

histories and no doubt you will be some near 89 Warren Street.

the photographs spent in St Helens.

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17th December 1978

Dear Phyllis & Ross, I can meet and exchange notes.

I am afraid that I have been very

remiss in not acknowledging your card sent from Brussels

several months ago, much earlier, but I want to assure you that

I greatly appreciate your efforts to trace Harry's name on the

Menin Gate memorial

You were more successful than you realised
as the Sergeant J. H. Govey you found was indeed Harry. He
was christened Joseph Henry, but was always known as Henry
or Harry. The name of Joseph was given after our Uncle Joseph
Govey who died when a young man at 22 years of age.

Harry was lost at Passchendaele on 12th October 1917, and like
so many who died in the Third battle of Ypres, had no known grave.

You people are becoming confirmed globe trotters
and have certainly covered a lot countries on your several trips, and
I guess have enjoyed it all. I have hopes of someday visiting
England and the Continent, but I am afraid that I have kept
it just a little bit too long, & would find it too strenuous at my
age.

Apparently you are still looking into the family

history and no doubt unearthed some new information during the fortnight spent in St Helene.

No doubt Olwyn has told you that I found a few old family photos in Edith's belongings, and have since gathered a little more information which you may or may not have, & someday soon I hope we can meet and compare notes!

I was very pleased to visit your mother with Eddie when I was last in Sydney, and I am sure that at times she knew who we were.

I have Laurie's two children with me at present, and Laurie will join us ^{at} Christmas & New Year, and then Ted and his family will be down from Brisbane for three weeks, so I will be kept busy.

Best wishes to you and your family for a very happy Christmas and good health and happiness throughout the New Year.

With love
Bill