

**Holy Trinity Churchyard,
Crockham Hill, Kent
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LIEUTENANT

C. V. HERON

60TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

27TH JUNE, 1918

Cuthbert Victor HERON

Cuthbert Victor Heron was born at Black Street, Brighton, Melbourne, Victoria on 21st November, 1896 to parents Herbert L. and Lilian Jessie Heron (nee Howard). His birth was registered in 1897

Cuthbert Victor Heron attended the Church of England Grammar School, Melbourne, Victoria.

Cuthbert Victor Heron was a 19 year old, single, Bank Clerk from East St. Kilda, Melbourne when he enlisted on 14th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 288 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Herbert Leslie Heron, Balaclava Road, East St. Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria. Cuthbert Heron stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 18 months with Senior Cadets, 2 years with Citizen Forces & 18 months commissioned service with 55th Infantry of which he was still serving.

As Cuthbert Victor Heron was under the age of 21, his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Herbert Leslie Heron & Lilian Jessie Heron both signed their consent on 2nd March, 1916.

Cuthbert Victor Heron was posted as Acting Sergeant with "A" Company of 37th Battalion on 20th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was promoted to Sergeant on 1st May, 1916 (Statement of Service form has date changed to 15th April, 1916).

Sergeant Cuthbert Victor Heron embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Persic (A34)* on 3rd June, 1916 with the 10th Infantry Brigade, 37th Infantry Battalion "A" Company & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 25th July, 1916.

Sergeant Cuthbert Victor Heron proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 22nd November, 1916.

Sergeant Cuthbert Victor Heron was transferred from 37th Battalion to 59th Battalion on 13th February, 1917 & was taken on strength of 59th Battalion in France on 16th February, 1917.

Sergeant Cuthbert Victor Heron was appointed 2nd Lieutenant from 21st February, 1917 – A.I.F. Orders List 149.

2nd Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was transferred to 60th Battalion from 59th Battalion on 2nd March, 1917 & was taken on strength of 60th Battalion in France on 3rd March, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was sent to Stokes Mortar School on 13th May, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion from Mortar School on 27th May, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron proceeded to Paris on Leave from 24th June, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion from Leave on 1st July, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was appointed Lieutenant from 15th July, 1917 – A.I.F. Orders List 210.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was marched out to 3rd Army Physical & Bayonet Training Course on 15th July, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion on 30th July, 1917.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was on Leave to England from 18th September, 1917 & rejoined 60th Battalion from Leave on 1st October, 1917.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was marched out to 1st Anzac Lewis Gun Course on 23rd October, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion on 12th November, 1917.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was sent to Hospital sick on 11th December, 1917. He was admitted to 15th Australian Field Ambulance on 11th December, 1917 with Scabies then transferred the same day to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station – cause N.Y.D. (not yet diagnosed). Lieutenant Heron was transferred & admitted to 50th Casualty Clearing Station on 12th December, 1917 with Scabies. He was transferred to Ambulance Train on 15th December, 1917 then admitted to 20th General Hospital at Camiers, France on 16th December, 1917 with Scabies Impetigo. Lieutenant Heron was discharged to Base Depot on 26th December, 1917.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Havre, France on 28th December, 1917. He was marched out to his Unit on 30th December, 1917 & rejoined his Unit in the Field from Hospital on 31st December, 1917.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron proceeded on leave to Paris on 15th January, 1918 & rejoined his Battalion in the Field on 24th January, 1918.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was wounded in action on 19th February, 1918 – slightly but remained at duty.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron proceeded on Leave to UK from 19th February, 1918 & rejoined his Battalion from Leave on 7th March, 1918.

Mr. H. L. Heron, of Goathland, Balaclava Road, East St. Kilda, Victoria, father of Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron, was advised by Base Records on 28th February, 1918 that Lieutenant C. V. Heron had been wounded slight remaining at duty.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was wounded in action (2nd occasion) on 26th April, 1918. He was admitted to 14th Australian Field Ambulance on 27th April, 1918 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right knee. Lieutenant Heron was transferred to 4th Casualty Clearing Station on 27th April, 1918 then transferred the same day to Ambulance Train 14. He was admitted to 1st General Hospital at Etretat, France on 29th April, 1918. Lieutenant Heron embarked for England on 14th May, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Essequibo*.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was placed on Regimental Seconded List (wounded) on 27th April, 1918.

Mr. H. L. Heron, of Goathland, Balaclava Road, East St. Kilda, Victoria, father of Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron, was advised by Base Records on 7th May, 1918 that Lieutenant C. V. Heron had been wounded – 2nd occasion.

60th Battalion

The 60th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 8th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. The majority of both groups were Victorians. The new battalion formed part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

Having only arrived in France on 28 June, the 60th became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front on 19 July, without the benefit of an introduction to the trenches in a "quiet" sector. The battle of Fromelles was a disaster for the battalion. In a single day, it was virtually wiped out, suffering 757 casualties. These losses meant the battalion saw little further offensive action in 1916.

Early in 1917, the battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, but it was spared having to assault it. It did, however, defend gains made during the second battle of Bullecourt. Later in the year, the AIF's focus of operations switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium. The 60th's major battle here was at Polygon Wood on 26 September. This assault was a success - a product of the systematic way in which the early actions during the third battle of Ypres were fought.

With the collapse of Russia in October 1917, a major German offensive on the Western Front was expected in early 1918. This came in late March and the 5th Division moved to defend the sector around Corbie. During this defence, the 60th Battalion participated in the now legendary counter-attack at Villers-Bretonneux on 25 April. When the Allies launched their own offensive around Amiens in August, the 60th Battalion was amongst the troops in action on the first day.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England on 15th May, 1918 with bullet wound(s) to right knee – slight.

Mr. H. L. Heron, of Goathland, Balaclava Road, East St. Kilda, Victoria, father of Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron, was advised by Base Records on 21st May, 1918 that Lieutenant C. V. Heron has been admitted to Hospital on 29th April, 1918 suffering from Gunshot wound to right knee – mild.

Mr. H. L. Heron, father of Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron, was advised by Base Records on 6th June, 1918 that the report on 21st May, 1918 should have read "*gunshot wound to left leg and acute pneumonia. He was transferred to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England on 15th May, 1918.*" Mr Heron was advised again on 20th June, 1918 that Lieutenant C. V. Heron was "*pronounced out of danger.*" A further report on 26th June, 1918 advised Mr Heron that Lieutenant C. V. Heron's condition was stationary.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron died at 2.30 am on 27th June, 1918 at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England from wounds received in action – G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to left leg, Septic Pneumonia & General Septicaemia.

A death for Cuthbert V. Heron, aged 21, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Wandsworth, Great London, England.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was buried at 3.30 pm on 29th June, 1918 in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Crockham Hill, Kent, England (south-east part) in a private grave and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths. Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers were in attendance. Prior to the interment a service was held by the Rev. W. Q. Batley assisted by Chaplain Redhead, A.I.F. in the Parish Church Crockham Hill.*

The following Officers of the A.I.F. were present:-

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| <i>Capt Duffy, J. 57th Bn.</i> | <i>Capt. Roberts, C. H. 60th Bn.</i> |
| <i>Capt. Orter, J. H. 60th Bn.</i> | <i>Lieut. J. W. Thornburn, 60th Bn.</i> |
| <i>Lieut. Dalphin, J. A. S. 60th Bn.</i> | <i>Lieut, R. Dontreband, 57th Bn.</i> |
| <i>Lieut Duncan, G. D. 57th Bn.</i> | |

Wreaths were sent by the following:-

Father & Mother, Brothers & Sisters, Mr & Mrs G. W. Wallace, Mr Jim H. Orter, Mr & Mrs Andrew Williamson, Officers of A.2 Ward, 3rd London Gen. Hpl., Wandsworth. Sisters & Nurses of 3rd London General Hpl. and Mrs William Smith, Sunningdale.

Lieut. Shepherdson represented the Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London at the funeral.

Names of relatives and friends present at the funeral – Brother – Captain W. C. Heron, 59th Bn., A.I.F. and Friend – Mr Mackinnon, Edenbridge, Kent.

Base Records sent Mr. H. L. Heron, of Goathland, Balaclava Road, East St. Kilda, Victoria, father of the late Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron, on 6th August, 1919, one form of Commission which had been issued by the British War Office covering the appointment of his son as temporary 2nd Lieutenant, in the regular forces of the British Army. They explained that the form referred to his first appointment to Commission and not his later rank.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lieutenant Heron's father – Mr H. L. Heron, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron, of 60th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Herbert Leslie Heron & L. J. Heron, of Goathland, St. Kilda, Victoria.

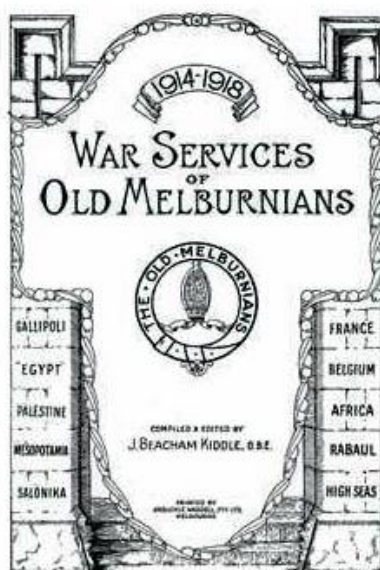
C. V. Heron is remembered on the Melbourne Grammar School Honour Roll, located in Melbourne Grammar School, 355 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria.



Melbourne Grammar School Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)



Cuthbert Victor Heron is remembered in the War Service of Old Melburnians 1914 – 1918 (page 86 – 87) which commemorates the 1353 from Melbourne Grammar School - “Old Melburnians” who fought at Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Salonkia, France, Belgium, Africa, and Rabaul.



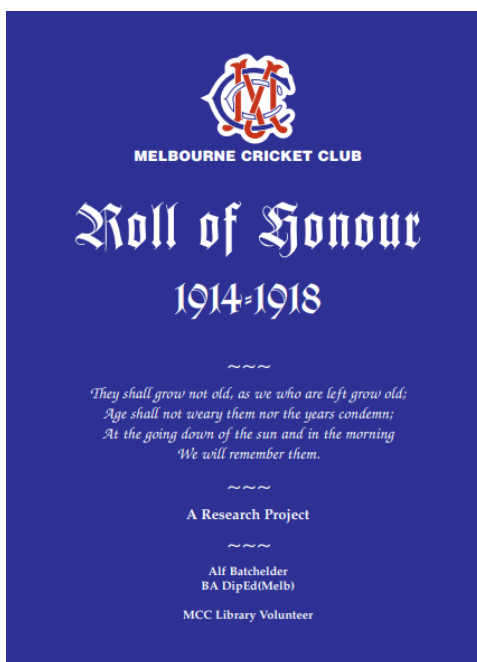
CUTHBERT VICTOR HERON who died in London on 27th June 1918 from septic pneumonia following upon wounds received in action in France was the second son of Mr. H. L. Heron. He was born in 1896 and was at the Prep. in 1906 and came up to the Senior School in 1910. He left School in 1913 and entered the Bank of Australasia. He enlisted as a Private in the infantry, and went into camp at Seymour, being promoted to Sergeant before embarkation. Leaving Australia in June 1916 he went into the training camp at Tidworth prior to his departure for France in November with 37th Battalion. On 21st February 1917, after three months in action, with 59th Battalion, he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in 60th Battalion, and on 15th July 1917 gained his second star. He took part in the battles of Bullecourt, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele and Messines, and was wounded in the leg at Wytschaete, and against medical advice returned to his battalion after a fortnight's spell. It was during a night attack at Villers-Bretonneux that he received his final wound, breaking his leg below the knee. He lay for several hours in a shell hole when a stretcher-bearer found him and he was sent to London, but he did not recover. Brother officers and fellows who were with him in France express high opinions of his work as an officer and a good pal. He was buried at Edenbridge, Kent.

C. V. Heron is remembered on the Australasia Bank Honour Roll for First World War, located at 388 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.



Australasia Bank Honour Roll, Melbourne (Photo from Victorian Heritage Database)

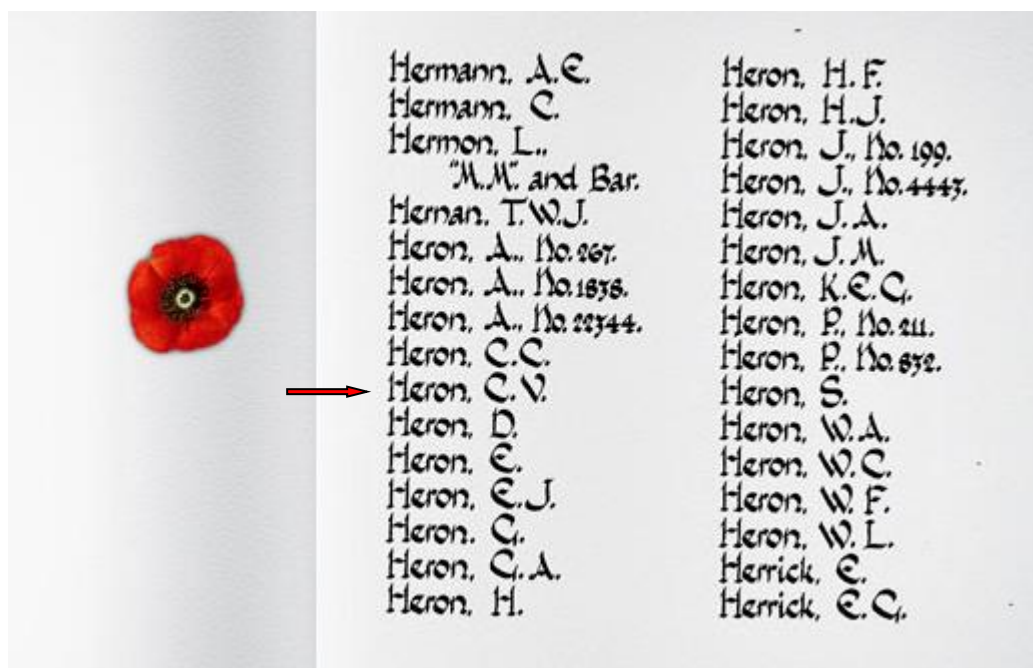
Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron is remembered in the Melbourne Cricket Club Roll of Honour 1914 – 1918.



55. Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron

From Balaclava Road, East St.Kilda. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School, 1906-1912. Employed by the Bank of Australasia. Enlisted in 1916. Served with 37th, 59th and 60th Battalions at Bullecourt, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele and Messines. Wounded at Wytschaete. During a night attack at VillersBretonneux on April 27, 1918, he broke his leg below the knee. Found several hours later, he was sent to London, where he died on June 27 from septic pneumonia. He was 22. His elder brother, MCC Member Wilfrid Ledlie Heron, lost an eye at Gallipoli and served in France. As a civilian, he was one of 1050 Prisoners of War aboard the Montevideo Maru when it was torpedoed off Luzon by USS Sturgeon, on July 1, 1942. There were no survivors.

C. V. Heron is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.





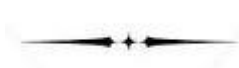
Lieutenant C. V. Heron is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 170.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(109 pages of Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron'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





Cuthbert Victor Heron (c 12 September, 1915)

Studio portrait of C V Heron, believed to be 288 Sergeant Cuthbert Victor Heron, 37th Battalion from East St Kilda, Victoria. A 19 year old bank clerk with previous service in the 55th Infantry (Militia) prior to enlisting in the AIF on 14 March 1916, he embarked for overseas as a Sergeant with A Company from Melbourne on 3 June 1916 aboard HMAT Persic (A34). Following further training in England, he proceeded to France where he joined the 59th Battalion in February 1917. After being promoted to Second Lieutenant, he transferred to the 60th Battalion in early March and was then promoted to Lieutenant (Lt) on 15 July 1917. Lt Heron was slightly wounded in action on 19 February 1918 and then wounded again on 26 April near Villers-Bretonneux, France. After receiving medical treatment in France, he was evacuated to England where he died from his wounds on 27 June 1918. Lt Heron was buried in the Cockham Hill Parish Churchyard, Edenbridge, Kent, UK. [See also image DASEY1937.] This is one of a series of photographs taken by the Darge Photographic Company which had the concession to take photographs at the Broadmeadows and Seymour army camps during the First World War. In the 1930s, the Australian War Memorial purchased the original glass negatives from Algernon Darge, along with the photographers' notebooks. The notebooks contain brief details, usually a surname or unit name, for each negative.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Studio portrait of C V Heron, believed to be 288 Sergeant Cuthbert Victor Heron, 37th Battalion from East St Kilda, Victoria.



Newspaper Notices

PERSONAL

Among those who enlisted for active service on Monday was Mr C. V. Heron, second son of Mr H. L. Heron, general manager of the Commercial Bank of Australia. Mr C. V. Heron, who holds the rank of lieutenant in the Citizen Forces, has an elder brother at the front, who took part in the landing, as well as in the evacuation, of Gallipoli.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 17 March, 1916)

AUSTRALIANS ON SERVICE

WOUNDED

HERON – Mr H. L. Heron, general manager of the Commercial Bank, has received advice by cable message that his second son, Lieutenant C. V. Heron, has been wounded in action, and is in hospital in France, progressing favourably. Lieutenant Heron who has been at the front for the past 18 months, and this is the second time he has been wounded.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 21 May, 1918)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Victorian List No. 403

WOUNDED

Lieut. C. V. Heron, East St. Kilda

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 May, 1918)

PERSONAL

Cable advices have been received by Mr H. L. Heron, general manager of the Commercial Bank, that his second son, Lieutenant C. V. Heron, died in London on June 27, after several weeks' illness, from septic pneumonia, following upon wounds received for the second time at the front.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 June, 1918)

Australians and the War

Died of Illness

Lieut. C. V. HERON, second son of Mr H. L. Heron, general manager of the Commercial Bank, died in London on 27th June, after several weeks illness from septic pneumonia following upon wounds received on the second occasion at the front.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 July, 1918)

DEATHS

On Active Service

HERON – On the 27th June, in London, from septic pneumonia, following wounds received in action in France, Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor, dearly loved second son of Herbert Ledlie and Lilian Jessie Heron, “Goathland,” East St. Kilda.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 July, 1918)

Fact and Rumour

Mr H. L. Heron, General Manager of the Commercial Bank of Australia, received advice by cable of the death of his second son, Lieut. C. V. Heron, on 27th June, in London. Lieut. Heron, who was twenty-one years of age, was educated at the Melbourne Grammar School, and was wounded in action in France for the second time. He was removed to England, where he developed septic pneumonia.

(*Punch*, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 July, 1918)

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.

Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron has a Private Headstone.

Holy Trinity Churchyard, Crockham Hill, Kent, England

Holy Trinity Churchyard, Crockham Hill has 5 Commonwealth War Graves – 3 from World War 1 & 2 from World War 2.



Holy Trinity, Crockham Hill (Photo above by wertypop; below by julia&keld)



Photo of Lieutenant Cuthbert Victor Heron's Private Headstone in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Crockham Hill, Kent, England.



(Photos by Wertypop- Find a Grave 2010)



In

Loving Memory

Of

CUTHBERT VICTOR HERON

Lieut. 60th Battalion

Australian Imperial Forces

Died Of Wounds 27th June 1918

Aged 21 Years



(Photo from CWGC website – Gus Kennedy)