HERBERT STANLEY PAYNTER-

Born 7-8-1885 at Kingston on Thames in Surrey ,England, to Alfred who was a gasfitter and stoker coal miner and Georgina who was a general servant. He was the second eldest of five children and worked as a butcher . Married to Amy Louisa Wootton , who was born at Cross Lane Brackley in North Hartfordshire on 21-12-1885, on the 25th December,1909. The only one of his family to emigrate, Bert and Lou came to Western Australia on the "Oceania" to start a new life in 1911.

Herbert Stanley Paynter enlisted at Blackboy Hill Camp on 10.10.1917, aged 32. He was living in Jupiter Street, East Victoria Park, working as a lumper. His youngest of three children, Audrey, was aged 3 months. He had previously applied in August and rejected as unfit then, due to a varicocaele (enlarged vein to the scrotum) needing to be corrected by an operation.

- 10.10.17 Enlisted, 52093
- 10.04.18 Promoted to L.Corporal.
- 08.05.18 Sailed on HMAS Port Darwin from Albany for overseas.
- 09.06.18 Disembarked at Suez. To Australian camp.
- 03.07.18 Transferred to Alexandria.
- 16.07.18 Disembarked from the Port Darwin at South Hampton. To 5th Training Battalion.
- 04.10.18 Dover to France.
- 10.10.18 To 28th Battalion.
- 29.03.19 Detached for duty to HQ Australian Base Depots, France.
- 24.05.19 Court Martialled at Havre.

Found Not Guilty of wilfully allowing to escape persons (Pvts Irving, Poole, Evans and Crouch of the AIF) whom it was his duty to guard. Found Guilty of without reasonable excuse allowing to escape 4 persons whom it was his duty to guard, names and numbers unknown.

Sentenced 14 days imprisonment and forfeit of 28 days pay, plus 10 days pay for period under charge.

- 10.06.19 To South Hampton.
- 12.07.19 Sailed on City of Exeter for Fremantle.
- 16.08.19 Disembarked at Fremantle.
- 18.07.19 Discharged.

25 pages of his file for World War I can be downloaded from the National Australian Archives website www.naa.gov.au
Go to Records Seach. Go to Search new as guest.
Enter in key words: Paynter 52093. Press view digitized copy.

His WW II file will be available on line in January 2007. W84721 is the number to enter in key words for that file, without putting in Paynter.