

## Lee, Gordon Scott.

ASC 1905-9



Lee, L/Cpl Gordon Scott, 1979. 1st Div. 2nd Bn. Awarded the Military Medal. RTA 19th Mar 1919 (4 years 159 days war service). Son of William and Florence Lee, of Zante, The Avenue, Birrell St., Waverley, N.S.W. Brother of Roy Lee A.S.C, 2Bn..

The great-great grandfather of Gordon Scott Lee came to N.S.W. with Governor Phillip in 1788 in Imperial Service and his son William was one of the first 13 settlers in the Bathurst District and founder of the family known as the Bathurst Lees -- (from his father's words on the AWM Honour Roll entry for Roy Lee) Presented 1922.

**Gordon committed suicide in 1922. This was attributed to war service.**

2nd Batt A.I.F.

LEE  
Pte G. S. 1979

Gunshot wound head. 24th Casualty Clearing  
Station, 11.8.15.

Cert. by :-

Australian Interm. Base,

Cairo. 3.11.15.

News has been received privately that Private Gordon Scott Lee has been wounded at the Dardanelles. He is the younger son of Mr. William Lee, of Bathurst, and a descendant of the late William Lee, one of the original pioneers of the western district. Private Lee was following engineering at the time of enlistment, and volunteered as an engineer, but there not being a vacancy elected to go with the infantry rather than be left behind. Private Lee's brother is just about to go into camp in Queensland.

Bathurst Times 8/9/15 P.2

### PRIVATE G. S. LEE.

Private Gordon Scott Lee (wounded) is the younger, son of Mr. William Lee, of Bathurst, grandson of William Lee, one of the early pioneers of the western district, who crossed the mountains with Governor Macquarie in 1815. Pte. Lee is also a cousin of Mrs. Harriet Watson, the authoress. He is an engineer, and is now serving with the 1st Infantry Brigade, which took such a prominent part in the Lonesome (Ed. "Lone Pine") Pine fight.

SMH 27/9/15 P.5

Embarked at	Sydney	per H.M.A.T.	A40 Berarame	on	25/6/15
Pte.					
	Dental 3rd. A.G.H.				29/9/15.
To Hospital.					
	Diarr. Adm. 1st F.A. & Trfd. to 3rd A.G.H.				11/10/15.
	17/11/15. Class A. Adm. Adv. Base Mudros. ex Lowld Div. C.C.S.				
	21/11/15. Rejoined Unit.				
	To Field Amb.				4.12.15
	Mumps. Adm. No.3 F. Amb.				4.12.15
	Dis. Class "A" from No 24				24.9.15
	7/12/15 Rejoined Unit.				
	7/1/16 sent to Field Ambulance				
	Admtd to 4th Aux Hosp.				7/1/16. MUMPS
	Disc. to O/S Base				28/1/16 from 4 th Aux Hosp.
	10/2/16 Trans to Base Details Zeitoun from Aust O/Seas Base				
	22/6/15 5th Rfts. Joined 2nd. Btn.				
	Rejoined Unit				19/7/15
	AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL				
	26/9/15 Rejoined btn (MB)				
	29/9/15 Adm. 1st FA Trfd. to 3rd A.G.H. Dental (MB)				
	28/4/17 App. LANCE CORPORAL				
	28/4/17 App. L. CPL PBN 2055 (MB)				
	28/12/18 M.O. to England ex unit (1915 personnel				
	1.7.19 Dis. AIF ex 2nd WD ex "KASHMIR" TDP				

COMMUNICATION

2nd Battalion 1979 Lance Corporal  
A.I.F. Gordon Scott LEE.

4520 Private George  
Eric LEE.

During the action 16th/22nd September, 1917,  
East of YPRES, both these men, doing duty as  
Battalion runners, particularly distinguished  
themselves by repeatedly taking messages from  
Battalion Headquarters to Companies under the  
heaviest barrage fire, when all telephone  
communication had been cut. By their excellent  
work and devotion to duty, communication was  
maintained at a critical period.

O.C. Military  
2nd Aust. Medal.  
Inf. Bn.

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL 4741.

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne, 22nd May, 1918

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from  
Second Supplement No. 30424 to the *London Gazette*, dated 11th December, 1917,  
relating to the conspicuous services rendered by the undermentioned member of  
the Australian Imperial Force.

AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve  
of the award of the Military Medal for bravery in field to the undermentioned:—

No. 1979 Lance-Corporal G. S. LEE."

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The above has been promulgated in *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*  
No. 66, dated 2nd May, 1918.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. W. Lee,  
"Zante",  
The Avenue,  
Birrell Street,  
Waverley, N.S.W.

Major,  
Officer in Base Records

2nd Aust BN 1979

L/Cpl.  
Gordon Scott  
Lee.

during the action against  
the HINDENBURG LINE at a  
time when telephonic  
communication to the HQ  
from the front had been  
broken down by severe  
shelling. L/Cpl Lee delivered  
& brought back despatches  
from the front line.  
He was under severe  
shell fire all the way  
but he on no occasion  
delayed in his duty.

Father: William Lee b: 1855 in Kelso, NSW, Australia

Mother: Florence Australia McPhillamy b: 1855 in Bathurst, **William Lee.** Bth: Born: 1855 in  
Kelso, NSW. Death: 20 FEB 1929 in Molong, NSW.

Father: William Harold Lee b: 21 NOV 1822 in Windsor, NSW.

Mother: Ann Kite b: 8 DEC 1821 in Bathurst.

Marriage Florence Australia McPhillamy b: 1855 in Bathurst

1. Married: 3 JUN 1879 in Kelso.
2. Children: William H Lee b: 1881 in Bathurst.
3. Gladys Hope Lee b: 1884 in East Macquarie.
4. Doris L Lee b: 1886 in East Macquarie.
5. Gerald Roy Lee b: 1888 in East Macquarie.
6. Gordon Scott Lee b: 1893 in Bathurst.
7. Lorna Hazel Lee b 1894 Bathurst.

## CASUALTIES

William Lee, a retired grazier, has identified the body of a returned soldier found in Burwood Park on Wednesday as that of his son, Gordon Scott Lee, 27, a marine engineer, and a native of Bathurst.

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CENTRAL 4780

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full name and unit of Soldier referred  
to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

6th January, 1923.

Headquarters, 2nd District Base  
Victoria Barracks,  
SYDNEY. N.S.W.



The attached communication received from the father of the late ex No.1979 L/Cpl. G.S.LEE, M.M., 2nd Battalion, is referred for favor of necessary enquiry regarding the circumstances surrounding this soldier's death and report as to whether the writer's statement concerning the effects of war service in relation thereto may be accepted as authentic in so far as it involves the issue of a Memorial Plaque and Scroll.

It should be noted that suicide cases are not debarred by the regulations from participation except where the deaths are accompanied by particularly disgraceful circumstances, but it is a first essential that the cause of death should be attributed to war service.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.