

Pearson, Leslie Browning

A.S.C. 1899-1902

Unit: 17th Battalion

Cemetery: Freetown (King Tom) Cemetery Memorial, Sierra Leone

War Grave Register notes: Pte.6124. Died of Phthisis 18th May, 1917. Aged 30. Son of Joseph and Alice Emily Pearson; husband of C. M. Pearson. Born in New Zealand

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School Notes.

THE boys who left us at the end of last quarter are L. B. Pearson (prefect, 1st XV., '01-'02, junior 1902), who has gone to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College; A. W. Oakes (1st XV., '01-'02, junior 1901, matric. 1902); E. J. Jones (1st XV., '01-'02), who is now in his father's business in Bathurst; S. G. Elliott, J. and F. Tourle (both 1st XI, '01-'02); E. J. Lindsay (1st XV., '01-'02), now at the Bathurst Experimental Farm; H. Hodge, Ken Holden (1st XI, 1901), and L. Lardelli.

The new boys this quarter are: Day, Tink, Matthews (iii.), Smith, Dowell, and Suttor.

R. V. DULHUNTY has been appointed to the prefectship vacated by Pearson, and has also taken the latter's place on the football committee.

Oct 1902

(Pearson, Day, Dowell, Hodge, Oakes, Suttor (?)J. & F. Tourle mentioned above.)

Emb. at Sydney per A11 "Ascanius" 25.10.16	
29.5.17 Admt. 1st Aux. Harefield Tuberculosis (Sev. I) (MW)	IE
2/5/17 Trans. from 3rd. Lon Gen. to 2nd Aux. Hosp. G.S.W. Back. Slf. (PH)	IB
29/12/16 Marched in to 5th Tng Bn. R'stone from Australia	I
10/1/17 Sick to Milbank Hospl. from 5th Tng Bn.	I
1/5/17 Emb. at Devonport per "Miltiades" T.B.	
Died at Sea at Sierra Leone 9 p.m. 18th May 1917	
Buried Kitty Cemetery Freetown 19th " " "	
4/5/17 Embkd. on H.T. "Miltiades" at Devonport for Aust for Disc.	
18/5/17 DIED of Disease TUBERCULOSIS On Board H.M.A.T. Miltiades Sierra Leone	LI

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

- Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Leslie Browning Pearson*
- Unit and Number (if known) *6124 (Private, 17th Battalion)*
- With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) *Brewarrina* District *Western District* State *New South Wales*
- What was his Birthplace *Canterbury, New Zealand*
- Date of Death *18.5.17*
- Place where Killed or Wounded

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

- What was his Calling *Station manager*
 - Age at time of Death *33*
 - What was his School *Nelson College N.Z.*
 - What was his other Training
 - If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia *Ten years*
 - Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) *No.*
- Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself (Please state Relationship)—
Sergeant C. B. Pearson. M. Medal.

Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name *C. M. Pearson (widow of Private L. B. Pearson)*
Relationship to Soldier
Address *Quantambone Brewarrina*

Note, his brother Cuthbert Browning Pearson won Military Cross. (Not an Old Boy.) Note AIF Project has not picked up that he also awarded MID 1/6/17.

18/5/17 (previously reported sick). Station Manager "Bundabulla," Brewarrina. Wife, Muriel Constance. Brother Cuthbert Browning Military Medal 1 Field Artillery Bde. "Quantambane", Brewarrina. Returned to Australia.
S.M.H. 5/6/1917.

306th LIST.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Died of Illness. Pte. Leslie Browning Pearson, Brewarrina.

The Land P.7 8/6/17

A.I.F. 17th Btn PEAR
L.B. 6124

"Died of illness 18th May 1917"

Died of Tuberculosis 18-5-17 - H.M.A.T. Militades
Sierra Leone

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 3-9-17.

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

Pearson.
Pte. L.B. 6124

"Died of Illness"

The information re death and burial of 6124 Pte. L.B. Pearson has just been supplied by Sgt. Conquest who was on the Militades with No. 4 Sea Transport at the time. Died at 9.45 p.m. on 18.5.17 a few hours after arrival at Sierra Leone anchorage. Was laid out and attended to by Sgts Conquest and Eden who were with him at the time of death. The body was sent ashore next day 19.5.17 and was buried by shore authorities with full military honours. Sgts. Conquest adds - He made no statement or remarks before death which took place quietly. His clothes and kit were handed over to ships Quarters Master (Warrant Officer Cannon) and money in his possession at time to Officer Commanding troops (Lt. Col. Dobbin)

Letter from:-

Sgt. A.A. Birch.

No. 2 Camp,
Parkhouse.

19.10.17.

London.
24.10.17.

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The O.C. H.M.A.S. "Militades:

Will you kindly give us full particulars of the death and burial of - 6124 Pte L.B. Pearson, 17th Btn, A.I.F., who died on your ship of Tuberculosis on the 18-5-17 at Sierra Leone. We are anxious to reply to his relatives on Australia, to whom any details you could supply, would be a consolation.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Note entry in the above service record, for 2/5/17, indicating “Gun Shot Wound to Back. Slight”. This is the only indication in his record that he must have been at “The Front” following 5th Training battalion, in England.

The file indicated that he had contracted measles on the troopship from Australia. Followed, by tuberculosis.

Next, an illustration from his file. A notification of 2 pounds per fortnight pension for his widow Constance and one pound for his daughter, Patricia.

Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Pearson, Leslie Browning - 6124, Pte., 17th Batt
Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Pearson, Constance Muriel - Quantambone.
Relationship of such person to Member	Widow
Result of Claim	Pension of £2 p.f. granted from 25/7/17
Name and address of Trustee (if any)	
Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	AS ABOVE
Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Pearson, Patricia - AS ABOVE
Relationship of such person to Member	Child
Result of Claim	Pension of £1 p.f. granted from 25/7/17
Name and address of Trustee (if any)	Pearson, Constance M. - AS ABOVE



Pearson and brother Cuthbert, listed on memorial.

(Photo courtesy: Belinda Loughnan, Tourism Officer. Brewarrina Shire Council.)