

HERBERT GEORGE GOODSSELL

1891 – 1917

50th Battalion Australian Imperial Forces



Surname/Christian name: Goodsell, Herbert George

Rank/No: Private 1915

Regiment/Unit: 3rd Echelon/50th Battalion Australian Imperial Forces



Date of Death: 28th September 1917.

Age: 24.

Type of Casualty: Killed in action.

Theatre of War: German Hindenburg Line near Ypres, Belgium.

Born/Year/Location: 1891 at Salehurst, East Sussex.

Enlisted/Attestation: Albany, South Australia - 3/50 A I F on 13th April 1916.

Son of/Address: Thomas Goodsell and Annie Elizabeth Kingham of Salehurst, East Sussex. In 1901 the family moved to 'Laurels', Ruck Hill, Horsmonden where Herbert's father Thomas was employed as a gardener for Percy Manwaring at "Plovers" and also at nearby "Marle Place".

Husband of/Address: Married Edith Ellen Miller on the 30th September 1915 in Maitland, South Australia, and they lived on the Yorke Peninsula, in Pine Point, Muloowurtie.

They had one child, Lawrence Percy Goodsell, born on 11th Dec 1915, the middle name honouring Herbert's younger brother Percy, who died of his wounds in France some 7 months earlier.

Buried/Commemorated/Memorial: Perth Cemetery, "China Wall" Zillebeke, just E.S.E. of Ypres.

A report, dated 27th Nov. 1917, from the Director of Graves, to Capt. D.R. Crooks, officer in charge of Records, Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon. G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force, stated that Private 1915, H.G. Goodsell, had been buried at Perth Cemetery, "China Wall" Zillebeke, just E.S.E. of Ypres.

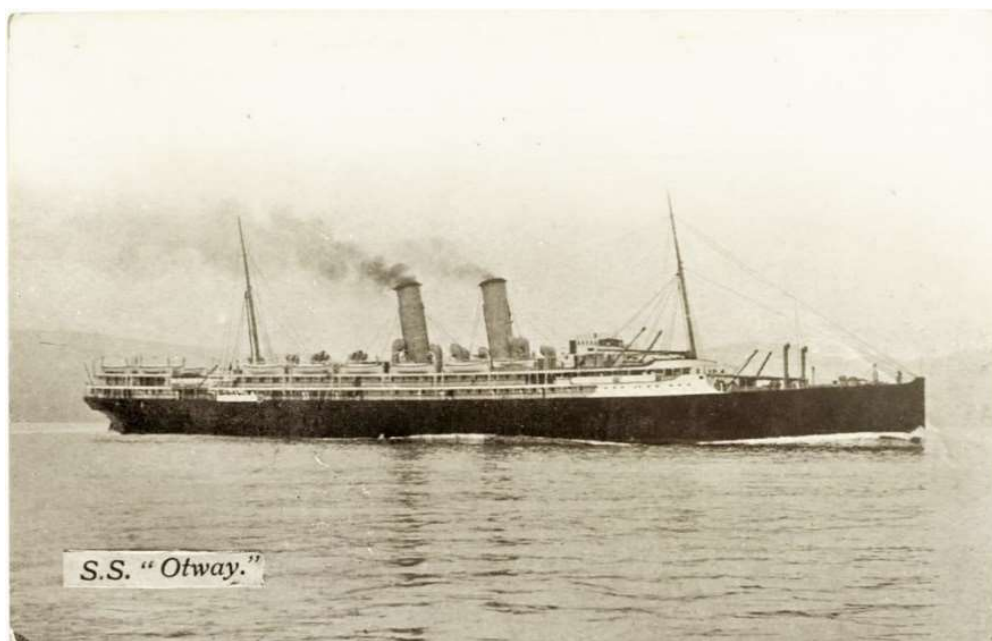
Also commemorated in Horsmonden, Kent and Robertsbridge East Sussex, England.

Personal Inscription: THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY

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Relevant Military/Diary of Events:

At the age of 17, Herbert joined the 5th Bn. Royal Sussex Territorials, until emigrating to Australia in January of 1912. He set sail for Adelaide, from London, on the Orient Line SS "OTWAY", 5th Jan. 1912. (Shown below)



After training, Private 1915 H.G. Goodsell embarked with his unit on the troopship H.M.A.T. 48 Seang Bee, from Adelaide on 13th July 1916 and disembarked at Plymouth, England, on the 9th September.

Following a period of training the 3/50th AIF Battalion embarked for Etaples from Folkestone on the 28th November 1916, aboard the S.S. Princess Henrietta a cross channel paddle ferry.
From the port, Herbert's unit marched into the 4th Australian Divisional Base Depot, Etaples.

From May 1917, Herbert was plagued by the condition named "Trench Foot" and spent over 2 months in field hospitals in France and Belgium before re-joining his unit on the 26th July 1917 and was killed in action on 28th Sept. 1917 during a push on the German Hindenburg Line near Ypres, Belgium.

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This photograph taken in Adelaide of Herbert Goodsell and his colleagues
On the day they were enlisted 13th April 1916

Herbert is shown back row second from right.



Other Relevant Documents:

Medals Received: Herbert's wife Edith received his Victory and British War Medals, Plaque and Scroll.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 1915. Rank *Pte* Name **GOODSELL H.G.** Unit **50 BATT**

Casualty *Killed in action 24/1/17* *4.30.1917 48^c date London 11-10-17*

LOWLAND STAR ISSUED **N.I.E.** **BRITISH WAR MEDAL** ISSUED **143704** **VICTORY MEDAL** ISSUED **43320**

DATE	A. F. B. 103 Received	PURPOSE	A. F. B. 2000A Received	REF. NO.
OCT 16 1917		ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION		
30.10.17		COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
11.2.18		<i>copy of medals file</i>		
		CONFIRMATION		
		<i>6.8.28.1909. order 9/191 8/19/1914</i>		
2-9-17		PERSONAL EFFECTS BY		
		<i>No personal effects in kit. 22.10.17</i>		
		Officer B.R.M. 46/1988 & Book of the 5 th despatched		
		<i>10.12.19</i>		
34/7/20		PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN B.R.M. 27/1918		
14/3/22		BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Coroner <i>12th</i> M.D.B.R.M. 51/550		

WAR HISTORY INDEX

MEMORIAL SCROLL

Widow

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"

Paraphrase of *Herbert Goodsell P. 5.22* *Herb Goodsell*

332577
P. 5-22A

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Widow direct
Herb Goodsell
332577
19.9.22
17/11/17

17 MAR 1923 VICTORY MEDAL to *Widow* *(see 11.10.17)*

Registered Post No. **1772** R. R. G. Medal

Victory and War Medals received by Herbert's wife



Both Herbert's 'Dog Tag' and Plaque known as 'The Death Penny' were sent to his wife

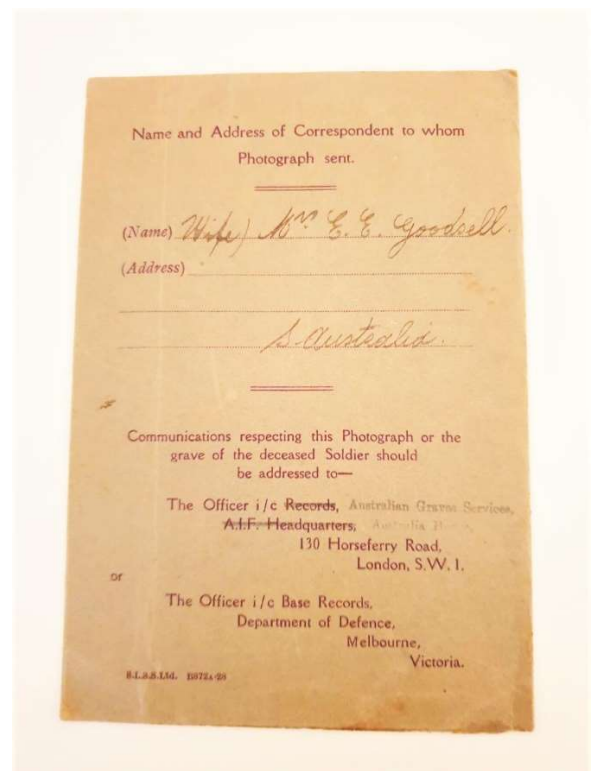
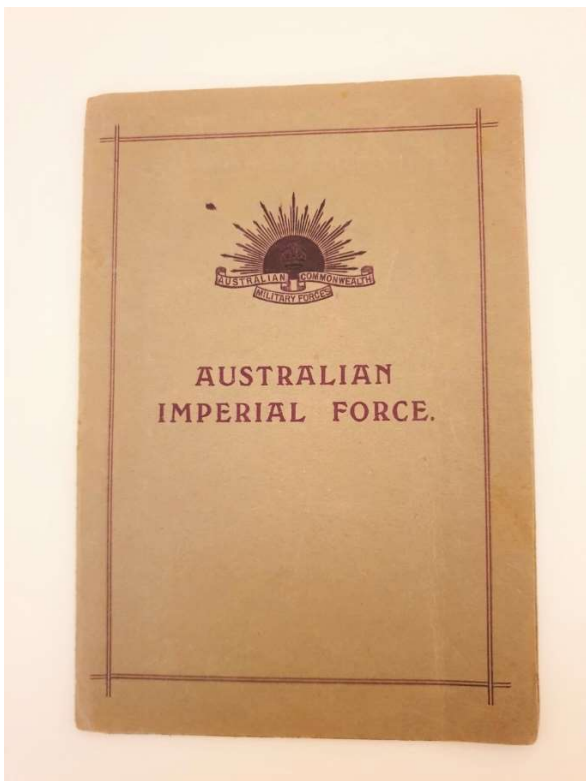


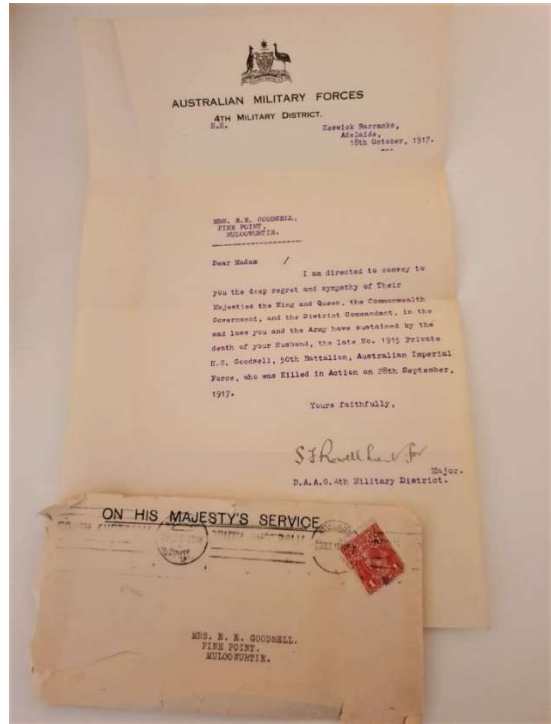
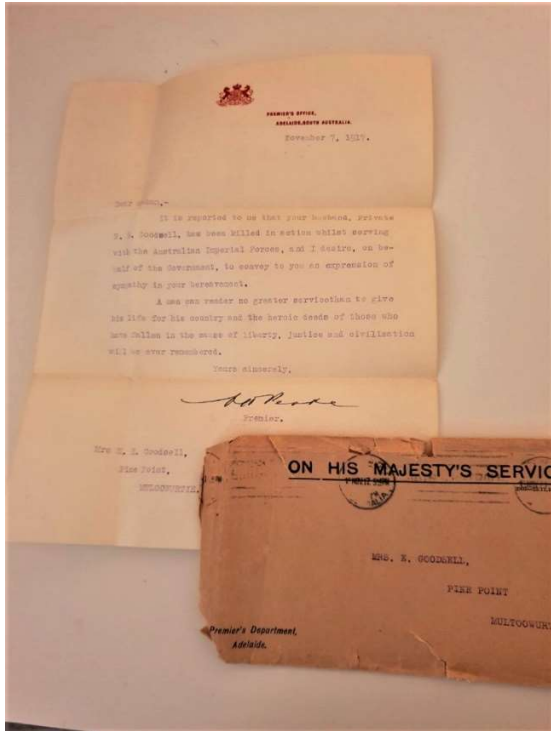
Dog Tag



Death Penny

War Office Correspondence sent to Herbert's widow





SOLDIERS EFFECTS

Private Goodsell's effects were sent to his wife.
 The following documents relate to his pension and personal effects

WAR PENSIONS ACT 1914-1916.

Form Z.3.

DAILY STATEMENT (MILITARY)

Showing Grants, Alterations, and Cancellations of Pensions (together with date from which such action took effect); also Rejections of Claims and Deaths of Pensioners.

Statement No. 417

Containing 4 sheets.

Date 7/12/17

State of SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1. Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed.	<u>Herbert George Goodsell, 1915, Pte, 3rd/50th Inf.</u>
2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed.	<u>Edith Ellen Goodsell, Pine Point, Mulcoowurtie, Y P</u>
3. Relationship of such person to Member	<u>Widow</u>
4. Result of Claim	<u>Granted pension £2 fortnightly as from 16/12/17</u>
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	
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2. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed.	<u>Lawrence Percy Goodsell, Pine Point, Mulcoowurtie</u>
3. Relationship of such person to Member	<u>Child</u>
4. Result of Claim	<u>Granted pension 20/- fortnightly as from 16/12/17</u>
5. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	<u>Edith Ellen Goodsell, Pine Point, Mulcoowurtie</u>

Kind

B.R. Form No. 2.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE,
30th August 1918.

V.P.
Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, one package containing personal effects of the late No. 1915, Private H. G. Goodsell, 50th Battalion, received ex "Gilgai", as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office sealed.

(Enclosure.) I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Registered Packet No. 1000... G.P.O. Melbourne.

D.1192/17—C.2409.

Australian Imperial Force.

Inventory of Effects of the late 1915 Goodsell H.G. 50th. Batt. A.I.F.

Number and description of Packages :-
Wife,
Mrs. Edith Ellen Goodsell,
Pine Point,
Mallowra
South Australia.

Date despatched EFFECTS.
Ex 3rd Echelon France (9103) 14.1.18.

Contents of Disc, Photos, Metal ring Metal watch, Protector & Strap, Card.

D/S 28146

MIDLAND

Statements of Service and notification of death documents

B.R. Form No. 6.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE, 20th August, 1918.

DESPATCHED

DEAR Madam,

As requested in your communication of 15th instant, I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of your husband No. 1915 Private H. G. Goodsell, 50th Battalion.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer in Charge Base Records.

Do not forget to advise any change of address to Officer i/c Base Records, Melbourne.

D.1198/2 18.—C.1950.—10M.

Statement of Service No. 1915 Name Goodsell, H. G.

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
<u>66 Bn</u> <u>19/10th Melb</u> <u>1/50</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>18.4.16</u>	<u>30.4.16</u>	<u>600/-</u>
	<u>Subm on strength of 50 Bn</u> <u>Detachment from 50th Coy</u> <u>50th Coy. P.I.P.</u>	<u>11.12.16</u>	<u>27.12.16</u>	<u>82.50.5711</u> <u>27.12.16</u>
	<u>Proceeding to sea to France</u> <u>for 84 miles Henrietta</u> <u>Greenforce 50th Bn</u> <u>to R 656's</u>	<u>28.11.16</u>	<u>28.11.16</u>	<u>72-2-2068 5/17</u>
	<u>Evacuated sick to Hosp</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>4.5.17</u>	<u>19/11/17 16.4.17</u>
	<u>Admitted to Hosp.</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>26.4.17</u>	<u>19/11/17 16.4.17</u>
	<u>Returned unit from Hospital</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>20.7.17</u>	<u>20.7.17</u>
	<u>Rejoined unit from Hosp</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>26.7.17</u>	<u>26.7.17</u>

50 Bn KILLED IN ACTION. France 25.9.17 Do 3/5/17
1915 1909

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSED

Description of Herbert George Goodsell on Enlistment

Age 23 years 6 months DISTINCTIVE MARKS D 32619

FIELD SERVICE Army Form B. 2090.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 38, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT (50th Battalion, A.I.F.) Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company Private

Regimental No. 1915 Rank Private

Surname GOODSELL Christian Name HERBERT GEORGE

Date 28th September 1917 Place Belgium

Case of Death Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B. 213 dated 30th September 1917.

By whom made Commanding Officer 50th Battalion, A.I.F.

* Specially made if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from disease due to his operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Particulars cannot yet be found

Burial Place FOR BURIAL REPORT SEE B103

By whom reported will not received

State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) (b) as a separate document (c) in Small Book (if at Base)

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will be found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Field Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the Officer in Charge of the Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Hospital, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book, if forwarded, and with Form B. 213, if not forwarded.

Station and Date 1st Coy, 50th Bn, A.I.F. Signature of Officer in Charge of Section W. J. ... Captain
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Officer in Charge

Place ADELAIDE. Signature of Examining Medical Officer E. W. Griffiths Capt

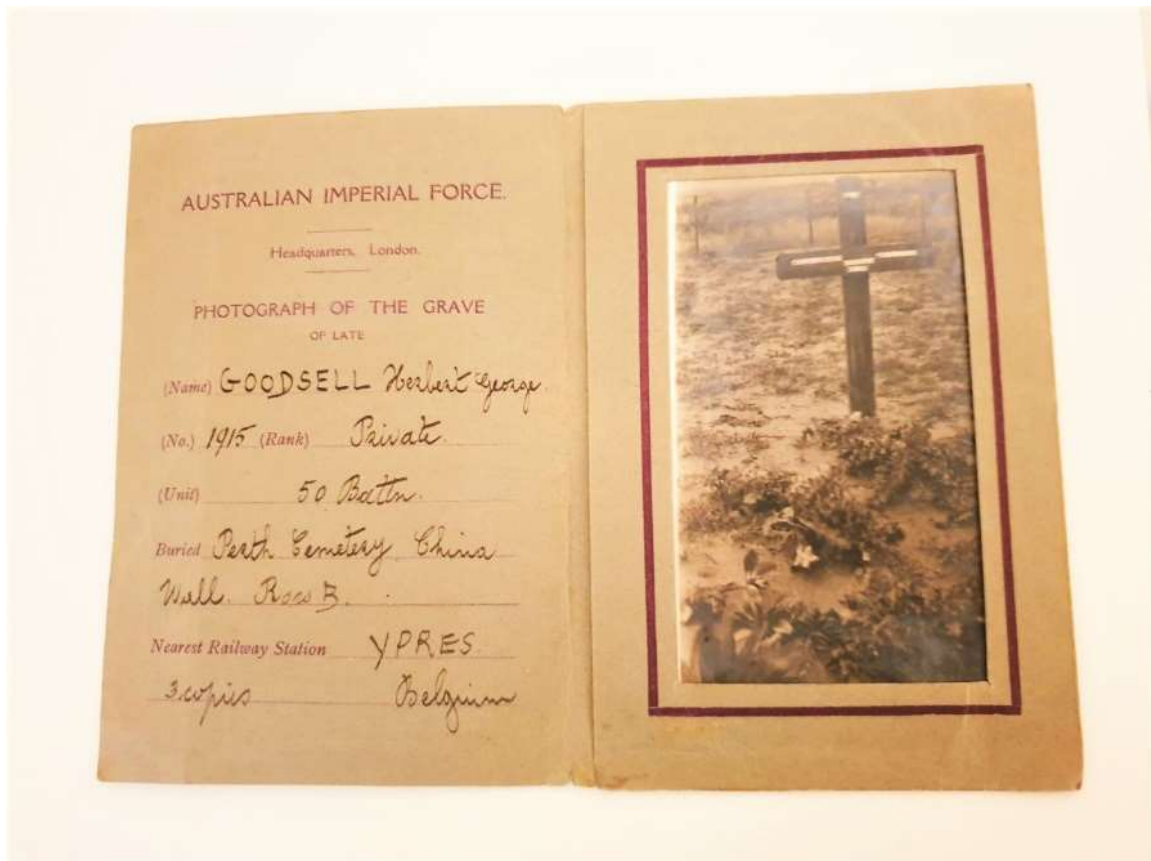
CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above named person is correct, and that the required forms have been compiled with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 66 Bn 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

Date 13.4.16. 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

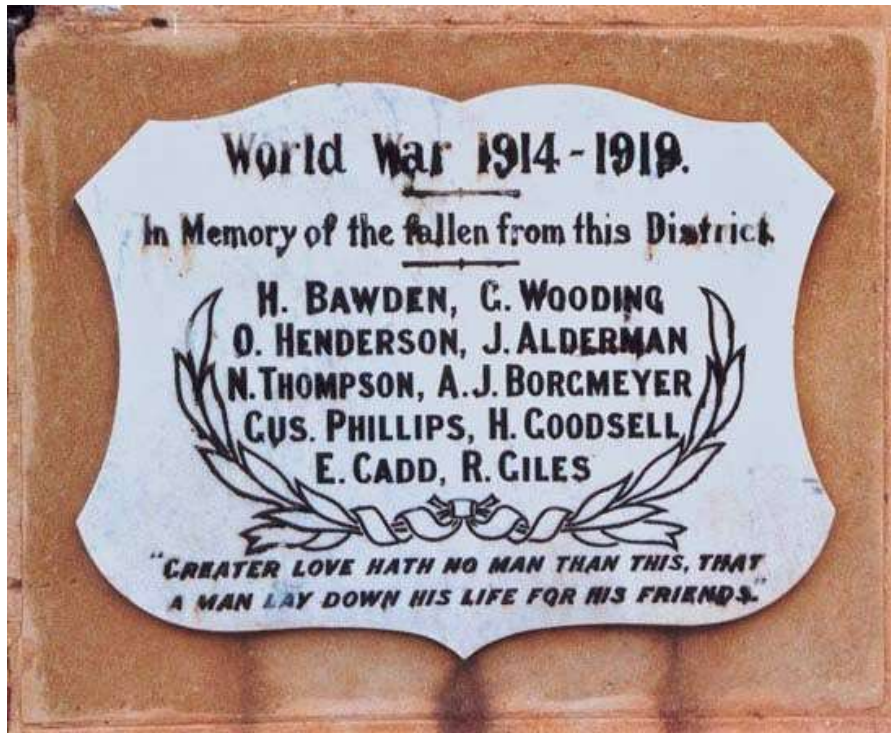
Place Adelaide. Commanding Officer W. J. ... LT. COL. CAMP COMMANDANT

Details of Herbert's Grave



Other Military Notes of Interest: Pte. Herbert Goodsell is honoured in the Institute at Pine Point on the Scroll of honour

Scroll of Honour showing the ten fallen soldiers of Pine Point

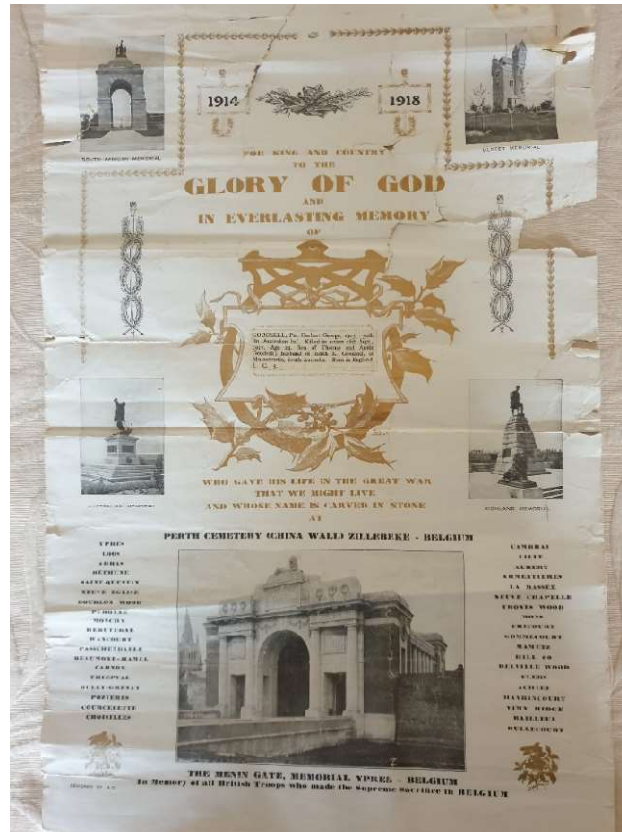


Pine Point Institute

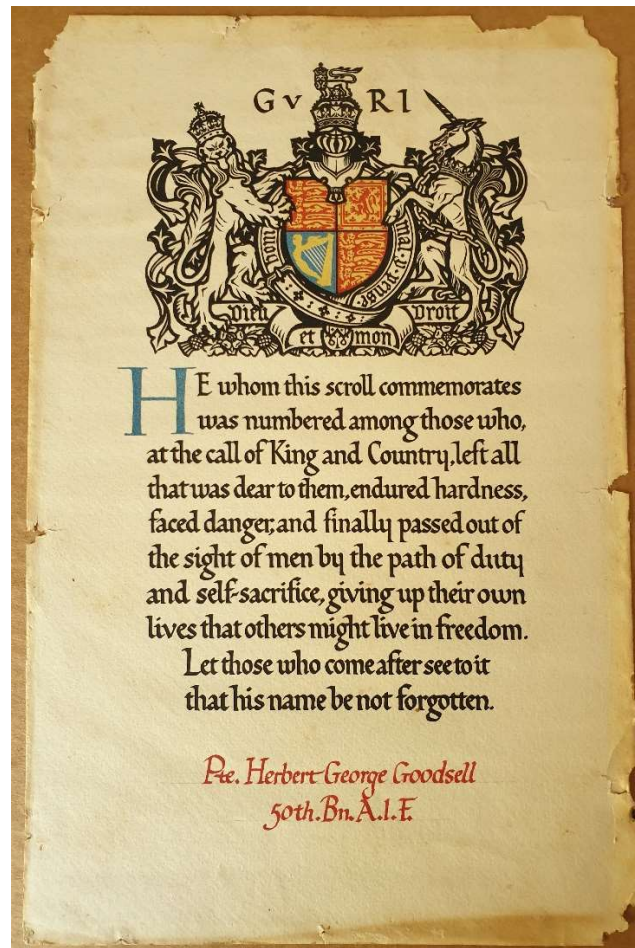
This was erected by the residents of Pine Point



Herbert's Memorial Poster



Memorial Scroll Certificate



United Kingdom War Memorials

He is also honoured on the Robertsbridge War Memorial and in St. Mary the Virgin Church, Salehurst, East Sussex. The War Memorial Plaques at the Horsmonden Social Club, St. Margaret's Church, Horsmonden, and the Horsmonden War Memorial, also honour Herbert and his brother Percy.

Additional personal and family information:

Siblings: Herbert had an elder brother and sister, Ernest Charles, born in 1887, and Daisy, born in 1890, and two younger brothers, Percy and Frank, born 1893 and 1896 respectively.

Prior Occupation: At the time of the 1911 census Herbert followed in his father's footsteps as domestic gardener.

Family History: His younger brother Percy was also killed in WW1, in 1915

The family's address is given as "Laurels", Ruck Hill, Horsmonden.

Ruck Hill may be a reference to Ruck Lane, where Percy Manwaring built the property named "Plovers" on Ruck Lane. (Later sold to the Cornwallis family around 1927).

Herbert's Uncle James and family lived at nearby Hale Farm in 1901 working for Messrs Manwaring & Smith as a farm bailiff.

Herbert's early schooling was in nearby Robertsbridge, until 1901 when the family moved Horsmonden after his father, a domestic gardener, was employed by Mr. P. Manwaring.

Herbert continued his education at the Brenchley Council School.

By 1911, the Goodsell's had moved to Frant in Sussex where Herbert and his brother Percy had followed in their father's footsteps and all three were working as domestic gardeners at the Woodside Estate.

At the age of 17, Herbert joined the 5th Bn. Royal Sussex Territorials, until emigrating to Australia in the January of 1912.

Pte Goodsell's younger brother was also killed in WW1 and is commemorated on the War Memorial in Horsmonden.

He had two cousins, Cecil Goodsell and Jesse Goodsell who were also killed in WW1.

Other Articles of Interest:

Roger Lawrence Goodsell is the grandson of Private Herbert George Goodsell and is currently living in Yankalilla, a town 45 miles from Adelaide, South Australia and is delighted that we are updating his Grandfathers War Memorial details. Our thanks to Roger for sending us photographs of documents and medals that he proudly owns

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Entry

CWGC CERTIFICATE

In Memory Of
Private

HERBERT GEORGE GOODSSELL

Service Number: 1915

50th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 28 September 1917 Age 24

Son of Thomas and Annie Goodsell; husband of Edith E. Goodsell, of Mulloowurtie, South Australia. Born in England.

THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY

Remembered with Honour

PERTH CEMETERY (CHINA WALL)

I.C. 3 (Jt)



|||||
COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES
|||||

COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

MILITARY CEMETRY

Perth Cemetery (China Wall)



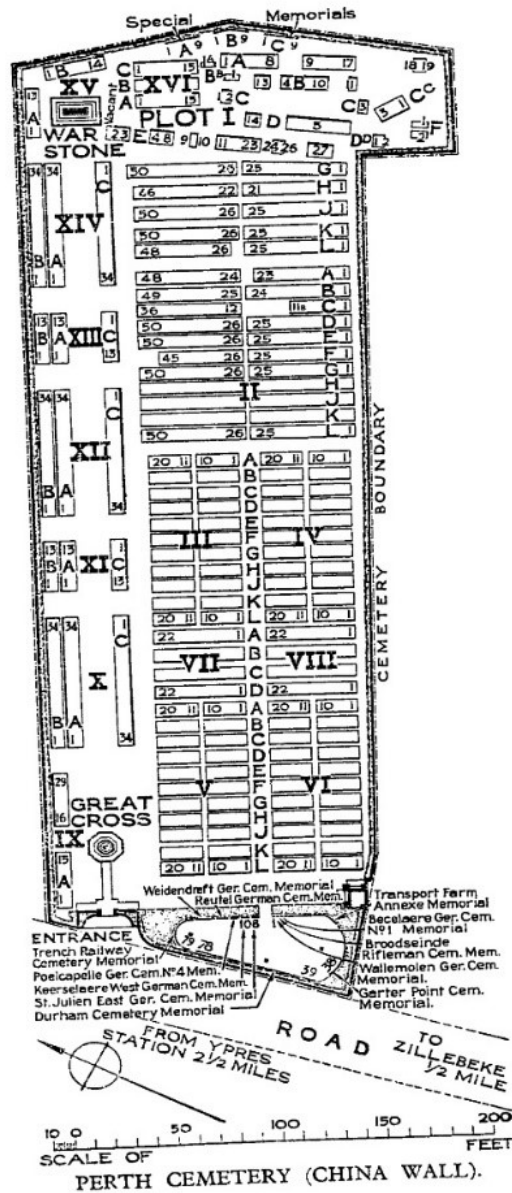


HEADSTONE/PERSONAL INSCRIPTION



CEMETERY PLAN

Pte Goodsell is buried in Plot 1, Row C, Grave 3



We would like to thank Roger Goodsell and his Family in Australia for the photographs and other material without which this comprehensive account would not have been possible and to Lionel Burgess our Group member for his thorough research into the life of Herbert Goodsell.