarters. He was described as being about 5 foot 8 inches tall, medium build, darkish, about 20 years old.

### **Randall Leslie Alfred**

Private No.3908 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Randall was a 19 year old married labourer when he enlisted on August 27, 1915. His wife was Gladys Randall of 40 Charles St, Stanmore in Sydney. He previously served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT At “Medic” on December 30, 1915.<sup>1585</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Randall was from Wyong He was entertained by the members of the Town Band at a Euchre Party and Social in the Literary Institute on Wednesday evening the previous week. There was a large attendance of townspeople and an enjoyable evening passed all too rapidly. After the euchre tournament, at which Miss H. Wilson and Mr Ray were the respective winners of the lady’s and gentlemen’s prizes, Mr Lloyd-Jones, on behalf of the Recruiting Association, presented Private Randall with a silver matchbox. He responded suitably. His brief speech was received with hilarity by the good nature of the audience.<sup>1586</sup>

### **Randall Stanley Leonard**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Randall was a 23 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on August 28, 1914. His mother was Sidney Jane Randall of Wyong. He had resigned from the Colonial Forces. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 20, 1914.<sup>1587</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that in the 42<sup>nd</sup> list published on Monday night, S. L. Randall, of Wyong was given as being wounded.<sup>1588</sup>

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<sup>1585</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1586</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1587</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1588</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Randell Kenneth George\***

Private No.3251, 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8th Reinforcements, B Company

Private Randell was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on April 10, 1916. His father was Alfred Randell of Terminus St, Liverpool N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on November 11, 1916. He was killed in action on August 23, 1918 in France. He was a Lewis gunner attached to Headquarters when between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning beyond Proyart in the reserve lines when Randell and others were digging in when the Germans started to shell them. A shell fell right on top of them killing five soldiers, Randell among those killed.<sup>1589</sup>

### **Ransney T. H.**

Private

There was no Ransney mentioned in attestation or embarkation papers. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Ransney was from Wagstaff Point. He had been gassed in France.<sup>1590</sup>

### **Rea Henry Thomas**

Private No.5169 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Rea was a 33 year old single, blacksmith when he enlisted on December 28, 1915. His mother was Mrs Rea of Yackandanda in Victoria. His sister was Margaret Michaelson of Matcham. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A16 "Star of Victoria" on March 31, 1916.<sup>1591</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Rea from Matcham was reported wounded somewhere in France.<sup>1592</sup>

### **Reckless Herbert Reginald**

Private No.1210, 36th Battalion, 2 Coy

Private Reckless was born at Woy Woy. He was a 20 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on February 7, 1916. His father was Robert Henry Reckless of Port Macquarie

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<sup>1589</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1590</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1591</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1592</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916.<sup>1593</sup>

### **Reddall Bruce Allan**

Trooper No.3372 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse

Trooper Reddall was a 25 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on March 22, 1917. His mother was Mrs Reddall of Cambridge St, Stanmore in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 "Port Lincoln" on June 11, 1917.<sup>1594</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that the most pleasant evening yet spent at Somersby was tendered to Trooper Reddall prior to his departure to the front. It was held in the School of Arts, which was overcrowded by the many friends and well-wishes assembled to honour the guest. A number of friends came several miles to be present. During the evening Trooper Reddall was presented with a pair of military brushes, money belt, soldier's kit, fountain pen, knitted vest and other comforts. A number of songs and recitations were contributed to the pleasure of the evening. After partaking refreshments, dancing followed, music being provided by Mr Ford of Woy Woy and Mr F. Gavenlock of Niagara Park.<sup>1595</sup>

In another article it was reported that on Saturday night at the residence of Mr A. E. Lackersteen, a banquet and social evening was tendered to Trooper Reddall on the eve of his departure for the front. Among those present were Mr A. E. Lackersteen, Mr A. G. Leask, Mr F. Kilkenny, Mr Glass, Mr A. R. Studds, Mr T. Studds, Mr R. Moore, Mr J. Tubby, and their guest Trooper Reddall. Mr F. Kilkenny, who was voted the chair, opened the proceedings by proposing the toast to the King, which was drunk with great enthusiasm. After full justice had been done to the excellent viands provided, the chairman said they had met together to do honour to Trooper Reddall.

They knew the value of the man the district of Somersby was losing, they still realised in this hour of the nation's need every man was wanted and they applauded the action of their guest in his offering his services in defence of his King and country. He then

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<sup>1593</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1594</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1595</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

asked those present to drink, with bumper glasses, the health of their guest, Trooper Reddall. Mr Ray Moore said he would like to support the toast and fully endorsed the remarks of their chairman. Mr Moore said he had known their guest for a considerable time and had always found him one of the best fellows.

Mr A. R. Stubbs in supporting the toast said he could not allow the occasion to pass without expressing his appreciation of the sterling worth of their soldier guest, whom they were all convinced would acquit himself with credit on the battlefield. Trooper Reddall, in responding said he hardly knew how to express his feelings. He could only say that he felt it was his duty to try and do his bit, which he would do to the best of his ability. He thanked all those present and he could assure them that from nowhere would he take away with him to the other side more pleasant memories and associations than from the Penang Mountain and the district.

Mr Glass then proposed the toast to the absent ones who had died in defence of their country, which was honoured in silence. Mr A. R. Studds proposed Our Host, Mr A. E. Lackersteen and the toast was drunk with musical honours. Mr Lackersteen suitably responded. After singing Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.<sup>1596</sup> It was later reported that Trooper Reddall was now with the Australian Light Horse in Palestine.<sup>1597</sup>

### **Reddall Bruce**

Private No.

There were numbers of Bruce Reddall mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that on Friday evening last the friends of Private Reddall assembled at the house of Mrs W. Moore at Penang where a social evening and farewell was tendered their much respected friend, who was present in khaki being on his final leave prior to his departure to the front. During the well-attended function which was unanimously pronounced as

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<sup>1596</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1597</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

the best yet held on the Mountain, Private Reddall was made the recipient of a wristlet watch with luminous dial in addition to special gifts of knitted comforts from Mrs Dodds and Mrs H. Moore.<sup>1598</sup> In a further article it was reported that Private Reddall had sailed with his Battalion for France.<sup>1599</sup>

### **Reddall Colin Emile**

Private No.9972 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Reddall was from Mangrove Mountain. He was a 21 year old single, fruit grower when he enlisted on September 24, 1915. His mother was Edith Emily Reddall of “Tresco” in Cambridge St, Stanmore in Sydney. He previously served in the senior cadets.<sup>1600</sup> There were no embarkation details on file.

### **Redgate Edgar Harold**

Sapper No. 2160 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers

Sapper Redgate was a 21 year old single, farmer from Tumby Umbi and enlisted on April 14, 1916 and embarked on June 6, 1916. On March 18, 1917 he was admitted to hospital and on September 21, 1917 he was wounded and re-joined his unit on October 19, 1917. He was gassed on July 23, 1918 and re-joined his unit on September 2, 1918. He returned to Australia on the ship “Anchises” on October 8, 1919 and was discharged November 30, 1919.<sup>1601</sup> His father was Charles Redgate of Gosford.<sup>1602</sup> His brother was Hugh Charles Redgate.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Redgate, writing in July stated that he was in the same battle in which G. Archibald was wounded, but came through with only a slight graze on his arm and further stated that they were in training for another big push. He complained that he was not receiving any letters from home.<sup>1603</sup> In another article Sapper Redgate wrote to say that he was getting along all right. He was wounded below

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<sup>1598</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1599</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1600</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*.

<sup>1601</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1602</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1603</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

the left eye, but hoped to be back in the trenches very soon.<sup>1604</sup> In a further article it was recorded that Private Redgate, who was recently gassed was getting along all right.<sup>1605</sup>

### **Redgate Hugh Charles**

Private No.2738 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Redgate was a 28 year old single, orchardist from Tumby Umbi. His father was Charles Redgate and he enlisted on August 16, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915 and returned to Australia on the ship H T "Wiltshire" on November 12, 1916 and was discharged medically unfit.<sup>1606</sup> His brother was Edgar Harold Redgate.

*The Gosford Times* reported that he was from Tumby Umbi and was reported as being wounded in France.<sup>1607</sup> He stated that he was wounded in the face with shrapnel on August 17, 1916 and was at present in Chelsea Hospital in London where he was progressing well.<sup>1608</sup> He later wrote home to his parents that he had lost the sight of his left eye, but not to worry as many poor chaps would not be able to see the sights at all. He said they were being well treated in England<sup>1609</sup>

In a further article it was reported that Private Redgate was still in the hospital at Randwick where he had undergone two more operations. He had his left eye removed while in the hospital in England.<sup>1610</sup> In his next letter from Randwick he stated that he had again been under X-rays and he did not know what the doctor's report would be this time. It would take months to heal his wounds and that he may get leave for a day or so. He was home on leave at Easter for a few days, but had to return to hospital

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<sup>1604</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1605</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1606</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1607</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1608</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1609</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1610</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

before the leave expired. A welcome home was to be given to him as soon as he was well enough to attend.<sup>1611</sup>

In a later article it was reported that Private Redgate had another operation in Randwick Military Hospital.<sup>1612</sup> Private Redgate who was wounded 12 months earlier was still in Randwick Hospital where he had yet to undergo several operations.<sup>1613</sup> Then finally it was reported that a welcome home concert and social was to be tendered to Private Redgate in Tumby Umbi Hall on Wednesday November 28, 1917.<sup>1614</sup> The gold medal presented to Private Redgate was designed by Mrs “Farb” Campbell of Wamberal.<sup>1615</sup>

### **Redgate William Henry\***

Private No.2820 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Redgate was from Tumby Umbi. He was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 5, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915. He was wounded with a gunshot wound to the right shoulder and left loin on December 29, 1916 and re-joined his unit on May 11, 1917. On July 8, 1917 he was admitted to hospital with scabies and sycosis and re-joined his unit on August 5, 1917. He was killed in action on April 16, 1918 at Strazeele in France from a shell explosion on Brigade Headquarters.<sup>1616</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private W. H. Redgate was on leave and had been home for the week-end. He said that camp life was alright, plenty to eat and so on, but thought there should be more practice with the rifle.<sup>1617</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Redgate was in the Horseferry Road Hospital, having been wounded in the shoulder blade and loin by gunshot. Mr C. Redgate had two other sons in khaki, one

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<sup>1611</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1612</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1613</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1614</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1615</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1616</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1617</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

having been invalided home wounded and the other a sapper in the Pioneer's only landing in France on November 2, 1917.<sup>1618</sup> Private Redgate had fully recovered from his wounds and said he was in France again and was with his old 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion.<sup>1619</sup>

He wrote a letter saying that he was now in camp at Durham Downs but expected to be back in the trenches by the time the letter was received. He said he met Clem Dafter the other day in the same hut he was in. they did not know one another at first.<sup>1620</sup> In a further article it was reported that Private Redgate had fully recovered from his wounds and was back in the trenches in France.<sup>1621</sup> In a letter from the front, it was stated that he was quite fit and he found very few of his old mates left when he got back to his Battalion, though he expected some to return when they recovered. He wished to be remembered to the Tumbi people and said not to be surprised to see his Division marching victorious up George Street one of these days.<sup>1622</sup>

Private Redgate was in charge of a Bomb Dump and he wrote that he was camped on his own in a dug-out on the bank of a stream with no company but rats as big as sheep dogs. He said he was well and to remember him to his Tumbi Umby friends.<sup>1623</sup> He went back into action again after a brief holiday spent in England.<sup>1624</sup>

Private Redgate was killed in action on April 14, 1918 and the sad news was conveyed to the family by Rev. Father Kelly on Tuesday. Private Redgate who enlisted with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion was a son of the grand old warrior Mr Charles Redgate of Tumby Umby, who had three sons at the front.<sup>1625</sup> He was the brother-in-law of Private W.

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<sup>1618</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1619</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1620</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1621</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1622</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1623</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1624</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1625</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Archibald.<sup>1626</sup> A letter by Private W. Archibald in “Letters from the Battlefield described how he was killed.

### **Redman Frank**

Private No.2736 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Redman was born at Gosford. He was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 4, 1915. His next of kin was John Redman of Spears Point via Newcastle N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1916.<sup>1627</sup>

### **Rees John Gladstone**

Private No.66782 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Rees was born at Wyong. He was a 19 year old single, engineer’s apprentice at Clyde Engineering Company at Granville in Sydney for the previous 3 years. His father was Henry Rees of Station St, Homebush in Sydney. He previously served 1 year in 40<sup>th</sup> Battalion militia. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Wyreema” on October 14, 1918.<sup>1628</sup>

### **Regan Thomas Reginald Wilfred**

Private No.866 1 Anzac Cyclist Battalion

Private Regan was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, motor driver when he enlisted on November 8, 1916. His mother was Amelia Regan of 1 Railway Lane, Wickham in Newcastle. He previously served 12 months in the Citizen’s Military Forces (C.M.F.) in Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A9 “Shropshire” on May 11, 1917.<sup>1629</sup>

### **Reilley Edward Mathew Joseph**

Private No.215 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Reilley was born at Wiseman’s Ferry. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 1, 1914. His mother was Elizabeth Reilley of Wyong

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<sup>1626</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1627</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1628</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1629</sup> *Ibid*



Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” on December 22, 1914.<sup>1630</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Reilly of Wyong Creek, wounded at the Dardanelles was the first recruit to enlist with the police at Gosford.<sup>1631</sup>

### **Reilly Ted**

Private

There were numbers of reilly mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

*The Gosford Times* reported that a presentation and welcome home was tendered to Private Ted Reilly on Wednesday evening, 27 October in Wyong Creek Literary Institute Hall.<sup>1632</sup>

### **Richards Allan William**

Private No.2382 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Richards was an 18 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on June 30, 1916. His father was William Richards of 98 Wolfe St, Newcastle. He previously served 4 years in the senior cadets and 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on October 17, 1916.<sup>1633</sup>

### **Richardson Joseph Bertram**

Private No.

Private Richardson was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 27 year old single, bricklayer contractor when he enlisted. His father was John Richardson. There was no embarkation file available.<sup>1634</sup>

### **Richardson Muyn Victor**

Private 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>1630</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1631</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1632</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1633</sup> Gosford Library, 2014, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1634</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Private Richardson was born at Yarramalong. He was a 21 year old single, motor mechanic when he enlisted on May 9, 1915. His father was A. G. Richardson of Roscoe St, Bondi in Sydney. There was no embarkation file available.<sup>1635</sup>

### **Richardson Victor John^**

Private No.4253 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, D Company

Private Richardson was a 21 year old single, saw miller when he enlisted on September 5, 1915. His next of kin was Mrs S. Brown of Bonville in Coffs Harbour. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 "Aeneas" on December 20, 1915. He died of wounds on July 24, 1916. On July 23, on the main attack at Pozieres he was badly wounded having his right foot blown off and compound fractures to both legs with other minor injuries caused by a high explosive shell. He was suffering greatly from shock and subsequently died that day at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Field Ambulance.<sup>1636</sup>

### **Richmond C. L.**

Private

There were numbers of C. L. Richmond mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Rigelsford Arthur John**

Private No.84 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade

Private Rigelsford was a 38 year old married timber cutter when he enlisted on August 27, 1914. His wife was Rosalind Maud Rigelsford of Point Clare. He previously served in the South African Army Medical Corps and 5 years in the Royal Australian Artillery. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 "Afric" on October 18, 1914.<sup>1637</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Rigelsford who left his wife and children at the country's call was appointed to the rank of Sergeant. He enlisted on August 27, 1914; a few weeks after war broke out and went through the Gallipoli campaign without being wounded. He had been in France for over 12 months and escaped the enemy's

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<sup>1635</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1636</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1637</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

fire, but latest reports are that he had been sent to England on the sick list and was in hospital.<sup>1638</sup>

He had been promoted to the rank of Corporal and had returned from the war and was to be entertained at a welcome home social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society at the School of Arts on Monday evening next.<sup>1639</sup> He was only invalided home for a short while then re-enlisted.<sup>1640</sup>

### **Riley Claude Ernest\***

Lance-Corporal No.2138 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Lance-Corporal Riley was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 4, 1915. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth Riley of Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 "Anchises" on August 24, 1916. He was killed in action on June 27, 1918 in France. Lance-Corporal Riley was from Wyong. He deserted from the A.I.F. and was arrested by Constable Munday of the Wyong Police and handed over to the Military Authorities.<sup>1641</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that it was officially reported that he had been killed in action.<sup>1642</sup> The Australian flag was hoisted half-mast at the local school where he learned his lessons as a mark of respect to his memory.<sup>1643</sup> It was officially recorded that Private Riley was killed in action on June 27, 1918.<sup>1644</sup>

### **Ritchie Frank Herbert^ Military Medal**

Private No.3514 14<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

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<sup>1638</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1639</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1640</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1641</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, February, 2, p.72, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>1642</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1643</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1644</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Ritchie was from Wamberal. He was a 19 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on August 4, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915. He was admitted to the 4<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Hospital in Abbassia with mumps. On July 21-25, 1917 he sprained his wrist. From September 15 to October 1, 1917 he was granted leave.<sup>1645</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Ritchie, who had enlisted was given a send-off at Mr Cashin’s residence at Wamberal. Proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, after which singing, dancing and speech-making was the order of the evening. Songs were rendered by Mrs Coulson, Mr Rosamond, Miss Weiss and Miss Coulter. During the interval refreshments were handed round by the ladies. Speeches were made by Mr P. Nolan, the chairman, Mr Smalley, Mr Robson, Mr Rosamond, Mr Redgate, Mr Weiss and Mr E. Watkins. Music for dancing was supplied by Miss Wilson of Terrigal and the Tumbi Umbi Band.<sup>1646</sup>

In another article it was reported that the most enjoyable social evening was held at Mr Cashing’s on Monday night, the occasion being a send-off to Frank Ritchie who went into camp at Liverpool on Wednesday.<sup>1647</sup> On August 6, 1918 he was admitted to the 5<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station the second time with a shell wound to the head where he died of wounds on August 8, 1918 in France.<sup>1648</sup>

## **Roberts James**

### **Navy**

Roberts was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour” list 1915 of the names of those local residents who served.<sup>1649</sup> There were a number of James Roberts mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast

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<sup>1645</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1646</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1647</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1648</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1649</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Roberts John Henry^**

Private Infantry No.4870 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Roberts was from Woy Woy. He was a 27 year old single, fettler when he enlisted on August 28, 1915. His father was C. Roberts of Woy Woy. He departed from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Star of England” on March 8, 1916. On October 11, 1916 he was admitted to hospital in France with impetigo and septic ulcer to his leg and was transferred to England. On February 6, 1917, he was admitted to hospital with scabies and on May 5, 1917, he was admitted to hospital with influenza. He died of wounds on February 15, 1918 in Belgium.<sup>1650</sup>

### **Roberts Richard Charles^**

Private, Stretcher bearer, No.5101 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Roberts was from Woy Woy. He was a 31 year old single, boot man when he embarked on November 27, 1915. His father was C. Roberts of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on June 5, 1916. He was Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL) from September 2 to 26, 1916. He died of wounds from a gunshot wound to the head and right leg and died in the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital on March 4, 1917 in Rouen, France.<sup>1651</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Roberts was from Woy Woy. Word had been received from the Military Authorities that Private Roberts had died of wounds in France. The sad news was communicated to the sorrowing parents Mr and Mrs C. Roberts by Rev. Mr Tanner on Monday. Dick was their eldest son and was 26 years of age. He enlisted about eight months earlier. His death took place at the base hospital in France. Many expressions of deep sympathy had been received by the parents at the news of their sad loss. A memorial service was to be held on Sunday at the Church of England Mission Hall.<sup>1652</sup> He was a brother to Private John Henry Roberts who also died of wounds in Belgium.<sup>1653</sup>

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<sup>1650</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1651</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1652</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1653</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

### **Roberts Reuben**

Private No.2894 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Roberts was born at Wyong. He was a 31 year old teamster when he enlisted on May 16, 1916. His wife was Lucy Ann Roberts of Dorrigo Post Office, N.S.W. His father was W. Roberts of “Durren Durran” in Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 25, 1916.<sup>1654</sup>

### **Roberts W. A. Military Medal**

Corporal

There were numbers of W. A. Roberts mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Roberts, a married man from Wollombi was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in France.

### **Robertson Donald**

Sergeant

There were numbers of Donald Robertson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs D. Robinson received a cable from her husband, who had been two years at the war, stating that he had been invalided home.<sup>1655</sup> In a further article it was reported that a welcome home social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society was held on Wednesday evening. Sergeant Robertson was home from the war<sup>1656</sup> and after three years’ service he had taken over the Bellevue Hotel in West Newcastle.<sup>1657</sup>

### **Robertson Hector Archibald Walter**

Private No.96029

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<sup>1654</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1655</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1656</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1657</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Robertson was born at Martinsville. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. His next of kin was a friend named Alec McVea of the Grand View Hotel, Paddington in Sydney.<sup>1658</sup>

### **Robertson Kenneth**

There were numbers of Kenneth Robinson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Robertson Thomas**

There were numbers of Thomas Robinson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Robinson W. M.**

There were numbers of W. M. Robertson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Robson Thomas**

Private

There were numbers of Thomas Robson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Robson passed through Gosford on Monday for Liverpool and expected to be sailing for the front on Thursday.<sup>1659</sup>

### **Rootsey Henry Allan**

Private No.4049 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1658</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1659</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Rootsey was born at Ourimbah. He was a 22 year old timber getter when he enlisted on July 13, 1915. His sister was Mrs Jones of the Ourimbah Post Office. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A31 “Ajana” on December 22, 1915.<sup>1660</sup>

### **Rose Albert Aaron**

Private

Private Rose was born at Webb’s Creek via Wiseman’s Ferry. He was a 20 year old single, farmer when he enlisted in 1918. His father was George Rose of Webb’s Creek via Wiseman’s Ferry.<sup>1661</sup> There was no embarkation file available.

### **Rose Amos Thomas#**

Private No.46327 Depot

Private Rose was from Webb’s Creek via Wiseman’s Ferry. He was a 30 year old farmer when he enlisted on April 20, 1916. His father was George Rose of Webb’s Creek via Wiseman’s Ferry. He was wounded from a bullet to his hand on May 18, 1916. He died of pneumonia in Newcastle Hospital on August 13, 1916.<sup>1662</sup> There was no embarkation file available.

### **Rose Arthur**

Private

There were numbers of Arthur Rose mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Rose a school teacher at Wiseman’s Ferry joined the colours.<sup>1663</sup>

### **Rose Edwin Linden**

Private

Private Rose was born at Wiseman’s Ferry. He was a 20 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on February 17, 1917. His father was William Henry Rose of Wiseman’s Ferry.

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<sup>1660</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1661</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1662</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1663</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



He previously served for 2 years and 9 months in the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia.<sup>1664</sup> There was no embarkation file available.

### **Rose James Victor**

Trooper No.3668 Australian Light Horse

Private Rose was born at Narara. He was a 20 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on June 4, 1917. His mother was Janes Rose of Narara. On June 14, 1917, Private Rose's father died and he became the sole provider for his mother and two siblings.<sup>1665</sup> There was no embarkation file available.

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday evening locals met in the Narara Hall to do honour to Trooper Rose. Mr R. Hill occupied the chair and after a musical programme had been rendered he was presented with a pocket wallet as well as knife, fork and spoon on behalf of the residents of Narara. Hugh Campbell returned thanks on himself and his mates. Mrs Walsh, Miss Harvey and Mr Ralph Teeson contributed to the evening's enjoyment and Miss Coull presided at the piano in her usual able manner. Sergeant Colman, Recruiting Officer for the district gave a humorous recitation, which was much appreciated.<sup>1666</sup>

### **Rose Wallace**

Private No.19346 7<sup>th</sup> B. A. Column

Private Rose was born at Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 10, 1916. His father was William Henry Rose of "Rosevale" at Wiseman's Ferry. He previously served 18 months in the naval cadets and was previously rejected for service due to bad eyesight. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A8 "Argyllshire" on May 11, 1916.<sup>1667</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Rose was from Wiseman's Ferry and had been wounded. His sight failed after five months in France. He had been doing home service duty in England and was on his way home.<sup>1668</sup>

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<sup>1664</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1665</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1666</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1667</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1668</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Ross F. R.**

#### Infantry

There were numbers of F. R. Ross mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Ross H. V.\***

There were numbers of H. V. Ross mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry recorded that he was from Hawkesbury.<sup>1669</sup>

### **Ross Lindsay**

Trooper No.153 No.1 Light Horse Regiment, Australian Light Horse

Trooper Lindsay was a 31 year old married fuel man when he enlisted on August 22, 1914. His wife was Edith Ethel Ross of “Chalons” Parry St, Hamilton in Newcastle. He was still serving after 2 years in the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A16 “Star of Victoria” on October 20, 1914.<sup>1670</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that the son of Mr W. Ross of Wyong was wounded at Gallipoli. He was the eldest son and his wife and child resided at Hamilton. When men were called for he was the first from Newcastle to enter the Australian Light Horse. Previous to that he had seen several years’ service in the Lancers and Mounted Infantry and was one of Newcastle’s crack shots. Upon arrival in Egypt, he suffered a chill owing to a long march in wet clothes and was sent to the Citadel Hospital. In his letters he spoke highly of the excellent treatment he received there during his stay of a month.

Making a fine recovery, he greatly increased in weight while in camp and apart from the sand nuisance found the climate of Egypt very enjoyable. It was a finely written

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<sup>1669</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country’s Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1670</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

letter by Trooper Ross defending the Australians against untruthful statements that called forth much favourable notice in the *Daily Telegraph*. While in Egypt he was placed in charge of a machine gun section of the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse. By occupation he was a draughtsman and a master carpenter. As a youth his penmanship, architectural and other drawings won him numerous prizes in public competition.<sup>1671</sup>

This young giant, just back from the Dardanelles, was first of all met at the Wyong railway station by the Recruiting Association and welcomed home, and then a few nights after was publicly received in the Literary Institute and presented with an inscribed gold medal by Mr H. J. Street on behalf of the Wyong people. A feature of the evening was the presence of the local military force under Sergeant Jones and their escorting Trooper Ross up the hall. The audience rose and cheered. His glad home coming was a nice set-off to the discomforts and pain of active service and hospitals spells.

The returned soldier had been twice in the hospital, first in Cairo, because of bronchitis contracted upon landing and marching a long distance leading a horse fresh from a sea voyage in drenching rain and secondly at Alexandria as the result of a bullet through the foot while at Gallipoli. He speaks in very high terms of the splendid treatment he received in both hospitals. The sea voyage had done him an immense amount of good, though he still suffers from rheumatism contracted in the dug-out on Gallipoli.

He had a long story to tell of his experiences in Egypt, Lemnos and Gallipoli, but at his welcome he merely urged the young men to proceed to the front, remarking that the returned soldiers were surprised to see thousands of young men holding back instead of enlisting. He hoped in a short time; if he got thoroughly well, to return to the front. He had been away a year and had no complaints to make. During the evening a programme was rendered and several of the items, as for instance a charming song by Miss Susie Kay, who was in excellent voice and a song delivered by Mr Lucas, delivered in a highly cultured manner and with the melodious tones, were of a high order.

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<sup>1671</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Wyong, however, should have had the orchestra present at these public functions. It was more than likely that they only used a kindly invitation. At the above meeting a hearty send-off was given to three recruits and suitable presents made to each. Councillor Wilkinson as chairman must have been delighted at the crowded audience which assembled to do honour to the brave lads. It was no secret that Trooper Lindsay Ross came of Highland fighting stock. The name Ross is a pure Celtic word meaning headland. Under Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Clan of Trooper Ross's grandmother, Clan Robertson, fought at Preston and won renown. Ross's relatives fought at the Crimea, The Peninsula and Waterloo.<sup>1672</sup>

### **Ross V.**

Private

There were numbers of V. Ross mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Ross was from Brooklyn.

### **Royde Benjamin Thomas**

Private No.6853 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Royde was 19 years of age from Wyong and was a fisherman. His parents were Henry and Ann Royde and he was the brother of John Henry Royde. He embarked on June 16, 1917 and disembarked at Plymouth on September 25, 1917. On August 31, 1918 he was wounded in France and on September 7, 1918 he was admitted to the Bath War Hospital in England with shrapnel wounds to the right chest. He returned to Australia on February 19, 1919 on the ship "Orca".<sup>1673</sup>

### **Royde John Henry\***

Private No.2148 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Royde was from Forster. He was a 26 year old single, fisherman when he enlisted on April 1, 1916. His mother was Mrs Mary Royde of 52 Hugo St, Reapon in

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<sup>1672</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1673</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 24, 1916.<sup>1674</sup> He was reported missing on October 12, 1917 and recorded as being killed in action on October 12, 1917 and his name is recorded on Menin Gate in Belgium.<sup>1675</sup> He was described as being short, medium build, about 25 years old.<sup>1676</sup>

### **Royde Roy**

Private

Private Royde was an 18year old dealer born at Gosford. His mother was Mary Ann Royde and was the brother of Benjamin Thomas Royde. He enlisted on August 30, 1918.<sup>1677</sup> There was no embarkation file available.

### **Ruddy George**

Private No.2177 5<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion

Private Ruddy was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 22 year old married miner when he enlisted on February 26, 1916. His wife was Mildred Ruddy of Morgan St in Merewether N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A46 “Clan McGillivray” on May 3, 1916.<sup>1678</sup>

### **Ruff Harold Thomas Irkin**

Private No.2862

Private Ruff was a 29 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on November 13, 1918. His father was Frederick Ruff of Wamberal. He previously served 2 years in the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on November 25, 1916<sup>1679</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that prior to leaving for the war Private Harold Ruff was entertained by the residents of Tumby Umbi and presented with a wristlet watch. Mr E. Robson made the presentation and Mr F. Ruff responded on behalf of his son.<sup>1680</sup>

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<sup>1674</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1675</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1676</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded%20and%20missing)

<sup>1677</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1678</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1679</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1680</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

## **Salmon Frank T.**

Private

There were no Frank Salmon mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Salmon was from Wyong Creek

*The Gosford Times* reported that a copy of Private Salmon's diary up to the arrival of his Brigade in England made very interesting reading. He said they were the first Australian recruits to begin their training in England.<sup>1681</sup> He was later promoted to Lance-Corporal.<sup>1682</sup> He later wrote to say that he was in action on November 14, when his company captured three German trenches. He was wounded by a piece of shrapnel passing through the calf of his leg and had a piece off the right arm and thumb. He was also suffering from trench feet and numbed hands.<sup>1683</sup>

It was further reported that Lance-Corporal Salmon was on his way home; his name was amongst the list of returning soldiers. His relative at the time had not received any official word.<sup>1684</sup> The residents were to give a welcome home to Private Salmon on Friday February 1, 1918. A record roll up was expected.<sup>1685</sup>

## **Scanlon Patrick\***

Private No.4297 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Scanlon was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 10, 1915. His father was Thomas Scanlon of Swanson St in Hexham N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 "Aeneas" on December 20, 1915.<sup>1686</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a welcome send-off social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society was held on Wednesday evening. Private Scanlon was leaving shortly

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<sup>1681</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, July, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1682</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1683</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1684</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1685</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1686</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

for the battle zone.<sup>1687</sup> Word had been received by his Mother Mrs J. McCarthy of Gosford that her son had been wounded in action.<sup>1688</sup> Later he was reported missing in action and then officially recorded as being killed in action on August 29, 1916. He had been relieved from a communication trench with others this side of Pozieres near Monquet Farm and they were on their way out when a shell exploded and he was buried and could not be found again. He was also a Coy runner delivering messages.<sup>1689</sup>

### **Scaysbrook Michael Edward**

Gunner No.2211 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Gunner Scaysbrook was a labourer from East Gosford and enlisted as a 29 year old on May 20, 1915. His parents were Mr E. Scaysbrook and his mother was Margaret. His wounds were November, 14 1916- Hospital-France-Trench Feet, January, 22 1917, Hospital in France, Dental and on March 17, 1917, He suffered a gunshot wound to the chest and he was transferred to England. He returned to Australia and was discharged.<sup>1690</sup>

### **Schofield J.**

Infantry

There were numbers of J. Scofield mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Schubert Cecil**

Trooper No.3617 Australian Light Horse

Trooper Schubert was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on April 23, 1917. His mother was Elizabeth Emily Schubert of the Empire Café, Granville in Sydney. He was a 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentice working in Gosford. He had been discharged from compulsory drills due to illness.<sup>1691</sup>

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<sup>1687</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1688</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1689</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1690</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1691</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that a social evening and send-off organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society was held in the Gosford School of Arts on Wednesday June 6, 1917. Mr F. R. Archbold occupied the chair and the following artists contributed to the programme. Overture, Mrs Cohen, songs by Mrs A. I. Chapman, Mrs F. Wheeler, Miss Boyd, Miss Guerin and Mr L. B. Allan; recitations by Miss Archbold and Mr A. Sterland; pianoforte duet by Mrs and Miss Cohen. At the conclusion of the musical programme the Rev. A. Renwick made the presentation on behalf of the Society, also parcels of comfort from the War League. Trooper Shubert responded.

After supper, dancing was indulged in till midnight, music being supplied by Mrs Cohen, Miss Coulter and Miss Guerin. The sum of four pounds six shillings and nine pence (£4/6/9), which converts to eight dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$8.69) was netted for the Red Triangle Fund. The committee wished to thank the local band for their assistance.

B. FREWIN and M. DEASEY Honorary Secretaries.

### **Schubert Phillip Stanley\***

Sergeant No.1342 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Company

Sergeant Schubert was a railway employee when he enlisted on January 11, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 "Hororata" on May 2, 1916. He was admitted to hospital suffering from a hernia on July 22, 1916 and again on December 13, 1916 suffering from influenza.<sup>1692</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Schubert, aged 23 years, third eldest son of Mr Joseph Schubert of Gosford, was killed in action in France on October 13, 1917. He enlisted in January 1915, and went to England. While in camp at Salisbury Plains he was operated upon for a rupture and was subsequently engaged on the Instructional Staff. He was only in action about a fortnight when he was killed. His brother Cecil went into Liverpool Camp some months earlier. He was killed in the third battle of Ypres for the Heights of Passchendaele on October 13, 1917.<sup>1693</sup>

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<sup>1692</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1693</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Searle Victor\***

Private Infantry No.2439 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, C Company

Private Searle was from Wyong. He was a 24 year old single, storeman when he enlisted on July 18, 1915. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A75 "Ballarat" on September 6, 1915. His father was L. Searle of 36 Mill Lane, Saffron, Waldron, Essex in England. He was killed in action on July 26, 1916 in France. He was killed by machine gun bullets on July 26, 1916 at Pozieres. The Australians did not hold the ground that day but re-took it on August 4. Some bodies were found and were buried.<sup>1694</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Searle, formerly in the employ of Chapman and Sons in Wyong, was reported to have been killed in June, 1916. He was posted missing for ten months before the news of his death was officially confirmed.<sup>1695</sup>

### **Seers George**

Private No.3821 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Seers was born at Morisset. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 4, 1915. His mother was Anne Mary Seers of 7 Bishopsgate St, Wickham in Newcastle.<sup>1696</sup>

### **Sellars William Alfred**

Private No.2223 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Sellars was a 23 year old single, engineer and draftsman at Eveleigh Railway for 5 years. His father was Alfred Davies Sellars of the Public School at Narara. He previously served in the militia but was unable to attend camp. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 "Argyllshire" on September 30, 1915.<sup>1697</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that among the young Australians who had enlisted was the only son of Mr A. D. Sellars of Narara Public School. The father applied for a Friday to see his son and only child off to the front. Leave of absence was granted for the day without pay.<sup>1698</sup> In another article it was reported that Mr A. D. Sellars had received

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<sup>1694</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1695</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1696</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1697</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1698</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

word that his only son was wounded in France and was invalided to England and was getting well.<sup>1699</sup> In a further article it was reported that on the Monday Mr A. D. Sellars of Narara received word that his son had been wounded for the second time.<sup>1700</sup> Then it was reported that Mr A. D. Sellars received a cable from Fremantle saying that his only son, who was wounded in France some months earlier, was expected to reach home on Sunday next.<sup>1701</sup>

### **Selwood Percival**

Private

Private Selwood was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 19 year old single, blacksmith when he enlisted. His father was Magnus Selwood of Thomas Terrace Railway SL in Cooks Hill, Newcastle.<sup>1702</sup>

### **Settree Hardy**

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Settree was from Woy Woy

### **Settree M.**

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that M. Settree was from Empire Bay

### **Settree Robert James**

Private No.4875 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Settree was born at Woy Woy. He was a 30 year old married labourer when he enlisted. He was separated from his wife who resided at 233-235 Glebe Rd, Glebe in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 "Star of England" on March 8, 1916.<sup>1703</sup>

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<sup>1699</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1700</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1701</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1702</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1703</sup> *Ibid*

### **Settree William**

Private No.4875 Signal Corps

Private Settree was born at Davistown. He was 28 years old and single, when he enlisted on August 21, 1915. His brother was next of kin and was Bert Settree of Davistown.<sup>1704</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Seymour F. G.**

Lieutenant

There were numbers of F. G. Seymour mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Sharp Albert H.**

Corporal No.1771

Corporal Sharp was a 30 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on May 30, 1915. His mother was Mrs Sharp of Chippinham, Wiltshire in England.<sup>1705</sup> There were no embarkation files available. *The Gosford Times* reported that he was from Wyong Creek and was promoted to Lieutenant. One of the recommendations made was that he had talent for leadership.<sup>1706</sup>

### **Sharp George**

Private Infantry

There were numbers of George Sharpe mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Sharp was from Matcham.

### **Sharp James Edwards**

Private No.7086 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1704</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1705</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1706</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Private Sharp was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 30 year old single, packer when he enlisted on October 3, 1916. His sister was Mrs Catherine Myers of 43 Pitt St, Sydney. Private Sharp resided at 74 Victoria St, Carlton in Victoria. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAAT A20 "Hororata" on November 23, 1916.<sup>1707</sup>

### **Sharpe Clement Patrick Maxwell**

Corporal No.876 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, G Coy

Corporal Sharpe was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on August 18, 1914. His brother was G. C. Sharpe of 62 Pitt St, Sydney. He previously served 1½ years in the Royal Naval Reserve. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAAT A19 "Afric" on October 18, 1914.<sup>1708</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal Sharpe had returned to his orchard at Penang after three years' active service being discharged as medically unfit. He enlisted with the 1st Battalion, A. I. F. in 1914 and after Gallipoli he returned home. Later on he went to South Africa and joined up with the Transvaal Contingent proceeding to England. They had a wonderful escape from being torpedoed off the coast of Plymouth. He had vivid experiences of the aerial raids about London and said that the falling shrapnel from our own guns caused more casualties than the Zeppelin bombs.<sup>1709</sup>

### **Sharpe George William**

Private N91408

Private Sharpe was a 24 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on June 15, 1918. His father was William Sharpe of Matcham and Private Sharpe resided at Empire Bay.<sup>1710</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Sharpe Oliver Josiah**

Private

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<sup>1707</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1708</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1709</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1710</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

Private Sharpe was a 24 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on June 5, 1918. His mother was Ada Amy Sharpe of Matcham and was dependant on his son.<sup>1711</sup> There were no embarkation files available. *The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday night at Matcham a social and presentation was tendered to Private Sharpe and three others prior to their departure to the front. There was a large and representative gathering attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent in singing songs and dancing. At 8.30 p.m. refreshments were handed round and when justice had been done to the good things provided, the Rev. A. Renwick, who was ever ready to do all in his power to assist in affairs of this kind, addressed the soldiers and the gathering and expressed all the good wishes of himself and on behalf of the people presented each with a combination set knife, fork, spoon and money belt from the citizens.

Miss Pritchard and Miss Cleary, on behalf of Matcham Comfort Fund, in a few well-chosen words, presented each soldier with a woollen scarf. The company joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" and the National Anthem, after which further dancing and so on concluded the proceedings. The Committee desired to thank all those who helped to make the night a success.<sup>1712</sup>

### **Sharpe William Henry**

Private 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Sharpe was born at Gosford. He was a 25 year old farmer when he enlisted on October 25, 1915. His mother was Mrs Lily Mowbray of Banalbo via Tabulan in N.S.W. His father was deceased. He was Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL) in London overstaying his leave from September 25, 1916, until he was apprehended on October 9, 1916. He was again AWOL from 8 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on May 26, 1917. He was wounded with a gunshot wound to the jaw in France and was transferred to England. On November 30, 1916 he was admitted to a Field Ambulance suffering from Bronco-pneumonia and was transferred to England. On September 15, 1917 he was admitted sick to an ambulance hospital until February 3, 1918 when he re-joined his unit. He died on May 8, 1917 in France.<sup>1713</sup>

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<sup>1711</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1712</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1713</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

### **Shead Thomas**

Private 17264 Engineers

Private Shead was born at Gosford. He was a 32 year old married blacksmith when he enlisted on November 6, 1918. His wife was Ananda Beatrice Shead of 114 Fitzroy St, Moore Park in Sydney.<sup>1714</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Sheen Charles Henry Joseph**

Private

Private Sheen was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 21 year old single, woodcutter when he enlisted. His father was John Joseph Sheen of Maitland Rd Single,ton N.S.W. Private Sheen resided at the same address. He had been re-examined and rejected for service.<sup>1715</sup>

### **Sheldon Richard Edward Skelton**

Private, No.3180, 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion/late 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Sheldon was a farmer at Tuggerah and enlisted as a 22 year old on July 3, 1916 in Wyong. He was a cadet at school for three years and his parents were Alfred and Ada Sheldon. He embarked on October 17, 1916 from Sydney on board HMAT “Borda”, arriving in Plymouth on January 1917. He returned to Australia medically unfit on December 20, 1917 per HMAT “Runic”<sup>1716</sup>

### **Shelley Charles**

Private No.2206 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Shelley was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 29 year old single, bricklayer when he enlisted on July 5, 1915. His brother was George Shelley of Park Avenue, Roseville. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on September 30, 1915.<sup>1717</sup>

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<sup>1714</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1715</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1716</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1717</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

### **Sheridan Henry Richard\***

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time. Rooksberry recorded that Private Sheridan was from Gosford.<sup>1718</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Sheridan was at one time employed by the State Nursery at Gosford and was a son of the Police Inspector at Mudgee. He was an active member of the Gosford Civilian Rifle Club and the second member to give his life.<sup>1719</sup>

### **Sherratt Wilfred James #**

Private

There were only two Sherratt mentioned in attestation papers, neither one was Wilfred James Sherratt.

### **Sherwood Walter Edward Thomas**

Private No.59593 13<sup>th</sup> N.S.W. G.S. RNS for U.K.

Private Sherwood was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 28, 1918. His father was Kenny Milton Sherwood of Rockleigh St in Wyong He embarked from Sydney on board HMATA30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918.

### **Shields William J.\***

Private

There were numbers of William J. Shields mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Shield was from Cooranbong and that Private Shields had been killed in action in France. He left here 18 months earlier for the front and saw a fair amount of fighting. He was married to an English lady just prior to going into action in November. He was a trier for he was turned down four or five times prior to being

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<sup>1718</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1719</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

accepted. Much sympathy was felt for his parents and sisters who had been patriotic workers for every cause for those lads who had gone to do their duty.<sup>1720</sup>

### **Shorrocks Joseph**

Private No.59360 13<sup>th</sup> N.S.W. G.S. RNS for U.K.

Private Shorrocks was a 36 year old single, road contractor when he enlisted on March 26, 1917. His sister was Mrs Cross of Kulnura. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918.<sup>1721</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Shorrocks was from Kulnura and after several attempts to enlist, he was finally accepted for active service.<sup>1722</sup>

### **Shorrocks Richard**

Private No.21863 Field Company Engineers

Private Shorrocks was a 30 year old married orchardist when he enlisted on December 4, 1917. His wife was Hannah Elizabeth Shorrocks of Kulnura. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 "Runic" on March 22, 1918.<sup>1723</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Shorrocks was from Kulnura and had three sons.<sup>1724</sup>

### **Shorrocks William**

Private No.275 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, A Coy

Private Shorrocks was a 21 year old single, plumber when he enlisted on March 6, 1916. His brother was Joseph Shorrocks of Mangrove Mountain. He previously served 2½ years in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on June 25, 1915.<sup>1725</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that the 116<sup>th</sup> casualty lists reports that W. Shorrocks, of Mangrove Mountain, was wounded at the Dardanelles.<sup>1726</sup>

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<sup>1720</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1721</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1722</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1723</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1724</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1725</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1726</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, December, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Simmons Charles**

Private

There were numbers of Charles Simmons mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Simmons was from Wyee and it was officially reported that he was ill.<sup>1727</sup>

### **Simpson David**

Private No.2001 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Simpson was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on June 21, 1915. His next of kin was recorded as Mother Superior of St Joseph's Orphanage in Gosford.<sup>1728</sup>

### **Single,ton Albert Victor\***

Private 6839 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Single,ton was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 22 year old single, farm hand when he enlisted on May 27, 1916. His father was Hedley A. Single,ton of Sackville Reach, Hawkesbury River. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT "Port Nicholson" on November 8, 1916. He was killed in action on April 11, 1917 at Bullecourt in France. He was previously reported missing on May 5, 1917. A soldier of his unit reported that as they were advancing Private Single,ton, known as Arthur fell wounded. On the soldier's return half an hour later he saw Private Single,ton lying on a bank apparently dead. The soldier believed he had been killed instantly. Another soldier said he saw the body of Private Single,ton hanging on the barbed wire when the attack was made.<sup>1729</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr Hedley Single,ton of Sackville, Hawkesbury River, received word that his eldest son was killed in action at the battle of Arras in France on

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<sup>1727</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1728</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1729</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

April 11, 1917. He was previously reported as missing. He enlisted in 1916 and prior to that worked on his farm at Sackville.<sup>1730</sup>

### **Singleton James Ernest**

Private No.53800 55<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Singleton was born at Blackwell. He was a 28 year old grocer's assistant when he enlisted on January 9, 1918. His father was James Henry Singleton of Blackwell. He embarked from Sydney on board SS "Field Marshall" on June 19, 1918.<sup>1731</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that a large gathering attended the complimentary social tendered to Private Singleton on Wednesday, last. He was expected to leave in a few days.<sup>1732</sup>

### **Singleton Leslie James**

Private No.5138 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Singleton was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 28, 1916. His father was Headley Singleton of Sackville Reach, Hawkesbury River. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A74 "Marathon" on May 10, 1917.<sup>1733</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Singleton, son of Mr Ted Singleton of Sackville Reach was reported to have been wounded. These good people lost a fine young man fighting for his country's honour some 12 months earlier.<sup>1734</sup>

### **Singleton Richard Paul**

Private No.53803 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Singleton was born at Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 9, 1918. His mother was Johanne and his father was James Singleton of Blackwell.<sup>1735</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Singleton from Woy Woy enlisted to go to war.<sup>1736</sup> A large gathering attended the complimentary social

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<sup>1730</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1731</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1732</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1733</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1734</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1735</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1736</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

tendered to Private Singleton on Wednesday, last. He was expected to leave in a few days.<sup>1737</sup>

**Skelton S.**

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time.

**Skidmore W. H.**

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Skidmore was from Wyong.

**Slack Harold James\***

Private No.47148 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Slack was born at Wollombi. He was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on November 27, 1916. His father was Robert William Slack of Wollombi. He previously served 26 days in the Mobilised Force. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917.<sup>1738</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Slack lived in Wollombi and had been killed in action in France.<sup>1739</sup>

**Smalley Wilfred Ray**

Private No.7784 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Smalley was born at Erina. He was a 20 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on November 11, 1917. His father was William Smalley of Matcham. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A38 “Ulysses” on December 19, 1917.<sup>1740</sup>

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<sup>1737</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1738</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1739</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1740</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that the previous Saturday, quite unexpectedly, Private Smalley, from Erina, who had enlisted, came home on final leave and in the evening was entertained at a social function and presented with a radium dialled wristlet watch. Hearty good wishes were expressed for his safe return and various speakers wished the gallant young soldier God speed on his journey. After refreshments, the company sang “Auld Lang Syne” and “God Save Our Splendid Men.”<sup>1741</sup>

### **Smith Aubrey**

Private No.184 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Smith was born at Tuggerah. He was a 26 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 3, 1916. His mother was Mrs Smith of Tuggerah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A20 “Hororata” on May 2, 1916.<sup>1742</sup>

### **Smith C. C.**

Sergeant

There were numbers of C. C. Smith mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Smith was from Yarramalong and was the son of Mr C. B. Smith of Jilliby, since landing in Gallipoli he had been promoted three times and was now a sergeant and had been mentioned in despatches.<sup>1743</sup>

### **Smith Cyril John Henry**

Private No.91867

Private Smith was born at Martinsville. He was an 18 year old single, baker when he enlisted in September 1918. His father was Harry Smith of “Mitzpah” in Roorinda Avenue, Kensington in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 “Afric” on November 3, 1916.<sup>1744</sup>

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<sup>1741</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1742</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1743</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1744</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

**Smith Eric Milton**

Private 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Smith was born at Wiseman's Ferry. He was a 22 year old single, school teacher. His father was Henry Smith of Central McDonald near Wiseman's Ferry. He had been rejected twice before for defective sight.<sup>1745</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

**Smith Ernest William**

Private

Private Smith was born at Wyong and lived in Tuggerah. He was 18 years old and single, when he enlisted. His father was George Smith of Tuggerah. He previously served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, A Coy.<sup>1746</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

**Smith Ewast Selwyn**

Private No.7081, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Smith was born at Wyong. He was a 26 year old married teamster when he enlisted on August 7, 1916. His wife was Florence May Smith (deserted) and his father was Michael Charles Smith of Jilliby. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on November 9, 1916.<sup>1747</sup>

**Smith Harold**

Private No.4366 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Smith was born at Wyong. He was a 26 year old single, selector when he enlisted on September 18, 1916. His mother was Mrs Gertrude Harriet Mary Smith of Yamata near Emerald, Central Railway in Queensland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 "Kyarra" on November 17, 1916.<sup>1748</sup> He was taken as a prisoner of war and was repatriated arriving in England on November 26, 1918.<sup>1749</sup>

**Smith Horace Beach^**

Private No.5112 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion

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<sup>1745</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1746</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1747</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1748</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1749</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

Private Smith was born at Wyong. He was a 22 year old labourer when he enlisted January 27, 1916. His mother was Mabel Denny Smith of Deep Creek in Nambucca River N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A55 “Kyarra” on June 3, 1916.<sup>1750</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a send-off under the auspices of the Gosford Patriotic Society was held in the School of Arts on Monday evening.<sup>1751</sup> Mr F. R. Archbold acted as chairman and after speeches by Mr Stayner and Mr Kirkness, presentations were made by Rev. A. Renwick. Private King responded. During the evening songs and recitations and musical items were rendered by Mrs Cohen, Mrs White, Mrs Wheeler, Miss Guerin, Miss Friedman and Mr Harvey. Musical selections in front of the hall were played by the Band.

Gifts for despatch to the soldiers included 5 tins fruit, 152 packets and 3 tins of cigarettes, 1 tin of groats, 1 packet of playing cards, 1 tin of pork beans, 6 tooth brushes, 3 combs, 2 pair of socks, 4 chewing gum, 1 stick shaving soap, 14 writing wallets, 2 books gum-nut babies and blossoms, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 towels, 9 packets envelopes, 4 tins and 1 packet tobacco, 2 tins sardines, 4 cakes and 1 box soap, 1 tin jam, 1 pair slippers, 1 writing tablet and 38 shillings and 6 pence (38/6) in cash.<sup>1752</sup>

He was Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL) from October 2-11, 1916 at Larkhill in England and was AWOL again on December 21-30, 1916, in France. On May 4, 1917 he suffered a gunshot wound to the head and died the next day at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Casualty Clearing Station at Armentieres France.<sup>1753</sup>

## **Smith H. C.**

Private

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<sup>1750</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1751</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1752</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1753</sup> *Ibid*

There were numbers of H. C. Smith mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Smith H. E.\***

There were numbers of H. E. Smith mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry recorded that he was from Tuggerah.<sup>1754</sup>

### **Smith Henry William**

Private No.2604 10<sup>th</sup> Depot Supply Unit

Private Smith was a 21 year old railway fireman when he enlisted on September 21, 1914. His father was George Smith of 153 Rocket St, Bathurst N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December 19, 1914. He was reported sick on June 22, 1918 in France and returned to Australia November 20, 1918.<sup>1755</sup>

### **Smith John Craven**

Private No.59365 12<sup>th</sup> N.S.W. G.S. RNS for U.K.

Private Smith was a 19 year old single, farm labourer when he enlisted on April 10, 1918. His father was John Smith of Dungog, N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918. *The Gosford Times* reported that it was only recent that Private Smith was given a social and presentation by the citizens of Matcham. He too carried the good wishes from his many friends there for he took an active part in assisting to make many enjoyable evenings at Matcham by supplying the music. Private Smith was expected to sail to the front soon.<sup>1756</sup>

### **Smith Leslie William Edmund**

Private No.N90952

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<sup>1754</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

<sup>1755</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1756</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Smith was a 20 year old clerk and typist when he enlisted on June 10, 1918. His father was William Edmund Smith of Alfred St in Waratah. He previously served in 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3 Company.<sup>1757</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Smith Mac**

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Smith was from “Brookland Farm” at Jilliby.

### **Smith Raymond Bernard**

Private No.1752 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Smith was born at Wollombi. He was a 21 year old single, wool presser when he enlisted on June 1, 1915. His brother was H. J. Smith of Casino N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A9 “Shropshire” on August 20, 1915.<sup>1758</sup>

### **Smith Reginald**

Infantry

There were numbers of Reginald Smith mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Reg Smith from Ourimbah was seen in town during the week, having been invalided home from Gallipoli, but hoped to be able to return soon. He was wounded in the arm which he carried in a sling.<sup>1759</sup>

### **Smith Richard William\***

Company Quartermaster Sergeant No.371 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion B Company

C.S.M. Smith was from Gosford.<sup>1760</sup> He was a 19 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His father was J. Robert Smith of Gosford. He previously served in the senior cadets for three years and in the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry for 14 months. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 19, 1914. He was killed in

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<sup>1757</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1758</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1759</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1760</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*



action on October 7, 1917 at Polygon Wood in Belgium. The Brigades had a successful operation against Broodseinde Ridge and after the unit had come back to the trenches on Anzac Ridge C.S.M. Smith had just arrived with the rations at the Company Headquarters when it was blown up by a shell. The Company Commander, a runner, a storeman and C.S.M. Smith were killed outright.<sup>1761</sup>

### **Smith Robert**

Private No.2495 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Smith was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 23 year old single, wheeler when he enlisted on August 28, 1915. His mother was Clara and his father was George Robert Smith of Teralba Rd, Adamstown N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A67 "Orsova" on March 11, 1916.<sup>1762</sup>

### **Smith Thomas St. Patrick**

Private No.4241 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Smith was born at Wollombi. He was a 30 year old single, wool classer when he enlisted on December 6, 1915.<sup>1763</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Smith Walter Ernest\***

Private No.155 5<sup>th</sup> Mobile Veterinary Section

Private Smith was born at Ourimbah. He was a 24 year old single, plumber's labourer when he enlisted on October 11, 1914. His mother was Mrs G. Smith of Essex St, Epping in Sydney.<sup>1764</sup> There were no embarkation files available. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Smith, when he was a youth of 18 years, he held his own against all comers as a champion axeman in the Wyong district was killed in action.<sup>1765</sup>

### **Smith W.**

Sergeant

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<sup>1761</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1762</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1763</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1764</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1765</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

There were numbers of W. Smith mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Smith was from Wyong and it was reported that he had been wounded for the third time.<sup>1766</sup>

### **Smith William Hamilton**

Private No.N95654 Depot

Private Smith was an 18 year old single, woodcutter when he enlisted. He told the recruiting sergeant that he was 21 years old. His father was Henry Smith of Wainer Avenue in Wyong. He lived with his father. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 "Wiltshire" on February 7, 1917.<sup>1767</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Smith was from Wyong. He was entertained by the members of the Town Band at a Euchre Party and Social in the Literary Institute on Wednesday evening the previous week. There was a large attendance of townspeople and an enjoyable evening passed all too rapidly. After the euchre tournament, at which Miss H. Wilson and Mr Ray were the respective winners of the lady's and gentlemen's prizes, Mr Lloyd-Jones, on behalf of the Recruiting Association, presented Private Smith with a silver matchbox. He responded suitably. His brief speech was received with hilarity by the good nature of the audience.<sup>1768</sup>

### **Sohier Everard Cornelius**

Private No.2663 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Sohier was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, railway porter when he enlisted on September 5, 1916. His mother was Mary Sohier, Post Office in Hilldale N.S.W.<sup>1769</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

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<sup>1766</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October 17, Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1767</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1768</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1769</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

### **Sohier Norman Henry\***

Private No.1826 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade

Private Sohier was born at Ourimbah and lived at Narara. He was a 28 year old teamster when he enlisted on January 28, 1915. His father was Jules Francis Sohier and his mother was Ellen Sohier of Narara. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A24 "Benalla" on November 9, 1916. He was killed in action on July 13, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>1770</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that an item of interest was that on Friday last on Australia Day, Mr Kirkness was giving a short and interesting address and the Band thinking he had concluded, started to play "Let Me Like A Soldier Fall." They played it through while Mr Kirkness was in conversation with Mr Stafford and a young man and as the speaker raised his hand to the Band to signal silence, they played the last triumphant, "He Like A Soldier Fell" and Mr Kirkness announced that a cable had just been received that Private Sohier had been killed in action.<sup>1771</sup>

The late Private Sohier was one of seven sons who worked on his father's farm up to the time he enlisted. His father Mr Jules F. Sohier, fought right through the Franco-Prussian war and had no less than 57 relatives fighting for France and the Allies against the hated Huns.<sup>1772</sup>

### **Sowell Herbert Keith\***

Lieutenant 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Lieutenant Sowell was a 22 year old single, motor engineer when he enlisted on February 1, 1916. His mother was Mrs Arnelis Sowell of "The Grove" in Guilford Sydney. His father was deceased. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 "Euripides" on September 9, 1916. He was killed in action on May 3, 1917 by shell explosion at Sunken Road leading from the railway line to Reincourt Les Cagnicourt near Bullecourt in France.<sup>1773</sup>

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<sup>1770</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1771</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1772</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1773</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Lieutenant Herbert Keith Sowell who fell in France on May 3, 1917 was the younger son of Mrs Sowell of Guilford and grandson of the late Rev. C. R. Sowell B.A., St. Goran in Cornwall. About six years earlier he was engaged for a time on *The Gosford Times* staff. At the introduction of compulsory training he was immediately appointed Colour Sergeant and moving up with the first draft to the militia was appointed Sergeant. In 1913 he was commissioned provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and subsequently 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Provisional Lieutenant and Lieutenant.

Afterwards he became Signalling Officer to the 20<sup>th</sup> Parramatta Infantry, then O.C.D. Company of the same Battalion. He enlisted soon after the commencement of the war and was for nearly two years detained in the Liverpool and Cootamundra training depots. He left Sydney in command of the reinforcements in September last. His self-sacrificing nature and regard for duty won the personal esteem of all with whom he came in contact. His cousin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Donald Sowell (Devonshire Light Infantry), only son of Rev. R. H. Sowell, M.A., Truro, Cornwall, was also recently killed on the Somme. In another article it was reported that Lieutenant Sowell was employed on *The Gosford Times* about six years earlier and with his brother started the Boy Scout movement here.<sup>1774</sup>

### **Spicer Walter Alfred\***

Private No.17053 Army Medical Corps

Private Spicer was born at Gosford. He was a 24 year old carpenter when he enlisted on March 30, 1916. His mother was Mrs Louisa J. Lindo of Princess Rd, Auburn Sydney. His father was deceased. He embarked from Melbourne on board the "Shropshire" on May 11, 1917. He underwent medical training before his departure and was recommended for ward duties or as a motor car driver. He was wounded on October 4, 1917 at about 9 a.m. on the left leg then later in the left arm above and below the elbow at Westhoek Ridge and proceeded to walk to Belvedere Ridge for medical attention at Passchendaele in Belgium. On the way he was killed between Westhoek

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<sup>1774</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Ridge and Bellvarde Ridge on the way to the dressing station on the edge of Chateau Wood where his effects were found.<sup>1775</sup>

### **Spillane Francis Talbot**

Private No.516 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Spillane was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted August 4, 1916. His father was Thomas Spillane of “Kooyong” in Old South Heads Rd, Watson’s Bay in Sydney. He previously served 4 years in the senior cadets, 1 year in the militia including 6 months at the Hawkesbury Bridge. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAA A70 “Ballarat” on February 19, 1917.

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Spillane previously of the Hawkesbury Bridge Guards was farewelled at the Convent of Mercy Hall, Brooklyn. The function was organised by Sergeants S. Sheehan and Gillard of the Guards. Lieutenant H. E. Naughten presented Spillane with a wristlet watch on behalf of his comrades and while Master Vincent Kelly presented a silver boomerang and cigarette case (his own gift).<sup>1776</sup>

### **Spillane Harris**

Trooper Australian Light Horse

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Spillane was employed at the Narara Viticultural Nursery and lived at Narara

### **Spring Basil Wynne**

Private No.58855 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Spring was a 30 year old married hospital attendant when he enlisted on June 5, 1918. His wife was Dorothy Spring of Morisset. Private Spring was employed at the Morisset Mental Hospital.<sup>1777</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Spring was from Morisset.<sup>1778</sup>

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<sup>1775</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1776</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1777</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1778</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Squires Philip Sydney**

Private No.3432 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Squires was born at Woy Woy. He was a 43 year old married commercial traveller when he enlisted on April 27, 1917. His wife was at Callan Park Mental Hospital, Balmain in Sydney.<sup>1779</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Squires Robert**

Private No.331 4/5 Machine Gun Coy

Private Squires was born at Gosford. He was a 42 year old married factory manager when he enlisted on March 4, 1916. His wife was Edith Rachael Squires of 5 Park Avenue, Ashfield in Sydney. He embarked from Melbourne on board RMS "Orontes" on August 16, 1916.<sup>1780</sup>

### **Stacey James Thomas Henry**

Trooper No.6939 Australian Light Horse

He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A16 Port Melbourne on July 16, 1917. Private Stacey also served in world war 11 and as such his attestation file was amalgamated with his world war 11 file and was not available. His service number was VX 39750.<sup>1781</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Saturday evening locals met in the Narara Hall to do honour to James Stacey. Mr R. Hill occupied the chair and after a musical programme had been rendered he was presented with a pocket wallet as well as knife, fork and spoon on behalf of the residents of Narara. Trooper Stacey returned thanks on himself and his mates. Mrs Walsh, Miss Harvey and Mr Ralph Teeson contributed to the evening's enjoyment and Miss Coull presided at the piano in her usual able manner. Sergeant Colman, Recruiting Officer for the district gave a humorous recitation, which was much appreciated.<sup>1782</sup> Trooper Stacey, an 18 year old was the son of Private William Stacey.<sup>1783</sup>

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<sup>1779</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1780</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1781</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1782</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1783</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Stacey William Joseph**

Private No.571 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Stacey was a 37 year old married road ganger when he enlisted. His wife was Elizabeth J. Stacey c/o Gosford Post Office. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on May 13, 1916.<sup>1784</sup> He was the father of Private James Thomas Stacey. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Stacey was from Narara. A welcome send-off social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society was held on Wednesday evening. Private Stacey was leaving shortly for the battle zone.<sup>1785</sup> In another article it was reported that Private Stacey was wounded in France, the cable reporting severe gunshot in the head and injury to his back. His wife lost her mother the previous Sunday, Mrs Marks passed away at the age of 61. Trouble never comes alone.<sup>1786</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private Stacey was invalided home from the war and arrived in Sydney the previous week. At present he was an inmate of Randwick Military Hospital. He was wounded while in France, the one bullet injuring his head, spine and lungs and it would be at least six months before he was convalescent.<sup>1787</sup> In a further article it was reported that Private Stacey who was wounded in France had been for five months in the Military Hospital at Randwick. He underwent a serious operation on Tuesday last and was in a very weak condition. His daughter, Hilda, won a scholarship at the recent examinations tenable for three years at Petersham High School.<sup>1788</sup>

### **Stainer Cecil Roger Leicester**

Private No.1767 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements

Private Stainer was born at Morisset. He was a 21 year old single, dental student when he enlisted on May 14, 1915. Records show a friend as next of kin as Miss M. Finlayson

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<sup>1784</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1785</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1786</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1787</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1788</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

of 388 Park Rd, Centennial Park in Sydney. He previously served for 3 years in the Australian Garrison Artillery, but had not been discharged at the time. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A61 “Kanowna” On June 19, 1915.<sup>1789</sup>

### **Stanley S. A.**

There were numbers of S. A. Stanley mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Stapleford Samuel Francis\***

Private No.1888B 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements, A Company

Private Stapleford was born at Wollombi. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on March 15, 1916. His father was Henry Stapleford of Wollombi. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Port Sydney” on September \$, 1916.<sup>1790</sup> He was killed in action on June 7, 1917 at Messines, Armentieres in France. While they were holding the line the Germans were bombarding them and at about 7 p.m. he was shot through the forehead by a sniper. He was buried in a shell hole but the place was not marked at the time of the burial. He was described as being about 5 foot 10 inches tall, heavy build, medium complexion, aged about 24 or 25.

### **Starkey H.**

Private

There were numbers of H. Starkey mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Starkey was from Mangrove Mountain.

### **Starkey Joseph**

There were numbers of Joseph Starkey mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

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<sup>1789</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1790</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*



### **Starkey Ruben Ernest**

Driver No. 184 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade, Machine Gun Coy

Driver Starkey was a 32 year old Surveyor's Cook when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His father was Joseph Starkey of Mangrove Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 "Euripides" on October 19, 1914. On February 5-7, 1915, he was admitted to No. 1 Field Ambulance in Mena Egypt with influenza. On February 10-28 he was admitted to No.2 General Hospital in Mena Egypt with Bronchitis. On May 22, 1915 he was admitted to Alexandria Hospital with a chest complaint. He returned to Australia for special leave from Italy on October 8, 1918. He was a brother of Valentine Montgomery Starkey<sup>1791</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Ernest was expected back in Australia as he had been very ill with pneumonia.<sup>1792</sup> The only original Anzac from the Mangrove Mountains was on his way home and was expected within the next few weeks. He was the first to enlist from there and some people thought he was dotty to want to go and fight at the other end of the world. They later understood and appreciated his action.<sup>1793</sup> He was the brother of Valentine Montgomery Starkey

### **Starkey S. A.\***

There were numbers of S. A. Starkey mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. Rooksberry recorded that he was from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>1794</sup>

### **Starkey Valentine Montgomery\***

Private No.6086 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Starker was from Mangrove Mountain. He was a 21 year old single, surveyor's chainman when he enlisted on January 26, 1916. His father was Joseph Starkey of

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<sup>1791</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1792</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1793</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, November, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1794</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

Mangrove Mountain. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 "Wiltshire" on August 22, 1916. On October 15, 1916 he was admitted to hospital at Estaples with scabies. He was killed in action on May 8, 1917 at Bullecourt in France. He was a brother of Reuben Starkey<sup>1795</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that word was received the previous week that Private Starkey, son of Mr Joseph Starkey of Mangrove Mountain was killed in action on April 8, 1917.<sup>1796</sup> He was the brother of Ruben Ernest Starkey

### **Statham Edwyn Worthington**

Private No.555 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Statham was born at Gosford. he was an 18 year old single, public accountant's clerk when he enlisted on September 24, 1916. His father was Hugh H. Statham, Shire Engineer in Barraba. He previously served 3 years in the senior cadets and in 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion in Mossman in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS "Orontes" on June 5, 1918.<sup>1797</sup>

### **Steele O.**

Infantry

There were numbers of O. Steels mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Stephens Albert**

Private

There were numbers of Albert Stephens mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Stephens of Gosford had left the saddler's bench for the military camp and was expected to sail for the front straight away. Bert was one of the best shots in the local Rifle Club.<sup>1798</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Stephens had been

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<sup>1795</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1796</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1797</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1798</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

gassed<sup>1799</sup> while fighting on the western front and had been admitted to a hospital in London.<sup>1800</sup>

## **Sterland Alfred**

### **Sapper**

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Sterland was presented by Rev. A. Renwick on behalf of the Patriotic Society with a money belt and in acknowledging the gift Sapper Sterland said he would always do his best to be a soldier of the King and a worthy representative of the good old town of Gosford. During the evening a musical programme was rendered by Mrs Cohen, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Chapman, Miss Guerin, Miss Archbold, Miss Mason, Miss Moore, Mr Hills, Mr Corbett, Mr Allan, Mr Harvey, Mr Mason, Mr Hitchcock and Master Roy Wheeler. The concert programme concluded with cheers for the boys in the trenches. Refreshments were supplied and handed around by the lady members of the Patriotic Club. In addition to gifts for the soldiers, five pounds five shillings (£5/5/-) was donated at the door.<sup>1801</sup>

## **Sterland Frank**

### **Driver Infantry**

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Sterland was from Gosford. In a further article it was reported that Private Frank Sterland, who had just reached his majority, (21 years of age), was tendered a birthday party at the School of Arts by his parents Mr and Mrs W. J. Sterland. Frank was to leave with his brother William for the firing line.<sup>1802</sup> In a further article it was reported that Driver Sterland returned home from the war on Monday afternoon.<sup>1803</sup> A welcome home social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society on Wednesday.<sup>1804</sup>

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<sup>1799</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1800</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1801</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1802</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1803</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1804</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Finally it was reported that on the Monday evening he was entertained along with other returned soldiers at a social at the School of Arts. The social was organised by the Girls' Patriotic Society and the hall was crowded to the doors, many being unable to obtain admission and when they did a good number had to stand, all the seating accommodation being monopolised. The chair was occupied by Mr F. A. Stayner in the absence of the Shire President, Mr F. R. Archbold, who had met with an accident that morning.

Proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, after which a musical programme was rendered, contributed to by Mrs F. Cohen, Mrs F. Wheeler, Mrs E. K. White, Miss Zoe Mason, Miss Dawes, Mr A. Harvey, Mr Greaves and Baby Dawes. The Chairman congratulated the returned lads upon the safe arrival and welcomed them on behalf of the townspeople and residents of the district. He sincerely hoped that the returned lads would live long enough to enjoy what a grateful country was duty bound to give them.

After the war he said the most pitiful man in the community would be the eligible man who had lost his opportunity to try and find an excuse to satisfy his conscience, the conscience that made cowards of us all, why he had failed to respond to his county's call. Mr H. L. Whittell hoped that the time was not far distant when the sword would be turned into plough shares. That was what these returned boys had been fighting for and what other eligible men should be doing also. He thanked the returned hero's for what they had done for their King and country, deeds that would not be forgotten.

Rev. S. Wedge, in the name of the Methodist Church, welcomed the boys home and hoped that having played their part in the world's fearful drama they would live long to enjoy the respect of the community and the gratitude of the people they had fought for. Mr C. Peck, former master at Gosford Public School, said he came there especially that night to pay homage to the soldier lads who had returned from the war. They had gone voluntarily when the Empire called and the country was proud of them, thousands of other men should and would have gone if the woman folks had refused to allow eligible men to become shirkers.

He was proud that another Gosford lad had won military distinction, nevertheless every man who said to his Government, "Take me," was equally a hero even though he never reached the firing line. Mr Peck concluded his remarks by complimenting the ladies of Gosford upon the fine decorations and splendid manner in which the arrangements for the evening had been carried. Bombardier Guerin responded on behalf of his comrades. He thanked the citizens for their royal welcome and for the medals presented to them. He thanked the Girls' Patriotic Society and Red Cross for their parcels and cheery letters which had been a wonderful comfort to the boys over yonder.

Like his comrades he was pleased to be back in Australia. They had travelled far during the past few years, but there was no place like home. Australia, the finest country in the world, with the finest people and the finest girls he said. Private Anthony, a returned man, also addressed the people and appealed to the eligible men to enlist. He had attended a send-off at Ourimbah on Saturday night, where the recruits were mere lads. They did not want boys. It was men who were able to carry a ninety-six pound pack that was needed.

Reinforcements were wanted now more than ever, men who would voluntarily offer to go over to France to help their brother Australians who were sorely in need of a spell. He had two and a half years' service, but was going back to help his mates because they were dinkums. There were thousands of dinkums still in Australia if only they would here the call. Cheers were given for the returned lads and the boys at the front after which Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem were sung. Then refreshments were served and a dance was held until midnight.<sup>1805</sup>

### **Sterland James Francis**

Private No.9631 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Service Corps, 5th Reinforcements.

Private Sterland was born at Gosford. He was a 20 year old plumber when he enlisted on October 28, 1915. His father was John William Sterland of Mann St in Gosford.<sup>1806</sup>

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<sup>1805</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1806</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

He was a brother of John Alphaeus Sterland. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Star of England” on March 8, 1916.<sup>1807</sup>

### **Sterland John Alphaeus**

Private No.20297 9<sup>th</sup> Field Engineers

Private Sterland was born at Gosford. He was an 18 year old single, plumber when he enlisted on August 20, 1917. His father was John William Sterland of Gosford. He was still a serving member of the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on November 21, 1917.<sup>1808</sup> He was a brother of James Francis Sterland

### **Sterland William Edward**

Private No.8482 Army Service Corps

Private Sterland was 29 years old and married when he enlisted on September 22, 1915. His wife was Selina Louisa Sterland of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A66 “Uganda” November 27, 1915.<sup>1809</sup>

### **Stevenson Robert**

There were numbers of Robert Stevenson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Stewart Robert James**

Private No.51190 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Stewart was an 18 year old single, drover when he enlisted on January 30 1918. His father was James Stewart c/o Mrs Tarrant of Wyong.<sup>1810</sup>

### **Stockdale William Henry**

Corporal No.6584 62 Depot

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<sup>1807</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1808</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1809</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1810</sup> *Ibid*

Private Stockdale was 45 year old married railway employee. His wife was Margaret Stockdale of 89, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maylands in Western Australia. He previously served 2 years in the cadets and 6 years in the Victorian Mounted Rifles. He was previously rejected for service due to varicose veins. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 "Suffolk" on October 10, 1916.<sup>1811</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Corporal W. H. Stockdale, who had settled on a plot of Matcham land with his wife and four children, enlisted from Quirindi when the war first broke out. He was with the Anzacs when they first landed at Gallipoli and was wounded three days later. After a brief stay in the hospital, he returned to the firing line and in the famous charge at Lone Pine was wounded on August 8, 1915, by shrapnel from a shell fired by our own artillery men, but which fell short and exploded among the charging Australians.

Corporal Stockdale owed his life to a prayer book. When charging on the enemy trenches three days after landing, one of the Turks lunged savagely at Stockdale, the point of the bayonet passing clean through the prayer book that was in his breast pocket and which undoubtedly saved him from being killed. A cabinet photo of his wife, which was also in the Australian's pocket, was cut in two by the same thrust. When wounded at Lone Pine he was removed to the hospital and after some months spent there he was invalided home.

Corporal Stockdale as previously stated had acquired an orchard property at Matcham, where he hoped to make a good home for his wife and children. He brought back with him a number of curios from Egypt, including beautifully worked scarfs and handkerchiefs, Turk bullets, shrapnel bits and an alabaster ornament cut by him while he was in hospital from a fragment of the world famed Pyramids. He considered the Turk a good square fighter and said that man for man they were much larger in physique than the Australians.<sup>1812</sup> Later he commenced business at Gosford as a plumber and water fitter.<sup>1813</sup>

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<sup>1811</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1812</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1813</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Stocks Ernest Joseph**

Private No.6371 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Stocks was born at Pitt Town on the Hawkesbury. He was a 29 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on October 25, 1916. His brother was Leslie Stocks of 29 Union St, Paddington in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" November 11, 1916.<sup>1814</sup>

### **Stone K. M.**

Private

There were numbers of K. M. Stone mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Stone was a shop employee from Gosford.<sup>1815</sup>

### **Stone Robert Melbourne**

Private No.94305

Private Stone was a 30 year old married draper when he enlisted on September 20, 1918. His wife was Ivy Florence Stone of 418 Darling St, Balmain in Sydney. Private Ston's address was the Royal Hotel in Gosford. He previously served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment.<sup>1816</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Stones S.**

Private

There were numbers of S. Stone mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Stones was a ledger-keeper at the Bank of New South Wales at Hornsby. He enlisted and went into camp during the week.<sup>1817</sup>

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<sup>1814</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1815</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1816</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1817</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Stratton Hubert Charles\***

Private, No.2854, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> AIF/ 6 Reinforcements 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Stratton was a shipwright with 5 years apprentice with W Ford Berry's Bay in Nth Sydney. He was from Gosford and was in the C.M.F. for only 22 days when he enlisted on November 7, 1916. His father was Arthur and his mother was Emily with a sister named Barbara. He embarked on November 25, 1916 on the A 72 "Beltana" arriving at Devonport on January 29, 1917. He served in France and Belgium and was killed in action on November 9, 1917 at Passchendaele by a direct hit of bomb blast.<sup>1818</sup>

### **Stuart Frederick (Snowy)\***

Gunner No.3990 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Gunner Stuart was from Woy Woy and attended Woy Woy Public School. He was a 27 year old single, coxswain when he enlisted on September 8, 1915. His father was W. Stuart of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT "Mooltan" on December 11, 1915. On March 14, 1916 he was admitted to hospital with influenza. On December 3, 1916 he was admitted to hospital with trench feet and on February 14, 1917 he was admitted to hospital with mumps. He was killed in action on June 7, 1917 at Messines in Belgium. He was hit by a piece of shell and died instantly.<sup>1819</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Gunner Stuart was from Woy Woy and was previously reported as being ill. It was then posted in the list as missing.<sup>1820</sup> Mrs Walter Stuart had received information that her son had been missing since May 7, 1917.<sup>1821</sup> In another article it was reported that Mr Walter Stuart was informed that his son Gunner Stuart, who it was reported as missing, had been killed in action in France. Gunner Stuart was a prominent lightweight boxer of a few years earlier was practically reared in Woy Woy and was very popular with all who knew him.<sup>1822</sup>

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<sup>1818</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1819</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1820</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1821</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1822</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

### **Stubbin Charles William**

Private No.N93747

Private Stubbin was born at Wyong. He was a 17 year old single, engineer student when he enlisted on October 28, 1918. His father was Rev. C. A. Stubbin of the Rectory in Wollongong N.S.W.<sup>1823</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Studds Carl Robert Percy Irwin**

Private No.59594 1<sup>st</sup> D.A.C.

Private Studds was a 28 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on May 30, 1918. His father was Rev. Cannon James Studds of “Allambie” in Mangrove Mountains. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918.<sup>1824</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Studds was an orchardist from Penang.<sup>1825</sup> He was home on final leave and was to sail for the front next week.<sup>1826</sup> Although the news that Private Studds was on final leave came as a surprise, the largest gathering yet seen at Somersby took place at the Somersby Hall on Monday last, when residents from all parts of the Mountain district attended to bid farewell to this popular young soldier. Mr H. Robinson, President of the Somersby Progress Association occupied the chair. The proceedings commenced with the National Anthem followed by a musical programme.

The Chairman, before calling upon Mr Glass to speak apologised for the absence of Mr G. T. Roughley and Mr F. A. Stayner. Mr Glass said they were there to bid farewell to one of the district’s young men, Private Studds. During the few years he had known Private Studds he had always held him in great esteem. Clean living and straight, he had always been to the fore when anything of advantage to his district required doing. He was an example to all young men and considered that in losing Private Studds, though he hoped for a short time only, the Mountain was losing one of its most promising young men.

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<sup>1823</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1824</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1825</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1826</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Mr F. Kilkenny said it was with feeling of pleasure and regret that he was present to bid farewell to Private Studds, regret that he was losing a friend, but pleased to know that Private Studds had answered the call. Men going to the front now knew they were in for plenty of hardship and suffering and it was men with plenty of nerve, grit and backbone who were needed. Private Studds possessed all of these qualities and it was a man who would be worthily uphold the cause the Allies were fighting for. He was pleased that in the first function that had taken place in the new hall, though not quite completed and felt that Private Studds must be pleased to know that the hall he had taken such a great interest in and worked so hard for, was built before he left the district.

He also spoke in eulogistic terms of Private Studds' parents; he knew what their feelings must be and honoured them for their sacrifice. Mr J. Bushell said he had come all the way from Popran to bid farewell to Private Studs. He was proud to be present to say good-bye to the young soldier whom he held in the highest esteem. He sincerely trusted that peace would be declared at the Allies dictation before Private Studds reached the firing line. Mr Bushell also spoke in high terms of Cannon and Mrs Stubbs and expressed the hope that they would be spared to see their son returned safely.

Mr Robinson said as President of the Progress Association he had come into contact a good deal with Private Studds and considered his absence would be acutely felt. He had been one of the most prominent men in the Association since its inception and had always taken an active interest in anything affecting this district. Referring to the recent big strike, he said that Private Studds, when volunteers were called for, was one of the first batch to leave Gosford and one of the last to leave his duty after the strike was over. This was the stamp of man required at the front. Mr Robinson then, on behalf of the Somersby Progress Association and residents of the district, presented Private Studds with several valuable presents and at the same time wished him every health, happiness, prosperity and speedy return.

Private Studds in rising to respond was loudly applauded. He said he hardly knew how to thank them for their kind remarks and the presents they had given them. They would always be among his most valued possessions. The happiest days of his life were those which he had spent among the people of Somersby. It was one of his greatest pleasures to be able to do anything he could for the district he lived in and he had much confidence

in. He said he was proud that this meeting was the first held in the new hall and congratulated Somersby on having such a fine building. He concluded with the remarks that he was proud and thanked those who had spoken so kindly of him.

“For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow” was then sung with tremendous enthusiasm, after which an excellent supper was partaken of, followed by dancing until a late hour. To Mrs Hammond a word of praise was given for the excellent way which she decorated the hall, sparing neither time nor trouble. The result was one which reflected great credit on her artistic capabilities. Thanks were also given to the willing workers who spent the day erecting a temporary stage and so on in the new portion of the hall.<sup>1827</sup>

### **Suttor S. C.**

Private

There were numbers of S. C. Suttor mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private S. C. Suttor returned from the Dardanelles on Monday and received a hearty reception from the people of Brooklyn. A reception committee had been formed and a large crowd assembled at the railway station. From hence he was carried shoulder high to the railway park, where the addresses of welcome were delivered. The place had been decorated with flags and bunting and the warmest reception possible was tendered to the young hero. He looked well and was in the best of spirits, although wounded in the left shoulder, which prevented him for the time being from using a rifle. Many are the stirring incidents he had to tell of the Dardanelles.<sup>1828</sup>

### **Swadling John James Patterson**

Private No. 3450 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Swadling was born at Gosford. He was a He was a 28 year old single, driver when he enlisted on August 31, 1915. His father was John William Swadling of 1

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<sup>1827</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1828</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Rochester St, Camperdown in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A17 “Port Lincoln” on October 13, 1915.<sup>1829</sup>

### **Swadling Roy Leonard**

Private No.1235 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Coy.

Private Swadling was born at Wiseman’s Ferry. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 23, 1916. His mother was Elizabeth Swadling of 452 Jones St, Ultimo in Sydney.<sup>1830</sup> There were no embarkation files available.

### **Swanson Charles William**

Private No.1283

Private Swanson was born at Woy Woy. He was a 25 year old married railway relief officer when he enlisted. His wife was Dorothy Swanson c/o Mrs Clonder of Bradmoor Cottage, Leaves Green, Keston.<sup>1831</sup> There were no embarkation files available

### **Tacey William**

Private No.1188 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Tacey was born at Sackville Reach on the Hawkesbury. He was a 21 year old single, man when he enlisted on September 28, 1914. His sister was Stella Tacey of Seattle in the United States of America. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on December 22, 1914<sup>1832</sup>

### **Tarrant Eric Garwood Eames aka Stewart**

Private No. 51190 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Tarrant enlisted as Robert James Stewart and was an 18 year old drover from Wyong. His father was James Stewart. He embarked from Sydney on June 19, 1918 on board SS “Field Marshall” and returned to Australia on January 12, 1920 on the ship

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<sup>1829</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1830</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1831</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1832</sup> *Ibid*

“Acheas”.<sup>1833</sup> He had arrived safely in England.<sup>1834</sup> He had quite recovered from Spanish Influenza.<sup>1835</sup>

### **Tarrant Harold H.**

Private Infantry

There was no Tarrant Harold H. found in either the attestation papers or embarkation papers. *The Gosford Times* reported that word Private Tarrant the son of Mrs L. J. Tarrant of Wyong was wounded at the Dardanelles. He was 19 years of age and passed as a signaller, but went into the ranks with his brother R. L. Tarrant.<sup>1836</sup> It was later reported that he had been wounded in the neck while fighting in France.<sup>1837</sup> In another article it was reported that he had been promoted to Corporal when he was gassed.<sup>1838</sup>

In a further article it was reported that Corporal Tarrant arrived in Sydney during the previous week on furlough, being a “Dinkum Anzac”. He was wounded twice, shot through the leg at Gallipoli May 15, 1915 and again in the neck in France, also gassed in France, altogether knocked out three times. He enlisted in September, 1914, being then only 18 years of age. He said he never felt better in his life and was a fine big fellow and fat as mud.<sup>1839</sup>

### **Tarrant Jack G.**

Lance-Corporal Infantry

*The Gosford Times* reported that word Lance-Corporal Jack Tarrant, son of Mrs Tarrant of Wyong, who has three sons battling in France, has been wounded.<sup>1840</sup> He was later promoted to Corporal and was twice wounded and was in hospital in London.<sup>1841</sup> He

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<sup>1833</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1834</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1835</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1919, January, 16. Printed and published

<sup>1836</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1837</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1838</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1839</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1919, January, 16. Printed and published

<sup>1840</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1841</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

was later promoted to Sergeant and had again volunteered for active service in France, resigning a good position as Musketry Instructor at Tidworth.<sup>1842</sup> In another article it was reported that Jack sailed for France the day the Armistice was signed, after being on fourteen days furlough in Blighty.<sup>1843</sup>

### **Tarrant James\***

Private No.549 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Coy

Private Tarrant was a 25 year old single fisherman when he enlisted on July 31, 1915. His father was deceased and his mother was Mrs Martha Banger of the Post Office at Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Beltana" on November 9, 1915.<sup>1844</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that word was given that Private Tarrant had been wounded for the third time.<sup>1845</sup> He was wounded on September 29, 1917 but remained on duty. On November 11, 1917 he was admitted to Middlesex War Hospital on Clacton on Sea suffering from P.U.O. and Anaemia.<sup>1846</sup>

Private James was killed in action on September 29, 1918. He was in B Coy and a witness stated that he saw him killed at Bullicourt when he lived for about a quarter of an hour from being hit by a piece of a shell in the throat and bleeding to death. He was unconscious the whole time. The incident happened in the morning at which time he was in a trench awaiting orders to advance. He was described as being middle age, medium build, 5 feet 7 inches tall, fair complexion and had a scar on his face. He was buried 7¾ miles north north east of St Quentin, France.<sup>1847</sup>

### **Tarrant Richard Thomas**

Major 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, G Coy

Major Tarrant was a 21 year old land holder when he enlisted on August 17, 1914. His mother was Louisa Jane Tarrant of "Garwood" in Wyong. He later married and his wife was E. M. Tarrant of 31 Oakley Square. He previously served 4½ years in the Australian

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<sup>1842</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1843</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1919, January, 16. Printed and published

<sup>1844</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1845</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1846</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded) and missing

<sup>1847</sup> *Ibid*

Rifles Regiment (A.R.R.) and 2 years in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A23 “Suffolk” on October 18, 1914.<sup>1848</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Lieutenant R. T. Tarrant was the son of Mrs L. J. Tarrant of Wyong was wounded at the Dardanelles. He was 22 years of age.<sup>1849</sup> In a further article it was reported that Lieutenant Tarrant was promoted to Captain.<sup>1850</sup> Later he was transferred to England from the firing line on account of his injuries to his leg and took the place of Captain J. A. Hand, as instructor of the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Base.<sup>1851</sup> He was officially gazetted Adjutant and second in command of the 12<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion at Codford Camp, Salisbury Plains in England.<sup>1852</sup>

In another article it was reported that Mrs Tarrant of “Garwood”, Wyong, received a cable stating that her son Captain R. T. Tarrant had been wounded in France for the second time.<sup>1853</sup> Then she received a letter from her son denying the rumour that he had one of his legs amputated.<sup>1854</sup> Captain Tarrant it was reported had been promoted to the rank of Major.<sup>1855</sup> He left England on a special secret mission to Russia where he was then and was in good health.<sup>1856</sup> Then finally it was reported that Major Tarrant was in hospital in England undergoing another operation on the old Gallipoli leg. He was badly knocked about in Russia.<sup>1857</sup>

### **Tate Eric Austin\***

Sergeant No.2926 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, A Company

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<sup>1848</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>1849</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, June, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1850</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1851</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1852</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1853</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1854</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1855</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1856</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1857</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1919, January, 16. Printed and published



Sergeant Tate was a 23 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on August 17, 1915. His mother was Mrs E. Tate of Kangaroo Valley on the South Coast N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A14 "Euripides" on November 2, 1915. He was killed in action on October 9, 1917 at Passchendaele in Belgium. He was killed by a shell which had lobbed in a dug-out while in the reserve trenches and he was killed instantly.<sup>1858</sup>

### **Taylor Cecil**

Private No.3192 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers

Private Taylor was an 18 year old single, case maker when he enlisted on June 23, 1916. His father was Henry Taylor of Ourimbah. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAA A20 "Hororata" on November 23, 1916.<sup>1859</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Cecil Taylor from Ourimbah, who only went into camp on Friday week, has been home on final leave. Cecil joined the Miners' Battalion and leaves for Melbourne shortly.<sup>1860</sup>

### **Taylor James**

Private Infantry

There were a number of James Taylor mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that word Private Taylor was from Matcham.

### **Taylor John Oscar^**

Sapper No. 17406 13<sup>th</sup> F Coy Engineers

Sapper Taylor was a 32 year old shipwright after serving a five year apprenticeship with Morrison & Sinclair in Sydney. He previously served for one year in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney HMAA A46 "Clan McGillivray" on May 10, 1917. On June 24, 1918 he had a gunshot wound to the face resulting in a compound fracture to the jaw and wound to the chest and neck. He died on June 27, 1918 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing

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<sup>1858</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1859</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1860</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, July, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Station at Crouy in France. He was wounded in the top story of a factory they were occupying while getting into bed when a shell came through the roof.<sup>1861</sup>

### **Taylor John Paterson#**

Driver No.14921 Australian Army Service Corps 38<sup>th</sup> Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac Mounted Division, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Driver Taylor was a 39 year old married police constable when he enlisted on February 17, 1917. His wife was Mrs Caroline Vera Taylor of Longwood St, South Brisbane Queensland. On October 31, 1918 he suffered from dysentery. He died of dysentery on November 21, 1918 in Egypt.<sup>1862</sup>

Mr J. S. Taylor of Point Clare received word that his only son, Driver J. P. Taylor of the 38<sup>th</sup> Company of the Australian Mounted Division died on active service in Palestine on November 21, 1918. Deceased soldier was 41 years of age and was a member of the Queensland Police Force when he enlisted. He sailed for the war last Christmas.<sup>1863</sup>

### **Taylor L.**

Trooper Australian Light Horse

There were numbers of L. Taylor mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper L. Taylor, son of Mr E. Taylor of Cooranbong, was in hospital suffering from pneumonia and later advised that he had joined the units again.<sup>1864</sup>

### **Telfer Frank Henderson**

Private No.2980 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Telfer was a 32 year old married carpenter when he enlisted on September 25, 1915. His wife was Olga Leila Priscilla Telfer of Albany St in East Gosford. He

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<sup>1861</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*.

<sup>1862</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1863</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, December, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1864</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, September, 24. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

previously served 9 years in the Australian Rifles Regiment (A.A.R.) and 2 years in the Australian Light Horse and was still serving. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 “Afric” on November 3, 1916.<sup>1865</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Telfer was a local carpenter and enlisted and was on his final leave. He left behind a wife and two children.<sup>1866</sup>

### **Thoday Percy Sidney Alex**

Private No.2823 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Thoday was a 22 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on August 1, 1915. His father was Tagle Fent Thoday of “The Vineyard” in Willingham, Cambridgeshire England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>1867</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Thoday who was promoted to Lance-Corporal wrote to say that he was disbarred by deafness from returning to the firing line. He was on military duty on a farm milking and so on. He said that the girls on the same farm look just the thing in coats and breeches.<sup>1868</sup>

### **Thomas Berkley\***

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Thomas was a Mangrove Creek schoolboy of “Green Bower”. He made the supreme sacrifice after four years active service and having been wounded four times.<sup>1869</sup>

### **Thomas Harold Albert**

Private, No.85205, Medical Depot, 1st enlistment,  
No.61224 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> enlistment.

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<sup>1865</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1866</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1867</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>1868</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1869</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Thomas was a 21 year old hairdresser from Woy Woy. His mother was Ada Jenet and his father died in 1901. His first enlistment period lasted 110 days, discharged medical unfit. On July 24, 1918, he was promoted to Lance-Corporal. He embarked on August 31, 1918 from Melbourne on the A37 Barambah” and served in France from Jan 1919 to May 1919. He returned to Melbourne, Australia on the “Argyllshire” August 2, 1919 and was discharged medically unfit.<sup>1870</sup>

### **Thomas Lewis Military Medal\***

Lance-Corporal No.4570 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 61<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Lance-Corporal Thomas was from Gosford. He was a 27 year old single, railway employee when he enlisted on October 5, 1915. His mother was Mrs M. A. Thomas of 32 Maitland St, Geelong West, Victoria. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on January 15, 1916. He was killed in action on September 18, 1918. He was awarded the Military Medal as follows,

In an operation against the enemy position near STRAZEELE on night of 20th June, 1918, Private THOMAS advanced with his platoon to the attack and on gaining the enemy trench he took up a position on the parapet and although subjected to heavy machine gun fire he continued sniping at the enemy, inflicting many casualties. Later when his officer and all his N.C.Os., become casualties he took command of the remainder of his platoon which protected the right flank of the position during an enemy counter attack. He showed initiative and leadership of a high order.'  
Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 23  
Date: 12 February 1919.<sup>1871</sup>

In another article it was reported that at the outbreak of the war two members of Gosford railway staff were William Denham and Lew Thomas. Both enlisted. Writing to Miss Dot Dwyer Private Denham reported the death of his mate. He said that poor Lew was killed on September 18, 1918. They had advanced a few miles and he was struck by a shell while they were going over. It was jolly bad luck as Lew he said was a good soldier and was awarded the Military Cross a few weeks previously.<sup>1872</sup>

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<sup>1870</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1871</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1872</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1919, January, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Thomas L. J.**

#### Private Infantry

There were a number of L. J. Thomas mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Thomas was employed at the Gosford railway station.

### **Thompson B. M.**

#### Private

There were a number of B. M. Thompson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Thompson was from Corranbong and a farewell and presentation was held in the Cooranbong Public School on Saturday evening under the auspices of the local Soldiers Recognition Association. Private Thompson was presented with a medal and was also the recipient of a wallet from Mr E. Andrews. A most enjoyable programme was rendered and ample refreshments provided. Mr E. Taylor was chairman and made the presentation while Miss Ivy Jenkins, a soldier's daughter, pinned on the colours.<sup>1873</sup>

### **Thompson**

#### Trooper Australian Light Horse

As there was no first name given to Trooper Thompson, it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Thompson was from Wyee. In another article it was reported that a welcome home, under the auspices of the Morisset Win-The-War League was tendered to Trooper Thompson in the School of Arts hall. After a few brief speeches of welcome, Miss Muriel Mullard, on behalf of the residents, pinned a gold medallion on the tunic of our returned hero and the National Anthem was sung.<sup>1874</sup>

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<sup>1873</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1874</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Thompson George Alfred**

Private No.1334 12<sup>th</sup> Light Horse, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, Australian Light Horse

Private Thompson was 28 year old married engineer. He served his apprenticeship with Dick Bros., in Hamilton, Newcastle for 7 years. His wife was Catherine Thompson c/o Mrs J. Casey of Teralba. He previously served 4 years in the Royal Naval Reserve.<sup>1875</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Thompson was from Teralba and was mentioned in the 239<sup>th</sup> casualty list as being ill in hospital.<sup>1876</sup>

### **Thompson K. E.**

Private

There were a number of K. E. Thompson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Thompson was from Corranbong and a farewell and presentation was held in the Cooranbong Public School on Saturday evening under the auspices of the local Soldiers Recognition Association. Private Thompson was presented with a medal and was also the recipient of a wallet from Mr E. Andrews. A most enjoyable programme was rendered and ample refreshments provided. Mr E. Taylor was chairman and made the presentation while Miss Ivy Jenkins, a soldier's daughter, pinned on the colours.<sup>1877</sup>

### **Thompson P.\***

There were a number of P. Thompson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast. His name appears on the Ourimbah War memorial.<sup>1878</sup>

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<sup>1875</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>1876</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1877</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1878</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

### **Thompson Roy William**

Private No.N84508 Army Medical Corps

Private Thompson was born at Gosford. He was a 20 year old single, student when he enlisted on December 3, 1917. His father was William Robert Thompson of the Public School at Rooty Hill in Sydney. Private Thompson resided with his father. He previously served 2 years and was still serving with the University Scouts. He was previously rejected for service as being medically unfit.<sup>1879</sup>

### **Thompson Thomas**

Private

There were numbers of Thomas Thompson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

Private Thompson was from Wyong and deserted the A. I. F. on February 18, 1915. He was described as being 28 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, dark complexion, dark brown hair and brown eyes, a native of Wellingham, England.<sup>1880</sup>

### **Thorburn John**

Private No.295 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Private Thorburn was born at Wyong. He was a 19 year old single, driver when he enlisted on August 22, 1914. His mother was M. J. Thorburn of 19 Renwick St, Marrickville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A19 “Afric” on October 18, 1914.<sup>1881</sup>

### **Thornthwaite Sidney Craven**

Gunner No.19150 28<sup>th</sup> Battery, 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Field Artillery

Gunner Thornthwaite was a 25 year old single, stockman when he enlisted on November 1, 1915. His father was Francis Thornthwaite of “Werry” in Chandos St, St Leonards in Sydney. He previously served 6 years in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on May 11, 1916.<sup>1882</sup>

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<sup>1879</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1880</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1915, *Police Gazette*, June, 2, p.264, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>1881</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1882</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Sidney Thornthwaite, son of Mr and Mrs F. Thornthwaite was the first volunteer to join the colours from Wyee. He joined the Artillery and went into camp late November 1915. He was later promoted to Gunner Sergeant.<sup>1883</sup>

### **Tisdale William^**

Sergeant No.993 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Company

Sergeant Tisdale was a 23 year old married labourer at the Hawkesbury Hotel when he enlisted on February 24, 1915. His wife was Mrs Daisy Maud Tisdale of 2 Croydon St, Lakemba in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAAT "Ceramic" on June 25, 1915. On August 24, 1916 he suffered a shell wound to the left hip in France. On May 3, 1917 he had a gunshot wound to the back in Rouen and on September 18, 1917 a gunshot wound to the right ankle at Estaples. On March 29, 1918 he suffered a penetrating wound to the abdomen and thigh at Messines Ridge from a pineapple bomb. He died of wounds on March 30, 1918 in Belgium.<sup>1884</sup>

### **Tomlinson**

Captain Doctor

As there were no first names given of Doctor Tomlinson it was not possible to determine which Tomlinson was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that on Thursday the citizens of Wyong had a night of entertainment in honour of Doctor Tomlinson on his enlistment and he was expected to sail shortly. He was to be farewelled by numerous friends and well-wishers.<sup>1885</sup> In a further article it was reported that he sailed for the front with the rank of Captain the previous week.<sup>1886</sup> Finally it was reported that Captain Dr Tomlinson was on sick leave had had returned to Wyong.<sup>1887</sup>

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<sup>1883</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1884</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1885</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1886</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1887</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



## **Tonkin Charles**

Private

As there was more than one Charles Tonkin in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which Charles Tonkin was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Tonkin was from Cooranbong. He was the Central Coast first ANZAC. He returned home the previous week from France. He served some time on the Peninsular and later on the Western Front, where he was wounded in the back and neck, also suffering from nerve shock and spent some months in hospital. Private Tonkin was to be accorded a welcome home on Saturday night. The local Soldiers Recognition Committee having the matter in hand. He had quite a number of badges and other small trophies collected from the battlefield. A German helmet was included and of great interest was taken by the residents, quite a number having tested the size of it. Morisset Win the War League will also tender him a return home on Wednesday night.<sup>1888</sup>

## **Tonkin Leslie George\***

Private 1646 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Tonkin was from Woy Woy.<sup>1889</sup> He was a 23 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on February 5, 1916. His mother was Mrs Margaret Jane Tonkin of Barton St, Kurri Kurri Newcastle. He was killed in action on November 14, 1916, from a gunshot to the head at Fleurs in France. There were other reports from the Red Cross from other witnesses that said a shell had exploded and killed him.<sup>1890</sup> He was the brother of Richard Calet Tonkin

## **Tonkin Richard Calet\***

Private No.445 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Company

Private Tonkin was from Woy Woy.<sup>1891</sup> Private Tonkin was a 19 year old single, carpenter when he enlisted on September 28, 1914. His mother was Mrs Margaret Jane Tonkin of Barton St, Kurri Kurri Newcastle. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAA A38 "Ulysses" on December 22, 1914. On June 9, 1915 he suffered from

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<sup>1888</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1889</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

<sup>1890</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1891</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

influenza on the isle of Lemnos. He was killed in action on August 19, 1915 at Gallipoli.<sup>1892</sup>

### **Topple Basil**

Able Seaman Driver No.89 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train

Seaman Topple was a 39 year old and single when he enlisted on February 1, 1915. His mother was Annie Topple of 13 Pelham Crescent, Hastings in Sussex, England. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A39 "Port Macquarie" on June 4, 1915.<sup>1893</sup> His attestation paper is recorded as having discharged at his request on March 11, 1915.

There was only one Basil Topple enlisting in World War 1 as above however, *The Gosford Times* reported that a welcome home social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society was held on Wednesday evening in 1917, and that Seaman Topple was home from the war.<sup>1894</sup>

### **Treestone Thomas**

Private

There is no Treestone in any attestation or embarkation papers for world war one. However the N.S.W. *Police Gazette* records that Private Treestone was born at Hawkesbury and deserted the A. I. F., on August 23, 1916. He was described as being 24 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, florid complexion, brown hair, blue eyes.<sup>1895</sup>

### **Tucker Alfred**

As there was more than one Alfred Tucker in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which Charles Tonkin was from the Central Coast.

### **Tucker Richard**

Driver

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<sup>1892</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1893</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>1894</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1895</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, September, 13, p.457, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

As there was more than one Richard Tucker in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which Charles Tonkin was from the Central Coast *The Gosford Times* reported that a welcome send-off social organised by the Gosford Patriotic Society was held on Wednesday evening. Driver Tucker was leaving shortly for the battle zone.<sup>1896</sup>

### **Tucker Spencer Gordon**

Private No.577 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Tucker was a 22 year old labourer when he enlisted on January 14, 1916. His father was Alfred Tucker of “Boxhill” in Carcoar N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board “Beltana” on May 13, 1916. He was Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL) from Broadmeadow N.S.W. on 11-12 April, 1916. He was killed in action on May 1, 1917, from a sniper bullet through the skull at Le Touquet in Armentieres in France.<sup>1897</sup>

### **Tuckerman Hilton Turnbull**

Trooper No.6429 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Trooper Tuckerman was born at Ebenezer on the Hawkesbury River. He was a 23 year old single, mixed farmer when he enlisted on October 23, 1916. His father was Cyril Joseph Tuckerman of Ebenezer. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on November 11, 1916.<sup>1898</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Tuckerman was tendered a send-off by the residents of Ebenezer, Hawkesbury River and received a number of presents including a fountain pen and a set of military brushes from the Wilberforce Recreation and Tennis Club.<sup>1899</sup>

### **Tuckerman Herbert Oswald**

Gunner No.35544 Field Artillery Brigade

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<sup>1896</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1897</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1898</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1899</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Gunner Tuckerman was born at Hawkesbury. He was a 31 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on October 27, 1916. His father was Adolphus Tuckerman of Windsor N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A28 “Miltiades” on August 2, 1917.<sup>1900</sup>

### **Tweedie Walter Joseph**

Private No.5405H 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Tweedie was a 21 year old single, wood cutter when he enlisted. His mother was Emma Jane Tweedie of 175 William Lane in Broken Hill, N.S.W. He was previously rejected for service as being under age. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Field Marshall” on June 19, 1918.<sup>1901</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Tweedie was from Warnervale and was a wood cutter by trade.<sup>1902</sup>

### **Tynan Jack Clarence (Mention in Despatches)**

Private No.2789 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Tynan was an 18 year old single, bushman when he enlisted on August 10, 1915. His father was James Tynan of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>1903</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Tynan was from Ourimbah. He was mentioned in despatches for bravery on the field.<sup>1904</sup> He was the brother of Leslie David Tynan

### **Tynan Leslie David Distinguish Conduct Medal, (M. I. D.)\***

Private No.2872, 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, “B” Company.

Private Tynan was from Ourimbah Creek. He was a 21 year old labourer when he enlisted on August 16, 1915. His father was James Tynan of Post Office in Ourimbah. He was a stretcher bearer. On January 21-31, 1916 he was admitted to hospital at Heliopolis suffering from bronchitis. He was killed in action on July 26, 1916 at Pozieres in France. He was the brother of Jack Tynan.<sup>1905</sup>

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<sup>1900</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1901</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1902</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1903</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>1904</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1905</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private L. D. Tynan was reported to have been killed in action in France. He was the son of Mr James Tynan who had two boys, Leslie and Jack, at the war. Troubles never come singly. It was only a few weeks ago that Mr Tynan had his home at Ourimbah Creek totally destroyed by fire.<sup>1906</sup> In another article it was reported that word had been received that one of Ourimbah's best known lads, Private Les Tynan, lately reported killed in action, was awarded the D. C. M. the day before he was killed. The medal was awarded for conspicuous bravery on the field of battle.<sup>1907</sup>

### **Underwood Albert George**

Private No.921 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C Coy

Private Underwood was born at Ourimbah. He was a 38 year old married miner when he enlisted on December 7, 1915. His wife was Lily Eileen Underwood of "Windsor" in Gerald St, Marrickville in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on May 1, 1916.<sup>1908</sup>

### **Underwood George Samuel**

Private No.3945 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Underwood was a 22 year old single, school teacher when he enlisted on September 2, 1915. His father was Mr Underwood of 30 Howley Rd, Croydon in Sussex England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on December 20, 1915.<sup>1909</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Underwood was from Yarramalong. He had returned from the war.<sup>1910</sup> He was to be entertained at a welcome home party at Yarramalong on Friday night.<sup>1911</sup>

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<sup>1906</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1907</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1908</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1909</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1910</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1911</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, February, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Varney Oliver Frank**

Private No.2252 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Varney was a 21 year old single, gardener when he enlisted on September 13, 1915. His father was Aaron Varney of Westonia in West Australia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 "Orsova" on March 11, 1916.<sup>1912</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that there was a very good attendance at the send-off tendered to Private Frank Varney at Tumby Umbi on Saturday evening. Speeches were made by Messrs G. Frankish, C. Rosamond, C. Redgate, E. Robson and Frank Salmon, who wished the young soldier God speed and a safe return. During the evening dancing was indulged in and vocal items and recitations were rendered by Messrs F. Salmon, C. Dafter, G. Frankish, C. Stimson, A. Bohringer and Misses Rosamond and Dafter, the later playing the accompaniments. Private Varney was presented with a watch.<sup>1913</sup>

### **Vengert John Henry**

Private No.332 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private No.59380 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Vengert was born in Odessa in Russia. He was a 27 year old married cook when he enlisted on May 27, 1918. His wife was Edaline Vengert of Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on June 25, 1915.<sup>1914</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Vengert was a returned soldier and re-enlisted. He previously served in the A.I.F and was discharged medically unfit not due to misconduct. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on July 17, 1918. He was also known as Ivan Vengert.<sup>1915</sup>

### **Verey James**

Private No.18755 28<sup>th</sup> Battery, Field Artillery Brigade

Private Verey was born at Kincumber. He was a 24 year old single, trustee officer when he enlisted on December 30, 1916. His father was Edward Verey of Military Rd,

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<sup>1912</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1913</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 11. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1914</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>1915</sup> *Ibid*

Guildford in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” on May 11, 1916.<sup>1916</sup>

### **Viney Charles Pett**

Sapper No.21459 Survey Corps, Armed Car Section.

Sapper Viney was a 21 year old single, telgraphist when he enlisted on August 21, 1917. His father was Charles Viney of Hely St in Wyong. He previously served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Port Lydelton” on June 24, 1918.<sup>1917</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a launch picnic on the Wyong River was recently given by Mr and Mrs Viney of Wyong as a farewell to their son Sapper Viney before his departure for the front. There were about fifty guests. Sapper Viney was formerly a member of the Post Office staff at Waratah.<sup>1918</sup>

### **Viret John Courtney**

Private No.3465 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Viret was a 34 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on January 28, 1915. His next of kin was a friend named H. J. Ludwiche of 117 York St in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>1919</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that J. C. Viret was from Empire Bay

### **Vokes Bertie Edgar**

Quartermaster Sergeant No.6587 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Quartermaster-Sergeant Vokes was a 33 year old married store keeper when he enlisted on July 22, 1915. His wife was Ivy Vokes of Woy Woy. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>1920</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Quartermaster-Sergeant Vokes was from Woy Woy and that he had disposed of his

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<sup>1916</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1917</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1918</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, March, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1919</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1920</sup> *Ibid*

Woy Woy business and had volunteered for the front and went into camp on Wednesday.<sup>1921</sup>

### **Wakeford Cyril jack**

Private No.6599 5<sup>th</sup> A. B. G. R. O. C.

Private Wakeford was born at Brooklyn. He was a 22 year old single, telephonist when he enlisted on June 14, 1915. His mother was Alice Shand Wakeford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>1922</sup>

The *Police Gazette* reported that Private Wakeford was a native of Hawkesbury River. He deserted from the A. I. F. on June 3, 1916. He was described as being 22 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, fresh complexion, brown hair and eyes and a telephonist by trade.<sup>1923</sup>

### **Waldron**

Australian Light Horse

Waldron was named in *The Gosford Times* “Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served.”<sup>1924</sup> With the lack of information it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Waldron was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Walker David John**

Gunner No.32755 Medium Trench Mortar Battery

Gunner Walker was 20 year old single, bullock driver when he enlisted on November 13, 1918. His father was John Walker of Ourimbah Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>1925</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that

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<sup>1921</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1922</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1923</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1916, *Police Gazette*, July, 5, p.351, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>1924</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1925</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*



Private Walker was from Ourimbah Creek; his father was John Walker and was on his way to France.<sup>1926</sup>

### **Walker Herbert Charles^**

Sapper No.16476 6th Field Company of Engineers

Sapper Walker was a 28 year old single, engineer when he enlisted on July 6, 1916. His father was John Walker of Ourimbah Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 "Orsova" on December 2, 1916. On October 18, 1917 he was admitted to hospital in Belgium with Myalgia. On November 4, 1917 he suffered a shell wound to his back and on May 19, 1918 he had a gunshot wound to his left side and he died of his wound at Amiens in France.<sup>1927</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Walker was from Ourimbah Creek; his father was John Walker and was on his way to France. His father received a cable on November 24, 1917, stating that his eldest son had been slightly wounded, but was remaining on duty.<sup>1928</sup> In another article it was reported that on Thursday Rev. A. P. Hanington, Rector of Wyong received the following telegram from Victoria Barracks saying,

Sapper H. C. Walker, Seventh Field Company Engineers, late  
December Reinforcements, died of wounds 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1918.  
Please inform father, Mr J. Walker, "Lochness", Ourimbah  
Creek.  
COLONEL SANDFORD.

The late Sapper Walker was 30 years of age and was Mr J. Walker's eldest son. He had another son David aged 22 in the trenches in France.<sup>1929</sup>

### **Wallbank John Thomas**

Private No.25553 5/7 Field Artillery Brigade

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<sup>1926</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1927</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1928</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1929</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Wallbank was born at Lower Mangrove Mountain. He was a 36 year old single, miner when he enlisted on January 21, 1916. His mother was Sarah Wallbank of Lower Mangrove Mountain. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 “Orsova” on July 29, 1916.<sup>1930</sup>

### **Wallbank Cuthbert Spurgeon**

Private No.3903 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Wallbank was a 21 year old miner when he enlisted on April 25, 1916. His sister was R. Wallbank of “Marmion” of Langlee Avenue, Waverly in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 24, 1916.<sup>1931</sup>

*The Gosford Time* reported that late mail indicated that Private Wallbank was still training with his Company in England, although it was over 12 months since he landed in that country. This was seen as a welcome reliable indication of the sufficiency of reinforcements arriving from Australia.<sup>1932</sup>

### **Wallbank Thomas**

Private No.1291 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Wallbank was a 36 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 15, 1916. His mother was Eliza Wallbank of “Lawrence” at Clarence River N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on October 7, 1916.<sup>1933</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wallbank was from Mangrove Mountain.

### **Walters Jesse Edwin**

Private No.2491 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Private Walters was a 27 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on May 28, 1915. His father was Henry Walters of Mount Penang. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A67 “Orsova” on July 14, 1915.<sup>1934</sup>

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<sup>1930</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1931</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1932</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1933</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1934</sup> *Ibid*

### **Wamsley Cecil “Curly” Carrington\***

Private No.1017 C Company, 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20th Transport Service

Private Wamsley was from Ourimbah. He was a 24 year old single, bushman when he embarked on March 26, 1915. His mother was Mrs Elizabeth Wamsley of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board the Transport “Berrima” on June 25, 1916. He was killed in action on July 26, 1916 in France by machine gun fire<sup>1935</sup>

One of the very best cricketers in the Gosford district a few seasons back according to *The Gosford Times* was “Curly” Wamsley. He had left for the North Coast and shortly after the war broke out he enlisted. His relatives had just been notified that he had been reported missing from the trenches in France for the past two months. At the time he may have been taken a prisoner or he may have met a more tragic fate, but the fact remained the War Office had not been able to trace him. He was the son of Mrs and Mrs A. A. E. Wamsley of Ourimbah, who had received the following telegram from Colonel Luscombe, Victoria Barracks stating,

Regret to inform you that No.1017 Private C. C. Wamsley, 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, is officially reported missing 26<sup>th</sup> July. Should any further particulars be received you will be informed immediately.<sup>1936</sup>

An Australian Red Cross Society report stated that a statement by Private Walsh who was with Private Wamsley when he was killed in action was written and is shown in Letters from the Battlefield under Wamsley’s name.

Though Private “Curly” Wamsley, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Wamsley was reported missing in France on July 26, the previous year, no official notification of his death had been received from the military authorities. Private letters however were forwarded from comrades who were eye witnesses to his death on the battlefield. Private Walsh who belonged to the 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion with “Curly” was wounded in the same bayonet charge and had been invalided home. He made the following report to the Australian

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<sup>1935</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1936</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Red Cross Society by saying he knew “Curly” Wamsley in Egypt and Gallipoli. Wamsley transferred while he was in Egypt into the 20<sup>th</sup> Transport Service and re-joined the Company about a week before the July 20, 1916.

Walsh was with him for a week after the attack at Pozieres and said they charged together about 2 a.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Private Walsh said he was wounded early in the charge in the first line of German Trenches. At the finish of the charge at about 7 or 8 a.m. he was returning to the line to be attended to when he met “Curly” who was wounded in the chest and arm. Private Walsh stopped in a shell hole and “Curly” went on. Walsh moved on later too and sheltered in another shell hole where he found “Curly”. He had been badly wounded by a machine gun and had about eight bullet wounds. Walsh cut off his trousers and bound him up, but while doing so “Curly” died in his arms. “Curly” could not speak to him the second time he met him but was semi-conscious. Walsh said he laid “Curly” down and made his way back to his lines.<sup>1937</sup> Official information was given to hand that Private Walmsley, who was reported as missing was that he was killed in action on July 26, 1916<sup>1938</sup>

### **Wand Percy Elgar**

Private No.3291 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Wand was a 32 year old married railway station master when he enlisted on July 28, 1915. His wife was Clare Wand of Toronto N.S.W. He previously served 12 months in the Rifle Reserves. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on December 20, 1915.<sup>1939</sup>

### **Ward Bruce Leon Clive**

Trooper No. 1421 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Australian Light Horse,

Trooper Ward was born at Gosford. He was a 19 year old single, apprentice engineer for the N.S.W. Railways for the past 3 years. His father was Menasha Ward of Gosford. He previously served 1 year in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry militia. He embarked from Sydney on

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<sup>1937</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1938</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1939</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

board SS “Hawkes Bay” on October 23, 1915.<sup>1940</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Ward was from Gosford. Mr M. Ward received a cable on Monday from his son, who was returning home from the war and on Sunday he was at Perth. Trooper Ward enlisted shortly after the war broke out and was sent to Egypt to fight against the Turks.<sup>1941</sup>

### **Wares Thomas Edward**

Private No.60053 13<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

Private Wares was born at Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, mercer when he enlisted on July 1, 1918. His father was Charles John Wares of “Stratton” in Atkinson St, St Leonards in Sydney. Private Wares resided at the same address. He previously served 5 years in the Naval Reserves and had previously been rejected for service due to the occasional chest. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Gaika” on July 30, 1918.<sup>1942</sup>

### **Waters Eric Edgar Pemberton**

Private No.1118 4<sup>th</sup> Anzac Brigade, 17<sup>th</sup> Company

Private Waters was born at Wyong. He was a 23 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on May 9, 1918. His mother was Thelma Waters of 76 West St, South Casino N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A51 “Chilka” on June 7, 1915.<sup>1943</sup>

### **Waters E. E. T.**

Private

There were no attestation papers available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Watters was from Yarramalong.

### **Waters Ezekiel John**

Private No.4873 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1940</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1941</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1942</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1943</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

Private Waters was born at Yarramalong. He was a 36 year old married timber getter. His wife was Joy May Waters of Gosford. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917.<sup>1944</sup>

### **Waters Edger Roy\***

Gunner No.693A 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Company

Private Waters was from Yarramalong. He was a 19 year old single, school teacher when he enlisted on December 2, 1916. His mother was Mrs Hannah Waters of Yarramalong. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on June 21, 1917. He was killed in action by machine gun fire<sup>1945</sup> on April 7, 1918 in France. *The Gosford Times* reported that the sad intimation that Gunner Edgar R. Waters had been killed in action in France last April was officially transmitted to Mrs H. Waters a few days earlier.<sup>1946</sup>

### **Waters Harold King**

Trooper No.1345 1st Australian Light Horse, 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Trooper Waters was born at Wyong. He was a 22 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on March 9, 1915. His father was James E. Waters of Yarramalong. There were no embarkation papers for Harold Waters<sup>1947</sup>

### **Waters Horace**

Private No.5513 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Waters was born at Wyong. He was a 28 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on September 12, 1915. His mother was Pricilla Waters of Brush Creek Post Office via Wyong. He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on October 11, 1915.<sup>1948</sup>

### **Waters John James**

Private No.4658 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneers, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

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<sup>1944</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1945</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1946</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, November, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1947</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1948</sup> *Ibid*

Private Waters was a 33 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on June 18, 1917. His next of kin was a friend Angus Beatty of the Gosford Post Office. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 31, 1917.<sup>1949</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Waters was from Gosford.<sup>1950</sup> He wrote home saying he had a narrow escape while journeying across the ocean. They were only a short distance out when the steamer was reported to be on fire, but the later was extinguished without doing much damage.<sup>1951</sup>

### **Watkins Ernest**

Private No.351 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Coy

Private Watkins was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 21, 1915. His father was Thomas Watkins of Fennels Bay, Toronto N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 “Themistocles” on May 12, 1915.<sup>1952</sup>

### **Watkins William**

Private

As there was more than one William Watkins in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which William Watkins was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Watkins was to go into camp on December 1, 1917. He was from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>1953</sup> He was at the last meeting of the Win-The-War- League and was presented with a silver disc chain in which he thanked his friends.<sup>1954</sup>

In a further article it was reported that it was heard that Private Watkins had joined the Aviation Corps and had arrived at his destination.<sup>1955</sup> Finally it was reported that Private

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<sup>1949</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1950</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October 17, Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>1951</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1952</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1953</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1954</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1955</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Watkins had returned to Egypt and seemed to be very happy and contented as he said he was doing his duty. He wrote saying that he saw a large company of Armenians who had escaped from Turkish prisons and who looked dreadfully ragged and miserable and he repeated what all the returned men who have been in Egypt say, that the natives were the most filthy race on earth.<sup>1956</sup>

### **Wardle Joseph**

Private No.11461 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Wardle was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 44 year old married miner when he enlisted on April 19, 1916. His next of kin was Mrs Boundarys of West Wallsend. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 “Beltana” on May 13, 1916.<sup>1957</sup>

### **Warmoll Frederick Charles**

Sapper No.19575 4<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers

Private Warmoll was born at Woy Woy. He was a 34 year old married man when he enlisted on June 30, 1917. His wife was Leila Warmoll of Gosford. He was accepted as a driver for the Wireless Training School. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on October 31, 1917.<sup>1958</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Warmoll was from Woy Woy and went into camp on Monday and was with the Engineers section at Moore Park.<sup>1959</sup> In a further article it was reported that a large and representative gathering attended a banquet at the Woy Woy Hall to Sapper Warmoll, who was about to leave for the front. Mr Philip Glenister occupied the chair and conducted the proceedings in his usual experienced manner. As Master of Ceremonies in gatherings of this nature, Mr Glenister was unequalled. The various toasts incidental to such a function were enthusiastically honoured and the guest was presented with a very handsome silver shaving outfit.

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<sup>1956</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1957</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1958</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1959</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



At the conclusion of the banquet, the hall was cleared for dancing. Amongst the artists who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Miss Guerin, Mrs Barrett, Mr Hills, Mr Corbett and Mr Digney. The function was capably managed by Mr W. E. Hadley, who took the keenest interest in all public matters and whose enthusiastic effort and energy on this occasion were the means of making the affair so highly successful.<sup>1960</sup> In a further article it was reported that he was to sail for England next week and he reckoned the sooner he went the sooner he would be back.<sup>1961</sup> He was the cousin of C. Moxham.<sup>1962</sup>

### **Warmoll Nick**

Gunner

There is no Nick Warmoll in the attestation papers or the embarkation rolls. However, *The Gosford Times* reported that Gunner Warmoll was from Woy Woy

### **Watson**

Private

As there were no first names or initials it was not possible to determine which Watson was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that a quite wedding was celebrated at Christ Church, Gosford on Saturday afternoon, the contracting parties being Private Watson, who is leaving at once for the war and Miss McNeilly of Orange, a relative of Miss Garlick of the Boys Industrial Home, Penang.<sup>1963</sup>

### **Watson**

Private

As there were no first names or initials it was not possible to determine which Watson was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Watson was from Wyee

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<sup>1960</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 4. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1961</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1962</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, November, 14. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1963</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Watt George Wilfred**

Private No.3504 Administration Headquarters

Private Watt was born at Gosford. He was a 31 year old widower and chemist assistant with 4 years apprenticeship to Parkinson and Coy of Newtown in Sydney. His father was George Watt of “Buena Vista” in Gordon Rd, Chatswood in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on January 24, 1917.<sup>1964</sup> He was a brother of John Gordon Watt.

### **Watt John Gordon**

Private No.3255 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Watt was born at Gosford. He was a 27 year old commercial traveller when he enlisted on August 5, 1915. His father was George Watt of Gordon Rd, Chatswood in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 “Suevic” on December 20, 1915.<sup>1965</sup> He was a brother of George Wilfred Watt.

### **Watts Alexander Bathurst**

Private No.1850A 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Watts was a 22 year old single, draper when he enlisted on August 10, 1915. His father was Alexander Watts of 224 Kippelt St in Bathurst N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December 17, 1915.<sup>1966</sup>

### **Watts Charles Finley**

Private No.19701 Signals Corps.

Private Watts was an 18 year old single clerk when he enlisted on August 1, 1917. His father was Albert J. Watts of 6 Henry St, Kew in Melbourne. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A68 “Anchises” on August 8, 1917.<sup>1967</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Watts was from Woy Woy. On Monday evening he was entertained by the townspeople in the local hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. He was held in high esteem by the general community and

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<sup>1964</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1965</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1966</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1967</sup> *Ibid*

there was little doubt he would do his part as a soldier of the Empire. Councillor John Bourke occupied the chair. In proposing the toast the Rev. W. M. Herford, who had just returned from a health trip to the mountain, wished the young soldier God speed. The toast was supported by Mr Phil Glenister, who said he hoped that Private Watts would return safe and sound and hoped that his action would prove an incentive for other able bodied young men to follow in his footsteps. Private Watts made a suitable reply.

The toast of the Empire was proposed by Mr L. Aubrey, supported by Mr H. J. Gates. Mr F. C. Warmoll proposed “Our Allies, the toast being supported by Mr Drinkwater and Mr Vokes. The toast to “The Parents” was proposed by Mr W. S. Hadley, to which Private Watts responded. Several other toasts were proposed, including “The Chairman” with Councillor Bourke acknowledging Mr A. McCallum’s kindly remarks. A special vote of thanks was on the motion of Rev. W. M. Herford, accorded Mr Warmoll for the excellent manner in which all arrangements had been made and Mr Latta was thanked for allowing the use of the hall. During the evening musical items were rendered by Mrs Vokes, Mr Adams, Mr Gates, Miss Pointer and Miss Booth and recitations by Mr Stuart and Mr Aubrey.<sup>1968</sup>

### **Watts Ivan Dudley**

Private No.28825 Medium Trench Mortar Batteries

Private Watts was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on March 24, 1916. His father was William Watts of Warner’s Estate in Wyong. He previously served in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A47 “Mashobra” on September 14, 1916.<sup>1969</sup>

### **Watts William Arthur**

Private No.9004 5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, Army Medical Corps

Private Watts was born at Narara. He was a 23 year old, single, carpenter when he enlisted on July 15, 1915. His father was William Watts of Harmon’s Estate at Wyong. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on January 15, 1916.

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<sup>1968</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1969</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Watts, who was from Wyong had to leave the firing line for hospital on account of his illness.<sup>1970</sup> In a later article it was reported that at the Literary Institute in Wyong the previous Friday evening a public welcome was tendered. The Recruiting Association presented him with an inscribed medal for which he returned the thanks. Mr Alex Wilkinson was the chairman and had with him on the platform, in addition to the guest of honour, Rev. Hanington, Mr G. Ling, Mr Arch Wilkinson, Mr Lloyd Jones, Mr J. Kay, Mr C. Lawler, Mr Gavenlock, Captain Hand, Lieutenant Colley, Private Grey and Private Murrell.

The Wyong Band was in attendance and rendered a delightful selection of airs. Others who contributed to the much enjoyed programme were Mrs Rye, Miss Louie Tarrant, who gave a humorous recitation of local composition, Miss Kane, Miss Tewkesbury, Mr Fripp, Rev. Hanington, Mr George Flynn song and dance, Miss Alexander, and Mr C. Viney, Mr Alexander and Mr T. H. Hawthorn supplied the comic numbers and won much applause.

Mr Hawthorn also contributed a musical monologue and a duet, song and dance with Miss Tewkesbury, all being encored as indeed were most of the items. The entertainment concluded with the National Anthem. Miss L. Smith, Miss Kane and Miss Tewkesbury and Miss C. Walters shared the duties of accompanist and Mr Small attended at the door. Mention should be made of the effective draping of the stage and Band enclosure with the flags of the Allies in which our own colours and those of the United States were prominent. Other returned soldiers from the Wyong district were also welcomed home and appear under their individual names.<sup>1971</sup>

### **Waugh Francis William\***

Private No.2406 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, B Company

Private Waugh was from Jilliby.<sup>1972</sup> He was a 26 year old married fitter's labourer when he enlisted on May 17, 1916. His wife was Mrs Laura May Waugh of Teralba Rd,

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<sup>1970</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1971</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, April, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1972</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *Every Mothers Son, Tracing the History of Those from the Central Coast Who Answered Their Country's Call and the Tributes Created In Their Memory*, Gosford City Library

Adamstown Newcastle. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916. He was killed in action by a shell explosion at Le Poterie Farm to the right of Messines Ridge on June 10, 1917 in Belgium. His name is recorded on Menin Gate.<sup>1973</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Frank Waugh, son-in-law of Mr George Cater of Jilliby, was killed in action in France on June 10, 1917.<sup>1974</sup>

### **Weaver Gordon\***

Trooper No.478 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Australian Light Horse

Private Weaver was a 36 year old single, commercial traveller when he enlisted on September 14, 1914. His mother was Emily Weaver c/o of Weaver and Perry, Castlereagh House, Castlereagh St in Sydney. He previously served 4 years in the South African Constabulary. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A29 "Suevic" on December 21, 1914.<sup>1975</sup>

### **Webb William Henry\***

Private No.568 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, B Coy.

Private Webb was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 19 year old single, wheeler when he enlisted on July 18, 1915. His father was John Webb of Charles St in Abermain N.S.W. He was still serving in the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 "Belyana" on November 9, 1915.<sup>1976</sup>

He had been promoted to Sergeant and was killed in action on September 30, 1918 by a shell at Bullecourt in France. He was described as being 27 years old, 5 foot 9 inches tall, thick set build with a dark complexion. He was in a forward area with several others and was in No Man's Land sheltering in a shell hole at about 3 p.m. when a shell landed right in the hole killing them all.

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<sup>1973</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>1974</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1975</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>1976</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

### **Weeks George or (W. E.)\***

Corporal No.6379 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Corporal Weeks was from Mount Penang.<sup>1977</sup> He was a 30 year old single, stockman when he enlisted on June 6, 1916. He had previously served in the British Army and the British Navy. His next of kin was a friend Miss J. Bolton of “Hageeville” in Arthur St, Concord Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on September 9, 1916. He was promoted to Corporal on May 7, 1915. On June 9, 1915 he suffered from gallstones. On June 19, 1915 he had a gunshot wound to the leg and concussion at Gallipoli. On September 19, 1915 he was wounded in the left leg and suffered depression and returned to Australia on board “Themistocles” he re-enlisted at the Sydney Show Ground on June 6, 1916 and was issued with a new service number 6379. On January 10, he suffered from a septic right hand. He was killed instantly by a stray bullet to the head on April 9, 1917, in Hermes France.

*The Gosford Times* reported that the Boys Industrial Home on the Penang turned out quite a number of valiant soldiers to do duty for the honour of Australia. During the week the Superintendent of the Home received word that Corporal Weeks, formerly in that institution as an instructor, had been killed in France on April 9. 1917. He had been through the Gallipoli campaign and returning to Australia re-embarked for service on the western front.<sup>1978</sup>

### **Weeks Robert Edgar**

Trooper No.1698 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Australian Light Horse

The attestation files of trooper Weeks were amalgamated with his World War 11 papers and as such were not available. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915.<sup>1979</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Weeks was from Gosford and that he was promoted to the rank of Corporal

### **Weeks Reginald Royal\***

Private Infantry No.3400 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

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<sup>1977</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

<sup>1978</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 10. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1979</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

Private Weeks was from Gosford.<sup>1980</sup> He was an 18 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on June 16, 1917. His mother was Mrs Ada Weeks of 107 Meyers St, Geelong, Victoria. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A28 “Miltiades” on August 2, 1917. On October 2, 1917 he was admitted to Glasgow hospital with a sprained ankle. On May 7, 1918 he was reported missing and believed to be a prisoner of war. He was killed instantly by a shell explosion on May 7, 1918 at Morlancourt in France.<sup>1981</sup>

### **Weir James Stuart Duncan\***

Private No.2867 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Weir was from Gosford. He was a 20 year old butcher when he enlisted on August 3, 1915. He previously served in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.) for three years. His father was John Weir of Drummoyne Sydney, formerly of Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” on November 2, 1915. On July 24, 1916 he was in a shell explosion at Pozieres, but there was no visible wound. He was killed on July 25, 1916 at Pozieres in France.<sup>1982</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Friday, Mr Jack Weir received a cable stating that his brother Stuart had been killed in action on July 23, 1916. Deceased was a former resident of Gosford when his parents were in business here and was a fine young chap, popular with all who knew him. It is when we think of young Australians like Stuart Weir who have lost their lives in this fearful war that we realise the terrible sacrifice Australia is being called upon to make its efforts to assist the mother country wrote *The Gosford Times*.

### **Weiss Earl Victor\***

Bombardier No.11147 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade

Bombardier Weiss was from Erina. He was a 20 year old single, shop assistant when he enlisted on August 15, 1915. He previously served in 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry and his father was W. H. Weiss of Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on January 15, 1916. From January 24 to February 3, 1917 he was at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Field Ambulance in France with blistered feet. On February 13 to May 3, 1917 he was sick

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<sup>1980</sup> Rooksberry Michael, 1997, *op cit*

<sup>1981</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1982</sup> *Ibid*

and had dental problems. On September 1-6, 1917, he was sick. On November 6, 1917 he was gassed in Belgium. On November 12, 1917 he embarked for England. On November 13, 1917 he was admitted to hospital at Bethnal Green. On May 27, 1918 he re-joined his unit. On August 9, 1918 he was killed by a shell explosion at Harbonnieres in France.<sup>1983</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that another of the Erina lads had made the supreme sacrifice and Mr Walter H. Weiss, headmaster of Erina Public School had lost a second son. Two of his boys had enlisted at the outbreak of the war and both had been killed in action over in France. The eldest son Fred lost his life on July 19, 1916. Last week Mr Weiss was advised by cable that his other son had been killed in action on August 9, 1918. He was 23 and 8 months old. He enlisted in 1915 and sailed from Sydney on January 15, 1916 and reached France the following April. He passed through all engagements unwounded until the end of 1917 when he was severely gassed. After a period in hospital he returned to France last June and as above stated he was killed in action on August 9, 1918.<sup>1984</sup> He was the brother of Frederick Alfred Weiss

### **Weiss Frederick Alfred\***

Private Infantry No.3578 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

Private Weiss was from Erina. He was a 22 year old single, school teacher when he enlisted on July 25, 1915. His father was W. H. Weiss of Erina. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAA A17 "Port Lincoln" on October 13, 1915. On September 8, 1915 he disembarked in Melbourne suffering from measles. He was killed in action by a gunshot wound to the stomach and then hit by an exploding shell on July 19, 1916 at Fleurbaix at the battle of Fromelles in France.<sup>1985</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mr W. H. Weiss, headmaster of Erina Public School received a cable stating that his son Private Weiss had been officially reported missing in France since July 19, 1916. At the time of his enlistment he was an assistant teacher

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<sup>1983</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>1984</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, September, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1985</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*



at West Wyalong Public School and had been less than a month in France. His brother was Bombardier Eric Victor Weiss.<sup>1986</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private F. A. Weiss of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, son of Mr W. H. Weiss of Erina, had been officially reported as killed on July 19, 1916. It was remembered that Private Weiss was reported missing on that date, but it was only the previous week that the official information of his death arrived. It was in the big battle of Pozieres that this gallant soldier was killed. Mr Weiss had another son Gunner Earl Victor Weiss, who was still at the front.<sup>1987</sup>

### **Weldon William Harold**

Private N92909

Private Weldon was a 26 year old single, relieving officer when he enlisted on July 19, 1918. His father was William John Weldon of Junction St in Newcastle. Private Weldon resided at the same address. He previously served 2 years in the senior cadets.<sup>1988</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Weldon was the relieving night officer at Ourimbah station and had volunteered for active service with the Railway Unit intended for France.<sup>1989</sup>

### **West Basil**

Private

There is no attestation papers for Basil West. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private West in writing home from the front said that he had been in the trenches for as long as five days and nights without sleep and yet the eight-hourlies in Australia say there's no need to send more men across the water.<sup>1990</sup>

### **Westaway George William**

Private No.N92907

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<sup>1986</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1987</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1988</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1989</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1990</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Westaway was a 25 year old single, relieving officer at Wyong railway station when he enlisted on July 19, 1918. His father was William Westaway of Bowling Alley via Tamworth N.S.W.<sup>1991</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Westerway was a relieving officer from Wyong.<sup>1992</sup>

### **Whalen Michael**

Trooper No.667 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse, 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements

Trooper Whelan was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 39 year old single, mail driver when he enlisted on December 1, 1914. His next of kin was his uncle James Hobson Whelan of Cooper St, Waterloo in Sydney He embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT “Runic” on February 25, 1915.<sup>1993</sup>

The *Police Gazette* reported that Michael Whelan was a native of Hawkesbury and a labourer. He was described as being 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, fair complexion, light brown hair, blue eyes, tattoo on both forearms, shrapnel wound on his left foot and had a deformity of his toe He deserted the Australian Imperial Forces from a military camp in Sydney on November, 18, 1917.<sup>1994</sup>

### **Wheatley Donald Frederick**

Trooper No.2397 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment Australian Light Horse

Trooper Wheatley was a 24 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. His father was Alex Shaw Wheatley of Empire Bay. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A25 “Anglo Egyptian” on May 12, 1916.<sup>1995</sup>

### **Whight George Phillip**

Driver Divisional Ammunition Column

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<sup>1991</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1992</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>1993</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>1994</sup> Gullick, William Applegate, 1917, *Police Gazette*, December, 19, p.561, Government Printer of the State of New South Wales, Phillip Street, Sydney

<sup>1995</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

Driver Whight was born at Gosford. He was a 26 year old single, baker when he enlisted on September 2, 1914. His next of kin was Nat Wright of Edwardstown. He previously served in the Victorian Cadets.<sup>1996</sup>

### **White David Henry\***

Private No.4908 54<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private White was a 22 year old single butcher when he enlisted on August 22, 1915. His mother was Charlotte Sophia White of the Post Office in Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A15 “Star of England” on March 8, 1916.<sup>1997</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs White of Dora Creek, who had four sons at the front, received word that her son had been killed in action. He was previously wounded but had recovered. He was killed in action on May 15, 1917 at Bullecourt in France. He was in support with his platoon and was in a dugout on a sunken road and was killed by a shell.<sup>1998</sup>

### **White Ernest Keith Military Cross**

Lieutenant 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Lieutenant White was born at Gosford. He was a 24 year old married town clerk when he enlisted on June 8, 1915. Hi wife was Mrs E. K. White of Gosford. He previously served in the cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A7 “Medic” on December 30, 1915.<sup>1999</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Lieutenant White was from Gosford. Mr E. K. White, late Sanitary Inspector at Gosford, had passed the Local Government Clerk’s examination held on May 26. While waiting for the result Mr White enlisted.<sup>2000</sup> In another article it was reported that Lieutenant White had gone into a training camp in

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<sup>1996</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1997</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>1998</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>1999</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>2000</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

England for six months.<sup>2001</sup> He was later made adjutant.<sup>2002</sup> In a further article it was reported that word was received during the week that Lieutenant E. K. White, son of Mr and Mrs R. J. White of Gosford had been awarded the Military Cross for bravery on the battlefield. Lieutenant White was the third Gosford boy to win this coveted distinction.<sup>2003</sup> Prior to sailing for the front he married Miss Pauline Mason.<sup>2004</sup>

### **White Edwin Payne**

Private No.1900 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse, Australian Light Horse

Private White was a 26 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on September 23, 1915. His father was Jeffery White of Winter St, Kadina East in South Australia. He previously served 4 years in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Australian Light Horse. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on January 11, 1916.<sup>2005</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private White was from Dora Creek and on the 239<sup>th</sup> casualty list was mentioned as being wounded.<sup>2006</sup>

### **White J. C.**

Private

As there was more than one J. C. White in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which J. C. White was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private White of “Glenore”, Narara enlisted and successfully passed the medical test. He was well over 40 years of age and left a wife behind while he went forth to fight for King and Country.<sup>2007</sup>

In another article it was reported that Private White, who sailed for the front during the week desired through the columns of *The Gosford Times* to sincerely thank the many district friends who organised and attended the farewell social at Narara and also for

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<sup>2001</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2002</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2003</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 30. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2004</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2005</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>2006</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2007</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, March, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

the presentations made to his wife and himself. Private White said that he was struck by the air of sincerity that characterised the proceedings and heartily reciprocates the good wishes expressed. When the cruel war was over and he had done his duty so far as he was able, He hoped to return to Narara where with his wife and he spent so many happy years.<sup>2008</sup>

### **White James**

Private No.59180

Private White was born at the Hawkesbury River. He was an 18 year old single, fisherman when he enlisted on October 10, 1917. His father was Archibald Randolph White of Hawkesbury River. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on July 17, 1918.<sup>2009</sup>

*The Gosford Time* reported that another young man from Spencer had enlisted in answer to the call of the Empire. He was to go into camp in October.<sup>2010</sup> In a further article it was reported that he was still stationed at Moore Park, but was expected to go into Liverpool Camp shortly.<sup>2011</sup> Finally it was reported that he was at the last meeting of the Win-The-War- League and was presented with a silver disc chain in which he thanked his friends.<sup>2012</sup> He sailed for the front in July, 1918.<sup>2013</sup>

### **Whitehead Milo\***

Private No.6096 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Private Whitehead was from Kulnura<sup>2014</sup> he was a 23 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on March 13, 1916. His father was H. Whitehead of Bordisham, Cambridgeshire in England. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916. He was killed in action on April 9, 1917 in France.

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<sup>2008</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2009</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2010</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2011</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, October, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2012</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2013</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, August, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2014</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

*The Gosford Times* reported that on Sunday afternoon a Memorial Service was held at Kulnura for Private Whitehead. The service was conducted by Rev. S. Wedge of Gosford. It was largely attended and impressive in character. Mr W. H. Kellynack ably presided at the organ. A short resume of the life of the departed soldier was read and reference made to the sterling worth of his character and at the conclusion of the service “Dead March” in Saul was played whilst all remained silently standing after which the National Anthem was sung. The service and its solemnity would be long remembered by those who attended.<sup>2015</sup>

### **Whitpaine Cleveland\***

Private No.275 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Company

Private Whitpaine was from The Entrance. He was an 18 year old single, station hand when he enlisted on December 14, 1914. His father was Charles Whitpaine of 85 Railway Parade, Erskineville in Sydney. He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAA A60 “Aeneas” on June 29, 1915. On February 14, 1916 he was admitted to the Field Ambulance in Ismailia in Egypt with meningitis. On May 9 to 12 he was Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL) in Greenhills in England. On June 7, 1915 he was AWOL for 8½ hours in Greenhills. On January 17, 1916 he was charged with refusing to obey a lawful command and on July 3, 1916 he was charged with drunkenness in France. He was killed in action on July 29, 1916 from a gunshot wound to his left breast. He and others were in No Man’s Land near the German wire during the first charge at Pozieres and the attack was not a success. Only a few of the men got up to the German lines and never came back.<sup>2016</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Whitpaine, aged 19, son of Mr C. Whitpaine of The Entrance was reported to have been killed in action in France on July 29, 1917. He was previously reported as missing.<sup>2017</sup>

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<sup>2015</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 31. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2016</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2017</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Wiggs William Henry**

Private No.3200 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Wiggs was from Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 27 year old married miner when he enlisted on May 23, 1916. His wife was Matilda May Wiggs of Catherine Hill Bay. She later moved to Aberdare Rd in Cessnock N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916.<sup>2018</sup>

### **Wilcox Frank**

Private No.2403 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Wilcox was a 43 year old married orchardist when he enlisted on May 11, 1916. His wife was Lilian Wilcox of Ourimbah. He previously served 3 years in senior cadets. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 "Borda" on October 17, 1916.<sup>2019</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Trooper Wilcox was from Ourimbah. A social and presentation to Trooper Wilcox took place at Ourimbah in the School of Arts Hall on June 21, 1917. The night was stormy with heavy rains, but a splendid gathering of residents assembled to do honour to our returned hero. Dancing started at 8 p.m. Mrs Eaton and Mrs Dodd presiding at the piano, the violinist being Mr J. Morris. Dancing was kept up till the small hours and all departed well pleased with the night's entertainment.<sup>2020</sup>

### **Wilkinson C. S.**

Private

As there was more than one C. S. Wilkinson in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which C. S. Wilkinson was from the Central Coast *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wilkinson was from Gosford.<sup>2021</sup> In a further article it was reported that on Saturday evening a second social under the

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<sup>2018</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2019</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>2020</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2021</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

auspices of the Girls' Patriotic Society was held at the School of Arts to farewell Private Wilkinson.<sup>2022</sup>

### **Wilkinson E. S.**

Private

There were numbers of E. S. Wilkinson mentioned in attestation papers and embarkation rolls. None of the papers give an address on the Central Coast so it was not possible to determine which one was from the Central Coast.

### **Wilkinson Jack**

As there was more than one Jack Wilkinson in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which Jack Wilkinson was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that he was the younger son of Mr Frank Wilkinson of Point Clare and enlisted with the Flying Corps.<sup>2023</sup>

### **Williams Francis Eric**

Private No.

Private Williams was born at Gosford. He was a 23 year old single, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade marine engineer when he enlisted on November 11, 1915. His mother was Jane Williams of Campbell St, Balmain in Sydney..<sup>2024</sup> There was no embarkation papers for Francis Eric Williams.

### **Williams George Allan**

Private No.1562

Private Williams was born at Brooklyn. He was a 28 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. His mother was Mary Williams of "Ophir" in Rove St, Woollahra in Sydney.<sup>2025</sup> There was no embarkation paper for George Allan Williams.

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<sup>2022</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2023</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2024</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>2025</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)



**Williams Gordon Samuel**

Private No.6612 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, B Coy.

Private Williams was born at Brooklyn. He was a 21 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on January 10, 1916. His father was Charles Williams of Wilson Island, Hawkesbury. He previously served in the militia.<sup>2026</sup> There was no embarkation paper for Gordon Samuel Williams.

**Williams Harold Edwin\***

Lance-Corporal No.973 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Light Horse Brigade

Lance-Corporal Williams was from Kulnura. He was a 24 year old single, farmer when he enlisted and was killed in action from a bullet through the head at Beersheba in Palestine on November 5, 1917. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A58 “Kabinga” on May 21, 1915.<sup>2027</sup>

**Williams Henry McMillan**

Private No.32109 4 Divisional Ammunition Column

Private Williams was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old single, seaman when he enlisted on September 29, 1916. His mother was Jane Williams of 95 Mont St, Balmain in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board RMS “Osterley” on February 10, 1917.<sup>2028</sup>

**Williams Jack\***

Enlisted as Percy McManus (*see McManus*)

Private No.3252 53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion

**Williams Percival**

Private No.5477 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Williams was from Gosford. He was a 23 year old labourer when he enlisted and died of broncho/pneumonia in France on October 31, 1918.<sup>2029</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Percy Williams, who prior to enlisting at the outbreak of war was

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<sup>2026</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>2027</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2028</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>2029</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

employed at the Royal Hotel in Gosford, wrote to *The Gosford Times* saying that he had met some locals over there including E. K. White, Lance Mason and Tony Gillan. Percy wished to be remembered to the Band boys and other friends.<sup>2030</sup>

### **Williams Roy Howard\***

Sergeant No.1846 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Sergeant Williams was a 25 year old single, bricklayer when he enlisted on January 12, 1915. His father was W. H. Williams of Norah Head. He previously served 2 years in the Irish Rifles.<sup>2031</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Roy Williams, son of Mr W. H. Williams, who for years acted as lighthouse keeper at Noraville was killed in action on June 10, 1917<sup>2032</sup>

### **Williams S.**

Private

As there was more than one S. Williams in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which S. William was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Williams was from Brooklyn

### **Williams V.**

Private

As there was more than one V. Williams in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which V. Williams was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Williams was from Brooklyn

### **Williamson Percy#**

Private Infantry No.5477 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Williamson was from Gosford. He died of pneumonia on October 13, 1918, after two years and seven months active service. He was a member of the Gosford Band and almost every man wrote to Bandmaster Lovell. The last letter received from him was dated from France on September 22, 1918 and it was received by Mr Lovell at

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<sup>2030</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2031</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>2032</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 26. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

Gosford the very day that the cable reported Private Williamson's death. In his letter he stated that Father Dwyer, of Gosford, was in their Company and concluded by asking Mr Lovell to convey his kindest regards to the Band boys and friends in general. It was probably Private Williamson's last words to his friends across the sea.<sup>2033</sup>

### **Willis George Samuel\***

Private No.5894 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Willis was born at Gosford.<sup>2034</sup> He was a 35 year old single, railway porter when he enlisted on May 9, 1916. His next of kin was his brother Joseph Henry Willis of Narara Post Office. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on October 7, 1916. On March 5, 1917 he suffered from trench foot, On July 7 and 8, 1917, he went Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL). On January 6, 1918 he committed a crime in France. On April 15, 1918 he suffered a gunshot wound to the left thigh and was invalided to England. On August 3, 1918 he suffered from scabies. He was killed in action on October 3, 1918.<sup>2035</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Willis was from Narara and was reported to be in hospital in Bath, Somerset in England. The injury consisted of a gunshot wound to the left thigh.<sup>2036</sup> In a further article it was reported that news had been received of the death in action of Private Willis of Narara. The deceased was born at Woniora, Georges River and came to the Gosford District with his parents in early childhood. He grew to manhood in Narara receiving his education at Narara Public School. Later on he found employment at Hurstville, Lithgow and other places. For some years he worked on the railway deviation at the Zig Zag and at Glenbrook. Previous to enlisting he was in the employ of the Railway Commissioners at the Darling Harbour goods shed. He was an enthusiastic amateur photographer and had artistic tastes and studied for some time with a business college with a view to entering some profession of an artistic nature.

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<sup>2033</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, November, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2034</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2035</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>2036</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

His war experiences were varied. He was in one of the battles at Bullecourt and had his clothes torn by a piece of shrapnel but was otherwise unhurt. He was afterwards laid up for some time with trench feet, and then he suffered in a gas attack. In the big battle of last April he received a gunshot wound to the thigh and narrowly escaped falling into the hands of the Germans. He was then for some time in Bath Hospital, but made good recovery and returned to duty in August. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> he made the great sacrifice ending what was in many respects and admirable and promising life. He was 37 years of age and unmarried. Much sympathy was shown to his aged mother, brothers and sisters in the loss of the noble son and brother.<sup>2037</sup>

### **Wilson Charles Thomas**

Private No.1591 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements

Private Wilson was born at Dora Creek. He was a 21 year old single, miner. His mother was Elizabeth Wilson of Dora Creek. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on June 6, 1915.<sup>2038</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wilson was from Mangrove Mountain and was set to sail at an early date for the North Sea.<sup>2039</sup>

### **Wilson Joe**

Private 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

His attestation papers were not available at this time. *The Gosford Times* reported that Joe Wilson was from Wamberal and brother to the Postmaster enlisted and went into camp on Monday next.<sup>2040</sup> In a further article it was reported that Mr E. R. Wilson of Wamberal had received word that his brother Private Wilson was admitted to hospital on March 30, 1917, suffering from trench feet. He had been in continuous fighting for the previous 12 months in France, although suffering with his feet since November, 1916.<sup>2041</sup>

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<sup>2037</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2038</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2039</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2040</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2041</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, May, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Wilson John Whiteman**

Private No.6108 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 49<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Wilson was born at Gosford. He was 18 years old and single when he enlisted on February 29, 1916. His father was Henry Wilson. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A18 “Wiltshire” on August 22, 1916.<sup>2042</sup>

### **Wilson N. F.**

Private

As there was more than one N. F. Wilson in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which N. F. Wilson was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wilson was from Lower Mangrove and was a labourer.

### **Wilson Percival Joseph Daryl**

Private No.3651 3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Private Wilson was born at Gosford. He was a 21 year old wood work machinist when he enlisted on October 18, 1915. His brother was Albert Wilson of Tumult. He previously served for 2 years in the Australian Rifle Regiment (A.R.R.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 “Berrima” on December 12, 1915<sup>2043</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wilson was from Wamberal. Mrs M. Brown of “The Grange” in Springfield received a letter from her brother, Private Wilson, who had been in the firing line for two and a half years and was now taking part in the fight on the western front. Mrs Brown’s sister, Mrs Percy, received word the previous week that her husband, Private James Percy, of North Sydney, was officially reported as having been wounded, this was the second occasion. The first time he was buried to the neck by a bursting shell directly after delivering despatches and now by a gunshot wound in the leg. Private Wilson said he had a few weeks’ leave in England and with an experience of air raids and other things reckoned that people who live in Australia were dashed lucky he said.<sup>2044</sup>

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<sup>2042</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

<sup>2043</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2044</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

### **Wilson S.**

Infantry

Wilson was named in *The Gosford Times* "Roll of Honour list of names of those local residents who served."<sup>2045</sup> With the lack of information it was not possible to determine from the National Archives which Wilson S. was the local resident of the Central Coast.

### **Wilson W.**

Private

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wilson was from Mangrove Mountain.<sup>2046</sup> As there was more than one W. Wilson in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which W. Wilson was from the Central Coast.

### **Winning James\***

Private

Private Winning was a 20 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted and was killed in action at Anzac Cove in Gallipoli on August 6, 1915. He embarked from Fremantle on board HMAT A50 "Itonus" on February 22, 1915.<sup>2047</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Winning was the son of Mr R. J. Winning, late of Ourimbah. Jack was entertained at Cessnock when up on final leave.<sup>2048</sup>

### **Winterbottom C. T. (Mention in Despatches)**

Sergeant No.2552 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Sergeant Winterbottom was a 39 year old married orchardist when he enlisted on May 25, 1915. His wife was Margaret Winterbottom. He previously served 16 years in the Lancashire Fusiliers. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A54 "Runic" on August 9, 1915.<sup>2049</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Sergeant Winterbottom was from Mangrove Mountain. In another article it was reported that Lieutenant Winterbottom

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<sup>2045</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2046</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, November, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2047</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>2048</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November, 16. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2049</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

recently gained his commission in France and was mentioned in despatches on the field of battle.<sup>2050</sup> In a further article it was reported that Lieutenant Winterbottom had been invalided home.<sup>2051</sup> He was later promoted to Captain and his wound was not dangerous.<sup>2052</sup>

### **Wood William Henry alias Hood William**

Lieutenant No.3493 17<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy

Lieutenant Wood was a 21 year old single farmer when he enlisted on August 6, 1915. His mother was Elizabeth Wood of Public School in Brooklyn. His attestation papers recorded that he used an alias when he enlisted using the name William Hood.<sup>2053</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that word was received by cable from the front that Lieutenant Wood, son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Wood, of the Brooklyn Public School had been wounded for the second time.<sup>2054</sup>

### **Woodbury Aloysius William**

Private No.

Private Woodbury was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 25 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on December 14, 1917. His father was Austin Herbert Woodbury c/o the Spencer Post Office, Spencer, N.S.W.<sup>2055</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Woodbury lived in Spencer and went into camp on December 14.<sup>2056</sup> There was no embarkation file available.

### **Woodbury Harold Military Medal**

Private No. 5477 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Private Woodbury was a 21 year old labourer/farmer from Mangrove Creek. His father was Edwin Joseph Woodbury of Mangrove Creek. He enlisted on January 13, 1916 and

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<sup>2050</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 13. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2051</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, January, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2052</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 1. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2053</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>2054</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2055</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2056</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, December, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

embarked on April 14, 1916, on the A40 “Ceramic”. He was awarded the Military Medal on July 17, 1917. He was wounded with a gunshot wound to the chest on September 2, 1918 and re-joined his unit on September 19, 1919 and returned to Australia on July 25, 1919.<sup>2057</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that word had come to his parents that Private Woodbury had been wounded just after winning the military medal. It was hoped that he was not seriously wounded and was on his way to a full recovery.<sup>2058</sup>

### **Woodbury L.**

Private

As there was more than one L. Woodbury in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which L. Woodbury was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Woodbury was from Mangrove Mountain

### **Woodbury Percival Arnold**

Private No.3202 1st Pioneers, 7th Reinforcements.

Private Woodbury was an 18 year old farmer from Yarramalong. His mother was Mrs E. Woodbury. He enlisted on June 26, 1916. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A30 “Borda” on October 17, 1916. He was wounded from a gunshot wound to the left ankle on November 8, 1917. He returned to Australia.<sup>2059</sup>

### **Woodbury Reginald Vaughn**

Private No.N92874

Private Woodbury was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, clerk when he enlisted on July 22, 1918. His father was Edwin Woodbury of 15 Imperial Arcade, Sydney.<sup>2060</sup> There was no embarkation file available.

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<sup>2057</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2058</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 29. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2059</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>2060</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*



### **Woodbury Stephen Bernard\***

Private No.2674 Light Trench Mortar Battery

Private Woodbury was from Spencer. He was a 22 year old single, orchardist when he enlisted on October 8, 1916. His father was Austin Herbert Woodbury of Spencer. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A24 "Benalla" on November 9, 1916.<sup>2061</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that a hearty send-off was given to Private S. B. Woodbury who was from Spencer, on Monday last at Mr R. Daniel's residence when a big party of well-wishers and friends presented the young soldier with a fountain pen, money belt and sheep-skin vest. Mr R. Edwards, who made the presentation, delivered a touching speech referring to Private Woodbury in very eloquent terms. Several other ladies and gentlemen spoke a few words wishing him God speed and a safe return. Dancing was indulged till morning despite the wet night.<sup>2062</sup>

In another article it was reported that a cable had conveyed the information that Private Woodbury had arrived in England safely, submarines, mines and diving cruisers notwithstanding.<sup>2063</sup> He was killed in action on July 31, 1917. He was killed by a direct hit from a shell while on duty in the front line at Gapaard near Messines at about 2.15 p.m. He died instantly and was buried that night behind our front line as it was impossible to get his body out.<sup>2064</sup>

Finally the death of Private Woodbury, the son of Mr A. H. Woodbury was reported. The deceased was 23 years of age and enlisted at Victoria Barracks in Sydney about 10 months earlier, sailing for England a few weeks later. After several months training in England he crossed to France on May 2, 1917. His last letters home were dated June 12 and indicated that he expected to go into the firing line the following day. He was killed in action on July 31, 1917, presumably during the big push in Flanders, in which some fresh Australians were reported to be taking part.

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<sup>2061</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>2062</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2063</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, February, 8. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>2064</sup> Australian War Memorial,2014,www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing

News of the death was received by his parents on the previous Thursday since which many friends and neighbours had called on the bereaved family with expressions of sympathy and condolence. Private Woodbury was undoubtedly one of the most popular young men of this district and a fine athlete. Moreover, his short life constituted an example of virtuous living in a Christian charity that few might deign to pass unheeding. He was indeed a worthy son of worthy parents, a worthy scion of the pioneer family that has done much towards the development of Brisbane Water and Mangrove districts. His people to whom his memory will ever be a pride, are comforted in their sorrow in the knowledge that he would answer the last grim bugle call as readily and fearlessly as he would the less portentous ones of his training days.

R. I. P.<sup>2065</sup>

In a further article it was reported that Mr A. H. Woodbury received a letter relative to the death of his son. The letter was written by an officer attached to the trench mortar battery to which the Private also belonged and the officer stated that his battery had assisted in an attack upon the enemy on July 31. In the afternoon he was standing by in order to render assistance to the infantry in the event of a counter attack when about 2.15 a shell came right into the gun pit where Private Woodbury, with the others of that gun crew, was stationed. Private Woodbury was killed instantly. His grave is in a little village on the outskirts of Messines in Belgium.<sup>2066</sup>

### **Woodbury Sidney J.\***

Driver No.285 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Driver Woodbury was from Lower Mangrove. He was a 27 year old married labourer when he enlisted.<sup>2067</sup> He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 “Ceramic” on June 25, 1915.<sup>2068</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that news had come through that Sydney Woodbury from Mangrove Mountain was in London and was nearly alright again and

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<sup>2065</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W

<sup>2066</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, September, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2067</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, *op cit*

<sup>2068</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

having the time of his life. He was to go to Flanders and drive an ammunition wagon as soon as he was fit for active service again.<sup>2069</sup>

In another article it was reported that in a letter from Driver Woodbury he said that he had been stopping shrapnel again, but is recovering fast. Big fighting had been going on and there were heavy losses, but nothing to the German side. He said he had a bosker time in England which he said was a great place. The only thing he dreaded was another winter in the trenches after his Gallipoli experiences. Still matters were far better for them where they were now he said.<sup>2070</sup>

In a further article it was reported Driver Woodbury, son of Mr W. J. Woodbury was killed in action on April 16, 1918.<sup>2071</sup> He was the first to enlist from the Central Coast and had served for three years when he was killed. There was a letter from him in the early part of April, 1918 in which he said “there’s a very big thing coming on and we’ll be in the thick of it” and he was. As well as a brave hero he was a loving son and kind brother and never failed in either writing or sending gifts to his dear ones. A strange coincidence happened when he was killed the same day his mother died. It was known that she craved to see her boy again. The Defence Department tried to see if they could arrange for a furlough, but it was impossible, too short of men from this side.<sup>2072</sup>

## **Woodbury Thomas**

Sapper

There were no Thomas Woodbury found in Attestation papers. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Woodbury was from Yarramalong and it was reported that he had been wounded in action.<sup>2073</sup>

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<sup>2069</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, October, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2070</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, November,, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2071</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2072</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 6. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2073</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Woodbury William John\***

Private No.1125 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse Brigade

Private Woodbury was born at Wyong. He was an 18 year old single, man when he enlisted on March 8, 1915. His mother was S. Woodbury of “Gallipoli” at 15 Dalley St, Lidcombe in Sydney. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A51 “Chilka” on June 7, 1915.<sup>2074</sup>

### **Woodman George**

Private No.6059

Private Woodman was born in Catherine Hill Bay. He was an 18 year old single, carter when he enlisted on June 6, 1918. He lived with his father George Woodman in Regent St in Cessnock N.S.W. he previously served 4 years in the cadets and 6 months in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.). He was previously rejected because of deficient chest measurement. He embarked from Sydney on board SS “Gaika” on July 30, 1918.<sup>2075</sup>

### **Woolford Charles Edwards**

Private No.10090 8<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Army Medical Corps

Private Woolford was a 43 year old married school teacher when he enlisted on August 21, 1915. His wife was Emily Woolford of “Osborne” in Pretty Beach. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1917.<sup>2076</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that he had recently returned home from the war and was entertained at a welcome home at Manly House on December 21, 1917. Mrs Murphy, Mrs Dowling and Miss Ransley were the honorary organising committee. The function was most successful one. Crowds from neighbouring places came in launches and stayed to enjoy a pleasant evening.<sup>2077</sup>

### **Woods George Richard\***

Private No.6613 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion

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<sup>2074</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>2075</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>2076</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>2077</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, January, 3. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

Private Woods was born at Sackville Reach, Hawkesbury River. He was an 18 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on June 24, 1916. His father was John Robert Woods of Sackville Reach, Hawkesbury River. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A40 "Ceramic" on October 7, 1916.<sup>2078</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that on the evening of Tuesday, July 9, 1918, a farewell social was given at the residence of Mr Jonathan Byrnes to Private Garthan and Woods, who were ready to sail for the front. Dancing was indulged in until the tables were spread at about 10 o'clock when over fifty adults, besides many juniors took their seats to partake of the good things provided. Mr Cameron J. P. was appointed chairman and Mr Marchant, vice-chairman. In opening the pleasant function, the Chairman said that he was highly honoured to be placed in the position he took that evening. He was always proud to be associated with anything connected with our brave men who were willing to risk all for King and Country. He was a member of the Wiseman's Ferry Win-the-War League and felt very proud of the guests of the evening, whom he eulogised at considerable length.

He then outlined the programme for the evening, proposed the toast of "Our Guest" and called upon Mr Marchant to say something in support of same. Mr Marchant said it was a very great pleasure to fulfil such a request as that bestowed upon him. Having a son in the firing line made him a close student of all things pertaining to the war. He spoke of his one year's acquaintance with the guests of the evening, which had always been pleasant. He said he always felt proud of the man whose ears were not wilfully closed to the Empire's call and spoke at some length on the present condition of things at the front and of recruiting in our own corner of the grand old Empire. He then wound up by wishing them a safe trip, a glorious victory and a safe return.

Mr W. G. Edge, being called upon, said that he was pleased to be there that night to add his sentiments to what had already been said. He said that the two previous speakers had said so much that he felt there was very little left for him to say, without reiterating their statements. He also wished them a safe trip over and a speedy and safe return. Mr H. Callaghan also spoke a few words in support of what had been said. Mr T. Dornan,

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<sup>2078</sup> National Archives, 2014, *op cit*

a returned soldier, who bears many unmistakable marks of battle, was asked to say a few words, which he did in a manner only possible to those who had been and seen and done.

He rose amid an uproar of applause and told as many interesting things about our guests that they had little to fear for things were not as half as bad as often illustrated. He, himself, was trying to get fit and re-join his mates. He, also, joined in best wished for the boys, a certain victory and a speedy return to their friends. Mr Jonathan Byrnes was then called upon to make the presentations, which included a wristlet watch each, presented by the present company; Private Garthan received a pair of socks by Miss May Byrnes. Mr Byrnes spoke of a long acquaintance with the two young soldiers before them and in his characteristic manner, poured quite an ovation of good advice upon them. Then called upon Mrs Marchant, who had a brother at the war, to fasten the watches upon them then pronounced a mother's blessing on them.

The boys' heart seemed very full and they each responded and each said they found it hard to find the words to thank the people for words said. They both said they were going to do all that was in them for the sake of right and freedom. "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" was sung then three cheers for the two brave soldiers, three cheers for all the other brave lads including the returned men, the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne." The Chairman then moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Byrnes, whose untiring efforts went so far towards making the social such a success, also to the other ladies who assisted. The young people then enjoyed the light fantastic until well into the morning.<sup>2079</sup>

Private Woods from Sackville Reach, Hawkesbury River was a farmer and was 18 years of age when he enlisted on June 24, 1918. His father was John Robert Woods of Sackville Reach and was in the State Penitentiary. His mother was Lillian Jane Woods and lived at Windsor. He embarked from Sydney on October 7, 1916, on board "Ceramic" and disembarked at Plymouth on November 21, 1916. On February 10, 1917, he was admitted to Hospital Sutton Veny with pleurisy and on August 5, 1917,

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<sup>2079</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

he was admitted to hospital with a gunshot wound to the right elbow. He died on May 1, 1918.<sup>2080</sup>

### **Woods Thomas Desmond Charles**

Private No.1928 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry

Private Woods was born at Hawkesbury River. He was a 19 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on March 15, 1916. His mother was Jane Frank Woods of Maroochy River, Yandina in Queensland. He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT A42 “Boorara” on August 16, 1916.<sup>2081</sup>

### **Woodward Alfred Ernest**

Private No.67951

Private Woodward was born at Cooranbong. He was a 28 Year old single labourer when he enlisted on July 24, 1918. His father was George Woodward of 58 James St, Hamilton in Newcastle. Private Woodward resided at the same address. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A7 “Medic” on November 2, 1918.<sup>2082</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Woodward from Cooranbong and the son of Mr and Mrs George Woodward and the brother of Frank enlisted and was to go into camp next Monday.<sup>2083</sup> His brothers were Frank and William Woodward.

### **Woodward Frank**

Private No.95944

Private Woodward was born at Morisset. He was a 20 year old single, shop assistant when he enlisted. His father was George Woodward of 53 George St, Hamilton in Newcastle.<sup>2084</sup> His brothers were Ernest and William Woodward. There was no embarkation file available. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Woodward from Cooranbong and the son of Mr and Mrs George Woodward and the brother of Ernest enlisted and was to go into camp next Monday.<sup>2085</sup>

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<sup>2080</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2081</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2082</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>2083</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2084</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2085</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 28. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

### **Woodward William**

Private No.93466

Private Woodward was born at Martinsville. He was an 18 year old single, shop assistant. His father was George Woodward of 58 James St, Hamilton in Newcastle. His attestation paper was marked cancelled.<sup>2086</sup> His brothers were Ernest and Frank Woodward.

### **Worsnop Charles Edwin**

Private No7075

Private Worsnop also served in World War I and his file was amalgamated with his later service and such his attestation papers were not available. His World War I service number was NX6399

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Worsnop was from Corranbong and a farewell and presentation was held in the Cooranbong Public School on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the local Soldiers Recognition Association. Private Worsnop was presented with a medal and was also the recipient of a wallet from Mr E. Andrews. A most enjoyable programme was rendered and ample refreshments provided. Mr E. Taylor was chairman and made the presentation while Miss Ivy Jenkins, a soldier's daughter, pinned on the colours.<sup>2087</sup> In another article it was reported that that Private Worsnop was wounded by gas.<sup>2088</sup>

### **Wright A. W.**

Sapper

As there was more than one A. W. Wright in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which A. W. Wright was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Sapper Wright was from Woy Woy and it was reported that he had been wounded for the second time.<sup>2089</sup>

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<sup>2086</sup> National Archives, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2087</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, April, 5. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2088</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, June, 27. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2089</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, November, 22. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.



### **Wright Clarence William\***

Lance-Corporal No.4354 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Lance-Corporal Wright was a 20 year old single, postal assistant when he enlisted. His father was Samuel Charles Wright of “Mayville” in Erina. He previously served 6 months in the Citizens Military Forces (C.M.F.). He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A60 “Aeneas” on December 30, 1915.<sup>2090</sup>

He was killed in action on July 25, 1916. The Australians were holding the front line when about 4 p.m. a shell struck Lance-Corporal Wright and killed him. They had just taken the village of Pozieres and they were digging themselves in the village itself by the roadway when the Germans bombarded them so heavily that they had to retire to their own front lines. He was the Company signaller. He was buried on the battlefield in the village of Pozieres. He was described as being tall, fair and thin.<sup>2091</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Lance-Corporal Wright was from Matcham. On Saturday a cable message was received by Rev. A. Renwick, Rector of Christ Church, conveying the sad intelligence that Lance-Corporal Wright had been killed in battle against the Hun in France. Signaller Wright was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. Wright of “Mayville”, Erina. He was a postal assistant at Gosford Post Office for five years and prior to enlisting was on the Springwood Post Office staff for 18 months. He enlisted on September 13, 1915 and on 10<sup>th</sup> December sailed for Egypt with the 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. While in Egypt he was transferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and in March last was ordered to France. In the trenches he was promoted to the rank of Lance-Corporal and was killed in action on Sunday July 23, the very day the Roll of Honour was unveiled at Christ Church, Gosford, which included the young hero’s name.<sup>2092</sup>

### **Wright John F.**

Private

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<sup>2090</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>2091</sup> Australian War Memorial, 2014, [www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded and missing](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing)

<sup>2092</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, August, 25. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

As there was more than one John F. Wright in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which John F. Wright was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wright from Wollombi had been wounded for the second time.<sup>2093</sup>

### **Wright John Henry**

Lance-Corporal No.2593 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Lance-Corporal Wright was a 22 year old single labourer when he enlisted on July 30, 1915. His father was John Thomas Wright of Gengelgen N.S.W. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A32 "Themistocles" on October 5, 1915.<sup>2094</sup> *The Gosford Times* reported that Lance-Corporal Wright from Morisset had been wounded.<sup>2095</sup>

### **Wright R.**

Private

As there was more than one R. Wright in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which R. Wright was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Wright was from Wyong and he enlisted the previous week and went into camp a few days later. On Monday night he was presented by his fellow members of the Wyong Town Band with a wristlet watch. On Wednesday afternoon the staff of Campbell & Sons, where Private Wright had been employed for some months, gave him a handsome razor outfit in a Xylonite case. Though he was a resident here for only a few short periods, Private Wright had, by courtesy and attention to business gained many friends who united in wishing him good luck throughout his career.<sup>2096</sup>

### **Yates Alexander Thomas^**

Private No.1169 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion A Company

Private Yates was from Ourimbah and was the brother of Jack and Thomas. He was born at London and arrived in Australia at aged 17. He was an electrician by trade and

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<sup>2093</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2094</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

<sup>2095</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2096</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, October, 17. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

lived in Wamberal and was single,. He enlisted at the age of 21 on September 24, 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A14 “Euripides” October 20, 1914. And died of wounds on May 2, 1915, at 19 years of age at Gallipoli and was buried at sea.<sup>2097</sup>

### **Yates John Bentley**

Private No.4550 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Yates was a 21 year old single, farmer when he enlisted on October 30, 1915. His father was Richard Lovell Yates and his mother was Anastasia Yates of “Greenslands” in Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A71 “Nestor” on April 9, 1916.<sup>2098</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Yates was from Ourimbah. The presentation and welcome extended to Private Yates proved a great success in all respect, most residents agreeing that the attendance was a record for the local Hall in spite of unpromising weather. Mr Burns and Mr Higgins spoke on behalf of the Soldiers’ Reception Committee. Both emphasised the fact that the Yates family was the most actively patriotic and public-spirited in Ourimbah, Mrs Yates, who’s both eligible sons have enlisted (one paying the extreme penalty, the other wounded and returned home) deserving special praise for patriotic work she does.

The speakers made allusion also to Private Yate’s character and what a fine fellow he had always been. Reference was made to the late Private Thomas Yates, one of the heroes of Gallipoli who will never return. Mr F. R. Archbold speaking before making the presentation, said he never knew a finer man or one who bore his misfortune more cheerfully than Jack, whom he knew personally. The cheering which followed the presentation proved Private Yates popularity. In replying, Private Yates thanks the citizens of Ourimbah for their splendid reception and expressed his desire to return to the front. With characteristic modesty, he refused to take any credit for doing his bit.<sup>2099</sup>

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<sup>2097</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *Local History*, [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local\\_history](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history)

<sup>2098</sup> National Archives, 2014, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

<sup>2099</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 2. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In another article it was reported that Mr and Mrs R. Yates had been advised that their son had been invalid home. He was wounded in France last November and had been in the hospital at Bristol in England. Mr Yates had two sons at the front, one of them Private Thomas Yates having been killed in the Lone Pine fight at Gallipoli.<sup>2100</sup>

Private Yates was to be entertained at a welcome home social at Ourimbah on Friday, 27 July, 1917.<sup>2101</sup>

### **Yates Thomas Richard\***

Private Infantry No.2243 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Yates enlisted on May 11, 1915, aged 24 years, he was a farmer/orchardist at Ourimbah and his father was Mr R. Yates and his mother was Anastasia. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A63 "Karoola" June 16, 1915. He was taken on strength on August 4, 1915 and was posted missing in Action August 6, 1915. A Court of Inquiry was held in the field August 7-12, 1915. It was found that he was killed at Lone Pine by a shell explosion and has no known grave.<sup>2102</sup> His brothers were Alexander and Jack.

### **Young Aubrey Cecil**

Private No.

Private Young was born at Catherine Hill Bay. He was a 19 year old single, labourer when he enlisted. His mother was Margaret Elizabeth Young of Stanhope St in Woonora. He previously served in the senior cadets. His enlistment was cancelled on April 20, 1916 as he was only 17 years of age.<sup>2103</sup>

### **Young Charles**

Private Infantry

As there was more than one Charles Yong in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which Charles Young was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs I. Young of West Gosford received a wire

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<sup>2100</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, June, 7. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2101</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, July, 12. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2102</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

<sup>2103</sup> National Archives, 2013, [www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records)

on Tuesday announcing that her son Private C. Young had been wounded at the Dardanelles.<sup>2104</sup>

### **Young Frank**

As there was more than one Frank Young in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which Frank Young was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Frank Young journeyed to Sydney for enlistment and arrived home to the news that he had passed. Frank went into camp during the week.<sup>2105</sup>

### **Young Reginald Military Medal**

Private

As there was more than one Reginald Young in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which Reginald Young was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Mrs C. Young of West Gosford received word that her youngest son Reginald, 19 years of age had been awarded the Military Medal for bravery under shell fire. Mrs Young had four sons at the front.<sup>2106</sup>

### **Young William Cecil^**

Private Infantry No.2285 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

Private Young was born at Gosford. He was a 22 year old single, labourer when he enlisted on July 5, 1915. His mother was Elizabeth Young of Ourimbah. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A8 “Argyllshire” September 30, 1915.<sup>2107</sup>

*The Gosford Times* reported that Private Young was from Ourimbah. Private William Cecil Young, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Young of Ourimbah, died on August 5 from wounds received on the western front in France. He was 23 years of age, was, in a physical sense a fine stamp of Australian, tall and well-proportioned and as game as they make them. He was born at Narara on June 18, 1893 and spent his school days at

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<sup>2104</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, July, 23. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2105</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1915, August 20 . Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2106</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, July, 18. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2107</sup> National Archives, 2014 *op cit*

Ourimbah, after which he took up horse riding and bush work as a means of livelihood, both at Ourimbah and the North Coast. Late he was employed at the Port Waratah Ironworks at nine shillings and sixpence (which converts to ninety-five cents) a day, but resigned his position to enlist.

When war broke out he offered his services, but was turned down on that occasion owing to the effect of an accident he had met with, cutting a sinew of his foot with a broad-axe. In July, 1915, he made another attempt to join the colours and was accepted. A brother also offered his services at the same time, but was rejected after being in camp a few days. The brothers conceived the idea of going to war together, but when the one was discharged as being medically unfit, William eager to get to the front, volunteered to go straight away and was sent with the next contingent, leaving Australia on September 6, 1915.

He was at Gallipoli at the time of the evacuation and had several narrow escapes, getting a bullet through his hat on one occasion. After a short stay in Egypt he was sent with the Anzacs to the western front in France and as already stated was wounded and died on August 5. Mr Joseph Young, the young hero's father wrote,

We feel the blow keenly, but I suppose only the same as thousands of other parents who have given their sons to fight for King and country. Personally we could not have wished our brave boy to die a nobler death, but it grieves us to think that he died on 5<sup>th</sup> August and we only received the sad tidings on 6<sup>th</sup> September. That the casualty list is cabled directly to the military authorities here, we consider we should have had an earlier notification of our son's death.<sup>2108</sup>

He was buried at the Military Cemetery.<sup>2109</sup>

### **Young W. R.**

Private

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<sup>2108</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, September, 15. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2109</sup> Gosford Library, 2013, *op cit*

As there was more than one W. R. Young in attestation papers and no Central Coast address it was not possible to determine which W. R. Young was from the Central Coast. *The Gosford Times* reported that Private Young, son of Mrs L. Young of West Gosford, recently reported missing, appeared in the casualty list as a prisoner of war.<sup>2110</sup>

## Conclusions

The objective of this project was to research and record as many as possible the local residents who lived or was employed and those residents who were born on the Central Coast who enlisted to serve for their King and Country during World War One which went from August 1914 to November 1918. The research from *The Gosford Times*, a local newspaper, previous research in the Gosford City Library website of local residents who had died in World War One, Michael Rooksberry's book *Every Mother's Son*, The National Archives of Australia showing attestation, embarkation rolls and the Australian War Memorial's Red Cross files on the wounded and missing as well as those who were prisoners of war shows that some names had more data than others.

Those files and its data that had been located were recorded in this project. In some instances there were names that appeared in *The Gosford Times* and when other sources of information was researched there were more than one person with the same name and initials and that the files did not show any address or other connection to the Central Coast. Therefore it was not possible to distinguish which of the names was the relevant resident so the only data recorded was what appeared in the local papers.

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<sup>2110</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, October, 19. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

**Appendix A**  
**World War One**  
**Military Information**  
**ENLISTMENT CONDITIONS**

The conditions governing enlistment in the A. I. F. are:-

Age, 18 to 45 years

Minimum height, 5 feet 2 inches

Chest measurement, 33 inches fully expanded

**RATES OF PAY PER DAY**

Before embarkation: Lieutenant 18 shillings and sixpence (*which convert to \$1.85*)

Sergeant ten shillings (*which convert to \$1*)

Corporal nine shillings (*which convert to 90 cents*)

Private five shillings (*which convert to 50 cents*)

After embarkation, including deferred pay: Lieutenant twenty-one shillings (*which convert to \$2.10*)

Sergeant ten shillings and sixpence (*which convert to \$1.05*)

Corporal ten shillings (*which convert to \$1*)

Private six shillings (*which convert to 60 cents*)

**SEPERATION ALLOWANCE**

Separation allowances will be paid to married men who are receiving less than ten shillings per day, but such allowance will not exceed the amount necessary to make up the difference between their daily rate of pay and ten shillings a day.

Subject to this limitation, the amounts payable for separation allowances are as follows:-

(a) For wife living at home, one shillings and five pence per day (*which convert to 15 cents per day*)



(b) For each child under 16 years of age four pence half penny per day (*which convert to 4 cents per day*). A similar allowance as in (a) is payable under the same conditions to the mother of a soldier, if she is solely dependent on him for support.

### **PENSIONS**

Pensions payable to a member of the forces on ground of total incapacity:-

Lieutenant four pounds per fortnight (*which convert to \$8*)

Sergeant three pounds nine shillings per fortnight (*which convert to \$6.90*)

Corporal three pounds eight shillings per fortnight (*which convert to \$6.80*)

Private three pounds per fortnight (*which convert to \$6*)

The wife of an incapacitated member is entitled to a pension at half the rate granted to him.

In case of the death of a member of the forces, the following rates of pension are payable to the widow

Lieutenant three pound ten shillings per fortnight (*which converts to \$7*)

Sergeant two pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence per fortnight (*which convert to \$5.39*)

Corporal two pounds twelve shillings and threepence per fortnight (*which convert to \$5.23*)

Private two pounds per fortnight (*which convert to \$4*)

The children, under 16 years of age, of deceased or totally incapacitated members of the forces receive pensions as under:-

For the first child, twenty shillings per fortnight (*which convert to \$2*)

For the second child, fifteen shillings per fortnight (*which convert to \$1.50*)

For each subsequent child, ten shillings per fortnight (*which convert to \$1*)

Pensions are also payable to other dependents if wholly or partially dependents upon the member of the forces during the twelve months prior to his enlistment.<sup>2111</sup>

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<sup>2111</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1916, December, 21. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

In 1917, returned soldiers, single, men were to have their pay made up to two pounds ten shillings (*which converts to \$3*) per week previous to discharge. Married men would receive increases to three pounds five shillings (*which converts to \$6.50*) per week.<sup>2112</sup>

In May 1918, new regulations were set in order where it was not necessary for intending recruits to obtain the consent of their parents. But they had to produce a copy of their birth certificate, which was handed back by the recruiting officers. Lads of 18 years or under may enlist, but they were not allowed to go into camp before reaching the age of 18½ years, being granted leave from the date of enlistment until they had reached that age, providing that they passed the medical examination.<sup>2113</sup>

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<sup>2112</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1917, August, 20. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.

<sup>2113</sup> Baker Robert James, *The Gosford Times*, 1918, May, 9. Printed and published by proprietor at his Registered Machine Printing Office, Mann Street, Gosford in the State Of N.S.W.