

BAIRD, David Murray.

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie
Service number: 527
Rank: Private
Age at Embarkation: 21
Occupation: Clerk
Next of Kin: John Baird of Port Macquarie
Roll title: 6 LHR [Light Horse Regiment] (December 1914)
Date of Embarkation: 21st December, 1914
Place of embarkation: Sydney
Ship embarked on: HMAT Suevic
Status: RTA 15th February 1918 (Sgt.)
Notes: Awarded Military Medal

BAIRD, John Robert

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie
Service number: 6229
Rank: Acting Corporal
Age at Embarkation: 23
Occupation: Telegraphist
Next of Kin: Elsa Helen Baird (wife) of Suva Fiji
Roll title: 3rd Battalion
Date of Embarkation: 9th September, 1916
Place of embarkation: Sydney
Ship embarked on: Euripides
Status: Went to live in Canada.
Notes: Received the Military Cross 3rd June, 1919. Demobilized from the A.I.F. (Lieut.) in London 6th July 1919. Relocated to British Columbia, Canada. See War Service record at National Archives of Australia.

BALDWIN, Charles

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie
Service number: 317
Rank: Private
Age at Embarkation: 20 Infantry Battalion (June 1915)
Occupation: Labourer
Next of Kin: James Baldwin (father) of Port Macquarie
Roll title: 20 Infantry Battalion (June 1915)
Date of Embarkation: 25 June 1915
Place of embarkation: Sydney
Ship embarked on: HMAT Berrima
Status: RTA 16th March 1918

BALE, William Henry

Place of Birth: Grafton

Service number: 9878

Rank: Gunner

Age at Embarkation: 20

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: William David Bale (father) of Ballengarra, Wilson River

Roll title: 1 FAB [Field Artillery Brigade] - 12 to 16 Reinforcements (November 1915 - April 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 17th December, 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Berrima

Status: RTA 27th June, 1917

*BALSDON, James



Place of Birth: Blyth, England

Service number: 2274

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 26

Occupation: Miner

Next of Kin: Mrs Margaret Balsdon (mother) Weston (Hunter Valley) N.S.W.

Roll title: 30 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 6 Reinforcements (November 1915 - April 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 11 March 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Orsova A67

Status: K.I.A. 19th/20th July, 1916 at battle of Fromelles. Buried in a mass grave. Commemorated Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France

Notes: Name identified by Port Macquarie Historical Museum staff. Private Balsdon's death reported in Cessnock newspaper 17 Nov 1916 regarding a service. Margaret Balsdon died around this time and place after losing two sons. *Ancestry.com* lists a Joseph Balsdon and Mrs M. Balsdon arriving on the Orama 2 Jul 1914. James, Joseph, George and a sister [Mrs B M Yeoman of Mayfield] lived in Newcastle area. Four sons joined up [one in England] 2 killed, 1 invalided. Joe and James Balsdon enlisted at West Maitland 15 & 27 Sept 1915. Both brothers embarked on HMAT Orsova A67 Sydney 11 March 1916, Joseph Wootton Balsdon 5330 on same ship.

*BANKIER, Samuel



Place of Birth: Kilsyth, near Glasgow, Scotland

Service number: 260

Rank: Private (later promoted to Lieut.)

Age at Embarkation: 25

Occupation: Dentist

Next of Kin: Mrs Margaret Bankier (mother) Kilsyth, near Glasgow, Scotland

Roll title: 4 Field Ambulance - 1 to 16 Reinforcements (December 1914 - March 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 22 December 1914

Place of embarkation: Melbourne

Ship embarked on: HMAT Berrima

Status: K.I.A. 16th April 1918. Buried near Nord Helf Wood, Strazeele. Listed on Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France

Note: Roll of Honour circular states that Port Macquarie was the town or place he was most associated with. Worked with Mr. G. C. Orr in Port Macquarie prior to the war. See PM News

BARTHOLOMEW, William Harry

Place of Birth: London, England

Service number: 28946

Rank: Gunner

Age at Embarkation: 32

Occupation: Cook

Next of Kin: Delta Gladys Bartholomew (wife) of Telegraph Point

Roll title: Medium Trench Mortar Batteries - 1 to 7 Reinforcements (September 1916 - May 1917)

Date of Embarkation: 17th October, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Borda

Status: RTA 16th June 1919

Note: At time of enlistment wife resident at Telegraph Point.

BARTRIM, Harry Lisle.

Place of Birth: Beechwood

Service number: 2458

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 19

Occupation: Blacksmith

Next of Kin: Mrs Nancy Bartrim (mother) of Beechwood

Roll title: 1 LHR [Light Horse Regiment] - 15 to 20 Reinforcements (March-July 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 26th April, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Port Macquarie

Status: RTA 13th March, 1919

BEATON, Angus Hamilton

Place of Birth: Barrington, N.S.W.

Service number: 4238

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation:

Occupation: Dairyman

Next of Kin: Angus Beaton (father), Palmers Island, Clarence River. Requested change of NOK to Marion Beaton (wife) of War Chest Hostel, Victoria Street, Darlinghurst N.S.W. 5th January 1920

Roll title: 26 Infantry Battalion - 9 to 12 Reinforcements (January-April 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 28th March, 1916

Place of embarkation: Brisbane. Enlisted at Lismore.

Ship embarked on: HMAT Commonwealth A73

Status: RTA 8th November, 1919

Notes: Name identified by Port Macquarie Historical Museum staff

BENNETT, Henry Evans (alias *Harry Evans*)

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 2769

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 28

Occupation: Blacksmith

Next of Kin: Mrs Marjorie Bennett (wife) "Urunga" Bellinger River. Son of Cr. & Mrs. G.E. Bennett , Port Macquarie.

Roll title: Camel Corps, May 1916 to August 1917 - Reinforcements (May 1916 - November 1917)

Date of Embarkation: 9 May 1917

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Port Sydney

Status: RTA 29th April, 1919

Notes: Enlisted in the Light Horse while working at Tamworth. Later transferred to the camel corps achieving rank of Farrier-Sergeant. Prior to enlisting he was engaged in the blacksmithing trade and served his time with Mr. O.C. Ochs at Port Macquarie.

BERRIMAN, James

Place of Birth: Wangaratta, Vic.

Service number: 46

Rank: Sapper

Age at Embarkation: 25

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: Mrs Annie Berriman (mother), Great Northern, Rutherglen, Vic.

Roll title: No 1 Mining Corps [Nos 1-1291] (February 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 20th February 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Ulysses A38

Status: RTA 1st April, 1919

Notes: Name identified by Port Macquarie Historical Museum staff. Mentioned in Port Macquarie News 8th January, 1916 as being on final furlough at Telegraph Point. Listed on 1916 electoral roll for Port Macquarie as a labourer of Telegraph Point.

BIGNELL, Cecil Cyrus Allan

Place of Birth: Cundletown

Service number: 4148

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 19

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: Robert Bignell (father) Lower Lansdowne, Manning River

Roll title: 4 Infantry Battalion - 13 to 23 Reinforcements (December 1915 - November 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 20th December, 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Aeneas

Status: RTA 10th June, 1919

Notes: Married in England 26th August, 1918 to Kathleen Templeman.

BLAIR, Alan Austin

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 2539

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 22

Occupation: Motor driver

Next of Kin: James Blair (father) of Port Macquarie

Roll title: 35 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 6 Reinforcements
(May-November 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 25th October, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT "Ascanius"

Status: RTA 2nd June, 1919

BRANSDON, Frederick McGregor

Place of Birth: Rollands Plains

Service number: 3492

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 22

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: William Branson (father) of Port Macquarie

Roll title: 3 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 12 Reinforcements
(December 1914 - December 1915)

Date of Embarkation: 2nd November, 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Euripides

Status: RTA 8th March, 1919



Private FREDERICK MCGREGOR BRANSDON.

Private Frederick McGregor Branson (3492), son of Agnes and William Branson, of Lord-street, Port Macquarie, was born at Rollands Plains, and educated at Maitland. He is 24 years of age, and enlisted in August, 1915, and sailed from Sydney on 15th October, 1915. After six months' training in Egypt he sailed for France, and was wounded and taken prisoner of war in the battle of the Somme. He is now at Senne Lager, Germany.

***BRANSDON, John Rolland**



Place of Birth: Rollands Plains

Service number: 7449

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation:

Occupation: Farmer

Next of Kin: W.H. Branson (father) of Rollands Plains

Roll title: 2 Infantry Battalion - 24 to 26 Reinforcements (February-December 1917)

Date of Embarkation: 14th June 1917

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Hororata

Status: K.I.A. 23rd August 1918. Buried Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, France

BRIEN, Alfred John

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 65712

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 21

Occupation: Fisherman

Next of Kin: John A. Brien (father) Redfern N.S.W.

Roll title: 16 to 27 (NSW) Reinforcements (September-November 1918)

Date of Embarkation: 4th September, 1918

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Bakara

Status: RTA 23rd July, 1919 per transport "Suevic"

BROWN, J. [No further information known]

Place of Birth: Taree? J Brown military call up Dept of Defence Taree 21 Oct 1916.

***BROWN, George Joseph**



Place of Birth: Rollands Plains

Service number: 3072

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 25

Occupation: Teamster

Next of Kin: George Brown (father) Rollands Plains

Roll title: 1 Pnr Bn [Pioneer Battalion] - 6 to 10 Reinforcements (October 1916 - January 1917)

Date of Embarkation: 17th October, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Borda

Status: K.I.A. 19th October, 1917. Buried Potijze Chateau Grounds Cemetery, Belgium

BUDGE, James George

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 2576

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 24

Occupation: Farmer

Next of Kin: Jane Budge (mother) 29 Rofe Street Leichhardt

Roll title: 19 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 13 Reinforcements (May 1915 - July 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 2nd November, 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Euripides

Status: RTA 20th April, 1919

Notes: Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal 1919