

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Reid, Jessie Beatrice

(1875 - 1958)

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**Born** 1 January, 1875, Warracknabeal Victoria Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1958, Hawthorn Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Single mother, War widow

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### Summary

When her husband, Lt John Cecil Drury Reid, was killed near Messines on the Western Front on 10 June 1917, Jessie Beatrice Reid was left a widow with three young children. On 29 August 1917, she was granted £3-10-0 per fortnight widow's pension, their son, Stanley Francis, nearly 4, received 20 shillings per fortnight; daughter Joan Innes, aged 2, 15 shillings per fortnight and Margaret Lyle, not yet one year old, 10 shillings per fortnight. Jessie, aged 43, devoted the next twenty years of her life to their upbringing and education.

Read a longer essay on Jessie Reid in the online exhibition [War Widows of the ACT: A Forgotten Legacy of World War I](#).

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