Lee, Gordon Scott.
ASC 1905-9


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, 11.6.15.

Cert. by :-
Australian Intern. 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.

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.

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During the action 16th/22nd September, 1917, O.C. Military East of YPER, 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.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Melbourne, 25th 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."

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

Yours faithfully,

Major,

Office in Base Records
Father: William Lee b: 1855 in Kelso, NSW, Australia

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.
5. Gerald Roy Lee b: 1888 in East Macquarie.
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.

SMH 3/9/1920 P.3
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.