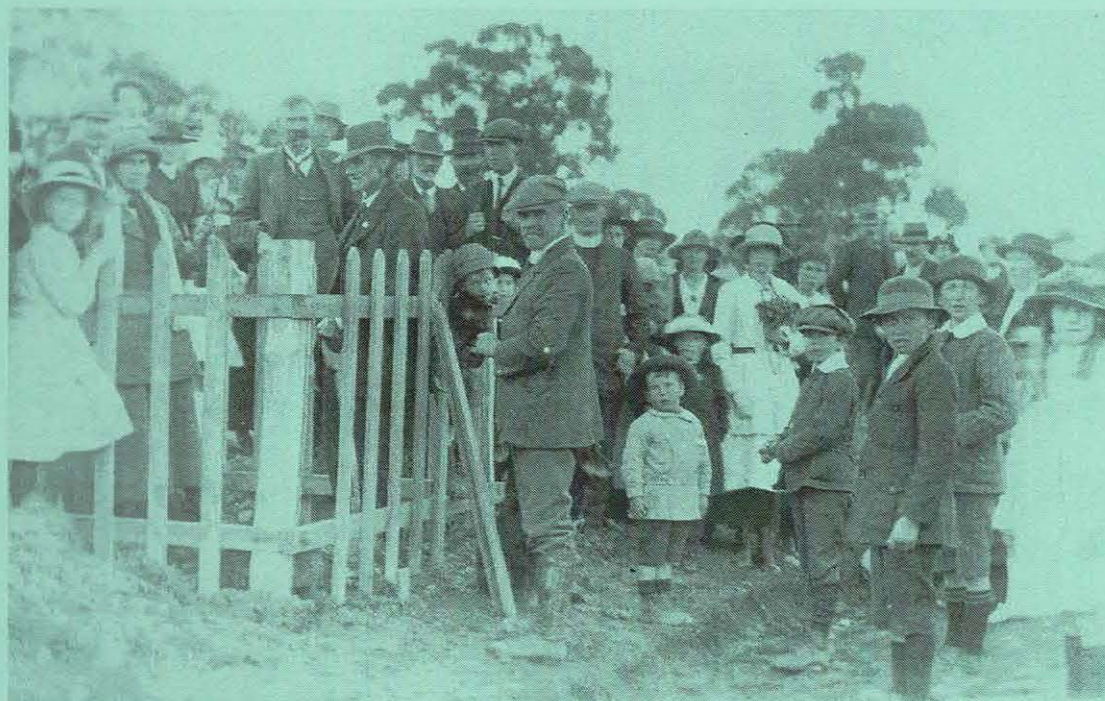


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Planting trees in the Avenue of Honour, Jericho 1918

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ALL HONOUR TO THE BRAVE
Jericho's World War 1 Soldier's Avenue of Honour
1914-1918

Today, as we drive through many of our small villages and towns in Tasmania, we barely glance at the trees that may line the side of the road. Why should we? They are anonymous, with often only a stump appearing here and there, or misshapen, contorted remnants of trees, that have been cut back constantly to accommodate power lines, or perhaps there may even be a complete gap. In some towns, the avenues have completely disappeared. However these trees may have once represented a soldier, lovingly planted by family, friends or the residents of the town.

Basically there were two types of avenues, a Memorial Avenue planted in remembrance of soldiers who were killed in action or died of wounds received in conflict, or an Avenue of Honour or Commemorative Avenue, planted for all those who served in the wars. The Avenue in Jericho was planted as an Avenue of Honour and consisted of alternatively planted *pinus radiata* and *cyprus macrocarpa*. The exceptions were, at the southern end of the village, where two *macrocarpas* stand either side of the road to the Lower Marshes, and at the bridge end of the avenue, it seems that the *macrocarpa* trees ran out and a series of *radiatas* appear with a hawthorn tree to mark the end of the avenue.

According to Broinowski's *Tasmanian War Record 1914-1918*, at the outbreak of World War I the population of Jericho was 187. Seventeen men enlisted at Jericho and four lost their lives.¹ However many men enlisted elsewhere, with the result that, twenty seven trees were planted in their honour in September 1918. Six men were killed in action or died of wounds. This doesn't represent the two men, Pte. H. Mann and Pte. D. Burbury, who died some years later of war-related injuries.

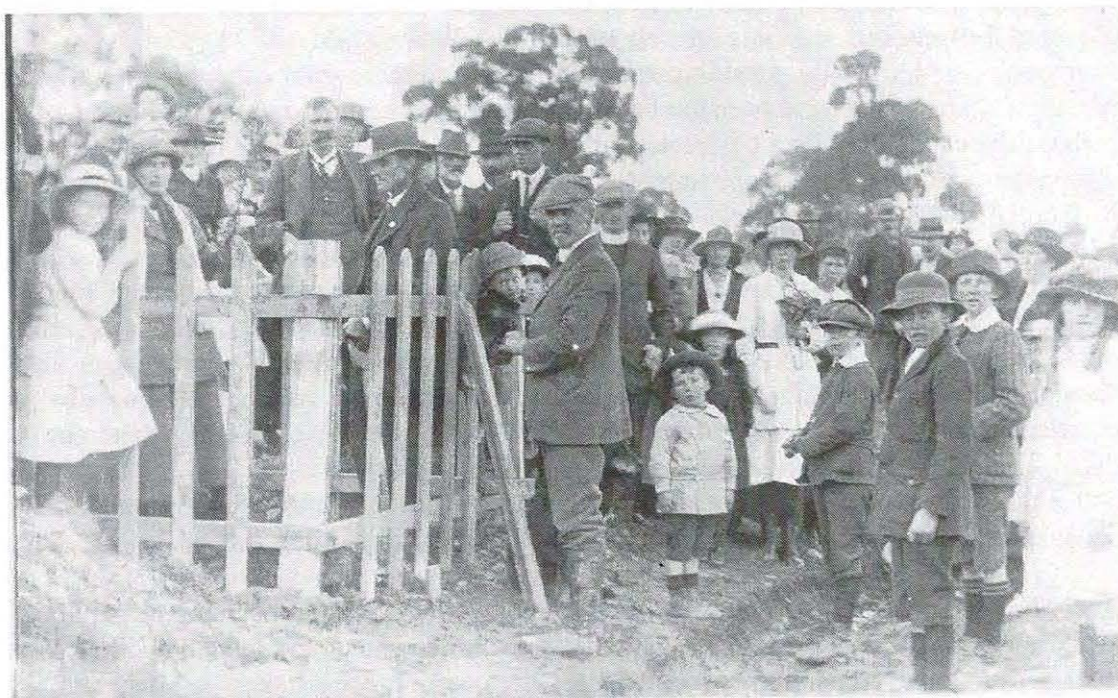
Sixteen trees survive today, however their condition is now regarded as being dangerous. Some were removed many years ago as they had become a source of annoyance to the local residents. At the time of planting, there were no residences on the western side of the road.

The Oatlands Council minutes of their meeting held on 2 September 1918 record that councillor Thomas Burbury on behalf of the residents of Jericho, applied for permission to plant some trees on the western side of the main road near Jericho.

The Weekly Courier carried the following article (only ten days later).
Jericho, in common with most places, decided to plant a number of trees to perpetuate the memory of the brave lads who have left home to fight for freedom. The day proved favourable, with the result that there was a nice gathering, apart from the relatives concerned. A number of people journeyed from Oatlands, thus showing a patriotic spirit, and the function proved so successful that Jericho residents are to be congratulated. The number of trees planted was 27, and it is gratifying that a small place like Jericho had that number of patriotic young men willing to shoulder the rifle. The first tree was planted for Captain Graham Bisdee, this duty being performed by Mrs. Alley. Prior to the

¹ Tasmania's War Record 1914-1918 edited by L. Broinowski

planting Warden Lester addressed the gathering, complimenting the residents on [their] patriotism. He also embraced the opportunity to draw attention to the forthcoming war loan, and appealed to his hearers to assist to the utmost. Afternoon tea, supplied by a bevy of ladies, was nicely laid out in the hall, proceeds being in aid of the Red Cross Circle.



Warden Lester (above post) addressing the gathering (Percy Harrison standing in the foreground),
September 1918 Photo: Late E. Young, Ross

The trees were planted before many of the men returned to Australia. They were protected with substantial picket tree guards and a copper plaque was attached to each tree bearing the number, name and merit of the soldier in whose honour it was erected. The cost was about 25 pounds, the funds were raised by voluntary subscription of the residents. The proposal originated amongst some of the oldest residents of Jericho.²

The Jericho Avenue illustrates the point that the plantings were not all about men and soldiers. The Avenue includes a tree planted to Nurse Burbury and also for a naval man, Armourer J. E. Hodgson H.M.A.S. *Melbourne* and Air Mechanic A.F.C. C. Archer. To date, seven plaques, all of which, carried the rank, initials, family name and unit. have been located. Five were found under the trees dedicated to the men. They are Pte. E. J. Stacey K.I.A., Dvr. P. C. Harrex, Pte N. O. Oliver K.I.A., Pte. V. G. Turner and Armourer J. E. Hodgson H.M.A.S. *Melbourne*. A plaque for Pte. N. Beard K.I.A. was handed to the Jericho Cultural and Heritage Centre in August 2000. The remaining plaque, Pte. H.E. Mann is known to have been taken for safe-keeping by the family many years ago.

² Record of Memorials- Australian War Memorial

The six plaques are now housed within St. James Church of England, Jericho (now the home of the Jericho Cultural and Heritage Centre) along with a photo (where possible) of each serviceman.



Planting trees Jericho. Perhaps F.Jones's tree?. Photo: T. McConnon

Because of their skills in horsemanship, ability as marksmen, and general health and stature, young men from the country were particularly valuable recruits, and the Jericho Hall saw frequent farewells to them. Presentations of smokers outfits, fountain pens etc. became the norm. On their return, another function to welcome them home would see the district turn out in full and sometimes, as was the case with Neil Burbury, the returned soldier was issued with a gold medal.

An article appeared in the *Weekly Courier* 25 March 1915 titled "Answered the Call":-

Most of Jericho's "Stronger Sex" have left to join the Easter encampment at Ross. Camp life will be a new experience to most of them, the Light Horse having gained a number of recruits since last August. Counting as "ours" still, some local lads who proved their loyalty by moving to a wider sphere, Jericho's war contingent at present is as follows:- R. O.Reilly [R. O'Kelley] 1st. Tasmanian expeditionary force in Egypt, G. Bowerman, Queensland contingent, R. Pennycuick in camp at Claremont; R. and D. Burbury sons of our esteemed Warden; and J.E. Hodgson, the last-named on board the H.M.A.S. Melbourne (present station unknown) We are proud of our boys, and wish them a safe return.

A social and dance was held at the Jericho Hall in August 1915 as a *compliment to the young men of the Jericho district who had joined the colours*. The hall was decorated with flags and a conspicuous feature was a souvenir from Egypt, a silk table centre, sent by Trooper R. Burbury, to his mother. A short musical programme was presented by the Misses Dick and Gellie. Miss Dick sang 'The Call', the music for which was composed by her brother the Rev. Mr. Dick of Oatlands. Miss Gellie gave recitations, which were stirring appeals for recruits. Messrs. R. Watchorn and G. S. Bisdee rendered vocal items as did a visitor, Mr. Coleman.³

³ *Weekly Courier* 26 August 1915. P.32 C3.

From the *Weekly Courier* 16 August 1915 P.32 C.3

...of their boys who had answered the call. Cap't G.S. Bisdee, on behalf of the residents of Jericho, presented the lads in khaki with pipes and silver cigarette holders. Mrs. H. Mann and Mr. W. White were entrusted with mementoes intended for Privates Harold Mann and Eric White who were already on their way to the front. Cap't. Bisdee announced his intention of enlisting for active service in the near future. *Jericho S. Tas August 23.*

Who were the twenty seven "Stronger Sex" that enlisted? Those that can be named are:



Archer Clive Lyndon (3492) Born 22.9.1898. Pastoralist and the son of Bert and Florence Archer of 'Huntworth', Jericho. 2nd Air Mechanic A.F.C. Enlisted 4 April 1918 served 1 year 4 months. He returned to Australia 6 May 1919. Clive died on 22 September 1983 and is buried in the St. Peter's Church cemetery, Oatlands. According to family lore, he had a tree in the Avenue of Honour. Plaque missing.

C.L. Archer winner of the 1 mile race Claremont Military Camp.
Photo: *The Weekly Courier* 25 April 1918



+**Beard Norman Eric** (4287) was born at Green Ponds on 6.7.1893, the son of James and Helen Beard. He was a farmhand at "Northumbria" prior to joining the 12th Bn. as a Private on 27 September 1915. He was given a farewell in the Jericho hall the same time as Tom Burbury, and embarked on 5 January 1916 per His Majesty's Australian Transport *Afric*. Referees were Mrs. Percy Harrisson and Mrs. George Hodgson. His father was deceased at the time he enlisted, and his mother, Helen, was named as next of kin.

Norman Eric Beard K.I.A. Photo: M. Johnson

He sent the following post card was sent to Mrs. Burbury of Park Farm:

France

Jan 6-1-17

Dear Mrs Burbury,

Just a card In answer to your most welcome Xmas card which I received yesterday 5 January 17 It was awfully [sic] kind of you and the Family to think of me so far it is my first card from Jericho remember me to the H.P. Harrissons and tell Mrs Percy [Harrisson] I have sent her a small packet by this mail. I haven't saw Tom [Burbury] so far if you do write again as I hope you do send me his address and I will write to him we are often in dug outs close to the batteries and I might have the chance of seeing him. Well I wonder how much longer the war will last Mrs. Burbury if it goes through this Summer it will be very fierce over here there will be a lot of us have to stay in France and push up flowers I guess. With kind regards to your family and the Harrissons,

Yours Sincerely

N. Beard

As he sadly predicted, he was killed exactly three months later on 6 April 1917 at Boursres, France, and was one of the many who remained behind to "push up flowers". He has no known grave. Tree unknown. Plaque located



Bisdee Graeme S. Born 1.9.1879. Captain 40th Bn. In September 1915 he leased out his properties 'Sandhill' and 'Kewstoke' and returned to England. A farewell function was held by the residents of Jericho where Mr. and Mrs. Bisdee were given wristlet watches. Mrs Bisdee and family followed her husband to England some time later. Captain Bisdee served with the Australian troops in France. His brother, Lieut.-Col. Thomas Bisdee M.C. D.S.O. was in command of one of the London Regiments in Palestine, and by September 1919 was in the army of occupation at Adana and Mount Taurus (his son, John Derek Bisdee DFC, VC OBE took part in WW2). Another brother, Lieut. James Bisdee also joined the British Army in France. A sister, Ruth Bisdee, was nursing in Mr. Paris Singer's London Hospital but contracted influenza while living with her sister and husband (Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Gregory). Both Ruth and her brother-in-law died in late 1918. The brothers, Graeme, Thomas and James were the three sons of Thomas G. Bisdee of 'Sandhill', Jericho and later Weston Super-Mare, England. Graeme Bisdee was mentioned in Despatches (1 January 1919). Graeme eventually returned to Tasmania and died on 3 October 1942.

His tree was the first to be planted in the Avenue of Honour. Plaque missing.

Captain Graeme Bisdee Photo: T.G. Raphael

+Bowerman George (1463) Born 14.6.1895 the son of Joseph and Mary Bowerman of "Bishton", Jericho. He was employed as a caulker when he enlisted on 2 January 1915 in the 15th Bn. He was killed in action at Gallipoli on 17 May 1915 and was buried in the Beach Cemetery. According to family lore he had a tree in Jericho, out-side the last house before the school, on the left, travelling north. Plaque missing.

Bowerman Joseph (2534) Born 16.2.1889. Labourer and the son of Joseph and Mary Bowerman of "Bishton", Jericho. He enlisted at the age of 25 on 3 October 1916 in the 40th Bn. and returned to Australia on 27 August 1917. According to family lore he had a tree next to his brothers. Plaque missing.



Douglas Burbury Photo: Lte. Mrs E. Young

Burbury Douglas William (2289) Born 26.6.1885. Farmer and son of Thomas and Mary Burbury of 'Park Farm', Jericho, served in the 35th Bn. having enlisted as a Private on 28 April 1916. He saw three years active service during which time he was wounded twice during the battle of Messines. Lance Corporal Burbury returned to Australia on 12 June 1919. Head wounds received were the cause of his death at an early age of 50 in 1935 in Tumut, N.S.W. He had previous to WW1 served with the volunteer Douglas Burbury Photo: Lte. Mrs. E. Young cadets and Oatlands troop of the 12th Light Horse Oatlands. His gun was once on display in the Jericho hall, but it disappeared some time ago. He most likely enlisted in N.S.W. where he was Working at the time. Douglas died on 6 September 1935 and is buried in the Tumut Cemetery N.S.W. Tree unknown and plaque missing.



Malcolm Robert (Bob) Burbury (771) Born 29.9.1888. Overseer and son of Thomas and Mary Burbury of 'Park Farm', Jericho. He enlisted on 1 December 1914 as a Private 1st L.H. Reg't. and was at Gallipoli after the landing, where he contracted enteric fever and was invalided to England. He later transferred to the 1st Infantry Bn. and saw service in France. He was wounded at the Somme in 1916, an injury that resulted in the permanent loss of his knee joint. Bob Burbury returned to Australia on 5 November 1917 and was invalided home and was welcomed back by the residents of Jericho on 5 January 1918. He enlisted in N.S.W. where he was working at the time of the outbreak of the war. He died on 30.3.1947. Tree unknown and plaque missing.

Malcolm Robert Burbury (Bob) Photo: Lte. Mrs E. Young



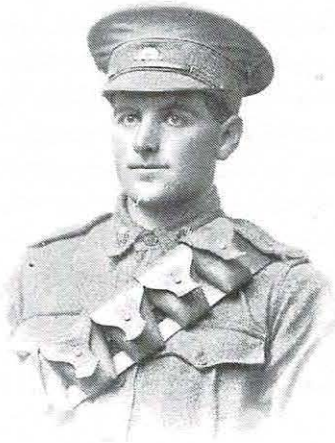
Burbury Muriel Gray Born 20.2.1884. Daughter of Thomas and Mary Burbury of 'Park Farm', Jericho . Trained at the Royal Hobart General Hospital as a nurse and on 14 May 1915 enlisted as a sister in the 3rd Australian General Hospital, serving until September 1919, when she was discharged medically unfit. She saw service as a Nursing Sister on Lemnos Island, Cairo, Brighton (England) and France. She was mentioned in Despatches (30 December 1918) and returned to Australia on 18 July 1919. She married Percy Harrex (who also had a tree) in 1920. Muriel died in October 1972 and was buried at Cornelian Bay. Muriel had a tree in the Avenue of Honour. Tree plaque missing.

Sister Muriel Burbury



Mr. Burbury and family with spectators at Nurse Burbury's tree
Photo: *Weekly Courier* 12 September 1918

Burbury Neil McKay (52255) Born 6.1.1897. Pastoralist and another son of Thomas and Mary Burbury of 'Park Farm'. He trained at Claremont having enlisted on 22 February 1918 and left for the front shortly afterwards. Pte. Neil Burbury served with the 16th Australian Depot Unit of Supply. Neil returned to Australia on 23 September 1919 and was officially welcomed home on 5 January 1920, to a function in the Jericho Hall. He was escorted to the platform by J.G. Mitchell amidst great applause. Musical Items were performed by Misses Harrison, Cooper, Travers and McDermott. Mr. R. Watchorn also gave several amusing recitations. Mr. Mitchell gave him an initialled gold medal from the residents. Refreshments and dancing followed. Neil died on 14.4.1967 and was buried in the Uniting Church Cemetery Oatlands. Tree unknown and plaque missing.



Burbury Thomas John Gray (10953) Born 6.3.1894. Pastoralist and son of Thomas and Mary Burbury of 'Park Farm'. He enlisted on 14 October 1915 at Claremont as Gunner Field Artillery Brigade 6. In November 1915 he was farewelled in the Jericho hall along with Norman Beard. Tom Burbury served in France for 3 years and 11 months. He returned to Australia on 15 May 1919 and died 28.1.1971. Tree unknown and plaque missing.

Tom Burbury Photo: Lte. Mrs. E Young

The brass Altar Cross in St. James' Church, Jericho, is engraved :-

" A.M.O.G.
And in Memory of
THOMAS, NEIL, DOUGLAS AND ROBERT BURBURY. A.I.F.
Served in War of 1914-1918".



Harrex Percy Charles (5117) Born 1.5.1894. Farm labourer, son of Mrs. Florence Saunders, York Plains. He enlisted at the age of 21 as Driver 4th MT Co. (12th Bn, 52nd Bn, 4 MG Co.) on 25 January 1916. He returned to Australia on 23 May 1917 and married Muriel Burbury in 1920. Percy died in June 1968 and was buried at Cornelian Bay. It was only through finding his plaque that it is now known that he had a tree at Jericho. This may have come about through his friendship with Muriel Burbury. Tree known.

Percy Charles Harrex Photo: Tasmanian Mail 20.7.1916

Hodgson Joseph Errol Born 29.8.1893, the son of George and Barbara Hodgson. Barbara was the teacher at Jericho school from about 1907-1910. He enlisted in the Navy

on 16 January 1913 and by March 1915, Joseph was already on board H.M.A.S. *Melbourne*. On 25 November 1918 Joseph married Lucy Munro at St. James Church, Jericho. He was discharged on 21 June 1946 after WW2. He had a tree in the Avenue of Honour (corner of the Lower Marshes road) and his plaque has been located.



+Jones Clarence Morgan (4527) Born 1.6.1892, the son of Charles and Mary Ann Jones from the Lower Marshes. A shepherd, Clarence enlisted on 15 September 1915 as a Pte. 12th, 57th Bn.

Darryl Cantwell a fellow soldier from Oatlands, who was also serving overseas, wrote to his mother on 31 May 1916, "*Clarie Jones was sent to the hospital about a week ago, so I am the only one from Oatlands...* Clarence died on 10 December 1916 of pneumonia and gangrene of both feet at Portsmouth, England. He was buried in the Milton Cemetery, Hampshire, England. He also has a headstone in the St. John's Church Cemetery, Lower Marshes.

Tree unknown. Plaque missing.

Clarence Morgan Jones



Jones Frederick George (3141A) Born 23.8.1892, the son of Frederick and Mary Ann Jones of the Lower Marshes. Pte. 40th Bn. A.I.F. Enlisted 6 October 1916 aged 24. His occupation was farmer. Frederick served on the Western Front. He returned to Australia on 24 January 1919. According to the family, there was a function held for Fred Jones at Jericho prior to leaving for the war. Fred was given a fob chain. His family remember him having a tree.

Tree unknown and plaque missing.

Frederick George Jones Photo: T. McConnon

Jones George Edgar (2596) Born 15.7.1897, the son of Frederick and Mary Ann Jones. Farmer, enlisted on 9 October 1916 as Pte. 40th Bn. and was discharged on 19 August 1919. Tree unknown and plaque missing.

Jones Henry Percy (5731) Born 21.2.1894. Pte. 12th Bn.. Henry, a farm labourer, was the son of Frederick and Mary Ann Jones of 'Belle Vale', Lower Marshes. He enlisted on 21 March 1916 aged 22 and was twice wounded. He returned to Australia on 16 June 1919. Henry died 24 January 1971 aged 77 and is buried at Bothwell. Tree unknown and plaque missing.

Jones Jordan Tasman (7510) Born 13.7.1890. Pte. Enlisted 12th Btn. on 6 October 1916 and returned to Australia on 18 July 1919. He was the son of Charles and Mary Jones, Lower Marshes. Tree unknown and plaque missing.



+Jones Walter Henry (677) Born 25.11.1897. He was the sixth son of Charles and Mary Ann Jones and brother of Clarence.. Pte. 40th Btn. A labourer, he enlisted on 21 March 1916 and was killed on 7 May 1917 in France (Cpl. at the time of his death) He was buried Trois-Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerck, France. He also had a headstone in the St. John's Church Cemetery, Lower Marshes. Tree unknown and plaque missing.

Walter Henry Jones K.I.A.



Pte Harold Mann Photo: M. Mann

Mann Harold Ernest (1152) Born 31.12.1890, the son of Henry and Rose Mann. Pte. 3 L.H.. Harold, a labourer, enlisted at the age of 23, on 25 June 1915 and served 4 years 2 months, returning to Australia on 31 May 1919. At the time of his discharge he was a Driver. He died of war related injuries aged 44. His funeral took place at St. James Church of England, Jericho in May 1935. As the coffin was lowered into the grave four returned soldiers from Jericho, Messrs. V. Page, R. O'Kelly, C. Archer and N. Burbury, held the Union Jack above it. Plaque removed by family many years ago. Tree unknown.

Munro Finlay James (3496) Pte. 52nd Bn Enlisted 2 August 1915 aged 19. He served two years and six months, returning to Australia on 3 July 1917. Twice wounded, first, in the thigh and later, after he convalesced, he was sent to France where he was wounded in the shoulder, which resulted in the permanent loss of the use of his arm. Finlay was the son of John and Mary Ann of 'Sunnyhaven' Spring Hill and enlisted at Bothwell. He had two trees planted, one in Bothwell and the other, his daughter couldn't remember where, but she did find his plaque many years ago. He was not on the Melton Mowbray or Kempton Honour Boards, so it seems likely that he had a tree at Jericho. When he returned he farmed at 'Gray Gables', Stonor, before moving to Oatlands.



O'Kelly De Pentheny Arundell Renfric (Rex) (465) Born 25.4.1891. Pastrolist from 'Ellesmere', Jericho. He enlisted on 20 August 1914 Lieut. in the 1st. Tasmanian Expeditionary Force in Egypt 2/Lt. 3 L.H. He was discharged on 30 December 1916. Rex died 6 September 1967 and was buried in St. James Church Cemetery, Jericho. Tree unknown and plaque missing.

+Oliver Norman Osker (754) Born 10.4.1892, a farmer from Jericho, he enlisted at the age of 24 in the 40th Btn and was transferred to the 15th Btn. on arrival in England actually joining the unit (originally part of the New Zealand and Australian Div. on Gallipoli, and now part of the 4th Australian Div.) on 16 October 1916. He was reported missing in action on 11 April 1917 near Bullecourt, with his death recorded for that date. His parents were William and Elizabeth Oliver both dying by the early 1920's. His sister Ethel later married and by 1924 was the only member of the family left who was able to correspond with the authorities from her home at "Melrose Cottage", Andover. The eldest brother, Frederick, was unable to write. This was not unusual and explains why many medals were left unclaimed and many families were unable to pursue inquiries about the fate of the missing. His name has been commemorated on the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France. He had a tree in the Avenue of Honour and his plaque has been located and his tree can be identified.

Pennycuik Rupert James (994) Born at 'Bishton' Jericho on 11.4.1893, the son of James and Isabel Pennycuik, he was employed as a 21 year old clerk in Hobart, when he enlisted as Pte. 3 L.H. on 4 February 1915. He served 1 year 11 months, returning to Australia on 23 September 1916. His name is recorded on the Oatlands War Memorial. He became a very accomplished cricketer and died at Concord, Sydney, N.S.W. on 17 January 1963. Tree and plaque missing.

Smith Wilfred Born 20.6.1893, he was one of ten children of Henry Emmanuel and Mary Ann (nee Greenwood) Smith. They lived in the 'Commandant's Cottage', Park Farm, Jericho. He enlisted in New Zealand as a private on the second day that recruits were called for active service. By March 1915 he was in the 1st. New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Egypt. Word came to his parents in September 1918 that their son, Lieut. Wilfred Smith D.C.M. had been wounded in the chest. He did eventually return to New Zealand where he continued farming. According to family lore, Wilfred had a tree planted in the Avenue of Honour. Tree unknown and plaque missing.

+Stacey Edward James (5789) Born 17.6.1884. He was the son of Joseph and Betsy Stacey of Jericho. Pte 12th Btn. 3W 40th Btn. Enlisted 4 April 1916 in Burnie aged 30. His trade at the time was a biograph operator. He was killed in action in France on 10 September 1918 and was buried at Cerisy-Gailly French National Cemetery. He left a widow, Maud. His plaque has been found and tree identified.

Turner Vincent George (1560) Born 10.10.1894. Enlisted at Claremont 13 August 1915. He was a part of the 11th reinforcements of the 3rd Light Horse, but was later transferred to the 1st Light Horse Brigade, Machine Gun Squadron. His military record stated that he already had twelve months prior militia service in the 26th Light Horse. His mother was devastated when told of his enlistment as he was the only son in a family of

twin sisters. Vincent served in Egypt, Sinai and Palestine and returned to Australia on 31 May 1919. He took up a soldier settlement dairy farm at Egg Lagoon on King Island, but moved to Hobart during the 1940's where he had a small electrical appliance business. He later worked for E.G. Medhurst & Sons then had a 400 acre mixed farm near Broadmarsh and an orchard at Claremont. His father, Charles Arthur (known as George) was



employed at 'Ellesmere', Jericho, and had married Emily Louisa Hurd at Jericho on 16 October 1894. A photograph of Vincent was donated to the Jericho Cultural and Heritage Centre, on 25 March 2001, by his son Christopher. He also fought in W.W.2. His plaque has been located and his tree identified.

Dvr. Vincent George Turner. Photo C. Turner



White Eric John (1066) Sgt. 1st L.H. M.G. Sqd. Born 23.10.1897, the son of William and Rosina of "Midway", Hutton Park. Eric enlisted on 9 May 1915 and returned to Australia on 15 May 1919.

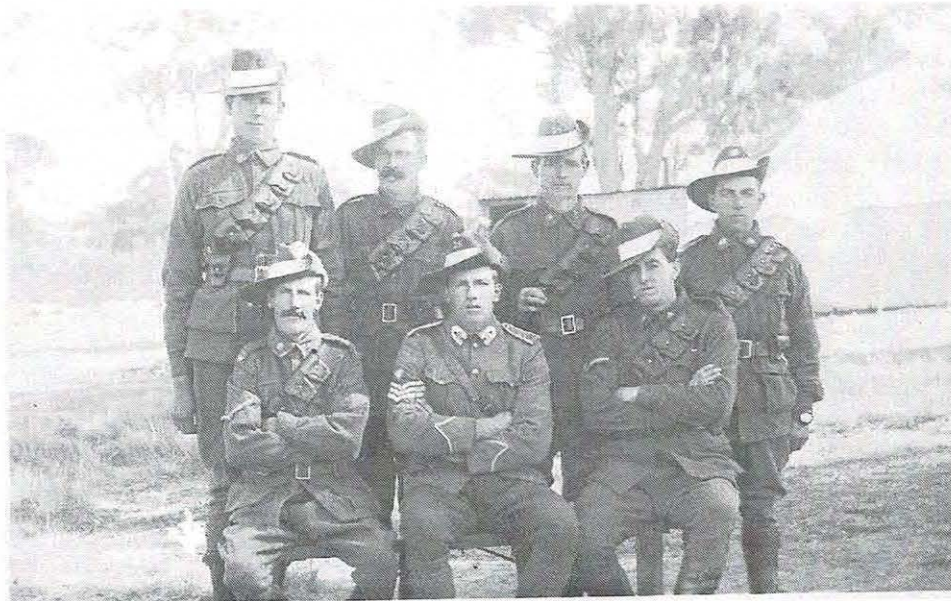
Eric was farewelled in the Jericho hall in August 1915, so we can only assume that he had a tree at Jericho.

He sent a post card to his mother on 6 January 1916,

"Dear Mother, I am sending you one of these photos [sic] I don't know wheather [sic] you have got one or not. I lost them for a long time and sent you one from Gallipoli, but we think the boat went down with our Christmas mail on. How I lost [it] was this, the night before Arch [Westell?] left for the front, I put them in his pocket in stead of my own and he took them away with him to the front, then he sent them back to me, so they have been after me all the time".

Eric also took part in W.W.2.

Eric John White. Photo: Mrs D. Chipman.



L-R Back: ...?, William White, ...?, Neil Burbury.
 Front: Tom Beard, ...?, ...? Two of the soldiers are known to be Nat. Beard and Roy Jones

Photo: Mrs. D. Chipman

+ denotes those Killed in Action or died of wounds.

THE RED CROSS

The Jericho branch of the Red Cross and the Patriotic Circle was formed on 26 March 1915. Money was raised from various sources such as dances, fairs and subscriptions. In just under a year the committee raised 123 pounds and 18 shillings. After expenses the money was divided as follows Red Cross Society L20/8/-, Belgian Relief Fund L41/10/6, the returned Tasmanian Sick and Wounded 26 pounds, On Active Service Fund 10 pounds, mementoes for departing soldiers L3/7/6. These amounts included L2/7/6/ subscribed from people from the Lower Marshes.⁴

Kathleen Burbury (a sister of Muriel) was a V.A.D. nurse, while her sisters, Mary, Annie and Florence Burbury, worked to raise funds for the Jericho branch of the Red Cross. Mary held the position of secretary for many years. Annie and Florence gave their services to the Jericho Convalescent Hospital at 'Ellesmere' (which operated during and after the war) and then the Isolation Hospital in Oatlands at the outbreak of Spanish Influenza.⁵ Mrs. Dudley Ransom was a nurse at 'Ellesmere' and Ivy Munro was a nurse's aid. A sister Murphy was matron there during this period.⁶

⁴ Weekly Courier 2 March 1916 P.31 C.I.

⁵ Burbury Family notes by Denise Hall.

⁶ Oral History Jim Porter and Greg Taylor



Opening of the Ellesmere Convalescent Hospital, Jericho. Photo: *Tasmanian Mail* December 1919



The "Aids" from Jericho and Hobart.

Photo: *Tasmanian Mail* December 1919

Our aim is to have the remaining trees removed and re-establish the avenue with suitable plantings. Trees will not be planted in front of the residences as it has been proven that they are not always welcome. New plaques will be placed under each tree with the battalion colours and a history of each soldier, date of birth, enlistment date, rank, parents, occupation before enlisting etc. The new plaques cost about \$300 each and will be similar to those that have recently been placed on the Domain in Hobart.

The problem is, not only to compile a complete list of those who originally had a tree, but also to try and re-establish the original planting order.

The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens have produced a report on the remaining trees, and have offered suitable replacement suggestions.

How can you help? Perhaps you have a photo of a Jericho soldier that we could borrow to copy?

If you are interested in joining our group, or have any knowledge of the soldiers, trees, or would like to make a donation towards the costs, please contact Stephanie Burbury, "Bowsden" Jericho. Ph: 62544110 or e-mail: bowsden@hotmail.com.

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