

## Jonas Price Arnold

Son of Ann and William of Shoalhaven Street, Kiama, "Junie" was a labourer who was a prominent member of the Kiama Rifle Club, and captain of the football club.

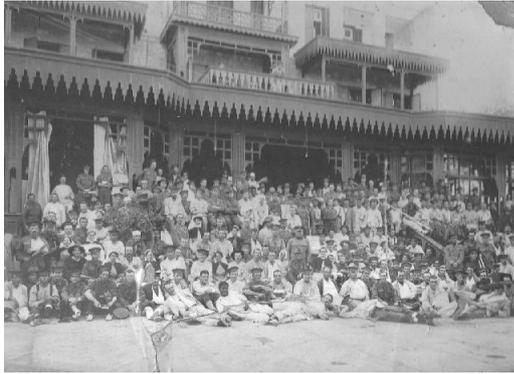
"Junie" enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion A.I.F. on 28 August 1914, and embarked from Sydney for active service on 18 October 1914, onboard HMAT Suffolk.



HMAT SUFFOLK

Description of <i>ARNOLD Jonas Price</i> on Enlistment.	
Age <i>22</i> years <i>—</i> months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.  <i>None</i>
Height <i>5</i> feet <i>7 1/2</i> inches.	
Weight <i>11 stone 4</i> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <i>36 - 36 1/2</i> inches.	
Complexion <i>fair</i>	
Eyes <i>blue</i>	
Hair <i>dark brown</i>	
Religious Denomination <i>Anglican</i>	

Private Arnold was promoted to Corporal on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1915. Just prior to this he was hospitalized at No.2 Australian General Hospital. Mena House, Cairo, with influenza.



**Mena House, Cairo**

Corporal Arnold's 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was chosen to take part in the initial assault on Lone Pine between 6 and 10 August 1915. After gaining possession of the main enemy line, the Australians were subjected to a series of determined counter-attacks which would last the next three days, which, although successfully repulsed, proved very costly for the Australians. The 2nd Battalion suffered considerably. Having started the action with 22 officers and 560 other ranks, they lost 21 officers and 409 other ranks killed or wounded.

A letter by Junie's brother to the Australian Army:

...wounded in the Lone Pine battle, got first aid and left for dressing station with five other men to get fixed up. A shell burst on their way and there was nothing heard of them afterwards, as the Turks took the ground. The fighting was so great that no one ever got to see what happened. It was an officer that took my father this information of Corporal Arnold. My father Warrant Officer Arnold died on 31st March 1921 at Kiama. As I am the only survivor of the family, I am supplying you the information the best I can. Any correspondence in connection with the late Private Arnold would you kindly forward to W.H. Arnold, Fire Station. Garfield Street. Five Dock. Sydney.



**Captured Turkish trench at Lone Pine.**

## IN MEMORIAM.

### CORPORAL JONAS ARNOLD.

On Sunday morning there was a good attendance in the Presbyterian Church, when the Rev. Tulloch Yuille made special and sympathetic reference to the death of Corporal Jonas Arnold.

Mr. Yuille took as the subject for his sermon, "Public Men and Moral Questions," and at its conclusion paid a worthy tribute to the memory of our brave young townsman who has given his greatest gift, for his country, speaking as follows:—

"During the week that has passed Corporal Jonas Arnold was reported killed in action between August 6th and 9th. After months of anxiety, wondering what had happened to him, we find it hard to believe that he is really gone. Hoping against hope we feel almost persuaded to keep on hoping. It is hard to reconcile ourselves to finality. Yet it all seems too true. Let us not grudge him his rest. He has richly deserved it and what he has done has made his short life a big life. Of his nature and disposition, I can say nothing; for I never knew him. But I know his courage and the extent of his self sacrifice. I know of one epitaph that could be written on his grave. It is written on a grave somewhere in France, near Raems,

where lies buried an unknown soldier of the Royal Irish Regiment. This soldier was captured by the Germans and taken to a farm house. There the Germans prepared an ambush for a British regiment advancing. As the captive soldier saw his fellow-countrymen advancing to certain annihilation, he was torn with agony. His captors bade him keep silent on pain of death. But his mind was made up in a grim resolve. When the unsuspecting British drew near, a figure was seen to dash out of the farmhouse with warning gestures. Then came the crack of rifle after rifle and the man lay dead with a hundred bullets in him. But the British were saved and the Germans defeated. After the battle, the British found the body of their saviour; reverently they buried him and on a little wooden cross they lovingly carved these words: "He saved others; himself he could not save." And over the unknown grave of Corporal Jonas Arnold we read these words in loving memory. Tho' we know not how he died, we know he died for the Empire, and he died for us.

"He saved others; himself he could not Save."

A memorial hymn was then sung, "When the day of toll is done," and the Dead March played by Miss Atkinson, while the congregation stood.

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Corporal Arnold was killed in the period of 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 1915, with his body never being retrieved. He is believed to be buried at the Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli, where his actual grave is unknown.



LONE PINE CEMETERY



CORPORAL J. P. ARNOLD (Kiama).  
Killed in action.