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### Snodgrass Cosby Kennedy, No 4519, 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Cosby was born in New South Wales in 1886 and enlisted in Brisbane on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1915 his occupation being that of a farmer. After initial training he was attached to the 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements to the 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion and embarked aboard the 'Scotian' bound for Alexandria then on to Marseilles. He served in France, being wounded in Boulogne before rejoining his Battalion and fighting in Etaples where he was killed in action on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1917.

Cosby's body was not recovered and his name is inscribed on the Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux Cemetery, France.

### Spence William, No 750, 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion

William was born in Scotland in 1895 and was a labourer in Cooroy prior to his enlistment on 24 January, 1916. After his initial training at Enoggera he proceeded to Sydney where he boarded the 'Demothines' bound for England. In England he trained as a transport driver before proceeding to France in November 1916.

William's dossier seems to have a whole year missing as there are no entries between August 1916 and January 1918 while he was in France. Twice during 1918 he was admitted to hospital sick before being killed in action on 29th September, 1918.

There is a letter in his dossier advising his mother that he was killed whilst taking supplies to the front lines near Bony. William's name is inscribed on the Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, France.

### Stokes Charles Sylvester, No 5192, 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Charles was born in Horsham, Victoria in 1890 and was a labourer on his enlistment at Brisbane on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1915. He was attached to the Cyclists Corps and embarked aboard 'Britton' for England on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1916.

He trained in England until September when he embarked for France and was stationed at Etaples. He was taken sick with bronchitis in February 1917 and died at the No7 Canadian General Hospital Etaples on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1917. Charles is buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

### Ward Albert, No 2899, 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Albert was born in Rotherham, Yorkshire, England in 1882 his occupation on enlistment was a labourer and he was single. Albert's father was living at Sandgate, Queensland.

Albert enlisted at Brisbane on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1916 and after initial training embarked on the 'Demosthenes' in Sydney on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1916. He disembarked at Plymouth on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1917. Albert was admitted to the Military Hospital at Fargo suffering from bronchitis on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1917 and died there on 9th April 1917.

He is buried in the Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.

### Westbrook Edward Clive, No 3933, 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Edward was born in London, England in 1895 and enlisted at Cooroy on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1915. His occupation on enlistment was a baker, he was single. Edward's dossier does not give information on his training in Australia only that he arrived in Egypt in April 1916. He was then posted to France arriving aboard the 'Arcadian' at Marseilles on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1916.

He was listed as missing in action on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1916 and a Court of Enquiry was held as his body was not recovered. His name is inscribed on the Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, France.

### Wheeldon Errol Ray, No 7841, 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Errol was born in Cooroy, Queensland in 1897 and was a farmer upon his enlistment in Cooroy on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1917. He trained in Brisbane and was attached to the 26<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion. The Battalion embarked at Sydney on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1917 aboard the 'Euripides' bound for England.

Errol proceeded to France on 1<sup>st</sup> April and was killed in action on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1918. He is buried at Crucifix Corner Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

### Veterans in Profile

It is proposed to profile our local veterans in future newsletters. Those profiles will generally include a photo of the veteran taken during their service life and a short overview of their service. If you would like to feature please contact John Simmons.

### From the Hospital Visitor

The strong demand for hospital visits continues with between 10 and 15 veterans or their dependants being confined in Eden at any one time. The folk I visit are appreciative of the visits and seem to look forward to the visit each week. John Diprose



# COOROY POMONA RSL SUB BRANCH NEWSLETTER



## Presidents Message

The Annual General Meeting of the Sub Branch was held on Sunday 14 February in the RSL Club.

During the past year our membership increased by 16 persons as a result of some good works by our Membership Officer Mal Muir.

We were saddened to have five members pass away during the past year, D Gordon, D Rodwell, M Crocker, D Chant and N Courtney. Sub Branch officers attended each of the

services.

The meeting saw the retirement of Ken Morgan, Phil Hutchinson, Barry Castledine and Eric Cull from their respective positions. The meeting voiced their appreciation of the service given by them to the Sub Branch during their terms of office. A list of the new office bearers is shown below.

The new team will of course be upholding the ideals of the RSL

and continuing the support of the many community organisations as well as the good interaction with the Club.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the various functions during the year, remembering that Anzac Day is not far away. I look forward to seeing good attendances at our regular monthly meetings, it is here that you can have your two bobs worth and help shape the way we serve the veteran community. Ron Sutton

## Sub-Branch Committee

At the Annual General Meeting of 14 February 2010 the following Office Bearers were elected for the following twelve months:

President	Ron Sutton
Deputy President/Pensions Officer	John Simmons
Vice President/Membership Officer	Malcolm Muir
Secretary	Pam Robinson
Treasurer	Grahame Wearne
Welfare Officer	Don Scott
Hospital Visitor/Asst. Treasurer	John Diprose
Property Officer	Vern Johnston
Commemorations Officer	Bill Edwards OAM
Library Officer	Jim Dunstan MBE

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*"A conservative is a man with 2 perfectly good legs who, has never learned how to walk forward"*

Franklin D Roosevelt

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## Treasurers Trivia

In the heyday of sailing ships, all warships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling around the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey with 16 round indentations.

However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys'. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey'. (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

## Calendar for 2010

Monthly Meetings	Second Monday of each month - 5.00pm
Women's Auxiliary Meetings	Second Monday of each month – 1.00pm
Women's Auxiliary Fashion Parade	Tuesday 30 March
ANZAC Day	Sunday 25 April
Lunch for Veterans' Widows	Saturday 12 June
Vietnam Veterans' / Long Tan Day	Wednesday 18 August
Lunch for WW2 and Korean Veterans'	Saturday 04 September
Sub-Branch Annual Dinner	Saturday 09 October
Remembrance Day	Thursday 11 November
Annual General Meeting	Sunday 13 February 2011

### From the Women's Auxiliary

At the Annual General Meeting of 08 February the following Office Bearers were elected for the following twelve months:

President	Lyn Morgan
Deputy President	Lynda Waycott
Secretary	Geri McKellar
Treasurer	Jacky Simmons
Home Co-ordinator	Joan Wood
Fund Raising Co-ordinator	Margaret Castledine



### From the Welfare Officer

I have conducted six Drop in Sessions in the Club since the beginning of the year and have assisted a number of veterans in various ways.

Earlier this month I attended the 'Veteran and Veteran's Family Counselling Service' annual consultative meeting with John Simmons and John Diprose.

Drop in sessions every Tuesday at the Club 10.00 – 11.00AM

Don Scott



his enlistment and his embarkation it may be that he had been in the Army previously.

Walter arrived in France on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1917 and served at Harve, Wisques, Boulogne and Ecault before being killed in action on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1918. As Walter has no known grave his name is inscribed on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France.

#### McKellar Archibald, No 367, 5<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion

Archibald was born in Perthshire, Scotland in 1888, his occupation was a farmer. On enlistment at Cooroy on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 he was attached to the 11<sup>th</sup> Depot Battalion as a private. He was soon sent south to Seymour in Victoria where he trained with the 11<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company.

After initial training Archibald embarked from Melbourne aboard the 'Port Lincoln' bound for England on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1916. He again trained in England and it was not until 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1917 that he arrived in France.

Archibald's dossier does not inform just where in France he served. He was promoted to Corporal on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1918.

Archibald was killed in action in France on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 and is buried in the Bellicourt Cemetery at Aisne, France.

Although Archibald's dossier doesn't enlighten much about his Army service quite a few of his letters have survived all this time. The last one written to his sister on 24<sup>th</sup> September only five days before he was killed. "I have not been over to Blighty yet but I expect about the end of next month I might have a chance of getting over if the luck is in". Alas it was not to be.

#### Moorhead Cyril Eric, No 374, 11<sup>th</sup> Company Australian Machine Gun Corps

Cyril was born at Bermagui in 1888 and on his enlistment on 31 March, 1916 in Brisbane his occupation was a bank clerk. After his initial training he was posted to the 11<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company and embarked in Melbourne aboard the 'Port Lincoln' on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 bound for England.

Cyril spent from December 1916 to April 1917 training in England before proceeding to France. He died of wounds on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1917 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, Belgium and is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

#### Pirie James, No 1465, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Pioneers

James was born in Forfarshire, Scotland in 1883. James enlisted in Brisbane on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1915 and after his initial training was posted to 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Pioneers. He embarked at Brisbane on 13 February, 1915 aboard the 'Seang Bee' bound for Egypt then on to Gallipoli.

By January 1916 he was in Egypt and by April he was in France where he was killed in action on 26<sup>th</sup> September. He is buried in Bedford House Cemetery, Belgium which is about 2 km south of Ypres.

#### Robins Angus Bruce, No 249, 5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse

Angus was born in Ballina in 1890 and his occupation on enlistment was a farmer. He enlisted at Gympie on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1914 and was attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment after initial training at Enoggera. The dossier for Angus is missing the details of his shipment to Gallipoli of how long he served there before he was killed in action on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1915. He is buried at Shell Green Cemetery.

#### Robins Ernest Victor, No 6051, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Tunnelling Company

Ernest was born at Alstonville, New South Wales in 1884 and on enlistment in Brisbane on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 his occupation was a farmer. He was married with no children.

Ernest embarked from Melbourne together with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Tunnelling Company aboard the 'Ulysses' on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 bound for England.

Ernest served in France from 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 in Abbeville until 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1918 when he was gassed. He was admitted to the 149 Field Ambulance Casualty Clearing Station at Abbeville before being transferred to England aboard the 'Cambria' on 15<sup>th</sup> and admitted to the Horton County of London War Hospital at Epsom where he died on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Ernest is buried in the Brookwood Cemetery, Brookwood, London. His dossier contains a detailed account of his funeral written by Captain Murphy of Headquarters, London.

#### Ronald William, No 7045, 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion

William was born in Pomona, Queensland in 1895 the son of Mr and Mrs J Ronald of Cooroy. On his enlistment at Charleville, Queensland on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1916 his occupation was school teacher. He had previous military experience as an instructor of school cadets.

His dossier does not indicate where he did his initial training but he was attached to the 23/15<sup>th</sup> Battalion and embarked aboard the 'Beltana' at Sydney on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 arriving in England on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

William trained at Codford before proceeding to France in October. His dossier indicates that he served in the field and had been admitted to hospital with fever in February, 1918 before being killed by a small shell bursting in the dugout, in which he was sleeping on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1918. William is remembered by an inscription on the Memorial wall at Villers-Bretonneux, France.

aboard the 'Seang Choon' bound for Egypt on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1916. Robert was taken on Strength at Tel-el-Kabir on 16 June 1916 and for a short while was transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse Training Regiment returning to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Horse at Romani on 29 June 1916. He was wounded in action at El Gamli on 7<sup>th</sup> July and admitted to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Welsh Casualty Clearing Station with a shotgun wound to the hand.

Robert served in Abbassia, Moascar, Maralab and Ludd during 1917 but was wounded with a gunshot wound to the abdomen and died in the 66<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1918. He is buried in the Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel. According to family stories he was a magnificent horseman and had been exceptionally lucky to have survived so long in the field.

#### **Davie George William Leaper, No 6490, 15 Battalion**

George Davie was born in Townsville, Queensland in 1897 the son of Joseph and Margaret Davie and his occupation on his enlistment was a labourer. George enlisted at Cooroy on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1916 and was attached to the 15th Battalion.

After initial training George boarded the 'Boonah' bound for Plymouth on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1916. He was stationed at Codford before being sent to Etaples in France on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1917. George was killed in action on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917. His dossier does not give the place where he was killed and it is assumed that his final resting place was not found as he has no known grave. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to the missing at Ypres, Belgium

#### **Geary Frederick James, No 2660, 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Frederick was born at Cootharaba, Queensland in 1891 the son of Michael and Ellen Geary. He enlisted on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 at Pomona, after his initial training he embarked in Sydney aboard the 'Ceremic' bound for Plymouth on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1916.

After spending time training at Perham Downs and Codford Frederick proceeded to Etaples in France on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1917. Frederick was reported as wounded in action on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1917 in Belgium but this was subsequently changed to wounded and missing and finally on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1917 he was listed as killed in action.

Frederick's body was buried according to his dossier but his body was unidentifiable so his name is inscribed on the Menin Gate at Ypres, Belgium.

#### **Kelleher John, No 1687, 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Light Horse**

John was born in Gympie, Queensland in 1891 the son of John and Elizabeth Kelleher. John's occupation was a farmer on his enlistment at Pomona on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1915. He was attached to the 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements to the 5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse.

Johns' dossier is very confusing as part of it is missing so it is not known when he left for Egypt.

John died of wounds at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance in Palestine on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1917 and is buried in the Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.

#### **Meigh James, No 2352, 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion**

James was born in Yorkshire in 1888 and was a stockman prior to his enlistment at Rockhampton on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1916. He was posted to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and after initial training embarked on the 'Boonah' on 21 October, 1916 bound for England. After a short stint in France, James returned to England to attend No 4 Officers Cadet Battalion in Oxford.

He returned to France a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1918. On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1918 he was promoted Lieutenant. He was killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1918. His dossier does not give the place of death in France but his name is inscribed on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in the Somme, France.

#### **McGrath James Clyde, No 1708, 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade Australian Field Artillery**

James was born at Shoalhaven, New South Wales in 1897 the son of James and Sophia McGrath. His occupation was a labourer on his enlistment at Brisbane on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1915.

He was attached to the 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade Australian Field Artillery which formed part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse, his rank varied between Gunner and Driver.

He embarked at Sydney aboard the 'Hawkes Bay' after initial training on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1915 bound for Egypt. He served at Maadi and Tel-el-Kabir before being posted to England and then on to France by July 1917. James's dossier is not clear where in France he served during 1917 and 1918 but it appears that he returned to England at least twice during this time.

He was killed in France on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1918 and is buried in the Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension in France.

#### **McGrath Walter, No 6205, 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion**

Walter was born at Jamberoo, New South Wales in 1892. He enlisted at Cooran, Queensland on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 and embarked in Brisbane aboard the 'Marathon' on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 bound for England. He states that he had had no previous military service on his Attestation papers but he was given a second Regimental Number and with such a short time between

## From the Pensions Officer

### Power of Attorney

All members of the Veteran Community are reminded that it is vital that a certified copy of their Power of Attorney be lodged with the Department of Veterans Affairs' so that the names and details of your attorneys can be recorded on the relevant system.

### Changes to DVA Cards

All Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Repatriation Health Cards (DVA Cards) are due to expire during 2010. From March 2010 DVA will begin reissuing all cards. As part of this reissue there will be some improvements made to DVA cards. All eligible veterans, war widows/widowers and dependants will be issued with a new card. Changes to DVA Cards will not reduce eligibility for current DVA card holders. The changes being made to the cards are to increase: veteran access to services; provider satisfaction; and security of the cards. Specialised descriptions on DVA Gold Cards will remain unchanged, these descriptions include but are not limited to: Totally and Permanently Incapacitated; War Widow/Widower; and POW. Cards expiring between now and June 2010 Temporary DVA cards will be issued between now and June 2010 with a short expiry date. These cards will work the same as current DVA cards and offer DVA clients the same access to services. DVA clients who are issued a temporary card will be issued a new look card before their card expires.

### Driver Licence and Renewals – Medical Conditions and Medications

A law, commonly known as 'Jet's Law', which came into effect in 2006 introduced a mandatory requirement for driver license holders to report any long term or permanent medical conditions, to Queensland Transport, that may affect their ability to drive safely.

You can no longer wait until it is time to renew your licence to report a long term or permanent medical condition that adversely affects your ability to drive safely. As soon as there is an adverse change to an existing condition, you need to take steps to inform Queensland Transport.

Queensland Transport recommends that you talk to your health professional about your medical condition and any potential impact this may have on your ability to drive safely. Health professionals are qualified to check if you are medically fit to drive. They may provide a medical certificate or official letter stating your fitness to drive.

Drivers who fail to report their medical condition may receive a maximum \$4,500 penalty or be disqualified from driving for a certain period.

John Simmons

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## From the Membership Officer

Thanks to all members who have renewed their membership for 2010. For members who have not paid their 2010 subs, fees must be paid by the end of March to maintain continuity of membership. If you are aware of any ex-service or serving personnel who are interested in joining the Sub Branch, application forms are always available at the Cooroy RSL reception, or contact any member of the Sub Branch Committee.

Mal Muir

## The Cooroy War Memorial – History

Within the December newsletter there was an article on the history of the memorial itself, this article lists the fallen from WW1 and a little about those fallen. The details below were composed by Dianne Brampton utilizing publicly available records held by the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

### THE FALLEN AS LISTED ON THE MEMORIAL

ATKINSON. R	MOREHEAS. E.C
BARLEY. H	PIRIE. J
BASING. A.J	ROBINS. B
BASING. W.H	ROBINS. EV
BLUNT. JJ	RONALD. W
CAMPBELL. A.B	SCHMIDT. C
DAVIE. G.W.L	SNODGRASS. C.K
GEARY. F.J	SPENCE. W
KELLEHER. S	STOKES. C.S
MACKELLAR. A	WARD. A
McGRATH. J.C	WESTBROOK. E.C
McGRATH. W.J	WHEELDON. E.R
MEIGH. J	CROZIER. R.J
CROZIER. F.J	

No reason can be found for the two Crozier brothers to have been added at a later stage.

#### ATKINSON RICHARD PENNY, No 3511, Private, 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters

Richard Atkinson was born in Gympie in 1894 the son of Richard Atkinson. Richard was raised and educated in the Gympie, Cooroy area and on his enlistment was working in Cooroy as a labourer. He was single on his enlistment on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1916 in Brisbane and was sent to Thompson's Paddock at Enoggera for his initial training before being attached to the 8<sup>th</sup> Company 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August 1916 Richard together with the rest of his Battalion embarked at Brisbane aboard the 'Boogara' bound for Plymouth in England. During December 1916 Richard left Folkstone aboard the 'Golden Eagle' bound for France and was attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters and by July 1917 had been admitted to 12<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Rouen diagnosed with his first bout of pleurisy. Richard's dossier has many attachments of medical history in France and back in England where he was admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Southern General Hospital at Stourbridge seriously ill with pleurisy.

Richard remained in England convalescing until 1<sup>st</sup> November 1917 when he was discharged as medically unfit for duty and returned to Brisbane aboard the 'Anchises'.

Richard's family say that he was gassed in France but his medical records do not reflect this, maybe he had alluded to this in a letter home.

On his arrival in Brisbane Richard entered St Helens Hospital South Brisbane where he died on 25th October 1918 of Meningitis. He is buried at Toowong Cemetery.

#### BARLEY HENRY, No 2627, 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Henry Barley was born in 1879 at Worcester, Worcestershire, England. His occupation prior to enlistment was a farmer in Cooroy but he had been a member of the Militia in England before coming out to Queensland. Henry enlisted in Brisbane on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1916 and as a private was attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. Henry's dossier does not indicate where he trained in Queensland but that he left with his Battalion on board the 'Ceramic' from Sydney bound for Plymouth on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1916.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion did not stay long in England as Henry marched into Etaples on 30<sup>th</sup> December and from there he fought with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in and around Etaples.

Henry was killed in action on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1917. He has no known grave and his name is therefore inscribed on the Menin Gate at Ypres, Belgium.

Henry's dossier gives very little detail of his military service but there is a great deal of correspondence on his marital status. It appears that Henry married in England before coming to Australia and there were two children of this marriage. On arrival in Queensland Henry again married, it appears bigamously, and had a further two children. This second marriage only came to light after his death when both wives applied for the Army pension and for the issue of his War medals. After a lengthy investigation both wives were given a War pension and the medals were divided between them.

#### Basing Alfred Joseph, No 18, 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion

Alfred Basing was born in Armidale, New South Wales, in 1896 the third son of Frederick and Ellen Basing. His occupation on

enlistment at Lismore on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1915 was a farmer and he was single. According to his dossier Alfred had already applied to join the Army but was rejected because of defective eyes and teeth. This information may explain why he enlisted in Lismore and not Cooroy where he was living with his family at the time.

After enlistment Alfred proceeded to Thompson's Paddock, Enoggera where he commenced his training becoming attached to A Company 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion on 16<sup>th</sup> February 1916. Alfred boarded the 'Borda' in Sydney on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1916 and sailed with his Battalion to Southampton arriving on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion proceeded overseas to France arriving on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

It is not clear from the information in Alfred's dossier just where in France he was stationed. On 10<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Alfred was admitted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Casualty Clearing Station suffering from gunshot wounds to the neck. He died from those wounds on 13<sup>th</sup> June and was buried in Trois Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerck, France.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February 1918 Alfred's father signed for a package received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records in Melbourne containing Alfred's personal effects. This package contained 3 discs, cigarette holder, 4 badges, metal watch (damaged strap) and a prayer book.

#### Basing Walter Henry, No 2341, 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Walter Basing, the elder son of Fredrick and Ellen Basing was born at Glen Innes, New South Wales in 1892. Walter enlisted at Lismore on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1915 his occupation being that of a labourer and he was single. He completed his training at Enoggera and was posted to the 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements attached to the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

On 20 August 1915 Walter embarked aboard the 'Stropshire' at Brisbane bound for Zeitoun in Egypt and from there he proceeded together with other members of the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion to Gallipoli arriving on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1915.

Walter was wounded at Gallipoli and taken back to Egypt to No 4 Auxiliary Hospital Abbassia. After recovering he was then posted to France where he was wounded and in hospital sick on variety of occasions until he died of wounds at the 47<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1918. Walter had been promoted to Lance Corporal on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1918 but his records are very sketchy on just where in France he was involved in the fighting.

Walter was buried at Crouy British Cemetery which is 10 miles North West of Amiens so that gives the clue that he was in fract fighting in the Somme area.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 1919 at Cooroy Walter's father signed for a package containing his personal effects. This package contained letters, photos, 2 pipes, YMCA wallet, Cigarette holder, buttons and coins.

This was the second son that the Basing family of Cooroy had now lost and another, Frederick, was still serving.

#### Blunt Joseph John, No 6960, 15th Battalion

Joseph was born in Beaudesert, Queensland in 1884 and on his enlistment at Beaudesert on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1916 his occupation was a woodworker. He was married to Ida and had four children, a fifth child was born just after Joseph was killed.

Joseph embarked aboard the 'Beltana' in Sydney on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1916 together with other attachments of the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion bound for England. He spent some time in hospital at Codford ill before proceeding to Etaples in France on 4th May 1917.

Joseph spent all of May and June in hospital, first at the No 3 Canadian Hospital with influenza and then was admitted to the 11<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on 30<sup>th</sup> June with trench fever. Unfortunately this Casualty Clearing Station was attacked by enemy aircraft on 7<sup>th</sup> July and Joseph was killed by multiple bomb wounds. He is buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension.

A particularly sad inclusion in Joseph's dossier is a letter from Mrs J F Crozier, a cousin of his wife Ida, to the Army. Mrs Crozier is asking on behalf of Ida for the return of Joseph's personal effects. These effects were then received by Mrs Blunt in April 1918.

#### Crozier John Francis, No 2634, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Light Horse

John was born in 1889 at Brooklet New South Wales the son of James and Jessie Crozier. John was married to Annie and had two sons. His occupation was that of a farmer. He enlisted at Beaudesert on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1916 and was attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Horse.

After his initial training John embarked at Brisbane on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1916 aboard the 'Seang Choon' bound for Egypt. He was taken on strength at Tel-el-Kabir on 16<sup>th</sup> June and was soon in the fighting at Romani and then Rafa.

John was wounded with a gunshot wound to the head on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1917 and was sent to the 54<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station at Al Arish where he died of his wounds on 11<sup>th</sup> January. He is buried at the Kantara War memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

#### Crozier Robert James, No 2635, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Light Horse

Robert was born in 1897 at Beaudesert, Queensland the elder son of James and Jessie Crozier. His occupation on enlistment was a farmer and he had previously served for three years of Compulsory Service. Robert, who was single, enlisted at Beaudesert on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1916 the same day as his brother John Francis, in fact they have consecutive regimental numbers.

Robert was attached to the 18<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Horse and after his training embarked in Brisbane