

LISMORE & DISTRICT
THEY PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE
1914-1918

Please advise the Derrinallum Lismore History Group if you can provide further details, family or district connections, a photograph or any information. We would be most grateful as all research is done in good faith. The source of this research is the Australian War Memorial online database and Skipton Historical Society online.

BAIN, R.

Private Robert Marshall BAIN 1676, served with the Australian Army, 24th Battalion (Infantry). He was killed in action on the 25 August 1916, aged 27 years, at Moquet Farm, Pozieres, France. His burial/memorial is at Serre Road Cemetery No 2, France. He was the son of George BAIN and his wife Hannah (nee MARSHALL) of Derrinallum. His birth was registered in Lismore in 1889, the youngest of 10 children. He went to school in Derrinallum and on records 'other training' was termed "Generally Useful"

BAIRD, R. S.

Private Robert "Bob" Simpson BAIRD 7196, served with the Australian Army, 14th Battalion (Infantry). He was killed in action on the 24th March 1918 at Neuve Farm Eglise, Belgium aged 21 years and 9 months. His burial/memorial is at Westhof Farm Cemetery, Belgium. He was the son of James BAIRD and his wife Honorah (nee SIMPSON) of "Lorona" Lismore. He was born and educated at Blowhard. He had 2 elder sisters Norah and Agnes and 2 younger brothers John (Jack) and James (Jim).

BARR, G.

Private Gilbert Harold BARR 1226, served with the Australian Army, 39th Battalion (Infantry). He was killed in action on 8 June 1917 at Messines Belgium aged 26 years and 2 months. His burial/memorial is at Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Belgium. He was the son of Thomas BARR and his wife Miriam (nee MARSHMAN) of Mingay. He was born at Warracknabeal and educated at Lah and Warracknabeal College. Gilbert was one of six men to enlist from Mingay to enlist on the same day.

BAULCH, W.

Private William John BAULCH 2566, served with the Australian Army, 58th Battalion (Infantry). He died on the 1 December 1916 of wounds sustained at the Somme in France aged 37 ½ years. His burial/memorial is at the Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, France. He was the son of Charles BAULCH and his wife Mary (nee BROWN) of Lexton. He was born at Curdies River near Warrnambool. On enlistment he was an engine driver. The BAULCH family settled at Bradvale near the corner of the road to Lismore.

BORBIDGE, C.

Private James Charles 'Charlie' BORBIDGE 6620, served with the Australian Army, 7th Battalion. He died of wounds sustained at Ypres on the 5 of October 1917, aged 34 years. His burial/memorial is at the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. He was the son of Henry BORBIDGE and his wife Maria (nee RUMI) who settled at Mingay, south of Skipton 1908. He was born and educated at Moyreisk (?South Australia). Charles was the eldest of a family of 11 children; Charles, John, Harry, Jane, William, Elizabeth, Joe, Tom, Rachel, Ted and Nell. He was a farmer on enlistment and had training as a General Rural Manager.

BUTTERS, R. O.

Shearing Smith Corporal Richard Leslie Oliver BUTTERS 1863, served with the Australian Army, 15th Light Horse Regiment, late of the Camel Corps. He died of illness on the 22 November 1918. His burial/memorial is at the Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanese Republic. He was the son of Richard BUTTERS and his wife Susannah (nee KLINE). 'Les' was born at Cross Forrest Roads, Cobden, he was a blacksmith by trade but very clever at scout work. He had 12 cousins on active service, 5 of these were killed and 2 were amongst the last to evacuate Gallipoli. His brother was a prisoner of war for 22 months in Germany but returned to Australia.

DUNN, E. E.

Driver Edwin Ernest 'Ted' DUNN 3625, served with the Australian Army, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade. He died of wounds sometime in May 1915 on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the family were never informed exactly when, at 26 years of age. His memorial is at the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. He was the son of George DUNN and his wife Euphemia 'Maria' (nee STONE). On enlistment Ted was living and working as a motor driver in South Rippon probably on 'Banongil', Skipton, Mingay area. He was born at Cobden and attended school at Rupanyup. The family persisted for many months to find out what had become of their son. Katrina Hedditch presented a very moving account of the family's struggle with the death of their son at the DLCA History Group Speakers Event "Military, Medal & Memorabilia" in 2011.

MACK, E. H.

Lieutenant Ernest 'Ernie' Harold MACK served with the Australian Army, 8th Light Horse. He died of wounds in Egypt on the 23 December 1916, aged 30 years. His burial/memorial is at the Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. He was the son of Joseph MACK and his wife Helen (nee DODDS) of Berrybank Station. Three MACK brothers went to the war, Ernie, Stan and Jack.

McLENNAN, M. W.

Private Murdock William McLENNAN 51410, served with the Australian Army, 22nd Battalion (Infantry). He was killed in action at Mont Brehain, France on the 4 October 1918 aged 20 years and 8 months. His burial/memorial is at Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France. He was the son of Roderick McLENNAN and his wife Mary Jane (nee STEWART). The family lived in High Street, Lismore. Murdock was born in Lismore in 1898 and attended Lismore State School and was working as a labourer on enlistment.

SMITH, J. H.

Private James Henry SMITH 3210, served with the Australian Army, 15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery. He was killed in action somewhere in France, possibly Harbonnieres on the 9 August 1918 at age 24 years and 9 months. His burial/memorial is in the Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, France. He was the son of John Owens SMITH and his wife ... of "The Granite" Lexton. He was educated at Granite Hill State School and was listed as a farmer on enlistment. It is assumed that J. H. SMITH may have been working or farming in the Lismore district for inclusion. There is a headstone in the Lismore Cemetery for J. H. SMITH, K.I.A. 9 August 1918 so there must have been a strong connection.

STONE, O.

Presumably (William) Oscar STONE 1403, served with the Australian Army, 39th Battalion (Infantry). He was the son of Samuel STONE and his wife Mary (nee BURKE) of Lismore. (More research req)

WILLIAMSON, J.

Lieutenant John Cedrick WILLIAMSON, served with the Australian Army, 4th Brigade Australian Field Artillery. He was killed in action at Broodsiende near Ypres in Belgium on the 5 October 1917. His memorial is in the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. He was the son of Edwin WILLIAMSON and his wife of "Struan" Lismore.

WILLIAMSON, H.

Sergeant Harold Claude WILLIAMSON 61, served with the Australian Army, 22nd Battalion, 6th Brigade AIF. He died of wounds at Pozieres, France on the 6 August 1916 aged 21 years and 1 month. His memorial is at Puchevillers British Cemetery, France. He was the son of Edwin WILLIAMSON and his wife of "Struan" Lismore. He was born in Warracknabeal and attended Willaura State School. These 2 brothers died, another brother Lieutenant A. WILLIAMSON returned from the war to "Struan" Lismore.

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Information & photos supplied by Helen LANG (nee BUTTERS) of Geelong.

LISMORE & DISTRICT THEY PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE 1939-1945

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BRETT, R. O. C.

Flight Sergeant Ronald Oswald Charles BRETT 410446, served with the Royal Australian Air Force 207 Squadron. He died during a flying battle on the 12 July 1943 over Switzerland and is buried at Vevey (St Martin's) Cemetery Switzerland. He was the son of John Percy BRETT and his wife Lydia (nee ROBERTSON). The family lived at Mt. Bute. Ronald was a farmer and mechanic on enlistment. He was the uncle of Donald Brett.

CURRIE, J. C.

Private John Culross CURRIE VX52285, served with the Australian Army, 4th Reserve Motor Transport Company AASC. He died 15 October 1943, Siam (Thailand) from illness aged 21 years. He is buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. There is also a memorial grave in the Lismore Cemetery. He was the son of John Clive CURRIE and his wife Joanna Fraser (nee) of "Gala", Lismore. He was born in Adelaide South Australia and was a student on enlistment.

HOWELL, A.

Flight Lieutenant Alan Frederick HOWELL 400226, served with the Royal Australian Air Force, 230 Squadron RAF. He died in a flying battle on the 7 September 1942 in the Middle East, aged 29 years. He is buried in the Alexandra (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. He was the son of Christopher Travis HOWELL and his wife Mable Isabell, of Leslie Manor via Camperdown. His occupation on enlistment was farmer and grazier. One known brother, Travis Reid HOWELL.

JOHNSON, A.

Flight Sergeant Allan Wilson JOHNSON 400118, served in the Royal Australian Air Force, 77 Squadron RAF. He died officially presumed on the 24 April 1942 in a flying battle over Germany aged 31 years. His memorial is in the Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. On enlistment he was living at "Lake View" Derrinallum and was a Presbyterian Minister. He was the son of James David JOHNSON and his wife Normana. He was born in Terang.

LINGENBERG, E.

Private Ernest LINGENBERG V128221, served with the Australian Army, 39th Battalion (Infantry). He died of wounds on the 31 August 1942 in New Guinea aged 32 years. On enlistment he was living in Camperdown. He was the son of James LINGENBERG and his wife Frances, he was born at Foxhow. Ernie was Vera Grant's brother, he was the youngest son. A brother, Gunner H. G. LINGENBERG, 29th Battalion, 1st AIF died also.

McINTYRE, T.

Private Thomas 'Tom' McIntyre vx66329 was born November 8th 1924, the third of five sons born to Andrew McIntyre and his wife Ethel Winifred (nee KEYS). The family were soldier settlers on the WW1 Mt Bute estate. Mrs McIntyre was an English war bride and spent her first year in Australia living in a tent on their block, with two very young children. Mr McIntyre died in a farm accident in 1936. Tom enlisted in the AIF two weeks after his 17th birthday, putting up his age. Three months later he died at the hands of the Japanese, Prisoner of War on Ambon. (http://skipton-historicalsociety-australia.freehosting.net/blank_3.html)

McLENNAN, J.

Presumably Acting Corporal James Mcmillan McLENNAN vx27242 served with the Australian Army, 2/21st Battalion (Infantry). He died 21 August 1945 of illness at Ambon Indonesia. He was the son of Roderick McLENNAN and Mary Jane Davidson (nee STEWART). He was born in Lismore in 1914.

NICHOLLS, R.

Presumably Aircraftman Class 1 Reginald George NICHOLLS 12766, served with the Royal Australian Air Force, 1 Squadron. He died a prisoner of war, 27 May 1945 in Thailand. His burial/memorial is in the Kachanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand.

ROUNDS, M.

Private Murray Oliver ROUNDS VX45140, served with the Australian Army 2/24th Battalion (Infantry). He was killed in action on the 25 October 1942 in Egypt aged 20 years. His burial/memorial is in the El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. On enlistment he was living at Leslie Manor near Camperdown. He was the son of Oliver Laurence ROUNDS and his wife Mabel. He was born at Foxhow.

STEELE, C. F. C.

Sergeant Charles Figsby Colville STEELE 400496, served with the Royal Australian Air Force, 2 (C) Operational Training RAF. He died accidentally on the 17 August 1941 at Yorkshire United Kingdom, aged 20 years and is buried at Brandesburton, St. Mary Churchyard Yorkshire in the Special Section. He was the son of Walter Colville STEELE and his wife Isla Margaret of Leslie Manor via Camperdown. Charles was born in Auburn Melbourne. Four brothers are known, Lieutenant R. J. C. STEELE abroad, Lieutenant H. C. C. STEELE Prisoner of War, Malaya, Flying Officer J. A. C. STEELE and L. A. C. STEELE.

MOYSE, A.

Private Archibald Francis VX8405, served with the Australian Army, 2/7th Battalion (Infantry). He died on the 8 July 1940 in Palestine, aged 35 years and is possibly buried in the Gaza British War Cemetery. He was the son of Thomas MOYSE and his wife Jane of Liskeard, Cornwall, England. On enlistment he was living in Lismore and working as a labourer in the district.

ROWE, T. N.

Flying Officer Thomas Nicoll ROWE 400293, served with the Royal Australian Air Force 11 Squadron. He died accidentally on the 21 January 1942 in the New Guinea area, aged 22 years. He is buried in the Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea. He was the son of William Thomas ROWE and his wife Beatrix (nee NORMAN). He was born in Armadale in 1919. At the time of enlistment he was studying engineering at Melbourne University and living in South Yarra. There must be some connection with the Lismore district to appear on the Lismore Honour Roll.

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This project was initiated by the Lismore & District Lions Club and negotiated & managed by the DLCA History Group. An application funding for was successful from the Department of Veterans Affairs: 'Saluting Their Service Commemorations Grant'. A small committee met to investigate and research the project and decided to proceed with the original names on the beautiful wood Honour Board displayed in the Lismore Community Complex Hall; those who paid the supreme sacrifice in WW1 and WW2. We are not familiar with the criteria applied to selecting these names but we trust in the wisdom of our forebears.

Many have asked why Lismore Memorial has no names, particularly those stopping at the Coffee Stop. There is an extensive Honour Board in the Community Complex Hall for WW1 covering the district; Westbank, Derrinallum, Wallinduc, Vite Vite, Foxhow, Berrybank, Gnarpurt and Mingay. At the time after WW1 the community decided to have a living memorial in the form of avenues of trees in William and Heriot Streets, some of which still survive. Some 190 trees were planted commemorating the soldiers who served.

WW2 Soldiers are honoured with an Honour Board for those who attended Lismore State School. A separate Honour Board lists the names of those who died in both wars who lived and worked and had some connection to the district.

As a community we would like to honour these soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice by displaying their names proudly on our War Memorial. The ongoing research to document these men's lives in the community so long ago is an important focus for the DLCA History Group in preserving the identity and history of our district.

