



Pte William Robert George BELLAMY
1002 — 1st Anzac Btn, Camel Corps Reinforces.
& 14th Light Horse Regiment

Born: 1894, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, England.

Parents: William and Mary Jane Bellamy
Henley on Thames, England.

Occupation: Labourer

District Connection: Cumnock

Enlistment Date: 27 Jan 1916, Liverpool, Sydney.

Enlistment Age: 21yrs

Embarkation: 27 May 1916, Sydney — *RMS Morea*.

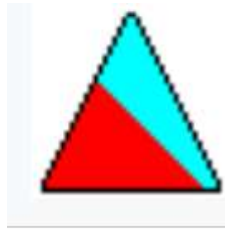
Served: Egypt, Palestine.

Fate: RTA 8 Sep 1919

Honour Board: Cumnock Memorial Gates



Colour patch - 1 Infantry Battalion AIF



14th Light Horse
Regiment colour patch

Brief Biography:

William grew up at Ross and emigrated to Australia at 18 yrs age, on the *SS Benalla*, arriving in Sydney on 31 May 1913. He spent 12 months in the Collarenebri district before moving to the Cumnock district. He worked as a butcher at 'Burrawong' for 18 months from 1914.

After enlisting, Pte Bellamy attended a Signal School before embarking on *RMS Morea* for Egypt. He was hospitalised at Suez with mumps, and when recovered joined the Imperial Camel Corps (ICC) at Abbassia on 23 Jul 1916. He was transferred to the 14th Light Horse at Surafend on 1 Jul 1918. The Imperial Camel Corps was involved in many battles, including the Battles of Madhaba, Rafa, Gaza, Beersheba, Amman, and Jordan Valley.

On 1 May 1919, Trooper Bellamy embarked at Port Said for the UK for leave, returned to Australia on 8 Aug 1919 and was discharged from the AIF on 23 Oct 1919. He was awarded the British Star and Victory Medals.

William Bellamy returned to Burrawong after the war and married Matilda Lyons at Cumnock on 11 Mar 1937. Matilda was the daughter of William and Emily Lyons of Cumnock. She had worked as a 'Nanny' at Burrawong for Clive and Stella Reynolds for many years prior to the marriage.

Matilda and William had one son, Ronald. William, or "Bill", share farmed at Burrawong until 1947, and together with Mr SR Reynolds, won many prizes in wheat crop competitions. The family moved to Cumnock in 1945 where William ran the Cumnock Butchery for some years.

William Bellamy died on 28 Mar 1971, aged 76yrs. Matilda died 16 Aug 1984 and is buried alongside her husband at the Cumnock cemetery.



Above left to right:
SR (Roy) Reynolds, Margo, Clive,
Mrs Stella Reynolds holding David,
Vivien & Pat.
On mat – Diana & Beverley.
Burrawong, 1930.
The photo was a gift to nanny,
Mattie Lyons, when she married
William Bellamy.
Photo Wal Lyons, from the
Crossroads, p11, by Joan Marriott.

Graves of William & Matilda
Bellamy, Cumnock.

