

Durrington War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



6951 PRIVATE

A. C. BRANDER

3RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

16TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 29

He Hath Done..... (What He Could)

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte A. C. Brander is located in Grave Plot # 199
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Augustus Charles BRANDER

Augustus Charles Brander was born at Dalton, near Yass to parents William Alexander & Lucy Ann Brander (nee Cannon). His birth was registered in 1885 in the district of Gunning, NSW.

Augustus Charles Brander was a 29 year old, single, Labourer from Ballimore, NSW when he enlisted at Dubbo on 18th October, 1916 with the 3rd Infantry, 23rd Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6951 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs L Brander of Parks Street, Ryde, NSW. Augustus stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as medically unfit due to his eyesight.

Pte Augustus Charles Brander embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 9th November, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 9th January, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Augustus Charles Brander was admitted sick to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 5th February, 1917 & reported seriously ill on 7th February, 1917.

Pte Augustus Charles Brander died at 11.25 a. m. on 16th February, 1917 in Fargo Military Hospital of Pneumonia.

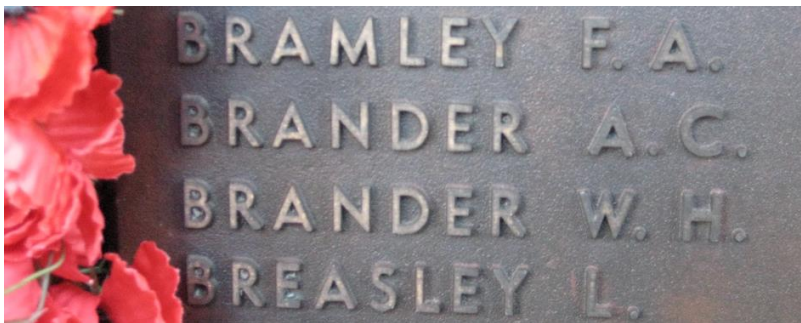
A death for Augustus C. Brander, aged 29, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Pte Augustus Charles Brander was buried on 19th February, 1917 in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire in plot number 199.

Pte Augustus Charles Brander was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Brander's mother – Mrs Lucy Ann Brander of Windsor, NSW (August, 1922 & January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Augustus Charles Brander – service number 6951 as being 29 years old & served with 3rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of William Alexander and Lucy Ann Brander of Morrison Road, Ryde, NSW. Born at Dalton, New South Wales.

Private A. C. Brander is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 35.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)

* W. H. Brander was a younger brother of Augustus Charles Brander. Born 1890. Corporal Wallace Hector Brander 1531, 3rd Battalion – died 25th April, 1915 of smallpox. Buried - Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte A. C. Brander is also remembered on the Drummoyne War Memorial on Marlborough St, Drummoyne, NSW.



Drummoyne War Memorial (Photo by J. Bar 2007)

Pte A. C. Brander is also remembered on the Methodist Sunday School Honour Roll at Dalton.



(33 pages of Pte Augustus Charles Brander's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Portrait of Pte Augustus Charles Brander

** Private Kenneth William Ayliffe (6947) 2nd Battalion also embarked on HMAT Benalla on 9th November, 1916 with Pte Augustus Charles Brander. Pte Brander died of pneumonia on 16th February, 1917 & was buried in Plot 199 at Durrington Cemetery. Pte Ayliffe died of Bronchitis & Pneumonia on 19th February, 1917 & was buried in Plot 206 of Durrington Cemetery.

Newspaper Reports

DALTON

The annual picnic in connection with the Public School in this town took place on Saturday last, at a spot just a short distance from the reservoir, and was largely attended by the children attending with the school and their parents and friends..... The following is a list of the prize winners:-

Infant Division – Augustus Brander (*one of eleven names listed*)

(*Goulburn Evening Penny Post, NSW Saturday 16 December, 1893*)

MORE HEROES

..... and Pte A. C. Brander (Ryde) are all reported seriously ill.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW Wednesday 21 February, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BRANDER – February 16, 1917 at Fargo Hospital, England, of pneumonia, Private A. Brander (Gus), aged 29, brother of M. and W. Willings, Ellimatta, Parker Street, Ryde.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW Wednesday 28 February, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR – 276th CASUALTY LIST

DIED – NSW

Ayliffe, K. W. of illness; Brander, A. C. of illness;

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania Saturday 3 March, 1917)

RYDE – DEATH OF TWO SOLDIER BROTHERS

Private Augustus Brander, son of Mrs Brander of Parkes Street, Ryde, has died in hospital in England from pneumonia. His brother, Wallace, died in Egypt about 18 months ago. The late Private Brander was a brother of Mrs Willings of Ryde.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW Saturday 3 March, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BRANDER – February 16, 1917, at Largo Hospital, England, died of pneumonia, Private A. Brander (Gus), fifth son of Mrs Brander, Elimatta, Parkes Street, Ryde.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW Saturday 3 March, 1917)

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

BRANDER – In memory of my dear son, Pte A. C. (Gus) Brander, 3rd Batt., who passed away at Fargo Military Hospital, England, February 16, 1917. He had done what he could. Inserted by L. A. Brander, Ryde.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW Saturday 16 February, 1918)

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

BRANDER – In memory of my two boys, Corp. Wallace Hector, who died on April 25, 1915, in Egypt and Pte A. C. (Gus) Brander who died on February 16, 1917 at Salisbury Plain, England. Mrs L. A. Brander, Ryde.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW Friday 25 April, 1919)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Pte A. C. Brander does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

He Hath Done(What He Could)

Pte A. C. Brander is also remembered on the Red Granite Obelisk Memorial to Men of 1st Training Battalion A.I.F. which is located in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*



Memorial to 1st Training Battalion A.I.F. at Durrington Cemetery

(Photos by Ian King 2010)



Photo of Pte A. C. Brander's Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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