



John Brown

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John Brown (my great, great Uncle) was born in 1889 (unknown date) in Scotland. The Brown family lived at Newarthill, parish of Bothwell, Scotland. The Brown and Loudon families sailed for Australia on the "Ormuz" and arrived at Fremantle, WA 31st December 1908. They spent the night on Perth Esplanade very sad and homesick, because it was New Year's Eve. They went to York by train. As this was the last train stop, they then travelled to Quairading district by horse and cart.

They set up camp and lived under tents for some time until their home was built. They called this 'Craignethan'. They were amongst the first pioneers in the district and it was very hard in their new land. The family was well known for their musical ability. The boys cleared the virgin bush. John (known as Jack) Brown, "the eldest and pride of joy" was believed to have the most glorious singing voice. His beloved family members were Mary, Annie, George, William, Grace, James, Archie, Awoin, Bill, Margaret (Rita - my Great Grandmother) and Jimmy.

The date and place of his enlistment was the 9th January 1915, in York WA. The 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment embarked from Fremantle WA, on board the HMAT A8 Argyllshire on the 19th April 2015.

John Brown's rank in WW1 was Trooper. His unit was 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment. He died of wounds at sea on the 1st of June 1915. His service number was 856.

Man and Horse: Everything the Light Horse trooper needed for living and fighting had to be carried by him and his horse.

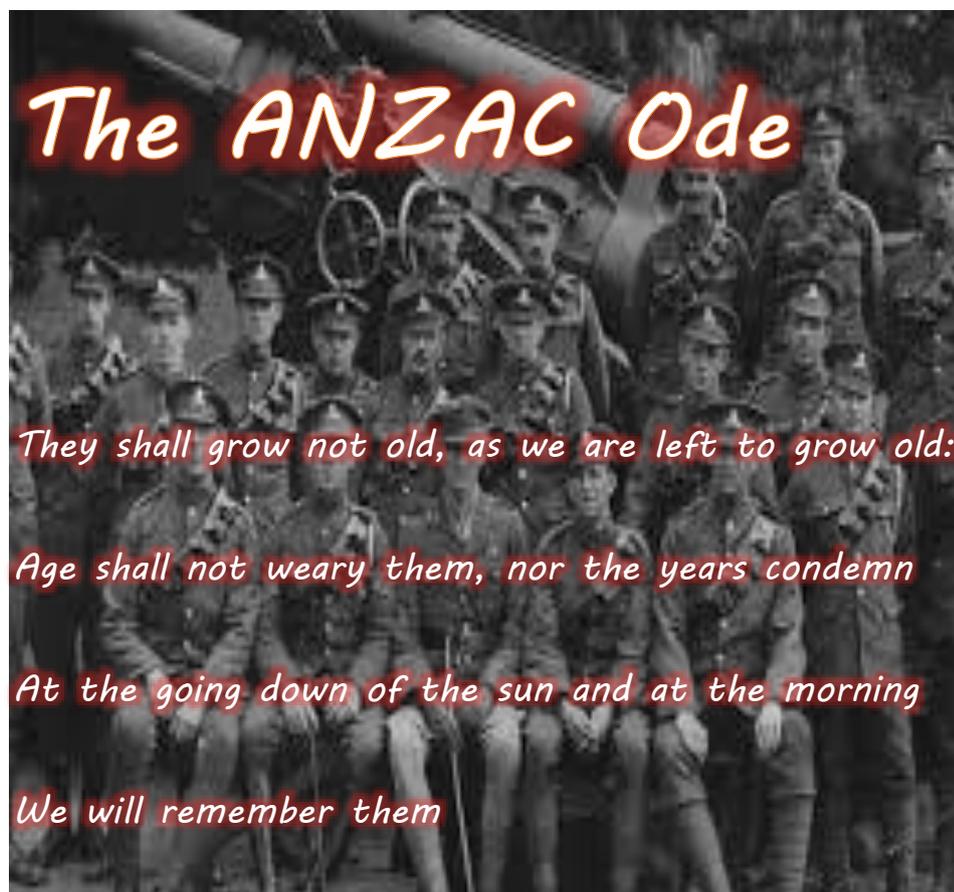
His extra clothing, food and personal possessions were in a canvas haversack carried over the shoulder, across the other shoulder hung a one-litre water bottle. As well as the 90 rounds of ammunition in his bandolier, he carried ten

rounds in the .303 ("three-oh-three") rifle slung over his shoulder and another 50 rounds in pouches on his belt, which also supported the bayonet and scabbard.

The horse was carefully fitted with the special military saddle, designed to carry a remarkable array of equipment with the least possible discomfort.

When he died, he was only aged 26. He served in Egypt and Gallipoli. The medals he won were 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is remembered at the Lone Pine Memorial on panel number seven. His name will be projected at the Lone Pine Memorial several times during 2015 and 2016.

The Lone Pine Memorial to the Missing: This cemetery derives its name from the single pine tree observed to be growing here when the Australian soldiers came up here from the landing on 25 April 1915. From that date through to August there was much heavy fighting at Lone Pine, the rear of the cemetery today marking where the Anzac lines were during those months and the wall and pylon of the Lone Pine Memorial to the Missing marking the region of the Turkish trenches.





10th Light Horse Regiment 1915 (Men and Nurses)

Map of Gallipoli



The Medals he won



1914-15 Star



British War Medal



Victory Medal

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Mapping our ANZACs

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With credit to my family (Gran-gran(Neil/Polly MacDonald), Great pop etc.) for the old books you typed up years ago 😊