



Major Patrick Howard Auld (M.C)

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'Should the worst happen, after everything has been done that honour will permit, Australians will stand beside the mother country to help and defend her to our last man and our last shilling'
 - Andrew Fisher, Australian Opposition Leader, 31 July 1914 (aph.gov.au)

Sometimes in this world there are people who are prepared to give one's all; give everything for the wellbeing of their friends, family, community, and country.
 Of the 416,809 Australian men that enlisted for 'the Great War', more than 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner. (awm.gov.au, n.d)

Patrick Howard Auld (Figure 1) was born on the 30th May 1894 in Kent Town, South Australia, to his parents William George Auld (known as George Auld) and Ellen Howard nee Clarke, along with his younger brother Stuart Auld. His fraternal grandfather William Patrick Auld was an explorer and a wine merchant. (auldgenealogy.blogspot.com, 2013)



Figure 1: "Studio portrait of Captain Patrick Howard Auld, 4th Field Ambulance" (awm.gov.au)

A naming tradition from his mum's side of the family is the reason as to why his middle name is Howard. The tradition is simply for the middle name to be Howard, though his younger brother does not have this middle name.

He grew up in Edward Street, Norwood (near The Parade) and did his schooling at St Peter's College between the years 1906 to 1911. During his time at St Peter's he played inter-collegiate football and cricket matches (trove.nla.gov.au, 1917) and was a member of the Adelaide Rowing Club. He worked as an insurance clerk.

At the time of enlistment, Patrick had previously served in the 79th Infantry in the Civilian Military Forces and was currently serving in the 22nd Engineers Signal Troop.

When Patrick was 20 years old, he enlisted on the 4th of November 1914 in Adelaide into the 4th Field Ambulance and on the 22nd of December 1914, he embarked from Melbourne to Gallipoli aboard the HMAT Berrima A35. His service number was 1034. (Figure 2)

He arrived in Gallipoli Cove on the 27-28th of April 1915 (Figure 3) where he fought for approximately 9 months.

During his time in the Gallipoli campaign, on the 23rd of July 1915, he was admitted into the 16th Stationary Hospital in Mudros for malaria.

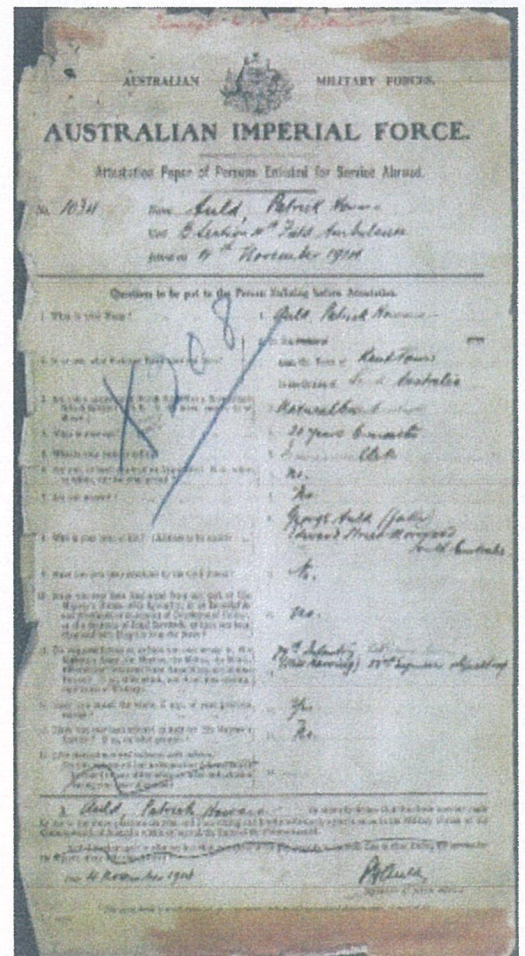


Figure 2: Patrick's Enlistment Papers (recordsearch.naa.gov.au)

APPENDIX

DIRECTION OF LINE OF SERVICE, 1914/15

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Figure 3: His (and others) arrival in Gallipoli (awm.gov.au)

He re-joined his unit on the 2nd of August 1915. (recordsearch.naa.gov.au, pg. 31)

He was promoted to Lance Corporal later that month on the 25th of August and withdrew from Gallipoli to Alexandria on the 24th of December 1915.

He was transferred to the 50th Battalion of the AIF having been identified with leadership qualities, and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant, on the 17th of March 1916. The 50th Battalion embarked in Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force on the 5th of June 1916, disembarking in Marseilles, France on 12th June 1916. They later moved on to the Battles of Pozieres and Mouquet Farm as part of the Battle of the Somme.

During the Battle of Mouquet Farm, Patrick was promoted to Lieutenant in field on the 10th of July 1916 and was wounded in action but remained on duty (03/09/1916).

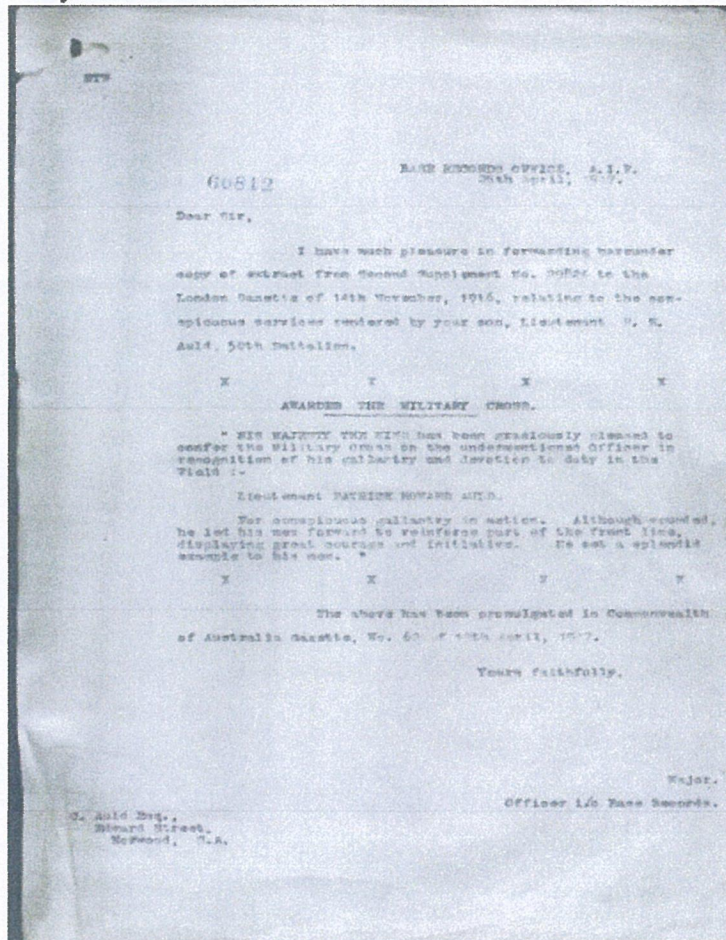


Figure 4: Letter to Patrick's father informing him of his Military Cross. (recordsearch.naa.gov.au)

| Date | Location | Medical Details | Notes |
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Figure 5: Casualty Form/Movement from hospitals

On the 21st of October 1916, Lieutenant Patrick Howard Auld was awarded a Military Cross, 'For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded, he led forward to reinforce part of the front line displaying great courage and initiative. He set up a splendid example to his men.' (trove.nla.gov.au, 1917) (Figure 4)

In early April 1917, the 50th Battalion launched an attack on Noreuil. Here, on the 2nd of April, Patrick was wounded in field via gunshot to the left buttocks, and he was admitted to the 13th Field Ambulance. Though he was later transferred to the 7th Stationary Hospital in Boulogne and his wound was classified severe and was moved to England where he stayed at three different hospitals, the Research Hospital in Cambridge (07/04/1917), the 6th Australian Auxiliary Hospital (11/06/1917), and the No.1 Command depot at Perham Downs (23/07/1917). (recordsearch.naa.gov.au, 1917) (Figure 5)

He re-joined the 50th Battalion on the 15th of December 1917. On the 1st of January 1918, Patrick was promoted to the rank of Captain. In the commune of Villers-Bretonneux, a counterattack on the night of 24th of April was launched by two Australian brigades and one British brigade leading to the successful recapture of the town.

During that attack, Patrick was reported Missing in Action. The Red Cross Information Bureau found him to be a prisoner of war in Germany. (Figure 6)

His father was sent letters about this fact, including information that he had been moved to Karlsruhe, Germany. (sarcib.ww1.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au, 1918)

After the 11th of November armistice, Patrick was repatriated to England arriving on the 1st of December. He returned to Australia on the 25th of March on Board the SS Port Dennison.

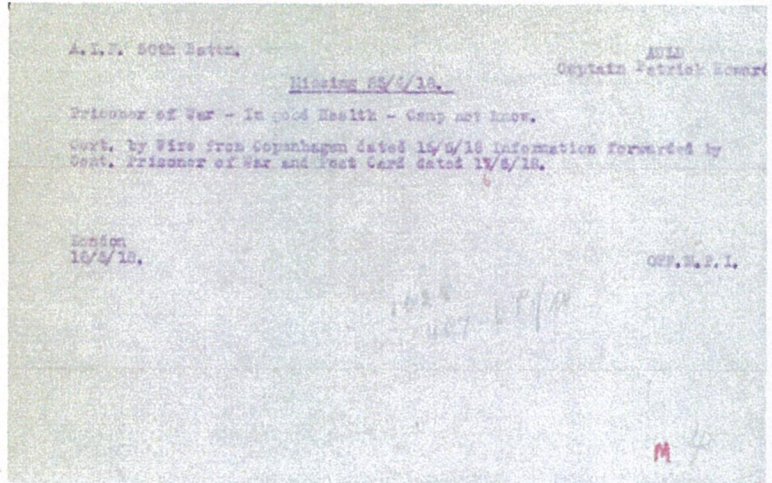


Figure 6: A telegram informing that Patrick is a prisoner of war (sarcib.ww1.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au, 1917)



Figure 7: His WW1 medals. L-R: Military Cross, 1914/15 Star, British War Medal, and the Victory Medal. (vwma.org.au)

By the end of World War 1 he had been awarded a Military Cross, 1914/15 Star, British War Medal, and a Victory Medal. (Figure 7)

In 1919, Patrick got engaged to Marie Ethel (nee) English and in 1921 they got married. Later that year, in 1921, they had their first daughter Patricia Bayliss Howard Auld. And in 1924 they had their second

daughter Helena Howard Auld. (genealogysa.org.au, n.d)

They lived in Tusmore Gardens in South Australia and Patrick worked as a civil servant.

At the outbreak of World War 2, Patrick was quick to enlist, enlisting on the 2nd of October 1939. Though this was different from the last war, he was now 48 years old, he has a wife and two daughters, and he is entering as a temporary Major, not a Private. (Figure 8)

He was moved to the 4th Garrison Battalion when he enlisted.

The 4th Garrison Battalion was Adelaide's main volunteer defence unit throughout World War 2. (vwma.org.au, n.d)

Unfortunately, his time in World War 2 is not as well documented. Though he was promoted and discharged with the rank of Major in February of 1943. (recordsearch.naa.org.au, n.d)

By the end of World War 2 he had been awarded a War Medal and an Australia Service Medal.

After the wars, he was granted a home loan in 1937 as part of the War Service Homes Act 1918-1937. The Act was made for ex-members of

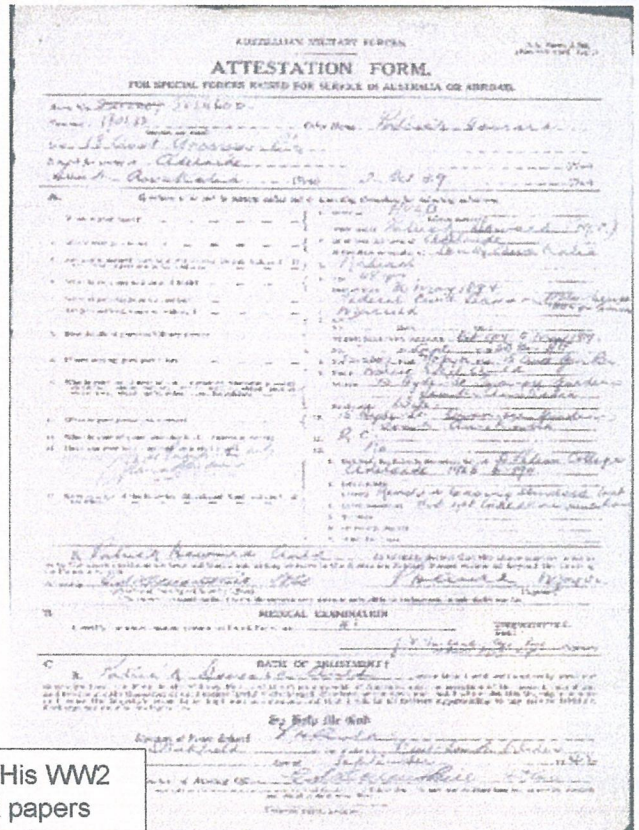


Figure 8: His WW2 enlistment papers (recordsearch.naa.gov.au)



Figure 9: Front of the 1953 Coronation Medal (en.wikipedia.org)

the forces who saw active service outside of Australia, obtain loans for the acquisition of houses. (*guides.naa.gov.au, n.d*)

His post war life was quite peaceful. Sometime after the war, he became a Justice of the Peace and the President of the SA Blind Welfare Association for which he received a Coronation Medal in 1953. (*archives.sa.gov.au, n.d*) (Figure 9)

Both of his daughters got married and lived in Sarawak, Malaysia. (*trove.nla.gov.au, n.d*) Unfortunately, on 26th of April 1960, Marie Ethel passed away. (*billiongraves.com, n.d*)

In February of 1965, Patrick wrote to the Central Army Records Office requesting for replacements for all of his aforementioned medals. He was going on a Gallipoli pilgrimage and was leaving Adelaide in late March. He had worn his medals every Anzac Day since 1919 and had lost them a few weeks prior to writing the letter. (Figure 10)

In a reply from the Australian Military Force, it was stated that all but the Military Cross were readily available. The Military Cross would come from England and therefore take longer. Fortunately, his Military Cross arrived a few days before his departure. (Figure 11)

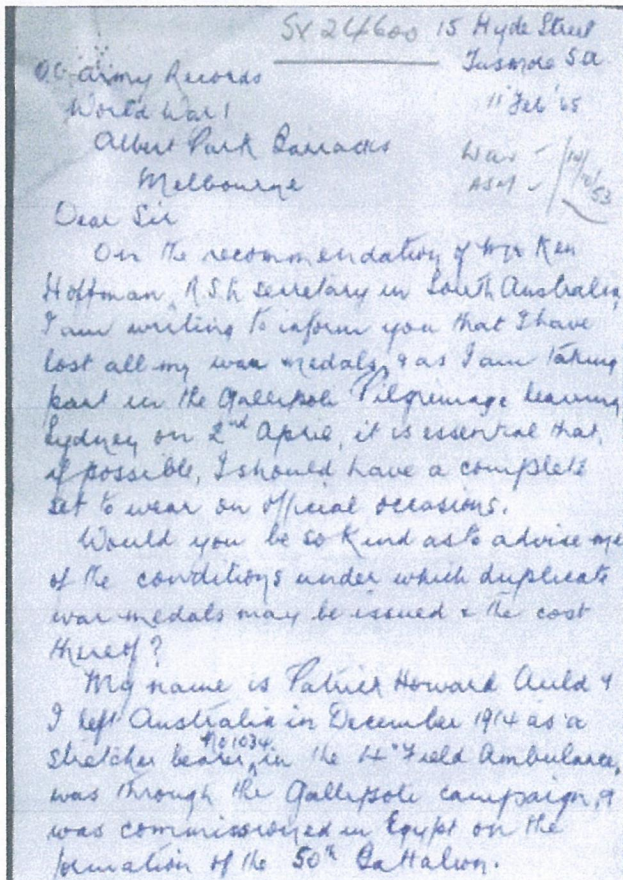


Figure 10: The first page of his letter (recordsearch.naa.gov.au)

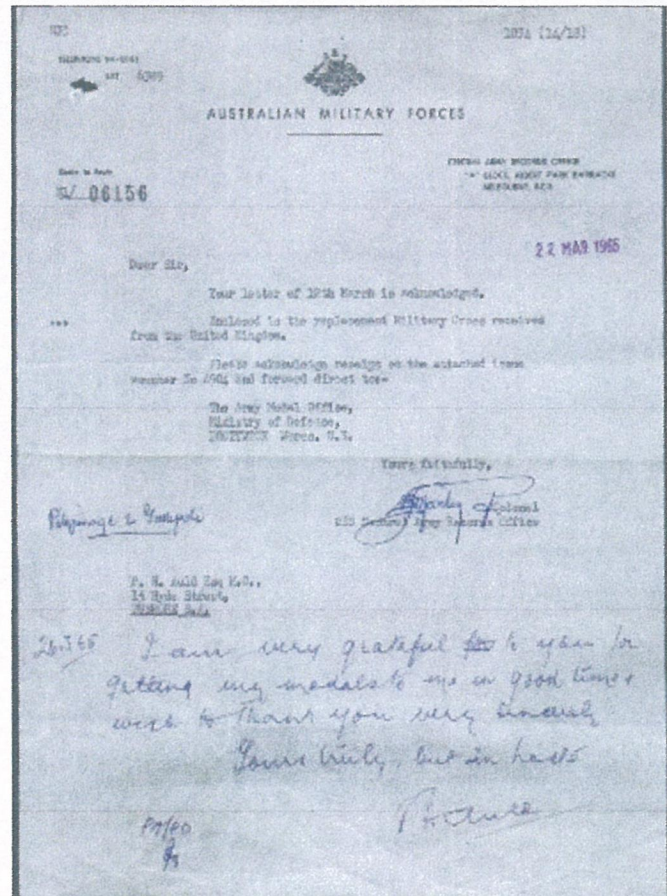


Figure 11: The letter that came with receiving the replacement Military Cross (recordsearch.naa.gov.au)

In 1967, Patrick applied for the Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Lapel Badge.

On the 3rd of July 1970, Major Patrick Howard Auld, aged 78, died of natural causes in Beulah Park, South Australia.

Part 2

'Courage' as defined by the Merriam Webster dictionary is "mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty". Moreover, the fear of choosing to act, is something extremely difficult to get past. To fight, and to stand up for what you believe in takes courage.

I find that Patrick is a perfect example of courage.

To enlist for one World War takes courage. You sign up to be sent some where abroad to fight people you don't know, for an unknown amount of time. To leave a comfortable and more simple life to fight for your country takes a tremendous amount of courage. Consciously going against your body's fight or flight response and putting yourself in the face of danger.

Patrick didn't have to enlist but he did, and through his courageous efforts and those around him is the reason I'm talking about him today. The importance of the sacrifices made for the future of his country, must be acknowledged, and to continue fighting through the horrific conditions of the battle fields must be respected.

To enlist for World War 2, especially after experiencing the horrors of the first, takes an immense amount of courage. Unlike in WW1, he knew exactly what he was getting into and even with knowing that, still decided to go.

Furthermore, I find that perseverance is a quality that fits him quite well. 'Perseverance' is described as continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition. (*Merriam Webster, n.d*) Perseverance means you have the patience to work through things to achieve an end goal.

Patrick, on multiple occasions was wounded and continued to fight. He got a severe bullet wound and still went back to the war after his recovery. He was a prisoner of war in Germany and kept going. Kept going and enlisted in another war even at the age of 48.

Though I can give no better evidence for these qualities than in the reason given by the military for why he received his Military Cross. I said it before, but I think it bears repeating:

'For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded, he led forward to reinforce part of the front line displaying great courage and initiative. He set up a splendid example to his men.' (Figure 12)

| Date | Report | Description of promotion, reduction, transfer, casualty, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 714, Army Form A-36, or 26 other official documents. The number to be cited in each case. | Place | Army Form A-36 official document |
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| # 4.9.16 | Cas List No 733 | Wounded in action but remained on duty | In Field | 3.9.16, A.P. 4929, A.P.O. 33/4506 ✓ |
| 20.10.16 | LANZAC R.O. | AWARDED MILITARY CROSS | do | 21.10.16 A.K. 497/118 D.O. 44/8269 ✓ |
| 15.11.16 | AIF LIST No 113 | Awarded Military Cross for the following: For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded, he led his men forward to reinforce part of the front line displaying great courage and initiative. He set a splendid example to his men. | | A.K. 497.182 D.O. NH 48/5558. |

Figure 12: Casualty Form-Active Service, about receiving the medal (recordsearch.naa.gov.au)

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