

Courtesy Frank Benney & Kevin Shannon

(great nephews of Daniel Benney)

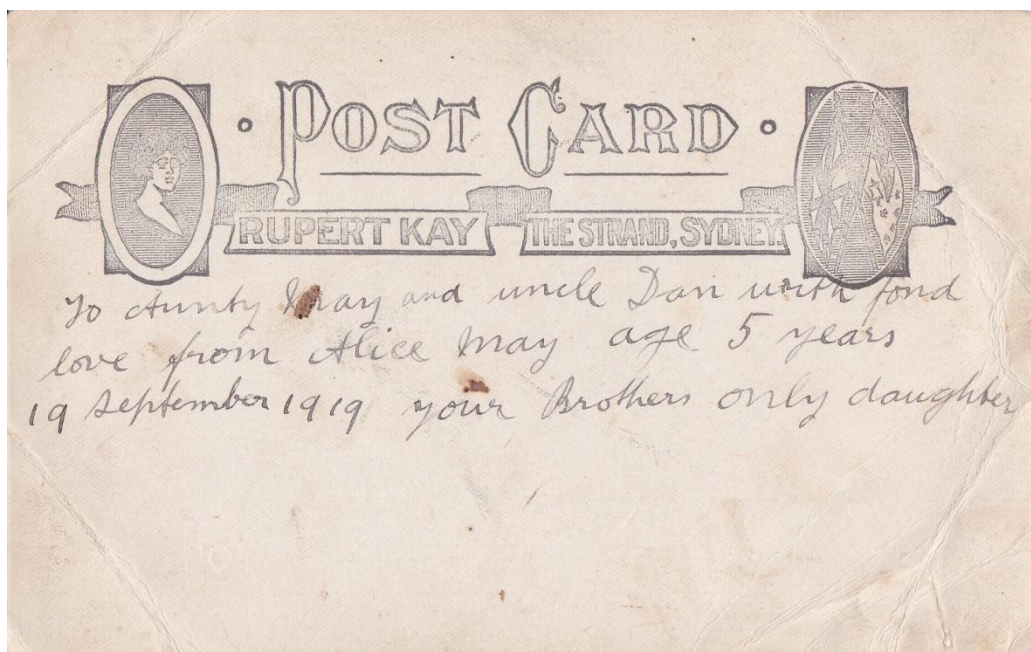
Frank's grandfather (George) was a brother to Daniel

Kevin's grandmother (Mary Jane) was a sister to Daniel



A photograph sent to Daniel Benney's sister Mary Shannon(Known as May) and brother in law Daniel Shannon the sister who placed the notice of him being K.I.A. On the back was a hand written note stating "To Aunty May and Uncle Dan with fond love from Alice May age 5 years 19 September 1919 your brothers only daughter"

The Bonning ancestors have this same photograph of Alice May Bonning.



DANIEL BENNEY
BORN – 1882 BRIGHTON VICTORIA

ALEXANDER BONNING
BORN - 1882 NO RECORD
FOUND VICTORIAN BIRTHS
DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

FATHER – GEORGE BENNEY ENGINEER BENALLA

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BONNING ENGINEER
BENALLA AS STATED ON
ATTESTATION PAPER

MOTHER – MARY ANN BEGLEY
SOMETIMES SPELT BAGLEY OR BAGGALLEY SHE HAD A VERY BROAD IRISH ACCENT

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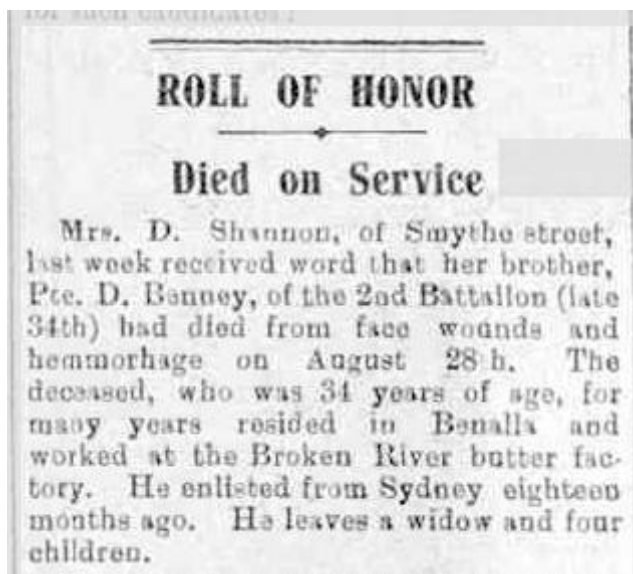
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34 YEARS ON ENLISTMENT 1916

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1916

ALSO KNOWN AS – |
ALICK BONNING
DANIEL BONNIL



THE BENALLA STANDARD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1917

In Memory of the Fallen.

OFFICERS.

CLEMENTS, C. Major	LANGTREE, C. H. Lieut.
SERGEANT, J. E. Capt.	MAUGHAN, D. L. Lieut.
CARMICHAEL, T. Lieut.	MAINARD, T. Lieut.
CONROY, Wm., Lieut., M.C., M.M.	MATHIESON, H. Lieut.
HARRIS, GUS. Lieut.	WALKER, F. Lieut.

Nurse—KNOX, HILDA, Sister.

N.C.O.'s and MEN.

ANDERS, A.	ELLIS, A. J.	MINCHINGTON, E.
ABBOTT, W.	EMSLIE, A.	MORAN, P.
ANGUS, A.	FITZPATRICK, C. P.	MORRISON, S.
ANGUS, R.	FELDTMAN, E. H.	MILLS, J. J.
ADAMS, W. T.	FELTHAM, J.	MEAGHER, W.
BRIGGS, F.	FRY, W. A.	M'DONALD, A.
BRIGGS, D. R.	GOULD, H.	M'DONALD, C. P.
BURNS, F.	GUPPY, C. E.	M'LEOD, W. H.
BENNEY, D.	GAMBLE, R. J.	M'DONALD, W.
BURNS, F.	GAMBLE, C.	M'KENZIE, G.
BYRNE, W.	GLENHILL, H.	M'CLURE, A. D.
BLACK, S.	GREEN, R. H.	M'CORMICK, H.
BALCOMBE, R.	HURLEY, G. C.	M'WIROY, J.
BAMBLETT, E.	HICKEY, J.	M'LEAN, R. A.
BRADFORD, J.	HORSBURGH, J.	O'BRIEN, W. J.
CHESTER, J.	HARRINGTON, K.	PAGET, E. C.
CROCKFORD, J. T.	HILL, A.	PAYNE, JAS.
CROSSLEY, —	HALL, J.	PEAK, S.
CAMBRON, E.	HALL, C. B.	PRICE, W.
CUNNINGHAM, J.	HARRIS, P.	KENNIE, A.
CAMERON, D.	HOBBS, A. J.	ROBERTSON, D.
COSTA, T.	JOHNSON, J. E.	ROBERTSON, W.
CHARLESWORTH, S.	KNIGHT, H.	ROBERTSON, D. (M.M.)
COPEMAN, ALBERT	KELLY, L.	SMITH, A. J.
COPEMAN, ARTHUR	KNOX, G.	SMITH, E. A.
CORNFORD, J.	KISSICK, J.	SHIELLS, W. A.
CLAY, S. J.	KINGSTON, J. A.	SHARK, H.
CARDWARDINE, G.	KELLY, A.	THOMSON, J. H.
DAVISON, G.	KIERULFF, H.	TONER, J. C.
DOBSON, W.	LANGTRY, W.	TIBBETT, G. T.
DOUDS, J. P.	LANGTRY, L.	WINNELL, W.
DAVIS, E. J.	LINDSAY, R.	WEST, C. H.
DAVIS, B.	LAIRD, R.	WARDROP, J.
DALY, R.	LEWIS, G.	WARNOCK, R.
DOSSER, H. F.	LINDSAY, A.	
DUNLOP, P.		

HONOR BOARD UNVEILED AT ST. JAMES

On Sunday evening last the Honor-board of St. James Presbyterian and Anglican Churches was unveiled in the Presbyterian Church in the presence of a large congregation. The church was draped with flags. The Rev. J. Spittall preached an appropriate sermon from Samuel i, xxiii-v., and formally unveiled the honor board. Special hymns were sung by the combined choir, and Mr. Warren sang "The Holy City."

Following is a list of names enrolled:—

Bateson, R.	Benney, A.
Beggs, T.	Cameron, D.
*Benney, D.	*Cameron, G. W.
Carruthers, F.	*Graham, R. J.
Coles, G.	Graham, A. L.
*Coles, J.	Goodall, B.
*Coles, D.	May, F.
Coles, A.	Neville, C.
Church, R.	M'Cague, H.
Church, G.	M'Kellar, G.
Craike, C.	M'Kellar, H.
Dooley, N.	Robinson, L.
Dooley, R.	Parkinson, V.
Ellerman, J.	Pizzy, W.
*Frazer, D.	M'Fadzen, W.
Frazer, A.	Syder, J.
Frazer, I.	M'Kellar, D.
Adam, J.	Thomson, F.
*Barr, G. H.	

The asterisk denotes that the soldier so indicated died abroad.

MAINTENANCE CASE.—Daniel Benney, who was arrested by Constable Perrett in Benalla, and who was before the Shepparton court on the charge of having deserted his illegitimate child at Shepparton on June 2, answered to his bail and appeared on remand before Mr. R. Knight, P.M., at the Court of Petty Sessions, Shepparton, on Tuesday last. By consent, an order was made for payment of maintenance at the rate of 7/6 per week, the first payment to be made forthwith, and defendant to find also forthwith a surety in the sum of £25, and give his own recognisances in like amount for future payments of weekly instalments as due. The necessary payment was made and the surety found, upon which defendant was set free to return to his employment.

CHILD DESERTION.—On Saturday last Constable Perrett arrested a man named Daniel Benny on a charge of deserting his illegitimate child. He was brought before Mr. G. Walker, J.P., and remanded to appear at Shepparton yesterday. Defendant was admitted to bail.

Daniel, born 6 April 1881 at 62 Carpenter Street, Brighton, Melbourne, Victoria. Daniel had a relationship with Alice Emily Calman and had a illegitimate daughter, Alice, in 1907. Alice married Sydney Reginald Hewitt. She died in 1978 in Malvern, Melbourne and was interred in the Springvale Botanical Gardens on 9th March 1978. Daniel was arrested by police in Benalla Victoria *“on a charge of deserting his illegitimate child”*. In the Shepparton Court *“an order was made for payment of maintenance at the rate of 7/6 per week, the first payment to be made forthwith”* and also *“forthwith a surety in the sum of £25”* The necessary payments were made and the defendant was set free to return to his employment.

What followed would appear to be a deliberate act to escape future maintenance payments. He created an alias for himself. Henceforth he was known as ALEXANDER BONNING (Also known as Alick Bonning and Daniel Bennil). Sometime after this he struck up a relationship with Marcella Amelia Thorne, born in Tintaldra in Victoria. An article in the local newspaper on 2nd April 1908 states *“At the Wangaratta Court of Petty Sessions yesterday Marcella Thorne proceeded against Archibald D. Smith for non-compliance with an order of the Court... to pay 5/- per week towards the support of William Thomas Moore.....”*. In the course of the next few years Alexander and Marcella had three illegitimate children, all bearing the surname BONNING. They were Alexander 1909, Norman Alfred 1911 and George Daniel 1913. Daniel and Marcella married on 6th September 1913 in Balmain in Sydney following which two more children were born, Alice May in 1914 and Arthur in 1917.

On 21st August 1916 Alexander Bonning enlisted into the Australian Imperial Force. He left Australia on 25th November 1916 and disembarked in Devonport, Devonshire, England on 29th January 1917. Alexander was wounded in action in France in late September 1917 and transferred to a military hospital in Dover in England where he died on 28th September 1917. He was buried in St James cemetery in Dover, England on 2nd October 1917. The following article appeared in the Benalla newspaper. *“Roll of Honor - Died in Service - Mrs. D Shannon of Smythe Street last week received word that her brother, Pte. D. Benney, of the 2nd Battalion (late 34th) had died from face wounds and hemorrhage on August 28th. The deceased, who was 34 years of age, for many years resided in Benalla and worked at the Broken River butter factory. He enlisted from Sydney eighteen months ago. He leaves a widow and four children”*. The only way Mrs. D. Shannon (Mary Jane Shannon, nee Benney) could have learned of his death was from Marcella Bonning (Thorne) which would I think infer that Daniel's family in Benalla and St James were fully aware of Daniel's use of an alias. Daniel is listed on the Wall of Honor at the Australian War Memorial as ALEXANDER BONNING. Marcella died in Trangie, New South Wales in 1953. She did not re-marry.

She placed the following article in the Sydney Morning Herald on Saturday 28th September 1918, the anniversary of Daniel's death.

