

**Lodge Hill Cemetery,
Birmingham, West Midlands**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5100 PRIVATE

J. T. GOOD

14TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

24TH AUGUST, 1916

John Thomas (Jack) GOOD

John Thomas Good was born at Footscray, Victoria in 1880 to parents John & Bridget Good (nee McCarthy).

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Melbourne Ports, subdivision of Footscray North, recorded John Thomas Good, Driver, from 26 Leeds Street, Footscray, Victoria.

The 1906 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Maribyrnong, subdivision of Footscray North, recorded John Thomas Good, Driver, from 28 Moore Street, Footscray, Victoria.

John Thomas Good married Mary Christina Clark (nee Parsons) in Victoria in 1906. [Mary Christina Parsons had married Francis William Clark in 1902. They had a daughter – Iris Mary Clark whose birth was registered in 1903 in Murrumbeena, Victoria. A death was registered in 1905 for Francis William Clark, aged 31.]

A birth was registered in 1908 Alfred John Good – son of John Thomas & Mary Christina Good (nee Parsons).

The 1909 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Balaclava, subdivision of Oakleigh recorded John Thomas Good, Driver & his wife – Mary Christina Good, Home Duties, from Normanby Road, Oakleigh, Victoria.

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Maribyrnong, subdivision of Footscray North, recorded John Thomas Good, Dairyman & his wife Mary Christina Good, Home Duties, of 32 Moore Street, Footscray, Victoria.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Henty, subdivision of Oakleigh recorded John Thomas Good, Driver & his wife – Mary Christina Good, Home Duties, from Kangaroo Rd, Oakleigh, Victoria.

The 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Henty, subdivision of Oakleigh recorded John Thomas Good, Driver & his wife – Mary Christina Good, Home Duties, from Davey Avenue, Oakleigh, Victoria.

John Thomas Good was a 35 year old, married, Horse Driver from Davey Avenue, South Oakleigh, Victoria when he enlisted on 23rd August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5100 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. C. Good, Davey Avenue, South Oakleigh, Victoria. (Address listed on Embarkation Roll as David Avenue). John Thomas Good stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to his Teeth.

Private John Thomas Good was posted to 21st Depot Battalion at Warrnambool, Victoria on 23rd August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred on 4th March, 1916 to 16th Reinforcements of 14th Battalion then transferred on 10th March, 1916 to 10th Reinforcements of 14th Battalion.

Private John Thomas Good embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Anchises* (A68) on 14th March, 1916 with the 14th Infantry Battalion, 16th Reinforcements.

Private John Thomas Good was marched into 4th Training Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 15th April, 1916.

Private John Thomas Good embarked from Alexandria on H.M.T. *Ionian* on 7th June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 14th June, 1916.

Private John Thomas Good was taken on strength of his Unit with 14th Battalion in the Field on 7th August, 1916 from 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France.

Private John Thomas Good was wounded in action in France on 10th August, 1916. He was admitted to 13th Field Ambulance on 11th August, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to shoulder. Private Good was admitted to 9th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 12th August, 1916. He embarked for England from Havre, France on 19th August, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Marama*.

14th Battalion

The Headquarters of the 14th Battalion opened at an office at 178 Collins Street, Melbourne in the last week of September 1914. On 1 October it relocated to Broadmeadows Camp where the battalion's recruits, principally from

Melbourne and its suburbs, were taken on strength and trained. With the 13th, 15th and 16th Battalions, the 14th formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.....

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. While there, the AIF expanded and was reorganised. The 14th Battalion was split and provided experienced soldiers for the 46th Battalion. The 4th Brigade was combined with the 12th and 13th Brigades to form the 4th Australian Division.

In June 1916 they sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bloody trench warfare. Its first major action in France was at Pozieres in August 1916....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 14th Battalion

Poziers – 10th August, 1916:

Strength 30 Officers 747 Others. At midnight our artillery opened intense bombardment on enemy positions. At 12.3 am 15 Bn advanced and left flank of 14 Bn swung forward as on night before and consolidated the position gained by constructing strong points held by Lewis Guns with Bombing Escorts. Our trenches were badly damaged during enemy retaliation. Usual amount of shelling during the day but trenches repaired and improved. B Coy relieved C Coy in firing line relief complete by 6.30 pm. One Platoon at disposal of 15 Bn last night.

Marched in 2/Lieut McKinlay and 83 other ranks.

Wounded 1 Officer 2/Lieut J. Millis & 40 other ranks.

Killed 8 other ranks

Missing 2 other ranks from M.G. Sect 3

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private John Thomas Good was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, England on 20th August, 1916 with shrapnel wound/s to shoulder – severe. He was reported to be in a dangerous condition on 20th August, 1916.

Private John Thomas Good died on 24th August, 1916 at King's Heath Hospital, Birmingham, England from wounds received in action in France - G.S.W. to Shoulder.

A death for John Good, aged 37, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Kings Norton, Staffordshire/Warwickshire, England.

Private John Thomas Good was buried on 26th August, 1916 in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England – Grave site "B" 10 Grave No. 217.

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. C. Good, "Milton" Normanby Street, South Oakleigh, Victoria on 19th April, 1920 with the following *"With reference to my communication to you of the 31st July, 1917, concerning the regrettable loss of your husband, the late No.5100, Private J. T. Good, 14th Battalion, I am now in receipt of further advice which shows that his remains have been exhumed from former site, and re-interred in Grave No.160, Section "B" 10, Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain...."*

His name is now remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall B10. 1. 160 as he does not have a headstone.

The Manager, T & G Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited, for Victoria, wrote to Base Records on 14th September, 1916 & again on 12th October, 1916 as no reply had been received for the first letter, requesting the Certificate of Death of the late Private J. T. Good.

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Base Records replied on 25th October, 1916, enclosing a copy of Certificate of Death of the late No. 5100 Private J. T. Good, 14th Battalion.

A similar letter was sent on 25th October, 1916 to Mrs M. C. Good, Davey Avenue, South Oakleigh, also enclosing a copy of Certificate of Death of the late No. 5100 Private J. T. Good, 14th Battalion.

A War Pension was granted to Mary Christina Good, Davey Ave, South Oakleigh, widow of the late Private John Thomas Good, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 5th November, 1916. Pensions were also granted to his stepchild – Iris Mar Clark (Good) in the sum of 20/- per fortnight & for his son – Alfred John Good, in the sum of 15/- per fortnight (both commencing from 5th November, 1916).

A Notice for the Press was placed in the Newspapers in February, 1920 requesting Mrs M. C. Good, formerly of Davey Avenue, South Oakleigh, Victoria, next-of-kin to the late No. 5100 Private J. T. Good, 14th Battalion, to communicate with Base Records. Previous communications addressed to her at Davey Avenue had been returned unclaimed.

M. C. Good advised Base Records of her change of address from Davey Avenue, South Oakleigh, Victoria to "Milton" Normanby Street, South Oakleigh, Victoria. This was noted by Base Records on 23rd February, 1920.

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. C. Good, Milton" Normanby Street, South Oakleigh, Victoria on 24th February, 1920 enclosing two photographs of the grave of her husband, the late No. 5100 Private J. T. Good, 14th Battalion. *"These were previously despatched to you on the 3rd February last, but returned unclaimed. Your present address has now been noted on the records of your husband."*

Private John Thomas Good was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Good's widow – Mrs M. C. Good, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent March, 1922. The Plaque was re-despatched in May, 1923 to Mrs M. C. Hewet, remarried widow of the late Private Good).

Mrs R. E. Maguire, P.O. Box 108, Penguin, Tasmania, wrote to Central Army Records Office, Albert Park Barracks, Melbourne in October, 1967 with the following: *"I would like to apply for an Anzac Medal belonging to my grandfather John Thomas Good, No. 5100, Private, 14th Battalion, and he died at the King's Heath Hospital 24th August, 1916 & buried Birmingham England, grave no. 217 (b.10). Before my marriage I was Marion Joyce Good. Awaiting your reply."* A "N/E" reply (Not Entitled) was sent on 13th October, 1967.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private John Thomas Good – service number 5100, aged 36, of 14th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of John & Bridget Good.

Private J. T. Good is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 72.

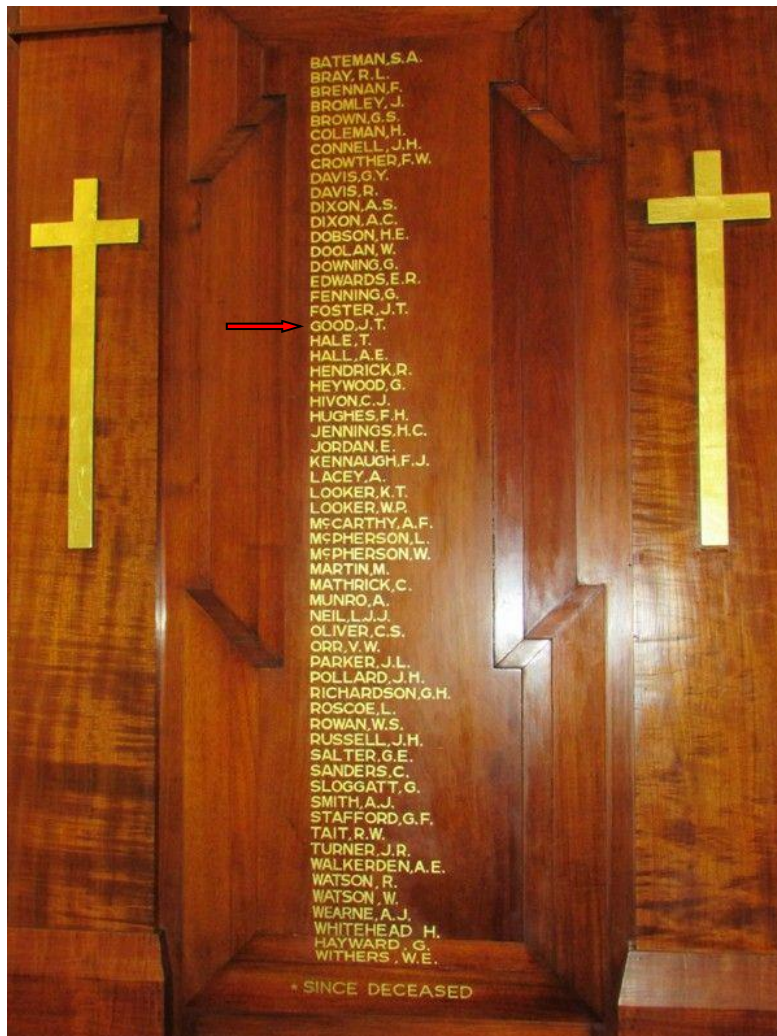


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. T. Good is remembered on the Oakleigh Roll of Honour, located in Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL Club, 95-97 Drummond Street, Oakleigh, Victoria.



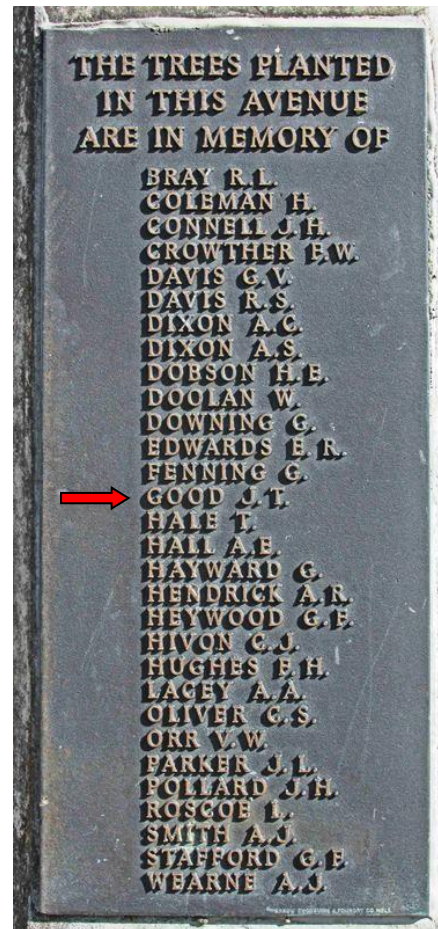
Oakleigh Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)



J. T. Good is remembered with a Tree planted on the Oakleigh Avenue of Honour, Drummond Street, Oakleigh, Victoria.



Oakleigh Avenue of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)



The Oakleigh Cenotaph, located in Warrawee Park, Drummond Street, Oakleigh, does not list individual names.



Oakleigh Cenotaph (Photo from Monument Australia)

(43 pages of Private John Thomas Good'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



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIANS IN WAR

211th CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte J. T, Good, South Oakleigh

(Hamilton Spectator, Victoria – 15 September, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

GOOD –In loving memory of my old friend, Private Jack Good, died of wounds received in France.

-Inserted by his old friend, P. A. Hewet.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 9 September, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

GOOD – A tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Private J. T. Good (Jack), late of Footscray, who died of wounds received in France on the 24th August.

-Inserted by his old friends, Mr and Mrs Carson.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 16 September, 1916)

BEREAVEMENT CARD

Mrs J. T. GOOD and Family desire to THANK their many kind friends for cards, letters, and expressions of sympathy and kindness during their recent sad bereavement.

Davey Avenue,

South Oakleigh.

(*Oakleigh and Caulfield Times Mulgrave and Ferntree Gully Guardian*, Victoria – 23 September, 1916)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

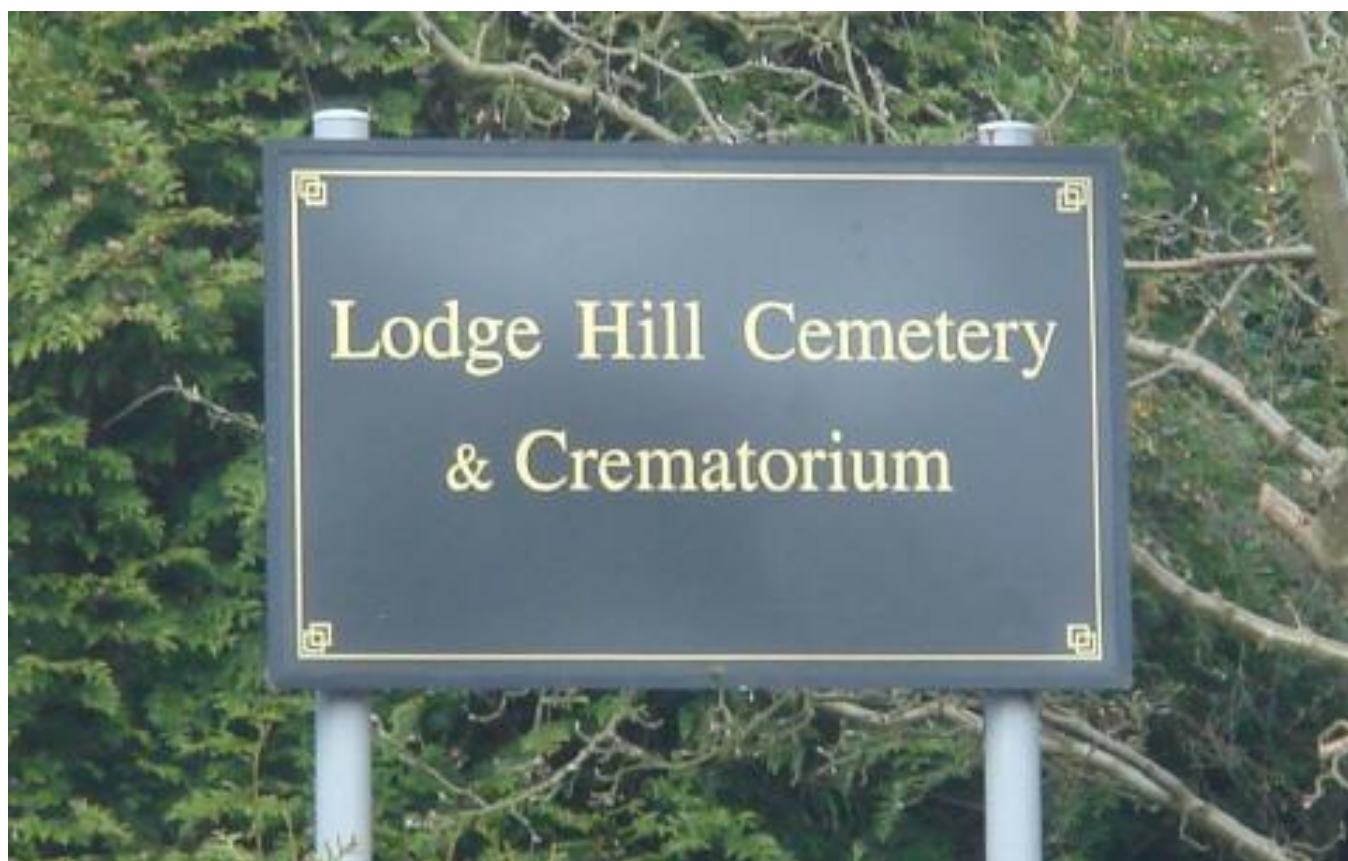
Private J. T. Good does not have CWGC headstone, his name is instead remembered on a CWGC Screen Wall as his grave was one that could not be individually marked with a headstone.

Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England

The First World War saw four important hospitals - besides many smaller - posted at Birmingham: the 1st Southern General (3,500 beds) was in the university and other buildings, with a section at Stourbridge; the 2nd/1st Southern General (1,800 beds) in the Dudley Road Infirmary and in billets; the 1st Birmingham War Hospital (1,000 beds) at Rubery Hill Asylum and the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital (900 beds) at Hollymoor Asylum. Military hospitals were at Birmingham again during the Second World War, including No 7 Canadian Hospital at Marston Green. Birmingham and Coventry were among the chief manufacturing areas producing materials for the war effort and were subjected to many devastating air raids during the Blitz of 1940-41.

BIRMINGHAM (LODGE HILL) CEMETERY contains 499 First World War burials, most of them in a war graves plot in Section B10. The names of those buried in the plot, or in graves elsewhere in the cemetery which could not be individually marked, are inscribed on a Screen Wall. Second World War burials number 125, most of them scattered throughout the cemetery, although there is a small plot in Section 2E. Birmingham Municipal Crematorium stands within the cemetery. In the chapel, there is a bronze plaque commemorating 48 servicemen of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

(Information from CWGC)



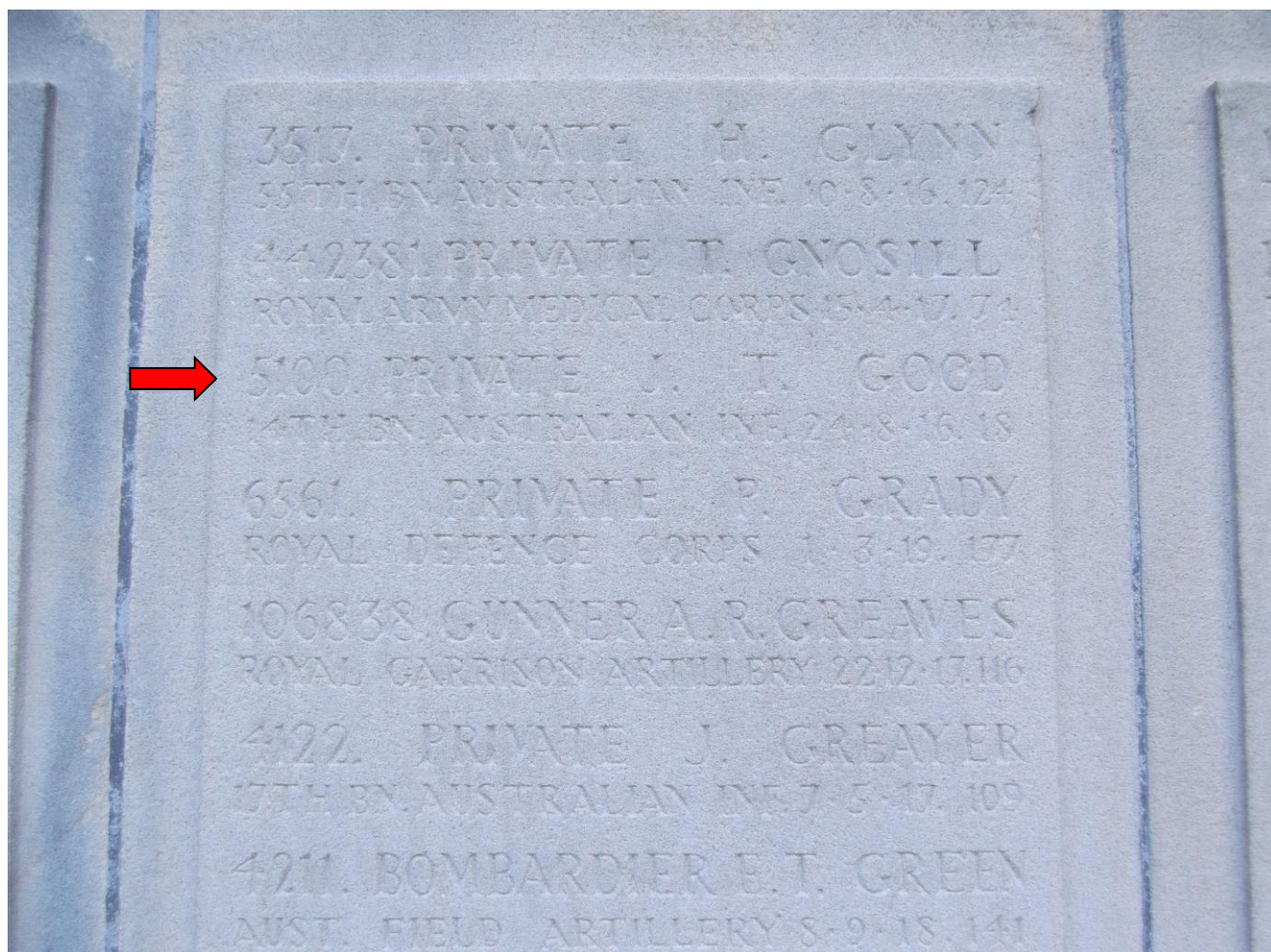
(Photo by Lepidus Magnus)



Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham *(Photos from CWGC)*



Photo of Private J. T. Good's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission WW1 Screen Wall in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England.



(Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)



WW1 Screen Wall in Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)



WW2 Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)

