

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3071 PRIVATE

T. H. GOSS

37TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

28TH AUGUST, 1917 Age 34

May His Soul Rest In Peace

Thomas Henry (Tom) GOSS

Thomas Henry Goss was born at Kew, Victoria in 1883 to parents Jesse & Catherine Mary Goss (nee Cleary).

Thomas Henry Goss attended school at St. Ignatius Roman Catholic School.

The 1906 & 1909 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Yarra, subdivision of Richmond North, Victoria recorded Thomas Henry Goss, Carpenter, of 20 Lambert Street, Richmond. Also listed as the same address were his parents Catherine Goss, Home Duties & Jesse Goss, Butcher.

The 1912, 1913 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Kooyong, subdivision of Box Hill, Victoria recorded Thomas Henry Goss, Carpenter, of Devon Street, Box Hill. Also listed as the same address were his parents Catherine Goss, Home Duties & Jesse Goss, Butcher.

The 1915 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kooyong, subdivision of Box Hill, Victoria recorded Thomas Henry Goss, Carpenter, of Devon Street, Box Hill. Also listed as the same address was his father – Jesse Goss, butcher.

Catherine Mary Goss, mother of Thomas Henry Goss, died on 31st May, 1915.

The 1916 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kooyong, subdivision of Box Hill, Victoria recorded Thomas Henry Goss, Carpenter, of Devon Street, Box Hill.

The 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Yarra, subdivision of Richmond North, Victoria recorded Thomas Henry Goss, Carpenter, of 84 Egan Street, Richmond. Also listed as the same address was his father – Jesse Goss, butcher.

Thomas Henry Goss was a 33 year old, single, Carpenter from 84 Egan Street, Richmond, Victoria when he enlisted on 21st November, 1916 in Melbourne, Victoria with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Jesse Goss, 84 Egan Street, Richmond, Victoria.

Private Thomas Henry Goss was posted to 2nd (Depot) Battalion at Royal Park on 27th November, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Broadmeadows on 30th November, 1916 & posted to 7th Reinforcements of 37th Battalion at Royal Park on 16th January, 1917.

Private Thomas Henry Goss, Service number 3071, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ballarat* (A70) on 19th February, 1917 with the 37th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 25th April, 1917.

37th Battalion

The 37th Battalion was formed, as part of the 10th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division, in February 1916 at Seymour in Victoria. Its recruits were drawn from Melbourne, north-east Victoria and Gippsland.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

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 Thomas Henry Goss was marched in to 10th Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire on 26th April, 1917 from Australia.

Private Thomas Henry Goss was admitted to Tidworth Hospital on 18th June, 1917 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined). The Hospital Admissions form recorded Private Goss was suffering from Cerebro Spinal Fever from 18th June, 1917 until 10th August, 1917. *“Admitted 1st day of disease very ill... On 5th day of disease pulse became irregular & he collapsed but revived. On the 8th day pericardial friction noticed he also developed orchitis; on the 10th day Pleural friction noticed. There was evidence of a large quantity of fluid in the pericardium but it slowly*

subsided.” On 10th August, 1917 a new entry was made on the Hospital Admissions form with Bright’s Disease. “On Aug 10th albumen was found in the urine & oedema of the face back & ankles came on. Two throat swabs were negative. Pulse weak & irregular. On Aug 24th some fluid in right pleural cavity. No dyspnoea. Food taken well slept well. Died suddenly of syncope on Aug 28th.”

Private Thomas Henry Goss died at 3 am on 28th August, 1917 at Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Bright’s Disease.

A death for Thomas W. Goss, aged 34, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England.

Private Thomas Henry Goss was buried on 30th August, 1917 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number A. 56 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Private Thomas Henry Goss - Coffin was polished Elm. Brass fittings. Military Funeral conducted by the Chaplain, Lucknow, Tidworth Barracks.

Private Thomas Henry Goss was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Goss’s father – Mr J. Goss, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Thomas Henry Goss – service number 3071, aged 34, of 37th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Jesse & Catherine Mary Goss, of Devon St., Box Hill, Victoria.

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



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Richmond War Memorial, located in Barkly Gardens, Mary Street, Richmond, Victoria does not contain individual names.



Richmond War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



(39 pages of Private Thomas Henry Goss' 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

AUSTRALIA'S HEROES

325th CASUALTY LIST

VICTORIA

DANGEROUSLY ILL

Pte T. H. Goss, Richmond

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 20 July, 1917)

SOLDIER'S NEXT OF KIN

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The relatives of 3071, Pte T. H. Goss, 37th Batta., are requested to communicate with the chief clerk, 3rd Military District, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, as early as possible.

(The Evening Echo, Ballarat – 7 September, 1917)

DEATHS

On Active Service

GOSS – On the 28th August, at Tidworth Military Hospital, Private T. H. (Tom) Goss, the eldest beloved son of J. Goss and the late Catherine Goss, of Box Hill, late of Richmond; brother of Mrs W. Champion, Bert and Vera Goss, also loving uncle of Vera, Wallie, Marjorie and Merva Champion, also Florrie Goss, and grandson of Mrs T, Cleary, aged 34 years.

A good son and brother,

Deeply regretted.

-Inserted by his loving father, sisters and brother-in-law.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 September, 1917)

338TH OFFICIAL LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

T. H. Boss, Richmond

(The Ballarat Courier, Victoria – 17 September, 1917)

Richmond Soldiers Still in Front

Richmond casualties since our last list include:

Died of Illness

T. H. Goss

(Richmond Guardian, Victoria – 22 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

GOSS – In loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother, Private T. H. Goss, died at Tidworth, England, 28th August, 1917, aged 35 years. R.I.P. Sadly missed.

-Inserted by his loving father, sisters and brother-in-law, Box Hill.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 August, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

GOSS – In loving memory of my dear son and brother, Private T. H. Goss, died at Tidworth Hospital 28th August, 1917, late 37th Battalion. R.I.P. Ever remembered.

-Inserted by his father, sisters and brother-in-law, Devon-street, Box Hill.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 August, 1919)

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 T. H. Goss does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

May His Soul Rest In Peace

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)



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



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Snow cover on graves marked with a cross in the AIF cemetery.

Identified, left row, back to front: 3049 Private (Pte) John Joseph Cahill, 57th Battalion (Bn), who died 16 March 1917; 769 Lance Sergeant Gerald Ryan, 14th Bn, died of accidental injuries caused when he fell sliding on ice 6 February 1917; 6022 Pte James Thomas Frazer, 9th Bn, died of pneumonia 25 January 1917; 2680 Pte William Humphreys, 13th Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps, died of sickness 23 January 1917; 2435 Pte James Byrne, 39th Bn, died of accidental injuries 18 January 1917.

Right row: 1094 Lance Corporal Henry Matthews, 13th Australian Light Horse, died of accidental injuries 8 January 1918; **3701 Pte Thomas Henry Goss, 37th Bn, died of sickness 28 August 1917**; 2769 Gunner James O'Connell, 13th Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, date of death 31 July 1917; 6961 Pte Alexander Bruni, 67th Bn, died of sickness 15 July 1917; 3135 Henry John Vaughan Percy-Dove, 40th Bn, aged 28, died of sickness 11 June 1917; 3512A Sapper John (Jack) Wallace, Australian Tunnelling Company, who died 7 June 1917.

[NOTE: The Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honour had Private Thomas Henry Goss's Service number incorrectly recorded as 3701 – should be 3071. The Australian War Memorial were advised at the time of researching (August, 2023). The error originally occurred when the publication for Tidworth Military Cemetery Register was compiled by Imperial War Graves Commission in 1932. The error was noticed in 1932 but could not be corrected as printed copies of the Register had already been prepared for publication.]



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



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

Photo of Private T. H. Goss's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Kevin – Portsmouth Remembers)

