

**Newark-Upon-Trent Cemetery,
Newark-Upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



20094 STAFF SERGEANT

W. S. ARNOT

ROYAL ENGINEERS

29TH NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 30

Thy Will Be Done

William Smart ARNOT

William Smart Arnot was born at Newbigging, Musselburgh, near Inveresk, Edinburghshire, Scotland on 11th August, 1887 to parents James Arnot & Eleanor Trotter Arnot (nee Allan). (Note – birth date listed on Pension file for William Smart Arnot was listed as 30th July, 1888).

William Arnot was listed as a student on the Central District Perthshire, Scotland School Register. He commenced School on 11th October, 1894 & his father's name was listed as James Arnot, of 17 Meal Vennel (?).

The 1891 Scotland Census listed William Smart Arnot as a 3 year old, living with his family at 65 Middle Street, Prestonpans, East Lothian, Scotland. His parents were listed as James Arnot (Stationary Engine Driver, aged 30, born Prestonpans, Haddingtonshire) & Eleanor Trotter Arnot (aged 24, born St. Cyrus, Kincardineshire). William was the eldest of 3 children listed on this Census – William then Elenot Trotter Arnot (aged 2, born Prestonpans, Haddingtonshire) & Margaret McKinlay Arnot (aged 3 months, born Prestonpans, Haddingtonshire).

James Arnot, father of William Smart Arnot, died on 16th August, 1905 at 21 Front Street, Prestonpans, Scotland.

William Smart Arnot was a 21 year old, Engine Driver when he enlisted on 30th April, 1910 at Edinburgh, Scotland with the Royal Engineers. His service number was 20094 & his religion was Presbyterian. William Smart Arnot stated that he had served with the 8th Battalion, The Royal Scots, Territorial Force & was still serving at the time of enlisting.

The 1911 England Census recorded William Smart Arnot as a 22 year old Sapper with the 30th Company, Royal Engineers. His trade or occupation was listed as Engine Driver. William Arnot was stationed at Epinstone Barracks, Commercial Road, Plymouth, Devon, England.

Eleanor Arnott, aged 43, mother of William Smart Arnot, was listed as a passenger on Orontes which departed from the port of London on 28th February, 1913 bound for Australia. Mrs Eleanor Arnott was accompanied by 4 of her children – Eleanor (aged 23), Isabella (aged 10), Thomas (Clerk, aged 18) & Alan (aged 9). All five members of the family listed their country of intended future permanent residence as Tasmania.

William Smart Arnot married Ruth Lang on 3rd May, 1915 in Charles the Martyr Church, Plymouth, England. William was listed as a 27 year old Corporal in Royal Engineers & Ruth was listed as a 23 year old. Both listed their address as 51 Regent Street.

Staff Sergeant William Smart Arnot, aged 28, was listed as a member of the Military Jubilee Lodge, United Grand Lodge of England. He was initiated on 6th September, 1916.

Staff Sergeant William Smart Arnot died on 29th November, 1918 at Military Hospital, Newark, Nottinghamshire, England from Pneumonia, following influenza.

A death for William S. Arnot, aged 30, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Newark, Nottinghamshire, England.

Staff Sergeant William Smart Arnot was buried on 3rd December, 1918 in Newark-upon-Trent Cemetery, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire, England – Plot number I. E. "U". 155 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Ruth Arnot, widow of the late Staff Sergeant William Smart Arnot, signed on 4th March, 1919 to certify the statement that her husband had left no Will. She stated that she was the widow of the late Staff Sergeant William Smart Arnot & her son – Doyles (?) Arnot, aged 8 months were the only relatives besides William's mother – Eleanor Arnot, of 14 Batten Street, Launceston, Tasmania.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Staff Serjeant W. S. Arnot – service number 20094, aged 30, of Establishment for Engineer Services, Royal Engineers. He was the son of Mrs Eleanor Arnot, of 4 Frankland Rise, Launceston, Tasmania; husband of Ruth Arnot, of 1 Commercial Rd., Lambhay, Plymouth.

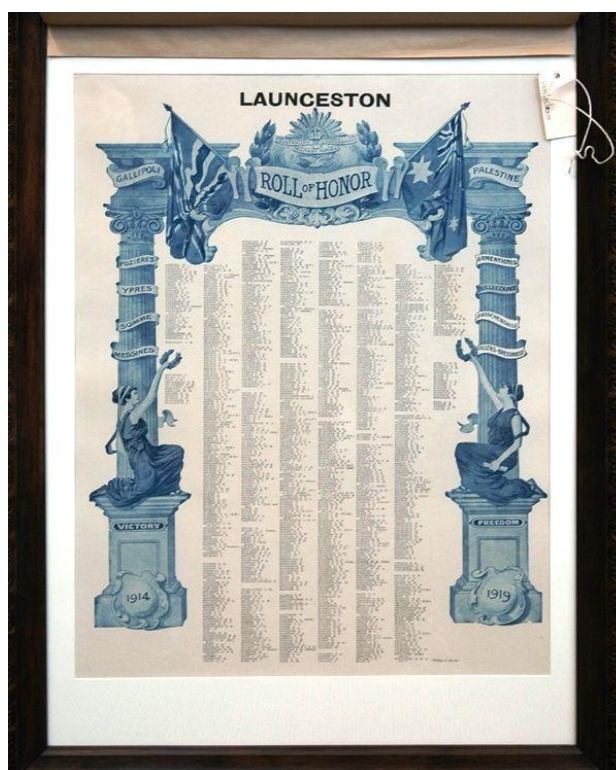
Staff Sergeant W. S. Arnot is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour. *(Note: It appears that Staff Sergeant W. S. Arnot's name on the Commemorative Roll was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.)*

Mrs Eleanor Trotter Arnot, mother of the late Staff Sergeant William Smart Arnot, was listed on the Australian Electoral Rolls in Launceston, Tasmania in 1914, 1919, 1922, 1928, 1936 & 1943.



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial *(Capital Photographer)*

W. S. Arnot is remembered on the Launceston Roll of Honour, preserved in the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk, Tasmania, Australia.



Launceston Roll of Honour *(Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)*

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Newark-upon-Trent Cemetery contains 533 Commonwealth War Graves – 49 scattered burials from World War 1 & 484 from World War 2.

During the Second World War there were a number of R.A.F. stations within a few miles of Newark, from many of which operated squadrons of the Polish Air Force. A special plot was set aside in Newark Cemetery for R.A.F. burials and this is now the war graves plot, where all but ten of the 90 Commonwealth and all of the 397 Polish burials were made.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice in Newark-upon-Trent Cemetery



Polish War Graves & the Memorial Cross to the Polish Airmen

Photo of Staff Sergeant William Smart Arnot's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Newark-upon-Trent Cemetery, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire, England.



(Photo by Laurence Goff)