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DENTAL "A" CLASS

MILITARY FORCES.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

2176

Name HEMSLEY CECIL ALFREDUnit 2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.Joined on MAY 13 1916

## Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your Name? ... Cecil Alfred Hemsley
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Prospect in the County of South Australia
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born
- What is your age? ... 22 years
- What is your trade or calling? ... Clerk
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
- Are you married? ... No
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Mother HEMSLEY-CAROLINE META IDA "LOWANDALE" MILNER STREET PROSPECT SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
- Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? ... No
- Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... In the miniature rifle club. 22 years. Vol. cadets (Left School)
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
- (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your wife or child beyond an amount which together with pay would reach £7 per day? ... Yes
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? ... Yes

Cecil Alfred Hemsley do solemnly declare that the above answers made me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date MAY 13 1916

Signature of Person Enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

C O P Y.  
(TRANSLATION.)

Central Committee of the  
German Red Cross Societies  
Nr. VII.

Berlin S.W.11.

House of Representatives,

26th. November, 1917.

To the Australian Red Cross,

L O N D O N, S.W.1.

54, Victoria Street,

In reply to the letter dated 22.8.17.

1. The Member of the British Army Private D.H. O'Neil No.2218.Austral.  
Imp. Force died on the 6.5.17. at 1.30 a.m. in the Garnisonlazarett  
at Verden Aller of shrapnel wounds in the left foot and right forearm.  
He rests in the Garnison/Cemetery Verden Aller, Grave 52. The effects  
found in his possession consisted of: 1 Pocket book, 1 paybook, 1 Identity  
Disc, 1 plate (teeth) 1 photograph, 2 bonds of the value of 1 franc  
(municipal loan bonds)
2. The Member of the British Army Private Rupert Cox, Austral. Imp.Force,  
died on the 25.4.17. at 10.30 p.m. in the Garnison Lazarett Verden/Aller  
of grenade splinter wounds in the head. He rests in the Garnison Ceme-  
tery,Verden/Aller, Grave 47. The effects found in his possession con-  
sisted of 1 Testament, 1 notebook with letters, 1 mirror, 1 pay-book, 1  
rosary, 3 parts of a plate (teeth)
3. The Member of the British Army Private Cecil Alfred Hemsley, No.2176  
Austral. Imp. Force died on July 21st. 1917. at 9.15. a.m. in the Gar-  
nisonlazarett, Verden/Aller, of shrapnel wounds in the right hand, right  
shoulder, right thigh and left forearm. He rests in the Garnison Ceme-  
tery, Verden/Aller, Grave No.60. The effects found in his possession  
consisted of: 1 watch with case, 1 Paybook, 1 pocket-book, letters,  
28.60 Mk. 20 centimes, 1 médallion, 1 mirror with case, 1 identity Disc.

PRISONERS CARE DEPARTMENT.

Signed: v. Griessinger.



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(TRANSLATION)

Berlin, S.W.

Central Committee of the  
German Red Cross Society

28th November, 1917.

House of Representatives.

NO. VII.

Australian Red Cross Society.  
London, S.W. 1.  
54 Victoria Street.

In reply to letter dated 8.10.17.

Private Harold Toll No. 2695 born 24.4.94 at  
Newcastle, 4 Australian Regiment, died on the 1.5.17. at  
Corbehem and was buried in the East Cemetery there, Grave No. 65.

Private Arthur W. Croft No. 6586 4th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force, was admitted to the Chief Dressing  
Station Pontaine on the 15.4.17. He lies buried in the  
Military Cemetery in Boulon Wood.

The effects will be forwarded by diplomatic channels  
to the British War Office, for handing over to the rightful  
legatees.

No enquiries can be instituted concerning the burial  
place of Private J.A. McMullen, 5th Training Battalion, as no  
Military Headquarters (? station) from which the Report  
originated that the man mentioned died on the 9.6.17. has been  
stated in the letter.

Enquiries are in course of being made in the cases of  
Meredith, McKee and Hemaley. Information will be sent when  
answers have been received.

Signed: Schliesser.

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I CERTIFY that the Attestation of the above named person is correct, and  
that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and

appoint him to

A. Coy

5th DEPOT BATTALION AIF

CAMP COMMANDANT

Date

13.5.16

Place

III B 17304 17

Commanding

COPY OF POST CARD FROM: 2176 Pte. C. A. Hemsley.  
48th Battalion A.I.F.  
R. L. Verden a/Aller.

To: Rev. W. W. Hough.  
Burstow.

Russell Hill Rd.  
Parley. Surrey.

22/4/17

Dear Mr. Hough,

Sorry to inform you I was captured wounded on 11th inst. (including right hand) I wrote to A.M.P. Society, London, asking them to cable my parents and get in touch with Red Cross Society for parcel and comforts. Please send me £2. 10.0. of my money. The post office should be able to give you full instructions. Please inform Rev. H. W. Downey, St. Lukes, Bath, and Mrs. F. C. Tilby, 28 Pinfold Road, Streatham, S.W. of my fate. Am progressing favourably. Excuse brevity.

Yours most sincerely,

(Sgd) C. A. Hemsley.

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: 2176

Number of identification disc.: 2176

Gefangennahme:

Capture:

Ort:

Place:

Datum:

Date:

Ob verwundet,

Whether wounded,

Bezeichnung der Wunde:

Description of wound:

Geburt:

Birth:

Ort:

Place:

Datum:

Date:

Heimatort:

Home place:

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten:

Address of next-of-kin:

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11439  
WAR OFFICE,  
Alexandra House,  
Kingsway, W.C.2.

Extract from letter or postcard from prisoner of war  
sent by Postal Censor.

Regimental description *2176, Newley Co. 48/ A.I.F.*  
of writer:-

Date:- *1.5.17.*

Camp:- *Verden*

Remarks:- *Captured 11th April: wounded.*

Addressed to:- *The Australian Red Cross Society, 54 Victoria St., S.W.*

*12th Jan 1917.*

Reg. oder Korps: *48 Batt Australian* Reg. Nr. \_\_\_\_\_ Komp.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reg. or Corps: *Imperial Forces.* Reg. Nr.: \_\_\_\_\_ Komp. \_\_\_\_\_

Regt oder Korps: *48 Batt. Aust. Regt Nr. --- Komp: B.*

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: *2176*

Number of identification disc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Gefangennahme: *France* Ort: *Somme* Datum: *11/4/17*  
Capture: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ob verwundet, *Ja*  
Whether wounded, *Yes*  
Bezeichnung der Wunde: *light hand wound, left arm light leg*  
Description of wound: *light hand wound, left arm light leg*

Geburt: *Australia* Ort: *Prospect* Datum: *Oct 21 1893*  
Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten: *Mrs. A.D. Newley*

Heimatort: *Prospect, S. Australia*  
Home place: \_\_\_\_\_

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten: *Mrs. A.D. Newley, Milner St*  
Address of next-of-kin: *Prospect*

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Nr 4306.

B1439.

Stamm-lager:

Principal-camp:

oder

or

Lazarett:

Hospital:

Datum der Ausfertigung:

Date: 16/04/17 16.4.1917.

Tag:

Monat:

Jahr:

Day:

Month:

Year:

Für Verfügung des Kriegeministeriums Nr. 1950/3.16.W.3. vom 21.7.1916.

Zuname:

Surname:

Datum der Ausfertigung:

Vorname:

Christian name:

Tag: 15. Monat: 4. Jahr: 1917.

Rang:

Rank:

Reg. oder Korps:

Reg. or Corps:

Reg. Nr.:

Reg. Nr.:

Komp.:

Komp.

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:

Number of identification disc.:

Gefangennahme:

Capture:

Ort:

Place:

Datum:

Date:

Ob verwundet,

Whether wounded,

Bezeichnung der Wunde:

Description of wound:

Geburt:

Birth:

Ort:

Place:

Datum:

Date:

Heimatort:

Home place:

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten:

Address of next-of-kin:

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Reserve - Lazarett  
Aus.-Amt B.Nr. 4306.  
stellv. Gen. - Kdo B.Nr. 4307  
Kriegsm. Z.N.B.B.Nr. 4308.

V e r d e n (Aller), d. 16.4.1917.

Zur Verfügung des Kriegsministerium Nr. 1950/3.16.U.3.vom 21.7.1916.

Stammlager : keins; direkt von  
der Front.

Datum der Ausfertigung :

oder

Tag: 16. Monat : 4. Jahr : 1917.

Lazarett : Reserve - Lazarett V e r d e n (Aller)

Zuname : Hemsley

Vorname : Cecil Alfred

Rang : Gemeiner.

Regt oder Korps : 48 Batl. Aust. Regt Nr. --- Komp : D.

Erkennungsmarke : 2176

Gefangennahme : Frankreich Ort : Somme Datum 11.4.1917.

Ob verwundet : ja

Bezeichnung der Wunde : Left Arm Right Leg.

Geburt : S.-Australia Ort : Prospect Datum : 20.10.1893

Heimatort : Milner St. Prospect. S.-Australia

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten : Mrs. A.D. Hemsley

Milner St. Prospect. S.-Australia.

Der Chefarzt :

CERTIFICATE OF Stabsarzt d. Res.

I CERTIFY that the Attestation of the above named person is correct, and  
that the required forms have been completed with. I accordingly approve, and

appoint him to

Date

Place

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Description of Cecil Alfred Hemmley on Enlistment

Age 22 years 5 months

Height 5 feet 8½ inches

Weight 115 lbs.

Chest Measurement 30 33 inches

Complexion Fresh

Eyes Blue

Hair Light Brown

Religious Denomination Catholic

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Vis R<sup>6</sup> L<sup>6</sup>  
Vacc 3 L.

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 1-5-16

Place ADELAIDE.

E. W. Grippins Esq.  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

### CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and

appoint him to A. Coy.

2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

Date 13-5-16

Place Adelaide

Commanding \_\_\_\_\_

2ND DEPOT BATTALION A.I.F.

M. Hancock  
LT. COL.  
CAMP COMMANDANT



609 B. 193 France  
2-1-17 + 5

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Statement of Service No.

Name

*Hensley, C.A.*

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
<i>Coy 2nd</i> <i>4/48<sup>th</sup> Mideham</i>	<i>Pro</i>	<i>13/5/16</i> <b>JUN 1 1916</b>	<i>MAY 20 1916</i>	<i>Col 2 1/2</i>
	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE. Per. Purciss Clementine From 4th Cavalry & B. 8964)	<i>28-12-16</i>		<i>04. 70 7/548 E. 1/17</i>
<i>48<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	<i>Taken on strength 48<sup>th</sup> Bn</i> <i>A.I.F. from 4<sup>th</sup> Reinfo. 48<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	<i>16/2/17.</i>		<i>Pk 2/0. 11/1117. 7/3/17</i>
<i>48<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	<i>Rept: missing France</i>	<i>11-4-17</i>	<i>C13R 1338</i>	<i>Pl 20/1980 1/5/17</i>
PRISONER OF WAR	<i>Ref J. &amp; E. chelon</i> <i>from D.O. 20/1980. Germany</i> <i>Deliberate &amp; in line with</i> <i>Prisoners of War</i> <i>Captured Captured Sommer</i> <i>Inferno, Duland Waku</i>			<i>C15/1473</i> <i>D.O. 5/4/4320 E</i> <i>9/9/17</i>
	<i>Now reported</i> <i>dead while Prisoner</i> <i>of war at field: Germany</i> <i>Cazareth, Verdun</i>			<i>P. 14/11/17</i> <i>1963</i> <i>D.O. 61/4663E 1/9</i>
	<i>Addendum to D.O. 61/4663E</i> <i>1-9-17.</i>			<i>P. 11. 212</i> <i>18-9-17</i>
	<i>Date of death now reported as: 21-7-17.</i>			<i>D.O. 16/520E</i> <i>25/118</i>
	<i>Buried Military Cemetery</i> <i>Verden at Allen Germany.</i> <i>grave No. 60.</i> <i>photo + neg. rec.</i>			<i>D.O. 16/512E</i> <i>25/118</i>

SEE COPY OF B103 ENCLOSED

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

Discharged.....M.D.

*11/11*

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Extract from statement by

No. 4973 Pte. ALBERT A. 48th Battalion, A.I.F.

"In the train travelling to VERDEN a/Abler Pte. H. BIRD of the 48th Battalion died of wounds. In the lazarette at VERDEN Pte. O'NEILL and HENSLEY both of the 48th also died of wounds.



Report		The author	Date	Casualty	or other documents
Date	From whom received				
		Captured - Somme	Germany		
		Stallord Wharfe			
		Ref 3rd Escalade France			CJBL 1493
		Rpt 20/1950 date in line	Germany		R/o 54/E 8/10/17
		read Prisoner of war			8/18/17
		Now reported died	Germany		CJBL 1763
	Postcard from	while Prisoner of war			R/o 54/E 8/10/17
	Sgt. H. Lake	at Feld Lazarette			Prp 212, B.R.E.L. 44.
	23/4/17	Verden.			
21-7-17	War Office	Addendum - Death.			21-7-17 21/17
	Rise	Ref 20/14635 11/3/17			21-7-17 21/17
		Date of death now reported as:	21-7-17		21-7-17 21/17
26/11/17	Cross from Germany	British Military Cens.			21-7-17 21/17
		Verden Aachen Germany			21-7-17 21/17
		Exempt No. 60.			

# FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS } 48th. Battalion, A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }  
 Regimental No. 2176 Rank Private  
 Surname HEMSLEY, Christian Names Cecil Alfred.  
 Date 21st. July, 1917. Place Reserve Lazarett, Verdun a/Aller, Germany.  
 Cause of Death Wounds received in Action (Shrap. Wd. Hand.Rt., Rt. Shoulder, Rt. Thigh and Lt. Forearm.)  
 Nature and Date of Report P.M. List 212, dated 18.9.17.  
 By whom made War Office, London.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) --- (b) in Small Book (if at Base) ---  
 (c) as a separate document. ---

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date London, England. 19.3.18. Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature] Lieut.  
 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

For OFFICER I/C RECORDS.

Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.



Kriegsministerium.  
Zentral-Nachweise-Büro.

Nr. Wilson.

Berlin NW. 7, den  
Dorotheenstr. 48.

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*Imm. Rnf. Lützow 14*

*Verden a/Aller*

Um Angabe der Lage und Nummer des Grabes  
und um Zustellung einer Sterbeurkunde oder Abschrift der Todeseintragung  
des in der Anlage genannten verstorbenen austr. Kriegsgefangenen wird gebet-  
ten.

J.A.

*Julius v. Schmidt*

Hauptmann.

*1. Omlupn*

*Lr.*

2176. Gen. H a m s l e y, Cecil Alfred

48te Batt. A.I.F. D.Co.

Gestorben: 21.7.17. Res. Laz. Verden a/Aller

Begraben: Militär Friedhof, Verden a/Aller Grab 60.

Auf Grund der hiesigen Standesregister wird hiermit bescheinigt, daß  
 der Gemeine im Infanterie-Regiment Australia Force, Battalion 48,  
 Kompagnie D, Schreiber Cecil Alfred H e m s l e y, ledig, -----  
 protestantischer Religion, -----  
 am 21. ten Juli 1917 ----- im Alter von 23 Jahren -- Monaten  
 -- Tagen gestorben ist. Reg. Nr 136/1917.

V e r d e n -----, den 15. ten Juli ----- 1919

Der Standesbeamte:  
 In Vertretung:

Nr. ----- der Kontrolle.

Gebühren frei



*Friedrich*

VIII. 52. der Gemeindebeamten Berufs- u. S. in Eberstadt.

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H E M S L E Y	Cecil Alfred	8 Pte.	2176	4/48th rtn
Other Names		Regimental No.	Unit.	
PURPORT.				AUTHORITY
Embarked at Adelaide per A70 "Ballarat" on 12/8/16.				
28.12.16 Proceeded Overseas to France per "Princess Clémentine"				
from Folkestone				Lon. 7/4-17
16/2/17 T.O.S. 48th BN AIF FROM 4th REFS 48th BN				EFPO 11/2/17
11.4.17. Captured. Prisoner of War at Verdun A/ALLER, Germany.				
WOUNDED R. HAND. C				IB 248/32-17
11.4.17. Deleted to read "P.O.W. Germany"				IB 248/32-17
& wounded. Cap. Somme. 11/4/17 Interned Walm. P.O.W.				LON 54/2-17
Prev rep P.O.W. Germany now rep. Died whilst P.O.W. at Feld				
Laz Verdun				LON 61/1-17
BURIED Military Cemetery Verdun A=allen Germany Grave No 60				
Corres. rec from Germany 25/11/17.				LON 16/1-18.



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Auf Grund der hiesigen Standesregister wird hiermit bescheinigt, daß  
der Gemeinde im Infanterie-Regiment Australia Force, Batallion 48,  
Kompagnie D, Schreiber Cecil Alfred H e m s l e y, ledig, ---  
protestantischer Religion, -----

am 21 ten Juli 1917 ----- im Alter von 23 Jahren -- Monaten

-- Tagen gestorben ist. Reg. Nr. 136/1917.

V e r d e n -----, den 15. ten Juli ----- 191 9

Der Standesbeamte:

In Vertretung:

*Ernst Schmidt*

Nr. --- der Kontrolle.

Gebühren frei



BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

11 OCT 1924

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the report of burial of your son, the late No.2176 Private C.A.Hemsley, 48th Battalion, I have now to inform you that the remains of the late soldier have been exhumed from the Military Cemetery at Verdun and re-interred with every measure of care and reverence in the -

HAMBURG CEMETERY  
Plot 3, Row G, Grave 14,

situated at Ohlsdorf, 5 miles west of Hamburg, Germany.

The removal of your son's remains was effected by direction of the Imperial War Graves Commission with a view to concentrating all British graves in German Communal Cemeteries into specially constructed Allied Cemeteries, as it was obviously impossible to otherwise satisfactorily maintain these scattered graves under the immediate jurisdiction of the British authorities.

It is also the intention of the Commission to shortly proceed with the erection of permanent headstones of uniform design over the graves of our fallen in Germany, and upon these will be engraved the full regimental description and date of death of the soldiers concerned, together with any verse or epitaph previously furnished in the form of a personal inscription.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with the deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. A. D.Hemsley,  
"Lowandale"  
Milner Street,  
PROSPECT. S.A.



*Leuzkirch*

*mit dem Fieberdauerschlaf des Ref. Laz. Verden*

Es wird hiermit zur Anzeige gebracht, daß

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1. Tag, Monat, Jahr, Tageszeit  
und Stunde des erfolgten Todes:

*am 21. Juli 1917 gegen 9 1/2 Uhr  
morgens*

2. Vor- und Familiennamen des  
Verstorbenen:

*Cecil Alfred Kemsley*

3. Religion:

*evangelisch-lutherisch* Religion,

4. Alter:

*23 Jahre 9 Monate alt, 1 Tag*

5. Dienstgrad und Truppenteil,  
sowie Stand und Wohnort des  
Verstorbenen vor der Einstellung:

*Leutnant im Inf. Regt. Australia  
Frei. Btl. 48, Komp. D.*

vor der Einstellung *Offizier in Prospect*

6. Geburtsort des Verstorbenen:

geboren zu *Prospect* Kreis *S. Australia*

7. Vor- und Familienname der  
Ehegattin des Verstorbenen:

*Lebig*

8. Vor- und Familiennamen, Stand  
oder Gewerbe und Wohnort der  
Eltern des Verstorbenen:

*V: Alfred Kemsley*

*M: Karolina Kemsley*

*Prospect S. Australia*

9. Lazarett, in welchem der Tod  
erfolgt ist:

*Ref.*  
in dem Garnisonlazarett zu *Verden/Aller*  
infolge *grippeartige* nach *Windstöße*  
verstorben ist.

*Verden/Aller*, den *26*<sup>ten</sup> *Mai* 1918

*Ref.*  
Ref. Lazarett.

*Ein richtigem Arzt*  
Der Chefarzt

*J. 20.*

*H. Claußmann*

*Habermast*



DECEASED  
SECTION

APR 16 1899

RECEIVED

Sowandale  
6. Milner St.  
Prospect  
South Australia  
12<sup>th</sup> April 1920

The Officer in Charge Records  
Department of Defence

Dear Sir.

I have to acknowledge receipt of  
the 3 photo cards of the grave of <sup>48<sup>th</sup> Bn</sup> Pte B. A. Stempsey at Vorden  
on - Allen Gurney. It seems a strange  
coincidence that the photos should  
be actually in the post on April 11<sup>th</sup> =  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the disaster to the  
48<sup>th</sup> Bn at Bullecourt and of our  
sons capture by the German Red Cross.

APR 15 1899

Needless to say my wife (Mrs C. M. I. Hardy)  
and daughter and self are very pleased  
to receive this little memento of our  
only son. The photo is very distinct  
(an excellent gas light print from a good  
negative) and I would like to express  
our appreciation of the work of the graves  
commission in the work now being  
accomplished.

Yours faithfully  
Alfred. D. Stempsey.



M.B.

AM789

**Australian Imperial Force.**

**KIT STORE.**



110 GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH, LONDON,  
W. 6.

TELEPHONES-- HAMMERSMITH 1900, 1901.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS-- "AIFKITS."

Inventory of Effects of-

2176 Hemsley C.A. 48th Btn. A.I.F.

Forwarded to- MOTHER.

Mrs C.M.I. Hemsley,  
Lowandale,  
Milner Street,  
Prospect,  
Sth. Australia.

Will lodged with Father  
same address.

Effects.

Ex. Germany per War Office. Book. No. 7a.

28.60 Marks, 1.20 Francs, 5 Pence, 1 Locket,  
2 Wallets, 1 Purse, 1 Mirror, 1 Watch, Letters,  
Paybook handed to Estates Branch, A.I.F.  
Headquarters, London.

No. of Package

D/S

30863

Checked by

RM

COPY

4th May, 1918

6 Milner Street

Prospect.

The District Paymaster  
4th Military District.

Sir,

Re your letter of 29th April, 1918, (reference 2228) regarding balance due to the estate of No. 2176, Pte C.A. Hemsley, 48th Battalion and in pursuance of my letter to you under date of 2nd May, 1918, I beg to submit proof that the above mentioned soldier was wounded, captured and taken to Verdun-on-Aller, Hanover, Germany on the 11th April, 1917, and that he lived at least until the 21st July, 1917.

I submit Red Cross letter, 11th June, 1917 showing that Pte Hemsley had himself written to their London Commissioners stating that he was a wounded prisoner in Germany, and also a further communication 29th August, 1917 from Red Cross to myself, stating that Pte Hemsley had died while prisoner of war at Verdun-on-Aller on 21st July, 1917.

I had several postcards and letters from my son (Pte Hemsley) I submit five letters for your inspection. The one dated May 1, 1917 is evidently written by a friend. The other letters dated 15th May, 1917, 1st June, 1917 and 30th June 1917 I recognise written by my son (no doubt with the fountain pen mentioned in one of them) although the writing is badly affected by wounds and weakness.

The one dated 15th May states - It is five weeks to-morrow (16th May) since the day which so unexpectedly brought us here - showing that he was taken there on the 11th April. The one written on the 30th June as the letter shows was written lying down and appears to have been a supreme effort to send a last letter to us. The one in pencil date (15th July, 1917) was written for him by a mate, but bears the Prussian postmark, showing plainly that Pte Hemsley was alive on that date.

I enclose also a letter from the base office to myself which came with the certificate of death. The Registrar of Deaths has that certificate and the Public Trustee has a copy of the death register. The letter speaks for itself. As I value these letters more than the money involved will you kindly return them to me as soon as you have satisfied yourself of their authenticity.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) ALFRED D. HEMSLEY



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COPY

30 June 1917

Dear Mother and Father,

I can now tell you all I should have a fortnight ago. Over three weeks ago I went under chloroform as the result of an X Ray photograph of the wound near the right shoulder. A piece of shell casing had bored its way nearly thro the bone without breaking it. The doctor chiselled through from the front to get the piece which I have, so that I have a hole right thro the bone. He also opened up the wounds in the left arm and right hand for quicker healing. My hand is still bandaged.

Then about a week ago another operation on my leg which was doing far from well. Erysipelas and a bad cold intervenes so that I am too weak to sit up even. However I have been picking up during the last few days and should be able to get up in a few weeks now.

Yesterday I received a splendid parcel of clothes fm the Red Cross Society with kit bag. There were two undershirts, shirts, and two pairs of underpants, two towels and handkerchiefs. Soap for washing clothes and also toilet. Best of all was a safety razor with soap and brush. There were also tins of insect and boracic powder, everything one could wish for in fact. Uniform, boots and caps will arrive later.

The censor says that you and friends can write by every mail.

Your loving son

(SGD) CECIL

KRIEGSGEFANGENENSSENDUNG  
No. 2176 Pte C.A. Hemsley  
48th Btn  
Australian Imp. Forces  
Reserve Lazarett  
Verden  
A/aller  
Province of Hanover  
Germany.

COPY

BM

15/7/17

Dear Mother and Father,

Since last writing to you I have been getting parcels galore, four food parcels containing fish and every sort of potted meats, tea, milk, bacon butter, jam, etc, through the kindness of the nurse.

I get various articles cooked twice a week so that I should pick up on all this. I have also received two more clothes parcels, one containing prisoners uniform, brown canvas shoes, and a splendid cardigan jacket, and the other an overcoat and boots (I had given them the size).

My mates benefited by a tobacco parcel.

I am sorry to say that I have been rather ill and weak since the various operations, but am steadily improving, although it will be some time before I will be able to get about properly again. You would laugh if you could only see what a skeleton I am.

You will see that this is not my writing as my hand is still bandaged.

I remain,

Your loving son

(sgd) CECIL

KRIEGSGEFANGENEN SENDUNG

No.2176

Pte C.A.Hemsley  
48th Battalion  
A. I. F.  
Reserve Lazarette  
Verden  
A/Aller  
Prov. Hanover  
Germany.



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COPY

AUSTRALIAN RED  
CROSS SOCIETY,

Veroo Buildings

North Terrace

ADELAIDE

29th August, 1917

No.2410

Mr A. D. Hemsley  
Milner Street  
Prospect  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,

No.2176 Private C. A. Hemsley, 48th Battalion.

It is with feelings of much regret and very sincere sympathy that we have to inform you that we are in receipt of a further cable from our Red Cross Commissioners in London, in respect to your son, advising that No.2176 Private Hemsley died whilst a Prisoner of War at Verdun on the 21st July last.

We take it that this is from information received by our Commissioners from Germany, and must unfortunately, be taken as substantially correct. Necessarily, the details are meagre and the bare facts only cabled to us. We are, therefore, unable to supplement our message with any of the details surrounding your son's death, but should any further information come to hand in this respect, we will immediately forward same to you on receipt. Meantime, we would ask you to accept our profound sympathy in your great loss which can only be brightened by the fact that your boy had died doing his duty in the noblest of causes, in his country's interest.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) Chas. A. Edmunds

per C.L.C.

Hon Sec

COPY.

D.P.O. 6.

6, Milner St.

PROSPECT.

sth. Australia.

2nd. May. 1918.

The District Paymaster.  
4th MILITARY DISTRICT.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge yours of the 29th April, 1918, (reference 2228) re balance due to estate of No. 2176. Private C.A. Hemsley. 48th Battalion. Therein you advise that the balance is £13/10/15, please explain how you arrive at that sum as I consider it is less than half of the correct amount. Briefly put my son embarked on the 12th August, 1916, and I understand deferred pay started from that date. Your Base Records officially declared his death as 2nd. Sept. 1917. He was wounded and captured at Bullecourt 11th April, 1917, and died at Verdun on Aller. Germany. This gives 386 days at 1/- per day £19/3/- From the 11th April, 1917 to 2nd. Sept. 1917, gives field pay 145 days at 1/- per diem £7/5/- which though a Prisoner he was entitled to and back pay as some of his last letters show of probably £2/10/- making approximately £28/18/- which I estimate as the balance due to the Estate.

As sole executor I also wish to finalise matter as expeditiously as possible so shall be glad if you will look into this matter.

Yours faithfully

Sgd. Alfred D. Hemsley.



6. Milner Street  
Prospect.  
2nd Jan 1918

The officer in charge of  
Base Records.



Sir,

I desire to know whether your  
office have yet received the official  
confirming documents covering the report  
of the death of my son No 2176  
Private C. A. Hensley, 48th Battalion  
who was reported to have died at  
Verden on - aller, Hanover Germany  
 whilst a wounded Prisoner of war.  
 His last letter written from thence  
 informed me that he had been operated  
 on for the removal of shell casing splinters  
 and that erysipelas followed the operation.  
 He died a fortnight later.  
 Further I wish to know if I am permitted  
 to write to the (Kommandantur) commandant  
 of the German Legation at Verden on - aller  
 asking for particulars of our boy's death  
 and burial place. I have heard of  
 some people receiving such information,  
 and think it possible that I might

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Obtain a reply if I wrote.

My sons letters showed that they were  
allowed considerable freedom in writing  
while in hospital, and they told him  
that any of his friends might write  
as often as they liked. Of course they  
may have known that he would not  
like to make any use of that permission.

Yours faithfully  
Alfred D. Hornsley





Sowandale  
Melburn St.  
Prospect  
South Australia  
11<sup>th</sup> September 1917.

To Major Sean.

In charge of base records. Melbourne

Dear Sir.

Under date of 29<sup>th</sup> August  
I received from the Red Cross Bureau  
Verco Buildings North Terrace, Adelaide  
a letter (file No 2410) as follows.

Mr. A. D. Hemmley  
Melburn St.  
Prospect  
South Australia

29<sup>th</sup> August.

Dear Sir,

No 2176 Private C. A. Hemmley  
48<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

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that we are in receipt of a  
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in respect to your son, advising that No 2176. Private Hemsley died whilst a prisoner of war at Verdun on the 21<sup>st</sup> July last.

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Yours faithfully  
Chas. A. Edmunds  
Hon Sec



I will add that I received the usual military letter of condolence and I also received two letters and 2 post cards from my son written (in spite of a bandaged hand and arm) by himself while in hospital at Borden. These show that he had his left forearm broken and that he was wounded in the right hand, right arm and thigh. He appeared to have made progress for a time but his last letter dated June 1<sup>st</sup> 1917 stated that he could not report progress as the wound in his hand had broken out and started to run afresh. What followed I can only guess, but I feel certain that British doctors & nurses would have saved him.

The estate of the late Private Hemmley will be administered by the Public Trustee; will you therefore, please forward me the military official certificate of death, so that I as executor of the will may have his death duly recorded.

14.

and obtain a certificate for probate purposes. Or perhaps you had better address it to the next of kin given you, viz: his mother C. M. J. Hemmley. The amount involved is very small, but being a lodge funeral donation and a small sum in the savings bank we must have the certificate.

Would to God you could send me a certificate of life instead of death for it is hard indeed to loose our only son, but we must not repine for we are only one of many thousands of homes blighted by the cursed guns, and we can at least be thankful there were no white feathers in our lads caps.

Yours faithfully  
Alfred. J. Hemmley.

N.C.  
FORMAL ACKMT.

SENT 17.9.17 J.H.

DESPATCHED



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JUN 18 1917

6. Milner St.  
Prospect  
South Australia  
16th June 1917.

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst. after giving the postal address of Sapper W. S. James for which I thank you. With regard to my son No 2176 private C. A. Kemsley 48th Battalion, I am in receipt of a private cable stating he is a prisoner of war and wounded in Germany. Further the Red Cross Bureau has sent me a letter a copy of which I enclose. I know that advice has reached A. I. F. head quarters London so doubtless you will soon be able to officially confirm my advice. Mrs Kemsley received yours of 3rd May 1917 stating that military pay allotment would be withdrawn & cancelled. I take it that notice will now be withdrawn and pay continued as usual.

Yours faithfully  
A. D. Kemsley

RECEIVED  
JUN 18 1917  
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION  
JUN 19 1917  
H. C. Silliman 1876

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Copy

Red Cross information Bureau.

Vico Buildings  
North Street  
Adeleide  
11<sup>th</sup> June 1917

No 2410.

Mr. A. B. Hemmley  
Mylnay St  
Prospect

Dear Sir. — No 2176. Private C. A. Hemmley  
4<sup>th</sup> B. Battalion.

In regard to your enquiry through this Bureau relative to the above soldier, we beg to advise the receipt of a cable from our Red Cross Commissioners London, notifying us that Private Hemmley is a Prisoner of War in Germany, being wounded in the right hand; is stationed at a Lazarett Reserve, but owing to mutilation of our cable, the town in which he is interned, cannot be ascertained. This information is certified by a letter received from the soldier, we therefore take it, though wounded, is able to write. We enclose pamphlet relating to Prisoners of War which, will, no doubt, be of help to you.

Yours faithfully  
Chas. A. Edmunds  
Honorary Secretary.



12/5/17

MAY 16 1917  
AS/

67 Melburn St  
Prospect.  
South Australia

Sir. I am desirous of communicating with two Soldiers on active service with a view of possibly obtaining tidings of my son. No 2176. Private C. A. Hemsley who's officially reported missing from ~~the men are~~ D company 48th Batt 12th Brigade. France since April 11th last.

Can you supply me with the name number and address of Private W. S. James, also the name of who left for the front about 2 years ago. also of Private Gray who left Adelaide by the Bellarat (A70) with the 4th reinforcements of the 48th Batt on 12th August 1916.

An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours truly

Alfred. D. Hemsley

care copy for W.S. James  
nothing later on  
care of James W.S.  
nothing on card on Gray C.L.  
+ Hemsley C.A.  
AS/

266 C.L. Gray 4/18.

RESPONSE  
RECORDED

MAY 17 1917

RECEIVED

48th of 1917

BASE RECORDS  
MAY 15 1917  
RECEIVED

See

18th May, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12th instant, and to state the address of No. 2166, Private C. L. Gray, 48th Battalion, who embarked for Active Service on the date mentioned, is as under:-

No. 2166, Private C. L. Gray,  
48th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force,  
A b r o a d.

The only W. S. James on the records is No. 518, Corporal Wilfred Skelton James, 15th Battalion, who enlisted in Queensland on 17/11/14. This soldier, however, returned to Australia on 30/4/16 and was discharged from the Force on 31/5/16. If he is not identical with the subject of your enquiry and you could furnish further particulars, another search will be made.

No later information has been received here to date, in regard to your son No. 2176, Private C. A. Hemsley, 48th Battalion, who was posted "Missing 11/4/17".

Yours faithfully,

Mr. A. D. Hemsley,  
6 Milner Street,  
Prospect, SA.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.



Transferred to

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2176

Rank

Private

Name

Hensley C.H.

Unit

4th Bn 13th Battalion

Casualty

Missing 11/4/17

C.S.B. L. 1335 580 D. Dated London 4/1/17

Germany (Shed head)

wounded & Prisoner of War

Previously reported Wounded Prisoner of War

Previously reported Died (no date given) whilst Prisoner of War Germany



DATE	PURPORT	REF. NO.
17/4/17	M.O. 4 ADVISED, MISSING, 11/4/17.	
17/4/17	4th Bn 13th Battalion. Advised Prisoner of War. Wounded, Germany.	
17/4/17	M.O. 4 ADVISED, DIED OF WOUNDS, whilst Prisoner of War Germany (no date)	
17/4/17	N.A.C. Pensions advised re Casualty vide statement 11/4/17	
17/4/17	Death Certificate to S. of Kin	
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF	
	Cable No. <u>6296 1763 vide 8/2/16 D.D. 3/9/17</u>	
	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX- <u>changed</u>	
	"Will" to D.P.M. <u>H.M.D.</u> <u>16/28/77?</u> Location only	
	Identity <u>Discovered</u>	
	PERSONAL <u>to S. of Kin</u>	
	Circular D.N.M. 46/1888 & Booklet re Graves despatched <u>8/12/17</u>	
	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN, B.R. <u>50/70/17</u>	
	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <u>4th</u> M.O.B.R.M. <u>54/293</u>	

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS WERE"  
Pamphlet sent to M.A.D. Hemsley 19.5.22

MEMORIAL  
SCROLL  
To  
Father  
M.A.D. Hemsley  
329319  
19.5.22  
H.H.

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To  
Father (per 4 M.A.)  
M.A.D. Hemsley  
329319  
19.5.22  
H.H.

VICTORY MEDAL to Father B.R.P.F. 42  
20 MAY 1923 Registered Post No. 2296 G.P.O. Melbourne





## HEMSLEY, Cecil Alfred



Service no 2176

Private

48th Battalion

Born 20 October 1894 at Prospect, SA

Son of Alfred Dunk HEMSLEY and Caroline Meta Ida nee WEBER

Of 6 Milner Street, Prospect, SA

Occupation prior to enlistment Clerk AMP Office

Enlisted 13 May 1916 in Adelaide, SA

Served in France

Taken prisoner of war 11 April 1917

Died of wounds gunshot wound to head on 21 July 1917 in Germany

Buried HAMBURG CEMETERY III G 14

Courtesy of Douglas Paterson

Researching Prince Alfred College WWI Soldiers

