

Wentworth Lincoln East

Wenty was born at Brundee, near Nowra in 1889, the youngest son of John and Elizabeth East. Early in life he came to Dunmore and attended school there until he took his place on “Ellerslie” farm at Dunmore, and later went to Glen Innes and Yanco to gain wider agricultural experience.



“Wenty” East



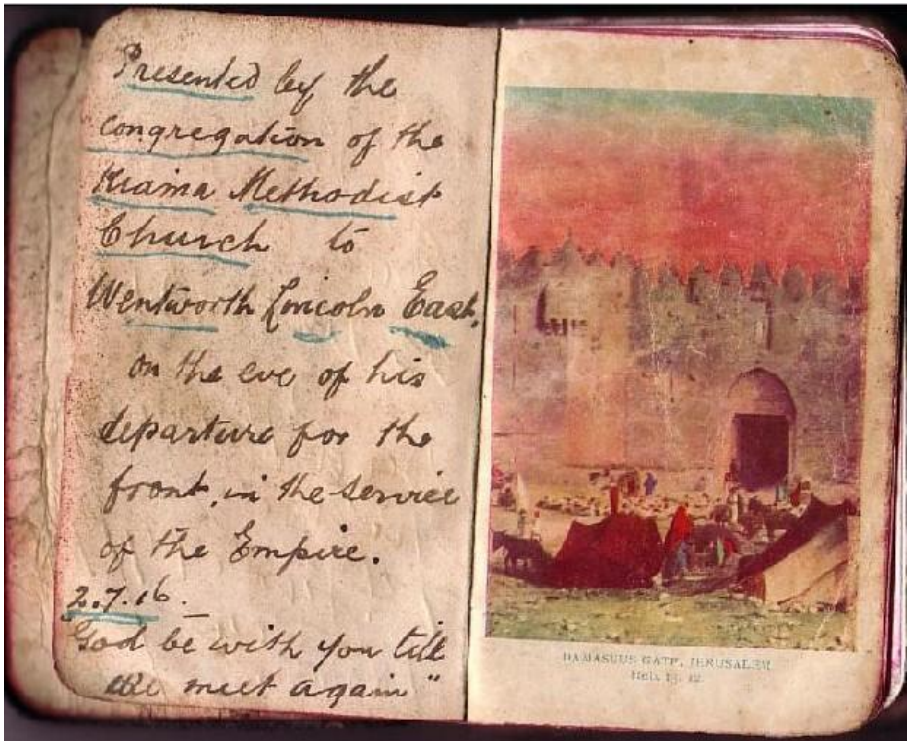
An active member of the Methodist Church, Wenty was at first rejected for service, but successful on a second attempt.

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an inspiration. The President had the pleasure of presenting Private Wentworth Lincoln East, who has volunteered, with a wallet and New Testament from the congregation, and a silver match-box from the recruiting committee, as tokens of regards and esteem.

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The Methodist Church described him as of spotless character, consistent and faithful.



In a letter to his parents, Wenty wrote:

"I am receiving all I require, and moreover I am facing this awful business calmly, knowing that if it comes to the worst, I am fully prepared for the end".

Wenty was killed 7 June 1917 at Messines, Belgium, aged 28. He has no known grave.

PRIVATE W. L. EAST.

Private Wentworth Lincoln East, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John East of "Ehlerslie" farm, Dunmore, near Kiama, was killed in action in France on the 7th June last.

He was one of Kiama's best young men; loyal and true to the church of his birth; having consecrated his life to the King's service during Sister Francis' mission at Kiama, under the late Rev. Charles Stead's superintendency, he lived an exemplary life. He volunteered for service, and was rejected. Afterwards, offering again, was accepted, and left a wide circle of loved ones about twelve months ago; after a few weeks in England, he spent about eight months in the trenches in France. His frequent letters told of his readiness to meet his future; as he recently wrote to his parents saying:—"I am receiving all I require, and moreover I am facing this awful business calmly, knowing that if it comes to the worst, I am fully prepared for the end." Wenty was known, and loved, not only in the Kiama Circuit, but at Leeton, and at Glen Innes, where he faithfully laboured to fit himself for his intended calling.

The memory of his truly Christian life will tend to lighten the burden shared by his parents and loved ones, to whom Kiama Circuit tenders its truest sympathy.



CORPORAL GEORGE HOLLIDAY AT THE MEMORIAL ERECTED NEAR ASH CRATER TO MEMBERS OF THE 35TH BATTALION WHO FELL IN THE BATTLE OF MESSINES ON 7 JUNE 1917. PHOTO TAKEN 17 FEBRUARY 1918.



PLAQUE DEDICATED TO "WENTY" AT THE KIAMA METHODIST CHURCH

On 7 October 1933, a window in honour of Wenty was unveiled in the Kiama Methodist Church.

BRIEF MENTION.

MEMORIAL WINDOW.

At the Kiama Methodist Church on Sunday a memorial window to the late Wentworth Lincoln East was unveiled.

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“WENTY’S” TRENCH MADE LIGHTER

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EARNSHAW J.
DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT
EAST W.L. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
ECCLESTON T.MANCHESTER REGIMENT
EDWARDS J. BORDER REGIMENT
EDWARDS S.G. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
EGAN J.



"WENTY'S INSCRIPTION AT THE MENIN GATE THROUGH DOORWAY

35th Battalion
A.I.F.
June 24th 1917

Dear Mr East.

It is my sad duty
to write & tell you that I read the
burial service over the body of
your son, Pte W.L. East, 2066.
He is buried near where he
fell, in the battle of Messines
Ridge, a fit resting place for
a gallant soldier.

A cross will be erected tomorrow
on the spot to mark & honour it.

The Colonel of the Battalion
wishes me to convey to you his
deep sympathy & to trust &
pray that God will give you
comfort & strength to bear your
great loss.

I am,

Yours sincerely
J.E. Norman Bottom
Chaplain. C.E.