

**All Saints Cemetery,
Nunhead, Greater London, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



70 PRIVATE

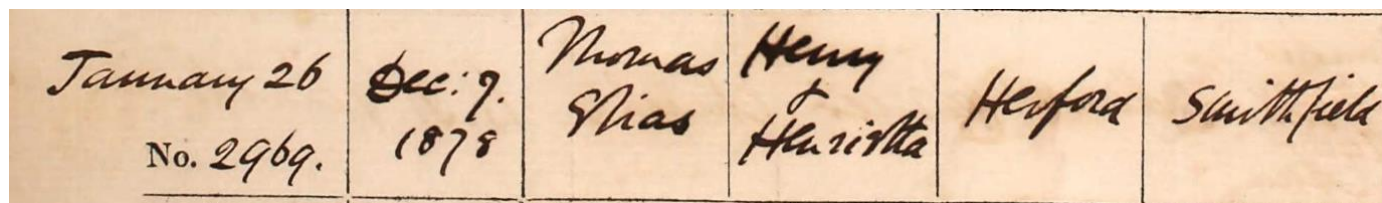
T. E. HERFORD

1ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

7TH OCTOBER, 1915

Thomas Elias (Tom) HERFORD

Thomas Elias Herford was born at Smithfield, New South Wales on 7th (or 9th - badly written numeral in Baptism Register) December, 1878 to parents Henry Francis & Mary Henrietta Herford (nee Dummett). His birth was registered in the district of Liverpool, NSW in 1879 & he was baptised in St. John's Church, Parramatta, NSW on 26th January, 1879.



Henry Herford, father of Thomas Elias Herford, died in 1907 at Smithfield, New South Wales

Thomas Elias Herford married Emily Allen in 1909 at Balmain North, New South Wales.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Balmain, subdivision of Balmain East, New South Wales, recorded Thomas Elias Herford, Tailor from 19 William Street. His wife Emily Herford, domestic duties, was also listed as the same address.

Thomas Elias Herford was a 35 year old, single (Thomas Herford stated No to the question "are you married?"), Shopman (information for the Roll of Honour by his mother stated he was Manager of a Tailor's Shop) from Jersey Road, Parramatta*, NSW when he enlisted on 17th August, 1914 at Kensington, Sydney, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey Road, Parramatta*, NSW. Thomas Herford stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 5 years with Parramatta Lancers.

(*Note: Later advice from Mrs Nash, mother of Thomas Elias Herford, states that Parramatta is incorrect – it should be Turramurra.)

Private Thomas Elias Herford, Service number 70, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 18th October, 1914 with the 1st Infantry Battalion – Headquarters.

Private Thomas Elias Herford was transferred from Headquarters Signallers to "G" Company on 29th November, 1914.

Private Thomas Elias Herford was admitted to No. 2 General Hospital at Mena on 28th March, 1915 with haemorrhoids. He was transferred to Base Depot Camp at Abbassia on 15th April, 1915. Private Herford rejoined his Battalion at Gallipoli on 3rd May, 1915.

Private Thomas Elias Herford was wounded at Gallipoli on 10/11th August, 1915**. He was admitted to 1st Casualty Clearing Station at Anzac on 9th August, 1915** with Shrapnel wound/s to Hand (**dates as per Casualty Form - Active Service). Private Herford was transferred to Hospital Ship *Neuralia* on 12th August, 1915 with bullet wound/s to right Thigh. He was admitted to 15th General Hospital at Alexandria & was reported to have G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Thigh – severe on 16th August, 1915. Private Herford embarked from Alexandria for England on Hospital Ship *Letitia* on 3rd September, 1915.

1st Battalion

The 1st Battalion was the first infantry unit recruited for the AIF in New South Wales during the First World War.

The battalion was raised within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. The battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 as part of the second and third waves, and served there until the evacuation in December.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 1st Battalion

ANZAC:

8th August, 1915:

0430 – Fresh enemy attack – very violent. Our casualties greatly reduced by keeping me back from positions where bombs were falling.

0530 – In reply to a question from COLONEL SMYTH V.C. as to what is general situation, following message was sent. “We retain all positions. Enemy shelling rifle fire and bombing continue. Bombs are very severe and our stream of wounded is constant. It is most difficult to make these circle (??) trenches at all safe. Situation requires relieving ___ without if possible as we cannot counter attack from within. Men extremely tired but determined to hold on.”

0720 – Large quantities of bombs received.

0800 – Pressure relieved and all fairly quiet.

1400 – Relieved by 1/BN. Coys reorganised.

9th August, 1915

0728 – Ordered to reinforce LONE PINE at once. Message marked URGENT. D Coy moved out at once and found that they were not needed.

0941 – Relieved 3/BN

1115 – CAPTAIN SASSE cleared enemy who attacked S.W. angle by communication trench. CAPTAIN SASSE surrounded and killed 20.

1430 -Another attack led by CAPTAIN SASSE and CAPTAIN SHOUT, on same trench was successful. CAPTAIN SHOUT severely wounded.

1445 – MAJOR KINDON severely wounded by 75.mm gun.

1545 – CAPTAIN PARKINSON A.A.M.C. reported for duty as supplementary Medical Officer.

1840 – LIEUT RICKWOOD reported Turkish Officer shot in Sap taken by CAPTAIN SASSE. This made the Turks considerably less enterprising. Evening fairly quiet. Light bombing by both sides. Casualties light.

10th August, 1915

A very quiet day. No casualties.

11th August, 1915

1130 - Relieved by 2nd/BN

1240 - Reinforced No. 3 Section LONE PINE with 1 officer and 40 other ranks.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

The Secretary of Defence contacted Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey Road, Paramatta, NSW on 20th August, 1915 to advise her son Private T. E. Herford had been admitted to 15th General Hospital, Alexandria on August 16th with gunshot wound to right Thigh – severe.

Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey St, Turramurra, wrote to Secretary of Defence Dept on 1st September, 1915: “Having previously written to you requesting that you obtain further information concerning my son (Wounded Soldier Private T. E. Herford patient in 5th General Australian Hospital and being anxious to know how he is progressing I would request that you Cable for further information and inform me on receipt of same.”

Communications addressed to Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey Road, Parramatta, NSW from Base Records on 2nd September, 1915 were returned unclaimed.

The Secretary of Defence contacted Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey Road, Paramatta, NSW on 5th September, 1915 to advise her son Private T. E. Herford had been *"wounded second occasion between 6th and 9th August. First occasion not reported..... Second occasion apparently refers my wire 20th August."*

Base Records replied to Mr H. Nash, "Nashville" Jersey Road, Turramurra, NSW on 8th September, 1915 with: *"I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated 1st instant, concerning your son, No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion. A cable message inquiring condition and progress was despatched on the 31st ult., but no reply has yet been received. Another message will be despatched to-night and the reply communicated to you upon receipt. Your address is shown on your son's attestation sheet as "Nashville", Jersey Road, Paramatta, and you write from Turramurra. My communications addressed to Parramatta have apparently reached you, but I shall be glad if you will enlighten me on the point."*

Private Thomas Elias Herford was admitted to The King George Hospital, London, England on 13th September, 1915 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right Hip. The Hospital Admissions form recorded: *"Wounded Aug 9/15 at Gallipoli. Small circular wound on outer side of thigh. X rays show a shrapnel bullet in the neighbourhood of the hip joint immediately above the head of the femur."*

Mrs H. Nash wrote to The Secretary, Defence Department, Melbourne on 13th September, 1915 with the following letter: *"I am in receipt of your letter dated 8th instant re my son No 70 Private T. E. Herford 1st Battalion and note that you have despatched two Cables inquiring as to his condition for which I am much obliged. With regard to the address on my sons attestation ___ being shown as Nashville Jersey Road Oarramatta I cannot understand how Parramatta came there as his address has always been Nashville Kersey Road Turramurra."*

Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey Road, Parramatta, NSW was advised by Base Records on 20th September, 1915 that her son, Private T. E. Herford had been transferred to England. Mrs Nash was advised again on 24th September, 1915 that her son Private T. E. Herford was now in Hospital in London.

Private Thomas Elias Herford died at 2.40 pm on 7th October, 1915 at The King George's Hospital, Stamford St, London, England from wounds received in action – gunshot wound to right Thigh, while under anaesthetic. The Hospital Admissions form recorded: *"Oct 7/15 Taken to operating theatre to have bullet extracted. Died on table before operation was commenced."*

A death for Thomas Herford, aged 36, was registered in the December quarter, 1915 in the district of Lambeth, London/Surrey, England.

Private Thomas Elias Herford was buried on 11th October, 1915 in All Saints Cemetery, Nunhead, Greater London, England.

From the burial report of Private Thomas Elias Herford – *The deceased was buried in the Nunhead Cemetery, near Peckham Rye, London, S.E., at 3 pm on the 11th October, 1915, the cortege leaving the Hospital at 1.30 pm. The coffin enshrouded in a Union Jack was borne on a gun-carriage, accompanied by an escort party furnished by the Honourable Artillery Company. Full military honours were accorded, and at the funeral the High Commissioner was represented by Lieutenant Colonel H. W. Lee, V.D., Australian Imperial Force. The Rites of the Church of England were observed, and the number of the grave is 31967 in Square 89.*

Base Records wrote to Mrs H. Nash, "Nashville", Jersey Road, Turramurra, NSW, on 20th April, 1920 with the following: *"With reference to my communication of 14th January, 1916, regarding the regrettable loss of your son, the late No.70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st 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.14, Australian Section, Nunhead Cemetery, Nunhead. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain. The utmost care and attention is being devoted to the graves of our fallen soldiers, and photo graphs are being taken as soon as possible for transmission to next-of-kin."*

Private Thomas Elias Herford's burial place is now recorded by the CWGC as Plot number 16.33431 N and he now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Thomas Herford requested in his Will (no date) that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects be given to Emily Herford, 16 Bradford Street, Balmain East.

A War Pension was granted to Emily Herford, 16 Bradford St, Balmain, widow of the late Private Thomas Elias Herford, in the sum of £52 per annum from 7th December, 1915. A pension was also granted to Joyce C. Allen, stepdaughter of the late Private T. E. Herford, in the sum of £13 per annum, amended to £1 per fortnight from 7th December, 1915.

Communications addressed to Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey Road, Parramatta, NSW from Base Records in January, 1916 were returned unclaimed. Base Records wrote to Mrs H. Nash, Nashville, Jersey Road, Turramurra, NSW on 24th February, 1916 advising *"The enclosed letter dated 14th ultimo was returned to this office on account of being addressed to you at Parramatta instead of Turramurra. The correction has now been made on the records of your son, the late No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion, and any future communications concerning this soldier will be forwarded thereto."*

Base Records contacted Mrs H. Nash, "Nashville", Jersey Road, Turramurra, NSW, on 26th March, 1920 stating she was noted on the records of the late No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion, as the registered next-of-kin but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & was specifically asked if his father was still alive due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Mrs H. Nash replied to Base Records on 30th March, 1920 advising she was *"the mother of the late No. 70 Private T. E. Herford he has no father he died about 14 years ago I am married again that is the reason my name is not the same I have married Mr Isaac Nash 8 years ago so you see I am his nearest kin...."*

Base Records wrote to The Commandant, 2nd District Base, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, NSW on 27th June, 1921: *"The 1914/15 Star and British War Medal for the late No. 70 Private Thomas Elias Herford, 1st Battalion, were forwarded to you on 10-4-20 and 18-2-21 under cover of my B.R.M. 48/1155 and 52/1229 respectively, for presentation to Mrs M. H. Nash (Mother), "Nashville" Jersey Road, Turramurra, but it has since been ascertained that the person entitled to receive is his widow – Mrs Emily Herford, of 16 Bradford Street, Balmain, to whom a pension has been granted. Will you, therefore, kindly make arrangements to obtain the Medals from deceased's mother and hand them to the widow, provided there are no good and sufficient reasons as to why she should not receive them."*

Base Records sent a similar letter to the above on 5th July, 1922 to Headquarters, 2nd District Base with the added section *"I shall be much obliged if you will advise me as to whether the action indicated therein has been taken."*

Communications addressed to Mrs E. Herford, 16 Bradford Street, Balmain East, NSW from Base Records in July, 1922 were returned unclaimed.

Provost Staff, 1st Div. S. M. Bolton, wrote to Officer in Charge, Medal Section, on 8th August, 1922 regarding M. H. Nash, mother of Private (deceased) NO 70 T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion: *"Interviewed the Postmaster, the constable (Wright) also an Estate Agent, all of Turramurra, who informed me that Mrs Nash died about two months ago. Her husband (Nash) is also recently deceased. A son (Herford) is employed at Hunters Hill Post Office and is one of the executors."*

[Note: A death was registered in the district of Chatswood, NSW in 1922 for Mary H. Nash.]

The Officer in Charge, A.I.F. Branch, 2nd Military District Base (Medals), wrote to Mr E. Herford, Post Office Employee, Hunters Hill on 10th August, 1922 regarding No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion (deceased): *"I am instructed by the Officer in Charge, Base Records to recall the 1914/15 Star and British War Medal issued in respect of the abovementioned deceased soldier, to your late Mother, Mrs M. H. Nash, "Nashville" Jersey St, Turramurra. The medals are required for issue to the deceased soldier's widow and I should deem it a favor if you would return same in the enclosed envelope."*

E. Herford, Mary St, Hunters Hill, replied to Base Records in August, 1922 advising: *"In reply to yours of the 10th inst relating to return of 1914 Star and also British War Medal belonging to my late mother Mrs Nash Turramurra I beg to inform you that I have not got them."*

The Officer in Charge, A.I.F. Branch, 2nd Military District Base, wrote to Mr E. Herford, Mary Street, Hunter's Hill on 13th September, 1922: *"In continuation of your communication of the 17th ultimo, as an executor of your Mother's will, it is presumed that you could inform me as to the disposal of your brother's war medals, if so, I would esteem it a favor if you would do so please."*

Provost Staff, 1st Div. S. M. Bolton, wrote to Medal Section, Victoria Barracks on 11th October, 1922 regarding No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, A.I.F.: *"I interviewed Mr Herford a brother of deceased at Hunters Hill this date. He said he was not the executor of his deceased mother's will, that he did not know who had the medals, I asked him for his sister's address? He named a Street in Artarmon, I then wrote down Miss Herford, and asked him to repeat the Street, he would not, and said he would not give me any information. If Miss Herford is living in Artarmon I may be able to trace her. The brother whom I interviewed is a Postman at Hunters Hill P.O."*

The Officer in Charge, A.I.F. Branch, Medals, 2nd Military District, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, NSW wrote to Base Records on 17th October, 1922 regarding No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion (Deceased): *"The attached file is referred for your perusal please. Kindly advise what further action you require to be taken."*

Base Records replied on 26th October, 1922: *"An effort might be made to trace the sister mentioned in Prov. S. M. Bolton's report. She probably has the medals."*

The Officer in Charge, A.I.F. Branch, Medals, 2nd Military District, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, NSW wrote to Base Records on 19th February, 1923: *"The attached file is again referred as we are unable to located the deceased soldier's sister. The Brother is very reticent and will not disclose the whereabouts of his Sister and as he is in the employ of the Post-Master General's Department, it is suggested that the matter be referred through those channels."*

Base Records wrote to Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, Department of Repatriation, Sydney, NSW on 1st March, 1923 requesting the *"present address of Mrs Emily Herford, who, according to Pension Statement No. 51, was drawing a pension on account of the service of her husband, the late No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion..."*

The Deputy Commissioner replied to Base Records on 7th March, 1923 advising that their records showed that Mrs Emily Herford's last address was "Stormont", Lower Forth Street, Woollahra, Sydney.

Base Records wrote to Mrs E. Herford, Stormont", Lower Forth Street, Woollahra, Sydney, NSW, on 14th March, 1923 requesting the present address of the sister of the late No. 70 Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion *"as I desire to get into communication with her but so far my efforts have been without success. The Victory Medal issuable on account of the service of the abovementioned late soldier is now available and upon receipt of you intimation that letters addressed as hereunder will reach you the memento will be transmitted to you."*

Emily Herford, "Stormont", Lower Forth Street, Woollahra, replied to Base Records on 3rd May, 1923: *"In reply to your letter dated March 14th, I have to advise you I do not know the address you require. As I am the Wife of the deceased Pte T. E. Herford, I would be obliged if you would kindly forward same to me. The reason why I have not answered your letter, I have been very ill. If I should find Marion Herford's address I will send it to you."*

Private Thomas Elias Herford was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Herford's next-of-kin. The Victory Medal was sent to Private Herford's widow in July, 1922 but returned unclaimed & was resent to Mrs E. Herford (widow) in June, 1923. She signed (as receipt for) the Victory Medal on 6th June, 1923 & also signed for the Memorial Scroll. The Plaque had been sent earlier to his mother Mrs H. H. Nash in October, 1921 & signed for by Henrietta Mary Nash on 1st November, 1921. There is no record in the Service Record file of whether the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Memorial Plaque were returned from Private Herford's deceased mother & given to the correct recipient – being his widow.

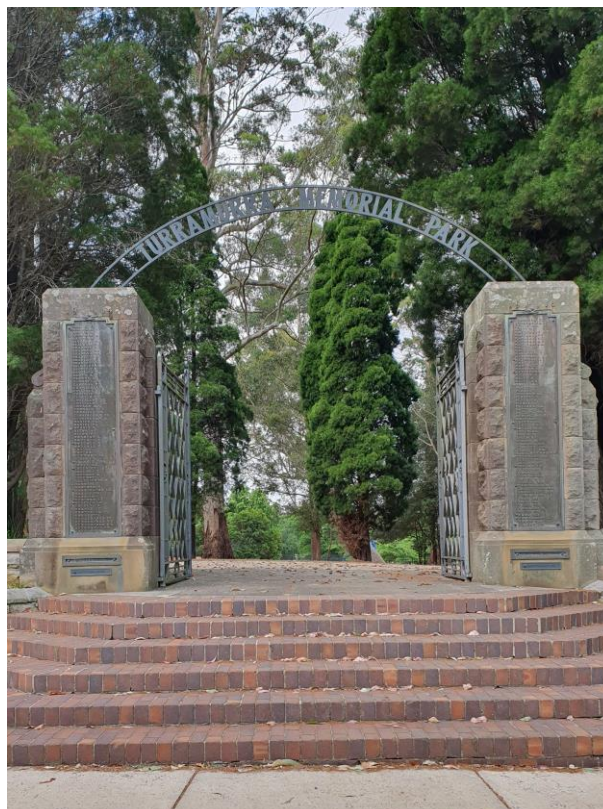
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Thomas Elias Herford – service number 70, of 1st Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Henry & Mary Henrietta Herford, of Jersey St., Turrumurra, New South Wales.

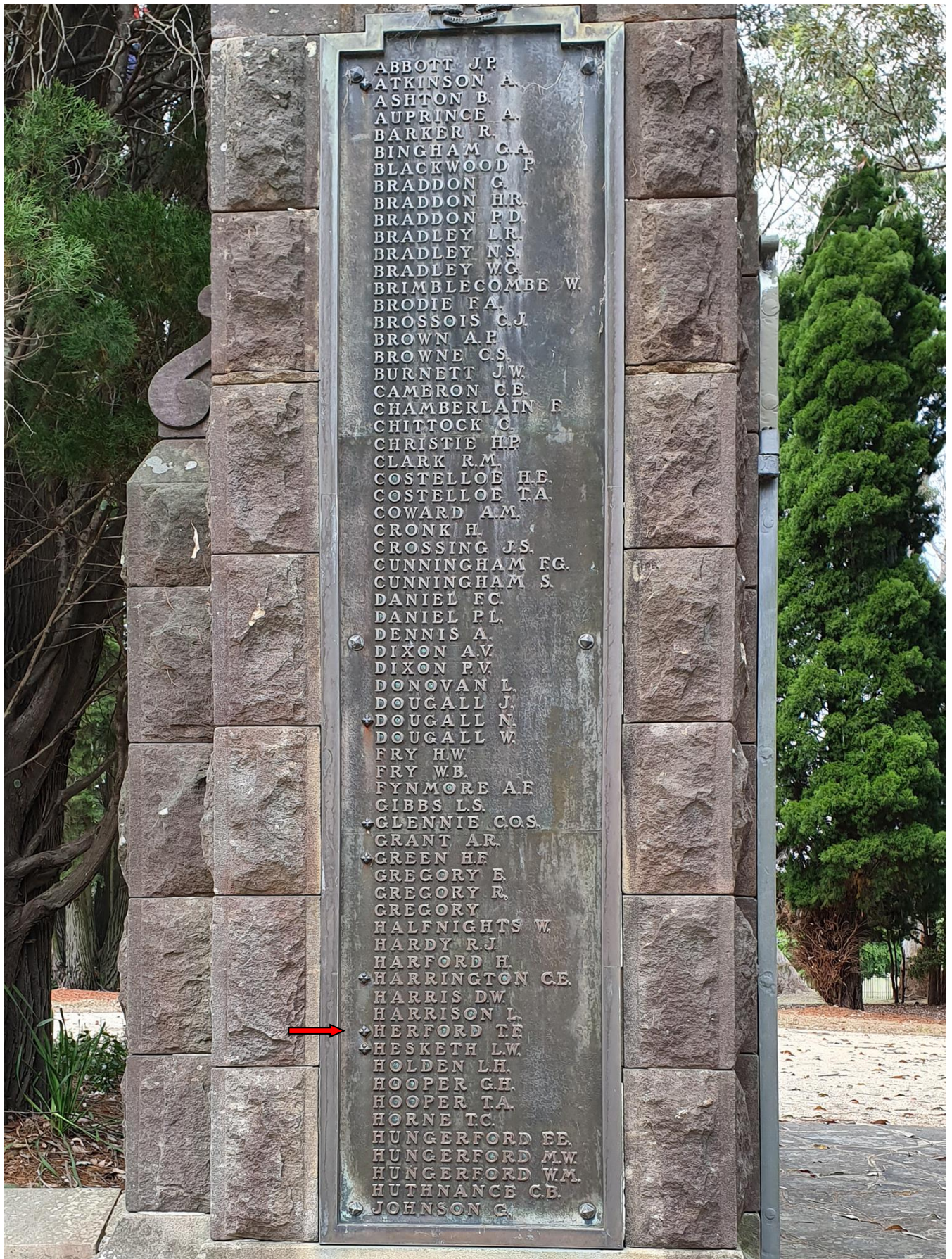
Private T. E. Herford is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 29.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

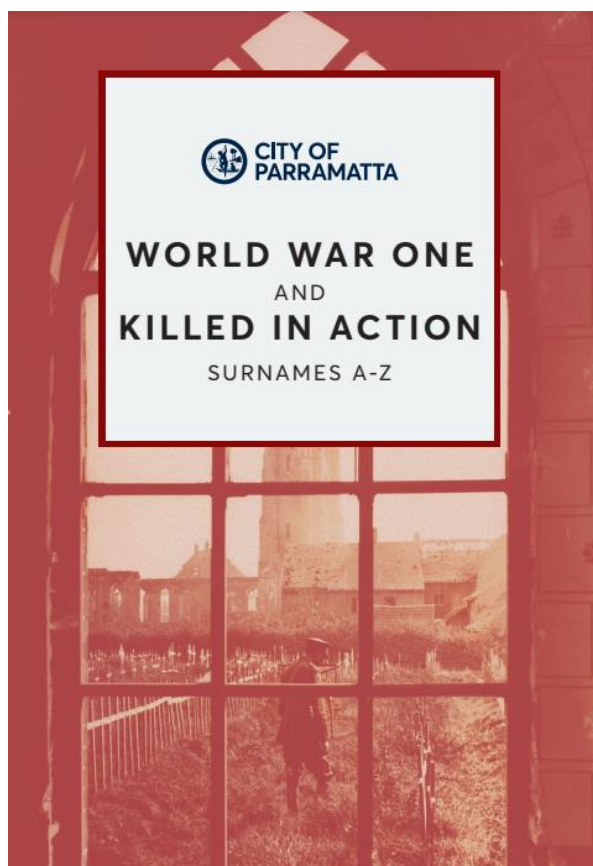
T. E. Herford is remembered on the Turrumurra War Memorial Gates, located in Turrumurra Memorial Park, Eastern & Karuah Road, Turrumurra, NSW.





Turramurra War Memorial Gates (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Vickie Moulds)

Thomas Elias Herford is remembered on the City of Parramatta World War One & Killed in Action Surnames A – Z document.



Thomas Elias Herford - Service Number - 70



Thomas Elias Herford, usually known as Tom, was a 35-year-old shopman when he enlisted on the 17 August 1914. He named his mother Mrs. Henrietta Naish as next of kin and embarked for service overseas from Sydney, New South Wales on the 18 October 1914 aboard the HMAT 'Afric' to serve with the 1 Infantry Battalion as a Private. Herford was wounded in the Dardanelles, Turkey and tragically died of his wounds on the 7 October 1915 in King George's Hospital, London, England. He was buried in the Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery, London, England.

Herford was awarded the Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. His war service records show that after his death it was ascertained that he was married to Emily Herford who lived in Balmain, New South Wales. His Medals and a Memorial Plaque and Memorial Scroll which had been sent to his mother were

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organised to be returned and sent to his widow Emily. Private Herford's name is located on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Canberra.

T. E. Herford is remembered on the Balmain War Memorial, located at Loyalty Square, corner Beattie & Darling Streets, Balmain, NSW.



Balmain War Memorial (Photo above from War Memorials Register NSW; below by sandraarrell)



(81 pages of Private Thomas Elias Herford'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Thomas Elias Herford



PTE. TOM E. HERFORD (Hunter's Hill).
Died of wounds.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 29 November, 1915)



Newspaper Notices

A MEDICINE MAN FROM THE SUDANESE BUSH



THE Australian soldier who forwards this photograph from Cairo writes: — “In one of our little excursions into the bush we came across a Sudanese medicine man, whom we rounded up, and, despite his evident horror of the camera, photographed. The non-com, on the blackfellow's right is Sergeant Waugh, of the New South Wales Transport Column. The trooper on his left is Tom Herford, a well-known Balmain boy.”

(*Sydney Mail*, NSW – 5 May, 1915)

PERSONAL

Private Tom Herford, of the 1st Battalion, has according to a message received by his brother, Mr E. R. Herford, tailor, of the Imperial Arcade, City, been seriously wounded in the right thigh in the fighting at Gallipoli, and is now in the 15th General Hospital at Alexandria. In a letter he says he is progressing as well as can be expected, and that Sergeant Ernest Hagon, also known in tailoring circles in Sydney, is in the same hospital. "When he was shot," he added, "he leapt into the air, and the spot has been known ever since as Hagon's Leap."

(*Evening News*, Sydney, NSW – 4 September, 1915)

HAGON'S LEAP

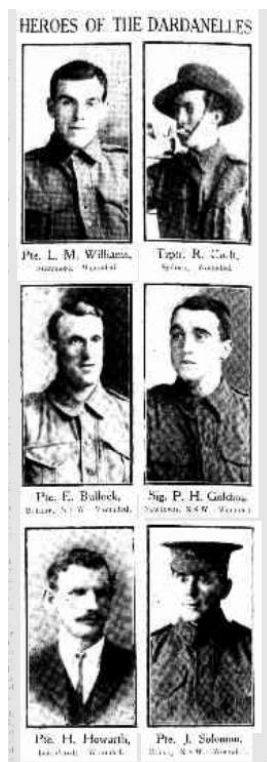
Mr E. R. Herford, of Sydney, has received word from his brother, Private Thomas Herford, 1st Battalion, who has been wounded at the Dardanelles. He states that his right leg was badly injured, and he is in the 15th General Hospital, Alexandria. He says that Sergeant Hagon was in the same hospital suffering from wounds. The spot where Hagon was shot has been named by his comrades as "Hagon's Leap" as the shower of lead that he received caused him to jump two or three feet in the air when he was struck.

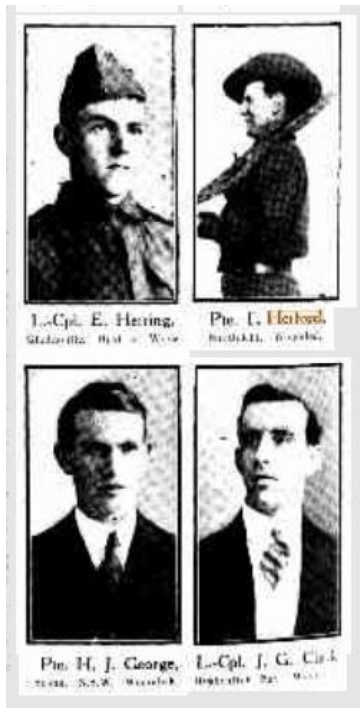
(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 5 September, 1915)

Tom Herford, a well known Fairfield and Liverpool identity has been wounded at the Dardanelles, and is now in Alexandria Hospital.

(*The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, Parramatta, NSW –11 September, 1915)

HEROES OF THE DARDANELLES





(*Sydney Mail*, NSW – 15 September, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HERFORD – Died in London from wounds, on October 7, 1915, Private T. E. Herford. No. 70, 1st Batt. Inserted by his wife, Emily Herford, 16 Bradford-street, Balmain.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 29 October, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HERFORD – Died of wounds received at Gallipoli, August 11, 1915, Private T. E. Herford, 1st Battalion. Inserted by his loving mother, brother, and sisters.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 30 October, 1915)

Died for King and Empire.



PRIVATE T. E. HEREFORD.

Word has been received that Private Tom. Hereford, a well-known Fairfield and Liverpool identity, who had been wounded at the Dardanelles, died in Alexandria Hospital.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 6 November, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HERFORD – October 7, 1915, at King George's Hospital, London, from wounds received at Gallipoli, Tom Herford, No. 70, 1st Battalion. Inserted by his brother and sister, E. and C. Herford, Mary-street, Hunter's Hill; and nephews Geof. And Frank.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 13 November, 1915)

N.S.W. HONOR ROLL



**PRIVATE T. E.
HERFORD.**
1st Battalion.
died of wounds.

(*Evening News*, Sydney, NSW – 16 November, 1915)

HEROES OF THE DARDANELLES.



CORPORAL J. S. AUSTIN (Newcastle)
Died of wounds.



LANCE SERGEANT M. JOSEPH (Sydney and Newcastle)
Died of wounds.



PRIVATE G. W. TURNER (Sydney)
Died of wounds.



CORPORAL MALVERN MARTIN BRADISH
Died of wounds.



PRIVATE R. S. BLACKWELL (Newcastle)
Died of wounds.



PRIVATE R. W. THOMPSON (Newcastle)
Died of wounds.



PRIVATE W. H. SEDGWICK (Newcastle)
Died of wounds.



PRIVATE TOM E. HERFORD (Newcastle)
Died of wounds.



PTE. TOM E. HERFORD (Hunter's Hill).
Died of wounds.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 29 November, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HERFORD – In memory of my husband, Pte T. E. Herford, who died October 7, 1915. Inserted by his wife, Emily Herford, Balmain.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 7 October, 1916)

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)

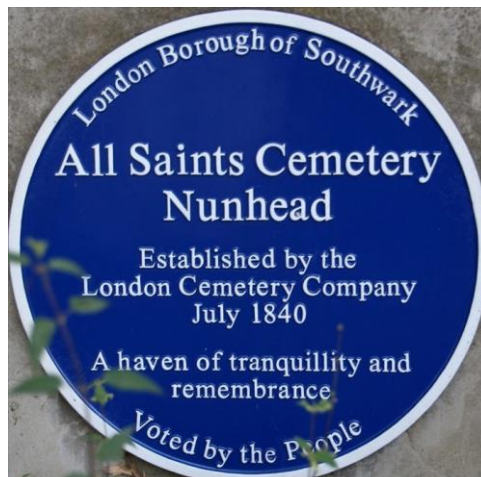
Private Thomas Elias Herford does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

All Saints Cemetery, Nunhead, Great London, England (also known as Nunhead Cemetery)

Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery contains 592 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war. The majority are in three war graves plots; the United Kingdom plot (in Square 89) has 266 graves, the Australian plot (near the main entrance) has 23 and the Canadian plot (in Square 52, also containing New Zealand and South African burials) has 36. The graves in the Australian and Canadian plots are marked with individual headstones. The graves in the United Kingdom plot and the remaining war graves scattered throughout the cemetery could not be marked individually; the casualties buried in these graves are therefore commemorated by name on a Screen Wall inside the main entrance gate to the cemetery.

A second Screen Wall commemorates the 110 burials of the 1939-1945 war in a further war graves plot in Square 5 and elsewhere in the cemetery whose graves could not be marked by headstones.

There is also 1 Belgian burial of the 1914-1918 war and 7 Non-war Service burials, all commemorated on the Screen Wall. *(Information from CWGC)*





All Saints Cemetery, Nunhead entrance



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The Australian area at Nunhead Cemetery. The grave in the centre front is 27 Lance Corporal Eric Lyndon Lowe, 18th Battalion, from Clarence Town NSW, who died on 10 September 1915 aged 18 years. The grave to the right is 1560 Private (Pte) Leslie Raymond Talbot Gilbert, 14th Battalion, born in England, from Kogarah West NSW, who died on 20 January 1916 aged 19 years. The grave 2nd row right side is 1019 Sergeant (Sgt) Victor Ronald Coombe, 15th Battalion, of Campbelltown, Tas, who died on 29 September 1915 aged 26 years. From the collection of Mr Alfred Thomas Sharp. Mr Sharp was the Commonwealth Immigration Officer of Victoria and was based in the London Office during the First World War. He and his wife hosted and visited many soldiers, particularly those from Victoria, who were recuperating in London. He also photographed many Australian graves in English cemeteries. His photograph collection relating to this period in London was bequeathed to the Memorial in 1922 after his death. During his time in London he was a member of the British Volunteer Regiment, serving with the Willesden Battalion, Middlesex Volunteer Regiment.



Australian War Graves in All Saints Cemetery, Nunhead *(Photos courtesy of Neil Bright)*



Photo of Private T. E. Herford's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in All Saints Cemetery, Nunhead, Greater London, England.



(Photo courtesy of Roberto Lagnado)