

# Remembering the Anzacs in my Family

A sample from Chapter 1, *Jack*

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All of my family members who went to WW1 did so with the belief that they were fighting to make the world a better and safer place for those they loved. Jack, Harold, Charlie, Harry and Rolie each suffered illness and injury, but returned to Australia.

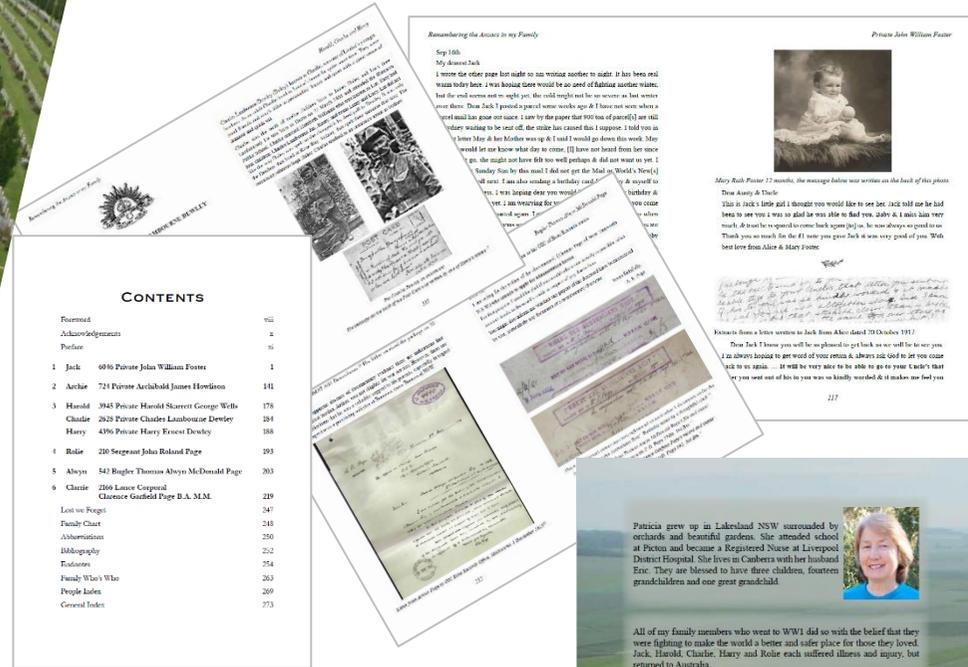
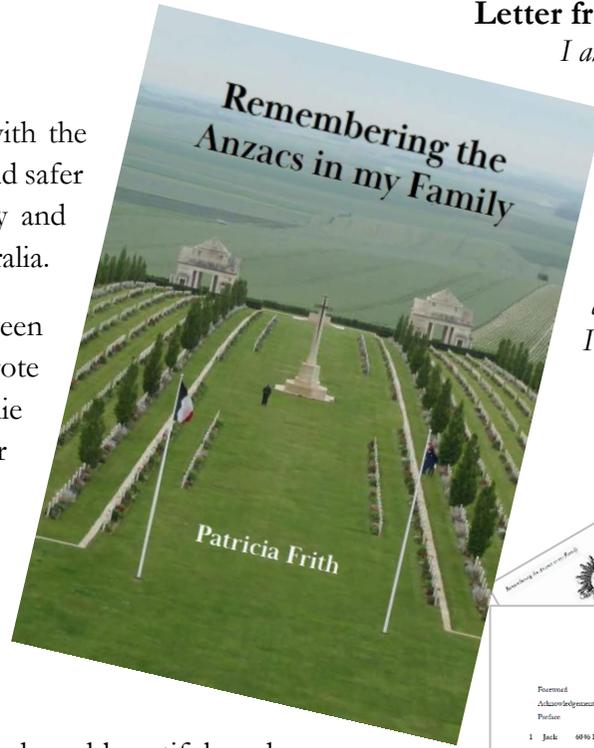
Archie, Alwyn and Clarrie were all killed in action between 18 August 1915 and 14 November 1916. Thomas Page wrote in his letter to Jack regarding his sons, and I include Archie in his comment, 'we deplore their loss ... they did their duty nobly.'

With letters and postcards, *Remembering the Anzacs in my Family* is an intimate and inspirational glimpse into the lives of a family as they lived through the hopes and horrors of war.

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## Letter from Jack to Alice June or July 1917

*I am out in a big perambulator today in front of the ward it is fine to be in the open air again. You will see my wounds are doing well or I would not be out here but I have still got the log of wood or splint on my leg. This joins onto Yesterday morning the sister took the splint right off my leg for a few minutes, while she changed some of the padding on it & it made me feel so strange, I think I nearly fainted, not with [pain not] at all for I have very li[ttle]... I will be looking forward to your next letter & your parcel of tobacco & hope it will be as good as the handkerchiefs & chocolate. I will say good-bye for a while ...*



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