

**Wareham Cemetery,
Wareham, Dorset
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2364 PRIVATE

H. D. MADELL

3RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

11TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 24

Thy Will Be Done

Herbert Doyle MADELL

Herbert Doyle Madell was born on 12th June, 1892 at St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands to parents Wallace and Amelia Caroline Madell (nee Bean).

Herbert Doyle Madell attended school at Notre Dame du Rosaine.

The 1901 Channel Islands Census recorded Herbert Madell as an 8 year old, living with his family at Lower Le Marchant Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands. His parents were listed as Wallace Madell (Lamp Lighter, aged 58, born England) & Amelia Madell (aged 42, born St. Peter Port, Guernsey). Herbert was one of eight children listed on this Census (all born St. Peter Port, Guernsey) – Wallace Madell (Errand Boy, aged 12), Stanley Madell (Errand Boy, aged 12), Roland Madell (aged 11) then Herbert, Olive Madell (aged 7), Campbell Madell (aged 5), Havelock Madell (aged 3) & Lily Madell (aged 3 months).

The 1911 Channel Islands Census recorded Herbert Doyle Madell as an 18 year old Miller, living with his family at No. 1 Mount Durand Steps, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, which was a 7 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Wallace Madell (Gas Office Assistant, aged 68) & Amelia Madell (aged 54). Wallace & Amelia Madell had been married for 25 years & had eight children, one having since died. Herbert was the eldest of four children listed on this Census – Herbert then Campbell Madell (Errand Boy, aged 16), Havelock Madell (Errand Boy, aged 13) & Lily Amelia Madell (aged 10).

According to information supplied by his mother for the Roll of Honour, Herbert Madell came to Australia when he was 19 years of age. Mr H. Madell, Farm Student, aged 19, was a passenger on *Hawkes Bay* which had departed from the port of London, England on 18th June, 1914 & arrived at the port of Melbourne, Australia on 29th July, 1914. His mother also stated that Herbert Madell had served in the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.

Herbert Doyle Madell was a 21 year old, single, Labourer when he enlisted on 11th May, 1915 at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Wallace Madell, Mount Durand, St. Peters, Port Guernsey, Channel Islands.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was posted to 7th Reinforcements, 3rd Battalion on 11th May, 1915 for recruit training.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell, Service number 2364, embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Orsova* (A67) on 14th July, 1915 with the 3rd Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was taken on strength of 3rd Battalion at Anzac on 2nd September, 1915.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was admitted to 5th Field Ambulance at Anzac on 27th September, 1915 suffering from Diarrhoea. He was discharged to duty on 30th September, 1915 & rejoined his Unit the same day.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was admitted to 2nd L.H. Field Ambulance on 24th October, 1915 with Dysentery. He was discharged to duty on 27th October, 1915 & rejoined his Unit from Rest Camp on 30th October, 1915.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell disembarked at Alexandria from *Simla* on 29th December, 1915. (after the evacuation of Gallipoli).

Private Herbert Doyle Madell embarked for overseas from Alexandria on *Grampian* on 22nd March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 28th March, 1916.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was wounded in action in France from 22-27th July, 1916 (dates as recorded on Casualty Form – Active Service). He was admitted to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station on 24th July, 1916 then transferred to No. 16 Ambulance Train on 25th July, 1916. Private Madell was admitted to No. 8 General Hospital at Rouen, France on 26th July, 1916 with Shell Shock. He was transferred & admitted to No. 23 Stationary Hospital at Rouen on 29th July, 1916 with suspected Enteric. Private Madell embarked for England from Rouen on Hospital Ship *St. Andrew* on 1st September, 1916.

3rd Battalion

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army, principally in the Somme Valley in France and around Ypres in Belgium. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

From the 3rd Battalion War Diary:

22nd July, la Boissell – Officers & NCO's carried out further reconnaissance of enemy front – Operation for this night cancelled and one on larger scale announced by Brigadier at conference of C.O.'s and preparatory orders issued.

The Brigade was to assault three objectives in enemies lines before POZIERES & these were given to Bn's vide operation orders attached to summary of 23rd inst.

22.00 BN moved up to assembly trenches immediately in rear of 1st BN & occupied trenches prepared the previous night in rear of the Parados and along the POZIERES – CONTALMAISON ROAD.

1 O/Rank killed 3 O/Ranks Wounded 1 O/Rank to Hospital.

27th July, Albert - MUSTER PARADE state 13 Officers 535 O/Ranks

Casualties 23rd to 27th inclusive

91 O/Ranks Killed

350 O/Ranks Wounded

43 O/Ranks Missing

(Extract of War Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 22nd September, 1916. He was granted furlough from 23rd September, 1916. Private Madell reported back from furlough & was medically classified as B1 A (temporarily unfit for active service) on 9th November, 1916.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was written up for an Offence on 7th November, 1916. He was absent without leave from Perham Downs from 4th November, 1916 till 4pm on 7th November, 1916. He was awarded 7 days confined to camp & forfeited 4 days' pay.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was marched out to No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham, Dorset, England on 13th November, 1916.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was admitted to Military Hospital, Wareham, Dorset, England on 3rd January, 1917, seriously ill with Dysentery.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell died on 11th January, 1917 at Military Hospital, Wareham, Dorset, England from Dysentery.

A death for Herbert D. Madell, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wareham, Dorset, England.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was buried on 15th January, 1917 in Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset, England – Plot number B. C. 17 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Wallace Madell, of 12 Mount Durand, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, father of the late Private Herbert Doyle Madell, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight commencing from 14th March, 1917 & to be revised on 13th September, 1917. A War Pension was also granted to Amelia Caroline Madell, of 12 Mount Durand, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, mother of the late Private Herbert Doyle Madell, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight commencing from 14th March, 1917 & to be revised on 13th September, 1917.

The War Pensions for Wallace Madell & Amelia Caroline Madell, parents of the late Private Herbert Doyle Madell were revised on 13th September, 1917, with each receiving 10/- per fortnight as previously awarded & to be revised on 28th February, 1918.

Private Herbert Doyle Madell was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private H. D. Madell's father – Mr W. Madell, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent November, 1921).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Herbert Doyle Madell – service number 2364, aged 24, of 3rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Wallace and Amelia Madell, of 12 Mount Durand, Guernsey. Born at St. Peter Port, Guernsey.

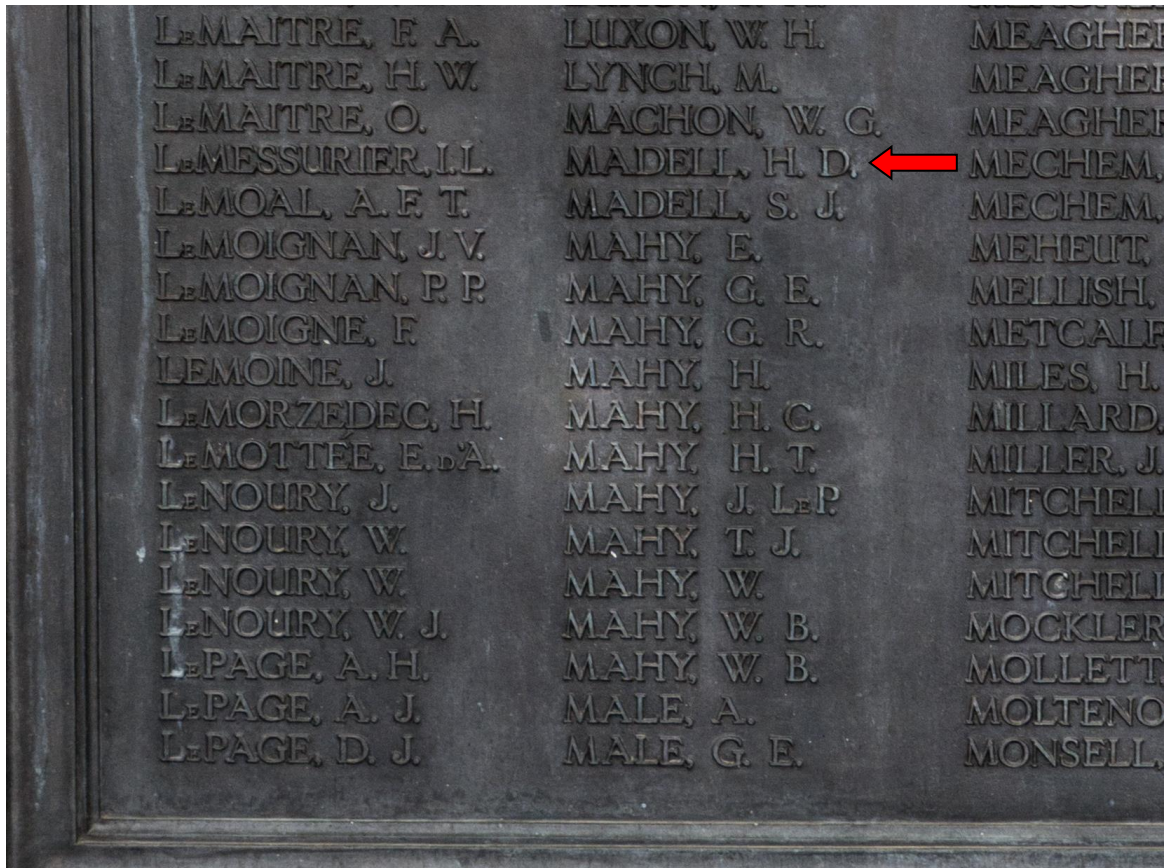
H. D. Madell is remembered on the St. Peter Port/ Bailiwick of Guernsey War Memorial located at Smith Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands.



St. Peter Port War Memorial (Photo from War Memorials Online)



St. Peter Port War Memorial (Panel Photos courtesy of Statues - Hither & Thither - Rene & Peter van der Krogt)



Private H. D. Madell is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 37.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(30 pages of Private Herbert Doyle Madell'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



Newspaper Notices

AT THE FRONT

MEN ON THE ROLL OF HONOR

From the Manning River and surrounding districts, many young men have gone forth at their country's call, The following is as far as we know a fairly complete list. If there are any omissions we shall be glad to have such names to add to the list. They are – every man of them worthy of high honor:-

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Herbert Doyle Madell, Failford

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(The Wingham Chronicle and Manning River Observer, NSW, Australia – 31 July, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Pte H. D. Madell

Private H. D. Madell, Australian Infantry, fourth son of Mr and Mrs Madell, 12, Mount Durand, died of dysentery at Wareham (Dorset), on Jan. 11, in his 24th year. He was buried with full military honours.

Private Madell left Guernsey some three years ago for Australia. He was in the Gallipoli campaign, and subsequently in France.

(Guernsey Evening Press & Star, Saint Peter Port, Guernsey – 16 January, 1917)

FOR AUSTRALIA

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte H. D. MADELL, England (previously reported seriously ill)

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 22 January, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Pte H. D. Madell

Mrs W. Madell, of 12, Mount Durand, has received a copy of "The Manning River Times" (New South Wales, Australia) from Mrs W. H. Coates, which contains the following reference to their son, Private H. D. Madell:-

"In the casualty list published in the "Sydney Morning Herald" of Tuesday, January 23, appears the name of Private H. D. Madell (England), as having died from illness. This is believed to be Private Herbert Doyle Madell, who enlisted from Failford, where, for some time, he had been working for Mr H. W. Coates. He was the son of Mr Wallace Madell, of Guernsey, Channel Islands. He enlisted at Easter, 1915, and sailed for the front in July of the same year. He went through Gallipoli without a wound, was at the evacuation, and afterwards went straight to France, where he

was for some time. Unfortunately, whilst in France, he contracted typhoid fever, and never seem to rally. Mr and Mrs Coates, who always kept in touch with him, and heard from him from time to time, received a letter from him dated August of last year, in which he said he was ill with typhoid. Another dated October also came from him, when he said he was still very weak, and it would take him a long time to be anything like better. That was the last information they received from him, and they saw by the "Herald" that he had passed away. Until he became sick he wrote most cheerfully. Always saying he was going strong and doing his best. He was very high-spirited and determined. It is thought that the fever left his lungs weak and he developed pneumonia or pleurisy.

Private Madell was with Mr and Mrs Coates for nine months, and was very highly esteemed by them. He was well-known out Wallamba way and was very well liked, being a respectable, honourable young man. Mr and Mrs Coates always found him dependable and reliable, and were extremely grieved to see the news of his death. Private Madell was one of five brothers in the firing line. His eldest brother (Rowley) was in one of the regular units of the British Army in India before the war, and, of course, has been "doing his bit" since. Three other brothers enlisted from the Channel Islands.

(Guernsey Evening Press & Star, Saint Peter Port, Guernsey – 18 April, 1917)

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.

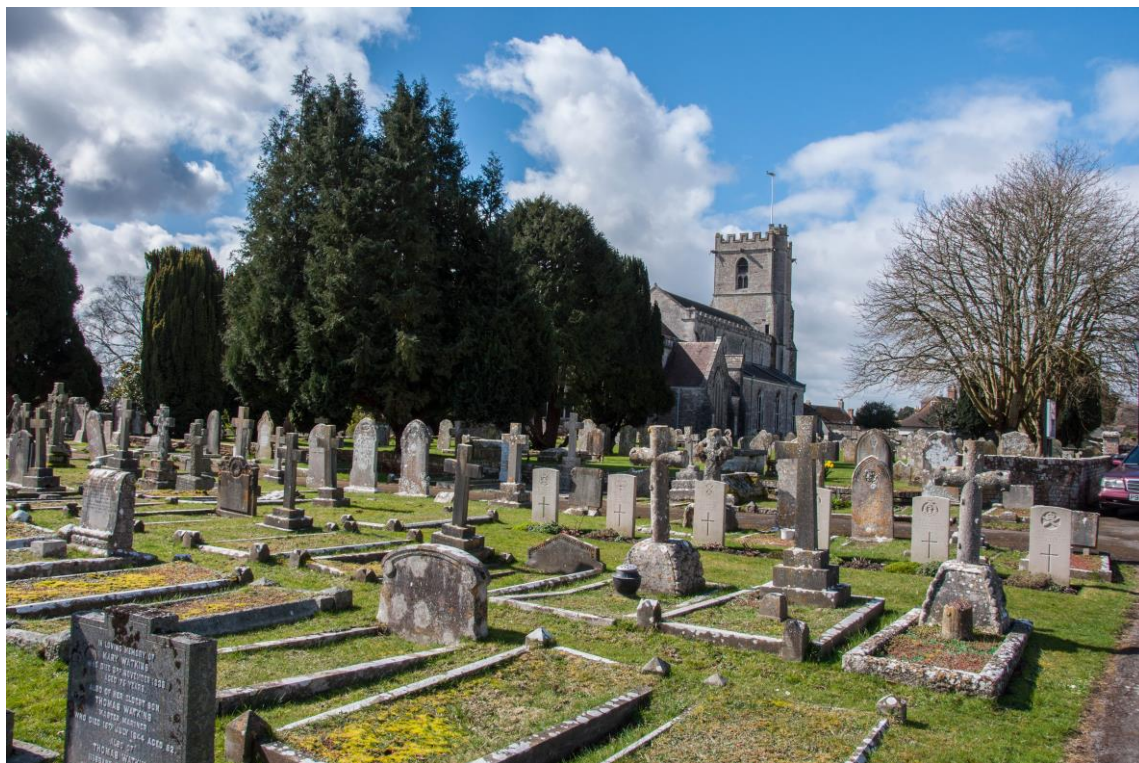
(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Private H. D. Madell does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Thy Will Be Done

Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset, England

Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset contains 71 Commonwealth War Graves. Wareham Military Hospital, with 185 beds, was at Worgret Camp during the First World War and the regimental depot of the Royal Armoured Corps was at nearby Bovington during the Second World War. Wareham Cemetery contains 49 First World War burials and 15 from the Second World War, 5 being unidentified. The cemetery also contains 12 German burials, 1 being an unidentified airman. *(Information from CWGC)*



Wareham Cemetery, Wareham *(Photos courtesy of Tracy Dunne)*



Photo of Private H. D. Madell's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset, England.



(Photo courtesy of Tracy Dunne)



(Photo from ["Following the Twenty-Second"](#))