AMALGAMATION OF FILES

SURNAME: *LEANE*

GIVEN NAMES: *RAYMOND LIONEL*

ORIGINAL SERVICE NUMBER: _____

LATER SERVICE NUMBER: *S64430*

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LEANE, Raymond Lionel MC

Brigadier General
11th Battalion

Born 12 July 1878 at Adelaide, South Australia
Returned to Australia
Served in WWII

Leane (1872-1917), 28th Battalion. The Leane family became famous for their extraordinary wartime service. During World War 1 every male member of military age offered himself for active service and was accepted. Edwin Thomas Leane's sons, Allan Edwin Leane, Geoffrey Paul Leane and Reuben Ernest Leane, all served in the 48th Battalion. His son Maxwell Leane also served in the RAN. Allan Edwin Leane died of wounds in 1917. Ernest Albert Leane's son Arnold Leane also served in the 27th Battalion and was killed in action in 1916. Raymond Leane was awarded the Military Cross for actions at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli on 4 May 1915. An action in which he led a successful attack on Turkish defences on 31 July 1915 led to the position becoming named Leane's Trench. On 1 June 1918 Raymond was promoted to Brigadier General. His outstanding war career and later service as a Police Commissioner led to a knighthood in 1944. Major Benjamin Bennett Leane was killed in action on 10 April 1917. Lieutenant Colonel Allan William Leane died of shrapnel wounds received at Delville Wood, France, on 4 January 1917.

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