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SYDNEY PERCIVAL GOODSSELL

Sydney was born in Newtown, NSW on 17th July 1878, the son of Frederick James Goodsell and his wife Emily Priscilla, nee McKoy. On 8th November he married Catherine Pauline Ragan. When Catherine died a year later, he married her younger sister Lillian Adelaide Ragan on 28th Jan 1903.

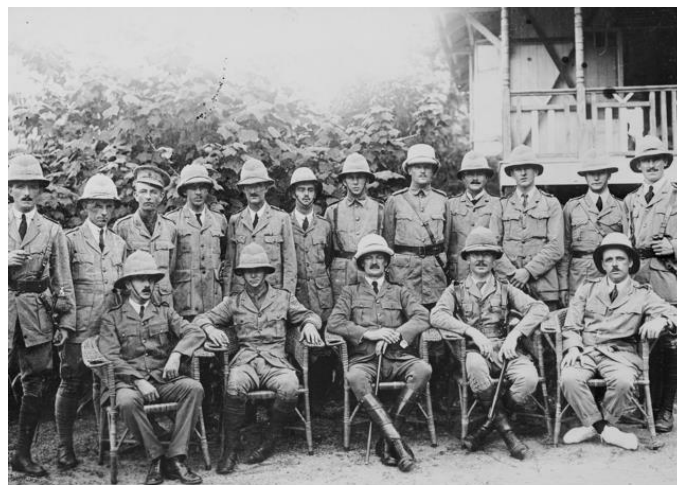
Sydney had spent 19 years in the CMF and was a Captain in 1914. He was given the same rank on joining the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 and was appointed Quartermaster. He returned from Rabaul and had his appointment terminated on 4th March 1915. For his service in New Guinea the President of France awarded him the Croix de Guerre in 1916.



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Sydney (with binoculars), aboard the Berrima en route Rabaul 1914



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AN&MEF Officers at Rabaul. Sydney, front row second from right.

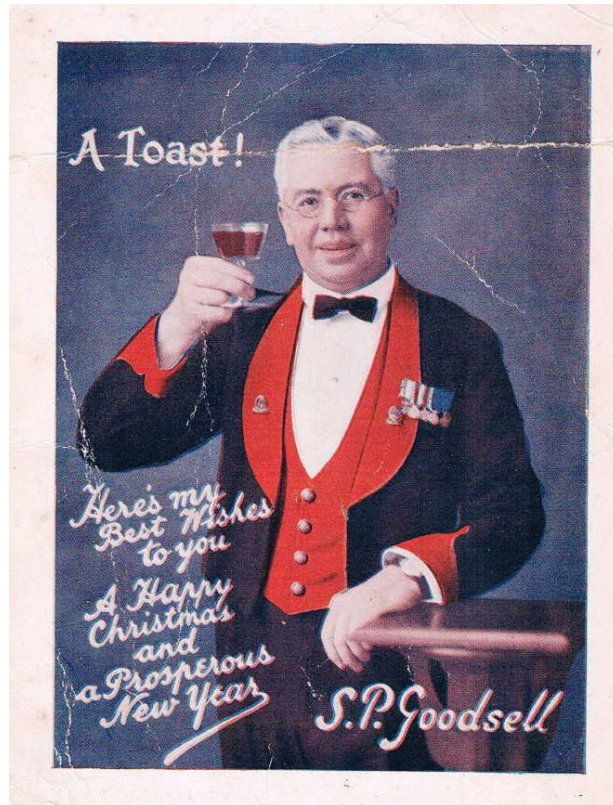
On 7th March 1915 he was appointed Captain with the 18th Battalion.



Sydney at Liverpool 1915.

Sydney left Sydney with the battalion on 25th June aboard the CERAMIC. With the battalion he landed on Gallipoli on 22nd August and was promoted Major on 12th September. He assumed temporary command of the battalion on 18th November at the time the battalion was preparing to withdraw from the peninsular. For his service on Gallipoli he was Mentioned In Despatches (MID).

He moved to France where, on 3rd August 1916 he was concussed by an exploding cell which affected his vision. He was admitted to Le Toquet Hospital and then evacuated by mail boat to the UK by mail boat on 16th December. He did not recover and departed the UK aboard the MASHOBRA on 11th Jan 1917 arriving at Alexandria on 15th Feb before boarding the SHROPSHIRE on 16th Feb to sail on to Sydney, arriving on 21st March. His appointment in the AIF was terminated on 5th April 1917.



Sydney's Christmas Card (date unknown).

Sydney died on 14th December 1928 at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery.