

# Items From Our Collection



## First Geraldton Contingent – Travelled to Perth by Train on 17 August 1914

ALLEN, William Vincent, age 25 years  
BROWNE, Arthur James, age 19 years  
BEST, James, age 39 years  
BARDWELL, Beresford Everett, age 24 years  
CAMPBELL, Donald Gordon, age 29 years  
CHAPMAN, Frank, age 42 years  
CLARKE, Reginald Charles, age 25 years  
DEASINGTON, Joseph, age 31 years  
DUNLOP, Walter Henry, aged 24 years  
FATHERS, Walter Lamont, age 20 years  
FRANCIS, Edgar Charles, age 23 years  
GUNN, Gordon Stanley, age 24 years  
HIRST, Joseph, age 30 years  
HITHERSAY, John Leslie, age 28 years  
JOHNSON, Oscar Charles, age 30 years  
KENDRICK, Edward Francis, age 25 years  
NEWTON, John Crawford, age 19 years  
OXLADE, Edward, age 27 years  
PORTER, William, age 33 years  
PRIDMORE, William Henry, age 26 years  
PUCKLE, Charles E. M., age 27 years  
SIMPSON, Thomas Gladstone, age 34 years  
TAYLOR, James E. S., age 26 years  
THOMPSON, Claude, age 21 years  
THOMPSON, Roy, age 19 years  
UNSWORTH, Fred William, age 26 years  
WARREN, Edwin John, age 21 years  
WHITTLE, Arthur Gilbert, age 27 years

### Red Cross Society.

A well attended meeting was held in the Mayor's Parlor, on Thursday evening last, the Mayor (Mr G. A. Kempton), being in the chair. It was decided to form a branch of the Red Cross Society in Geraldton, and the following officers were elected:—President, Miss Sanderson; Vice-Presidents, Misses Hill, Parry, and Broad; Executive Committee, Misses Green, Roche, Troy, Gardner, Davis, Vickerman, Brede, and Robinson; Hon Treasurer, Miss Meadowcroft; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Misses Mountain and Mills. Buying Committee, President, Treasurer and Miss Kelly; Tally Committee, Misses Sanderson, Brede, and F. Meadowcroft; Cutting Out, Misses Crutchley, Compton, Vickerman, Box, Parry, and Raynes; Entertainment Committee, Misses Fenn, Gardner, Davis, M. Whitfield, Nankivell, Broad and Waldeck.

It was decided to accept members at an entrance fee of 1s, and all present enrolled. Miss Sanderson generously offered the use of her rooms and machines for the sewing meetings, which offer was accepted.

The objects of this Society are to provide clothing and garments for our sick and wounded soldiers, and also to supply various materials required in hospitals, and for ambulance purposes. While helpers are needed for making these garments, money is also urgently needed to carry out other important objects. Comforts for the sick and wounded can only be provided by remitting money to headquarters. Surgical instruments and medical requirements are wanted in many places, and in other places are required to supplement those already in use. The local society intend to endeavour to raise funds for these laudable objects in various ways, and a suggestion of a juvenile plain and fancy dress ball is already under consideration. It is the duty of those not actually fighting to do everything possible to assist the wounded and help the cause in every possible manner, and the Treasurer of the Victoria District Branch of the British Red Cross Society, or the Hon Secretaries, will be pleased to receive any names of intending members, as well as subscriptions.

The following sums have already been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs Grant, sen., ...	10	0	0
M. J. Logue ...	5	0	0

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S. F. Logue ...	2	2	0
"Opawa" ...	5	0	0
F. A. Trigg ...	1	0	0
E. Blight ...	5	0	0
W. H. James ...	5	0	0
D. E. Broad ...	1	0	0
N. M. Carra ...	3	3	0
Chas Mitchell ...	2	2	0
Mrs J. Hearn ...	10	0	0
J. G. Grant ...	2	2	0

## WOMEN'S WORK IN WAR - INTERESTING GATHERING AT GERALDTON

### ADDRESS BY LADY ELLISON— MACARTNEY.

Having a few hours to spend in Geraldton on her way back to Perth Lady Ellison-Macartney expressed a desire to meet the workers' of the various patriotic efforts and a reception was arranged yesterday afternoon.

In the Town Hall, tastefully decorated with plants and flowers, in which the wax plant made an effective display, the hall presented a pleasing appearance. Their Excellency's Sir William and Lady Ellison Macartney were accompanied by Miss Porter, and Captain Holland, and there was a large gathering of ladies to meet them. An attractive programme of instrumental items was rendered by an orchestra' under the direction of Professor Reynolds, and songs were contributed by Miss. Fallowfield and Mr. Slattery. The workers of the various organizations were presented to Lady Ellison Macartney, who expressed a desire to hear an account of what they had performed. .

Miss. Amy H Brown speaking for the **Trench Comfort Fund**, said the work of sending comforts to the soldiers was commenced in 1915 by Mrs. Kempton who was then Mayoress. It developed into **the Lonely Soldiers League**, and when the **Victoria League** was started they amalgamated with them. The workers met three days each week, and so far they had sent away about 230 cases of comfort, and (had collected about- £3000. Every other month they sent £25 to the **Overseas Fund for Tobacco** for the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, which had been allocated to the care of Geraldton, and recently they committed £400 (to the Commanding Officer for the benefit of the battalion. Miss. Carter, speaking for the **Red Cross Society**, said as everybody knew they were working on behalf of the wounded soldiers, and the Geraldton Branch had been most energetic in raising funds and in providing material. The workers were exceedingly enthusiastic and so far they had raised about £3500. Mrs. Meredith, on behalf of **the Naval Comforts Fund**, said they had only, been working a few months, but had every reason to be satisfied with their progress. They had raised about £150 and had sent away £75 to ensure every sailor from Geraldton getting a Christmas gift of £1.

Mrs. Fallowfield said she thought the fund of which Geraldton had reason to feel proudest was the **Patriotic Fund**. It was established as soon as the war commenced, and most of the money received was the result of straight out giving. They were able to maintain a credit balance of practically £1000, and the men who enlisted from this district knew that while they were away their dependents would be cared for and assisted. The fund was entirely independent of Perth but was worked on the same lines. Mrs. Tom Roberts in describing the work of the **Spinning Association**, said their work was carried on under difficulties, as it was regarded somewhat unpleasant. But their lads at the front were undergoing

things far more unpleasant and therefore they could not do too much for them in the way of sending them warm and comfortable garments.

The Mayor, said the last fund was the **Distress Fund**, which carried out a beneficial work in helping poor families who were deprived of fathers and mothers.

Lady Ellison Macartney, said she was very pleased to hear of their many activities, and it was splendid how the various war funds were supported. For instance in their special appeal for the **Red Cross** they asked for £25000 but they received over £50000, a fine tribute to the confidence of the public in the administration of the work.

She was delighted that there was a fund for the Navy in Geraldton, for they must never forget the splendid work of the navy. In all weathers the men of the navy were guarding England, **The centre round which the whole Empire. Once lose England and the rest of them were done for.** It would be invidious for her to make any suggestions as to which were the best of the war organisations because the whole of them had as their object the wellbeing of the soldiers and sailors. (Hear, hear.) The **Trench Comforts** helped the soldier when he was well, and it was up to them to see that the supply of necessary comforts was well maintained. But the **Red Cross** was the thing that had got to stay. (Hear hear.) Peace might be declared soon and they sincerely hoped it would, but the **Red Cross** had to continue its work until the last wounded soldier was well again. Apart from its care for the wounded the **Red Cross** was assisting in the vocational training of wounded soldiers as they knew it was the only organisation which was permitted to help the prisoners of war. They were all united in the blessed fellowship of work, and it was the one thing which kept many women's hearts from breaking. Instead of sitting brooding they were busy helping to benefit their brave soldiers and sailors.

Proceeding she described the wonderful organisation of women's work in this Old Country in connection with the war. Then they all know the splendid work of their nurses, and their ceaseless devotion and tender care for the wounded. Here in Australia who had not special difficulties in connection with food supplies, and other matters like those which confronted the people on the other side of the world. Therefore everything they could do to help those in the Old Country they must do, and she was confident that the women of Western Australia would in the future, as in the past, continue to work to the help the soldiers and sailors for it was to these fighting men that they owed everything. (Hear, hear)

His Excellency, in the course of an interesting speech, said he was gratified to hear the excellent accounts of the work accomplished, and it was a satisfaction to those who had been working for four years with alternating hopes and fears to know that they could take their part in the struggle. In the old days women had nothing to do but sit at home with their fears and in very many cases with their sad thoughts. But in this war a great work had been placed upon them. They had been organised, and had done their work magnificently, and they had the satisfaction of knowing, they were carrying comfort, solace and hope to the men for whom their hearts were beating, and when the war was over they would have the satisfaction of knowing

they had not failed in their duty to their loved ones who were battling for them. .  
(Hear\* hear.)

After reading a telegram giving details of the latest gains of the Allies on the various fronts, he said the stubborn determination of their fate in the face of a very great and serious set-back was meeting with its reward, and at length the tide had turned.

They, who had been working at home, could feel that their efforts have been of great assistance to the men at the front. The work they have been doing, in addition to its utilitarian aspect had apparently been a hot-house for developing speakers. They had had several speeches from ladies, which have been models of clearness and conciseness, and without an unnecessary word. (Hear, hear). The thought struck him it was a pity their legislators were not present to have listened to their statements. (Hear, hear). He believed there were two legislators hiding somewhere about the building. (Laughter). Perhaps they would carry the message to parliament and tell how the ladies of Geraldton, quite unexpectedly, and without any previous preparation, of notes, had admirably explained the excellent work that had been done in their town during the last few years. (Hear, hear).

The Vice-regal party left after inspecting work done by the Spinning Association.

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Source: Geraldton Guardian 28 September 1918



**"Lest We Forget" Memorial Cenotaph, Birdwood House, Geraldton**

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Evie Percy and Eric Gutteridge on their wedding day in 1922.

SOURCE: Donated by Penelope Gutteridge

## TRAGIC FATALITY AT KARRAKATTA STATION.

MR C. J. de LUCEY KILLED

CRUSHED BETWEEN TRAIN AND PLATFORM

Perth, Sept 23

C. J. de Lucey, a soldier and a member of the military band which is stationed at Karrakatta, met his death at the railway station there last evening. He alighted from the train arriving from Fremantle, and talked to a friend who remained in one of the compartments. When the train moved off he apparently missed his footing and fell between the coaches and the platform. He was dragged some distance along the line, and terribly mutilated.

The news that Celsus John de Lucey has met with such a tragic death will arouse the utmost sympathy in Geraldton and the surrounding district, where his aged parents, Mr and Mrs T. R. de Lucey, have been respected residents for many years. The first intimation received came in a Press telegram from Perth, and his Lordship, Bishop Kelly, to whom the news was communicated, was the first to acquaint Mr de Lucey with the sad news. Private telegrams received during the morning confirmed the intimation.

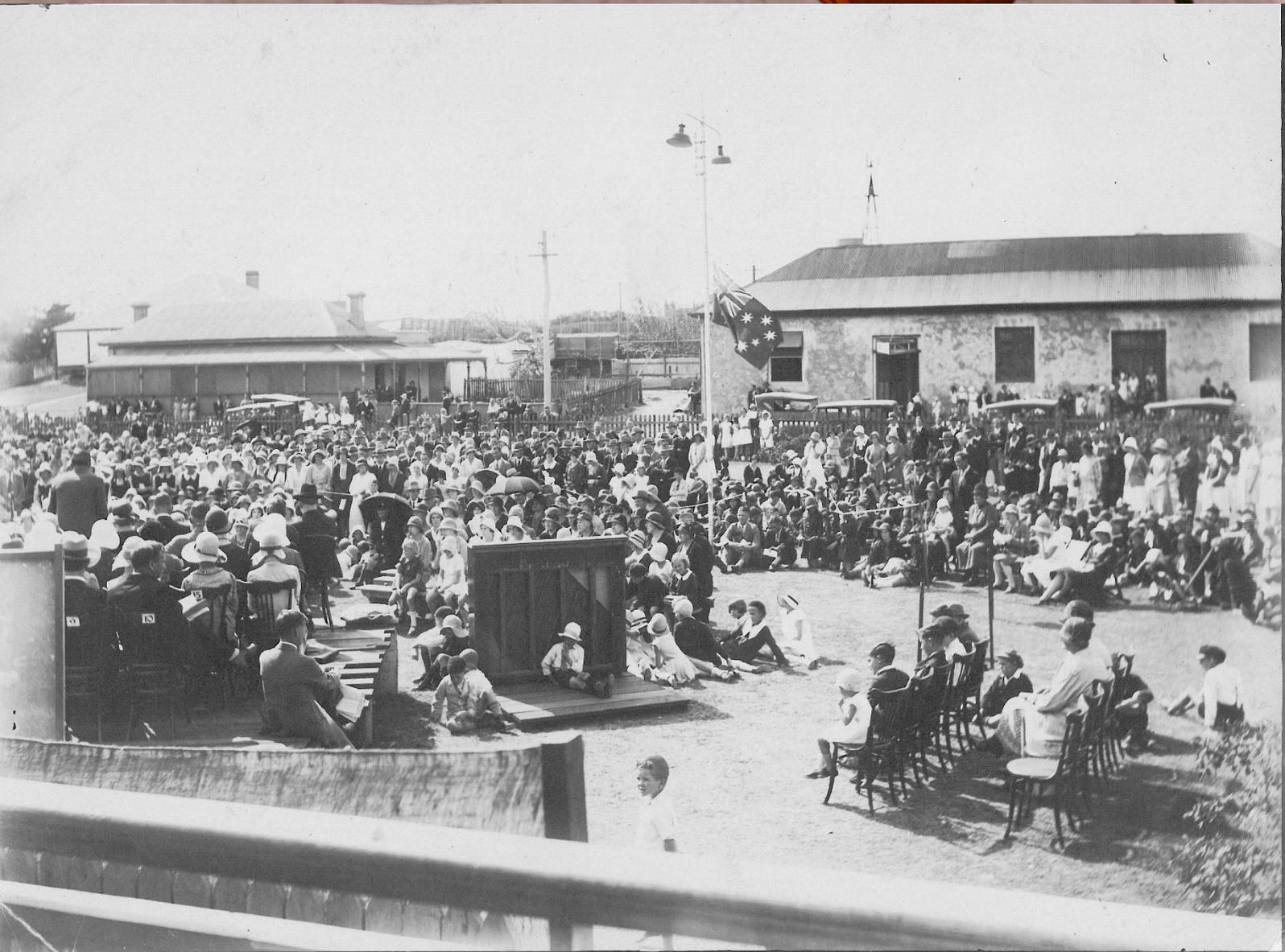
Deceased, who was nearly 48 years of age, was an only son. His parents came to Geraldton when he was a boy, and he was educated and brought up here, and consequently had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. As a youth he displayed much musical ability, and was a skilled performer on the cornet and a popular bandsman. He was also an accomplished swimmer and diver, and lived for some years at Broome where he engaged in the pearling industry. After that he worked in

industry. After that he worked in Geraldton for some years, being engaged as a clerk at various establishments. He made several efforts to enlist for active service, and was eventually accepted for home service, and his musical abilities secured for him a position in the Military Band at Blackboy, where he had been stationed for some time. The greatest sympathy will be felt with his parents, and his sisters, Mrs T. A. Kidd, Geraldton, and Mrs Morris, of West Leederville. He was married. His father is leaving for Perth to-night.

**Boxing Match.**—The big match advertised for the second night of the Show, is creating considerable enthusiasm among lovers of the noble art. Both men are in excellent form, and the match promises to be a very exciting one. There will be several preliminaries, in which some local men will make their appearance.

**Salvation Army.**—The Salvation Army Women's Home League will be held to-morrow at 3 p.m. in the Salvation Army Hall. The special subject will be "Power and Responsibility of Womanhood."

**Fat Sheep For Sale.**—The attention of butchers and market stallholders is directed to the fact that the fat sheep donated to the Agricultural Society by Mr D. E. Grant, will be auctioned by Mr A. C. Bogle between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on the second day, in aid of the funds of the Society.



**ANZAC DAY SERVICE C1928-1933**

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