

**Stourbridge Cemetery,
Stourbridge, West Midlands, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2460 PRIVATE

A. H. MOGG

49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH MAY, 1918

Arthur Henry MOGG

Arthur Henry Mogg was born on 20th January, 1884 in London, England to parents Samuel and Bessie Louisa Mogg (nee Burt).

According to information provided by his parents for the Roll of Honour – Arthur Henry Mogg came to Australia when he was 3 years old.

Arthur. H. Mogg, aged 3, was listed as a passenger on *Duke of Argyll*, with his family, which had departed from port of London, England & arrived at the port of Brisbane, Queensland on 4th February, 1888. His parents were listed as Samuel Mogg (aged 39), Bessie L. Mogg (aged 28) & his brothers – Edward George (aged 8) & Alfred J. (aged 1).

Arthur Henry Mogg was a 32 year old, single, Labourer from Toowoomba, Queensland when he enlisted on 24th April, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2460 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Bessie Louisa Mogg, Wollen Creek, Miles, Queensland.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 2nd May, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 5th Reinforcements of 49th Battalion on 30th May, 1916.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Seang Choon (A49)* on 19th September, 1916 with the 49th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th December, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was marched in to 13th Training Battalion in England on 10th December, 1916.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on S.S. *Princess Victoria* on 8th February, 1917 from 13th Training Battalion. He was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 9th February, 1917 & proceeded to join his Unit from 4th A.D.B.D. on 11th February, 1917. Private Mogg was taken on strength of 49th Battalion in the Field on 13th February, 1917 from Reinforcements.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was admitted to 4th Australian Field Ambulance on 7th April, 1917 with Trench Feet then transferred & admitted to 8th Australian Field Ambulance on 8th April, 1917. He was transferred & admitted to 56th Casualty Clearing Station on 11th April, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train 11 on 12th April, 1917. Private Mogg was admitted to 1st General Hospital at Etretat on 13th April, 1917. He was transferred to Havre, France & embarked for England on 24th April, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Panama*.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, England in 25th April, 1917 with Trench Feet. He was discharged for furlough on 2nd June, 1917 & was to report to Training Depot at Wareham on 18th June, 1917.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 20th August, 1917 from Overseas Training Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire. He was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 21st August, 1917. Private Mogg proceeded from 4th A.D.B.D. on 30th August, 1917 & rejoined his Unit in the Field on 7th September, 1917.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was reported to be with his Unit on 24th February, 1918.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was wounded – Gassed on 25th April, 1918. He was admitted to 25th Field Ambulance on 26th April, 1918 – Gassed shell Mustard the transferred on the same day to 5th Casualty Clearing Station. Private Mogg was transferred to Ambulance Train 25 on 27th April, 1918 & admitted to 9th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 28th April, 1918. He was invalided to England on 1st May, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Panama*.

49th Battalion

The 49th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 27 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 9th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 9th, the 49th was predominantly composed of men from Queensland. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division.....

Early in 1917, the battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, supporting the 13th Brigade's attack at Noreuil on 2 April. Later in the year, the focus of the AIF's operations moved to the Ypres sector in Belgium. There the battalion fought in the battle of Messines on 9 June and the battle of Polygon Wood on 26 September. Another winter of trench routine followed.

With the collapse of Russia in October 1917, a major German offensive on the Western Front was expected in early 1918. This occurred in France in late March and the 4th Division moved to defend positions around the Dernancourt on the River Ancre. The 49th Battalion assisted in the repulse of a large German attack on 5 April, launching a critical counter-attack late in the afternoon. The German threat remained until late April, when Australian troops of the 13th and 15th Brigades carried out a successful counter-attack and dislodged the enemy from Villers-Bretonneux. The 49th was held in reserve during the assault.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 49th Battalion

25th April, 1918:

5 am – Transport moved from H29b to LA MOTTE area approximately M18 b90.45 Nucleus personnel from Battn joined transport lines and erected bivouacs. Acting Adjutant wounded also O/C A Coy Assistant Adjutant went to Bn Hqrs for duty. Weather fine and warm.

11 am - Instructions were received from G.O.C. 24thBde to withdraw my Battalion and move to O31 Central reporting to 24th Bde for instructions Btn moved at noon to this position, appendix 32, I reported to G.O.C. and spoke to 13th AFBde when I was instructed to move up and occupy a line of posts from N.E. side of CACHY at U 34 C 43 to U 4 a 67. These posts were found to be full of troops and I wired Bde to this effect.

10.50pm – Instructions were received to send Coy to fill line between Railway line at O 36 a 12 and right flank of 57th Btn at O 36 a 58.

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Casualties:

	O.R.	K.I.A.	OFF	W.I.A.	O.R.	W.I.A.	O.R.	D.O.W.	Remarks
25.4.18		6		3		56		3	Capt. F. Y. Fox
						35 Gassed			Lt. A. G. Rowell
									Lt. C. K. Sheard

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Arthur Henry Mogg died at 1.25 pm on 6th May, 1918 at 1st Southern General Hospital – Stourbridge Section, Birmingham, England from wounds - Gassed shell Mustard.

A death for Arthur H. Mogg, aged 34, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Stourbridge, England.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was buried at 3 pm on 9th May, 1918 in Stourbridge Cemetery, Stourbridge, West Midlands, England – Plot number C. 340 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Mogg - *Coffin was good Polished. The deceased soldier was buried with Military Honours, the coffin draped with the "Union Jack" was carried to the graveside by bearers from the R.A.M.C. at the Hospital. A Firing Party composed of Australian patients in the hospital fired the salute and the bugler also an Australian sounded the "Last Post". Several patients from the Hospital also followed the remains to the graveside. Three beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin by Sisters and patients of the Ward and by a friend – Mrs Owen of Stourbridge. The grave will be turfed and a temporary cross erected immediately.*

Private Arthur Henry Mogg requested in his Will, dated 16th July, 1917, that all his personal estate be bequeathed to his brother – Mr Alf Mogg, Ranwick Terris off Bridge St, Toowoomba, Queensland.

Private Arthur Henry Mogg was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Mogg's father – Mr S. Mogg, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1922 & Plaque sent October, 1922).



British War Medal for Private A. H. Mogg (without ribbon) (Photos courtesy of Gary Jones)



Front & back of British War Medal

Base Records wrote to Mr S. Mogg, Margart St, Toowoomba, Queensland on 4th June, 1925 with the following letter "You will doubtless be interested to learn that on the occasion of the recent Anzac Day pilgrimage to the graves of Australian soldiers buried in the United Kingdom, the cemetery at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, wherein the remains of your son, the late No. 2460 Pte A. H. Mogg, 49th Battalion, and other members of the Force are interred, was again visited by Mr L. M. Instone, of "Elmdene", Woodfield Avenue, Penn. Wolverhampton, England. The thanks of the Department have been conveyed to Mr Instone for this further evidence of his continued interest in and attention to the graves of our fallen soldiers, and it is thought you may desire to personally express your appreciation of his kindness."

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Henry Mogg – service number 2460, aged 34, of 49th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Samuel and Bessie Louisa Mogg, of Margaret St., Toowoomba, Queensland.

A. H. Mogg is remembered on the Toowoomba Roll of Honour, located in Toowoomba RSL, 549 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.



Toowoomba Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia)

A. H. Mogg is remembered on the Mothers' Memorial, located in East Creek Park, Margaret Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.



Toowoomba Mothers' Memorial

(Photo above from Monument Australia – John Huth; below from Queensland War Memorial Register)

HANHAM	P.E.	KEMP	A.	M ^C CRATH	R.
HANNAH	W.H.	KENNEALLY	J.	M ^C INTYRE	D.
HANNANT	F.	KIDMAN	E.C.	M ^C LEOD	R.
HARDING	W.R.B.	KREIC	L.	M ^C LEOD	J.C.
HARLEN	V.	LANGE	J.C.	M ^C MANUS	J.
HARSTON	J.	LARACY	F.P.	M ^C MANUS	A.
HART	A.J.	LARACY	E.J.	M ^C MULLEN	W.
HARTWELL	B.N.	LARSEN	G.	M ^C MULLEN	R.
HARVEY	C.W.	LARTER	E.G.	M ^C WATERS	N.F.
HAWES	N.B.	LATCHFORD	R.G.	NEW	A.H.
HAYDEN	P.J.	LEADBETTER	E.T.	NEW	H.
HEAD	W.	LEE	L.	NEWTON	W.H.
HELMS	J.	LENDRUM	T.	NICHOLLS	F.
H ^D ENDERSON	R.L.	LEWIS	S.J.	NORRIS	F.G.
HENDERSON	N.R.	LIGHTBODY	P.J.	NORRIS	A.
HEWETT	T.C.	LINDSAY	H.A.	NORTHAM	R.
HOBSON	W.D.	LLOYD	L.	ORR	W.
HOCARTH	A.F.	LONGWILL	W.M.	OWEN	A.G.
HOCARTH	A.M.	LONERGAN	M.J.	O'BRIEN	W.J.
HOCARTH	J.	LOWE	F.W.	O'CONNOR	E.J.
HOLMES	T.A.	LOWRY	T.M.	O'DONOGHUE	T.J.
HORAN	J.W.	LYNAM	F.J.	O'SULLIVAN	M.J.
HOWELL	E.	MAAC	G.H.	PATERSON	F.M.
HUDSON	F.S.	MADDICK	F.T.	PATERSON	S.R.
HUGHES	J.F.	MALLON	H.J.	PASCOE	J.M.
HUGHES	N.P.J.	MANN	V.	PEARCOCK	G.E.
HUGHES	E.W.	MANN	R.J.	PEARSON	L.E.
HUND	F.	MARLAY	E.W.B.	PENHALLURICK	M.
HUNGERFORD	C.W.	MARLER	C.W.	PERKINS	W.T.
HUTCHISON	W.J.	MARTIN	F.	PHILLIPS	G.J.
HUTTON	W.J.	MARTIN	E.	PILSTER	J.P.
INGHAM	W.J.	MAUNDER	D.S.	PLANT	W.H.
JACKSON	A.	MAURER	E.O.	POINTER	F.M.
JAMES	D.	MAYCOCK	J.H.	POPE	J.
JAMESON	C.C.	MILLAR	E.S.	POULTON	C.J.
JEFFREY	→	MOGG	A.H.	PURTILL	S.
JEFFERSON	T.W.	MOHR	C.	QUINLAN	J.
JENKINS	A.C.	MOLLISON	D.	RABONE	S.G.
JENKINS	J.J.	MOWBRAY	N.V. SISTER	RALSTON	C.W.
JOHNSON	A.C.D.	MOYES	W.D.	RENWICK	A.J.
JOHNSON	W.W.	MURPHY	V.L.	RIDCWAY	J.T.

Private A. H. Mogg is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 149.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(47 pages of Private Arthur Henry Mogg'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



Private Arthur Henry Mogg

Newspaper Notices



(*The Queenslander*, Brisbane, Queensland - 23 Dec 1916)



PRIVATE GORDON HAROLD MOGG.

Enlisted in March, 1916. Now reported admitted Bethnal Green Military Hospital, October 24, suffering from gunshot wounds in the left leg.

The abovenamed soldiers are sons of B. L. Mogg, Toowoomba (formerly of Miles). Another son, Arthur Henry Mogg, is at present on service in France. Alfred Mogg, of Toowoomba is a fourth brother.

(*Toowoomba Chronicle*, Queensland – 20 December, 1917)

Roll of Honour

Queensland Casualties

The 402nd casualty list was issued by the censor on May 22, and contained the names of the following Queenslanders...

DIED OF WOUNDS

Arthur Henry Mogg, Toowoomba, 6/5/18

(*The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 31 May, 1918)



PRIVATE A. H. MOGG.
Private Arthur Henry Mogg, died of wounds on May 6; aged 35 years. He was the son of Mr. A. H. Mogg and of Mrs. C. Sullivan (Toowoomba).

(*Toowoomba Chronicle*, Queensland – 25 June, 1918)



PRIVATE ARTHUR HENRY MOGG

Son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Mogg, Sir-street; died in hospital on May 6, of wounds and mustard gas received in action on the West front; was 34 years of age. "He laid down his life for his friends; greater love hath no man than this."

(*Toowoomba Chronicle*, Queensland – 5 July, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

MOGG – In sad but loving memory of our dear Brother, Arthur H. Mogg, who died 6th May, of wounds and gas received in France, 1918.

Far beyond this word of trouble,
Far beyond this world of care;
We shall find our missing loved one
In our Father's mansion fair.

“Asleep in Jesus.”

Inserted by his loving Brother and Sister-in-Law, A. and M. Mogg.

(Toowoomba Chronicle, Queensland – 7 May, 1919)

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)

An informal note is included in the Service Record file of the late Private Arthur Henry Mogg with the following information & stamped as receipt by Base Records on 25th August, 1921: “*Until the day break, and the shadows flee away*”. *We prefer the Cross yours faful (sic) Samuel and Bessie Louisa Mogg, Margart Street, Toowoomba. In memory of our late son Henry Arthur Mogg, 2460 Private 49 Battalion.*”

Private A. H. Mogg does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Stourbridge Cemetery, Stourbridge, West Midlands, England

The cemetery contains 47 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war, (including those of 13 Australian soldiers, near which a Cenotaph is placed); and a War Cross is erected on the main roadway close to the entrance. The 1st Southern General Hospital had a Section in the Stourbridge Infirmary.

Most of the First World War burials are scattered but 17 form a small plot. The cemetery also contains 20 scattered burials of the Second World War and 1 Non World War burial here.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo by cookie – Find a Grave)



Australian Plot *(Photo courtesy of Margaret Carter)*

Stourbridge Cemetery Overseas Soldiers Sarcophagus

Adjacent to the Plot where the 13 Australian WW1 War Graves are located sits a Sarcophagus Memorial (listed by CWGC above as a Cenotaph) which reads:

*"In Grateful Memory Of Our Comrades From
Overseas Who Died In The Stourbridge Military
Hospital During The Great War 1914-19."*

The names of the 13 Australians are listed on the Plaque along with a Soldier from Canadian Contingent & 2 Soldiers from U.S.A.



Stourbridge Cemetery Overseas Soldiers Sarcophagus/Memorial

(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)





Arrow showing the Plot where Australian WW1 War Graves are located (Photo courtesy of Margaret Carter)



Stourbridge Cemetery showing Australian WW1 War Graves (Photo courtesy of Margaret Carter)

Photo of Private A. H. Mogg's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Stourbridge Cemetery, Stourbridge, West Midlands, England.



(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett – Private Collection)



Stourbridge Cemetery showing Australian WW1 War Graves *(Photo courtesy of Margaret Carter)*