



Lt. Leonard Buxton Laurie



27 April 1918



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1914 (B Grade), 1915 (A Grade)

Cricket Club: 1914/15 -1915/16 (B Grade)

Teacher / Arts Student

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 Leonard Buxton Laurie. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=171368>




Leonard Buxton LAURIE

Regimental number	7120
Place of birth	Adelaide, South Australia
School	Queens School, and St Peters School, Adelaide, South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Schoolmaster
Address	Salisbury, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs A Laurie, Salisbury, South Australia
Previous military service	Served in the Cadets.
Enlistment date	2 October 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	10th Battalion, 23rd Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/27/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A35 <i>Berrima</i> on 16 December 1916
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	10th Battalion
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	Educated for the Church of England. Buried at Caestre the first in the cemetery.
Fate	Died of wounds 27 April 1918
Place of death or wounding	France
Age at death	24
Place of burial	Caestre Military Cemetery (Plot I, Row B, Grave No. 18), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	59
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: John and Ada LAURIE, Salisbury, South Australia
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7379892>

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OFFICER
7 2129 **ITALIAN**  **MILITARY FORCE**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 7124 Name LAURIE LEONARD BUXTON

Unit 22129 joined on OCT 2 - 1918

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestment

1. What is your Name? Leonard Buxton Laurie
2. In the Parish of Adelaide in or near the Town of Adelaide in the County of SOUTH AUSTRALIA
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
4. What is your Age? 22-10/12 years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? School master
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) (MOTHER) LAURIE ADA M^{rs} QUEEN'S SCHOOL, 1701, ADELAIDE
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? 6 years Rifle Club, 1 year Voluntary Cadet Training
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 paid to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach his pay rate? yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? yes

I 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 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 and children

Date 1918 L. Laurie
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This Clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

D/W
Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps.....**28/10th Infantry**
Rank.....**Pte Lieut.** Surname.....**LAURIE** Christian Name.....**Leonard Burton**
Religion..... Age on Enlistment.....years.....months
Enlisted (a).....**2/10/16** Terms of Service (a)..... Service reckons from (a).....
Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....
Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b).....
or Corps Trade and Rate.....
Occupation.....**P.B. 125739** Signature of Officer.....

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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked	Adelaide	16/12/16	
		Disembarked	Devonport	16/2/17	
	O.C. Troops	A.35 Berrima			
26/2/17	3rd Tng. Bn.	M/I from Australia	England	18/2/17	DO15/E 9/3/17
26/2/17	" "	Reverts to the Ranks	"	18/2/17	DO15/2389E
	Durrington.				
26/2/17	" "	To be ES.D.P/Cpl.	"	18/2/17	DO 15/2390E
12/3/17	" "	E.D.P/Cpl. reverts to ranks	"	3/3/17	DO 20/E23/3/17
5/4/17	Pk' House Mil. Hosp.	Adm. Mumps.	"	5/4/17	DO 28/3838E
22/4/17	3rd Tng. Bn. Durrington.	M/I from Parkhouse Hosp.	"	20/4/17	DO 34/4441E
7/5/17	" "	Apptd. A L/Cpl.	"	27/4/17	DO 47/4072

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(17591.) W.L.W. 1887-P 1124, 1,000,000. 6/18. D & S. Form B.103. (E. 1256.)

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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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
13/5/17	3rd Tng. Bn. Camp No.3	Proc. O'Seas to France ex Durrington.	Folkestone	14/5/17	DO 35/4350E
30/6/17	Admin. Hdqrs.	Corr. Route O'Seas Ref. DO 35 dated 14/5/17 which reads E.D.P/Cpl. Proc. O'Seas 3rd Tng. Bn. 14/5/17 Delete E.D. P.Cpl. & Substitute Pte.		14/5/17	DO 48/5207E
15/5/17	1st A.D.B.D.	Joined Base Depot.	Harve	15/5/17	
28/5/17	" "	T.O.S.	"	28/5/17	
1/6/17	G.O. 10th Bn.	Joined Battalion	France	28/5/17	DO 41/3443
9/10/17	A.I.F. List 243.	Prom. 2nd Lieut.	"	1/10/17	DO 66/5836
12/10/17	D.A.A.G. (2) List 1136	Wounded in Action (1)	"	8/10/17	V.L. P359 DO 67/5932
6/11/17	A.I.F. List 254	Placed on Seconded List	Field	8/10/17	DO 72/6624
10/10/17	1st A.C. Cms.	Adm. S.W. Buttocks & L/Log to 17th Cmc.S.	"	10/10/17	
12/10/17	1st Red Cross	Adm. G.S.W. L/Log & Buttock Le Touquet		12/10/17	
22/10/17	1st Red Cross Hosp.	G.S.W. L. Log & Buttocks to England		22/10/17	
27/10/17	D.A.A.G. List 930	Invalided to England		22/10/17	
22/10/17	Ville de Liège	G.S.W. L. Log & Buttock to England		22/10/17	DO 71/6580
22/10/17	O.C. Hosp.	Adm. 3rd Lon. Gen. Hosp. G.S.W. L. Log & Buttocks. Sev.	"	22/10/17	DO 83/6697E

Regimental Number

Regiment or Corps.....10th Infantry.

Rank Lieut. Surname LAURIE Christian Name Leonard Buxton.
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years _____ months
 Enlisted (a) 2/10/16 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended (_____) Re-engaged (_____) Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____
 Occupation _____ Signature of Officer _____

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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
28/12/17	O.C.Hosp.	Trans.to Cobham Hall	England	28/12/17	
27/2/18	A.I.F List	To be Lieut.		22/1/18	Corr.D051/442 2
	300.				DO 19/1073E
	A.I.F List	Placed on Supy.List.		8/1/18	
6/3/18	300. O.C.Hosp.	Dischd. to Sutton Veny.	Kent,	6/3/18	
6/2/18	Cobham Hall.	Unfit G.S.S 8 weeks unfit H.S.			
	M.R.Tidworth	4 weeks unfit L.P. 2 weeks			
11/3/18	M.R.Tidworth	Fit Gen. Service in 2 weeks			
		Fit H.S.	No.1 ComDep.		
28/3/18	No.1 C.D.	M/O to O'Seas T.Bde.for duty		27/3/18	
6/4/18	E.S.O.	Proc.O'Seas France	Southampton	5/4/18	DO29/E15/4/18

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COPY OF D16.

Lieutenant L.B. LAURIE, 10th Battn, A.I.F.
Deceased.

To Officer i/c Records,
Administrative Headquarters,
A.I.F.

Lieutenant Laurie was wounded near Metren on 27.4.18. and was evacuated to Field Medical Unit near Godewaersvelde where he died the same night. His body was buried by the Battalion Chaplain (Chaplain Makeham) near Caestre (Sheet 27 W.2.6.6.6.) and a cross has been erected. Personal effects recovered have been sent to the Base.

10th Aust. Inf. Btn.
No. 3/603.
24.6.18.

(Sgd). M. Wilder-Neligan.
Lt-Colonel.
Commanding Officer 10th Btn.
A.I.F.

NOTE. Records show Lieutenant Laurie to have been buried in Caestre Military Cemetery, 3 miles North East of Hazebrouck.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, LAURIE LEONARD BUXTON

Australian Imperial Force.



A.I.F. KIT STORE.
110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
HAMMERSMITH,
LONDON, W. 6.

MB/14.

Inventory of Effects of - Lieutenant L.B. LAURIE, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.,

Forwarded to - The Secretary, N.O.K. Mother :-
Department of Defence, Mrs. A. Laurie,
MELBOURNE. Salisbury,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

N.B. Will deposited with F.V. Smith, Solicitor, Universal Buildings,
Grenfell Street, Adelaide, S. AUSTRALIA.

Ex the Field 24.5.18.

ONE BROWN VALISE (SEALED) containing :-

1 Wallet, Photos, Certificates, 1 Book of Adressess, 1 Note Book,
1 Holdall, 1 Hair Brush, 1 Razor Strop, 1 Pr Small Scissors, Shaving Brush,
1 Haversack, Letters, 1 Pr Trench Boots, 1 Muffler, 2 Suits Pyjamas,
1 Abdominal Belt, 2 Prs Underpants, 2 Singlets, 2 Shirts, 2 Towels,
1 Leather Vest, 1 S.D. Cap, 1 S.D. Tunic.

Shipped per "Barunga" 20.6.18.

No. of Package D/S. 35908 in case 1289

Checked by

LAURIE, Leonard Buxton



Service no 7120
Lieutenant
10th Battalion



Born 09 October 1893 at Adelaide, SA
Son of John Buxton LAURIE and Ada nee PRYOR
Of Salisbury, SA
Occupation prior to enlistment Schoolmaster
Enlisted 02 October 1916
Died of wounds 27 April 1918 in France
Aged 24 years
Buried Caestre Military Cemetery

Biography

Early Life

Leonard Buxton Laurie was born on the 9th October 1893, the elder son of John Buxton Laurie and Ada Pryor at Adelaide, South Australia. Leonard was baptised at St Paul's Church, Adelaide on the 22nd November 1893.

Leonard's father, John, held a seat on the Stock Exchange in South Australia for over 30 years. From the late 1890's the family lived on an orchard property formerly owned by Ada's late father, Mr William Pryor.

Leonard's siblings were Mary Myrtle (b 1888) and Robin Maitland Buxton (b 1899).

Schooling

Leonard attended Queen's School, North Adelaide from at least 1906. He was third in the 220 yards flat (under 13) and first in the Junior Championship, 100 yards (Under 13) at the School Sports in September 1906.

In October 1907 he passed English History, Latin, French and Geometry in the Primary Examinations.

At the Queen's School Sports in September 1908, Leonard won the Quarter Mile Handicap Flat race.

In December 1908 Leonard passed the Junior Public Examinations in English Literature (credit), English History, Latin, French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Physics (credit) and Inorganic Chemistry.

He competed in the Junior Singles Handicap of the South Australian Lawn Tennis tournament in March 1909. In September 1909 Leonard was second in the Senior Championship 100 yards, third in the Flat Race, 120 yards (cup event) and second in the Flat Race, half mile (cup event) at the Queen's School Sports.

He was equal ninth in the Junior Division of the Church of England Sunday School Union examinations representing the Salisbury area in August 1907 and in October 1909 he gained a special certificate in lieu of tenth prize in the Middle Division examinations.

In December 1909 Leonard was awarded second prize in the Sixth Form for the Christmas Term. He passed the Senior Public Examinations in Latin, French, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry.

Leonard represented Queen's School in a cricket match against the Hahndorf College at Hahndorf in December 1909. He took one wicket for 45 runs and scored a duck.

"HAHNDORF COLLEGE v. QUEEN'S SCHOOL."

The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA : 1880 - 1954)

24 December 1909

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article147876686>

HAHNDORF COLLEGE v. QUEEN'S SCHOOL.

The annual match between Hahndorf College and Queen's School (North Adelaide) took place at Hahndorf on the 11th inst. The toss was won by the local skipper, who elected to bat. The bowling of the visitors was soon collared and runs came rapidly. In spite of the Queens's School team being handicapped by the absence of some of their best players their fielding was excellent, but the Hahndorf batsmen were too good for them, and after compiling 177 runs for the loss of 6 wickets declared their innings closed. F. L. Byard put up the highly-creditable score of 119 not out. The visitors only succeeded in making 72. Both teams were entertained at luncheon on the ground and at tea at Bennett's Hotel at the invitation of Mr. D. J. Byard, M.A. (principal of Hahndorf College). Scores :—Hahndorf College, for 6 wickets, 177—J. Brougham 0, W. Mengersen 19, F. L. Byard 119 n.o., D. Johnston 13, L. von Doussa 15, L. Storch 1, Wells 0, Wittwer 3 n.o., sundries 7. Bowling—J. G. Howard, 3 for 70 ; L. B. Laurie, 1 for 15 ; W. R. Hawkes, 1 for 17 ; F. H. Beare, 1 for 16. Queen's School, 72.—L. B. Laurie 0, W. R. Hawkes 0, J. G. Howard 19, F. H. Beare 6, C. G. Evans 21, R. T. Grant 2, R. R. Mahnke 0, E. A. van Senden 1, W. N. Parker 0, G. Jose 7 n.o., W. Smith 0, sundries 16. Bowling.—W. Mengersen, 3 for 15 ; F. L. Byard, 3 for 17 ; D. Johnston, 1 for 16 ; J. Brougham, 2 for 12.

For his final year at school (1910), Leonard attended St Peter's College, Adelaide where he passed Higher Public Examinations in French, Physics and Modern History.

Career

Leonard then returned to his old school, Queen's School, as a Master. He was a resident at the boarding house and an efficient cricket coach.

He competed in Rifle Shooting Competitions representing the Salisbury Club where his father was also a member. Leonard was a member of the Salisbury Literary Society.

In January 1912 Leonard competed in a tennis tournament at Gawler, playing Mixed Doubles with his sister Mary. The pair also competed in the Mixed Doubles at the South Australian Lawn Tennis Tournament in March 1912.

University

Leonard commenced studying toward a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Adelaide in 1913. He undertook three subjects in 1913, four in 1914 and four in 1915.

University of Adelaide Student Card

NAME AND ADDRESS		Laurie, Leonard Buxton		Salisbury.		REGISTER NO.	21427			
COURSE	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MATRICULATION	ON WAR MEMORIAL		GRADE	Hon Grad				
Arts.	8/10/93	28/2/13								
SENIOR 1909, Physics, Fr, Auth & Alg, Chem, Latin, Geom.										
1910 Fr, Physics, Fr History										
STATUS GRANTED Chemistry Inorg. Practical Work 1915										
YEAR	SUBJECT	RECEIPT	FIRST TERM	RECEIPT	SECOND TERM	RECEIPT	THIRD TERM	EXAMN.	RESULT	REMARKS
1913	Physics I	B8392	1/15/	B9809	1/15/	B9722	1/15/	B9985 1/4	N 13 P II	
	Eng Lang & Literature	-	1/15/	-	1/15/	-	1/15/	-	1/4 N 13 P III	
	French v. 4p.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/4 N 13 P III	
1914	Psychology	B10720	1/15/	B11302	1/15/	B12033	1/15/	B12443 1/4	N 14 P II	
	Logic	-	1/15/	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	English History	-	1/15/	B11302	1/15/	B12033	1/15/	B12443 1/4	N 14 P II	
	French II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/4 N 14 F	
1915	Inorganic Chem.	B12991	1/15/	B13510	1/15/	B14119	1/15/	B14443 1/4	N 15 P II	Late 13242
	Ethics	13242	1/15/	-	1/15/	-	1/15/	-	1/4 N 15 P II	
	Modern European History	-	1/15/	-	1/15/	-	1/15/	-	1/4 N 15 P II	
	French II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/4 N 15 P II	Excluded 2nd
Died - Great War (H. B. C.)										

In March 1914 Leonard joined the committee of the University Art Society and he attended the eighth annual dinner of the society in July 1914 preposing the toast to "Our Predecessors". Leonard was also a member of the University Christian Union and on the committee which organised the University Students' Night Out (concert) in December 1914.

University Sport

Cricket

Leonard played cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club in the B Grade in both the 1914/15 and 1915/16 seasons.

Boat

Leonard represented the Arts School in the University Schools Boat Race in July 1914. He competed in the Senior Fours and was in Seat 3. He weighed 10 stone 13 pounds. The race was a mile from the weir to the boatshed.

Football

Leonard commenced playing football for the Adelaide University Football Club in 1914. He was a member of the B Grade team which competed in the Adelaide Students' Association competition. Leonard was present at the 1914 Intervarsity match when Adelaide defeated Melbourne University for the first time in an Intervarsity football competition. Leonard was among the best players on a number of occasions during 1914 and was a member of the 1914 B Grade Premiership team. In 1915 Leonard was a member of both the B Grade and A Grade teams.

1914 – Adelaide University Intervarsity Football Team

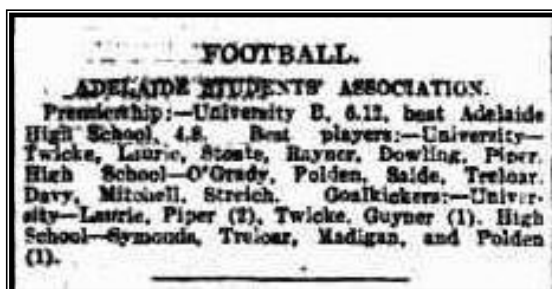


LB Laurie (incorrectly labelled JB Laurie) – Back Row – Non Playing – Far Left

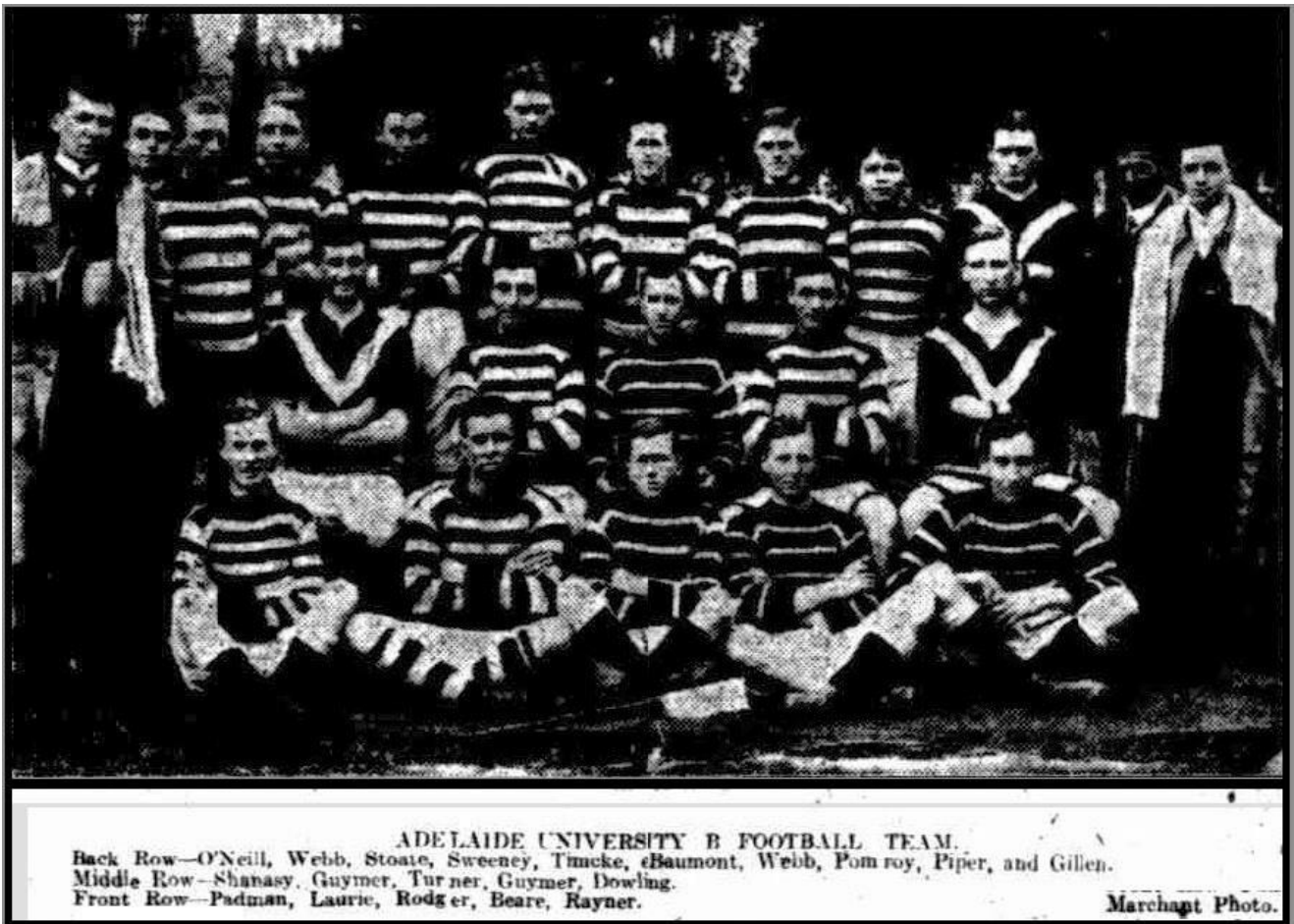
"FOOTBALL." *The Journal* (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923)

16 September 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article210029668>



1914 – Adelaide University B Grade Football Team



LB Laurie – Front Row – Second from Left

Lawn Tennis

In March 1913 Leonard competed in the South Australian Lawn Tennis tournament Mixed Doubles partnering Miss E Craven and in March 1914 he competed in the Men's Singles (Class II).

For the 1914-15 Pennant Tennis competition, Leonard was nominated to play for the Adelaide University team in the Class II competition.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) - 3 October 1914

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article163139915>

—Class II.—	
East Torrens—	F. C. Bromley, Brock, C. Dechert, W. Dechert.
Glen Osmond—	C. T. Cocks, S. W. Jeffries, E. H. McMichael, A. Morphet.
Parkside—	A. J. Roberts, K. D. Gordon, W. A. Wilson, A. C. Clarke, H. Hay, H. Homburg.
Hyde Park B—	E. W. Mitton, G. Ponder, N. Thomas, G. C. Prior.
Hyde Park C—	W. Thomas, G. Nancarrow, R. R. Pavia, H. T. Parsons.
Hawthorn Oval A—	F. V. Miers, R. A. Watts, T. Saunders, A. R. Hosking, H. L. Kekewick.
Hawthorn Oval B—	A. Opie, W. J. Hosking, C. Rogers, V. Gameau.
Port Adelaide—	J. L. Lewis, D. Pritchard, J. Mackenzie, S. Cocks, W. Dickson, P. H. Michelmore.
Sturt District—	C. Opie, H. Mathews, S. Tiver, E. Cowley.
University—	C. Gurner, P. Cockburn, F. Wall, L. B. Laurie.
East Adelaide—	H. A. Taylor, C. Bond, W. Fuller, L. Cocks.

World War I

Leonard enlisted on the 2nd October 1916 when he was 22 years and 10 months old, 5' 7½" tall and weighed 146 lbs. He had a medium complexion, brown hair and brown eyes. Leonard had been in a Rifle Club for six years and in the Voluntary Cadets for one year.



*Leonard with family before embarkation
(The late Dr Roger Freeman collection)*

Leonard's service in WWI is well described in the extract from Robert Kearney's *'Fallen Saints'*, published in April 2015 and reproduced on the Virtual War Memorial Australia (see below).

From the book *Fallen Saints* –

“Leonard Buxton Laurie of Salisbury, South Australia was born in Adelaide. He was educated at Queen's School, the Collegiate School of St Peter and the University of Adelaide and after completing his degree in teaching became a schoolmaster. He enlisted in Adelaide on 2 October 1916 and a week later was posted to A Company, 2nd Depot Battalion where after three days he was made a provisional corporal. Although his only previous military experience was 12 months in the cadets at the School he was a fast learner and during training at Mitcham Camp, passed a Trench Warfare Course and a Musketry Course. Originally he joined the 19th reinforcements for the 27th Battalion but this was changed and he was reallocated to the 23rd quota for the 10th Battalion. The 23rd quota sailed from Adelaide aboard HMAT Berrima on 16 December upon arrival in England Laurie was reverted to Private. He was admitted to Parkhouse Military Hospital with Mumps on 5 April 1917 and after recovery proceeded to France on 14 May and was taken on the strength of the battalion a fortnight later.

On 1 October 1917 he was appointed to the position of second lieutenant and was severely wounded in action during a raid on Celtic Wood on 9 October.

Second Lieutenant Laurie was treated at 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station for gunshot wounds to the buttocks, left leg, and was invalided to England on 22 October.

Speaking about the raid from his bed in 3rd General Hospital, Wandsworth England on 4 November 1917, Laurie said, ***'I was on a raid in the early morning of the 9th Oct/17. When Lt. Wilsdon with his platoon was on my left as we advanced. We reached the German lines when we were heavily fired on by machine guns and snipers, causing heavy casualties. On our return Lt. Wilsdon was reported missing. I know no further details. This raid took place on the other side of Broodsand (sic) Ridge. I think that is possible that he was wounded and captured.'*** [i]

Cpl Francis Thomas Aquilla Wood, 10th Battalion AIF - Citation for Military Medal.

During a raid made by his Battalion on Celtic Wood, east of Ypres on the morning of October 9, 1917, Cpl Wood led his section with great brilliancy and during hand to hand fighting his courage was admired by all who witnessed his work. Later when returning to the front line he carried in his officer (2nd Lt. Laurie) who had been badly wounded. This was done under heavy artillery and rifle fire. [ii]

On 22 January 1918, Second Lieutenant Laurie was promoted to Lieutenant, and after recovering from his wounds was discharged fit for full duties at the end of March. He rejoined the 10th Battalion in France on 11 April but was wounded in action on 27 April near Meteren and died later that night; he was 23 years of age.

In a letter of reply to the enquires officer at the Australian Red Cross Hospital dated 29 June 1918, Nursing Sister Maddox wrote that Lieutenant Laurie's Aunt (Mrs Waterhouse) had called at the Hospital the day before to ask for particulars relating to the death of her nephew.

She was most kindly received and promised the help of the Red Cross in this matter. On arriving home however, she found a letter from the Military Chaplain of the 10th Battalion, giving full details. She trusts therefore that this letter may save the trouble of making further enquiries on the part of the Red Cross Society, to whom she is deeply grateful for their kindness.[iii]

In a letter to the OIC Base Records Lieutenant Colonel Wilder-Neligan reported that after Laurie was wounded near Meteren on 27 April, he was evacuated to a Field Medical Unit at Godewaersvelde but died that night.

His body was buried by the Battalion Chaplain (Chaplain Makeham) near Caestre (Sheet 27 W.2.6.6.6.) and a cross has been erected. Personal effects recovered have been sent to the base. ... [iv]

According to information provided by Leonard's mother one of his cousins was killed in action and two others were wounded. [v]

[i] Australian War Memorial, Red Cross Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files - 2nd Lieutenant Walter Harry Wilsdon / 2971108, viewed 5 April 2006

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Death

Leonard was wounded near Meteren on 27th April 1918; he was evacuated to a Field Medical Unit at Godewaersvelde but died that night.

His body was buried by the Battalion Chaplain (Chaplain Makeham) near Caestre and a cross was erected on the grave. His grave now bears the inscription:

**"Eldest dearly loved son of J Buxton & Ada Laurie
A faultless son"**

The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923) - 13 May 1918

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article208058068>

LAURIE.—On the 27th April, in France, killed in action, Lieut. Leonard Buxton (10th Battalion), elder son of John Buxton and Ada Laurie, of Salisbury, aged 24 years.

"BIOGRAPHICAL." *The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923) - 13 May 1918*

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LATE LIEUT. L. B. LAURIE.
Mr. J. B. Laurie, of Salisbury, has been advised by the military authorities that his elder son, Lieut. L. B. Laurie, 24 years of age, of the 10th Battalion, has been killed in France. He was one of the masters of Queen's School for about four years, and was studying for the church. He enlisted about the middle of 1916, and gained non-commissioned rank before leaving for the front. He was wounded in the fighting last September, and for conspicuous bravery gained commissioned rank. At the meeting of the Stock Exchange of Adelaide on Monday morning the President (Mr. W. B. Carr) said the deepest sympathy of the members went out to their old colleague (Mr. Laurie) in the loss of his son, who had given up a promising peaceful career to join the colours. He was exceedingly popular among his South Australian acquaintances.

"OUR HEROES WHO HAVE DIED FOR KING AND COUNTRY."

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931)

18 May 1918

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article164153873>



Lieut. L. B. Laurie.

Caestre Military Cemetery, Plot - I. B. 18.

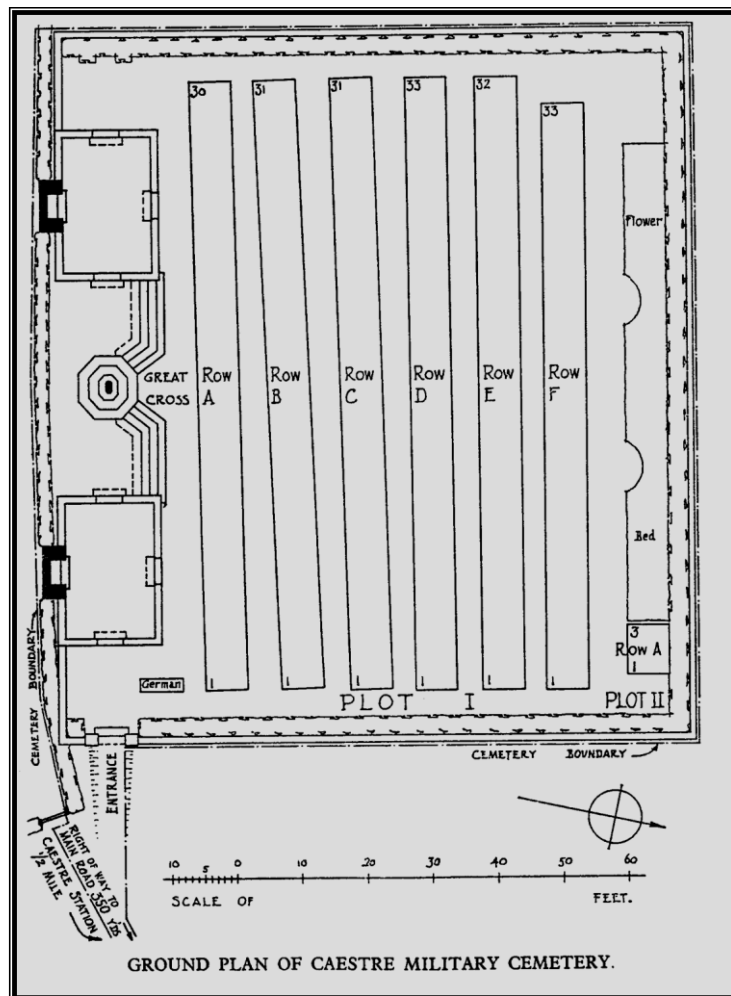


Grave of LB Laurie

Caestre Military Cemetery, France



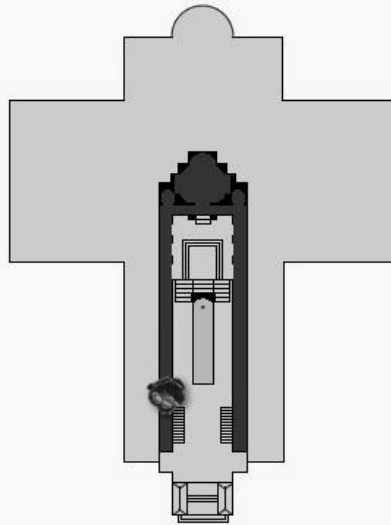
General View of the Caestre Military Cemetery



Plot- I. B. 18

Australian War Memorial, Canberra

Leonard Buxton Laurie's name is located at panel 59 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



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