

# Durrington War Graves

## World War 1



*Lest We Forget*



**2913 PRIVATE**

**S. GOODAY**

**29TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**10TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 26**

*Life Fades*

*Memory Lives*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte S. Gooday is located in Grave Plot # 99  
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## Sidney GOODAY

Sidney Gooday was born at Roxwell, Essex, England in 1890 to parents George & Christianna Gooday (nee Lucking). His birth was registered in June quarter 1890, in the district of Chelmsford, Essex.

The 1891 England Census recorded Sidney Gooday as an 11 month old living with his family at Elms Farm, Roxwell, Essex, England. His parents were listed as George Gooday (Farm Servant, aged 46) & Christiana Gooday (aged 42). Sidney was the youngest of 5 children listed on this Census – Edwin (Stock Boy, aged 15), Florence (Mother's Help, aged 14), Edith (aged 11), Albert (aged 8) then Sidney.

A death was registered in June quarter of 1900 in the district of Ongar, Essex, England for Christianna Gooday, aged 51 – Sidney's mother.

The 1911 England Census listed Sidney Gooday as a 21 year old Cowman on a Farm living as a Boarder with the Quilter family at Paslow Common, Blackmore W, Ingatestone, Essex. The Quilter family consisted of Edward Quilter (Waggoner on a Farm, aged 61) & his wife Eliza Quilter (aged 56) & 2 of their sons – Albert (Cowman on a Farm, aged 21) & Arthur (House Boy, aged 15).

Sidney Gooday was listed as a passenger on the *Mamari* which had departed from London on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1911 & was bound for New Zealand. Sidney's occupation was listed as Labourer & he was one of many passengers that had contracted to land at Sydney, Australia. He was 21 years old.

Sidney Gooday was a 25 year old, single, Groom from Apollo Bay, Victoria when he enlisted on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1916 with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 2913 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs Edith Rolph, 72 Ougar Road, Brentwood, Essex, England.

Pte Sidney Gooday embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Euripides (A14)* on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1916 & disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt. He then embarked on HMT *Franconia* at Alexandria on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1916.

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.

Pte Sidney Gooday was admitted sick to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1916 from 8<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion.

Pte Sidney Gooday died at 5 a.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1916 of Pneumonia in Fargo Military Hospital.

A death for Sidney Gooday, aged 26, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Pte Sidney Gooday was buried in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – grave number 99 on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1916.

Pte Sidney Gooday requested in his Will, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1916, that all his money and effects be given to his sister – Edith Rolph of Brentwood, Essex & William Henry Pengilly of Apollo Bay Hotel was appointed Executor.

Pte Sidney Gooday was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Gooday's sister – Mrs E. Rolph in England (both sent July, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Sidney Gooday – service number 2913 as being 26 years old & served with 29th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of George & Christianna Gooday. Born at Blackmore, Essex, England.

Private S. Goodday is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 115.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

S. Goodday is also remembered on the Apollo Bay War Memorial located on Great Ocean Road. Apollo Bay, Victoria.



Apollo Bay War Memorial (Photos from Carol's Headstone [Photographs](#))

S. Gooday is also remembered on the Colac War Memorial located on Murray Street, Memorial Square, Colac, Victoria.



Colac War Memorial (Photos from Carol's Headstone [Photographs](#))



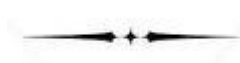
S. Goodday is also remembered on the Apollo Bay Honour Roll (First World War) located at Returned & Services League at 12 Gallipoli Parade, Apollo Bay, Victoria.



**Apollo Bay R.S.L.**

(29 pages of Pte Sidney Goodday's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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



## **Newspaper Reports**

### **MAMARI FROM LONDON**

*Mamari* from London, is expected to arrive at Tyner's Wharf, Miller's Point, at about daylight this morning.  
Passengers :- .....S. Goodday.....

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW Thursday 15 June, 1911)*

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### **COLAC RECRUITS**

The following men have volunteered for active service since the Special Recruiting Campaign, commenced in Colac, on 1st July last:

Sidney Goodday, Forrest

*(The Colac Herald, Victoria Monday 12 July, 1915)*

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### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

VICTORIA – Died Of Illness

GOODDAY, Pte S., England 10/8/16.

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria Friday 1 September, 1916)*

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### 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 at Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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)*

Pte S. Gooday does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Life Fades Memory Lives*



**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire** *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*

Photo of Pte S. Gooday's Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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