

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



380 PRIVATE

H. A. BULL

35TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

27TH NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 23

The Path Of Duty

Was The Way To Glory

Herbert Allan (Bert) BULL

Herbert Allan Bull was born at Waratah, Newcastle, New South Wales in 1895 to Herbert John and Harriet Bull (nee Gane).

Herbert Allan Bull attended Waratah Public School, NSW.

Herbert Allan Bull was a 20 year old, single, Labourer from Bridge Street, Waratah, Newcastle, NSW when he enlisted in Newcastle, NSW on 8th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 380 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Harriet Bull, of Bridge Street, Waratah, Newcastle, NSW. Herbert's younger brother – Wilfred Percy Bull (aged 18) enlisted the same day & was given a Service Number of 379. Herbert Bull stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with 4 years with Senior Cadets & 1 year with 16th Infantry.

As Herbert Allan Bull was under the age of 21 years – his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Harriet Bull signed her consent. The following was added to the box marked – Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents – “Absence for 7 years “Father.”

Private Herbert Bull was posted to “B” Company, 35th Battalion on 8th January, 1916 for recruit training. He was written up for being A.W.L. (Absent without Leave) on 14th (?) April, 1916 from Broadmeadows Camp. He was fined 10/ & forfeited 1 day's pay.

Private Herbert Allen (spelling as listed on Embarkation Roll) Bull & his younger brother Private Wilfred Percy Bull both embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 1st May, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Brigade, 35th Infantry Battalion “B” Company & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th July, 1916.

[An entry was made on the “handwritten” Casualty Form – Active Service “Overstaying Leave at Capetown on 11/6/16. Awarded 14 days Fatigue Duty.” This was crossed out in red & wasn't recorded on the “typed” version of Casualty Form – Active Service, however this was recorded on the Statement of Service form.]

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Herbert Bull was written up for an Offence at Larkhill, Wiltshire – A.W.L. (Absent without Leave) from midnight on 17th September, 1916 to 5 pm on 25th September, 1916. He was awarded 21 days Field Punishment No. 2 & forfeited 29 days' pay.

Private Herbert Bull proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 21st November, 1916.

35th Battalion

The 35th Battalion was formed in December 1915 in Newcastle, New South Wales. The bulk of the battalion's recruits were drawn from the Newcastle region and thus it was dubbed "Newcastle's Own". Reflecting the demographics of the area, there were a high proportion of miners among the battalion's original members.

The 35th Battalion became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom in May 1916. Arriving there in early July, the battalion spent the next four months training. It crossed to France in late November, and moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 26 November, just in time for the onset of the terrible winter of 1916-17.

The battalion had to wait until the emphasis of British and Dominion operations switched to the Ypres Sector of Belgium in mid-1917 to take part in its first major battle; this was the battle of Messines, launched on 7 June. The 35th's next major battle was around Passchendaele on 12 October. Heavy rain, though, had deluged the battlefield, and thick mud tugged at the advancing troops and fouled their weapons. The battle was a disaster for the 35th; 508 men crossed the start line but only 90 remained un wounded at the end.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

[Note: There are no entries in Private Bull's Service Record file to show his whereabouts from 22nd November, 1916 to 27th December, 1917]

Private Herbert Bull was transferred to Australian Corps School on 28th December, 1917 from 35th Battalion & taken on strength on 30th December, 1917.

Private Herbert Bull was on Leave to UK from 29th January, 1918. He rejoined from Leave on 16th February, 1918.

Private Herbert Bull was marched out to Reinforcement Camp at Caestre on 31st March, 1918 from Australian Corps School.

Private Herbert Bull was transferred back to 35th Battalion on 12th April, 1918 from Australian Corps School. He was taken on strength of 35th Battalion in France on 12th April, 1918.

Private Herbert Bull was injured accidentally on 22nd September, 1918. He was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance on 22nd September, 1918 having burns to his face & hands (accidental). Private Bull was transferred & admitted to 1st S. A. General Hospital in France on 23rd September, 1918. He was marked for transfer to England on 1st October, 1918 & embarked from France for UK on 2nd October, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Carisbrook Castle*.

War Diary – 35th Battalion

Clery Sur Somme

21/9/18

Bright cool day. Strong S.W. wind. Companies carried out platoon exercises & instruction during morning. "C" & "D" Coys went to baths at PERONNE. "A" & "B" Coys prepared for a practise stint with a contact aeroplane, but plane did not turn up. The Sports committee laid out the football ground ready for sport tomorrow. The C.O. went to 33rd Bn. Sports in afternoon. Bn. marched to another splendid concert at HALLE.

22/9/18

Fine clear morning. Finishing touches put to sports ground. Church parade at 11 am when the Padre from 33rd Bn officiated. Lt.Col. Moorshead came to lunch. Sports program commenced at 1.45 pm & everything went well till 3.45 pm when steady rain set in. In consequence, the remaining events were postponed till a fine day. Visitors from 33rd Bn. & 9th F. C. Eng were entertained at dinner by Hqrs & Coys Messes/ The Y.M.C.A. had a stall near the ground & served biscuits & hot coffee. The events counted in and inter-company competition, besides which, individual prizes were awarded.

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Appendix 31:

35th Battalion, A.I.F. Program of Sports – 22 – 9 – 18

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Appendix 32:

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STRUCK OFF STRENGTH 677. The undermentioned Officer and Other Ranks having been evacuated as under are struck off strength as from dates shown:

<i>Lieut. G. Bell</i>	<i>"A" Coy.</i>	<i>20-9-18</i>	<i>Accid. Inj.</i>
<i>380 Pte Bull H.A.</i>	<i>"B" "</i>	<i>22-9-18</i>	<i>Accid. Inj.</i>
<i>4549a Cpl Gray A</i>	<i>"D" "</i>	<i>21-9-18</i>	<i>Sick</i>

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(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Herbert Bull was admitted to 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, England on 4th October, 1918 with burns to face & hands. He was transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford on 6th November, 1918 with multiple burns.

Mrs H. Bull, Bridge Street, Newcastle, NSW, mother of Private Herbert Bull, was advised by Base Records on 6th November, 1918 that Private H. A. Bull had been "*admitted 4/10/18, to 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, England, suffering from burns to face and hands, actual condition not stated.*"

Private Herbert Bull was on furlough from 7th November, 1918 to 21st November, 1918 & was then to report to No. 4 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire, England.

Private Herbert Bull was admitted to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital at Bulford, Wiltshire on 19th November, 1918 with V.D.

The Medical Case Sheet for Private H. A. Bull recorded the following information: "*Disease – Right Empyema. Patient admitted 21–11-18 with 20. On the 22nd admitted B. Medical Ward complaining of headache – “stuffed” up in the head – pain in R. chest. No cough or pains elsewhere – Treated as Influenza.*

On 25 patient became very sick & there was a loud coarse friction in R. axilla - & Base – with diminished ____ Murmur & vocal resonance & flattening of the percussion note over this area. He had a dry cough & an expiratory grunt – dry furred tongue T 102 P 96 R24.

26th still had a little pain & felt weak. Cough was less. U.E. Heart normal. Ant. Left chest clear. R. friction near nipple dull from mid axillary line around to base..... Left negative. Skoda's triangle present. Aspirated turbid fluid – full of pus & streptococci. Resection of rib done in pm & patient's breathing improved –

Condition was critical at 4 pm on Nov 27th. He suddenly collapsed & died. Cause of death i. Heart failure ii. Empyema."

Private Herbert Bull was reported to be dangerously ill with Broncho pneumonia on 25th November, 1918 at Military Hospital.

Private Herbert Allan Bull died at 5 am (as listed on Hospital Admissions form. The Morning State of Sick form recorded he died at 5.10) on 27th November, 1918 at 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire, England from Heart failure due to Empyema. [A second Statement of Service form recorded that Private Bull died from "*Broncho pneumonia at 1st A.D.H. Bulford.* The Purport form recorded "died 1st A.D.H. Bron Pneum (prev. rep. Heart failure due emyema)."]

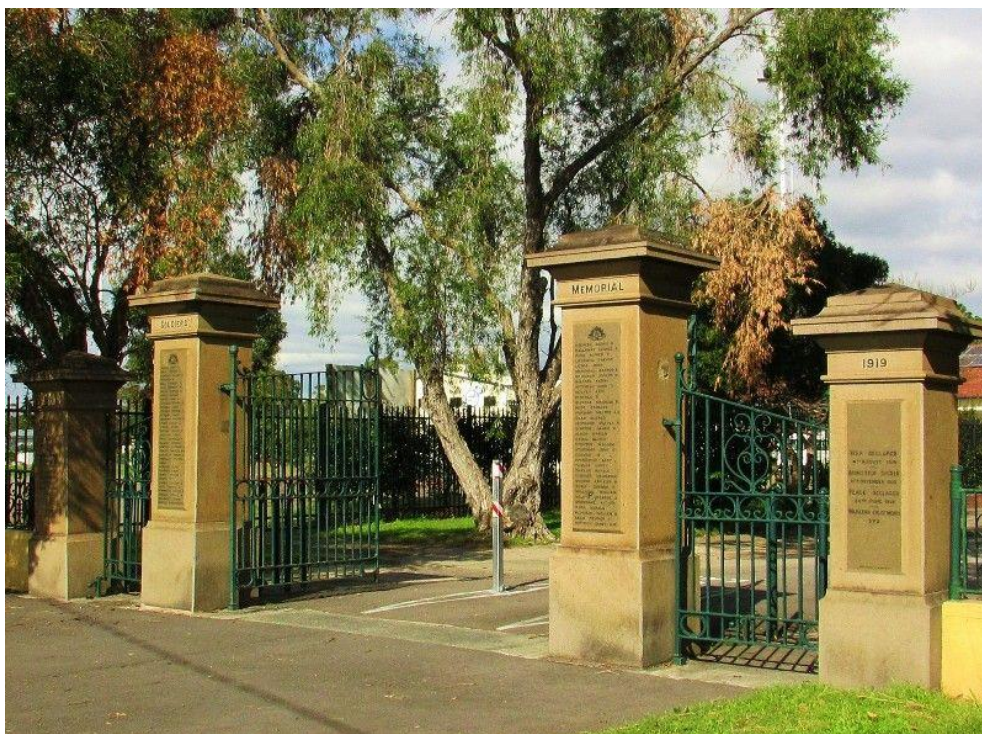
A death for Herbert A. Bull, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

Private Herbert Allan Bull was buried on 3rd December, 1918 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 293A and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Herbert Allan Bull - *Coffin was good. Elm Brass mounts. Deceased was buried with full Military honors the coffin draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun-carriage. The funeral was preceded by a Firing Party from the Australian Machine Gun Training Depot and the band of the "Royal Scots Greys". Six Australians supported the pall. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Private Herbert Allan Bull was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Bull's mother – Mrs H. Bull, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent February, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Herbert Allan Bull – service number 380, aged 23, of 35th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Herbert John and Harriet Bull, of 66 Chinchin St., Islington, New South Wales.

Herbert A. Bull & his brother Stanley G. Bull are both remembered on the Waratah Memorial Gates, located at Waratah Park, Platt Street, Waratah, NSW.



Waratah Memorial Gates (Photos from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)



H. Bull is remembered in the Clarence Jeffries V.C. & William Currey V.C. Memorial Wall, located in Sandgate Cemetery, Maitland Road, Sandgate, NSW.



Clarence Jeffries V.C. & William Currey V.C. Memorial Wall, Sandgate Cemetery

(Photo from Monument Australia)

BOYCE aka BOYO	F. 457A	23 MG BN	23.8.1918	EN	27	HAWCROFT	C. 788	30TH BN	20.7.1918	FR	21
BRANNIGAN	A. 1691	13TH BN	11.4.1917	FR	23	HAYNES	F. 17061	9 FD AM	9.10.1918	FR	24
BRAY	A. 1628	17TH BN	31.12.1916	FR	31	HEBNER	J. 2183	25TH BN	10.2.1917	FR	23
BROGDEN	F. 718	24TH BN	31.5.1917	BE	25	HEMMINGS	E. 2914	48TH BN	28.4.1918	FR	28
BROWN	A. 1413	20TH BN	27.7.1916	FR	22	HEATHERINGTON	W. 2427	25TH BN	12.10.1917	BE	22
BROWN	F. 1654	2ND BN	2.5.1915	LP	39	HEWIT	E. 791	25TH BN	3.2.1918	BE	28
BROWN	L. 3456	17TH BN	20.9.1917	BE	29	HINCKS	A. 787	25TH BN	7.8.1917	BE	20
BRUCE	O. 430	4TH FCE	18.12.1916	FR	23	HINCKS	C. 1486	25TH BN	7.8.1917	BE	26
DRYDEN	J. 561	30TH BN	23.8.1916	FR	23	HINGST	D. 4514	1ST PTO	26.2.1917	EN	32
BULL	H. 380	25TH BN	27.11.1918	EN	23	HIRST MM	P. 58	1ST FCE	25.7.1916	FR	24
BULL	G. 8621	1 FD AMB	9.7.1916	BE	25	HOPE	R. 2165	23RD BN	30.2.1918	FR	20
BURGESS	J. 4348A	2ND BN	21.9.1917	BE	22	HOPTON	H. 8277	15TH BN	4.7.1918	FR	32
BURGESS	W. 4438	3RD BN	9.8.1918	FR	25	HORNBY	W. 4190A	2ND BN	6.4.1917	FR	28
BURNLEY	J. 25	24TH BN	12.10.1917	FR	30	HUGHES	R. 6553	1ST ATC	28.5.1917	BE	23
BURNS	A. 621	20TH BN	23.2.1917	FR	22	HUNT	H. 4524	24TH BN	17.10.1917	BE	23
CANN	F. CAPT	R.E. (DEF)	14.10.1917	BE	24	HUNTRISS	A. 2336	20TH BN	18.11.1917	BE	26
CANT	J. UN	19TH BN	3.5.1917	FR	24	JACKSON	G. 1151	23RD BN	25.10.1916	FR	32
CANTELLO	J. 3488	17TH BN	19.5.1916	FR	26	JAMIESON	J. 2097	24TH BN	18.7.1917	BE	22
CHARLTON	A. 411	20TH BN	20.12.1917	FR	28	JENKINS	G. 2147	21ST BN	10.10.1917	BE	20
CHRISTENSEN	F. 4439	2RD BN	10.11.1917	BE	28	JOHNSON	W. 2100	24TH BN	11.6.1917	BE	24
CLEARY	G. 2592	48TH BN	5.4.1918	FR	40	JOHNSON MM	B. 613	25TH BN	24.7.1918	FR	24
CLEARY	L. 2092	12.10.1917	2.5.1917	FR	23	JONES	A. 1295	25TH BN	10.8.1917	BE	20

(Photo from Sandgate Newcastle Virtual Records)

Private H. A. Bull is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 125.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(57 pages of Private Herbert Allan Bull's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Group portrait of ten soldiers from the 35th Battalion in “Rag time: (Training uniform) c 1916

Surnames are written in ink on the front of the photograph by 359 Private (Pte) Randolph Adamson:

Identified, left to right: back row: Proctor (probably 180 Herbert John Proctor); Featherstone (Probably 432 Thomas Henry Featherstone); Nash (possibly 512 James Nash); Pte Adamson, and Fletcher (probably 435 Richard Fletcher).

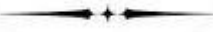
*Front row: MacDonald (probably 852 James McDonald); Gane (probably 442 Leslie George Gane), Bull (possibly 379 Wilfred Percy Bull); **Bull (possibly 380 Herbert Allen Bull)**; and Kennedy (probably 474 William Thomas Kennedy).*



Connected to Private Herbert Allan Bull:

Older brother Stanley Gane Bull (b. 1891) –Enlisted 17th July, 1915 as a 24 year old Tramway Employee. Embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Aeneas* (A60) on 20th December, 1915 with a Service number of 8621 with Australian Army Medical Corps, 4th Infantry Brigade, 5th Field Ambulance, 8th Reinforcements. Died of wounds in Belgium 6th July, 1916. Buried Maple Leaf Cemetery, Wallonie, Belgium.

Younger brother Wilfred Percy Bull - Enlisted 8th January, 1916 as an 18 year old Labourer. Embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 1st May, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Brigade, 35th Infantry Battalion “B” Company with Service number of 379. Returned to Australia 11th May, 1919.



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Casualty lists Nos. 448 and 449 were released.....

INJURED

Private H. A. Bull (Newcastle)

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 2 December, 1918)

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

DIED FROM INJURIES

PRIVATE BULL – Mrs H. J. Bull, of 66 Chinchon-street, Islington (late of Waratah), has received word that her third son, Private Herbert Allan (Bert) Bull, has died of injuries received in France. Mrs Bull had three sons on active service, two of whom have given their lives.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 5 December, 1918)

AMONG THE LAST

CASUALTIES AND PRISONERS

TWO LISTS ISSUED

No. 451

DIED OTHER CAUSES

H. A. BULL, Waratah (illness, P.R. inj)

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 14 December, 1918)

Deaths

BULL – At Brighton Hospital, on 27th November, Private Herbert Allan Bull, beloved son of Mr and Mrs H. Bull, late of Bridge-st., Waratah; aged 23 years.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 24 December, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BULL – In loving memory of our dear sons and brothers, Private Stanley Bull, died of wounds July 6, 1916 and Private Herbert Bull, died of illness November 27, 1918. – Inserted by their loving mother, brothers and sisters.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 27 November, 1919)

Roll of Honour

BULL – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private H. A. Bull, who died of illness November 27, 1918.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his loving mother, sister, and brothers, Inslington.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 27 November, 1920)

Roll of Honour

BULL – In loving memory of Private H. A. Bull (Bert), died of illness, Tidworth, England, November 27, 1918; also Private S. G. Bull, died of wounds; Ploeg-Strait, France, July 6, 1916; also Evelyn Alma Bull, died in Newcastle Hospital September 22, 1917 – Sadly missed. – Inserted by their loving mother, brothers, and sister.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 28 November, 1921)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BULL – A tribute of love to the memory of our dear son and brother, Private H. A. Bull, 35th Battalion, died of illness, November 27, 1918; aged 23 years.

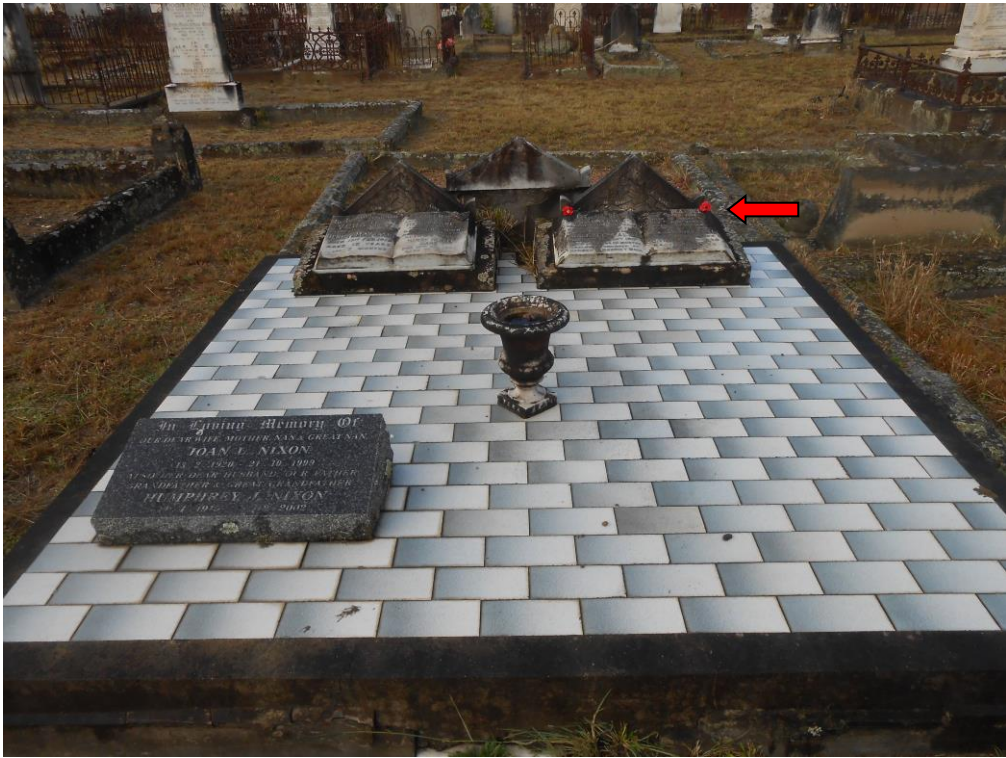
-Inserted by her loving mother, sister and brothers.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 27 November, 1922)

Private H. A. Bull & his brother Private Stanley Gane Bull are both remembered on the Family Headstone located in Sandgate Cemetery, NSW, Australia.



Sandgate Cemetery *(Photo by nettlyne – Find a Grave)*



Gane, Bull & Nixon Family Grave (Photos courtesy of Gary Mitchell)





In Loving Memory Of

Priv. STANLEY GANE BULL

Died Of Wounds In France

6TH July 1916 Aged 25 Years

He Heard The Call And Answered

Also Evelyn Alma

Died 22ND Sept 1917

Aged 12 Years 10 Months

Beloved Children Of

Herbert & Harriet Bull

Also Priv. H. A. BULL

35TH Batt. A.I.F.

Died Of Illness

27TH Nov 1918

Aged 23 Years

A Young Life _____nded

Also Harriett Bull
Mother Of Above
Died 23RD Sep. 1949
Aged 77 Years
At Rest

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Private H. A. Bull does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

The Path Of Duty Was The Way To Glory

Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

(Information from CWGC)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The AIF Tidworth cemetery under snow. – March 1919.

Identified graves marked by a cross and headstone in the foreground

Front row: 50727 Private Rowland James Dickson, Australian Machine Gun Corps, died 14 October 1918.

Second row, left to right: 18282 Driver John Thalma Jackson, Details Australian Engineers, died 30 October 1917; 17445 Pte Roland Travers Woodville, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 13 September 1917; 31712 Gunner John Alexander McDonald, 15th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, died 30 July 1917, aged 37, at Tidworth Military Hospital; 3062 Pte Even Thomas Kennedy, 3rd Australian Pioneers, died 7 August 1917.

Note Gunner McDonald has a large headstone which reads in part 'erected by his sorrowing comrades of the Australian Field Artillery. His duty done.'



Tidworth Military Cemetery (Photo by *julia&keld* – Find a Grave)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire (Photo courtesy of *John Prestidge*)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)*



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)

Photo of Private H. A. Bull's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England



(Photo courtesy Kevin – Portsmouth Remembers)

