

## **Well Run, Mack**

**Running! Running!** Mack's mind focused on running. Mack Connor had entered the first marathon race in Victoria conducted on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1909. The course was from Frankston to Wesley College in Melbourne. Everyone in Geelong and the Melbourne's running fraternity knew him as "Mack", but officially, he was always Adrian Ambrose Connor.

In preparation for the event, Mack used Geelong Guild Presbyterian Harrier's last run of their season to train for the event. He remembered that final day of competition where he came in third behind club mates Long and Batty in the two-mile race at Geelong Racecourse. Two miles was too short for Mack. This was just the beginning of his training. He kept running for another twenty miles before the day was done. Two cyclists accompanied him and said he showed no signs of fatigue. Despite a heavy head wind for part of the run, and running with nobody to pace him, Mack covered the training distance in two hours and thirty-six minutes.

On the day of the Victorian marathon the atmosphere among spectators was electric. During the run, some spectators had accompanied the runners on bicycles. A huge crowd had gathered at the finish line at the Domain when the runners arrived. It was a hot day, with a strong, northerly wind. First to cross the line was A.R. Symes from New South Wales and Mack was second, and the first Victorian runner home. His time was a three hours, five minutes and forty-two seconds.

Mack recalled that evening at the Geelong Railway Station when he stepped off the train from Melbourne to be greeted by seventy Guild Club members. They carried him shoulder high from the station, placed him into a motor car and drove him to the Guild Hall Clubrooms in Myer Street, where another one hundred members gathered to celebrate his achievement. At that time, for the twenty-one year old, Vice-captain of the Geelong Presbyterian Guild Harriers, this was

the pinnacle of his athletic success. The *Bulletin* newspaper called him the “Human Kangaroo from Geelong”.

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Visions of the past were interrupted by pain Mack felt in his chest. Each deep, controlled inhalation and exhalation was now forced and consciously taken. His chest wound was inflicted by a German bullet or shrapnel, at the Battle of Fleurbaix on the Western Front, in northern France. His chest wounds had not responded to treatment. Painkillers had given him brief respite, but the seeping, pustulating wound was still there. Infected lesions still festered and drew on his reserves of remaining strength, leaving him in a feverish condition. Opiate based painkillers had worked, but the sophisticated days of penicillin and anti-biotics had not arrived. Mack’s marathon skills of grit, determination courage and endurance, that propelled him to so much success, were needed now in his personal battle for survival.

In a delirium, his mind snapped back to happier days when deep breaths were associated with exhilarating athletic success. Numerous wins in distance events, especially the marathon, were always associated with the deep, nourishing breath that restored health and strength. Breaths accompanied by the sweet scent of victory and the admiration of crowds of spectators. His first moments of glory.

Mack had been lying on his back for eight long days in the 35<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Calais, hoping for recovery. He longed for the times when he could run free in his home town of Geelong, where he was feted and famed for his distance running and respected for his work with the Geelong Presbyterian Guild. How could this have happened? He was only twenty- eight years old, had a bright future and a glorious past.

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Mack's mind again wandered back to his marathon success. He was selected to represent Victoria in the New South Wales Marathon Championship, organised by Sydney's Newtown Harriers Club. Mack was a Timber Sorter by trade and not financially strong. He calculated the trip to Sydney would cost ten pounds and too much for him to pay from his salary. Guild President, Mr D.F. Griffiths, made a plea to the Geelong community to raise funds on his behalf to finance the journey. The community responded and Mack was presented with a purse of sovereigns to cover his trip expenses.

Thousands of spectators lined the Sydney course on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1910. Again he ran second behind Sime, despite achieving his best time of two hours and fifty-nine minutes. The prize for second place was a trophy worth five pounds and a gold championship medal.

In 1910, athletics was a sport relatively new to the Geelong community. Mack was one of the founding members of the Geelong Guild Presbyterian Harriers in July, 1908 and one of the hardworking Presbyterian Guild members who contributed to the building of the Guild Hall at 33 Myers Street. He was heavily involved, not only in the Athletic section, but also in Bible classes and the Literary and Gymnastic sections. Many Geelong citizens would have seen him compete in the Geelong Football Club home games at the Oval, where the Guild competed in races at half time. In summer, Mack played cricket, not too successfully, and was the founding Secretary of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club in 1910.

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Mack's memories drew him back to that fateful day in Geelong on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1915 when he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces (A.I.F.). It was a day that changed his life. He was "*Taken on Strength*" (added to the unit) into the 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement.

Mack was a peace-loving man who also led Bible studies classes at the Guild Hall. Many who knew him were surprised that he had enlisted. As a strong, committed, practising Presbyterian who abhorred war, it seemed Mack could not sit and let others do *his* patriotic duty in the nation's hour of need.

Mack's life as a Timber sorter seemed a lifetime away. On enlistment, his life was now out of his control and placed in the regimented and calculating hands of commanding officers. He recalled the sequence of events that led to him lying limp and ashen on his bed in the military hospital.

Civilian clothes were exchanged for khaki, woollen fatigues the army provided to new recruits. His first experience of military discipline and training was situated to the rural north of Melbourne at Broadmeadows. From September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1915 Mack had undertaken training to skill him in ways of modern warfare as an A.I.F. soldier.

The son of George and Elizabeth Connor, born in Ferntree Gully, in 1887 Mack was brother to nine siblings. He was the fourth child born. The Connors had ten children; four girls and six boys. Now Mack was also Private Adrian Ambrose Connor, ID 3496, born into an 'army family' that needed his young, energetic drive to fight for king and country. Mack compulsorily wore metal tags around his neck to prove his new identity. To meet the criteria for this *new life* in the Australian Imperial Forces family, he had to be:

- Aged between 18 and 45 years (he enrolled at 27 years and 9 months);

- Minimum height 5 feet 2 inches (he was 5 feet 9 inches); and
- Chest, 33 inches (*fully expanded*) (his chest was 34 inches – not expanded).

At 9 stone, one pound (58 kilograms), the fair haired, grey eyed young bachelor of fair European complexion was the epitome and wholesome embodiment of the young Australian male.

Dedication toward training, that had once made him the Victorian Marathon Champion in 1909, 1910 and 1911, was redirected and refocused on new skills required to succeed in the acts of war and self preservation.

Mack was not a stranger to team commitment, after all he had been a team member of the inaugural Geelong to Melbourne Relay in November 1908 that delivered a message in a silver tube from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne to the Mayor of Geelong (Alderman W. H. Higgins).

A section of the the Lord Mayor's message on day remarked;

*"I commend the spirit in which these clean limbed, clean living lads run, for the runners receive no reward, but they demonstrate that grit and endurance are not incompatible with Godliness and they give every promise of being splendid citizens of our great Australian Commonwealth."*<sup>1</sup>

Those prophetic words do not fall short in describing the efforts of the new team that Mack had joined.

New recruits arrived and camped at Broadmeadows and in vast, open fields undertook various training roles including learning army rules and strategies, canvas tent erection and Vickers machine gun and rifles practice. All recruits had assembly and marching drills.

Mack's last day of training was November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1915 and he departed Australia on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1916 on the His Majesty's Australian Troop Ship, *HMAT Afric A19*. Eighteen days after

departure, Mark was disembarking on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1916 in Alexandria, Egypt. From there, his regiment was placed on a train to Cairo to journey to Zeitoun - the nearby Australian Imperial Forces’.

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Memories of his home, school and athletic endeavours returned and filled his numbed mind with pleasure, pride and joy. He visualised his mother, Elizabeth (*estranged from her husband*), standing at the door of his home of many years in Fairview Avenue, Newtown. Nearby stood the Chilwell State School he attended, but had to leave for work to support his large, impoverished, single parent family. Mack later developed literary skills through the help of the Presbyterian Guild. Over then years, he became a committee man, assistant secretary, treasurer and vice president. Just around the corner in Fenwick Street, stood solid, imposing and noble architecture of the Gordon Technical College where Mack studied a Commerce course at night.

While in Egypt, Mack was transferred to another brigade and battalion: the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion. It contained approximately 50% of Gallipoli veterans and reinforcements from the from Australia’s 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion. The Battalion left from Egypt from Alexandria on board the *HT Transylvania* and arrived in Marseille on June 23, 1916. From Marseille they were transferred to train transport, bound for Fleurbaix in the north of France adjacent to the border with Belgium.

***Little did Mack know that the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade, of the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion, of the Australian Imperial Forces 5<sup>th</sup> Division, would soon engage in Australia’s first battle on France’s Western Front.***

The 5<sup>th</sup> Division was commanded by Major General James Whiteside McCay. The Division was stationed north of the German lines in Fleurbaix. It was intended that they would engage the Germans to seize their position, and prevent them from despatching reinforcement troops to the

major battle to be conducted in the Somme. On the evening of July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm. the Australians the 61<sup>st</sup> British division were ordered to attack the German lines to the south at Fromelle.

Between the lines lay “No Man’s Land” that consisted of an area of land with trenches, large temporary earthen fortifications called ‘breastworks’, so that defenders could stand behind them and fire at the opposition.

The ground was boggy and small streams flowed through a flat terrain, especially one large ‘drain’ optimistically named the *Riviere des Laies*. The major goal was to invade the German trenches and capture the high ground called the ‘Sugarloaf salient’ that was heavily fortified with machine gunners. Commander of the 15<sup>th</sup> Division was Brigadier General, Harold “Pompey” Elliott. Mack’s 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade was the closest to this objective.

Before the attack, the military launched an artillery bombardment, but this did not do the damage intended. There was dust and smoke everywhere in “No Man’s Land”, but the German machine guns kept firing. Australian troops, who peered over their parapet, were encouraged when they saw German ‘breastworks’ being destroyed.

At 5:45 pm the 15<sup>th</sup> Division moved into their positions ready for the first assault at 6:00pm.

Soldiers were lined up in waves, ready to move forward on command. Nobody knows in which line Mack was positioned. So confident of the effectiveness of the attack was Brigadier General Elliott, that he told his troops they wouldn’t find any enemy in their trenches when they arrived. However, German gunfire could still be heard above the sound of the bombardment at 5:50pm. ‘Pompey’ Elliott was positioned at a place called *Trou Post*, just a few hundred yards behind the British front line.

The attack had began with the first wave of the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade climbing out of their trench and leaping over the parapet while German shrapnel was landing on them. At five minute intervals the new wave of the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade would enter the conflict.

- At 6:02 pm the German fire had increased after the bombardment stopped.
- By 6:09, the Australia troops were still well short of the German trenches.
- At 6:30 Elliott had reports the attack was successful, although communications had been lost.
- At 6:40 the news came from observers that A.I.F. troops were not in the enemy trenches, but half way across “No Man’s Land”.
- By 7:00pm the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade was pinned down.
- At 7:18pm Brigadier General Elliott had to change his report to state that the Germans were still in their trenches and that every man who rises is shot down.

Successive waves only managed to get half way across before they were cut down by German machine gun fire. When troops reached that point they saw, to their horror, dead, wounded and dying comrades lay thickly scattered.

The last waves of the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade to be deployed were the reserves. They made it two-thirds of the way to the German trenches before they too, were cut down by the German artillery. Just after midnight, the 15<sup>th</sup> Division’s offensive had come to an end. It had completely failed.

At some point in the attack, Mack was struck by a German bullet or shrapnel. An invisible force pushed hard against his chest. Mack’s life force was being drain. He would need those ‘marathon’ skills of endurance, stamina and courage to help him survive. For a short time the shock resulted in unconscious darkness: total silence .....



“No Man’s Land” before the attack is was defined and measured at approximately 600 yards wide. After the attack it was not an area of lineal measurement by yards, feet and inches, but re-defined as a deep, cavernous, pool of misery, measured by the depth of courage and human sacrifice. Mack had now added to its dimensions.

Shocked and numbed by ‘natural’ endorphins that create an angelsic effect and reduce the transmission of pain, Mack was oblivious to the cacophony of battle. He lay unconscious and prostrate, waiting for medical help to arrive as the battle raged around him.

- GONE were the feeble cries to “God” and “mother” from the dying comrades who surrounded him, as well as the wailing of the German horns to stretcher their dead an dying.
- GONE was detritus of battle, mixed with the stench of gunpowder, the sharp odour of urine, uncontrolled faecies and stale mud mixed with human blood; and
- GONE was that taste of fear, when the spine tingles; the heart pounds; the senses sharpen; and the primal responses of flight, fight and freeze entwine to become a combined instinctive reaction.

Help did not arrive immediately, but eventually it did.

When reports of the operation reached the overall commander, General Richard Haking in the morning, he abandoned any further attacks. Many wounded, including Mack Connor, had been left behind. Retrieving the wounded took over three days and nights. Mack was picked up by the 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. His 5<sup>th</sup> Division had suffered terrible losses among the officers and men. This 15<sup>th</sup> Division lost 5,533 dead, wounded and missing men in one night’s fighting! The 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion lost almost one-third of its strength in the battle.

The evenings of Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> were not to be forgotten by anyone involved in the tragic scene of carnage.

Stretcher bearers didn't begin their work until late into the evening on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Mack was evacuated from the field of conflict by the 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was moved first to the 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance and then to the No. 8 Casualty Clearing Station. Mack's injuries were too severe to be treated at the Clearing Station, so on the same day he was transferred by Ambulance Train to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Calais.

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Mack spent the last days of his life being treated in the hospital. Little is known of his treatment and the suffering he endured in those final hours. He was a man whose generosity of spirit, friendly, gregarious nature, dedication to a cause and faith in God, made him much admired by all who knew him and those who had the privilege to call him; "friend".

Adrian Ambrose "*Mack*" Connor died at 3:30pm on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1916 from chest and back wounds received in the Battle of Fleurbaix. Reverend G.V. Dunnett conducted the requiem. Mack is buried in British Southern Cemetery, Calais, France, Plot E, Line 3, Grave 12. He shares that resting place of white, marbled headstones with 720 comrades.

**United in life, they fought for in their cause.**

**United in death, they share their final resting place.**

**LEST WE FORGET**

Mack's race was run. Strength, stamina and endurance exhausted, he was at peace, and with his God.

An Obituary, in the Geelong Advertiser, described his life and contribution to Geelong's society.

*“Now Mack has run his race. He ran it patiently, doggedly, this life race in which he was so interested. And the Great Judge or Umpire will write in the book of life against the name of Adrian Connor just three words – WELL RUN MACK.”*<sup>2</sup>

After World War I, when the Geelong Presbyterian Guild Harriers continued to compete, their most prized trophy was the A.A.Connor Cup.

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GROUP OF COMPETITORS AT FRANKSTON.







Back row (left to right): A. L. Clutterbuck, C. King, N. Evans, J. McDonald, D. F. Neilson, A. C. Neilsen, D. Robertson, M. Tullis, C. McDonald.  
 Second row: A. A. Connor, H. Dunt, C. J. Collyer, T. Thorne, A. Campbell, R. Marchant, H. A. Purnell, W. Briggs, S. Holt, F. Cobb, C. Burns.  
 Third row: A. Aikman, G. Hancock, H. W. Pilley, N. V. Blair, J. McKibbin, N. Harvey, W. Pilley, L. Herd, O. Purnell, A. R. Lowe, F. Gilbert.  
 Fourth row: V. Sharpe, L. N. Webber, —, E. Webber, A. W. Gowty, D. F. Griffiths (president), W. J. Griffiths, D. Dunt, E. McQuot, H. Watt, W. Ross, A. E. Lowe, J. W. Turnbull.  
 Front row: O. Usher, A. Fleming, A. R. Linford, F. Newland, B. E. Purnell, D. Morton, A. Harding, S. Smith, S. Evans, H. Young.

## GUILD RELAY RUN. GEELONG TO MELBOURNE.

### CONGRATULATORY MAYORAL MESSAGES.

The event which has been foremost in the minds of members of the Presbyterian Guild for some weeks past—the relay run from Geelong to Melbourne—passed off yesterday, and was even more successful than the most sanguine of the promoters dared to anticipate. Since the suggestion was first made by the president of the Guild (Mr. D. F. Griffiths), to the effect that a message should be conveyed in this novel manner from the new mayor of Geelong to the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, the matter was taken in hand very enthusiastically, and as the idea assumed more definite shape and received solid support from outside interest as to the result reached a high point. It was an undertaking which necessarily meant a considerable amount of thought on the part of those at the head of the affair, and of self-denial and enthusiasm amongst the runners, particularly those who so readily assented when asked to cover the more dreary stretches of the journey. However, the matter was taken up in the best of spirits, and it redounds to the credit of all concerned that not a single hitch occurred throughout, this gratifying result being achieved mainly through the efforts of Mr. Griffiths in making such complete arrangements along the road to be traversed by the messengers.

It had been notified that the message would be handed to the first runner at the Geelong Town Hall immediately after the installation of the new mayor (Ald. W. H. Higgins), and by 12 o'clock a large crowd of interested people gathered in the vicinity to witness the departure of H. Pilley. The latter was photographed by the "News of the Week" photographer as the tube containing the message was handed over by Ald. W. H. Higgins, who was arrayed in his new mayoral robes. In handing the message over, the mayor said, "I desire you and the other runners to deliver this message to the Lord Mayor of Melbourne. With such a beautiful day, I am sure you will bring the run to a speedy and satisfactory termination." The text of the message is as follows:—

Town Hall,  
Geelong, 9th November, 1908.  
To the Rt. Honorable  
The Lord Mayor of Melbourne,  
Cr. J. Burston.

My Lord.—  
The Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Burgesses of the Town of Geelong send the heartiest of good wishes for the continued prosperity and success of the

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My Lord.—

The Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Burgesses of the Town of Geelong send the heartiest of good wishes for the continued prosperity and success of the great City of which you are the honored Chief Magistrate.

These greetings are carried to you on foot by fast runners of the Presbyterian Guild of this town.

I commend the spirit in which these clean limbed, clean living lads run, for the runners receive no reward, but they will demonstrate that grit and endurance are not incompatible with godliness, and they give every promise of being splendid citizens of our great Australian Commonwealth.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Sincerely yours,

W. H. HIGGINS.

Mayor of Geelong.

At 12.15 p.m. Pilley raced down Gheringhap-street to Mercer-street, followed by scores of cyclists, and later on by Messrs. Hendy, Leary and Co.'s motor-car, which conveyed Mr. E. E. Hendy, the president of the Guild (Mr. D. F. Griffiths) and one of the secretaries (Mr. W. J. Griffiths). A large number of cyclists went right through with the different runners to Melbourne, where crowds of people had gathered to see the last of the run. Policemen were stationed at each corner, and the last runner, Stanley Evans, had a mounted escort along Collins-street to the Melbourne Town Hall. The finish of the long run was particularly successful, and there was great cheering as the messenger at 4.50 reached his destination and entered the building for the purpose of handing the tube to Cr. Burston, Lord Mayor of Melbourne. The latter telegraphed the following message in reply to Ald. W. H. Higgins, of Geelong:—

"Dear Mr. Mayor,—  
"The kind message of good will from yourself and aldermen, councillors and burgesses of the Town of Geelong has been faithfully delivered into my hands through your trusted messengers. It has given me very great pleasure to co-operate with you in carrying out this very fine effort on the part of the young men of the Presbyterian Guild of Geelong. It is a most commendable effort, worthy of emulation and deserving of every encouragement. I admire very much the spirit in which the movement has been undertaken, and the splendid manner in which it has been carried out. I trust sincerely that our young men will endeavor to develop the manly qualities necessary to success in athletics and healthy mind essential to true manhood, recognising that to cultivate the sound mind and the sound body is a personal duty, a national obligation and a sacred trust. I heartily reciprocate your kindly greetings, and trust that success and prosperity may always attend the sister municipality of Geelong.—James Burston, Lord Mayor."

Cr. Burston subsequently entertained

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OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3, Adrian Ambrose Connor swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 7/8/15 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

Adrian Ambrose Connor  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Geelong in  
the State of Victoria  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Aug 1915, before me—

[Signature] Asst. H.Q. 69C  
Signature of Attesting Officer.



# Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier. *Adrian Ambrose Connor*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *No. 3496 Mirabe*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—  
 Town (if any) *Geelong* District \_\_\_\_\_ State *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace *Scrumpy Bally*
5. Date of Death *30<sup>th</sup> July 1916*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *St. Omer, died Hospital Calais France*

## Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Lumber sorter*
2. Age at time of Death *28*
3. What was his School *Edwell J.S. & Gordon Sch. College*
4. What was his other Training *Commercial course*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia \_\_\_\_\_
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—*Two brothers who were killed in France*  
*Pte. J. B. Connor No. 3490 & Cpl. H. M. Connor 6<sup>th</sup> No. 2nd Div*

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name *Elizabeth Connor*

Relationship to Soldier *Mother*

Address *35 Canterbury Rd. Albert Park Vic.*

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name *D. J. Griffiths Solicitor (Hon. Hugh Griffiths)*


Address *Yarra St. Geelong* } *High St. Echuca Vic.*

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Adrian Ambrose Connor


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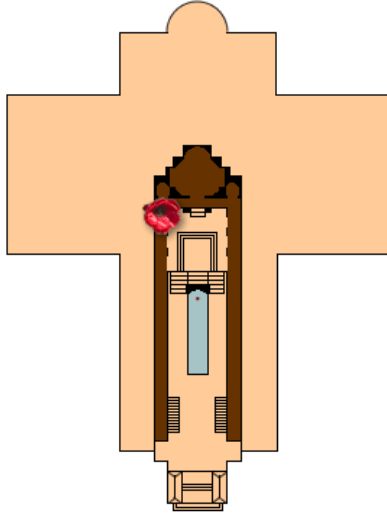
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## Roll of Honour: Adrian Ambrose Connor

**Service Number:** 3496  
**Rank:** Private  
**Unit:** 58th Australian Infantry Battalion  
**Service:** Australian Army  
**Conflict / Operation:** First World War, 1914-1918  
**Conflict eligibility date:** First World War, 1914-1921  
**Date of death:** 30 July 1916  
**Place of death:** France  
**Cause of death:** Died of wounds  
**Age at death:** 28  
**Place of association:** Geelong, Victoria, Australia  
**Cemetery or memorial details:** Calais Southern Cemetery, Nord Pas de Calais, France  
**Source:** AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

## Location on the Roll of Honour

Adrian Ambrose Connor's name is located at **165** in the [Commemorative Area](#) at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



## Roll of Honour name projection

Adrian Ambrose Connor's name will be projected onto the exterior of the Hall of Memory on:

- Fri 10 June, 2016 at 10:00 pm
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## Roll of Honour Projections

During the Centenary period, the name of each of the 62,000 Australians who gave their lives during the First World War will be projected onto the façade of the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial. The names will be displayed from sunset to sunrise every night, and can be seen from the Memorial's grounds. Each name will be visible for 30 seconds.

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# PRIVATE ADRIAN AMBROSE CONNOR

SERVICE NUMBER: 3496

UNIT: 58TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

DATE OF DEATH: 30 JULY 1916

COMMEMORATED ON: PANEL 165

CONFLICT: FIRST WORLD WAR, 1914-1918

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No. 3496 Private  
CONNOR, Adrian Ambrose

58th Battalion  
30-7-16

Died of Wounds  
Mrs E. Connor

**Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.**

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier. *Adrian Ambrose Connor*
2. Unit and Number (if known). *No. 3496 Mirabe*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—  
Town (if any) *Geelong* District *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace. *Georabide Bully*
5. Date of Death. *30<sup>th</sup> July 1916*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded. *St. Etienne, died Hospital Calais France*

**Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.**

1. What was his Calling. *Timber sorter*
2. Age at time of Death. *28*
3. What was his School. *Bilwell I.S. & Gordon Sch. College*
4. What was his other Training. *Commercial course*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia.
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—*Two brothers who were killed in France*  
*Pte. J. G. Connor No. 3490 & Pte. H. M. Connor 6<sup>th</sup> No. Gun Co.*

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name *Elizabeth Connor*

Relationship to Soldier *Mother*

Address *35 Canterbury Rd. Albert Park Vic.*

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name *D. J. Griffiths Solicitor (Hon. Hugh Intierrie*

Address *Garra St. Geelong High St. Echuca Vic.*

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3482	Cooper, Henry Ackeroide	Private	26	Labourer	S.	Mother, Alice Cooper, 50 Buninyong-street, Yarraville, Victoria	Father, H. Cooper, 50 Buninyong-street, Yarraville, Victoria	C. of E.	13.7.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3483	Christie, James Skene	"	27	"	M.	Same as next of kin	Wife, Mrs. Nellie Christie, 34 William-street, Newtown, Victoria	Pres.	12.10.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3484	Clarke, Martin John	"	19	"	S.	"	Mother, Mrs. Margaret Clarke, 81 Little Malop-street, Geelong, Victoria	R.C.	23.7.15	69th Infantry		5 0		5 0	3 0	2 0	1
3485	Cations, William John	"	38	"	S.	Brother, Alexander Cations, Villamanta-street, Geelong, Victoria	Henry Cations, Teasdale, Victoria	Meth.	11.8.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3488	Collins, Ernest Leslie	"	27	Farmer	S.	Same as next of kin	Father, S. Collins, Mount Pleasant-road, Belmont, Victoria	Meth.	1.9.15			5 0		5 0	3 0	2 0	1
3489	Campbell, William	"	29	Labourer	S.	"	Brother, Mr. John Campbell, Nicholas-street, Chilwell, Geelong, Victoria	Pres.	15.7.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3490	Connor, John George	"	32	Gardener	S.	Mother, Mrs. Eliza Connor, Fairview-street, Newtown, Victoria	Father, G. Connor, Heidelberg, Victoria	Pres.	2.8.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3491	Clark, William	"	18	Labourer	S.	Same as next of kin	Mother, Mrs. Eliza Clark, 6 Queen-street, South Geelong, Victoria	C. of E.	6.9.15			5 0		5 0	3 0	2 0	1
3492	Clinch, Oscar Bernard	"	25	Upholsterer	S.	Mother, Mrs. Mary T. Clinch, 84 Napier-street, South Geelong, Victoria	Father, Harry Clinch, 84 Napier-street, South Geelong, Victoria	R.C.	15.7.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3493	Cromer, Thomas	"	21	Labourer	S.	Mother, Mrs. Mary Cromer, 45 Percy-street, Geelong, Victoria	Father, M. Cromer, 45 Percy-street, Geelong, Victoria	R.C.	"			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3494	Coulson, Clifford Fredk.	"	19	Carpenter	S.	Mother, Mrs. Alice Coulson, 15 Park-street, Newtown, Victoria	Father, Fred Coulson, 15 Park-street, Newtown, Victoria	C. of E.	13.7.15	69th Infantry		5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3495	Clarke, Alfred	"	22	Labourer	S.	Mother, Mrs. Norah Clarke, 18 William-street, Geelong, Victoria	Father, Alfred J. Clarke, 18 William-street, Geelong, Victoria	R.C.	15.7.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3496	Connor, Adrian Ambrose	"	27	Timber-sorter	S.	Same as next of kin	Mother, Mrs. Eliza Connor, 13 Fairview-street, Geelong, Victoria	Pres.	17.8.15			5 0		5 0	4 0	1 0	1
3497	Deppeler, Godfrey	"	22	Labourer	S.	Mother, Mrs. Beatha Danner											

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This is to certify that the following Person Enlisted before Service Abroad.  
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Sent to 650 475  
22nd Battalion  
8th Reinforcements

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1496 Name Edward Ambrose Connor  
Unit 2nd Bn Coy 1st Bn  
Joined on 11/8/14

Questions to put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... .. Edward Ambrose Connor  
2. In the Parish of ... .. near the Town of ... ..  
In the County of ... ..  
3. Are you a natural born British Subject? ... .. No.  
If not, state the date of your Naturalization. (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)  
4. What is your age? ... .. 27 yrs I was  
5. What is your trade or calling? ... .. Timber Sector  
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, whom,  
to whom, and for what period? ... .. No  
7. Are you married? ... .. No  
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... .. Elizabeth Connor  
13 Barrington St. Newtown  
County Wick  
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... .. No  
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Intelligible and Unwilling; or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Crime, or on account of Desertion, or on account of being found guilty in the Navy? ... .. No

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## Battle at Fleurbaix

In his article *The worst night in Australian military history: Fromelles*, posted on the Australian War memorial site,

Friday 18 July 2008 by Peter Burness



Peter Burness sums up the preparation for the the battle, the conduct of the battle and the aftermath.

Private Connor Private Connor Private Connor! Came the growing utterance from the darkness. The faint glow of consciousness returned growing brighter to reveal the pale image of a man: not a deity, but a man in a mask. The image was accompanied by a sharp pain in his chest that produced agonising pain with every shallow breath. The doctor on the amy battle field was doing his best to rectify mistakes of monarchs, political leaders and generals.

For Mack it was a dream. The muted sound of battle faded his consciousness was now clearly on his acheing chest and back. The administered morphine relieved his pain and made him sleep.





# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3496 Name Adrian Ambrose Connor  
Unit 8/32 Rpts 58th Bn  
Joined on 7/8/15

8th. Reirf's  
and Station.

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Adrian Ambrose Connor
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
near the Town of Pen In Gully Vic  
in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes.
4. What is your age? ... 27 yrs 9 mos
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Timber Sorter
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...  
Elizabeth Connor  
13 Parvment. Newtown  
Queensland
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes.
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... No
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes.

I, Adrian Ambrose Connor do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife† wife and children.

Date 7/8/15

Adrian Ambrose Connor  
Signature of person enlisted.

P. 57/512.—C. 108.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 23 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.  
(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 7/8/15

John Lewis Capt H.O. 650  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BRING ENLISTED.\*

3. Adrian Ambrose Connor swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 7/8/15 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

Adrian Ambrose Connor  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Geelong in  
the State of Victoria  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Aug 1915, before me—

John Lewis Capt H.O. 650  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

# FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 58th BATTALION. A.I.F. Squadron, --  
or } Troop, Battery }  
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 3496 Rank Private

Name CONNOR. Adrian. Ambrose.

Date 30th July 1916  
Died Place 35th General Hospital, Calais, FRANCE.  
Cause of Death\* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Hospital Death Report dated 30/7/16

By whom made O.C. 35th General Hospital

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Buried in British Southern Cemetery, Calais, France.  
Burial Place Plot E. Line 3. Grave 12.  
Date --  
By whom reported Rev. G.V. Dunnett.

State whether he leaves a will or not (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet received  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) --  
(c) as a separate document --

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge }  
of Section Adjutant General's }  
Office at the Base } For O.C. Australian Records Section  
Lieut. 3rd Echelon. G.H.Q. B.E.F.

Description of <u>A. A. Connor</u> on Enlistment.	
Age <u>27</u> years <u>9</u> months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>Scar on Left side neck</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>9</u> inches.	
Weight <u>95</u> - <u>1</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>34</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Grey</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Presbyterian</u>	

**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.**

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :-

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocoe with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or R.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 7 Aug 15  
Place Geelong

M. Sheppard  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
Capt. Adams

**CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.**

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 822 Regt.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place Bombay

G. Howell Lieut.  
Commanding Mr. Roberts

D. 2704.11-0-077.






1/8/15

This is a certified true copy  
G. Howell Lieut. 3MD

06. 8/22 Battalion

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3496 Name CONNOR, A.A.  
Adrian Ambrose Connor

Unit 8th Pk 29th Battalion  
58th 13TN.

Joined on 7/8/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Adrian Ambrose Connor
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Fern Tree Gully in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 24 Years 9 mths
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Printer & writer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... My mother, Mrs. A.A. Connor, 13, Fairview St., Melbourne, Vic.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

58th BATTALION

War medals re to mother

29 Laura Grove Hawthorn Vic

1007/23

Statement of Service of No. 3496 Name Adrian A. Sisson

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
D Coy Sullong		25/9/15	22/11/15	Transferred to 8/22 Refords. Postwardened.
8/22 Regt.	PRIVATE	22/11/15	22/9/16	
57th Battalion	Transferred from the 22nd Battalion	22/9/16	14/2/16	B.R.L. 41
58th Battalion	57th BATTALION. Transf from 57th.	15.3.16		B.R. 47.

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

E.B.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM, LONDON.

Telephone:--HAMMERSMITH 1899.

**SW.**  
W.C.

Inventory of Effects of— the late 3496 Pte. Connor, A.A. 58th Batt'n. A.I.F.

Forwarded to—MOTHER

Mrs. Elisabeth Connor,  
13, Fair Street,  
Newtown,  
Geelong,  
Victoria.

Effects.

3rd Medalion)	Disc, Wrist Watch, Wallet, French
No. 3184. )	Book, Photo, Letter, Wrist Watch
	Cover.

No. of Package D/51

9019

Checked by



**57th INF BATTALION AIF****58th BATTALION AIF****Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Army Form B. 103.

① 1939

Regiment or Corps 8th 22nd Batt  
 Regimental No. 23496 Rank Pte Name Adrian Ambrose Connor  
 Enlisted (a) 17/5/16 Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O's. }  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36 or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
23/7/16	CO Bn	Wounded in action to join 57th Bn	Zeston	23/7/16	AP 1069
23/7/16	CO Bn	Taken on strength 57th Bn	Tel el Kheir	23/7/16	DO 1104
18/8/16	CO Bn	Wounded in action to join 57th Bn	"	18/8/16	DO 1104
21/5/16	CO Bn	Taken on strength 57th Bn	"	18/8/16	B 213 11/10/16 8/26/2
		Ebkd to join B.E.F. H.7 Transylvania	Alexandria	17.8.16	AP/9069
		OC, Trps Disemb. ex Transylvania			
		Marseilles	23.6.16	LR5903	
21/7/16	CO Bn B 213	Wounded in action	Zeston	17/7/16	AG 11/26 DO 21/5/16 CIBL 21/1 4/5/16

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Wholing Smith, &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

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REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, or other official documents.
Date	Form when received				
27.7.16	of 8 <sup>th</sup> C.C.S.	Admitted 1st Chetnam trans to Amb train	Lance	20.7.16 21.7.16	PR 21/7
23/7/16	of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Hosp	Admitted 65th Chet back	Calais	21/7/16	HT 1830/22.
30.7.16	do	Died of wounds 65th Chet back	"	30.7.16 (1530)	HT 309 6.12.33. 21/5/48 C162. 233 7/2/16
22.7.16	of 8 <sup>th</sup> Med 2d Amb	Admitted 65th Chet trans to C.C.S.	Lance	20/7/16	R.R. 20/11
	Burial Report	Buried. British Southern Cemetery Calais, Plot E line 3 by Rev G.D. Bennett	Grave 12		HT. 4427
A.F.B. 209 <sup>A</sup> forwarded to A.I.F. H.Q. London 13.9.16.					
To O.C. Australian Records Section 3rd Echelon. G.H.Q. A.S.S.					

3496 A Corner 20

FRENCH REPUBLIC.

Departement  
du  
Pas-de-Calais.

Arrondissement  
de  
Boulogne-sur-mer.

Certificate  
No.  
1585

Nationality.  
*British*

Extract from the Register of Death Certificates  
of the town of Calais for the year 1916.

Died, on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 1916 at 3.30 p.m.  
at the British General Hospital N<sup>o</sup> 35:

A. Corner aged 28 years Soldier in the  
58<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force  
of the British Army Disc N<sup>o</sup> 3496 residing  
at Carlong-Victoria (Australia), single, without  
further information *died.*

Drawn up on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1916, at 12 o'el. noon  
on the statements of Albert Pinquie, twenty five years,  
soldier, interpreter to the British Army at Calais, and  
of Victor Polret, fifty years, clerk at Calais, who  
after reading, have subscribed their signatures with  
ones, Henri Charles Ravisse, Deputy Mayor of Calais,  
Civil Officer of State by delegation.

Signatures follow.

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Certified true copy of the Register, delivered  
on paper, free of charge for official purposes.

Calais 1<sup>st</sup> August 1916.

The Mayor

Signed. *H. Ravisse*



DÉPARTEMENT  
du  
PAS-DE-CALAIS

VILLE  
de  
CALAIS



ACTE N° 1595

NATIONALITÉ  
Anglaise

REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

ARRONDISSEMENT  
de  
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

X. 31063  
EXTRAIT DU REGISTRE AUX ACTES DE DÉCÈS  
de la Ville de CALAIS pour l'Année 1916.

Le trente juillet mil neuf cent seize, trois heures  
trente minutes du soir, en l'hôpital général anglais numéro  
trente cinq, est décédé: A. CORNOR, âgé de vingt-huit ans, soldat  
au cinquante-huitième bataillon des "Australian Imperial For-  
ces" de l'armée britannique, numéro matricule trois mille qua-  
tre cent quatre vingt seize, domicilié à Carlong - Victoria-  
(Australie) célibataire (sans autres renseignements). Dressé  
le premier août mil neuf cent seize, douze heures du matin,  
sur la déclaration de Albert Pinqui, vingt six ans, soldat in-  
terprète à l'armée anglaise à Calais et de Victor Poiret,  
cinquante ans, employé à Calais; lesquels, lecture faite, ont  
signé avec Nous, Henri, Charles, Ravisse, adjoint au Maire de Ca-  
lais, officier de l'Etat-civil par délégation.

Suivent les signatures.

Pour expédition certifiée conforme au registre et délivrée sur papier  
libre pour renseignement administratif.

Calais, le premier août mil neuf cent seize.

Le Maire,



H. Ravisse

NOK. Mrs Connor (M.)  
A Park

20020

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

Received One **BRITISH WAR MEDAL** MEDAL for No.

3496

Rank

Pte

Name

Connor A.K.

Unit

58th Bn

Schedule No.

29688

(Signature)

Elizabeth Connor

(Witness)

R. J. Chandler

Place

VICTORIA BARRACKS

History Card completed

*[Signature]*

Date

22.5.22

D.1802/7.30.—C.12015.—100M.

Form R.15.

Administration de  
Post Office of

G.P.O., MELBOURNE, V.



2609

AVIS DE RECEPTION d'un objet recommandé expédié par  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT of a registered article sent by

M Officer i/c Base Records Melbourne.

adressé à } \*Mrs. E. Connor, 35 Canterbury Rd.,  
addressed to } ~~Albert Park,~~  
sous le numero } 9459.  
and numbered }

Le soussigné déclare qu'un objet recommandé a l'adresse susmentionnée et  
The undersigned acknowledges that a registered article addressed as above and

provenant de } M  
sent by }

a été dûment livré le  
was duly delivered the

15-6-23 19  
19

Signature

du destinataire.  
of the addressee.

Signature

de Chef du Bureau Distributeur.  
of the Chief of the Delivering Office.

\* Adresse complète.  
\* Full address.

An "A.R." article posted within the Commonwealth for delivery therein must be delivered to the Addressee only, and under no circumstances to any other person.

\* Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent par l'Agent du Bureau distributeur et renvoyé en suite par le premier courrier.

\* This acknowledgment must be signed by the addressee, or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination permit, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, and sent by first mail direct to the address indicated on the card.

POST CARD.

**AVIS DE RECEPTION.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT.

*A\** Officer i/c Base Records.  
To Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE, VIC.  
*Lieu de destination.*  
*Place of destination.*

*SERVICE DES POSTES.*  
POSTAL SERVICE.

*Pays de destination.*  
Country of destination.

\* To be filled in by sender of registered article.

E.1260/11.21.—C.13604.—213M.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

to,

Pb.23/2609

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.  
GENERAL POST OFFICE.

MELBOURNE.

21st June 1923

MEMORANDUM

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne.

*off base per HQ*

With reference to your representations respecting the disposal of an "A.R." registered packet, No. 9459, containing a Victory medal and riband, addressed to Mrs. E. Connor, 35 Canterbury Road, Albert Park, Victoria, I beg to inform you inquiry elicits that the article in question was redirected to Hawthorn on 9/3/23 and delivered to the signature of E. Connor on 15/6/23. "A.R." form attached.

DECEASED  
SECTION

JUN 22 1923

RECEIVED

*22/6*

*James Mason*  
Acting Deputy Postmaster-General

*Wm. Wilson*  
*22/6*



A.

Being unable to attend in person, I hereby authorize

my daughter Muriel Connor to collect the Memorial Plaque on my behalf.

Date 25<sup>th</sup> July 1922

Signature Elizabeth Connor

they are to be sent to Base Records.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. 318492

Signature Elizabeth Connor

Date 25 July 22.

Witness W. J. Archibald

D.2084/1.22.—C.1084.—5M.

When both these forms are used

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 3496 Private A. A. CONNOR, 58th Battalion.

Signature Elizabeth Connor

Date 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1923

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

D.2049/4.22.—C.5128.

KSP.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.  
MELBOURNE. 20th October 1921.

Always state Regimental Number, Rank, Full Name, and Unit of Soldier in your Communication.

Next of Kin should always notify Change of Address to Base Records, Melbourne.

Dear Madam,

It is noted that you are registered on the records  
of the late No. 3496 Private A. A. CONNOR,  
58th Battalion,

as next of kin, but, in order that the instructions  
under the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" may  
be properly complied with when disposing of War Medals,  
&c., I shall be glad to learn whether there are any  
nearer blood relations than yourself to the above-  
named, for instance, is his father -----

----- still alive,  
if so I shall be much obliged for his name and  
address at your earliest convenience.

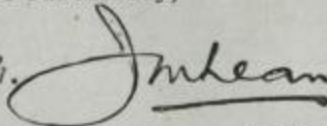
The provisions of a Will have no bearing upon the  
distribution of Medals unless they are specifically  
mentioned therein, such mementos being handed over in  
the following order of relationship, unless good and  
sufficient reasons for varying the procedure are  
stated:—

Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving  
daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving  
brother, eldest surviving sister, eldest sur-  
viving half-brother, eldest surviving half-  
sister.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favour of an  
early reply.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. E. Connor,  
35 Canterbury Rd.,  
ALBERT PARK. V.



Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1402/1076—C.1802—24.

35 Canterbury Rd.  
Albert Park  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1921.

S  
Major J. M. Sean  
Officer in Charge, Base Records

Sir

With reference to your memo of  
20<sup>th</sup> inst re rest of him to my late son  
W. A. Connor no. 3496-58<sup>th</sup> Battalion —

I beg to state I have been a widow for over  
two years, my husband having died on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1919. I now do know of <sup>any</sup> blood  
relation to the deceased soldier nearer than  
myself

I am Sir

Yrs. very truly  
E. Connor

war medals re to mother

JM Major  
Officer in Charge, Base Records  
4.11.21

DECEASED  
SECTION

OCT 30 1921

RECEIVED



24/10  
Blue



FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT SENT 14/5/21.

35 Canterbury Rd  
Albert Rd  
27<sup>th</sup> April

Major J. W. Lean  
Sir

Yrs. of 22<sup>nd</sup> April to hand - With  
reference with to permanent memorial over my sons  
grave - No 3496 Pte. A. A. Connor 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
I will be quite satisfied with emblem of  
the "Cross" & desire it

I am Sir

Yrs. faithfully  
E. Connor

DECEASED  
SECTION

APR 29 1921

RECEIVED

Mr Connor  
29/4/21

Yrs. faithfully  
E. Connor  
29/4/21  
25/5/21  
29/5/21

M/55/551

22nd April, 1921.

28 APR 1921

DESPATCH

W.L.

Dear Ma'am,

With reference to the erection of a permanent memorial over the grave of your son, the late No. 3490, Private, A.A. Connor, 58th Battalion, there appears to be some doubt regarding your choice of a religious emblem to be carved on the headstone, and as the Imperial War Graves Commission is anxious to proceed with the work I should be glad of an early indication of your wishes in the matter.

You are reminded that while the "STAR of DAVID" is symbolical of the Jewish Faith, the "CROSS" is universally acknowledged as the emblem of Christianity.

Please treat this request as URGENT

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

(P)

Mrs. E. Connor,  
35 Canterbury Road,  
Albert Park - Vic.

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred  
to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 6.

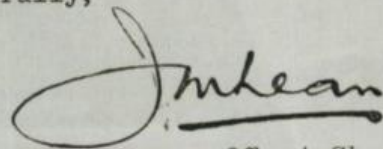
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear

As requested in your communication of  
I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of  
the late

Yours faithfully,

 Major,

*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

**Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.**

D.1382/A 1R — C.13434, — 20N.

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL ~~4744~~ 3608

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred  
to, are to be stated. D.S.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, 17th March, 1919.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith are two photographs and  
description of the locality of the grave of  
your son  
the late No. 3496, Private A. A. Connor, 58th Battalion,  
which I trust come safely to hand.

Yours faithfully,

J.M. LEAN, Major.

Officer i/c BASE RECORDS.

Mrs. E. Connor,  
13 Fairview Street,  
NEWTOWN,  
GEELONG. VIC.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the effects of the late No. 3496 Pte. A.A. Connor, 58th Battalion consigned to me. ~~ex~~ "Theristocles"

No.

Description.

Signature

1

Package

Date



NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

130 Fairview St.  
Belmont  
1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1917.

To  
Major G. M. Dean  
Officer in charge  
Base Records

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I  
have this day received parcel containing my  
late son's (Mr. J. T. Connor) effects, & herewith  
enclose receipt signed by me.  
Thanking you for above

I am

Sir

Yrs. very Respectfully  
Elizabeth Connor



Ans. 11/2/17

E.H.

B.R. Form No. 2.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE, 30th July, 1917.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, <sup>is one</sup> package containing personal effects of the late No. 3496 Pte. A.A. Connot, 58th Battalion received ex "Themistocles" as per inventory attached.

(Enclosure.) I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether it come<sup>s</sup> safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No. 4024 G. P. O. Melbourne.

J. M. LEAN, Major,  
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D. 182/3.17.—C.3409.

D.L.B.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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In all communications regimental number, rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred to, is to be stated.

EASE RECORDS OFFICE,

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE.

20th November, 1916.

Dear

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of <sup>further</sup> , and enclose herewith as requested, certificate of <sup>1st September</sup> report of death of the late

No. 3496, Private A. A. Connor,

58th (late 22nd) Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

J.M. LEAN.

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

The Manager,

The Australasian T. & G.

Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd.

CR. 3496-3 MELBOURNE.



Army Form B. 103.

## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 5/22nd Bn, 57th Bn, 58th BATTALION. A. Regimental Number 3496  
 Rank Private Surname C O N N O R Christian Name Adrian, Ambrose.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) 17.8.15 Terms of Service (b) 3 & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 17.8.15  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended ( ) Re-engaged ( ) Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 103, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
23.2.16	C.O. 6th Training Batta	Allotted and Embarked proceeding to Disembarked join 57th Battalion.	ex Zeitoun	23.2.16	AP.4177
2.3.16	C.O. Batta Nominal Roll	Taken on strength of 57th Battalion. A.I.F.	Tel-el-Kebir	23.2.16	D.5484 DO.1/709
18.3.16	C.O. 57th Bn B213	Transferred to 58th Bn	do	15.3.16	AP. 5386 DO.3/1089
21.4.16	C.O. 58th Bn B.213	Taken on strength of 58th Battalion, A.I.F.	do	15.3.16	AL.1058 DO.B/2622
17.6.16	C.O. Batta	Embarked to join B.E.F. per "HT.Transylvania"	Alexandria	17.6.16	AP.9062
23.6.16	C.O. Troops	Disembarked ex "HT.Transylvania"	Marseilles	23.6.16	LR.5903
21.7.16	C.O. 58th Bn B213	Wounded in Action	In the Field France	19.7.16	AQ.1436 DO.21/5652

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-smith, &c.

(H.M.S.O. W 12012-1126 J. P. &amp; Co., Ltd. Form B. 103.)

[P.T.O.]

[illegible]



A.I.F.

4th

No. 3496.

Private Adrian Ambrose Connor.

58th (late 22nd) Battalion.

Australian Imperial Force.

wounds received in action.

35th General Hospital, }  
Caiais, France.

30th July

16.

Cable No. C.I.B.L.

155, and C.I.B.L. 259, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters,  
dated London, 2nd August, 1916, and 9th August, 1916, respectively,  
confirmed by Mail from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters,  
dated London, 7th August, 1916, and 16th August, 1916, respectively  
and Army Form B 2090A.

20th November, 16.

Major.

15505

15th November

6

Dear Madam,

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 3496, Private A. A. Connor, 58th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he died at the 35th General Hospital, Calais, on 30th July 1916, of wounds received in action in France, and was buried in British Southern Cemetery, Calais, Plot X, Line 3, Grave 12, the Rev. C. V. Dunnitt officiating.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully.

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. E. Connor,  
13 Fairview Street,  
Geelong, Vic.

## FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 212 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary source.

REGIMENT or CORPS } 55th BATTALION. A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } --

Regt. No. 3486 Rank Private

Name C O R N O R . Adrian. Ambrose.

Date 30th July 1916  
Died Place 55th General Hospital, Calais, FRANCE.  
Cause of Death\* Died of wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report Hospital Death Report dated 30/7/16

By whom made O.C. 55th General Hospital

\* Specify cause if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from (disease due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty).

Buried in British Southern Cemetery, Calais, France.  
Place Plot E. Line S. Grave 12.  
Burial Date --  
By whom reported Rev. G.V. Dummett.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet received  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) --  
(c) as a separate document --

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge } W. H. Jones Lieut.  
of Section Adjutant General's } For O.C. Australian Records Section  
Office at the Base } 3rd Battalion. G.D.C. B.E.F.

Station and Date Reims, FRANCE. 12/8/16.


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1/1/16


Honour Roll

**Adrian Ambrose**

**Connor**



Name located Panel 165  
Aust War Memorial



<b>Number</b>	3496
<b>Rank</b>	Private
<b>Unit (Embarkation)</b>	22 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 8 Reinforcements (Jun 1915 – Jan 1916)
<b>Ship Name</b>	HMAT Afric
<b>Ship Number</b>	A19
<b>Date of Embarkation</b>	5/1//1916
<b>Place of Embarkation</b>	Melbourne
<b>Occupation</b>	Timber Sorter
<b>Date of Enlistment</b>	17/8/1915
<b>Address at Date of Enlistment</b>	13 Fairview St, Geelong, VIC
<b>Next of Kin</b>	Mrs. Elizabeth Connor (Mother)
<b>Date Of Death</b>	30/7/1916
<b>Cause of Death</b>	Died of wounds
<b>Cemetery or Memorial Details</b>	France 8 Calais Southern Cemetery

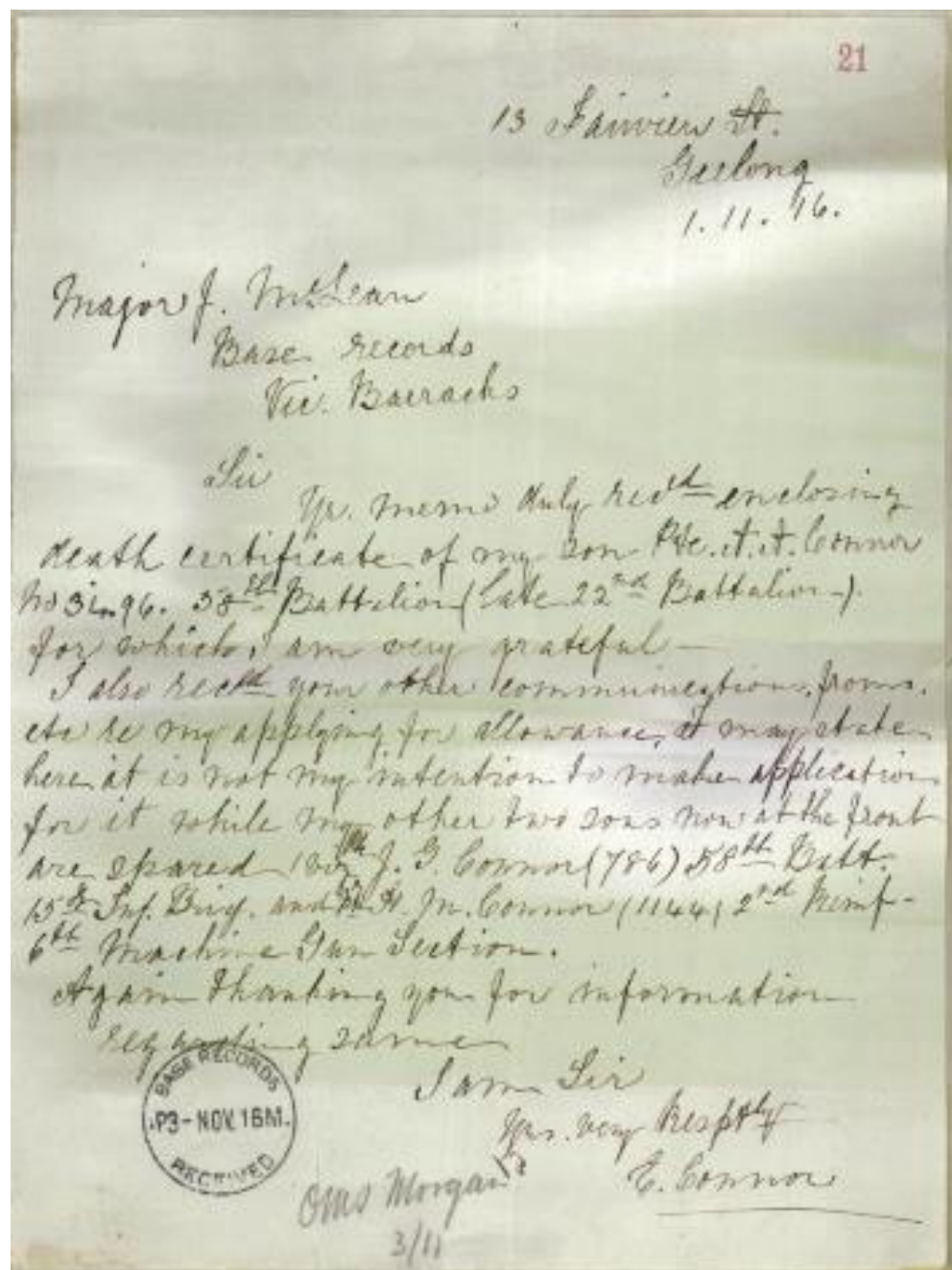
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On 19/20 July 1916, these fields were a battlefield – the battlefield of Fromelles. In the distance at [A], is the village of Fromelles about 2 kilometres to the south-east down the Rue Delvas on the left. Further right, at [B], is Delaporte Farm which lay just behind the German front line. The line moved south-west through the fields and crossed the little Rivière de Layes at [C]. Only the high banks of the Layes [D], running to the south-west, are visible here. Beyond that, at [E], was a well-defended semicircular position called the 'Sugar Loaf'. At 5.45 pm on 19 July 1916, across the road to the far right, men of the 59th and 60th Australian Battalions formed up and started to move out of their lines heading across the fields for the German trenches and the Sugar Loaf. Some had to cross the Layes which ran through no-man's-land. Artillery bombardments had failed to destroy the German positions and between 5.45 and 6 pm the advancing waves of Australians were cut down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire. A supporting attack by the 58th Battalion was also shot to ground with heavy casualties. Other Australian units attacked and captured sections of German trench towards Fromelles village but they were driven out by effective counter-attacks on the morning of 20 July. All told, within 24 hours on 19 and 20 July 1916, the AIF, in its first major action on the Western Front, suffered more than 5,500 casualties in this small area.

<http://www.ww1westernfront.gov.au/fromelles/on-this-spot-australian-memorial-park-fromelles/panorama-fromelles-battlefield.php>



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental  
number, rank, full name and unit  
of soldier referred to, is to be stated.

Base Records Office,

Victoria Barracks,

Melbourne

5th September 1916.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication  
of 1st inst., and to inform you that the necessary official  
confirming documents covering report of death of **No. 3496,**

**Private A. A. Connor, 58th (late 22nd) Battalion,**  
have not yet been received by this Department.

Your request, however, has been noted for compliance  
at the earliest possible date.

The Manager,  
T. & G. Mutual Life  
Assurance Society Ltd.,  
Cr. Swanston & LeCollins Sts.,  
MELBOURNE, V.

Yours faithfully,

**DESPATCHED**

J. H. LEAH,  
Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.



CONNOR	Adrian Ambrose (Pte)	3496	8/22 Patt.
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Melbourne per HMHT. "Afric" on 5/1/16.			
DANGEROUSLY ILL G.S.W. CHEST & BACK Cbl dtd London 27/7/16			Cbl. 6644A
30-7-16 DIED G.S.W. BACK & CHEST 35th Gen Hspl Calais			Cbl. 6693B
WOUNDED Cbl. dated London 4/8/16			Cbl. 6710 <sup>P</sup>
Previously reported wounded not DIED OF WOUNDS 30-7-16			Cbl. 6749 <sup>D</sup>
22-7-16 Adm 35th Gen. Hspl. G.S.W. CHEST & BACK (severe)			Cbl. 6798 <sup>C</sup>
30-7-16. Adm. to 35th Gen. Hos.			I.B. 12/40-16
19/7/16 Wounded in Action FRANCE			BEFO 21/1-16
30/7/16 <u>Died of Wounds</u> received in action at No-8-Sauslt.			BEFO 21/9/16
Stn. FRANCE 35th Gen Hospital Calais BEFO 53/3-17			
23.2.16. Taken on strength 57th Btn. from 22nd. Btn. Tel-el Kebir			T.S. MEFO 1.14.16
15.3.16. Trans to 58th Btn. Tel-el-Kebir			T.S. MEFO 3.1.16.
15.3.16. Taken on strength of 58th Btn. from 57th Btn. T.S.			MEFO 8.3.16.
21.7.16. Adm. to 35th Gen Hosp. Calais GSW Chest and back (IB 5/30-16)			T.S. BEFO 20.3.16.

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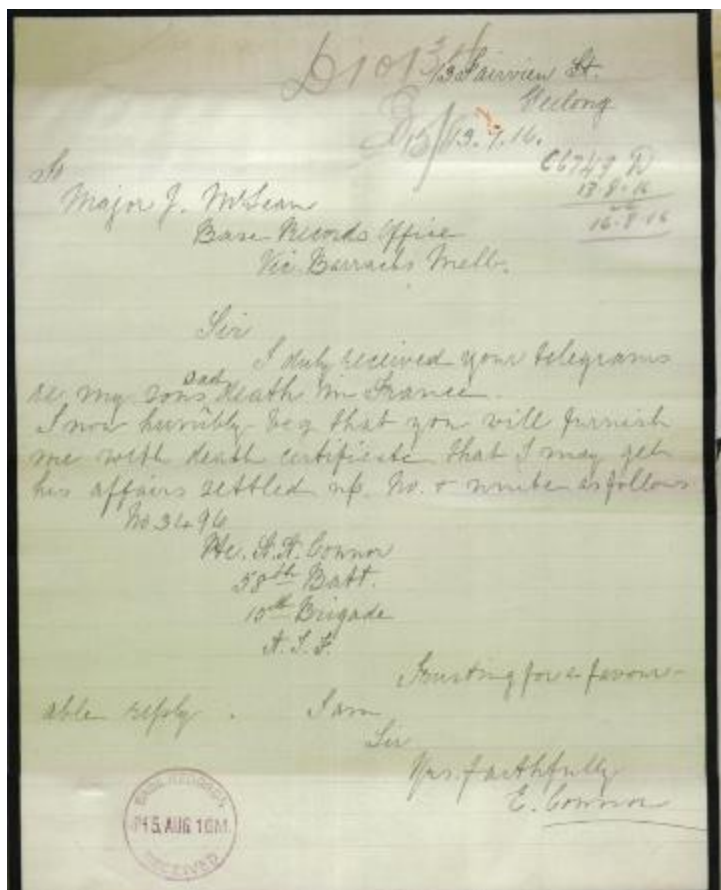


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MRS E. CONNOR  
13 FAIRVIEW STREET  
NEWTON  
GUELPH V.

REGRET REPORTED PRIVATE ADRAIN A CONNOR DANGEROUSLY ILL GUNSHOT  
WOUND CHEST AND BACK WILL FURNISH PROGRESS REPORT WHEN RECEIVED.

DATE RECORDS.  
51/7/16.



### Adrian Ambrose Connor – Running Information

Year	Name	Time	Net	Sex	Age	Race	Comment
1911	<a href="#">Adrian Ambrose Connor &gt;</a>	3:21:10	--:--	M5	23	<a href="#">Victorian Championship &gt;</a>	
	<a href="#">Adrian Ambrose Connor &gt;</a>	3:01:00	--:--	M2	23	<a href="#">NSW Championship &gt;</a>	
1910	<a href="#">Adrian Ambrose Connor &gt;</a>	3:01:50	--:--	M2	22	<a href="#">Victorian Championship &gt;</a>	
	<a href="#">Adrian Ambrose Connor &gt;</a>	2:59:00	--:--	M2	22	<a href="#">NSW Championship &gt;</a>	HH:MM
1909	<a href="#">Adrian Ambrose Connor &gt;</a>	3:05:42	--:--	M3	21	<a href="#">Victorian Championship &gt;</a>	

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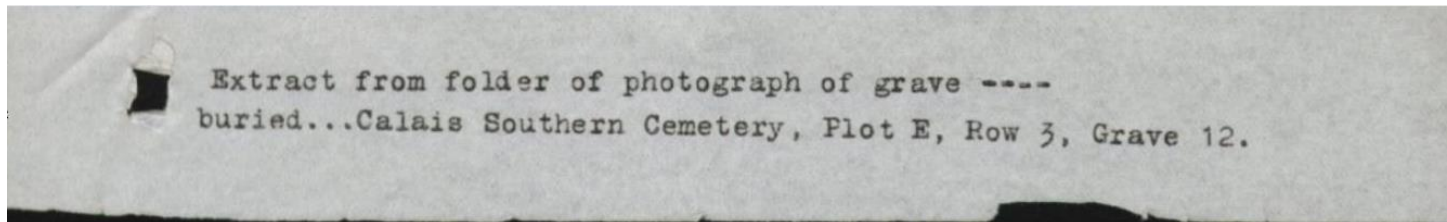
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<http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/54000/CALAIS%20SOUTHERN%20CEMETERY>

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Connor A. A.

Unit

58° lat 22° Bath

Casualty. Dangerous. All with chest back. 27/7/16  
 Died 27/7/16. I.S. 25. chest back. 204 km. North Calais.  
 C. I. B. 2. 209/6549 B 24 Lnd 27/7/16 ch.  
 Wounded C.I.B. 209/6549 B 24 Lnd 27/7/16 ch.  
 Died of ~~Pneumonia~~ Pneumonia 27/7/16.  
 Previously reported wounded not killed. London 9/5/16.  
 Died of ~~Pneumonia~~ Pneumonia 20/4/16. C.I.B. 2. 209/6549 B 24 Lnd 27/7/16 ch.  
 Admitted 25.8.16. 22.7.16. I.S. 25. chest back. Severe.  
 W.S. 25. 12/1/79. REC 16.5.16

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

A.F. B. 103 Received

POLYMER.

1134 JOURNAL OF CLIMATE

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19. 9. 16 *Copy sent to 13/7/16*  
20. 9. 16 *Copy sent to 14/1/16*

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OK 10-16 Left for good to NOK in 1971/16  
 9-9-16 NOK Details. Report in 2004/16  
 20-7-16 Died of wounds Received in Ashbur 22 Dec  
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 Calais France Plot 1. Lane 9. Grave 12 Row 47  
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 A. F. D. 2003A 1 burial

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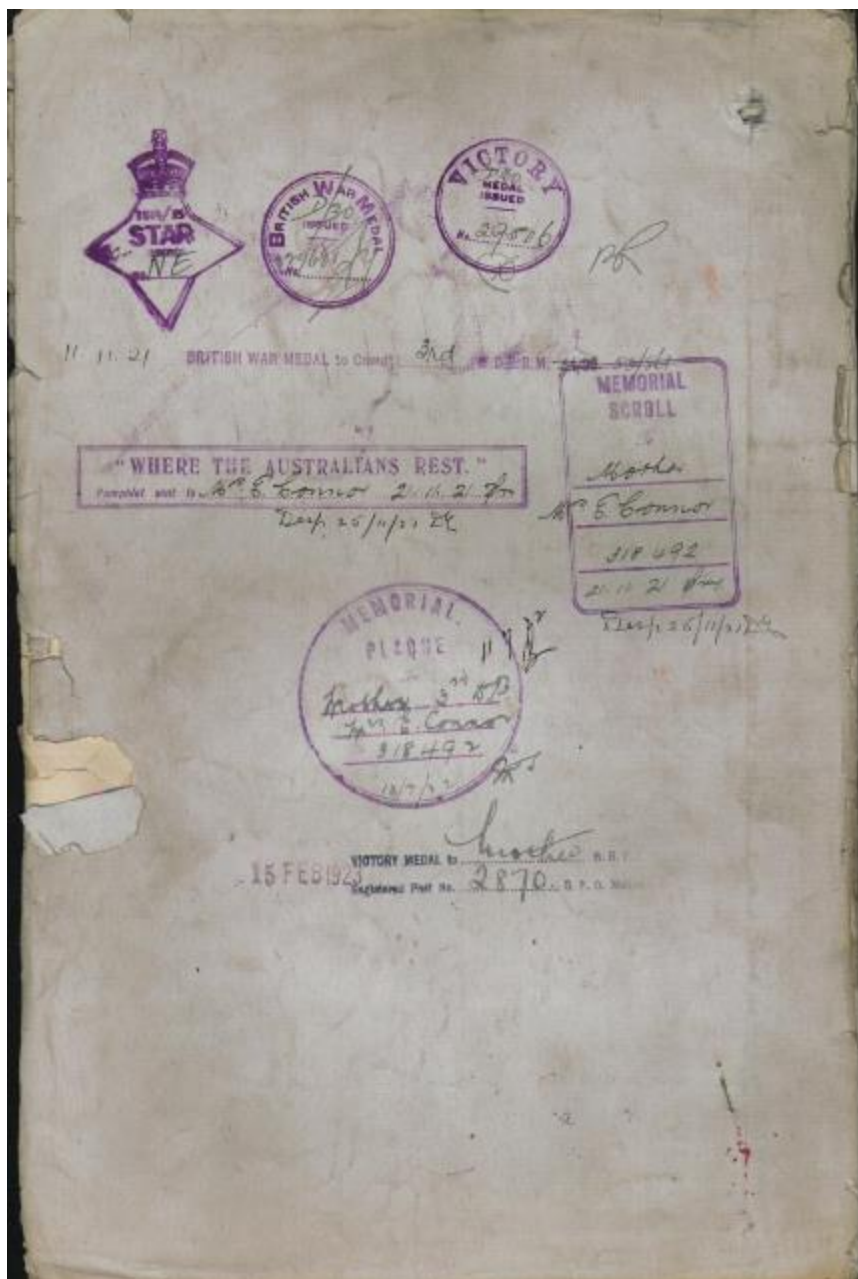
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The Commonwealth plot was designed by Sir Herbert Baker

## BROADMEADOWS TRAINING CAMP

<http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/globalassets/areas/librarieslib-4866/history/moreland-ww1-exhibition-banner-4.pdf>

Broadmeadows was home to the major army training camp for the Australian Imperial Force. The land was previously known as Mornington Park. It was a wide field, suitable for military practice, including training for the Light Horse regiments. It is the current location of the Maygar Army Barracks on Camp Road in Broadmeadows. To reach the camp, soldiers marched from Victoria Barracks in St Kilda Road and headed north up Sydney Road, only resting near Fawkner Cemetery. The camp soon became a popular location for family outings on Sundays. Soldiers slept in tents and food was basic. Training was hard, but it did not prepare soldiers for a modern war with machine guns, gas, shells and aeroplanes – technology that did not exist in previous wars. Some men only completed a few months training before departing on troopships from Port Melbourne. Once overseas, some soldiers received further training in Egypt.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broadmeadows,\\_Victoria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broadmeadows,_Victoria)

Broadmeadows was the site of the main camp for the reception and training of recruits for the AIF from Victoria early in the [First World War](#). Broadmeadows had been identified as a possible site for military training in 1913, but no facilities had been established. The camp was established in August 1914 at "Mornington Park", a property loaned to the government by Mr R.G. Wilson. Early on, Broadmeadows was predominantly a tented camp and conditions were quite spartan. These facilities, combined with wet weather and poor drainage resulted in a rapid increase in sickness among recruits in autumn 1915. Public concern, fuelled by sensationalist press coverage, resulted in a decision in May 1915 to re-establish the main Victorian training camp at [Seymour](#), approximately 100 kilometres north of



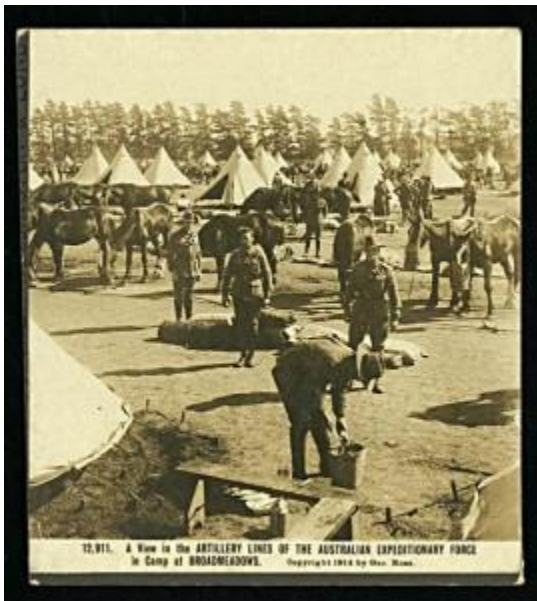
Melbourne. Broadmeadows Camp remained in use throughout the war, however, with facilities being progressively improved

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