

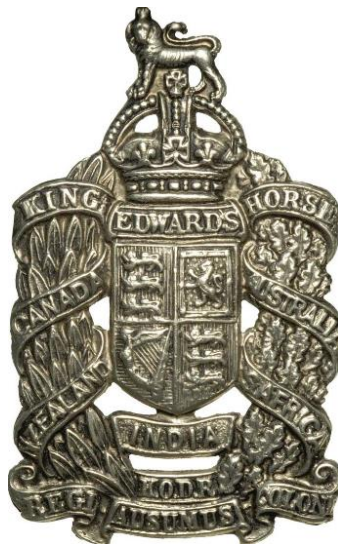
**St. Andrew's Churchyard,
Much Hadham, Hertfordshire**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



653 PRIVATE

P. W. TOOGOOD

1ST KING EDWARD'S HORSE

25TH AUGUST, 1915 Age 27

Percy William TOOGOOD

Percy William Toogood was born at Rosehill, Parramatta, Sydney, New South Wales on 15th June, 1888 to parents Laurence William and Eliza Toogood (nee Jones). William J. Toogood was born in 1894.

From newspaper reports Percy William Toogood was practising dental surgery in the town of Condobolin, in the central west region of New South Wales, between 1911 & 1912.

From newspaper reports Percy William Toogood went to New Zealand then on to England & had arrived in England a fortnight before war broke out.

In early January, 1915, Percy William Toogood wrote to Mr Stenmark, for whom he had worked for in his dental practice at Parramatta, advising that he joined the King Edward's Horse in London & expected to be on active service soon.

Percy William Toogood enlisted at Watford with the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line. Percy Toogood was attached to the Special Cavalry Reserve, 1st King Edwards Horse Battalion. His service number was 653.

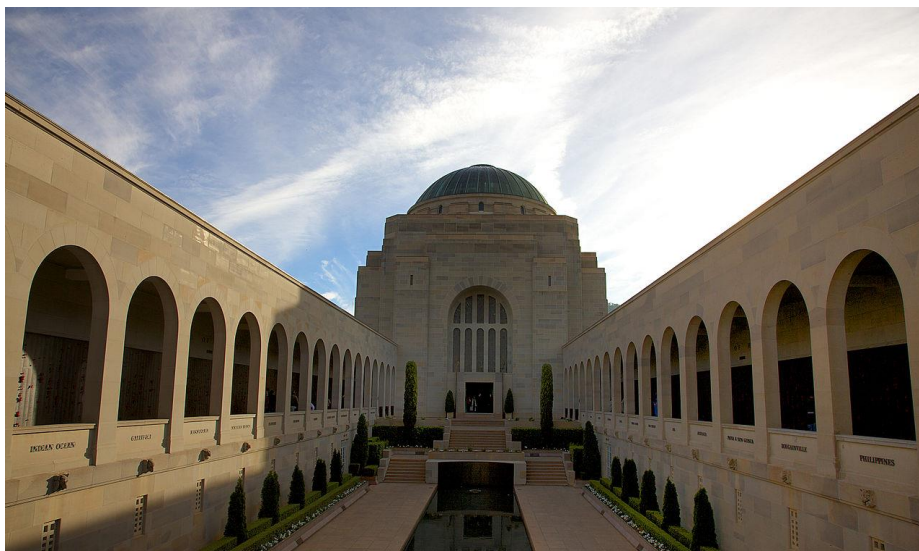
Trooper Percy William Toogood died on 25th August, 1915 at Much Hadham, Hertfordshire. Information from UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects records that Trooper Percy William Toogood "committed suicide" however Australian newspaper reports state that he died from wounds received in action.

A death for Percy Toogood, aged 26, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire, England.

Private Percy William Toogood was buried in St. Andrew's Churchyard, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, England. He has a private headstone – marble cross & curb but his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Percy William Toogood – service number 653, aged 27, of 1st King Edward's Horse. He was the son of Laurence William and Eliza Toogood, of Sydney, Australia. Born at Rosehill, Parramatta, Australia.

Private P. W. Toogood is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (*Capital Photographer*)

P. Toogood is remembered on the Pitt Row Public School Roll of Honour which is located in what is now Parramatta West Public School, corner of Auburn & Franklin Sts., Parramatta, NSW.



Pitt Row Public School Roll of Honour (Photo from Register of War Memorials in NSW)

P. Toogood is remembered on the Parramatta and District Great War Roll of Honour located at Parramatta Town Hall, Church Street, Parramatta, NSW.



Parramatta and District Great War Roll of Honour (Photo from Register of War Memorials in NSW)

P. Toogood is remembered on the St. John's Anglican Cathedral Memorial Arch located on Church Street Mall, Parramatta, NSW.



St. John's Anglican Cathedral Memorial Arch (Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)




St. John's Anglican Cathedral Memorial Arch Parramatta



St. John's Anglican Cathedral Memorial Arch Parramatta (left side, lower panel)

Newspaper Notices

Surgeon  **Dentist**

Bernard H. Kenny, L.D.S
By Examination,

Graduate of the Dental Board of New South Wales,

HAS commenced a Branch Practice of his profession at Condobolin, at premises next Mark Owen's establishment, and may be consulted regarding all branches of Dental Science.

Associated with Mr Kenny is Mr Percy W. Toogood, who is regarded in the city, where he has had an extensive experience, as an expert exponent of Dental Surgery.

Consultations FREE, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and at night by appointment.

Mr B. H. Kenny, dentist, is in town for a few days. His associate, Mr Percy Toogood, reports doing a highly satisfactory business in Condobolin.

(Lachlander and Condobolin and Western Districts Recorder, NSW – 15 November, 1911)

PATCHES

Many will regret to learn that Percy Toogood, dentist, is an inmate of the local hospital, suffering from appendicitis. He took very bad on Saturday evening and had to be removed to hospital, consequently it may be some time before he can resume his dental practice. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

(Lachlander and Condobolin and Western Districts Recorder, NSW – 3 April, 1912)

PATCHES

Many will regret that, whilst at times he has made good headway and regained strength, on the while Mr Percy Toogood's case is not without its critical side, and he will probably go (if well enough) to Sydney by Saturday's train, where he will be amongst his own people in the event of an early operation for appendicitis being indispensable

Mr Bernard H. Kenny is now in town having, in consequence of Mr Toogood's illness, come over from Wyalong to take charge of the business here. Mr Kenny has an extensive practice in Wyalong, but owing to his inability to secure a qualified man to temporarily take Mr Toogood's place in Condobolin, he has found it necessary to personally take charge.

(Lachlander and Condobolin and Western Districts Recorder, NSW – 1 May, 1912)

M.U. Oddfellows

The regular fortnight meeting of the Loyal Fountain of Friendship Lodge, No. 2, Parramatta, was held on Monday. The N.G., Bro. W. L. Muston, presided. Correspondence included an intimation from Condobolin of the serious illness of Bro. P. W. Toogood, son of Mr and Mrs L. W. Toogood, Pitt row, Sherwood, who was admitted into the Condobolin Hospital to be operated upon for appendicitis.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 15 May, 1912)

DISTRICT NEWS

CONDOBOLIN

Our popular dentist, Mr Percy Toogood, has sufficiently recovered from his illness to leave the hospital.

(The Forbes Advocate, NSW – 24 May, 1912)

PERSONAL PARS

Mr P. W. Toogood, son of Mr Toogood (of Toogood and Jones) has joined King Edward's Horse in London. Writing to Mr Stenmark, the young Parramattan said he expected to soon be on active service.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 9 January, 1915)

BREVITIES

Mr Percy Toogood, son of Mr and Mrs Toogood, of Pitt-street, Parramatta west, was in the retreat at the Mons and was amongst the wounded.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 10 July, 1915)

TROOPER PERCY W. TOOGOOD (wounded)

Son of Mr and Mrs Toogood, of Parramatta South. The young man was for years engaged at Mr Stenmark's dental rooms in Parramatta. Later he went to New Zealand, and then to England, he had only landed there a fortnight when war broke out and he joined the King's Light Horse, which went to France and was in the retreat from Mons. The young Parramatta soldier, in a letter home, said "We got cut up all right." He was amongst the wounded, and is now in a hospital in Flanders.



(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 17 July, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

TOOGOOD – Died of wounds received in action at Flanders, Trooper William Percy Toogood, aged 27 years, King Edward's Horse, dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. W. Toogood, Pitt-street, Granville. Inserted by his sorrowing parents and only brother.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 4 September, 1915)

FALLEN HEROES

ANOTHER PARRAMATTA HERO

A cable was received on Thursday by Mr and Mrs L. W. Toogood's of Parramatta South, of the death of their son, Trooper William Percy Toogood from wounds. The cable from Mr Toogood's brother in Birmingham read simply: - "Percy died 25th August." The young hero, who was 27 years of age, was for years engaged at Mr Stenmark's dental rooms in Parramatta. Later he went to New Zealand, and then to England. He had only landed there a fortnight, when war broke out and he joined the King's Light Horse, which went to France, and he was in the retreat from Mons. The young Parramatta soldier in the last letter received by his parents, wrote "We got cut up all right." He was amongst the wounded, and was when he wrote in a hospital in Flanders'.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 4 September, 1915)

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Church, Parramatta, next Sunday morning, in relation to the heroic deaths of the Rev. Digges La Touche, Trooper Percy Toogood, and others. Sympathising friends may send floral tributes to the church of Saturday afternoon.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 8 September, 1915)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. S. M. Johnstone, Rector of Parramatta, who has just returned from England, conducted a memorial service at St. John's Church yesterday morning in memory of Lieutenant Rev. E. Digges la Touche, M.A., D.Litt., late Donnellan lecturer of Trinity College, Dublin; Lieutenant W. E. Addison (a late soloist of ST. John's choir), and Trooper Percy Toogood, who was in England when the war broke out, and joined the colours. There was a large congregation, but the church was not draped, crossed flags being used in place of mourning. Special music was rendered by the choir.....

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 13 September, 1915)

OUR HEROES

A Patriotic Demonstration

The Mayoress Unveils Parramatta's Roll of Honour

On Friday evening there was an interesting ceremony in front of the Parramatta Town Hall, when the roll of honor — comprising the names of our Parramatta men who have gone to the front to do their bit in the great war, and some of whom have already sunk into honoured graves—was unveiled by the Mayoress, Mrs. J. H. Graham. The band of the Westmead Boys' Home, always to the front when patriotism makes demand upon their valuable services, played in front of the Town Hall before the ceremony was commenced, by which time a large crowd of townspeople had assembled. The roll of honor, which includes the names mentioned below, occupies a conspicuous position on the street-front of the Town Hall, near the ornamental fountain:

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Pte P. TOOGOOD

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(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 3 November, 1915)

St. Andrew's Churchyard, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, England

St. Andrew's Churchyard, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, England contains 3 Commonwealth War Grave burials – all from World War 1.



(Photo courtesy of William Metcalfe)

Photo of Pte Percy William Toogood's private headstone in St. Andrew's Churchyard, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, England.





(Photos courtesy of William Metcalfe)

IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
PERCY WILLIAM TOOGOOD
BORN JUNE 15TH 1888
At PARRAMATTA, N.S.W. AUSTRALIA
DIED AUGUST 24TH 1915