

**Clacton Cemetery,
Clacton-On-Sea, Essex
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3364 PRIVATE

W. E. HERRIOT

59TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

14TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 22

*Erected By His Brother, On His
Way To France, May, 1918*

Walter Ernest HERRIOT (HERRIOTT)

Walter Ernest Herriot was born at Glen Waverley, Victoria in 1895 to parents David William and Catherine Maria Herriot (nee Riger/Reiger/Rieger).

David Herriot, father of Walter Ernest Herriott, died in 1900 in Victoria.

Walter Charles Herriot (name as listed on Embarkation Roll) was a 20 year old, single, Gardener from Spring Vale Road, Waverley, Victoria when he enlisted on 14th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3364 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs C. Herriot, Spring Vale Road, Waverley, Victoria. (address as listed on Embarkation Roll). Walter Herriott stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 1 year with Senior Cadets & 2 years with 46th Infantry. As Walter Herriott was under the age of 21 – his widowed mother was required to sign her consent for her son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Catherine Herriot signed her consent on 14th July, 1915.

[Note: - The Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial has the name listed as Walter Ernest Herriott & the Embarkation Roll has the name listed as Walter Charles Herriot. The Service Record file has the name Walter Ernest Herriott & has been signed by Walter using his surname with 2 T's.]

Private Walter Ernest Herriott was posted to "T" Company at Show Grounds on 30th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to "D" Company, 8th Battalion at Flemington on 3rd August, 1915 then transferred to 11th Reinforcements of 7th Battalion at Broadmeadows on 16th September, 1915.

Private Walter Charles Herriot embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) on 11th October, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements.

Private Walter Ernest Herriott was allotted to and proceeded to join 59th Battalion from 2nd Training Battalion at Zeitoun on 26th February, 1916. He was taken on strength of 59th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 26th February, 1916.

Private Walter Ernest Herriott embarked from Alexandria on 18th June, 1916 on *Kinfauns Castle* to join B.E. F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles. France on 29th June, 1916.

Private Walter Ernest Herriott was wounded in action in France on 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to 32nd Stationary Hospital at Wimereux, France on 21st July, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to right groin. Private Herriott embarked from Boulogne, France for England on Hospital Ship *Cambria* on 24th July, 1916.

Private Walter Ernest Herriott was admitted to General Military Hospital at Colchester, England on 25th July, 1916 with GSW to Buttock.

59th Battalion

The 59th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 21 February 1916 as part of the expansion of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits came from the veteran 7th Battalion, and the other half were fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 7th, the 59th was predominantly composed of men from rural Victoria. The battalion became part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

On 19 July 1916, the 59th became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front, less than a month after it arrived in France. The battle of Fromelles was a disaster for the 59th. Attacking in the first wave, the 59th suffered heavy casualties at the hands of German machine-gunners, and its advance faltered far short of its objective. Despite grievous losses, the units of the 5th Division manned the front line around Fromelles for a further two months.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 59th Battalion

SAILLY – 19th July, 1916:

12 Noon – Heavy bombardment of enemy lines. 60th Battalion relieved half our front from PINNEY AVENUE inclusive.

7 pm - 59th Battn attacked enemy position in four waves. First wave going over parapet at 6.45 pm other three waves following at five minute interval. Attack did not penetrate enemy trenches held up by intense rifle and machine gun fire approximately 100 yds from enemy front line.

Casualties sustained in action of 19/20th July 1916

	Officers	Other Ranks
<i>Killed</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Wounded</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>381</i>
<i>Missing</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>269</i>
<i>Died of Wounds</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Totals</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>674</i>

Private Walter Ernest Herriott died on 14th August, 1916 at Middlesex Hospital, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, England from wounds received in action in France - GSW to Pelvis & Pyaemia.

A death for Walter E. Herriott, aged 21, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Tendring, Essex, England.

Private Walter Ernest Herriott was buried on 16th August, 1916 in Clacton Cemetery, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, England – Plot number C. 234 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Private Walter Ernest Herriott requested in his Will dated 10th July, 1916 that in the event of his death the whole of his property and effects be given to his mother – Catherine Herriott, Spring Vale Rd, Glen Waverley, Victoria, Australia.

A War Pension was granted to Catherine Herriot, widowed mother of the late Walter Ernest Herriott, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 23rd October, 1916.

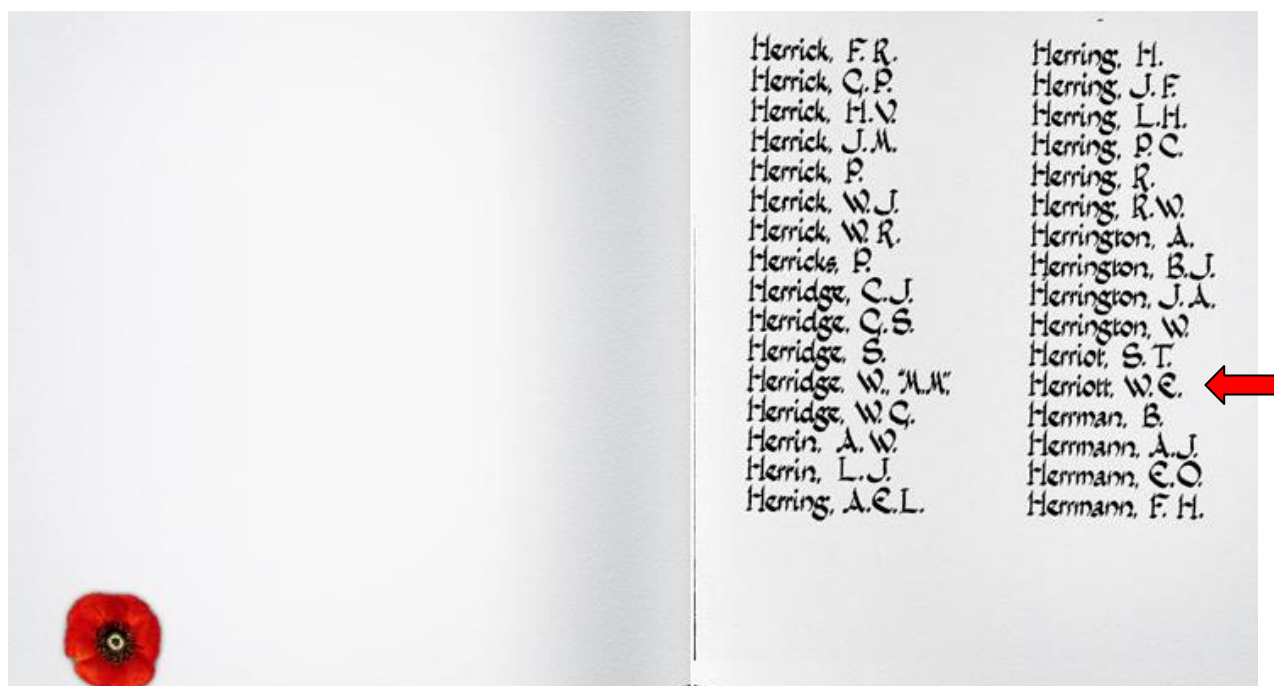
Private Walter Ernest Herriott was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Herriott's mother – Mrs C. Herriott, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

[Note: The British War Medal awarded to Private W. E. Herriott, 3364, 7th Battalion, A.I.F. was sold at auction in November, 1997 in Sydney, NSW for \$60.]



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Walter Ernest Herriott – service number 3364, aged 22, of 59th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of David William and Catherine Herriott.

W. E. Herriott is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



Private W. E. Herriott is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 167.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

W. Herriott is remembered on the Glen Waverley State School Honour Roll for World War 1.

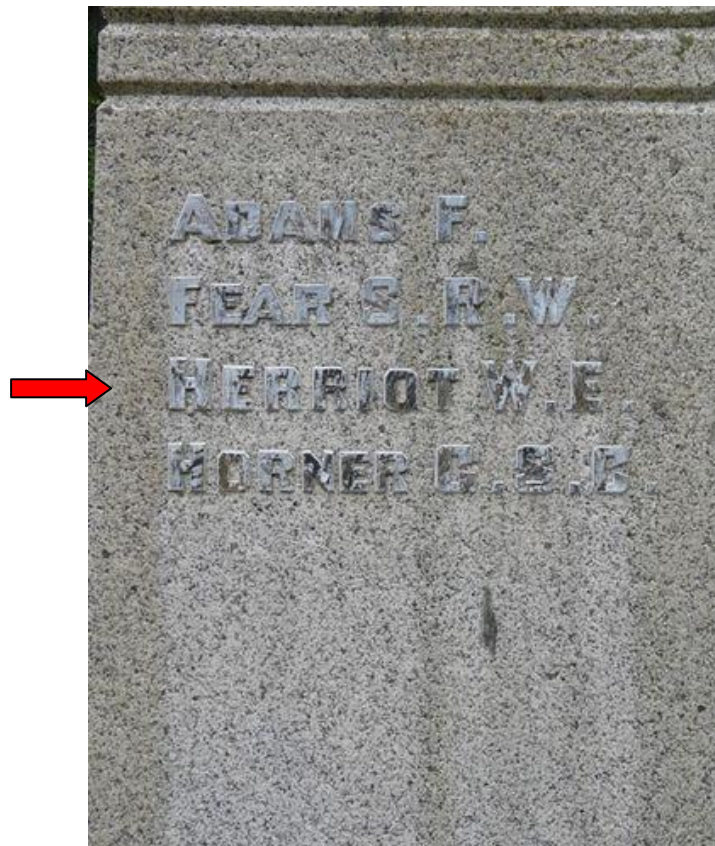


Glen Waverley State School Honour Roll for World War 1 (Photo from Victorian Heritage Database)

W. E. Herriot is remembered on the Glen Waverley World War One War Memorial, located in Central Reserve, Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, Victoria.



Glen Waverley World War One War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)



W. E. Herriot is remembered on the Glen Waverley War Memorial, located at the Kingsway, Glen Waverley, Victoria.



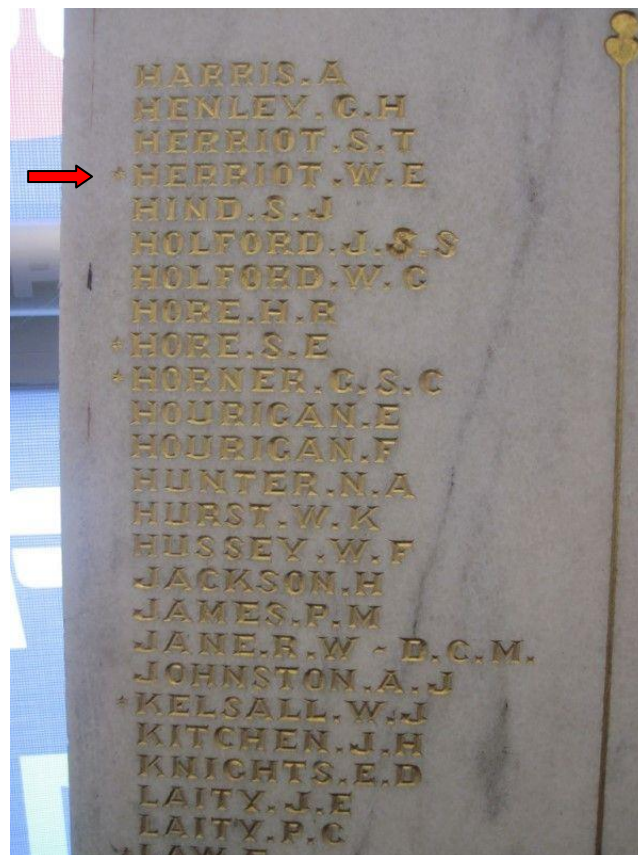
Glen Waverley War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)



W. E. Herriot is remembered on the Shire of Mulgrave Honour Roll, located at Waverley RSL, 161 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley, Victoria.



Shire of Mulgrave Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)



(37 pages of Private Walter Ernest Herriott'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



Connected to Private Walter Ernest Herriott:

Older brother Samuel Thomas Herriot - Corporal, 1306, 5th Battalion – Enlisted 4th November, 1914, aged 22. Embarked 2nd February, 1915 from Melbourne on HMAT Clan McGillivray. Returned to Australia with Enteric in 1916. Qualified for Officer Training School at Duntroon. Lieutenant Samuel Thomas Herriot, 59th Battalion Embarked from England on 1st November, 1919 for return to Australia. Entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Casualty Lists Nos. 194 and 195 were made available by the Defence department yesterday.

WOUNDED

H. E. HERRIOTT, Glen Waverley

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 August, 1916)

DOUBLE AUSTRALIAN FUNERAL

Two wounded soldiers of the Australian Contingent died at the Middlesex Red Cross Hospital, Clacton, on Monday—Pt. Walter Ernest Herriott and Pt. Albert Jas. Thomson. They were buried with military honours on Wednesday, the Durham L. I. providing escort, band, and firing party. There was a large attendance at the cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Silvester, vicar of Great Clacton, and the Rev. Walter J. Elvy, Wesleyan minister at Clacton. The floral emblems included tokens from the local wounded soldiers' fund and the Red Cross Society.

(Essex Newsman, Essex, England – 19 August, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

HERRIOTT – In memory of our highly esteemed friend, Walter who died on the 14th July, from wounds received whilst fighting for his country.

He was one of the best.

-Inserted by members Glen Waverley Cricket Club.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 26 August, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

HERRIOTT – Died of wounds received in France, 14th August, 1916, Private Walter E. Herriott, beloved youngest son of Mrs C. Herriott, also loved brother of the late Mrs W. Wilson, Mrs A. Wilson, Mrs J. Farquhar, Dave, William, Sam (on active service), and Hannah, aged 21 years 8 months.

“For ever with the Lord,”

“Our Hero.”

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 September, 1916)

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For ever with the Lord. Our hero.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 September, 1916)

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

The 206th and 207th casualty Lists, received simultaneously.....

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private W. E. Herriott, Glen Waverley

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 9 September, 1916)

The War

AUSTRALIANS HONORED IN DEATH

We make the following extract from an English newspaper, which shows the honor accorded there to our soldier heroes:

"An impressive scene was witnessed by a large concourse of people, who gathered in the Clacton Cemetery on Wednesday after noon, on the occasion of the interment of two heroes who have left their home shores in the early stages of the war to help the old Motherland in her fight in the cause of right against might. The deceased soldiers were Ptes. Walter Ernest Herriot, aged 21, of Glen Waverley, Victoria, and Albert James Thomson, aged 35, of Sydney, New South Wales, and they both passed away at Middlesex Red Cross Hospital on Monday, their deaths being due to the terrible injuries they had received from shrapnel during the recent fighting in France. Herriot had also seen service in Egypt before being transferred to the western theatre of war. The two oak coffins, covered with Union Jacks, were borne in two hearses, preceded by a firing party of 14 men, under the command of Sergeant Bickerton, the band and buglers, and a carriage conveying Mr and Mrs Frederick Geyton, who followed as friends of Pte Herriot. There also followed a large contingent of men, and by the sides of the hearses marched twelve bearers – all of the soldiers being of the Durham Light Infantry. Many people gathered at the Cemetery, where two clergymen officiated, the firing part fired the customary three volleys, and the Last Post was sounded by the buglers. The floral tributes included a wreath inscribed 'In loving memory of W. Herriot, from his mother and sisters, Glen Waverley, Australia, per Mr and Mrs Geyton, Mildmay Park, London,' also a cross from the local branch of the Red Cross Society."

(*Oakleigh and Caulfield Times Mulgrave and Ferntree Gully Guardian*, Victoria – 2 December, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

HERRIOT – In loving memory of my dear son and our brother, Pte Walter Herriot, who died of wounds received at Fleurbaix, France, on 14th August, 1916.

Far away from all who loved him,
They gently laid him to rest;
In a far away grave he is sleeping,
One of God's bravest and best.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters.

HERRIOTT – In fond memory of Private W. E. Herriott (Wally), who died from wounds received in France, 14th August, 1916.

The true and loyal friend of W. S. Sandilands, Oakleigh.

HERRIOT – A tribute to the memory of Private W. Herriot, died of wounds received in France 14th August, 1916.

Duty called him, he was there,
To do his bit and take his share;
His heart was good, his spirits brave,
His resting place, a hero's grave.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs J. Foster and family.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 August, 1917)

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 W. E. Herriott does not have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone.

Clacton Cemetery, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, England

Clacton Cemetery, Clacton-on-Sea contains 65 Commonwealth War Graves – 30 from World War 1 & 35 from World War 2. Also known as Burrs Road Municipal Cemetery.



Clacton Cemetery



Photo of Private W. E. Herriot's Private Headstone in Clacton Cemetery, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, England.



(Photo by darealjolo – Find a Grave)