



THE JOURNAL OF
PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
INCORPORATED

MUSEUM NEWS



HE WHOM THIS SCROLL COMMEMORATES WAS NUMBERED AMONG THOSE WHO, AT THE CALL OF KING AND COUNTRY, LEFT ALL THAT WAS DEAR TO THEM, ENDURED HARDNESS, FACED DANGER, AND FINALLY PASSED OUT OF THE SIGHT OF MEN BY THE PATH OF DUTY AND SELF-SACRIFICE, GIVING UP THEIR OWN LIVES THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE IN FREEDOM.

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PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM is open regularly on
SUNDAYS from 1pm - 5pm

MEETINGS: Paterson Historical Society Inc. meets the first
Thursday of the month - 7.30pm at the Paterson
Court House Museum (Except December and January)

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COMING EVENTS:

APRIL:

7 Meeting - General Business

9 OUTING - "A Grave Look At History"

ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD INSPECTION, led by
Pauline Clements. ISOLATED LOCAL GRAVES

24 HERITAGE WALK

TOTAL FIELD DAYS: APRIL 30 - 31 MAY 1 - Members Assistance please?

MAY: 5 MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER - CLIVE CORBETT

7 WORKING BEE AT MUSEUM - All Welcome!

REMEMBER, all meetings commence sharp at 7.30pm sharp!

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!



APRIL here already!!

This month two of our most important occasions are observed...EASTER with its deepest meanings of SACRIFICE to the Christians of the World, and

ANZAC DAY, the one day of the year when our whole country pauses to remember the SACRIFICE of all our young men who have lost their lives in Wars.

This year Anzac Day will have a special meaning for the Keppie Family for they now have photographs and the location of the grave site of a member of their family... Pte. Arthur Ernest Keppie, killed in action on 26th April, 1915 at Gallipoli. Born in 1883, Arthur (fondly known to his family as Podge) was the son of William and Salome Keppie, of "Glenlossie" Paterson, and is believed to have been the first young man from this area to enlist when War was Declared. On 14th August, 1914 he became Pte. A.E. Keppie of C. Company, 4th Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 1st Aust. Expeditionary Force.

After a short training period his Battalion left Sydney on the "Euripides" on 19th October, 1914 and arrived in Egypt on 6th Dec., for a final training period. It was here that the name A.I.F. was born when the Expeditionary Force was changed to the 1st Aust. Infantry Force. By April of 1915 Arthur's Company was at sea again and it was then that he wrote what was to be his last letter home. A Telegram was received by Arthur's parents on 16th June stating Arthur had been wounded.. no more was heard until a further Telegram arrived on 1st November to say he was wounded and reported missing in action, as from 26th April. His death was later verified by a soldier of the same Company who said Arthur had been wounded about 1½ miles inland from Gallipoli Beach, and had been making his way to the rear of the line when he had been hit by a burst of machine-gun fire. Pte. Keppie was buried in an unmarked grave and joined a long list of soldiers killed in action and commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial at Gallipoli. Official verification of his fate came in November 1915.

Pte. Keppie's mother died in 1st July, 1915 without knowing the fate of her son, but his name is commemorated on her grave in St. Paul's cemetery, Paterson.



Our Curator, Val. Anderson obtained from the Director of War Grave, Department of Veteran Affairs, photographs of the Roll of honour on which Pte. Keppie's name is inscribed, and of the general area of the Lone Pine Cemetery. This, together with the Gallipoli Medal, and a letter of Sympathy from King George V, is all that is left of a young man who died for his country in a War that was to end all Wars!!!

(From Maitland Mercurys dated 10/7-1915 and 29/3/16. per J. Sullivan. Hunter Round-up... 14/11/1993)

Pte. Arthur Keppie
died 26/4/1915
Aged 32 years.

Pauline Clements,
Editor.

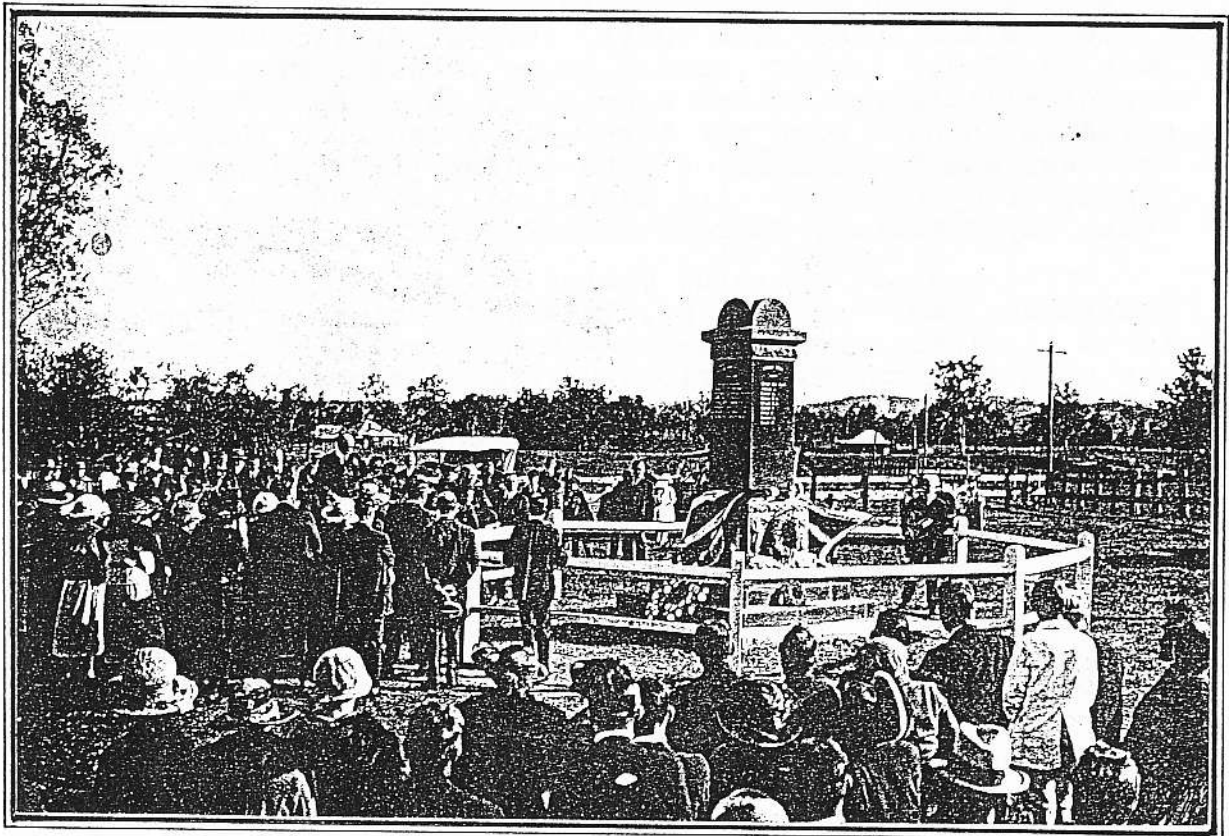
SALOME KEPPIE'S DIARY EXTRACTS: MABS KEPPIE

1914

August 13 - Arthur went to Sydney to report himself
15 - Stayed at Holt Street, went to the barracks
on 15th
September 1 - Allowed a few hours off on 1st Sept. Stayed
in Maitland all night, arrived here 11 o'clock
Wed. morning. Willie met him. Drove to town
Wed. afternoon 2nd Sept. and left by train.
October 19 - Left Sydney with the troupe Monday 19th Oct.
Boat "Euripides"

1915

June 16 - Heard of Arthur wounded 16th June 1915



FROM OUR ARCHIVES: SHIRLEY THRELFORD

Unveiling of Paterson District Soldiers Monument - 1914 - 18
WWI by Mr William Keppie Snr. 1924

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CENOTAPH PATERSON: ANDREW BURG and ED TONKS

FOR GOD KING AND EMPIRE

1914 - 1918

Pte	Keppie	A E	K I A	Gallipoli	26	4	15
"	Kidd	S J	K I A	Lone Pine	7	8	15
Gnr	Taylor	E	K I A	Armentieres	12	10	16
Cpl	Doyle	B	K I A	Pozieres	26	7	16
Pte	Brooker	C W	K I A	Zonnebeke	1	10	17
Cpl	Etches	D E	D of W		16	11	17
Lc Cpl	Kimber	A T	D of I	Turkey	30	11	17
Pte	Auckett	H E	K I A	Polyson Wood	2	3	18

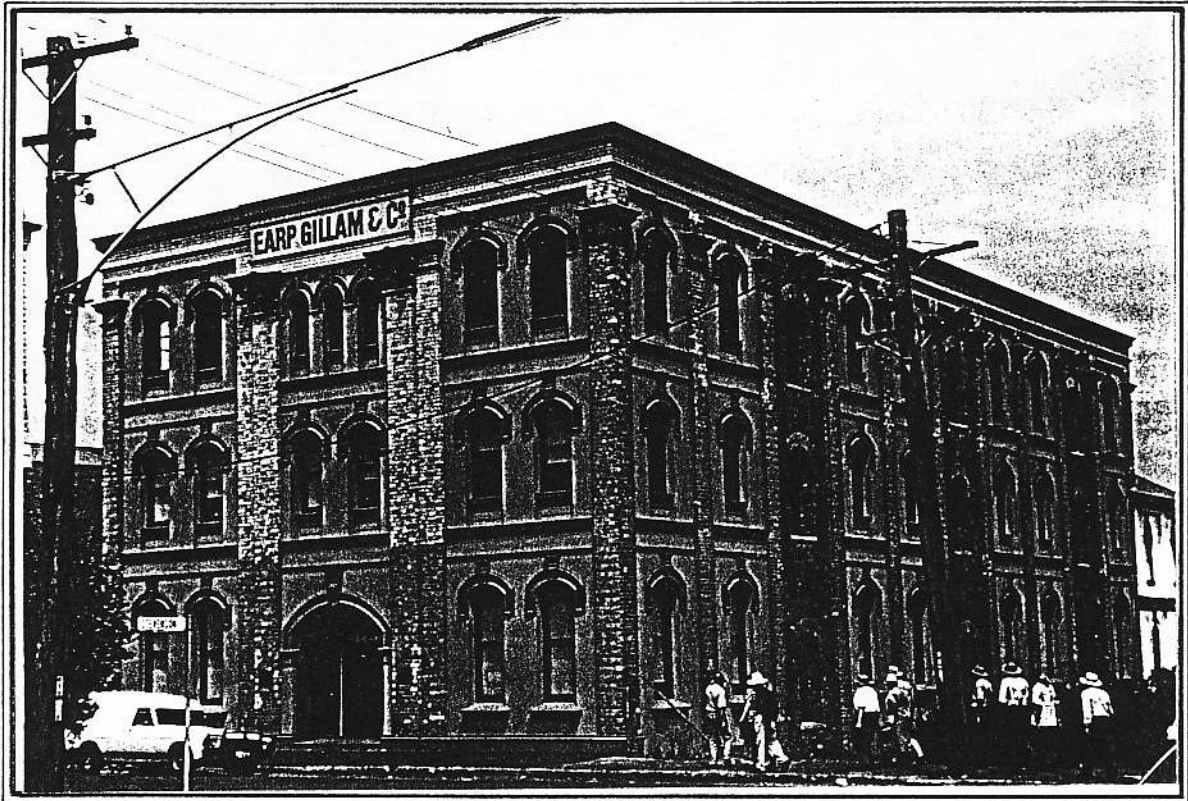
(Side of Cenotaph faces east)

PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY SOCIAL OUTING: JUNE MAYNE
EARP GILLAM BOND STORES - NEWCASTLE

"THE LODGE" - NEW LAMBTON

5 February 1994

In the "Olden Days", when I was a child, a visit to Newcastle was very exciting - a ride in the train and then arrival at Newcastle Station (which always smelt of steam and coal) then up to the beach. But, on Saturday 5 February it was an exciting day of a different kind. Sixteen of our members travelled by car and met at the little park near the Customs House. Newcastle no longer smells of steam and coal and the Waterfront is a Joy! We Walked up the hill to the old Earp Gillam Bond Store which been beautifully restored, preserving the old but incorporating some new to make very functional offices. The architects were Suturs and Snell and Ed Clode (ex - Paterson boy) was in charge - a magnificent job! Out to lunch at the Anderson's (thank you for your hospitality) then out to "The Lodge" in the grounds of Rankin Park Hospital. This was built by Thomas Croudace, a mining engineer in 1867 and is being restored and made into six suites for doctors, connected by a walkway to the new NIB Hospital. The site manager, Peter Ingham gave us a tour - didn't miss a thing - terrific! ANOTHER GREAT DAY!



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MAITLAND MERCURY EXTRACT: ANDREW BURG - M M 23. 6. 1894 - page 4
DISTRICT NEWS - PATERSON

On Monday afternoon, Master Arthur Keppie, about nine years old, a son of Mr William Keppie, sustained a very nasty fracture to the elbow of his left arm, while attempting to jump over a stick.

LET THOSE WHO COME AFTER SEE TO IT
THAT HIS NAME BE NOT FORGOTTEN.

KEPPIE, Pte ARTHUR ERNEST
205
KILLED IN ACTION
26th April, 1915 - 32
LONE PINE MEMORIAL
GALLIPOLI



Photos - OFFICE OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES - A C T

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KELLY W., D.C.M.
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SERVED AS
CLUMP J.
KOSAKOVHSINK B. 22