

**Towcester Road Cemetery,
Northampton, Northamptonshire**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5183 PRIVATE

C. H. MC GOLDRICK

1ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

16TH SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 25

He Died For King And Country

A Brave Young Life

Nobly Ended

Charles Henry McGOLDRICK

Charles Henry McGoldrick was born at Mt. Keira, Wollongong, NSW on 16th October, 1890 to parents Charles Henry and Mary Louise McGoldrick (nee Head).

Charles Henry McGoldrick attended school at Wollongong, NSW.

Charles Henry McGoldrick married Irene Sarah Lindsay on 13th January, 1913 in St. Augustine's Church, Bulli, NSW. Their marriage was registered in the district of Woonona, NSW. Charles Henry McGoldrick was listed as a Miner & both were residing at Scarborough, NSW.

A daughter – Irene Ada McGoldrick was born in 1913 to Charles Henry & Irene Sarah McGoldrick. A daughter – Adeline Ettie McGoldrick was born in 1915 to Charles Henry & Irene Sarah McGoldrick however she died on 11th October, 1915, aged 4 ½ months.

Charles Henry McGoldrick was a 25 year old, married, Miner from Scarborough, NSW when he enlisted at Stanwell Park, NSW on 14th December, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5183 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs S. I. McGoldrick, of Scarborough P.O., South Coast, NSW.

Charles Henry McGoldrick was posted to the "Waratahs" with the rank of Private on 14th December, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to "E" Company, 1st Battalion on 18th December, 1915. Pte McGoldrick was transferred on 1st March, 1916 to 16th Reinforcements of 1st Battalion.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick embarked from Sydney, NSW on SS *Makarini* on 1st April, 1916 with the 1st Infantry Battalion, 16th Reinforcements & disembarked at Suez on 2nd May, 1916.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick embarked from Alexandria on *Caledonia* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 17th May, 1916. He reported at 1st Australian Divisional Base Depot at Etaples, France on 20th May, 1916.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick was admitted to 26th General Hospital at Etaples on 3rd June, 1916 with a hernia. He was discharged to duty on 11th June, 1916.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick reported to 1st A.D.B. Depot (Australian Divisional Base) from Hospital on 11th June, 1916. He proceeded from 1st A.D.B. D. on 27th July, 1916 to join his Unit & was taken on strength of 1st Battalion in France on 27th July, 1916 from 16th Reinforcements.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick was wounded in action in France on 18th August, 1916. He was admitted to No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station on 18th August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to knee then transferred to No. 31 Ambulance Train on 26th August, 1916. Pte McGoldrick was admitted to No. 8 Stationary Hospital on Wimereux on 27th August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to right knee. He embarked for England from Boulogne on 2nd September, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Newhaven*.

War Diary – 1st Battalion

18th August, 1916:

0900 – Received order to relieve 3rd Bn in firing line. Relief to be completed by 1500. C.O. went to Bde. Headqrs to see the Brigadier in response to telephone message. See in C went to 2nd Bn. Headqrs in firing line to arrange for the relief. This was arranged

1315 – C. Coy, already in close support proceeded at 1315 to relieve D coy 3rd Bn.

1300 - A. Coy left WIRE TRENCH to relieve A Coy 3rd Bn.

WIRE TRENCH

1315 – B. Coy proceeded by the COPSE to relieve C Coy 3rd Bn. accompanied by Bombing Platoon.

1330 – D. Coy with Headqrs L.M.G.S. & details attached to D, proceeded to trench evacuated at 1315 by our C. Coy to be in support to 1st Bn.

1530 - B. C. & D Coys reported relief completed. A. Coy impossible to communicate with owing to intervening ground being swept by artillery and M.G. fire.

1700 – No word received from A. Coy, 80 reported relief complete (except A Coy) to Bde Headqrs.

1915 – Report received from A. Coy relief complete. Reported to Bde relief completed accordingly.

2100 – Our artillery opened barrage fire. Replied to vigorously by enemy at 2110. Heavy enemy

2230 – barrage fire over our position and in front of POZIERES until 2230

2200 – Following work was carried out in 1st Bn sector from 2200 to 0400.....

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick was admitted to War Hospital, Duston, Northampton, England on 5th September, 1916 with "G.S.W. Thigh Amputated. Seriously ill". He was reported as having Pneumonia & "Not yet out of danger" (No date recorded).

Mrs Sarah Irene McGoldrick, wife of Private Charles Henry McGoldrick, was advised that her husband had been wounded on 14th September, 1916. She was advised on the 19th September, 1916 that her husband had been admitted to the Northampton War Hospital on 1st September with gunshot wound to thigh – Severe. Mrs McGoldrick was advised on 20th September, 1916 that her husband was seriously ill "Gunshot wound Thigh amputated and Pneumonia." Mrs McGoldrick was advised on 25th September, 1916 that her husband's condition was stationary.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick died on 16th September, 1916 at War Hospital, Duston, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England from wounds received in action in France – Gunshot wounds to right thigh amputated & Pneumonia.

A death for Charles H. McGoldrick, aged 26, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Northampton, Northamptonshire, England.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick was buried on 22nd September, 1916 in Towcester Road Cemetery, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England – Plot number 448.2.17399 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Mrs McGoldrick, widow of the late Private Charles Henry McGoldrick, wrote to Base Records in October, 1916 stating that "enclosed herewith find sundry papers reporting my husband..... as seriously wounded and since then officially reported as having died. I feel that there is a very great difference in the dates as officially given as to when wounded also in comparison with the cable despatched signed by him as doing well at date of sending viz 31st August last. I shall be very grateful if your Office will make another enquiry as to the accuracy of the information...." Base Records replied on 2nd November, 1916 stating "it is regretted that as the dates given do not disclose any discrepancies, the expense of cabling an enquiry would not be warranted in this case. He is reported as having died on 16th September, 1916, and his last message to you is date 31st August."

A War Pension was granted to Sarah Irene McGoldrick, widow of the late Private Charles Henry McGoldrick, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 28th November, 1916. A Pension was also granted to Irene Lavena Ada McGoldrick, daughter of the late Private Charles Henry McGoldrick, in the sum of £1 per fortnight from 28th November, 1916.

Private Charles Henry McGoldrick was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte McGoldrick's widow – Mrs S. I. McGoldrick, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles Henry McGoldrick – service number 5183, aged 25, of 1st Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Charles Henry and Mary McGoldrick; husband of Sarah Irene McGoldrick, of Port Kembla, New South Wales.

C. H. McGoldrick is remembered on the Coalcliff, Scarborough, Clifton Roll of Honour, located at Scarborough Public School, Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Scarborough, NSW.



Coalcliff, Scarborough, Clifton Roll of Honour

(Photo from Register of War Memorials in NSW)

Private C. H. McGoldrick is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 30.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(41 pages of Pte Charles Henry McGoldrick'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



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private Charles Henry McGoldrick



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Description

Studio portrait of 5183 Private (Pte) Charles Henry McGoldrick, 1st Battalion, of Scarborough, NSW with his wife Irene Sarah McGoldrick and daughter Irene Ada. A miner before enlisting in December 1915, Pte McGoldrick left Australia with the 16th Reinforcements in April 1916 for service on the Western Front. He was wounded at Wire Trench, near Pozieres on 18 August 1916, and was evacuated to England where he succumbed to his wounds on 16 September 1916, age 25. At the time the portrait was taken, Irene Sarah McGoldrick was pregnant with their second daughter, Adeline, who died as an infant the same month as her father.



Description

A photo montage of descendants of the late Benjamin Rixon of Illawarra who served in the First World War. Benjamin Rixon was the son of convicts James Rixon, who arrived in New South Wales in 1798 and Amelia Goodwin, who arrived in 1800. He was one of two surviving triplets, the first white triplets to be born in Australia and who were featured on the front page of the Sydney Gazette on Saturday January 19, 1806. Almost all the men depicted are great-grandsons of Rixon. Included in the collage are: 2236 Private (Pte) Percival George Murray, Army Medical Corps (AMC) (1); 513 Pte William Keith Rixon, 3rd Battalion (killed in action 13 June 1915) (2); 5743 Pte Sidney George Sleep, 9th Battalion (3); Lieutenant Thomas Samuel Jones, 2nd Light Horse Regiment (2LHR) (4); 2713 Bombardier Ewing Vincent "Hugh" Holland, 13th Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) (5); 5742 Pte Oliver Robert Sleep, 9th Battalion (6); 87 Pte George Vincent Rixon, 13th Battalion (killed in action 3 May 1915) (7); Pte Leslie George Clarke (8); 938 Pte Clement John Gribble, 30th Battalion (killed in action 22 March 1917) (9); 2640 Pte Norman Henry Donald, 56th Battalion (10); 979 Pte Norman Arthur Gribble, 4th Battalion (killed in action 19 May 1915) (11); 6462 Pte Percy Bailey, 13th Battalion (12); 1540A Trooper (Tpr) Cecil Charles Bailey, 12 LHR (13); 3594 Pte John J Barlogio, 55th Battalion (14); 30305 Driver Harold Ward Simpson, 5th Divisional Ammunition Column (DAC) (15); 3694 Trooper Reginald E. Bailey, 1 LHR (16); 960 Sergeant Major John James Salisbury (17); 472 Pte Maurice Morgan Rixon, 3 LHR (first name recorded as Norman in the photo montage) (18); 89 Sergeant (Sgt) William Murray Salisbury, 3rd Battalion (19); 1663 Tpr Reginald G Maguire, 7 LHR (20); 1539A Tpr Errol John Bailey, 12 LHR (21); 2984 Sgt Henry Oswald (Harry) Thwaite, 56th Battalion (22); 6264 Pte Ernest Alfred Haines, 13th Battalion (23); 1908 Pte Arthur John Rixon, 2 LHR (died of accidental injuries, 15 January 1918) (24); 2438 Pte Sydney William George Kirk, 45th Battalion (25); 1177 Sgt Kenneth James Rixon, 1st Battalion (26); Chaplain Arthur Hazlehurst Gribble (27); 1707 Pte Herbert Charles Leslie Kirk, 45th Battalion (28); **5183 Pte Charles Henry McGoldrick, 1st Battlion (died of wounds 16 September 1916) (29)**; 386 Pte Oliver Rowland Thwaite, 17th Battalion (30); 32 Tpr Vernon William Murray, 6 LHR (killed in action 22 May 1915) (31); 5070 Pte James Crane, 1st Battalion (32); 6098 Pte Frederick James Sleep, 9th Battalion (died of wounds 7 November 1916) (33); Tpr Francis Peter (Frank) Norris (34); A J Rixon (a pre-war portrait - see photograph 24 for Rixon in uniform) (35); 3065 Pte Frederick Charles Barlogio, 1st Pioneer Battalion (36); 1693 Pte Vivian Clarence Lancelot Kirk, 53rd Battalion (37) and 5957 Tpr Bertie George Rixon, 2 LHR. The collage was published on the front of the Sydney Mail on 24 July, 1918. Tpr Bertie Rixon was killed in action three weeks later on 14 July 1918. The production of the photo montage was initiated in 1918 by Margaret Lucinda Salisbury of Woonona, Wollongong, NSW, a granddaughter of Benjamin Rixon.

Newspaper Notices

CASUALTIES

DOUBLE LIST ISSUED

The 224th and 225th lists of casualties

NEW SOUTH WALES

WOUNDED

Pte C. H. McGOLDRICK, Scarborough (Severely)

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 30 September, 1916)

AUSTRALIAN HEROES KILLED IN FRANCE



(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 28 December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR

McGOLDRICK. — Died of wounds received at the Battle of Pozieres, Sept. 16, 1916, Private C. H. McGoldrick, dearly-beloved husband of R. McGoldrick, and father of little Eileen, in his 25th year.

He marched away so gravely,
His courage never failed;
Now far away from those who loved him
In a hero's grave he lies.

McGOLDRICK.— In loving memory of Private C. H. McGoldrick, who fell in the Battle of Pozieres, September 16, 1916.

The day was won, the roll was called,
He could not answer here.
He shouldered his gun in honor's cause
And died without a fear.
In a hero's grave he is lying,
Somewhere in France he fell;
Little we thought when we parted
It would be our last farewell

Inserted by his loving parents and sisters.

McGOLDRICK. — In loving memory of Private Charles H. McGoldrick, died of wounds, 16th September, 1916. Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, L. and D. Porter.

(South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus, NSW – 14 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

McGOLDRICK – In loving memory of Private Charles McGoldrick, died of wounds received at Pozieres, September 16, 1916. A young life nobly ended. Inserted by his parents and sisters.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 September, 1918)

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)*

A letter from Base Records, dated 25th July, 1921, to Mrs S. I. McGoldrick, Scarborough, South Coast, NSW, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her husband - the late Pte C. H. McGoldrick had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private C. H. McGoldrick does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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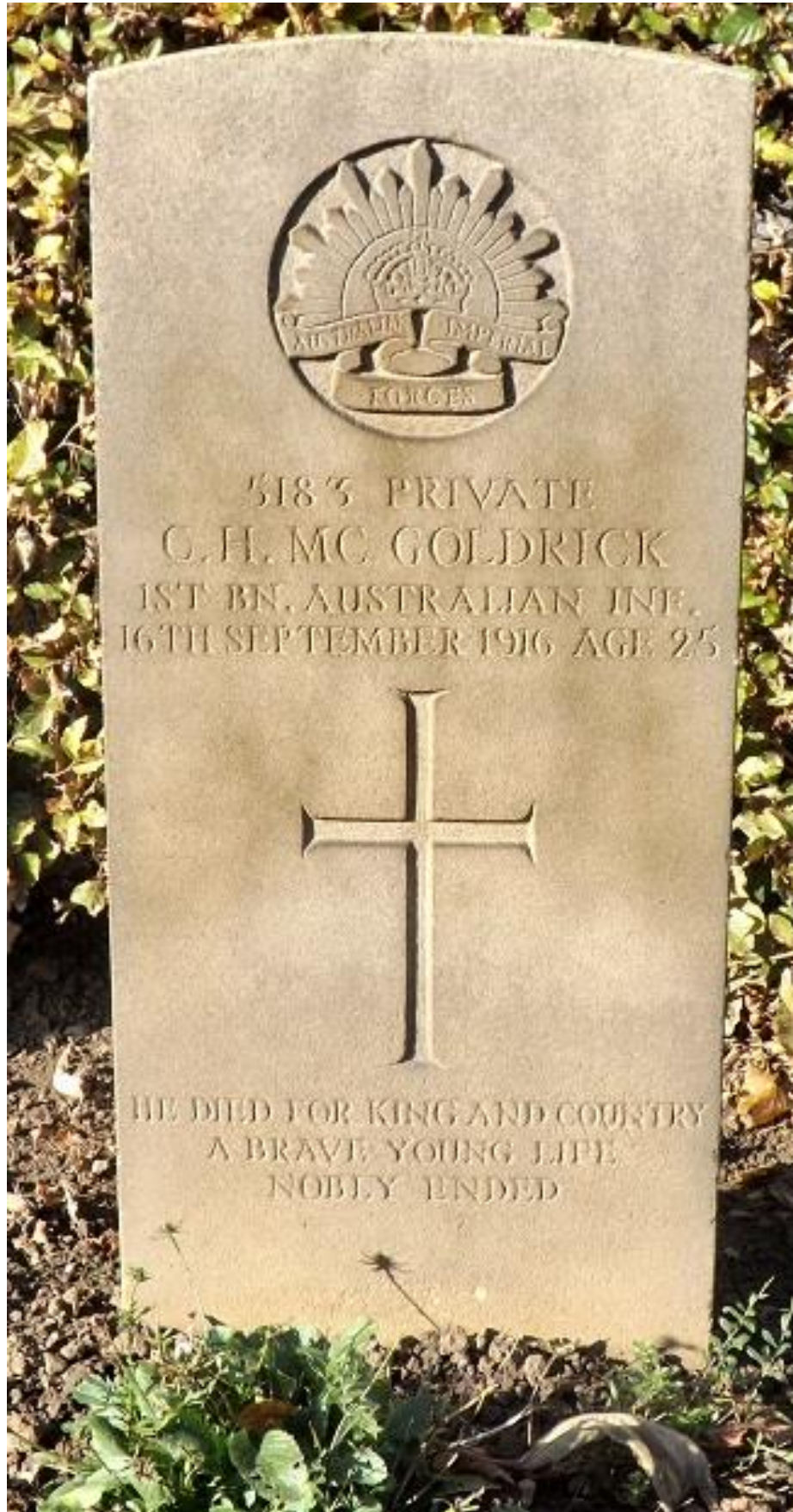
Northampton (Towcester Road) Cemetery contains 116 First World War burials and 17 from the Second World War, most of which form a combined war graves plot to the left of the chapel. The cemetery also contains five non-war service burials and three Czech war graves.
(Information & photos from CWGC)



Towcester Road Cemetery, Northampton



Photo of Private C. H. McGoldrick's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Towcester Road Cemetery, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England.



(Photo from Great War Forum - Biffo)



Towcester Road Cemetery, Northampton (Photo from CWGC)

Pte C. H. McGoldrick is remembered on a headstone in Scarborough Wombarra Cemetery along with his daughter – Adeline Ettie McGoldrick, who died aged 4 ½ months – Anglican 1, Row C





Pte C. H. McGoldrick & his daughter – Adeline Ettie McGoldrick's headstone

(Photos by cpoole7 – Find a Grave)



IN
Memory of
DEAR LITTLE
ADELINE ETTIE
M^cGOLDRICK
DIED 11th OCT 1915
AGED 4½ MONTHS.
MY DEAR HUSBAND
PTE C.H. M^cGOLDRICK
DIED 16th SEPT 1916
OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN FRANCE
AGED 25 YEARS.
LEAD KINDLY LIGHT.

*In
Loving Memory*

of

Dear Little

ADELINE ETTIE

McGOLDRICK

Died 11TH Oct. 1915

Aged 4 ½ Months

My Dear Husband

Pte C. H. McGOLDRICK

Died 16TH Sept. 1916

Of Wounds Received In France.

Aged 25 Years

“Lead Kindly Light”