



LCpl. George Francis Davies



8th August 1916



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: 1913/14 - 1914/15 A & B Grade

Arts Student/Civil Servant

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of George Francis Davies. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

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Regimental number	58
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Clerk
Address	78 First Avenue, East Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	25
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Harriet Elizabeth Davies, 78 First Avenue, East Adelaide, South Australia
Enlistment date	5 February 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	6 February 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<u>27th Battalion, A Company</u>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/44/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A2 <i>Geelong</i> on 31 May 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lance Corporal
Unit from Nominal Roll	27th Battalion
Fate	Died of wounds 8 August 1916
Age at death from cemetery records	26
Place of burial	Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot VII, Row E, Grave No. 48), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	110
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: William and Harriet Elizabeth DAVIES, 35 First Avenue, Royston Park, South Australia
Family/military connections	Brother: 4694 Pte Howard Bruce DAVIES, Australian Army Pay Corps, returned to Australia, 5 March 1919.

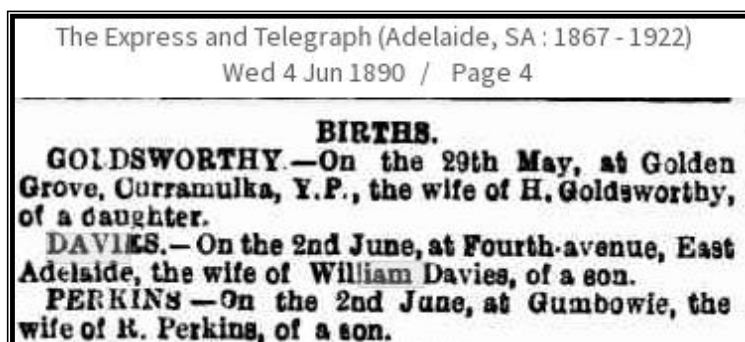
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Biography

George Francis "Frank" Davies was born on 2nd June 1890, the second son of William Davies (1861 - 1926) and Harriet Elizabeth Lee (1864 - 1943). Frank was born in the family home at 4th Avenue, East Adelaide (St Peters) . Altogether, William and Harriet had five sons and a daughter. See Appendix A (Family Trees & Other Family Information).



His father was a land agent, employed by several firms during his working life, but spent his last twenty years with the city firm of Jackman and Treloar. In his younger years William Davies was a keen sportsman and later in 1895 was appointed secretary of the South Australian Football League.

Little information is available about Frank's very early years, but his family tree indicated that after a short time at East Adelaide, the family moved to Glenelg, then Malvern and were associated with the Malvern Methodist Church during the mid to late 1890s and early 1900s. He went to Unley Public School in his primary years.

In 1901, Frank spent time in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia with his mother's sister, Laura Pellew and his cousins, Clarrie, Raymond, Lindley and Lance. Laura's husband Joseph had opened a furniture business in the goldfields. Frank returned with them aboard a German passenger ship from Bremen (the *Rhein G.M.S.*).



Frank and his older brother William attended the Malvern Methodist Sunday School and were successful in passing the South Australian Sunday School Union examinations at Junior in the early 1900s.

In 1903, Frank completed his primary school education at Unley Public School and did well enough to win a Public Exhibition, a scholarship which enabled him to attend "the Pupil Teachers' School " in 1904. His older brother William, who was training to be a teacher, had also attended the Pupil Teacher's School and had successfully completed his Senior Public Examinations in 1903.

At the end of 1904, Frank was successful in passing his Junior Public Examinations at the Pupil Teachers' School. He passed with a credit in algebra (Equal 6th in State Honor List).

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EXHIBITIONS AND BURSARIES.

The following exhibitions have been awarded by the Minister of Education:—

EXHIBITIONS.

Public Exhibition, tenable at any Secondary School.

The name of the school after the student's name is that of the school previously attended, and the name in a bracket as that of the school chosen by the student:—

1. Leslie Gemmel Tassie, Norwood (Prince Alfred College);
2. Arthur Cubitt Brown, Sturt-street (Prince Alfred College);
- and Sydney Ernest Holder, Norwood (Prince Alfred College), equal;
4. George Henry Pitt, Norwood (Prince Alfred College);
5. Victor Eyre Roach, Sturt-street (St. Peter's College).

In addition to the above, Robert Hall Chapman from St. Peter's College, obtained a sufficient number of marks to qualify him for a public exhibition.

Exhibitions Tenable at the Pupil Teachers' School.

Schools under 100 average attendance—Isaac Siggins (Redhill).

Schools from 100 to 200 average attendance—None qualified.

Open to all schools—1. Morris Henwood Stanford (Sturt-street);
- 2. Edward Naldeman Timeke (East Adelaide);
- and Francis Owen Walters (Norwood), equal;
- 4. John Hunter Macdonald (Sturt-street);
- Frank Harbour Moody (North Adelaide);
- and Walter Cyth Thomas (Sturt-street), equal;
- 7. Charles Mason Pearson (Moonta);
- 8. George Frank Davies (Unley);
- 9. Ivor Ernest Jenkins (Sturt-street);
- Leonard Bonham Mawby (East Adelaide);
- and Kenneth Montrose Torr (Sturt-street), equal;
- 12. Robert Reginald Wilson (Norwood);
- 13. Rudolph Bronner (Goodwood);

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PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS BOARD.

JUNIOR EXAMINATION, 1904.

B.—PASS LIST.

List of candidates who have passed in five or more subjects, and who, therefore, receive the junior certificate. 1. English literature; 2. English history; 3. geography; 4. Greek; 5. Latin; 6. French; 7. German; 8. arithmetic; 9. algebra; 10. geometry; 11. physics; 12. inorganic chemistry; 13. physiology; 14. botany; 15. drawing. An asterisk denotes credit.

14². A.S.G.; Milo M. CUDMORE, 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 12, S.P.S.C.; Marjorie CULROSS, 1, 2, 3, 9, 15. Unley Park School.

Dorothy J. DARBY, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 14^{*}. A.S.G.; Irene L. DARWIN, 1, 2, 3, 8^{*}, 9^{*}, 10^{*}, 13, 14, M.L.C.; George F. DAVIES, 1, 5, 7, 8, 9^{*}, 10, P.T.S.; Ernest W. DAVIS, 1, 2, 8, 9, 10 A.S. and B.T. Academy; Thomas A. DAVY, 1, 2^{*}, 3, 4, 5^{*}, 6, 9, Perth High School; Wilhelm J. G. DFCHERT, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11^{*}, 12^{*} S.P.S.C.; Norman McL. DEMPSTER, 2, 8, 9^{*}, 10, 12, S.P.S.C.; Cecilia DENMAN, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10. Sacred

In 1905, Frank passed the required five subjects in his Senior Public Examinations.

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THE SENIOR EXAMINATION.

PASS LIST.

1. List of candidates who have passed in five or more subjects, and who, therefore, receive the senior certificate.

1. English literature; 2. history; 3. Greek; 4. Latin; 5. French; 6. German; 7. arithmetic and algebra; 8. geometry; 9. trigonometry; 10. physics; 11. inorganic chemistry; 12. physiology; 13. botany; 14. physical geography and geology; 15. drawing; "c" denotes credit.

Dorothy Josephine Darby, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 13 (Advanced School for Girls); Irene Leonora Darwin, 2, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 (Methodist Ladies' College); George Francis Davies, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (Pupil Teachers' School); Lucy Alice Dennis, 1, 2, 9, 10, 15 (Pupil Teachers' School); Arthur Sydney Diamond, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 (St. Peter's Collegiate School); Charles Edward Dolling, 1, 4, 7, 8, 11 (Prince Alfred College); Catherine Anna Donachy, 1,

By gaining his Senior Certificate (Matriculation), Frank would be able to enrol in subjects at Adelaide University in future years.

Frank's long standing association with the Malvern Methodist Sunday School saw him passing the Sunday School Union Senior examinations in 1907 and 1910.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. EXAMINATION AWARDS.

Senior Division.—Section B.

Prizes:—Dorothy Hale, Tynte street (B.); Erica Prince, Mitcham (B.); Ivy Roberts, Parkside (M.); Olive Jenkins, Solomontown (M.); Alice Dowdy, Rose Park (C.); Lena Thomson, Tynte street (B.); George F. Davies, Malvern (M.); Vena Wright, Henley Beach (C.); Etheleen Stanton, Wellington square (M.); Hector Broadland

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

Senior Division, Section A.

George F. Davies, Malvern M., 17/6; Edith Morley, Malvern M., 12/6; Daisy Latter, Tynte-street B., 12/6; Grace E. Morphett, Knightsbridge B., 7/6; Alice Francis, Malvern M., 7/; Doris Capper, Malvern M., 6/; Edna Bonnett, Parkside M., 5/;

In 1909, Frank was playing cricket with the Stow Ramblers cricket Club.

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GENERAL.

Rosetta, 36; Coleman four for 10. Prospect Centrals, 25 and eight for 60; Robbins 39; V. Peters seven for 14.

Hope Valley, 126; A. Barnden 62, E. Foggo 37 n.o. Linden Park, nine for 56; A. Barnden six for 14.

Stow Ramblers, five for 158; W. Lang 35, S. M. Ronald 34 n.o., G. F. Davies 25 n.o., W. C. Holland 22; G. Parkin three for 41. Post and Telegraph, four for 47; G. Parkin 24 n.o.; J. J. Stewart, four for 17.

Chapel-street, 89; J. Lambe 26 retired, J. Prouse 22 retired; A. Edge four for 14. Federala, 41;
J. Lambe seven for 22.

Further Studies

After leaving the Pupil Teachers' School at the end of 1905, Frank found employment in the State Public Service. Over the next ten years he took on part time studies at the School of Mines and Industry and also studied some Arts subjects at the University of Adelaide.

In 1908 and 1909 Frank studied Shorthand theory and practice at the School of Mines reaching a standard of 90 words per minute.

In 1910 Frank passed English Language and Literature at the University, Modern English History in 1912 and in 1913 passed History of the United Kingdom. In 1913 he was awarded a University of Adelaide P.E.B. Studentship that covered his course fee.

In 1915 he was working in the SA Public Works Department.

Adelaide University Cricket Club

While studying at Adelaide University, Frank played for the Cricket Club during 1913/14 and 1914/15 season.

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)	
Tue 3 Mar 1914 / Page 2 / CRICKET.	
B GRADE.	
UNIVERSITY V. PORT ADELAIDE (on the Cathedral Grounds).	
UNIVERSITY.	
G. F. Davies, c. Adams, b. Calder	27
R. W. Barbour, c. Adams, b. Warren	20
C. Gurner, st. Smith, b. Adams	54
H. C. Thrush, st. Smith, b. Adams	10
A. M. Merilden, l.b.w., b. Adams	0
O. V. Baaner, c. Rundle, b. Adams	11
E. M. Weatherall, b. Crawley	88
L. J. B. K. Hurley, c. Calder, b. Cooper ..	14
P. C. Beaumont, b. Warren	18
F. H. Beare, not out	0
M. Badger, b. Crawley	0
Extras	30
Total	272
—Bowling.—	
Warren, 2 for 68; Simpson, 0 for 51; Calder, 1 for 33; Crawley, 2 for 28; Adams, 4 for 60; Cooper, 1 for 3.	
PORT ADELAIDE.	
F. Brook, run out	9
S. Smith, c. Hurley, b. Baaner	8
L. Rundle, b. Hurley	19
P. Crawley, c. Beaumont, b. Hurley	1
J. Cooper, not out	11
E. Oldfield, not out	3
Extras	20
Total for 4 wickets	71
—Bowling.—	
Hurley, 2 for 28; Baaner, 1 for 25; Badger, 0 for 2.	

He was a regular member of the B Grade team, however was selected in the 1914/15 Season for a single A Grade Game.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)	
— Sat 16 Jan 1915 / Page 7 —	
CRICKET	
TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.	
The sixth set of A and B grade association matches will begin this afternoon. The teams chosen are:—	
A Grade.	
Adelaide Oval.—University versus East Torrens.	
University.—H. B. Willamore, D. M. Steele, A. G. Moyes, W. J. Price, F. H. Beare, J. D. Northey, E. M. Weatherill, O. V. Baaner, C. Richards, H. C. Thrush, G. F. Davies, A. Limb, W. R. Hunt, W. B. Shanasy, E. P. Howard.	
East Torrens.—B. Gwelling, R. Hill, C. Hodgert, E. A. Loveridge, R. F. Middleton, B. H. Richardson, G. Roenfeldt, H. H. Sande, A. Smith, W. Stirling, W. J. Whitty.	

His performance against a very strong East Torrens side in January 1915 was fairly modest. After this A Grade game Frank played one further B Grade game, his last for the Club. There was not going to be a further opportunity and like many of his team mates, Frank enlisted to serve for King and Country.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954).

Saturday 30 January 1915, page 22

SENIOR CRICKET IN ADELAIDE.

The weather was fine and clear for the continuation on Saturday of the sixth series of A and B grade matches, begun on the previous Saturday, which was the hottest day of the summer. The following are the positions of the A grade clubs:—

	P.	W.	L.	Drn.	Pts.
East Torrens	6	5	1	—	14
Adelaide	6	4	2	—	11
Port Adelaide	6	3	3	—	7
University	6	3	3	—	7
Sturt	6	3	3	—	6
North Adelaide	6	3	3	—	6
Glenside	6	2	4	—	3
West Torrens	6	1	5	—	2

Note.—Win by an innings, 4 points; win on first innings, 3 points; drawn games, pointless; defeat, minus 1 point.

EAST TORRENS DEFEAT UNIVERSITY.

UNIVERSITY.

First Innings 149

Second Innings.

J. D. Northey, c. and b. Hodgert	1
W. J. Price, c. Hodgert, b. Whitty	0
H. B. Willsmore, b. Hill	74
A. Limb, c. Sando, b. Smith	64
E. M. Weatherill, b. Whitty	22
H. C. Thrush, b. Whitty	0
E. P. Howard, b. Hill	4
E. F. Davies, b. Hill	0
C. Richards, c. and b. Whitty	8
F. Beare, not out	11
Byes	3

Total (for nine wickets) 187

Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.
W. J. Whitty	17.5	4	4	57
C. Hodgert	4	1	1	18
W. Stirling	7	1	0	40
A. Smith	6	0	1	31
L. R. Hill	11	2	3	35
H. Gowling	1	0	0	3

EAST TORRENS.

C. Hodgert, b. Willsmore	114
E. A. Loveridge, c. and b. Price	52
H. H. Sando, st. Limb, b. Willsmore	11
R. F. Middleton, c. Davies, b. Willsmore	3
L. R. Hill, st. Limb, b. Willsmore	53
W. J. Whitty, c. Thrush, b. Willsmore	13
W. Stirling, c. Limb, b. Willsmore	6
B. H. Richardson, b. Howard	0
A. Smith, c. Weatherill, b. Willsmore	10
H. Gowling, c. Thrush, b. Howard	4
G. Roenfeldt, not out	2
Byes 2, leg-byes 6, no-ball 1	9

Total 277

Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.
W. J. Price	14	1	1	85
E. P. Howard	14.3	1	2	76
F. Beare	5	0	0	25
O. V. Baaner	4	1	0	13
E. M. Weatherill	3	0	0	17
H. B. Willsmore	12	1	7	50
Baaner 1 no-ball.				

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Scores:—

UNIVERSITY.

E. M. Weatherill, c. Sando, b. Hodgert	14
C. Richards, b. Gowling	9
A. Limb, b. Hill	45
J. D. Northey, c. Hill, b. Hodgert	17
W. J. Price, c. Hodgert, b. Stirling	23
O. V. Baaner, stpd. Roenfeldt, b. Smith	13
H. C. Thrush, c. and b. Stirling	3
E. P. Howard, b. Stirling	17
G. R. Davies, b. Smith	5
F. Beare, not out	0
H. B. Willsmore, absent	0
Byes 2, no-ball 1	3

Total 149

Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.
L. R. Hill	12	3	1	35
H. Gowling	5	0	1	37
W. Stirling	13	4	3	23
C. Hodgert	8	1	2	26
A. Smith	4.2	—	2	25
Smith 1 no-ball.				

EAST TORRENS.

C. Hodgert, not out	111
E. A. Loveridge, c. and b. Price	30
H. H. Sando, not out	11
Byes 4, leg-byes 5, no-ball 1	10

Total (for one wicket) 182

World War 1

Frank enlisted on the 5th February 1915 and was attached to the 27th Battalion. After undergoing training at the Base Depot in Adelaide, he embarked for overseas service on 31st May 1915 aboard the *HMAT A2 Geelong*.



HMAT A2 Geelong 7,954 tons 12 knots

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Frank had been a member of the Adelaide Orpheus Society. Originally formed in 1888, during WW1 it performed at many fundraising concerts. They often appeared at the local military camps to entertain the troops. At their annual meeting in August 1915, Frank and other young men of the Orpheus Society who had enlisted, were serving overseas were acknowledged.

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ADELAIDE ORPHEUS SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Adelaide Orpheus Society was held in the Stow Church schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. E. Kyffin Thomas being in the chair.

The report showed a small credit balance. Three concerts and smoke socials had been given. The society has assisted at a patriotic concert in the Exhibition Building. Forty members had participated in a concert given by the members of the society in the Gumeracha Hall in aid of the institute funds. There were 88 members on the roll. The committee regretted to note the deaths of two old members, Messrs. C. Black and W. J. Gepp. Their names had been placed upon the life membership roll. The committee also thought it advisable to record the names of those who had forsaken the rehearsal room for service for King and country. To those men the best wishes of those who were left behind to "keep the bridges" were tendered, and the hope was expressed that they might be spared to return safely home with their work "well and faithfully done." The members in question were Messrs. W. R. Pontt, R. C. Stockham, A. J. Wooding, P. Nuttall, F. H. Lorne, J. E. Pearce, and G. F. Davies. Mr. Daltry, as conductor of the society, had not spared himself in any way, and members were also fortunate in having the services of Mr. George Pearce as accompanist. Not only had his work been satisfactorily performed, but his unfailing courtesy had won for him the respect and goodwill of members. During the absence of the secretary (Mr. W. Knill) his duties

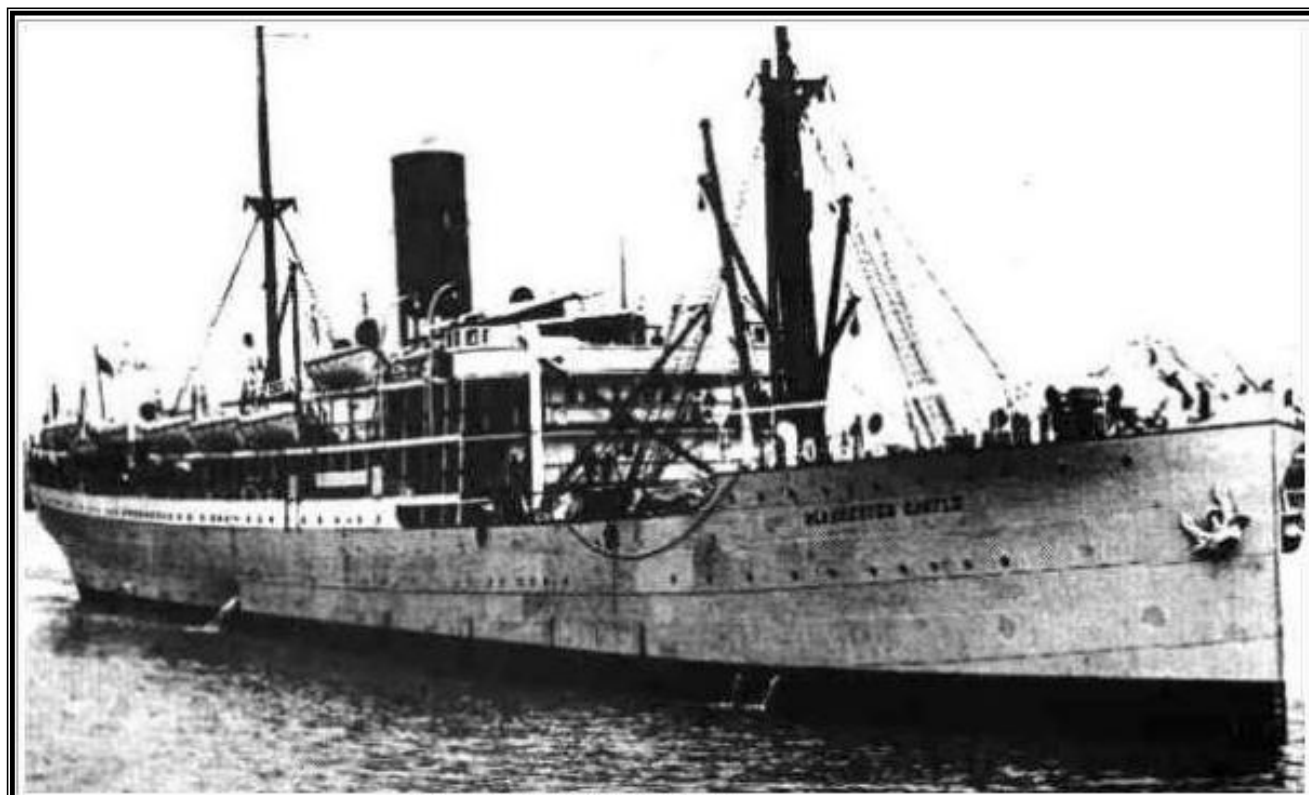
were effectively fulfilled by Mr. F. Gurner, to whom the thanks of the committee and members were due. The committee and members were also deeply indebted to the genial secretary for services he had rendered to the society during the year. He had worked for the best interests of the society, and the artistic manner in which he produced his programmes was highly appreciated.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman said he was pleased that the finances were satisfactory. He would have been pleased to see Sir Edwin Smith occupying the chair, and he regretted that their veteran member, Sir Charles Goode, was absent. He was proud of the success achieved by the society in the concert in the Exhibition Building last year in aid of the Red Cross Society. It was a fine performance, and they were enabled to hand over £122 to the Red Cross Fund. He was pleased that a number of the members of the society had enlisted. The love of country had moved them, and he envied those who had gone out to serve their King and country in a practical way. The Chairman, in conclusion, welcomed Mr. W. Herbert Phillipps to the meeting.

Mr. Phillipps seconded the adoption of the report. He said he was fond of music, and would not like to have accepted the position of vice-president unless he understood the duties appertaining to the position. In his younger days he had been identified with a Philharmonic Society. He often thought that music lifted people out of the banishment of life and was one of the finest forms of recreation. He paid a tribute to the work of the society's secretary.

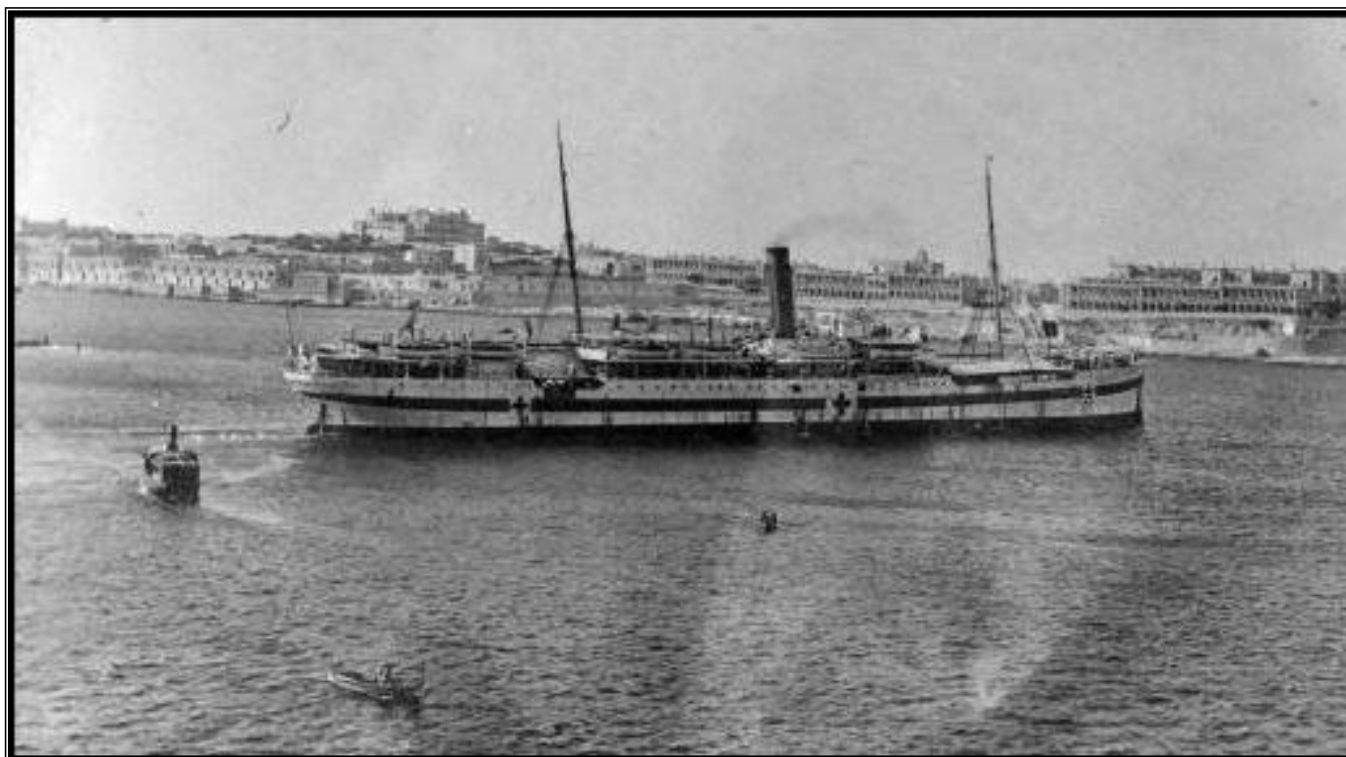
The report was adopted.

Frank proceeded to the Gallipoli Peninsula with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force after a further period of training in Egypt, departing Alexandria in early September 1915. After less than two months fighting at Gallipoli, Frank is taken ill with Jaundice on 27th November 1915 and evacuated by the 7th Field Ambulance to the 13th Casualty Clearing Station and then to the hospital ship "*Gloucester Castle*" sitting off the Gallipoli Peninsula.



HMHS Gloucester Castle

From the hospital ship, Frank was then admitted to St Georges Hospital in Malta. After he had recovered from his illness, including time spent at the Tuffieha Convalescent Camp to recuperate, by 12th February 1916 was discharged back to active service.



In the background - St George's Barracks Military Hospital in Malta



Ghajn Tuffieha Convalescent Camp Aug - Oct 1915

During his time in Malta, after recovering from his illness, the Gallipoli Campaign was abandoned so Frank was then sent to the Ismailia Camp in north eastern Egypt on the west bank of the Sues Canal. On 11th March 1915, he rejoined his battalion in Alexandria to link up with the British Expeditionary Force and proceeded to Marseille, France.

Now serving in France, on 29th April 1916, he was transferred by the 6th Field Ambulance with a septic foot to the 8th Casualty Clearing Station. A few days later he was admitted to the 26th General Hospital, Etaples, France. After treatment and a further period of convalescence he was able to rejoin his Battalion on 6th July 1916.

In early September 1916 Frank was promoted to Lance Corporal. The following is a description of the Australian 27th Battalion's involvement in the Battle of Pozieres (27th July 1916 - 7th August 1916)

"Pozieres, a small village in the Somme valley in France, was the scene of bitter and costly fighting for the 1st, 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions in mid 1916.

The village was captured initially by the 1st Division on 23 July 1916. The division clung to its gains despite almost continuous artillery fire and repeated German counter-attacks but suffered heavily. By the time it was relieved on 27 July it had suffered 5,285 casualties.

The 2nd Division took over from the 1st and mounted two further attacks - the first, on 29 July, was a costly failure; the second, on 2 August, resulted in the seizure of further German positions beyond the village. Again, the Australians suffered heavily from retaliatory bombardments. They were relieved on 6 August, having suffered 6,848 casualties.

The 4th Division was next into the line at Pozieres. It too endured a massive artillery bombardment, and defeated a German counter-attack on 7 August; this was the last attempt by the Germans to retake Pozieres." (Australian War Memorial)

Sadly on the 5th August, just two days before the end of the Battle of Pozieres, Frank suffered a severe shrapnel wound to his abdomen and right arm and remained in a trench after the Germans had taken this territory. By the time the ground was recaptured he had died. He was only 26 years of age and was buried in the Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot VII, Row E, Grave No. 48), France.

LATE PTE. G. F. DAVIES.

The late Pte. G. F. Davies, who died of wounds received in France on August 7, was 26 years of age. He left South Australia in 1915, and was three months in the trenches at Gallipoli before going to France. There he suffered from a poisoned foot, and was in hospital for some weeks. He had only just returned to the firing line when he met his death. He joined the public service after leaving the Adelaide High School, and enlisted from the



THE LATE PTE. G. F. DAVIES.

Commissioner of Public Works Office, where he held a clerical position. He was a member of the University cricket teams (both A and B), and as evening student at the Varsity passed three subjects of the B.A. course. He was also a member of the Orpheus Society, and took a great interest in the Spicer Memorial Church and school, of which he was a member. Pte. Davies was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, First avenue, East Adelaide. Three brothers are on active service.

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—Adelaide Orpheus Society.—

The 114th concert of the Adelaide Orpheus Society will be given at the Town Hall this evening. Lady Galway will be present. The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. I. Isaacs) have also accepted the society's invitation. Special interest centres around Prout's cantata, "Damon and Phintias," which will be rendered by members. The soloists will be Messrs. A. E. Hawkes, Leslie Coultas, and T. Watson. Misses Sylvia Whittington, A.M.U.A., Clytie Whittington, and Pearl Watts will assist. Mr. A. E. Daltry will act as conductor, and Mr. Harold Wylde, F.R.C.O., as accompanist. The boxplan is on view at Allan's, Limited, where seats may be reserved and tickets purchased. The proceeds of the concert will be divided between the Red Cross and the Alderman Memorial Funds. Since the beginning of the war the society has raised about £500 for Red Cross and other patriotic funds, and 20 of its members have gone to the front, one of whom (Mr. G. F. Davies) has been killed. It is hoped that this evening's concert will result in a large sum being handed over to the funds. The Mayor has granted the use of the hall free of charge.

Our Sainted Dead.

THE LATE PRIVATE G. F. DAVIES.

Our Spicer Memorial church, East Adelaide, has suffered a very great loss through the death of Private G. F. Davies, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davies, First Avenue. He was one of five brothers, four of whom have gone forth to serve their king and country; the fifth brother offered, but was unable to pass the doctors. We are exceedingly proud to have such a family associated with our Church.

Private Frank Davies died of wounds on August 8. He was left wounded in a trench recaptured by the Germans, but was not discovered by them, and was not taken to hospital until nearly three days later, when the trench was again taken by our men. The enforced neglect of his wounds caused his death soon after he reached the hospital. This is an irreparable loss to our Church and Sunday school, for he was one of the finest and most active workers we had, and the deepest sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents. The Rev. W. A. Dunn, the former minister, supplied the following appreciation, which was read at the memorial service conducted by the Rev. A. B. Lloyd on September 3:—

"It was my pleasure to be closely associated with Frank Davies for nearly five years, during which time he was a valued worker in the young men's class. Upon his removal, with the other members of his family, from Malvern to East Adelaide, he at once identified himself with Sunday school and Church. Educated above the average, with a fine mind, he at once became a tower of strength to the class. With unflinching regularity he contributed papers which not only marked him out as a thinker and a reader, but revealed those innate qualities which belong to an unsullied manhood. He had early decided to be a Christian, and the foundations of his faith were firmly rooted. He was not in any sense emotional, but one of those quiet, reserved, and strong characters that represent a manly, Christian life that makes Christianity eminently attractive. He was not gifted with fluency of speech, but when he took part in the class discussions he generally dealt with the higher phases of the subject, and slowly and deliberately he enunciated the highest principles of the Christian character. The part of the Kingdom of God that lay nearest his heart was that of foreign missions, and there was a time when he wished he had given himself to that work. For some time he was in charge of the "mercy" box contributions. In the class he spoke on "The Young Man and Missions," and he laboured to awaken and intensify the missionary spirit among the young men, and by generous contributions

and earnest work he did his part. He was somewhat hampered in his class work by his University studies, and until they prevented his attendance he was an earnest member of the Endeavour society. The marked feature of his character was his deep sincerity. His prayers were short but earnest and deeply reverent. Public prayer was not easy to him, and he was guarded lest each sentence should not be sincere. As an athlete he carried his Christian principles into the world of sport, and was always the gentleman. I think I am not breaking any confidence if I repeat some sentences which he wrote me in a letter whilst at the front, for they express his fine and heroic character. After speaking of the dangers and the unpleasantness of the campaign at Gallipoli, he said:— "In a place such as this, where there are naturally so many soft jobs to be had, well out of the danger zone and with a fair amount of physical comfort attached to them, it will not surprise you when I say that the temptation of accepting them is rather strong; at least, I find it so, but thanks to the remnants of a conscience, or early training, have managed to get past it somehow, and have felt better ever since."

"There spoke the Frank Davies that we knew and respected. A man with a keen sense of honour, not obtrusive in his religious life, but with a piety deep and strong and pure, characterized by an intense moral earnestness. He was in every inch a MAN, and such as he could not keep back when his country called. He has given himself, and in so doing has helped to put into our national life the spirit from which heroes are made. Of his work in the choir and the music of our Sunday school others may speak with more authority, but of Frank Davies as a young man amongst young men I bear sincere tribute to a fine and noble life and influence, glorified as that life has been by his way of leaving it."

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ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD.

Name DAVIES George Francis
Unit Base Depot
Joined on 5/2/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? George Francis Davies
2. In the Parish of _____ in or
near the Town of East Adelaide
in the County of South Australia
3. N.B.
4. 24 1/2 years
5. Clerk (Hire Sewer)
6. No
7. No
8. (Mother) Mrs Harriet Elizabeth Davies
78 West Avenue East Adelaide
South Australia
9. No
10. No
11. No
12. Yes
13. No
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97. No
98. No
99. No
100. No

I, George Francis Davies do solemnly declare that the above answers made
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 allow not less than two-thirds of the pay payable to me from these to time during my
service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 5/2/15 G. Davies
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 25 years of age.

Description of Davies George Francis on Enlistment

Age 24 years 8 months
Height 5 feet 6 1/2 inches
Weight 140 lbs.
Chest Measurement 32.75 inches
Complexion Dark
Eyes Brown
Hair Dark
Religious Denomination Methodist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Viz. R 6 L 6
Vacc. - 3 L
Scars on Both calves.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate venereal disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.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 5/2/15
Place Keswick

J. B. Brown
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

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 Base Depot and to 2nd Garrison Bde.

Date 5/2/15
Place Oaklands
W. B. Parry Major
Commanding Officer

Embarked - Alexandria 9-15
To join M.E.F. Gallipoli.

Army Form B. 103. 58

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *27th Battalion, 9th A.D.F.*

Regimental No. *58* Rank *Private* Name *Davies G. F.*

Enlisted (a) *2/2/15* Terms of Service (a) *12 months after* Service reckons from (a) *5/2/15*

Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., 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					
<i>2/11/15</i>	<i>C/O</i>	<i>Sick</i>	<i>To 7th F. Amb.</i>	<i>Gallipoli Peninsula</i>	<i>22/11/15</i>	<i>B213. 27/11/15.</i>
<i>2/11/15</i>	<i>7th F.A.</i>	<i>Jaundice</i>	<i>Transf. to 13th H.L. Str.</i>	-	<i>22/11/15</i>	<i>64976.</i>
<i>30/11/15</i>	<i>H.S. Gloucester Castle</i>	<i>Jaundice</i>	<i>Admt. to St. Georges Hospital.</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>29/11/15</i>	<i>B2102. F.270.</i>
<i>12/12/15</i>	<i>H.S. Gloucester Castle</i>	<i>Jaundice</i>	<i>Admt.</i>	<i>Gallipoli</i>	<i>22/11/15</i>	<i>B2341.</i>
<i>27/11/15</i>	<i>13th H.L. Str.</i>	<i>Jaundice</i>	<i>Admt.</i>	<i>Angae.</i>	<i>22/11/15</i>	<i>64979.</i>
<i>14/12/15</i>	<i>St. Georges Hos.</i>	<i>Jaundice</i>	<i>Admt.</i>	<i>Malta</i>	<i>13/12/15</i>	<i>F640.</i>
<i>2/2/16</i>	<i>Chain Saffra C.C.</i>	<i>Discharged for Active Service</i>	<i>per H.Y. Barron</i>	-	<i>11/2/16</i>	<i>162167. 55.7.29.</i>
<i>11/3/16</i>	<i>C/O B213</i>	<i>Rejoined Battle</i>	-	<i>Lamailia</i>	<i>9/3/16</i>	<i>A.P. 5419.</i>
<i>25/3/16</i>	<i>W. B. Barron</i>	<i>Embarked for Egypt per S.S. Gama</i>	-	<i>Malta</i>	<i>11/3/16</i>	<i>194982.</i>

(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, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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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. 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					
		PROCEEDED TO JOIN B.E.F.		<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>16/3/16</i>	
		DISEMBARKED MARSEILLES			<i>21/3/16</i>	
<i>29/4/16</i>	<i>C/O B213</i>	<i>Sick</i>	<i>To 6th F. Amb.</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>29/4/16</i>	<i>AQ 224.</i>
<i>29/4/16</i>	<i>6th F. Amb.</i>	<i>Septic foot</i>	<i>Admt. to 7th F. Amb.</i>	-	<i>29/4/16</i>	<i>AJ 552.</i>
<i>4/5/16</i>	<i>No 8. Cas. C. Str.</i>	<i>I.C.F. foot</i>	<i>Admt. to 13th H.L. Str.</i>	-	<i>29/4/16</i>	<i>AJ 489.</i>
<i>3/5/16</i>	<i>No 26. Son. Hos.</i>	<i>I.C.F. foot</i>	<i>Admt.</i>	<i>Etaples</i>	<i>2/5/16</i>	<i>AJ 440.</i>
<i>12/6/16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>I.C.F. foot</i>	<i>Transf. to No 6. Gen. Depot.</i>	-	<i>11/6/16</i>	<i>AJ 1857.</i>
<i>8/6/16</i>	<i>No 6. Gen. Depot.</i>	<i>Admitted</i>	<i>Discharged to Base Depot</i>	-	<i>21/6/16</i>	<i>AX 587.</i>
<i>24/6/16</i>	<i>2nd Div. Base D.</i>	<i>Admt. from Hospital</i>	-	<i>Etaples</i>	<i>21/6/16</i>	<i>AQ 709. 225/11/20</i>
<i>8/7/16</i>	<i>C/O B213</i>	<i>Rejoined Battle from Hos.</i>	-	<i>France</i>	<i>4/7/16</i>	<i>AQ 1044. 49/3097.</i>
<i>4/8/16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Appointed Lance Btl</i>	-	-	<i>1/8/16</i>	<i>AQ 2723.</i>
<i>8/8/16</i>	<i>No 13. Aus. F. Amb.</i>	<i>Str. Wds. Abdomen & R. arm.</i>	<i>Died</i>	-	<i>8/8/16</i>	<i>AQ 3745. (Tel) C.V. 54. 11/8/16</i>
<i>12/8/16</i>	<i>C/O B213</i>	WOUNDED IN ACTION		-	<i>8/8/16</i>	<i>AQ 3221. 50/4136.</i>

Original Copy to A.I.F. Headquarters, 9. OCT 1916.

Traces of Units. Buried in Warly Bailleul Communal Cemetery.

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78 1st Avenue
East Adelaide
21st Oct/16.
Major J. M. Lean.
Officer i/c Base Records.
Victoria Barracks.
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,
I wrote you on 15 Sept^r, asking
for Certificate of Death - of late No 58
Pte G. F. Davies 27th Battalion.
I received reply dated 23rd Sept^r, -
informing me, that the necessary official
confirming documents, covering report of
death, had not then been received -
I have waited a month - expecting that I
should be favoured with a letter any day -
Mr Davies has received word from his Sergeant,
informing us where he was buried - stating
that all his personal effects - pay books &c. had
been forwarded on. -

I am persuaded - that pressure of business - is
the cause of the delay - at the same time, I shall
press it a fair - if you can make this an
urgent case - as at least £50, has been
advanced, on age of life Assurance premiums,
which I'm ready to administer the Estate - cannot
do anything until I get the Certificate

Yours faithfully,
GMS Morgan 24/11
Mr Davies Records

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M.S. 27/58

11th January 1917.

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Dear Madam,

With reference to the report of the regrettable
loss of your son, the late No. 58, Lieut. G. F. Davies, 27th
Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he
died at 13th Australian Field Ambulance, France, on the 8th
August 1916, of wounds received in action.

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

Yours faithfully,

Major
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. H. E. Davies,
78 1st Avenue,
East Adelaide, S. A.

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78 1st Avenue
East Adelaide
10th April/17
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.

I have been directed by the
Military Authority here, to write you,
to ascertain when we may hope to
receive the Personal Effects of
the late No 58 Rec/Cpl G. F. Davies
27th Battalion, who died at 13th Australian
Trench Ambulance France on 8th August 1917
(as per your letter of 11th Jan/17.)

I may state, we have a letter
from a Sergeant of the Coy, informing us
that they were sent on from France
in September last —

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,
J. Davies
Receiver of Mice late G. F. Davies

on behalf of my wife
H. F. Davies



AMS Morgan
B-15
12/4

FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
SENT 12/4/17

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29th July, 1921.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your
communication of the 20th July and in reply to state your
request for six additional photographs of the grave of your
son, the late No. 58 Lance-Corporal G. F. Davies, 27th Battalion,
has been referred to London for compliance.

Official receipt for remittance is attached
hereto.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. W. Davies,
35 First Avenue,
Mogerton Park,
Payneham, S.A.

Major,
Officer in Charge Base Records.

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8th March, 1922.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the Memorial Form "A" completed by you in respect of your son, the late No. 58, Lance Corporal G. F. Davies, 27th Battalion, it is noted that the personal inscription submitted viz :-

"Who if he be called on to face, Some awful moment
to which Heaven calls his soul, Great issues, good or
bad for human kind, he will be a lover.
"Wordsworth's Happy Warrior",

contains over 100 letters and spaces, whereas the available accommodation on the headstone will not permit of more than 66 letters (less the number of spaces between words, each space counting as a letter) being cut. If you do not desire to abbreviate the above, kindly choose a shorter inscription.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. F. Davies,
35 First Avenue,
Newark.

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Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.
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35 1st Avenue
Roxton Park
16/3/22

Major Jean
Officer i/c Base Records
Helena Barracks
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours of 8th March
re. Personal inscription the placed
over grave of my son the late No. 58
Lance Corp G. F. Davies 27th Battalion
I now forward a shorter inscription

"Not dead, nor sleeping
he lives on."



Noted in Form A
21/3/22
J.D.

Yours respectfully
Mr. Davies

M.B.
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

S.W.
W.8.

Inventory of Effects of— The Late.27 L/Cpl.Davies G.F.27th Btn.A.I.F.

Forwarded to— MOTHER.
Mrs H.E.Davies,
78 First Avenue,
East Adelaide,
Sth Australia.

Effects.

3rd Echelon.)	Disc.Wallet,Battalion colours.Cards.
NO. 4115.)	Photos. Letters.Metal wrist watch (damaged)
	Badge,(Australia).Note book.Post Office
	receipt,2 Coins,Mirror & 2 Combs in case.
	Metal cigarette case.

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No. of Package D/S. 8797

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9th February, 1924

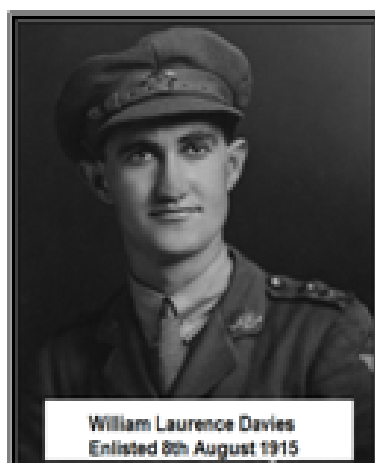
Sir,

the late No. 58 Lance-Corporal G. F. DAVIES, 27th Battalion, your son,
the site of his grave in the
Warley-Bailion Communal Cemetery Extension, is officially registered as:-

Plot 7. Row E. Grave 48.

Mr. W. Davies,
55 First Avenue,
Royston Park,
PAYNHAM, T. A.

Brothers Who Served



Date of birth	28 September 1888
Other Names	DAVIES, William Laurence
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Teacher
Address	St Peters, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	27
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Harriet Elizabeth Davies, 78 First Avenue, St Peters, South Australia
Enlistment date	16 August 1915
Rank on enlistment	Lieutenant
Unit name	27th Battalion, 13th Reinforcement
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board A37 Barambah on 27 June 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	27th Battalion
Promotions	Lieutenant
	Unit: 27th Battalion Promotion date: 1 January 1917
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Military Cross
	For conspicuous gallantry in action in charge of bombing party at Malt Trench North of Warlencourt. Recommendation date: 11 March 1917
Fate	Returned to Australia 20 June 1919
Medals	Military Cross 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a company, and by his fine example enabled a successful attack to be launched. He continued to command throughout the day, and was largely responsible for the capture of 600 yards of the enemy's trench.' Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 133 Date: 21 August 1917
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: Military Cross, British War Medal, Victory Medal



Regimental number	841
Place of birth	Malvern, South Australia
School	Price Alfred College
Other training	Banker
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Clerk
Address	78 First Avenue, St Peters, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	William Davies, 78 First Avenue, St Peters, South Australia
Previous military service	Served in the Citizen Forces
Enlistment date	24 November 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	9th Light Horse Regiment, 4th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	10/14/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A17 Port Lincoln on 1 April 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Sergeant
Unit from Nominal Roll	14th Field Artillery Brigade
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	"Ivan Good Medal as best Rifle Shot in the State of South Australia. A member of the Cadet Forces. One of 4 brothers who enlisted from East Adelaide, S.A." Details from Father.
Fate	Killed in Action 11 March 1917
Place of death or wounding	France
Age at death	22
Age at death from cemetery records	22
Place of burial	Guards' Cemetery, (Plot IV, Row E, Grave No. 6), Lesboeufs, France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	18
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: William and Harriett Elizabeth DAVIES, 35 First Avenue, Royston Park, South Australia. Native of East Adelaide, South Australia
Family/military connections	He eldest brother was awarded the Military Cross, France. Another brother, L/Cpl G.F. Davies died of wounds, Pozieres, France.

LATE SGT. J. N. DAVIES.

The late Sgt. J. N. Davies, who was killed in action on March 11, aged 22 years,



THE LATE SGT. J. N. DAVIES.

was the second to pay the supreme sacrifice out of four brothers who have enlisted. His early education was received at the Unley State School. In 1908 he came top of the exhibitioners for the State, and for the next four years was at Prince Alfred College. During that period he passed the junior (1909), senior (1910), and higher public (1912) examination with honours. He was fond of athletics; won prizes at the school sports, and was wicket keeper for the college eleven in 1912. A fine shot, during the time he was a member of the cadet corps at college he won two gold medals, one having been for the best marksman in the State. At the close of his college days he joined the staff of the Bank of Adelaide. He was a night student at the University, and passed in English literature for the B.A. course in November, 1914. Then he enlisted, and became a corporal in the 9th Light Horse. On April 1, 1915, he left with the 4th Reinforcements of the 9th Light Horse. After having spent three and a half months at Gallipoli he was invalided to England. On returning to Cairo in January, 1916, he was transferred to the artillery. He went to France in June of that year, and continued in active service until he met his death. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in September, 1916.

It appears that after the death of Frank and John, William and Harriet Davies had separated, however were both living near to each other. William who was Executor of Frank's estate had moved to 35 First Avenue, Royston Park, while Harriet, listed as his next of kin, remained in the family home at 78, First Avenue, East Adelaide. Frank's father handled matters relating to his estate while his mother liaised with the Army on his fate and return of his possessions. Major James Malcolm Lean M.B.E., who was in charge of Army Base Records, had the sorrowful task of communicating with the Davies family.



Regimental number	4694
Place of birth	Malvern, South Australia
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Cashier
Address	78 First Avenue, East Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Harriet Elizabeth Davies, 78 First Avenue, East Adelaide, South Australia
Enlistment date	3 February 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	27th Battalion, 12th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/44/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A60 Aeneas on 11 April 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Pay Corps
Fate	Returned to Australia 5 March 1919
Family/military connections	Brother: 58 Lance Corporal George Francis DAVIES, 27th Bn , died of wounds, 8 August 1916.
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Cousins Who Served

Clarence Everard "Nip" Pellew and Leslie Raymond Pellew

Their mother, Laura, was the sister of Frank's mother Harriet. Sadly Leslie was killed in action in France in November 1916, a month after his 19th birthday.



Clarence Everard "Nip" Pellew

Date of birth	21 September 1894
Place of birth	Port Pirie, South Australia
School	St Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	University student
Address	150 Hill Street, North Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Laura Mary Pellew, 150 Hill Street, North Adelaide, South Australia
Enlistment date	23 June 1915
Rank on enlistment	2nd Lieutenant
Unit name	27th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/44/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A9 Shropshire on 25 March 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	27th Battalion
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Mention in Despatches (Altered from Military Cross)
	Recommendation date: 26 September 1917
Fate	Returned to Australia 23 September 1919
Discharge date	--/01/1920
Family/military connections	Brother: 891 Corporal Leslie Raymond EVERARD, 27th Bn, killed in action, Flers, France, 5 November 1916.
Other details	War service: Egypt, France, Belgium



Leslie Raymond Pellew

Regimental number	891
Date of birth	9 February 1896
Place of birth	North Kensington, South Australia
School	Queen's School and St Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Student
Address	150 Hill Street, North Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Laura Pellew, 150 Hill Street, North Adelaide, South Australia
Enlistment date	18 March 1915
Rank on enlistment	Corporal
Unit name	27th Battalion, D Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/44/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A2 Geelong on 31 May 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Corporal
Unit from Nominal Roll	27th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 5 November 1916
Age at death from cemetery records	20
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	<p>Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France</p> <p>Villers-Bretonneux is a village about 15 km east of Amiens. The Memorial stands on the high ground ("Hill 104") behind the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Fouilloy, which is about 2 km north of Villers-Bretonneux on the east side of the road to Fouilloy.</p> <p>The Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux is approached through the Military Cemetery, at the end of which is an open grass lawn which leads into a three-sided court. The two pavilions on the left and right are linked by the north and south walls to the back (east) wall, from which rises the focal point of the Memorial, a 105 foot tall tower, of fine ashlar. A staircase leads to an observation platform, 64 feet above the ground, from which further staircases lead to an observation room. This room contains a circular stone tablet with bronze pointers indicating the Somme villages whose names have become synonymous with battles of the Great War; other battle fields in France and Belgium in which Australians fought; and far beyond, Gallipoli and Canberra.</p> <p>On the three walls, which are faced with Portland stone, are the names of</p>

10,885 Australians who were killed in France and who have no known grave. The 'blocking course' above them bears the names of the Australian Battle Honours.

After the war an appeal in Australia raised £22,700, of which £12,500 came from Victorian school children, with the request that the majority of the funds be used to build a new school in Villers-Bretonneux. The boys' school opened in May 1927, and contains an inscription stating that the school was the gift of Victorian schoolchildren, twelve hundred of whose fathers are buried in the Villers-Bretonneux cemetery, with the names of many more recorded on the Memorial. Villers-Bretonneux is now twinned with Robinvale, Victoria, which has in its main square a memorial to the links between the two towns.

Panel number, Roll of Honour,
Australian War Memorial

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Miscellaneous information from
cemetery records

Parents: Joseph Henry and Laura Mary PELLEW, 150 Hill Street, North Adelaide, South Australia

Family/military connections

Brother: Captain Clarence Everard PELLEW MID, 27th Bn, returned to Australia, 23 September 1919.

Other details

War service: Egypt, Lemnos (contracted illness); invalided to 5th Southern General Hospital, Emsworth, England, 11 September 1915; recovered, returned to duty, Egypt, February 1916. France.

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)

Sat 25 Nov 1916

LATE CPL. L. R. PELLEW.

Cpl. L. R. Pellew was killed in action in France on November 9, a month after having attained his 19th year. He enlisted in South Australia, and left for Egypt on



THE LATE CPL. L. R. PELLEW.

May 31, 1916. He was educated at Queen's School, and at St. Peter's College. As a good all round sportsman he distinguished himself in intercollegiate contests. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)

Sat 31 Mar 1917 / Page 12

DEATHS.

SMITH.—On the 31st March, at Adelaide, Walter L., the only and beloved son of James A. and Elsie F. Smith, of Nairne terrace, Forestville, in his 8th year.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY.

DANIEL.—On the 5th March, killed in action in France, John Hamlyn "Jack" Daniel, 32nd Battalion, 5th surviving son of R. S. and S. H. Daniel, Gawler street, Mount Barker, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. R. Hamlyn, Crystal Brook. "Duty nobly done."

DAVIES.—On the 11th March, killed in action in France, Sgt. J. N. (Jack), fourth dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, 78 First avenue, St. Peters, aged 22 years 2 months.

To follow truth, as blind men follow sight,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,

And answer when He calls—
This is my task.

Frank's father, William, passed away 7th March 1926 aged 63.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) / Mon 8 Mar 1926 / Page 8

DAVIES.—On the 7th March, at a private hospital, College Park, William, beloved husband of Harriett Elizabeth Davies, of First avenue, Royston Park, in his 65th year.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929),
Tuesday 9 March 1926, page 8

OBITUARY.

Mr. William Davies, notice of whose decease appeared in yesterday's issue of The Register, was born 65 years ago at Langhorne's Creek. After passing his boyhood days at Mount Barker, he came with the rest of the family to the city, finishing his education at Young's Academy. For 20 years he has been a valued employee of the firm of Messrs. Jackman & Treloar, land agents, of this city. When that firm became a limited company he was appointed to the secretaryship. He had previously been associated with Messrs. Cotton & Opie, land agents, and subsequently entered into partnership, first with Mr. James Johnston, and afterwards with Mr. Godfrey as sharebrokers and land agents. He was held in high esteem in commercial circles for his probity. As a young man he was a cricketer and footballer. Later he became a chess player of the Norwood Chess Club. In recent years he was a member of the Payneham Bowling Club. He was a staunch Methodist and held various offices connected with that body at Norwood, Malvern, and East Adelaide. At the lastnamed place he was an ardent Sunday school worker, having had charge of the young men's class there for a long period. His widow is a daughter of the late Rev. George Lee. Four of his son enlisted during the Great War. Two were killed—Frank George and John Newton. His widow, three sons and a daughter survive him—W. L. Davies, B.A., on the staff of Prince Alfred College, Allan Davies, Hattie, Searle, Limited, Bruce Davies, of near Renmark, and Miss Gwen Davies.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912)

Sat 30 Mar 1895 / Page 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned up to noon on SATURDAY, April 6th, for the POSITION of FIELD and GOAL UMPIRES to the above Association for the season 1895.

WILLIAM DAVIES, Secretary.

18, Currie-street.

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South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900)

Tuesday 19 March 1895, page 7

FOOTBALL.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.
—On Monday evening the last meeting of the old committee of this Association was held at the Exchange Hotel. In the absence of the Chairman (Mr. R. Cruickshank) Mr. G. Searcy was voted to the chair. All the clubs were represented. Mr. Cruickshank wrote stating that he could not attend owing to illness. On the motion of Mr. O. S. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. G. Buckie, it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the Chairman expressing the hope that he would soon be able to attend the Association meetings. An application was received from the 'Natives' Football Club for admission into the Association. It was decided to recommend the annual meeting to grant the application. The question of importing an umpire for the season was discussed. Mr. W. G. Coombs moved and Mr. Sweeney seconded—"That this Association advertise in the Melbourne papers for applications for the position of an umpire at a salary of £5 per week, extra matches to be paid for at the rate of £3 per game." Carried. Fifteen applications were received for the position of Secretary at salaries ranging from £25 to £250 per annum. Mr. W. Davies was elected at the rate of £35 per annum. It was mentioned that Mr. Marshall, the Secretary of the Victorian Association, had stated that Victoria would not send an intercolonial team to Adelaide during 1895. The Chairman suggested that the new method of scoring for the premiership by dividing the season in half should be discontinued. The matter was left for the new committee to deal with.

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His mother Harriet passed away 6th September 1943. At the time of her death she was living at 149 First Avenue, Royston Park.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) / Wed 8 Sep 1943

DAVIES.—On September 6, at a private hospital, Harriett Elizabeth, beloved wife of the late William Davies, of 149 First av., Royston Park. In her 80th year.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)

Wed 8 Sep 1943 / Page 8

DAVIES.—The friends of the late Mrs. Harriett Elizabeth Davies are respectfully informed that her funeral will leave her late residence, 149 First av., Royston Park, on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., for the Payneham Cemetery.
W. WILLIAMSON & SON, Funeral Directors, 124 Wellington rd., Payneham. F1707.

Appendix A (Family Trees & Other Family Information)

Father's Family Tree

CURNOW Family, Mawg...Tree SearchIsabella2017

William DAVIES

BIRTH 20 MARCH 1861 • Yankalilla, South Australia

DEATH 7 MARCH 1926 • South Australia

Facts

Show

Name and gender

1861

(AGE)

Birth

20 March 1861 • Yankalilla, South Australia

1863

1

Death of Father Samuel DAVIES (1821–1863)

6 Jan 1863 • Bletchley, Langhorne Creek, South Australia

1870

9

Death of Half-Brother John MAY (1849–1870)

1870 • Mount Gambier, South Australia

1887

26

Marriage

29 Sept 1887 • Residence of bride's mother Mrs Lee, North Kensington, South Australia

Harriet Elizabeth LEE

(1864–1943)

1 Source

1888

27

Birth of Son William L DAVIES (1888–1961)

28 Sept 1888 • Adelaide, South Australia

1890

29

Birth of Son George F DAVIES (1890–1916)

2 Jun 1890 • Adelaide, South Australia

1892

31

Birth of Son Theodore A DAVIES (1892–1961)

26 May 1892 • Glenelg, South Australia

1895

33

Birth of Son John N DAVIES (1895–1917)

11 Jan 1895 • Malvern Extension, South Australia

1897

36

Birth of Son Howard B DAVIES (1897–1964)

20 May 1897 • Malvern, South Australia

1903

41

Birth of Daughter Gwenyth L DAVIES (1903–1990)

1903 • Unley Park, South Australia

1905

44

Death of Half-Sister Mary MAY (1854–1905)

29 March 1905 • Horsham, Victoria, Australia

1908

47

Death of Mother Catharine JEWEL (1817–1908)

19 Oct 1908 • Maylands, South Australia

1914

53

Death of Half-Brother Samuel MAY (1847–1914)

28 Oct 1914 • Horsham, Victoria, Australia

1916

55

Death of Son George F DAVIES (1890–1916)

8 Aug 1916 • Warloy-Ballon, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France

1917

55

Death of Son John N DAVIES (1895–1917)

11 March 1917 • Lesboeufs, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France

1926

64

Death

7 March 1926 • South Australia

1 Source

Family

Parents

Samuel DAVIES

1821–1863

Catharine JEWEL

1817–1908

Siblings

Spouse & Children

Harriet Elizabeth LEE

1864–1943

William L DAVIES

1888–1961

George F DAVIES

1890–1916

Theodore A DAVIES

1892–1961

John N DAVIES

1895–1917

Howard B DAVIES

1897–1964

Gwenyth L DAVIES

1903–1990

Mother's Family Tree

CURNOW Family, Mawg... Tree Search Isabella2017

Harriet Elizabeth LEE

BIRTH 1 JUNE 1864 • Vava'u Tonga, Friendly Isles

DEATH 6 SEPT 1943 • Walkerville North, South Australia

Facts

Show

Name and gender

1864

(AGE)

Birth
1 June 1864 • Vava'u Tonga, Friendly Isles

1879

14

Death of Father George LEE (1829–1879)
8 April 1879 • South Australia

1887

23

Marriage
29 Sept 1887 • Residence of bride's mother Mrs Lee, North Kensington, South Australia
 William DAVIES
(1861–1926)

1888

24

Birth of Son William L DAVIES (1888–1961)
28 Sept 1888 • Adelaide, South Australia

1890

26

Birth of Son George F DAVIES (1890–1916)
2 Jun 1890 • Adelaide, South Australia

1892

27

Birth of Son Theodore A DAVIES (1892–1961)
26 May 1892 • Glenelg, South Australia

1895

30

Birth of Son John N DAVIES (1895–1917)
11 Jan 1895 • Malvern Extension, South Australia

1897

32

Birth of Son Howard B DAVIES (1897–1964)
20 May 1897 • Malvern, South Australia

1899

35

Death of Mother Elizabeth MATTHEWS (1832–1899)
10 Oct 1899 • North Kensington, South Australia

1903

38

Birth of Daughter Gwenyth L DAVIES (1903–1990)
1903 • Unley Park, South Australia

1916

52

Death of Son George F DAVIES (1890–1916)
8 Aug 1916 • Warloy-Baillon, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France

1917

52

Death of Son John N DAVIES (1895–1917)
11 March 1917 • Lesboeufs, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France

1926

61

Death of Husband William DAVIES (1861–1926)
7 March 1926 • South Australia

1943

79

Death
6 Sept 1943 • Walkerville North, South Australia
1 Source

Family

Parents

George LEE
1829–1879

Elizabeth MATTHEWS
1832–1899

Spouse & Children

William DAVIES
1861–1926

William L DAVIES
1888–1961

George F DAVIES
1890–1916

Theodore A DAVIES
1892–1961

John N DAVIES
1895–1917

Howard B DAVIES
1897–1964

Gwenyth L DAVIES
1903–1990

George Francis Davies Family Tree


Surname:	DAVIES
Given Names:	George Francis
Date of Birth:	02-Jun-1890
Gender:	M
Father:	William DAVIES
Mother:	Harriet Elizabeth LEE
Birth Residence:	East Adelaide
District:	Norwood
Book/Page:	460/157


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DAVEY Family Tree

Tree Search

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George F DAVIES

BIRTH

2 JUN 1890 • Adelaide

DEATH

8/8/1916 • Warloy-Baillon, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France

Facts

Show

Name and gender

1890

(AGE)

Birth

2 Jun 1890 • Adelaide

2 Sources

1892

1

Birth of Brother Theodore A DAVIES (1892–1961)

26 May 1892 • Glenelg

1895

4

Birth of Brother John N DAVIES (1895–1917)

11 Jan 1895 • Malvern Extension SA Australia

1897

6

Birth of Brother Howard B DAVIES (1897–1964)

20 May 1897 • Malvern

1903

12

Birth of Sister Gwenyth L DAVIES (1903–1990)

1903 • Unley Park

1914

24

Military

1914-1920 • Keswick, South Australia

1 Source

1916

26

Death

8/8/1916 • Warloy-Baillon, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France

2 Sources

Burial

Warloy-Baillon, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France

1 Source

Family

Parents

 William DAVIES

1861–1926

 Harriet Elizabeth Lee

1864–1943

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