

**Torquay Cemetery,
Torquay, Devon
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4591 PRIVATE

H. W. PASSMORE

30TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

13TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 26

*“Loving Thought Will Ever Linger,
Around The Place Where He Is Laid”*

Herbert William PASSMORE

Herbert William Passmore was born at Bideford, Devon, England on 19th July, 1891 to parents William & Elizabeth Passmore (nee Quick).

The 1901 England Census recorded Herbert W. Passmore as a 9 year old living with his family at Northam, Devonshire, England. His parents were listed as William Passmore (General Labourer, aged 36, born Northam, Devon) & Elizabeth Passmore (Aged 37, born Littleham, Devon). Herbert was one of seven children listed on this Census – Annie (aged 14, born Northam, Devon), Florence (aged 12, born Northam, Devon), George (aged 10, born Bideford, Devon), then Herbert, Rebecca J. (aged 8, born Bideford), Hezekiah J. (aged 5, born Northam) & Elizabeth (aged 1, born Northam, Devon). Also listed was a Boarder - William Palmer (General Labourer, aged 29, born Abbotsham, Devon).

The 1911 England Census recorded Herbert William Passmore as a 19 year old, Labourer living with his family in a 5 roomed dwelling at 1 Happaway Terrace, St. Mary Church, Torquay, Devon. His parents were listed as William Passmore (Labourer – Mason's, aged 44) & Elizabeth Passmore (aged 46). William & Elizabeth Passmore had been married for 24 years & had 9 children, all still living. Herbert was one of seven children listed on this Census – George (Labourer, aged 20) then Herbert, Rebecca Jane (aged 18), Hezekiah John (aged 15), Elizabeth (At School, aged 11), Margaret Maggie (At School, aged 9, born Northam, Devon) & Alexander Percy (At School, aged 6, born Northam, Devon).

Herbert Passmore was a 26 year old, single, Rabbit Trapper from Gravesend, NSW when he enlisted at Armidale, NSW on 4th November, 1916 with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 30th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4591 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – William Passmore, of Torre, Torquay, Devonshire, England. Herbert's brother – George Passmore also enlisted the same day. He was a 27 year old, single, Rabbit Trapper from Gravesend, NSW & was given the service number of 4589.

Private Herbert Passmore & his brother Private George Passmore were posted to Armidale Depot Battalion on 4th November, 1916. They were transferred to 30th Battalion, 12th Reinforcements at Liverpool, Sydney on 11th November, 1916.

Private Herbert Passmore & his brother George Passmore, 4589, embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Beltana* (A72) on 25th November, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 29th January, 1917.

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 Herbert Passmore was sent sick to the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 9th February, 1917 from "B" Company, 8th Training Battalion. He was admitted with acute Bronchitis.

Private Herbert Passmore died at 9.20 am on 13th February, 1917 at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Bronchitis.

A death for Herbert Passmore, aged 27, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire, England.

Private Herbert Passmore was buried on 15th February, 1917 in Torquay Cemetery, Torquay, Devon, England – Plot number E. 15. 14512 and has a private headstone which he shares with his older brother. His death is still recognised by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

A War Pension was granted to Elizabeth Passmore, Belmont Lodge, Teignmouth Rd, Torquay, mother of the late Pte Herbert Passmore, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight from 18th October, 1917. A War Pension was granted to William Passmore, Belmont Lodge, Teignmouth Rd, Torquay, father of the late Pte Herbert Passmore, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight from 18th October, 1917.

The parents of Private Herbert Passmore moved to Moorook, River Murray, South Australia. Base Records adjusted their details in March, 1922.

Pte Herbert Passmore was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Passmore's father – Mr W. Passmore, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Herbert Passmore – service number 4591, aged 25, of 30th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Passmore, of Torre, Torquay. Born at Northam, Devon.

H. W. & G. Passmore are both remembered on the Torquay War Memorial located in the Princess Gardens, Torbay, Devon, England.



Torquay War Memorial (Photo by David Lovell)

Private H. W. Passmore is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 117.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(43 pages of Pte Herbert Passmore'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

RECRUITING NEWS

Recruiting still continues briskly at the Armidale Military Depot. Last week 60 offered, or five more than the previous week, and 52 passed. On Saturday the following three passed out of four:- G. and H. Passmore (Gravesend), J. C. Doolin (Inverell)...

(The Armidale Chronicle, NSW – 8 November, 1916)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES LIST NO. 275

DIED – CAUSE NOT STATED

Private H. Passmore, England

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 27 February, 1917)

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Torquay Cemetery and Extension contains 136 burials of the First World War, 32 of them forming a small plot in the south-west corner of the old part, near a small group of New Zealand graves (a small New Zealand Discharge Depot was formed at St. Mary's Church at the end of 1916). Of the 97 Second World War graves, 50 are in a war graves plot in the eastern part of the extension, the rest scattered.

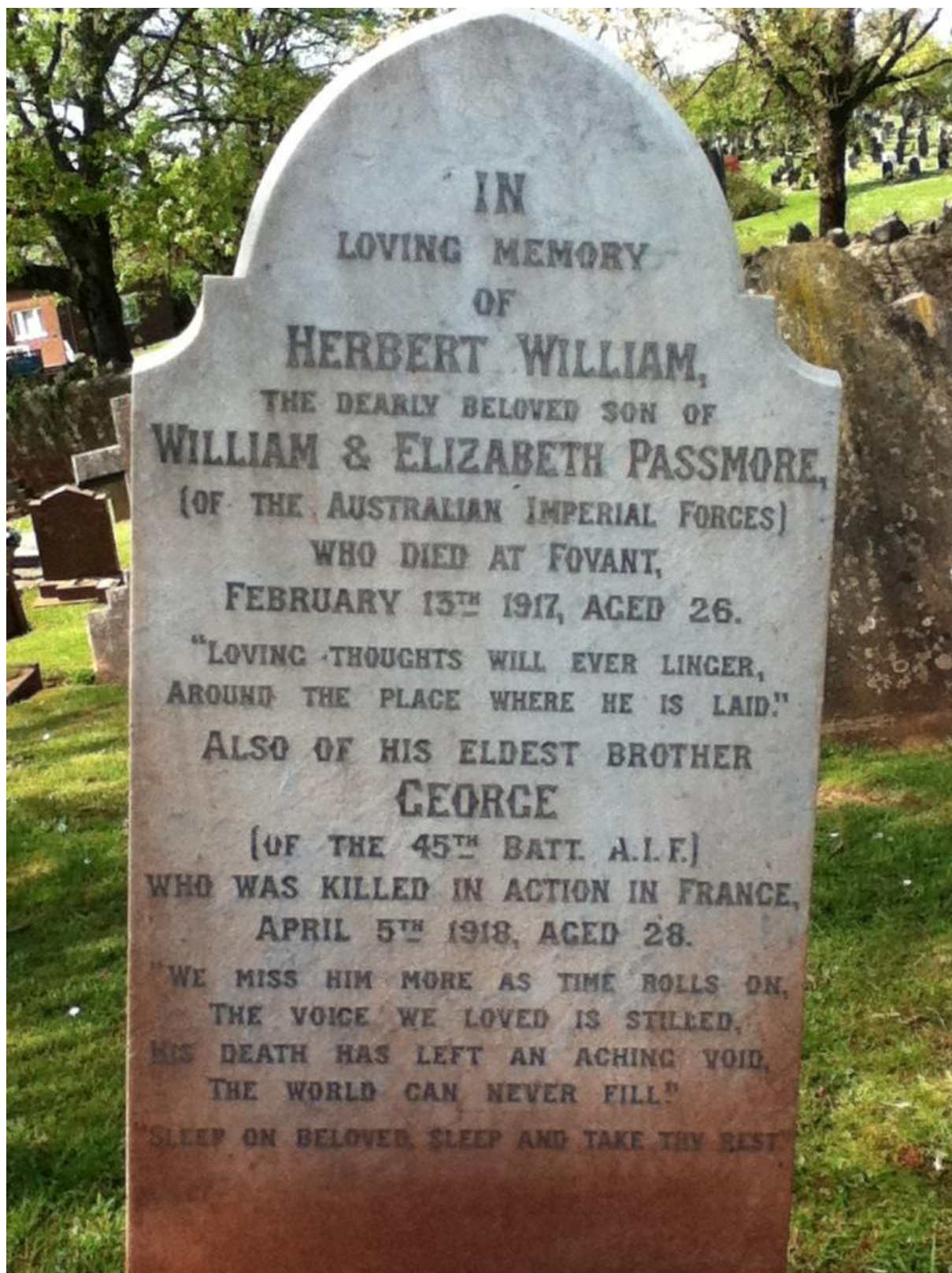


Part of Torquay Cemetery (Photo by Derek Harper)



War Graves in Torquay Cemetery (Photo by Derek Harper)

Photo of Pte Herbert William Passmore's Private Headstone, which he shares with his older brother George Passmore, in Torquay Cemetery, Torquay, Devon, England.



(Photo courtesy of Robbie Pearson)

*In
Loving Memory
Of*

HERBERT WILLIAM

*The Dearly Beloved Son Of
WILLIAM & ELIZABETH PASSMORE,
(Of The Australian Imperial Forces)
Who Died At Fovant,
February 13th 1917, Aged 26.
“Loving Thought Will Ever Linger,
Around The Place Where He Is Laid.”*

Also Of His Eldest Brother

GEORGE

*(Of The 45th Batt. A.I.F.)
Who Was Killed In Action In France
April 5th 1918, Aged 28.
“We Miss Him More As Time Rolls ON,
The Voice We Loved Is Stilled,
His Death Has Left An Aching Void,
The World Can Never Fill.”
“Sleep on Beloved, Sleep And Take Thy Rest.”*



Pte George Passmore, 4589. Enlisted on 4th November, 1916 with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 30th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). Transferred to 45th Battalion A.I.F. Wounded in Action on 1st October, 1917 with gunshot wounds to face. Later rejoined his Battalion in Field. Killed in Action on 5th April, 1918. He is remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France as he has no known grave. Entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal.

