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Wounded at Killed at
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FRED HOWARD Wounded at Gallipoli

HOWARD BROTHERS At Broadmeadows Training Camp, Melbourne.

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To Woodrow Wilson,
The President of the United States,
America's Inspiring Leader
in the Great War
in which it was my privilege to serve,

To my Comrades In Arms,

and

To one other,
"The Queen of My Heart"

this book is cordially dedicated.



Fred Howard-Anzac

Frederick Thomas Rowland Howard was born in 1887 in the heart of the Australian "Bush", in the town of Lillidale—"the prettiest town on earth" if we may believe him—and already famous as the birthplace of Mme. Melba. His father, Thomas Robert Howard, was a retired lawyer of English parentage, and his mother, Clara Hathaway Howard, of French and English extraction, claiming descent on the English side from the family of Anne Hathaway.

Fred Howard was chosen by his parents to follow his father's profession and was educated in Melbourne with this in view, graduating from The English Grammer School of that city with a B.A. Degree, in 1907. At this time, however, his love of outdoor life asserted itself so strongly that he gave up his intended career to play professional football.

The following year he toured Australia, South Africa and the British Isles with the "Australian Wallobys" playing many exhibition football matches, and left the team in England, to travel in Spain, South America, the United States and Canada for pleasure.

Upon his return to Australia, Howard went back to "Bush" life and the plains, where he tried his hand at many forms of outdoor life varying from lumbering to sheep shearing and horse-breaking.

At the outbreak of the war Fred Howard, then 27 years of age, had not yet "found his groove" and was free to answer the first call for men. Dropping his work of horsebreaking, he went at once to Melbourne

and there enlisted with his twin brother, William Alfred Howard, who was later wounded at Gallipoli, and his younger brother Clarence Victor Howard who was killed on the second day of that ill-fated campaign.

Since his return from the front Private Howard has devoted his entire time and strength to Red Cross and Liberty Loan work where many of the readers of this book have had the opportunity of hearing from his own lips some of the experiences and adventures recounted in the following pages.