

SHELDON, F.

Frederick Lawrence Sheldon was born in 1895 to Elijah Sheldon (1841-1910) and Mary Anne McDowell (1828-1931) of Eaglehawk. The youngest of ten children, he was educated at the local state school in Eaglehawk and then won a scholarship to the Bendigo School of Mines. He studied there for a year, before accepting a job in Melbourne. It is not clear where he stayed in Melbourne: in 1914 his widowed mother was living in Lygon Street; in 1915 she had moved to 36 Neill Street, Carlton. Fred was a Sunday School teacher at St Jude's, and a member of the Brunswick Naval Band and the St Jude's Cricket Club.

He tried to enlist in August 1914 but was rejected as he was underage. A few weeks later he was successful and joined the 14th Battalion bound for the Dardanelles, via Egypt. He named his eldest sister, Nurse Caroline Sheldon, who is also listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll, as his guardian. He was killed in action on the Gallipoli Peninsula 30 April 1915. He was just 19 years old.

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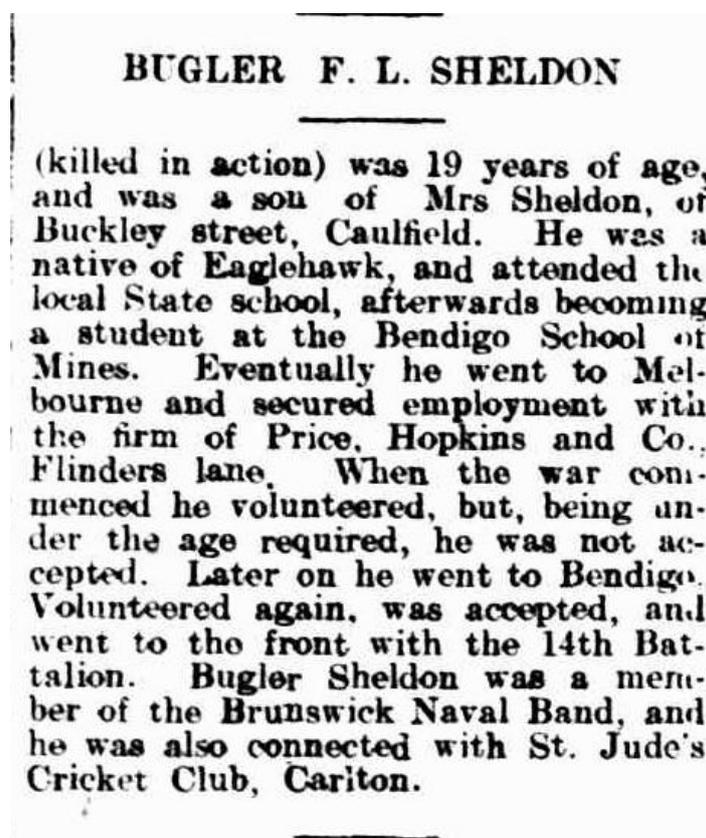
Regimental number	387
Place of birth	Eaglehawk Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farm hand
Address	Bendigo, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Nurse C Sheldon, Town Hall, Bendigo, Victoria.
Enlistment date	10 September 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private (Bugler)
Unit name	14th Battalion, C Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/31/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A38 <i>Ulysses</i> on 22 December 1914.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	14th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 30 April 1915.
Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll)	Lawrence spelt Laurence on Nominal Roll.
Age at death from cemetery records	19
Place of burial	Courtney's and Steel's Post Cemetery (Special Memorial No. 53), Gallipoli, Turkey.

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	74
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Commemorated in Eaglehawk Cemetery, Victoria. Headstone inscription reads: 'Where duty led, he followed Our brave laddie Sadly missed.' Father: Elijah SHELDON (d. 15 December 1910, aged 69; bu. Eaglehawk Cemetery)
Other details	War service: Egypt, Gallipoli Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

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