Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands War Graves



World War 1



1693 PRIVATE

W. V. HODGENS M.M.

50TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 24

William Vincent (Will) HODGENS

William Vincent Hodgens was born on 19th April, 1892 at Tothill's Creek, near Marrabel, South Australia to parents James Patrick & Mary Anastasia Hodgens (nee O'Loughlin).

William Vincent Hodgens attended school at Tothill's Creek, South Australia.

William Vincent Hodgens was a 24 year old, single, Farmer from Tothill's Creek, South Australia when he enlisted at Adelaide, South Australia on 6th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1693 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Mary Hodgens, Marrabel, South Australia.

Private William Vincent Hodgens was posted to "B" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 16th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 2nd Reinforcements of 50th Battalion on 1st April, 1916.

Private William Vincent Hodgens embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Aeneas (A60)* on 11th April, 1916 with the 50th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements.

Private William Vincent Hodgens was allotted to & proceeded from Tel-el-Kebir on 27th May, 1916 to join 50th Battalion from 13th Training Battalion. He was taken on strength of 50th Battalion at Railhead on 30th May, 1916.

Private William Vincent Hodgens proceeded from Alexandria on 5th June, 1916 on *Arcadian* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 12th June, 1916.

Private William Vincent Hodgens was wounded in action on 17th November, 1916. He was admitted to 10th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 19th November, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Face & Legs. Private Hodgens was marked for transfer to England on 4th December, 1916 & embarked for England on 5th December, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Aberdonian*.

50th Battalion

The 50th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 26 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were veterans from the 10th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 10th, the 50th was predominantly composed of men from South Australia. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division and was dubbed "Hurcombe's Hungry Half Hundred", after its first CO, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Hurcombe.

After arriving in France on 11 June 1916, the 50th fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm between 13 and 15 August and suffered heavily. It took part in another assault launched there on 3 September. The battalion saw out the rest of the year alternating between front-line duty, and training and labouring behind the line. This routine continued through the bleak winter of 1916-'17....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary - 50th Battalion

Front Line - 17th November, 1916:

Seven enemy planes over our lines 8.50 am. About noon enemy plane forced down in our lines. Pilot wounded. Observer taken prisoner. Took over part of 6th A Inf Bde front on night 17/18 with 2 platoons of "C" Coy with 2 Lewis Guns & one Vickers. One enemy prisoner who has lost his way captured (100th Regt). Our front covered from left to right by an Officers patrol. Weather dry – hard frost.

Front Line – 18th November, 1916:

Enemy plans active – 3 of them fell in enemy lines during the day, one going down in flames. Enemy shelled left of our front.

1 killed 2 wounded 1 wounded in support 4 to hospital sick

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Weather considerably colder – heavy frost – ground frozen hard. Rain later in the day & ground again became soft with heavy mud. Front covered by listening posts & officer's patrol

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private William Vincent Hodgens was admitted to 2nd Birmingham War Hospital, England on 5th December, 1916 with G.S.W Face with fractured lower jaw; G.S.W. left Arm with opened fracture of ulna & G.S.W. left Leg – flesh wound – severe.

A Telegram was sent from 2nd Birmingham War Hospital to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London on 9th December, 1916 "No. 1693 Private HODGERS 50th A.I.F. is seriously ill no friends in England."

Private William Vincent Hodgens died at 3.30 pm on 9th December, 1916 at 2nd Birmingham War Hospital, England. An Inquest was held with "the verdict being that No. 1693 Pte William Victor Hodgens died under Anaesthetic properly administered for the purpose of stopping Secondary Haemorrhage caused by shrapnel wound received in war." Private William Vincent Hodgens' official cause of death was listed as – died from wounds received in action in France (Shrapnel wounds, haemorrhage, died under Anaesthetic).

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Private William Victor Hodgens was wounded on November 16th 1916 and admitted to this hospital on December 5th, 1916. He was suffering from two severe wounds of his face, one fracturing his jaw -- a wound of left shoulder and left forearm with fracture of ulna, a wound of each leg, both severe.

All his wounds were very septt and his general condition very bad.

On Saturday, December 9th, he had two attacks of secondary haemorrhage of the more severe wound of his face. He was anaesthetized with a view of controlling this. He took the anaesthetic (open ether & chloriform) very badly, and eventually stopped breathing. A rtificial respiration was resorted to and as there appeared to be definite laryngeal obstruction tracheotomy was performed. He breathed better but eventually expired. Oxygen and Strychnine were also administered.

(Sd). R. Carlyon Tweedy,

Major R.A.M.C.

At the postmortem considerable oedema of the glottis was apparent.

A death for William V. Hodgens, aged 25, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England.

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. Hodgens, Tothill's Creek, Marrabel, South Australia, on 11th December, 1916 to advise that No. 1693 Private W. V. Hodgens, 50th Battalion had been reported wounded.

Private William Vincent Hodgens was recommended for the Military Medal on 12th December, 1916 by Major L.W. Jeffries, D.S.O., Lieutenant M. Gore & Captain F. M. Loutit. "Extremely gallant behaviour on the 17th November, 1916, near FLERS. Although severely wounded (one leg broken and portion of jaw shot away) he crawled about 200 yards, which took him over an hour, to get assistance for one of his comrades, who was also severely wounded. On arrival of stretcher bearers he refused to be dressed or taken away, allowing his comrade to receive first attention, although in great pain himself at the time."

Private William Vincent Hodgens was buried on 15th December, 1916 in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England – Soldiers Section B.10 Grave No. 408.

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. Hodgens, Tothill's Creek, Marrabel, South Australia, on 19th April, 1920 with the following "With reference to my communication of 25th September, 1917, regarding the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 1693 Private W. V. Hodgens, M.M., 50th Battalion, I am now in receipt of further advice which shows that his remains have been exhumed from former site, and re-interred in Grave No. 422, Section "B" 10, Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain..."

Private William Vincent Hodgens' name is now remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall B10. 422 as he does not have a headstone.

Private William Vincent Hodgens was awarded the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field (1st Anzac Routine Order 9587).

Military Medal

The Military Medal (MM) was a military decoration awarded to personnel of the British Army and other arms of the armed forces, and to personnel of other Commonwealth countries, below commissioned rank, for bravery in battle on land. The award was established in 1916, with retrospective application to 1914, and was awarded to other ranks for "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire". (Wikipedia)



Military Medal (MM)

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. Hodgens, Tothill's Creek, Marrabel, South Australia, on 1st August, 1917 with the following "I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Sixth Supplement No. 29953 to the London Gazette of 16th February, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, the late No. 1693 Private W. V. Hodgens, 50th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased

to award the Military Medal for bravery in the Field to the undermentioned solider:-

No. 1693 Private WILLIAM VINCENT HODGENS"

 $X \quad X \quad X \quad X$

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 116 of 25th July, 1917."

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Miss S. Hodgen, c/o Professor Osborn, South Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia, wrote to Base Records on 1st September, 1917 with the following: "I am writing to ask you if you can give me any information regarding my Brother the late Pte W. V. Hodgens No 1693 50th Battalion Infantry. We have been notified that he has been awarded a Military Medal for so far do not know what bravery he done on the field and would so much like to know so if you could give me the desired information I should be so pleased. His name appeared in the Commonwealth Gazette of the 25th July but gave no particulars and apart from that we know nothing more.."

Base Records replied to Mrss S. Hodgen on 7th September, 1917 stating "..the only information yet available is to the effect that No. 1693 Private W. V. Hodgens, 50th Battalion, was awarded same for "bravery in the Field." Any further particulars coming to hand will be promptly transmitted to next-of-kin, shown as mother, and will be available to you on application."

A War Pension was granted to Mary Hodgens, Tothill's Creek, mother of the late Private William Vincent Hodgens in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 16th February, 1917.

Base Records contacted Mrs M. Hodgen, Tothill's Creek, Marrabel, South Australia, mother of the late Private William Vincent Hodgens, on 21st December, 1921 stating that she was registered on the records of the late No. Private W. V. Hodgens as the next of kin, but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was still alive due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Mrs M. Hodgens replied to Base Records on 30th December, 1921 stating that his father – James P. Hodgens was alive & his address as Tothills Creek.

Private William Vincent Hodgens was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hodgens' father – Mr J. P. Hodgens, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent April, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Vincent Hodgens – service number 1693, aged 24, of 50th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of James and Mary Hodgens, of Tothill Creek, South Australia.

Private W. V. Hodgens is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 150.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

W. Hodgens is remembered on the Marrabel District Honour Roll, located inside the clubrooms at the Soldiers Memorial Park.



Marrabel District Honour Roll (Photo from VWMA)

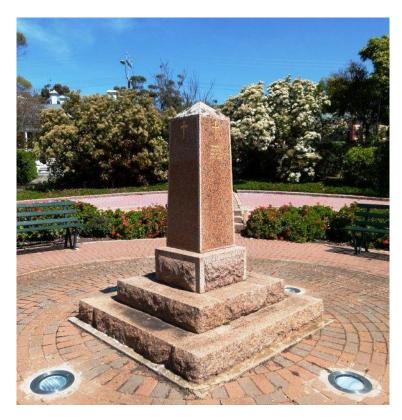
W. Hodgens is remembered on the Marrabel War Memorial, located on Main Road, Marrabel, South Australia.





Marrabel War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Philip Sykes)

W. Hodgens is remembered on the Eudunda War Memorial, located in Memorial Gardens, Burra – Eudunda Road, Eudunda, South Australia.



Eudunda War Memorial (Photo above from Monument Australia; below from VWMA)



W. Hodgens is remembered on the Eudunda and District Roll of Honour, located in Bruce Street, Eudunda, South Australia.



Eudunda and District Roll of Honour (Photo from VWMA)

W. V. Hodgens is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.





National War Memorial - Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

(50 pages of Private William Vincent Hodgens' 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



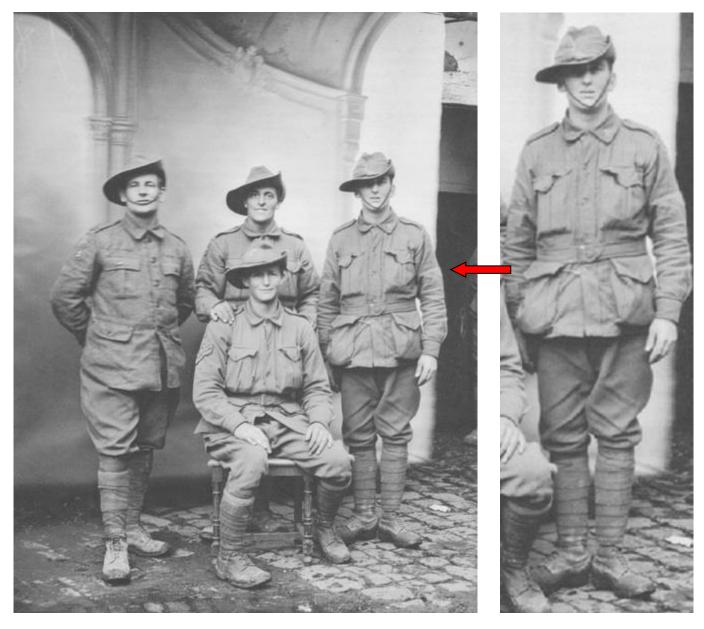
Private William Vincent Hodgens'



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private William Vincent Hodgens'



Studio portrait of four members of the 50th Battalion AIF.

Standing in the back row are 3843 Private (Pte) Arthur Harold Hewitt from Hackney, South Australia, 4818 Pte Sydney Taylor Mace from Gladstone, South Australia and **1693 Pte William Vincent Hodgens from Tothill's Creek, South Australia.** Sitting in the front is 2717 Corporal (Cpl) James Allen Murray from Maylands, South Australia.

This photograph is also part of the Thuillier collection of glass-plate negatives.

LAST POST CEREMONY

Private William Vincent Hodgens was remembered in the Last Post Ceremony held at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on 8th December, 2020.

Commencing at approximately 4.45 pm AEST, the Memorial farewells visitors with its moving Last Post Ceremony in the Commemorative Courtyard. Each night the ceremony shares the story behind one of the names on the Roll of Honour.

The ceremony begins with the Australian national anthem followed by the piper's lament. Visitors are invited to lay wreaths and floral tributes beside the Pool of Reflection. An individual's story is told, and the Ode is recited by Australian Defence Force personnel. The ceremony ends with the sounding of the Last Post.

(Information from The Australian War Memorial)



Speech transcript

1693 Private William Vincent Hodgens, 50th Battalion, AIF DOW 9 December 1916

Today we remember and pay tribute to Private William Vincent Hodgens.

William Hodgens, known as "Will", was born on 19 April 1892, the third son of Mary and James Hodgens of Tothill Creek in South Australia. He was educated at the local school and went on to work as a farmer's labourer in the district. He was a keen sportsman, and would try his hand at playing anything. He and his family were members of St Agnes' Catholic Church in nearby Marrabel, and it was recorded that he "was always very attentive to his religious duties" and a "staunch support of the church."

Will Hodgens enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in March 1916. He underwent a period of training in Australia before leaving six weeks later for active service overseas with reinforcements to the 50th Battalion. Private Hodgens first went to Egypt for further training, arriving in France to fight on the Western Front in mid-1916.

The 50th Battalion was heavily involved in the second phase of fighting around the French village of Pozieres and nearby Mouquet Farm in August 1916. Although his battalion suffered heavy casualties under some of the heaviest artillery fire of the war, Hodgens came through unscathed.

Later in the year, after a period in a relatively quiet sector, the 50th Battalion returned to the Somme. On 17 November 1917, after several days in the front line, Will Hodgens' position was struck by artillery fire. Hodgens and another man were severely wounded, and Hodgens suffered part of his jaw blown away, fractures to both his legs, and severe lacerations to a shoulder. The other man was worse, however, and Hodgens took it upon himself to go and get help. He had to crawl about 200 metres to get attention, which took him over an hour, and once the stretcher bearers arrived he refused any assistance until his mate had been treated first.

Hodgens was eventually evacuated from the battlefield and sent through a series of casualty clearing stations and treatment centres to hospital in Birmingham, England. By the time he arrived his wounds were seriously septic. By early December there was little choice but to operate to try to stop haemorrhages in his facial wounds. Private Will Hodgens, seriously weakened from his septic wounds, died under anaesthetic on the 9th of December 1916.

William Hodgens was buried in the nearby Birmingham Cemetery at Lodge Hill, where he lies today under a stone with no epitaph. He was 24 years old.

His name is listed on the Roll of Honour on my right, among almost 62,000 Australians who died while serving in the First World War.

This is but one of the many stories of service and sacrifice told here at the Australian War Memorial. We now remember Private William Vincent Hodgens, who gave his life for us, for our freedoms, and in the hope of a better world.

Meleah Hampton Historian, Military History Section

Newspaper Notices

INTO CAMP ON MONDAY

Following are the names of the men who enlisted in Adelaide and went into the Exhibition Camp on Monday:-
W. V. Hodgens.....

(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia - 7 March, 1916)

SEND OFF TO SOLDIERS

MARRABEL. April 6.

On Tuesday evening last, April 4, a large gathering, representing residents of Tothill Creek, Tothill Belt, and Julia, assembled at Mr. Rheder's hall, Tothill Creek, to bid farewell, to Privates W. B. Riessen and W. V., Hodgens, who are shortly, leaving for the front. Private Hodgens was presented with a wristlet watch and fountain pen and Private Reissen with a wristlet watch. The Julia and Tothill Creek Cheer-Up Societies presented each soldier with a parcel of comforts. Private Riessen has been a good supporter of the Cheer-Up and Red Cross at Tothill Creek, and was presented with a fountain pen by the members. Addresses were given by the following gentlemen Messrs. E. Williams, J. Brown, C. O'Loughlin. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Arbon, Dunstan, O'Loughlin, and Tothill Creek school children. Supper and dancing terminated a very pleasant evening.

(Daily Herald, Adelaide, South Australia - 10 April, 1916)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

HODGENS – On the 9th December, of wounds received in France, Private W. V. Hodgens, fourth dearly loved son of J. and M. Hodgens, Tothill's Creek, in his 24th year. R.I.P.

Immaculate heart of Mary,

Your prayers for him extol,

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O, sacred heart of Jesus,

Have mercy on his soul.

-Inserted by his sorrowing parents, sisters, and brothers.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia - 20 December, 1916) &

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia –20 December, 1916)

256TH CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte W. V. HODGENS, Marrabel (Dec. 9; cause not stated)

(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia - 26 December, 1916)

THE LATE PRIVATE W. V. HODGENS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodgens of Tothill's Creek, have received news of the death from wounds of their son, Private William Vincent Hodgens, in the Birmingham Hospital, on December 9. Private Hodgens enlisted on March 10 last, and sailed from South Australia on April 11. He was 24 years of age, of a bright and genial disposition, and was highly respected by his many friends. He was prominent in local sporting circles, and a staunch supporter of the Roman Catholic Church at Marrabel.



Private W. V. Hodgens.

(Adelaide Chronicle, South Australia - 30 December, 1916)

Our Fallen Heroes

News has been received of the death from wounds received in action of Private W. V. Hodgins, third son of Mr and Mrs James Hodgins, of Tothill's Creek. He died in the Military Hopsital in Birmingham, England, on December 9. R.I.P.

(Southern Cross, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 January, 1917)

RETURN THANKS

Mr and Mrs J. HODGENS and FAMILY, of Tothill's Creek, tender their sincere THANKS to their Majesties the King and Queen, the Commonwealth Government, the District Commandant, and all kind friends for letters, telegrams, cars, and person expressions of sympathy in the sad loss of their dear son and brother, Private W. V. Hodgens, especially Father Mahar.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 January, 1917)

ANZACS IN ACTION

THE LATE PRIVATE WILL HODGENS

A Tothill's Crook correspondent writes—

Quite a gloom was cast over the surrounding districts here when it became known that Private Will Hodgens had died in the Birmingham Hospital, England, on December 9, of wounds received in France. Pte. Hodgens was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodgens, of Tothill's Creek, and was only 24 years of age. He sailed from Australia on the April 11, 1916, and was in the trenches since June. His kind and cheerful disposition won for him many friends, and deep and sincere was the regret expressed on all sides at his early death. Pte Hodgens will be much missed in all sporting circles, as he took a keen interest in sport of all kinds. He was a member of St. Agnes' Catholic Church, Marrabel, and was always very attentive to his religious duties. May be rest in peace.

(Southern Cross, Adelaide, South Australia - 12 January, 1917)

HONORS FOR AUSTRALIANS

The "London Gazette" of February 19 contains the following list of Australians to whom the King has been pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery on the field:-.....1693, Pte W. V. Hodgens, Inf. Bn.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 April, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

HODGENS – In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private William Hodgens, M.M., who died on the 9th December, 1916, of wounds received in France. R.I.P.

Sweet is the memory he left behind

Of a life that was manly, clean, and kind.

His fight is fought, he has gained his rest,

We remember dear Will as one of the best.

Inserted by his loving mother, father, sisters and brothers, Tothill's Creek.

(Southern Cross, Adelaide, South Australia - 7 December, 1917)

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Mrs. M. Hodgens, Tothill's Creek, has received a letter from the officer in charge of Base Records, Melbourne, who says:—It is with feelings of admiration at the gallantry of a brave Australian soldier who nobly laid down his life in the service of our King and country that I forward to you, as the next-of-kin, the Military Medal, which the King awarded to your son, Private W. V. HODGENS, for bravery and devotion to duty while serving with the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force. I desire you to accept the deep personal sympathy of the Minister of Defence in the loss which, not only you, but the Australian army has sustained by. the death of Private W. V. Hodgens, whose magnificent conduct on the field of battle helped to earn for our Australian' soldiers a fame which will endure as long as memory lasts.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 17 January, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

HODGENS – In sad but loving memory of my dear brother, Will, who died of wounds received in France on the 9th December, 1916. R.I.P.

In my heart your memory lingers

Just as much as ever,

Though your life was taken away

Just two sad years ago to-day.

-Inserted by his loving sister, Sis.

HODGENS – In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private William Hodgens, M.M., who died of wounds received in France, December 9, 1916. R.I.P. – Inserted by his sorrowing parents, sisters, and brothers, Tothill's Creek.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 9 December, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

HODGENS – In loving memory of my dear brother, Will, who died of wounds received in France, December 9, 1916. R.I.P. – Ever remembered by his loving sister, Sis.

HODGENS – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Will, who died of wounds received in France, December 9, 1916. R.I.P.

We miss him for we loved him.

And will ever feel the loss

Of a loving heart now silent,

'Neath a little wooden cross.

- Inserted by his loving parents, brothers, and sister, Mary, Totthill's Creek.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 December, 1919)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

HODGENS – In loving memory of my dear brother, Will, who died of wounds received in France, December 9, 1916. R.I.P. – Ever remembered by his loving sister, Sis, Adelaide.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 9 December, 1920)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private W. V. Hodgens does not have CWGC headstone, his name is instead remembered on a CWGC Screen Wall as his grave was one that could not be individually marked with a headstone.

Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England

The First World War saw four important hospitals - besides many smaller - posted at Birmingham: the 1st Southern General (3,500 beds) was in the university and other buildings, with a section at Stourbridge; the 2nd/1st Southern General (1,800 beds) in the Dudley Road Infirmary and in billets; the 1st Birmingham War Hospital (1,000 beds) at Rubery Hill Asylum and the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital (900 beds) at Hollymoor Asylum. Military hospitals were at Birmingham again during the Second World War, including No 7 Canadian Hospital at Marston Green. Birmingham and Coventry were among the chief manufacturing areas producing materials for the war effort and were subjected to many devastating air raids during the Blitz of 1940-41.

BIRMINGHAM (LODGE HILL) CEMETERY contains 499 First World War burials, most of them in a war graves plot in Section B10. The names of those buried in the plot, or in graves elsewhere in the cemetery which could not be individually marked, are inscribed on a Screen Wall. Second World War burials number 125, most of them scattered throughout the cemetery, although there is a small plot in Section 2E. Birmingham Municipal Crematorium stands within the cemetery. In the chapel, there is a bronze plaque commemorating 48 servicemen of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

(Information from CWGC)



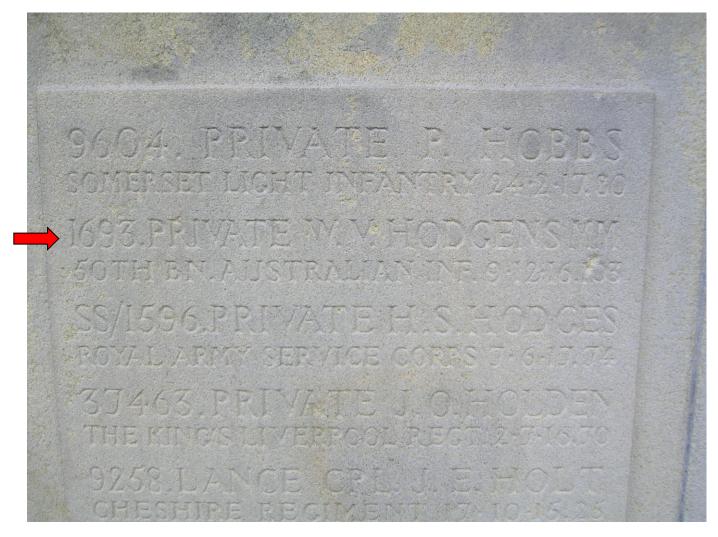
(Photo by Lepidus Magnus)



Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private W. V. Hodgens' M.M. name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission WW1 Screen Wall in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England.



(Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)





WW1 Screen Wall in Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)



WW2 Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)

Lodge Hill Cemetery

