

HERBERT GEORGE CLIFFORD

Herbert George Clifford was an Englishman who came to Australia from Antwerp on board the ship *Friedrich der Gross* arriving in Sydney on 2/3/1914. He was the son of Thomas and Nellie Clifford (nee Harper). He was born on 13/10/1892 at Fulham, London, England.

He first came to Australia in 1914 on the *Friedrich der Grosse*, a German passenger ship, later commandeered by USA as troop carrier. He disembarked in Sydney before making his way to Melbourne. He was living in Brunswick, working as tailor at the time of his enlistment, but gave his father, Thomas of Piccadilly, London as his NOK. Amongst his war record papers, there is a letter from Mrs C McDougall of Sydney Rd, Brunswick asking about his welfare on behalf of his friends in Australia concerning his serious illness, which they must have heard about. There is also the official response.

Service Number	8172
Enlisted	7 June 1915 as a Private at Brunswick
Embarked	18/10/15 on A17 <i>Port Lincoln</i>
Unit on Enlistment	2 nd Australian General Hospital, Special Reinforcements
Returned to Australia	He was discharged in England and lived there with his wife and eventually departed England for Australia on 24/12/1921.

Herbert was admitted to the hospital he had gone to serve, soon after he arrived. He succumbed to Enterica initially on 2 February 1916 and over the next few months got better, but then relapsed. He was in the 2nd AG Hospital in Ghezira until recovering and then on 9 February was transferred to Cairo dangerously ill. He was treated through some very low stages until he was able to be taken to England unfit for active service. He spent the rest of the war years with the Australian Red Cross where he was an Acting Corporal and at the time of his discharge was a Temporary Corporal.

He was awarded a 1914-1915 Star, a Victory Medal and a British War Medal.

During his time with the Red Cross, he married Ruth May (nee Blackmore) at Notting Hill on 1 June 1918. He was discharged in England and resided with his wife and eventually 2 daughters, Gladys and Joyce at 20 Heath Road, Thornton Heath.

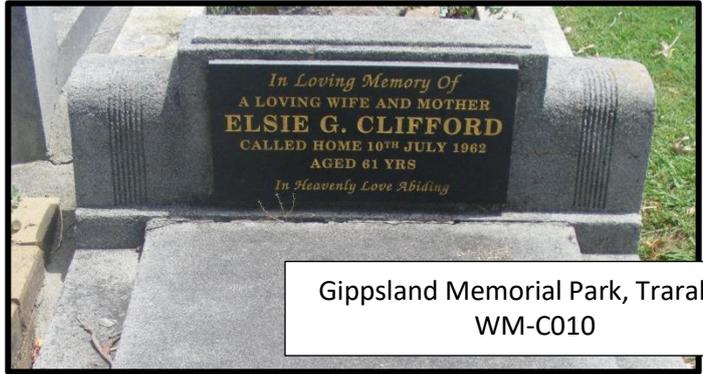
The family finally left England on board the Orient line ship, *Ormonde*, leaving London on 24/12/1921 and disembarked in Melbourne early in 1922. In 1922 Herbert was living in Sale and still working as a tailor. Two more children were born to them. It was in Sale that Ruth died in 1924. Herbert then moved to Traralgon where he lived in Kay Street, and from 1925 at 11 Breed Street until 1954.

From 1934 he was with Elise Grace (his second wife) whom he married on 3/8/1928, living in Breed Street and in 1958 at Inverloch, where he was still working as a tailor. Another child was born to them. Then there were 7 daughters and 1 son under 9.

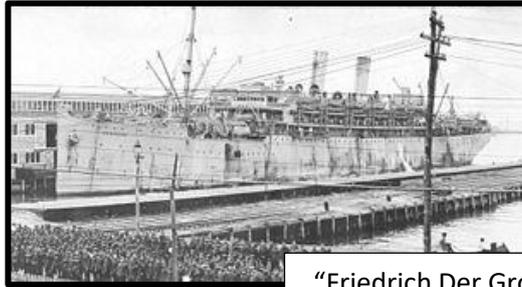
Herbert stayed in Inverloch after Elsie died in 1962, until in 1968 he was living with his son Thomas and his wife, Lorna and after 1972 was at Dalkeith.

Herbert died on 17 March 1975 and was buried at Traralgon on 19 of March 1975, with his wife although it is not marked.

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Gippsland Memorial Park, Traralgon WM-C010



"Friedrich Der Grosse" - captured and used as a Troop ship during WW1

The 1914-1915 Star



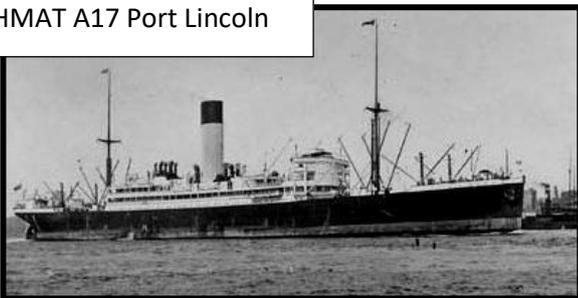
The British War Medal



The Victory Medal



HMAT A17 Port Lincoln



HMAT A71 Nestor



The "Ormonde"
-the ship the family migrated on in 1921-22



3 generation –
Nellie, Herbert and Thomas

