

# BORDERLINE NEWS

Newsletter of the Wodonga Family History Society, Inc. Est. 1987

## Next meeting dates & Guest Speakers

**Feb 15** Soldier Settlement Records - Dr. Charles Fahey

**March 15** Using Family Search at an affiliate library - Jenny Harkness

**April 19 Military**  
Connections with Riverina and WW1 using conscription - Matt Bennett

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The WFHS Research Area is open at Hyphen Wodonga Library Gallery for members and visitors on:-  
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*Welcome to the 181st newsletter of the Wodonga Family History Society Inc. This month we share our member's response to the challenge to write snippets of their family history. We had a fabulous response. I hope you enjoy the mix of interesting stories presented here. They may inspire you to share a memory for our next newsletter. Please contact the editor if you want any assistance - help willingly provided.*

*Editorial Team*

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and start to 2022 although the streets appear to be much quieter due to the threat of the latest Covid strain. We can only hope that things will get better in the near future and we will see more members at our meetings and at the Library.

Research assistants have been rostered at Hyphen since November but we are desperately in need of more members to volunteer their services. Our agreement with Hyphen means someone has to be there during our advertised times so, the more we have who can do duty, the less often each of us has to attend. If you can help, you will be given every assistance and made very welcome.

We are still waiting for a storage cupboard for our research books and drawers for our microfiche. The microfiche reader, acquired by Hyphen in November, is just waiting to be used for research. Our November meeting celebrated the 100 year birthdays of Pam's and Caroline's mothers. Alice arranged a tribute table to them and decorated a cake for the occasion. It was a wonderful

## Committee Members

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### Membership Benefits:

- ✦ Access to all the resources in the Society's library.
- ✦ Quarterly newsletter
- ✦ Access to other family history news through shared newsletters from other family history groups
- ✦ Monthly meetings with family history tips, news and guest speakers
- ✦ Contact with other family historians, researchers and members who share your interest in family history

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WFHS records. Full transcripts of  
Unrelated Certificates \$6.00 each

evening.

Those who attended our Christmas party appeared to have a very enjoyable time.

Janette provided challenging Trivia questions but only a few points separated the 4 teams. Many thanks to Maureen for organising supper, Wendy for decorations and Alice for her wonderful cake.

Our guest speaker, Robyn Wood, was unable to attend our January meeting but she is willing to attend later in the year and tell us about her book "Atrocious Highway Robbery" an account of Cyrus Woods' journey from Tasmania to Georges Creek. In her place, Wendy gave an insight into Family Search and, being a 'show and tell' evening, we were shown wonderful treasures – one that stood out was the memorial ring from the 1850s.

Our aim this year is to involve as many of our members as possible in activities. We are looking forward to finally having Dr Fahey speak at our February meeting on Soldier Settlement. The following day is the beginning of our proposed activities, starting with a visit to Beechworth and later in the year to Rutherglen and Chiltern.

Janette's line up of guest speakers and activities should provide us with many opportunities to spend time together and share our common interests. If you need help attending any function please let Wendy know and we will do our best to solve the problem.

Your help will be needed for our fundraising activity – selling Warren's plants in April. Pam will provide the date and details in the near future. Finally, a very big welcome to our new members – Jacques Garnier (454) and Anita Payne (455). I sincerely trust you enjoy being part of our Society. Please remember that your comments and suggestions are very welcome.

Pat Hopkins

## Wodonga Family History News - Expressions of Interest (EOI)

1. EOI for the Day out to Beechworth for the cemetery tour on 16 February is due this week - 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. (Pm session for Mayday Hills tour is optional). Please notify the Secretary promptly if you are interested in attending.
2. Workshops/Information Sessions at Hyphen for Trove; Family Search; Ancestry (Library edition); Family Tree Maker; writing your stories.
3. Filing Cabinet with 7 drawers in excellent condition but not able to be used at Hyphen. The depth of the drawers is suitable for CDs, DVDs. Please let us know if this is of use to you.
4. Microfiche reader – not able to be used at Hyphen but maybe of use to a member?
5. Available free: Victoria Birth, Deaths and Marriage microfiche. No longer required by Hyphen.
6. Research assistants needed to help members and visitors at Hyphen during our rostered hours. Training and support is available. Are you interested?
7. Project assistants required – to help create more resources for our members.

### SAVE THE DATE

Family Tree Maker Workshop with Jan Parker will be on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. This is a one day session offered over both days. Limit of 15 participants per day.

### COMING UP

1. Roots Tech 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March Family Search  
<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech>
2. February is Scottish Family History Month see <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/news/scottish-family-history-month-2022/>

## Update from Genealogical Society of Victoria (GSV)

The office is closed temporarily due to the current outbreak. They are hoping to re-open on 1 March. In the meantime staff are working from home so queries may be answered. There is no disruption to Zoom or webinar meetings. Education events and discussion groups will continue via Zoom. Many of these will be recorded as Webcasts for members viewing later. For more information see: <https://www.gsv.org.au/temporary-closure-gsvs-premises>

## Update from the Irish Ancestry Group

The Irish Ancestry Group advised their members that the group is temporarily suspended [until approx. August 2022]. As a result they have made arrangements to digitise the Blarney magazine from 1988 to 2021. It will be available on the GSV website when the project is completed. (No completion date given).

## A Family Upset Dorothy Schmidt

Some time ago, I found an article on Trove describing the wedding of my grandparents, David M. to Lily D. Who were married on the 5th May 1910 at the Baptist Church, Dorcas Street, South Melbourne. It states the reception was in the supper room at the nearby South Melbourne Town Hall. It gives a good description of the occasion. The article describes the clothes worn by the bride as her travelling dress was of Saxe blue and the bridegroom's gift, a diamond brooch. Both the bride's mother and the bridegroom's mother were handsomely gowned in black silk. The newly weds honeymooned at Woodend, Daylesford, Ararat, and Ballarat.

In addition, the article gives the address as Park Street Glenferrie where the couple were to make their home, and various other details. It includes the statement that "the wedding was a quiet one on account of a recent family bereavement." Now this was quite a puzzle to me, as I knew of no family member who had died around this time.

Some time later when talking to my cousin, she told me that her mother had recounted how Dave had previously been engaged to Lily's older sister but had broken it off to marry Lily. My mother had not divulged this information to me. And, my grandparents, Lily and Dave had died years before I was born. Things now made sense.

Understandably some family members were quite put out; hence the quiet wedding was not as a result of a death but a family upset!

(Editor note: Names withheld to respect the family's privacy)

### Finding Family - An exciting find

#### Pat Hopkins

In 2003 I ordered a microfilm from the Latter Day Saints family history centre in Albany<sup>1</sup>. The number for the microfilm was found using the International Genealogy Index (IGI) on the old microfiche.

Working backwards looking at my Great Grandmother's baptism, her mother's, etc. I

found details for my 4 x GGparents William Fotheringham and Margraet Harlay dated 1762.

Fortunately for me, it was the only marriage written in full in the Parish Register at the time (see transcript).

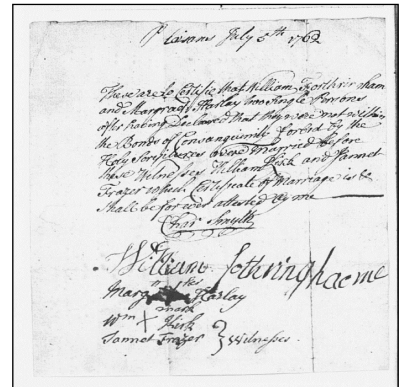
In July 2008 on a very late, winter night, I

googled my Great-grandfather x 3 Abiel Briggs and found a website 'oldsaintjohn.ca' belonging to Harry Macdonald who had previously researched Abiel's family of 15 children. And, he discovered all of these had children except for one of them.

Fortunately, a letter, written by Abiel's daughter, listed each of the children's names and other family members. Consequently, Harry Macdonald was able to obtain additional information on this family. As a result of this I discovered a total of 80 pages of information which included the appropriate references.

This was indeed a great find although my Great grand-father, Robert, was not included with his family as he had immigrated to Australia. However, this volume of information included family details that I would have spent years researching. This made it a lot easier to verify rather than for me to start from scratch.

Nowadays the information I accessed on the Microfiche is readily available on Family Search. In addition, you now get a transcribed version of the IGI (or if you are lucky, a photo of the record). Of note: the website is no longer active but it is possible to find old sites as they may be archived by Google at <https://web.archive.org>



### Genealogical quote

A family tree can wither if nobody tends its' roots. *Author unknown.*

<sup>1</sup>Latter Day Saints, Microfiche, #1067793, Parish Centre Aberlady East Lothian.

## Ancestry Discoveries

### Pam Nulty

My sister and I have a public family tree on Ancestry. It is quite brief as we have not continued it since deciding to record family history using our own format. Every so often though I receive hints from Ancestry and briefly check them before deleting as either something I already know, or not relevant or plainly incorrect.

*But occasionally something exciting comes to light.*

Last week, just before deleting a message I scrolled down and found correspondence from two distant relatives commenting on a photograph on one of their trees. It was a surprising discovery and I have since sent messages to each of them - one is a third cousin living in Melbourne. The second one is a distant descendant of the brother of a great great grandfather who lives in England.

Surprisingly, my Melbourne cousin is in contact with another family member - unknown to me - whose tree I have since looked at. It had information which fills one of my gaps in my research. I feel really excited to have been able to contact these people and have received return emails from both of them. The end result is some new lines of information have opened up. In addition, I am now in contact with a cousin who lives near my mother and sister in Melbourne. What a bonus! Frequently the hints I receive through Ancestry are not relevant but sometimes they lead to gold.

## A Snapshot: My Welsh Family

### Howard C. Jones

In 1926, Britain's coal industry came to a standstill when the bosses locked out 1.2 million coal miners who would not accept lower wages and longer hours. My Welsh grandfather worked in the Rhondda Valley mines in Glamorgan, an area suddenly thrown into dire poverty.

My mother left school that year, aged 14, to be a domestic servant for a builder's family in Aberystwyth, a seaside town far from the coalfields. Over the next 13 years, until she married, she was "in service" in different prosperous homes in London, Cardiff and Aberystwyth.



How did her family survive 1926 and the Depression that followed? My mother remembered they kept rabbits and chickens and grew vegetables fed by sheep and horse manure collected by her siblings. They also picked berries on the hillsides and even made dandelion wine and "small" beer from nettles leaves. Despite being paid a pittance, my mother managed to send money home.

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### Genealogical quote

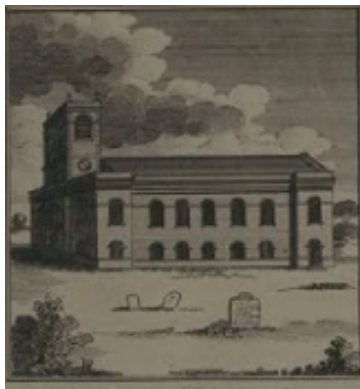
Documentation - *Ohh!* The hardest part of genealogy.

## Charles Homes Hardy – One Life: Both Sides of the Law

Carolyn Renfrey

The following family history was revealed entirely through online searches of Ancestry, Trove and NSW Police Gazettes. *I share it to encourage others to have a go!*

Charles Holmes Hardy, my great great grandfather, was born at Tower Hamlets, London on 9 April 1829<sup>2</sup> to Thomas and Susannah Hardy and baptised on 13 April 1834<sup>3</sup> at St Matthew's Benthal Green.



St Matthew's Church,  
Benthal Green  
Courtesy FamilySearch.org

Charles Hardy, son of Thomas and Susannah, arrived in Sydney on 15 January 1855 aboard the Assisted Immigrant ship SS *Bangalore*<sup>4</sup>. From other documents, I suspect Charles was already a Police Constable as, at the time, police were offered free passage to New South Wales

if they agreed to serve three years in the new NSW Police Force.

By November 1855, Charles had married Mary Ann Tillidge, another recently arrived migrant. In 1858, Charles was mentioned as "*Chief Constable at Mudgee*" in a court case. Clearly, he had been posted to the frontier town a few miles from Bathurst where recent gold discoveries increased the need for law enforcement. Local newspapers described Charles as Chief Constable, Bailiff, then Senior Sergeant and Police Magistrate. Land records show he purchased 1/4 acre of land at Mudgee, presumably to build a home for

his growing family. No doubt he expected to have a successful career and settle in the area permanently<sup>5</sup>.

Two events changed the course of his life:

On 4 June 1862 Sen. Sgt. Charles Hardy and Sub Inspector Bruyeres were trying to un-jam a revolver when Charles accidentally seriously wounded his supervisor<sup>6</sup>. Fortunately, the Inspector survived.

In September 1863, Sgt. Charles Hardy was in pursuit of a bushranger who was attempting to escape following a robbery. His colleague drowned while crossing a river trying to apprehend the thief<sup>7</sup>. This second event, following so closely after the first, must have caused Charles considerable grief because by January 1866, when he was in his late thirties and probably affected by what we now call Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, he resigned from the Police Force<sup>8</sup>.

The following year, Charles, then a 'dealer', made the newspaper again when he was declared insolvent<sup>9</sup>. How embarrassing it must have been to endure a public examination of his financial affairs in the same courthouse where he once had been Police Magistrate? It is unclear whether Charles spent time in gaol for his bankruptcy but subsequently he attempted to rebuild his life.

Perhaps Charles thought his service with the Police Force would assist him and Mary Ann to obtain employment as Gaoler and Matron of Mudgee Gaol. They applied and were appointed to the positions in 1868 but shortly afterwards they were both '*suspended and ceased to hold office*' by order of the Governor General. He was charged with '*the employing of prisoners for your personal advantage*' and Mrs Hardy was charged with '*selling gin in the gaol*'. Charles' Certificate of Discharge from the Police Force was '*hereby returned*'<sup>10</sup>. By 1878, Mary Ann Hardy owned land at Cudgegong, near Mudgee, suggesting that she had separated from Charles.

<sup>2</sup> Ancestry.com. England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

<sup>3</sup> Ancestry.com, London, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1917

<sup>4</sup> Ancestry.com New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896 for Charles Hardy

<sup>5</sup> Ancestry.com New South Wales, Australia, Land Records, 1811-1870, for Charles Hardy

<sup>6</sup><http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article166689913>

<sup>7</sup><http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article18697147>

<sup>8</sup>[https://www.ancestry.com.au/imageviewer/collections/1942/images/31842\\_216734-00496](https://www.ancestry.com.au/imageviewer/collections/1942/images/31842_216734-00496)

<sup>9</sup><https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/225474812>

<sup>10</sup>[https://www.ancestry.com.au/imageviewer/collections/8818/images/41984\\_329476-00227](https://www.ancestry.com.au/imageviewer/collections/8818/images/41984_329476-00227)

On 14 April 1880, Charles Hardy, 'formerly Chief Constable at Mudgee', was tried in the Supreme Court, sitting at Mudgee, on two charges. The first was the unlawful wounding of his 18-year-old son at Cudgegong and the second was common assault on his son. He was found guilty of the second charge and gaoled until the £5 fine was paid. Fortunately, only the acquittal, of the first charge, appeared in the news sparing him some embarrassment<sup>11</sup>.

Charles passed away in October 1889 at Rylstone, near Mudgee. The cause of death was 'paralysis'. His obituary concluded: 'Very many years ago, Mr. Hardy was Chief Constable at Mudgee, and as life in the bush in those days was somewhat more lively, he could, when so disposed, relate some curious experiences which occurred. More recently, he engaged in farming pursuits, which he followed to the end'<sup>12</sup>.

Although only the birth, marriage and death entries include Charles' full name, the other discoveries add colour to the life of this pioneer who experienced both sides of the law. Community respect and shame were woven through his life. Mary Ann became significant landowner in Cudgegong (now submerged by the Windemere Dam). She passed away in Sydney in 1904. No mention was made of Mary Ann or their nine children in Charles' obituary or death certificate<sup>13</sup>.

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## WFHS PROJECT UPDATE

Although we now have a permanent presence in the Wodonga Library work on current projects is being undertaken at home. Jenni Manguy is currently transcribing numerous Unrelated Certificates and Jennifer Langshaw is assisting with editing. I have been updating an Index to Inquests in our area from 1855 to 1900 and compiling a more user friendly Index to our local records. Any member who would like to be involved in creating or updating our files is more than welcome. If you have computer skills and some free time and are interested please let Wendy know.

Pat Hopkins

<sup>11</sup><https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/70943003>

<sup>12</sup><https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/162067461>

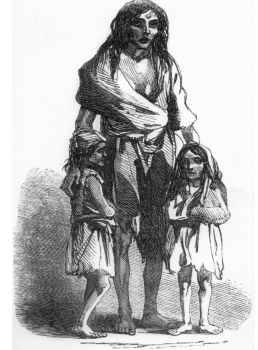
<sup>13</sup> Ancestry.com, Australia, Death Index, 1787-1985 and NSW Partial Transcription, held by Author

<sup>14</sup> Illustrated London News 'Depiction of the Irish Potato Famine' December, 22, 1849

## My Irish Grandmother

### Pat Filby

A while back my Aunt interviewed my Irish grandmother, Ellen O'Callaghan, and wrote a short piece for our family history. Ellen reported that she sailed from Ireland with her brother after one of the Potato Famines.



Right: Depiction of the Irish Potato Famine.<sup>14</sup>

The brother she was under the protection of gambled away the money their father had given them for a fresh start in Australia.

He was a young lad and was easily taken advantage of by the soldiers on board.

One day during rough weather water flooded the decks. While the other passengers knelt down and prayed for safety - and their survival - Ellen was busy tying up her belongings and hanging them high to keep them out of the water.

Just as well she had this practical attitude to life for when they arrived in Australia, without any money, her only recourse was to go 'into service'. She worked for a kind Jewish family who allowed her every Sunday off so she could attend Mass nearby at St Mary's, St Kilda East.

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## Upcoming conferences

### Family History Down Under conference

Castle Hill RSL Club, NSW 8-11 November, 2022.

For more information: [www.fhdu22.com](http://www.fhdu22.com)

### 37th Annual Conference of the NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies,

at East Maitland Bowling Club, NSW 16-18 September 2022

For more information:

<https://ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au/>

**MCLENNAN, Joseph Angus****A Determined Soldier - with a colourful History**

Patricia Hopkins



Joseph Angus McLennan (Joe), my Mother's first cousin, was born on 2nd April 1887 at Morundah NSW, the eldest child of Angus and

Lucy. He was 26 when he enlisted on 2 September 1914 at Sydney and appointed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, D Coy, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade No. 741.

**Enlisted**

It appears that Joe, a labourer building fences, immediately took up the challenge to fight and saw it as a great adventure. His army records describe him as medium height at 5ft 7½ in, fair complexion, with blue eyes and brown hair. He listed his mother at Grong Grong as his next of kin.

He participated in training at Randwick and on 23rd September when first orders were issued for embarkation, there were 32 Officers, 1019 Other Ranks and 58 horses for boarding 'Clan MacCarquedale.'

Joe would have participated in the March through the city on 6th October but it wasn't until after the 8.30am parade on Monday 18th October the order to embark was finally issued and the men were taken by tram to Circular Quay to board HMAT 'Euripides' at Fort Macquarie and 1 Officer, 10 men and 55 horses went on the 'Clan MacCarquedale' The 'Euripides' set sail at 6.30am on the 19th, a fine day with a calm sea.

The journey to Albany was only five days. Although the sea was calm many soldiers took ill. When they entered Albany harbour on Monday 26th they had to wait until the full convoy were assembled. On board were 21,500 Australian troops, 8,500 New Zealanders, 12,000 horses as well as medical and military supplies. When they were due to sail in the early morning hundreds of people lined the docks to bid them farewell.

The voyage was undertaken with fine weather and calm seas. Drills, lectures and work kept the men occupied but the hot humid conditions of the Tropics made life uncomfortable. Although the troops were advised to 'to take precautions against chills and sunstroke' two men died, possibly from pneumonia. Finally, on Wednesday, 2nd December, they arrived at Port Said, at Alexandria and the following day disembarked at Cairo and on the 4th boarded trams for Mena Camp.

Here the Battalion spent four and a half months training at Limnos before going into action on the Gallipoli Peninsula arriving there at 4am on 25th April. They had little shelter and were met with heavy fire. They were involved in heavy battle for four days. When the losses were counted – 3 officers and 36 other ranks were killed, 13 officers wounded and 69 other ranks missing. General Birdwood was given command of the Battalion.

The Battalion spent the next few days recuperating before they were called to relieve a battalion of Marines at Gaba Tepe. Here they discovered the trenches were in very poor condition providing very little shelter from enemy fire. The troops spent time digging out the trenches and improving the lines for communication.

**Injured**

On 7th May Joe received a gunshot wound to his right shoulder that caused paralysis of the right vocal cord. He was subsequently transferred to hospital at Mustapha on the 16th June. He was then transferred to the HT 'Ballarat' for its maiden trip as a hospital ship to Australia and repatriated to Sydney arriving on 3rd August. He was discharged from the army on 14 December 1915 as the Medical Board considered '*this disability will be permanent and recommend his discharge as permanently unfit*' (2 Dec 1915).

**Re-enlisted**

Joe, now 30 years of age, enlisted again on the 27th June 1917 at Victoria Barracks Sydney in the 8/36th Battalion as a recruit Private 3352. He listed his father, Angus, as his next of kin, his occupation as Clerk. He informed them that he had been discharged from service as medically unfit and now has three scars – the previous scar on the front of his right foot and his war injuries - scars on



the right side of his neck and right scapula. He was passed medically fit but his teeth needed attention.

### Discharged - again

He was transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Depot as an Acting Corporal N79405 on 25<sup>th</sup> July. His time in the army was short lived. On the 1st August "on board transport prior to sailing he had an epileptic fit", with "no history of such prior to this and none since". (8 Aug 1917). He was discharged "having been found unfit for future service".

### Family Life

Joe married (Viola) Margaret May Wilshire on 29 September 1917 at the Church of England Ashfield. They had two children Jill b. 1918 and John b.1921. It would appear that the marriage was not a happy one as Margaret petitioned for a divorce on the 'grounds of desertion, habitual drunkenness, non-support and cruelty'.

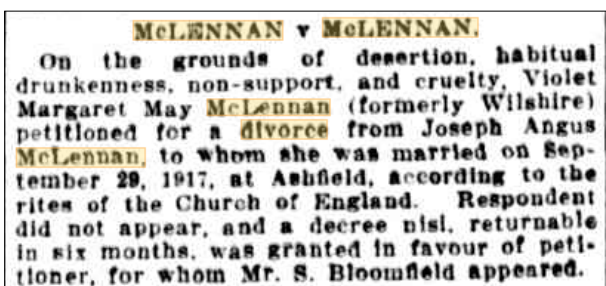


Figure 2 SMH2 December 1926

### Hard Times

Joe had fallen on hard times, and possibly became itinerant, which led to problems with him keeping his medals and discharge papers secure. Over the next 7 years he applied for duplicates citing a number of reasons:

19 Sep 1928 Felt badge: 'The one issued to me has been lost together with other papers. (stolen)'.

17 Jun 1935: 'I have lost the Military Discharge issued to me together with other belongings were burnt when my tent was destroyed by fire some years ago'.

8 May 1937: Lost 'A.I.F. Discharge & 1914-15 Victory and General Service medals" 'lost with other papers in suit case'. Comment by the Dept. Final issue

26 Mar 1938: Returned soldiers badge 'was lost when suit cases & clothing were

destroyed by fire when my tent was burnt at Gojelderie (perhaps Jerilderie) in 1936'.

At this point in time the Department wrote: 'Final issue'.

### The Final Chapter in Joe's Story

After World War 11 broke out in August 1939 Joe, now aged 49 and described as a widower, re-enlisted on (26 June 1940, N75784, 11th Garrison B/n.), living at Lidcombe. He was a Linesman Wire Worker. His mother, living at "Bellfields" Chiltern Victoria, is his next of kin. By now his hair is grey. At this time the Department classified him as suitable for a desk job locally - 'fit for Class II.'

There are two different Service Records for Private Joseph which show a more colourful history as he appeared to have difficulty following Army rules:

*Charged* 29 July AWOL: from 1000 hrs to 1930 hrs (21.7.40-23.7.40) – lost 2 days pay.

*Charged* 12 August, Absent from duty: failed to appear for Guard 8.8.40 and Drunkenness 8.8.40 – 168 hours detention.

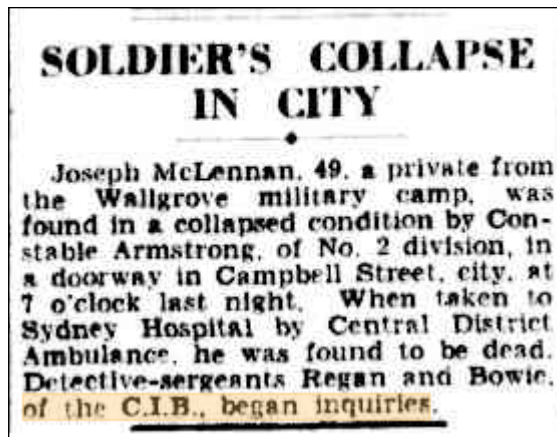
*Charged* 23 September AWOL: from 2200 hrs on 18.9.40 till 2000 hrs 19.9.40 – Admonished. Forfeits 1 day's pay.

AWOL: Finally on 20 November 1940 a Court of Inquiry looked into his misdemeanours – the Court assembled at Sydney on the 19.11.40 for the purpose of inquiring into the absence without leave of this soldier also any deficiencies in clothing and equipment – Struck off Strength.

"The Court finds that N75784 Pte McLENNAN J.A. absent himself without leave on 26.10.40 and that he is still absent on the 19.11.40. He was inefficient and that he is still deficient of articles amounting to £5-16-9."

At this point, 15 December 1940, Joe is discharged. Such was his determination to continue in the defence forces he re-enlisted in Sydney the following as N101447. He was assigned to 11th Garrison Regiment Wallgrove then transferred to Headquarters. At this point in his career his service alternated between these two sections.

During the first 6 months of 1941 he was admitted to hospital on a number of occasions. Subsequently, on leaving hospital on 8th July he was charged as a deserter. His role as special Group III ceased 'due to inefficiency.' On 19 July he was again transferred to Headquarters but discharged on 4 August 1941 as his services were 'no longer required'.



Surprisingly, a report of his death - when he was found collapsed in a Sydney street two weeks later - stated that he was a Private from the Wallgrove Military Camp which indicated he was still enlisted.



Private Joseph McLennan is buried in the W o r o n o r a Cemetery, Sydney.

Of Note: Two years after Private McLennan's death his Returned Soldiers Badge No 6279, previously lost, was handed into the Repatriation Department.

Joseph Angus McLennan's Army service was indeed a colourful one. In spite of injury and difficulties complying with the Army's requirements his determination inspired him to enlist for WW1 service and during the WW2 years he re-enlisted three times.

## URGENT REMINDERS for MEMBERS

Expressions of Interest for Beechworth Cemetery Tour, followed by lunch at the Nicholas Hotel (members to pay for lunch) and, optional, Mayday Hills tour is due now. The Mayday Hills tour includes a 90 minute tour with a tour guide. This is the only opportunity to see inside the buildings.

Reminder members are required to be double vaccinated to participate.

Problems with Trove? Janette would like to hear about the issues you are having and suggestions that may make using the site easier and more useful.

All members have now been issued with new membership cards and a lanyard. These are available for collection at the library during our designated hours or at the registration desk at our meetings at Felltimber Community Centre.

If you are unable to collect your Lanyard at either of these events please let Wendy know.

For your information - all the magazines we subscribe to are available at the library for 2 years. After this time they are archived in the WFHS archives.

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