



Sergeant Claude LORD *
395 - 4th Battalion
33 – Mounted Military Police,
1st Pioneer Battalion

Born: 1887, Blayney, NSW.

Parents: Edward & Alice Lord

Occupation: Police Constable

District Connection: Cumnock

Enlistment Date: 21 Aug 1914, Randwick, NSW

Enlistment Age: 27yrs

Embarkation: 20 Oct 1914, Sydney, HMAT Euripides A14

Served: Gallipoli, Egypt, Belgium, France

Fate: RTA 29 Dec 1918

Honour Boards: WW1 Cumnock Public School Honour Board.



Colour patch : 4 Infantry Battalion, AIF

Colour patch
1st Pioneer Battalion



Biography

Claude Lord was born in 1887 at Blayney, the son of Edward Charles and Alice Lord.

Edward Charles Lord (Jnr) was born on 20 Jun 1860 at Palmerston, South Gippsland, Victoria, the son of Edward Lord (Snr) and Ann Gallagher. Edward Lord (Snr) had been a captain of the Coldstream Guards in the British Army. Edward (Jnr) became a Police Constable in Victoria and married Alice Jobbling at Benalla, Victoria, on 7 May 1883. They had five children - Mabel born 1884 Euroa, Vic; Roy born 1885 Sale, Vic; Claude born 1887, Blayney, NSW; Raymond born 1890, Cargo, NSW; and Mona born 1896, Cargo.

Edward Lord joined the NSW Police Force as a Probationary Constable, No. 5080, on 12 Dec 1886. He spent some years at Cudal and Cargo, and in 1898, was transferred to Cumnock. The children all attended the Cumnock Public School. In 1904, after spending six and a half years in Cumnock, Senior-Constable Lord and family were transferred to Orange. Cumnock residents presented Edward Lord with a gold watch at a farewell to him in June 1904, as reported in the *Molong Argus* – 1 Jul 1904, p8. In 1907 Edward was promoted to a Sergeant 2nd class. He was stationed at Blayney in 1909 before being transferred to Rylstone in June 1909. .

Sergeant Lord was transferred to Parkes in 1912 and was promoted to Sergeant 1st class on 1 Feb 1915. His wife and daughter Mona, were both enthusiastic workers for the Red Cross during WW1 and his three sons all enlisted in the AIF. Senior-Sergeant Lord was transferred from Parkes to Moss Vale in March 1917. Edward Lord died, aged 77yrs, at his residence at Concord West, Sydney, on 26 Sep 1937. His wife, Alice Lord, died aged 92yrs, on 22 Dec 1956, at Sutherland, Sydney.

Claude Lord was mentioned as having received a highly commended prize for the Best Exercise by a boy at the Cumnock Show in the *Molong Argus* – 4 Apr 1901, p2. In 1908 the *Molong Express & Western District Advertiser* – 27 Jun 1908, p9, reported:

“Mr Claude Lord, son of Sergeant Lord, late of Cargo and Cumnock, is leaving these shores for New Zealand, where he has received an important business engagement with a well-known firm.”

On 11 July 1908, Claude followed in his father's footsteps and joined the NSW Police Force as a Probationary Constable. He was promoted to an Ordinary Constable on 11 July 1909 and resigned from the Force on 31 July 1914 to enlist in the AIF. (Police Gazettes 1854-1930).

Claude Lord enlisted on 21 Aug 1914 at Randwick, aged 27 years. He was 5 feet 9 inches tall, had a fair complexion, dark blue eyes, dark hair, and was of the Roman Catholic religious denomination. His next of kin was listed as his father, Edward Lord, Police Station, Parkes. Pte Lord embarked from Sydney on 20 Oct 1914 on *HMAT Euripides A14* and sailed to Albany, Western Australia. At Albany, the *Euripides* combined with 37 other troopships as part of the first detachment of the Australian and New Zealand Imperial Expeditionary Forces, and on the 1 Nov 1914, set sail for Egypt. After four and a half months of training near Cairo, the Australians departed by ship for the Gallipoli Peninsula.

On 25 Apr 1915, Pte Lord, as a member of the 4th Btn, took part in the second and third landing waves at Gallipoli. The battalion then maintained defence of the beachhead and Claude spent time as a stretcher bearer. On 1 Aug 1915, Pte Lord transferred to the Mounted Military Police, 1st Infantry Brigade. He remained at the Gallipoli Peninsula until the 11 Nov 1915, when he was transferred to Transport Details near Cairo and promoted to Lance Corporal. He left Alexandria on 22 Mar 1916, arriving in Marseilles on 28 Mar 1916. He served in Belgium with the Anzac Provost Police Corps, and in Sep 1916, transferred to the 1st Pioneer Btn.

From 20 Mar-17 Jun 1917, Claude was hospitalised at various hospitals in France for the treatment of scabies and dermatitis, then rejoined the 1st Pioneer Btn. On 26 Oct 1917, he was promoted to Sergeant. He had leave in London in Oct 1917 and in Paris in Jan 1918. On 2 Mar 1918, Sgt Lord was attached to the Pioneer Training Btn, and in May and June 1918 attended a Bombing School at Lyndhurst in Hampshire.

On 11 Apr 1918, Claude wrote a letter to the Red Cross Society which was printed in the *Western Champion, Parkes* – 27 Jun 1918, P25 under the heading;

“RED CROSS SOCIETY, TICHBOURNE CIRCLE: *Sutton View, Wiltshire.*

Dear Mrs Campbell. I received your muffler sent in a parcel by the Parkes War Chest for which I thank you very much. I have written to the Hon. Sec. Mrs Dalton, thanking the people of Parkes for same. The parcel contained nice warm things just what the boys require at the front. I have been in Parkes a few times, but my people lived there for a time and just recently went to Moss Vale, no doubt you have met my people in Parkes. I have been away since 1914 and have been sent over here for a few months rest from France in a training Battalion, but as things are not too good over in France at present probably all fit men will be returned at an early date. Again thanking you for the muffler.

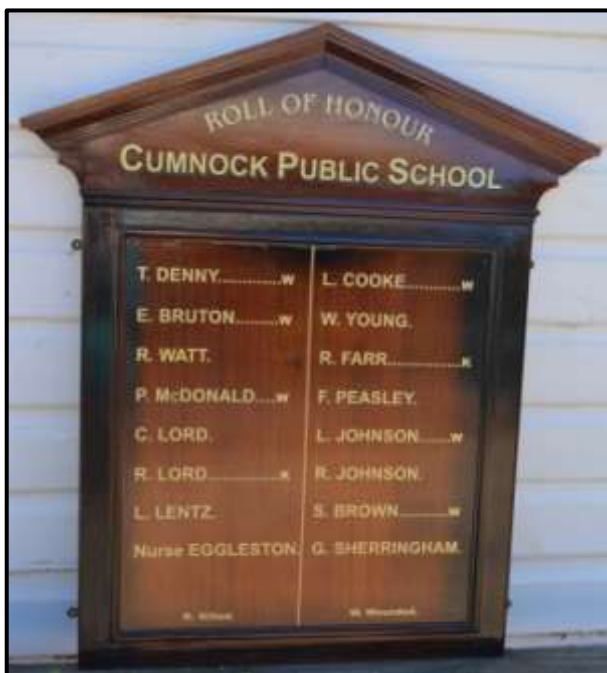
Please accept kindest regards and best wishes from sincerely yours, No 33 Sergt Claude Lord.

Sgt Lord became ill with dyspepsia and asthma in June 1918, and returned to Australia on 29 Dec 1918. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star Medal, the British War Medal 1914-20, and the Victory Medal.

Claude's younger brother, **1198 Pte Raymond Lord - 18th Btn**, died of wounds received in battle on 15 Nov 1916 in France. Their elder brother, **4700 Pte Roy Lord - 18th Btn**, had enlisted on 1 Jan 1916 and was awarded the Military Medal for assisting in saving wounded men under heavy fire on 9 Aug 1918 near Rainecourt, France. He survived the war and returned to Australia on 5 Apr 1919.

Claude Lord married Mona Jessie Pretty in 1927 in Sydney. From 1930 to 1954, the couple lived at Campsie, Sydney, and Claude worked as a labourer. Around 1958, Claude and Mona had retired to Bega to live. Claude Lord died at Bega on 1 July 1974, aged 87 years. Mona Lord died, aged 83yrs, at Bega on 26 May 1977.

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Above: Part of the 4th Battalion landing at Gallipoli at 8am on 25 Apr 1915.

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Left: Cumnock Public School Honor Roll, now displayed at the Crossroads, Obley Street, Cumnock.