Herbert Alfred Godber

Service No. 3820

Rank: Private

Unit: 21st Battalion

Herbert Alfred Godber was born in Diamond Creek in 1892. He was the son of Job Godber and Alice Haley. At the time of his enlistment on 9th July 1915 he was working as an orchardist. He was aged 22 years 8 months. He gave his father Job as next of kin.

After starting training, he embarked on HMAT Warilda A69 on 8th February 1916 destined for Marseilles where he arrived on 27th March 1916 and was attached to the 21st Battalion. On 14th October 1917, he rejoined the 21st Battalion in France.

On 13th October 1918, he joined the 24th Battalion.

In January 1917, he was suffering from a mild case of trench foot. In March that year he was transferred to the ANZAC Provost Corps as a guard.

In June 1917, he was transferred to the 67th Battalion at Perham Downs, England.

He returned to Australia on the Hospital Transport Mahia on 17th July 1919 and was discharged on 8th September 1919.

He received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

During his overseas service, Herb wrote regularly to his “sweetheart” Ivy Partington and these postcards are in the possession of the family.