

**St. George's Churchyard,
Fovant, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5547 CORPORAL

T. E. ARTHUR

28TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

2ND DECEMBER, 1916 Age 41

A Beautiful Memory

Left Behind

Of A Loving Husband

& Father Kind

Thomas Elsbury ARTHUR

Thomas Elsbury Arthur was born at Castlemaine, Victoria in 1874 to parents John Andrew & Elizabeth Ann Arthur (nee Elsbury).

Thomas Elsbury Arthur attended the State School at Ballarat, Victoria.

Thomas Elsbury Arthur married Eva Sutcliffe in 1901 at Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

A death for Elizabeth Ann Arthur, mother of Thomas Elsbury Arthur was registered in 1901 in Western Australia.

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Coolgardie, subdivision of Menzies, Western Australia recorded Thomas Elsbury Arthur, Engine Driver & his wife Eva Arthur living at Beaumont Street. Also listed at Beaumont Street was Thomas' father – John Andrew Arthur, Engine Driver.

A daughter, Eva Anita Grace Arthur, was born in 1906 in Boulder, Western Australia.

The 1910 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia recorded Thomas Elsbury Arthur, Engine Driver & his wife Eva Arthur living at 130 Varden Street.

The 1910 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Swan, subdivision of Albany, Western Australia recorded Thomas Elsbury Arthur, Engine Driver & his wife Eva Arthur living at Denmark.

The 1916 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Swan, subdivision of Albany, Western Australia recorded Thomas Elsbury Arthur, Lumper, living at Rowley Street, Albany.

Thomas Elsbury Arthur was a 41 year old, married, Engine Driver from G.P.O., Fremantle, Western Australia when he enlisted on 27th March, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 28th Infantry Battalion, 15th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Eva Arthur, P.O., Claremont, Western Australia. Thomas Elsbury Arthur stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 2 years with Menzies Goldfields Infantry but had then left the district.

Private Thomas Elsbury Arthur was posted to 57th Depot on 17th March, 1916. He was transferred to 19th Reinforcements of 11th Battalion on 11th April, 1916.

Private Thomas Elsbury Arthur was promoted to Acting Corporal at 67th Depot on 6th June, 1916. He was transferred to 4th Reinforcements of 44th Battalion on 20th June, 1916. Acting Corporal Thomas Elsbury Arthur was transferred to 15th Reinforcements of 28th Infantry Battalion.

Private (rank as per Embarkation Roll) Thomas Elsbury Arthur, Service number 5547, embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Surada* (A52) on 26th September, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 20th November, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Acting Corporal Thomas Elsbury Arthur was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 22nd November, 1916 – cause N.Y.D. (Not yet determined).

Corporal Thomas Elsbury Arthur died at 5.35 pm on 2nd December, 1916 at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Jaundice.

A death for Arthur T. Elsbury, aged 42, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire, England.

Corporal Thomas Elsbury Arthur was buried on 5th December, 1916 in St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England – Plot number II. A. 4. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Corporal Thomas Elsbury Arthur was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Arthur's widow - Mrs E. Arthur, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Thomas Elsbury Arthur – service number 5547, aged 41, of 28th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John Andrew & Elizabeth Arthur; husband of Eva Arthur, of Hollybank, Wilgul, Victoria. Born at Castlemaine, Victoria.

Corporal T. E. Arthur is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 112.



(Photos Cathy Sedgwick)

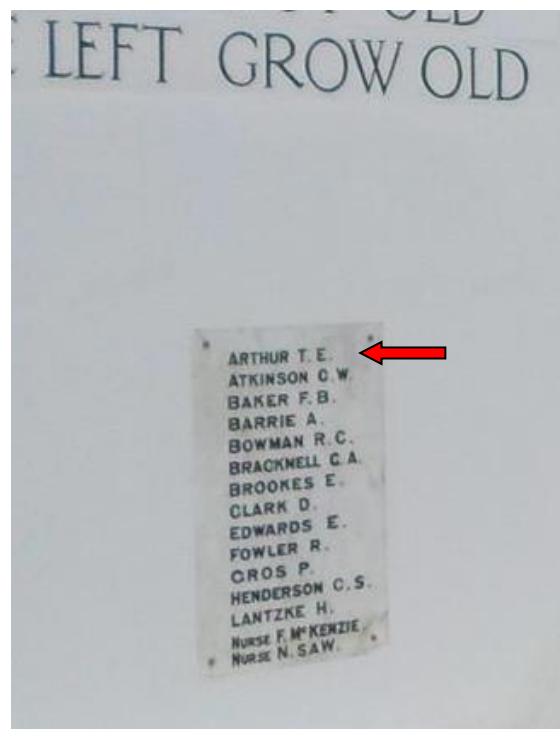


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

T. E. Arthur is named on the Denmark War Memorial, located on South Coast Highway & Horsley Road, Denmark, Western Australia.



Denmark War Memorial (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)



T. E. Arthur is remembered on Fremantle's 849, located at War Memorial, Monument Hill Memorial Reserve, High & Swanbourne Streets, Fremantle, Western Australia. Twelve plaques contain all 849 names of the Fremantle servicemen who died in service or were killed in action during World War One. The plaques were created as part of the Centenary of Anzac commemorations.

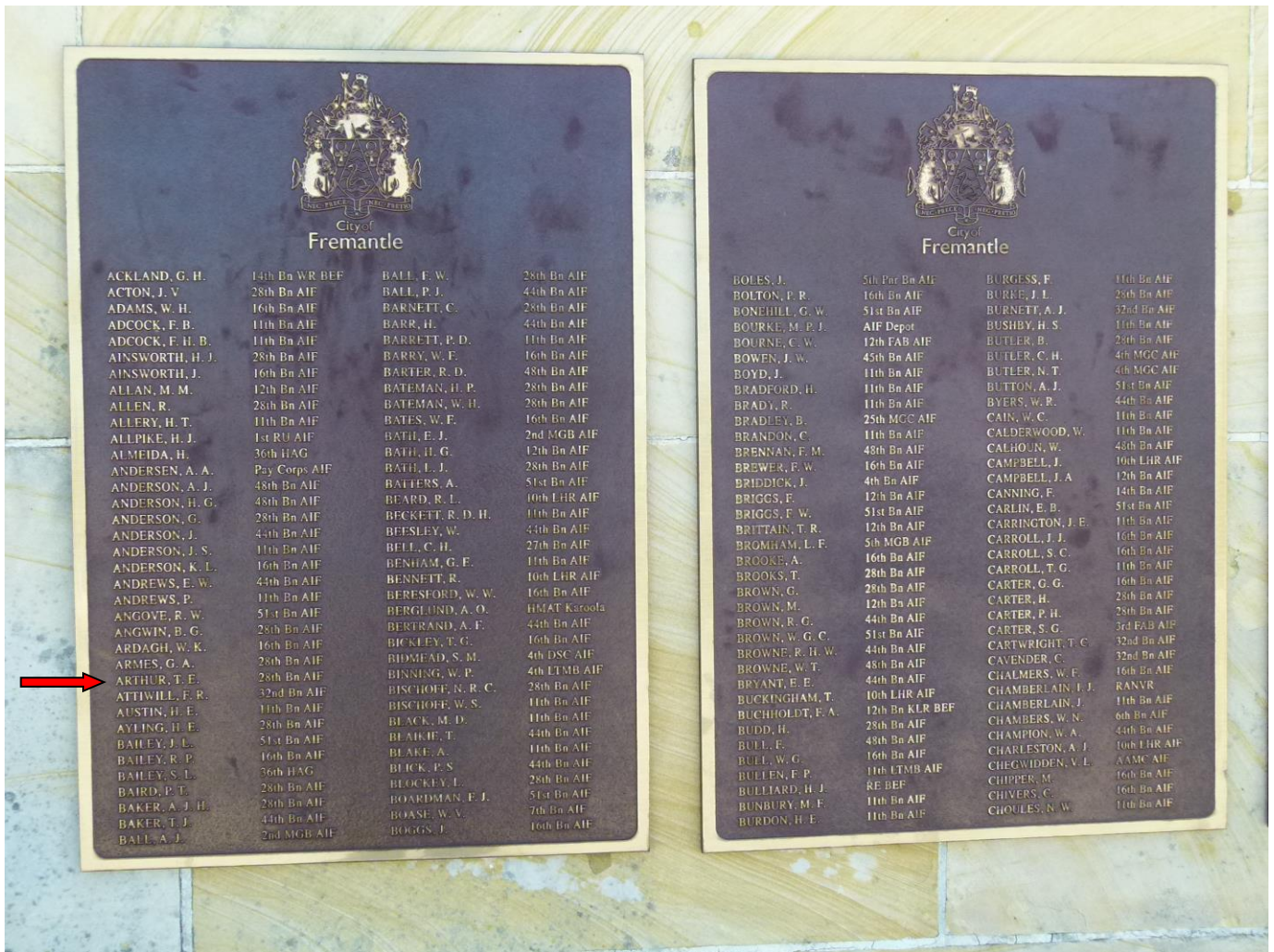



Fallen Sailors & Soldiers Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)






(Photos courtesy of Gordon Stuart)




 City of
Fremantle
 ACKLAND, G. H. 14th Bn WR BEF
 ACTON, J. V. 28th Bn AIF
 ADAMS, W. H. 16th Bn AIF
 ADCOCK, F. B. 11th Bn AIF
 ADCOCK, F. H. B. 11th Bn AIF
 AINSWORTH, H. J. 28th Bn AIF
 AINSWORTH, J. 16th Bn AIF
 ALLAN, M. M. 12th Bn AIF
 ALLEN, R. 28th Bn AIF
 ALLERY, H. T. 11th Bn AIF
 ALLPIKE, H. J. 1st RU AIF
 ALMEIDA, H. 36th HAG
 ANDERSEN, A. A. Pay Corps AIF
 ANDERSON, A. J. 48th Bn AIF
 ANDERSON, H. G. 48th Bn AIF
 ANDERSON, G. 28th Bn AIF
 ANDERSON, J. 4th Bn AIF
 ANDERSON, J. S. 11th Bn AIF
 ANDERSON, K. L. 16th Bn AIF
 ANDERSON, K. L. 44th Bn AIF
 ANDREWS, E. W. 11th Bn AIF
 ANDREWS, P. 51st Bn AIF
 ANGOVE, R. W. 28th Bn AIF
 ANGIN, B. G. 16th Bn AIF
 ARDAGH, W. K. 28th Bn AIF
 ARMES, G. A. 28th Bn AIF
 ARTHUR, T. E. 28th Bn AIF
 ATTWILL, F. R. 32nd Bn AIF
 AUSTIN, H. E. 11th Bn AIF
 AYLING, H. E. 28th Bn AIF
 BAILEY, J. L. 51st Bn AIF
 BAILEY, R. P. 16th Bn AIF
 BAILEY, S. L. 36th HAG
 BAIRD, P. T. 28th Bn AIF
 BAKER, A. J. H. 28th Bn AIF
 BAKER, T. J. 44th Bn AIF
 BALL, A. J. 2nd MGB AIF

BALL, F. W. 28th Bn AIF
 BALL, P. J. 44th Bn AIF
 BARNETT, C. 28th Bn AIF
 BARR, H. 44th Bn AIF
 BARRETT, P. D. 11th Bn AIF
 BARRY, W. F. 16th Bn AIF
 BARTER, R. D. 48th Bn AIF
 BATEMAN, H. P. 28th Bn AIF
 BATES, W. H. 28th Bn AIF
 BATES, W. F. 16th Bn AIF
 BATH, E. J. 2nd MGB AIF
 BATH, H. G. 12th Bn AIF
 BATH, L. J. 28th Bn AIF
 BATHERS, A. 51st Bn AIF
 BEARD, R. L. 10th LHR AIF
 BECKETT, R. D. H. 11th Bn AIF
 BEESLEY, W. 44th Bn AIF
 BELL, C. H. 27th Bn AIF
 BENHAM, G. E. 11th Bn AIF
 BENNETT, R. 10th LHR AIF
 BERESFORD, W. W. 16th Bn AIF
 BERGLUND, A. O. HMAT Karoola
 BERTRAND, A. F. 44th Bn AIF
 BICKLEY, T. G. 16th Bn AIF
 RIDMEAD, S. M. 4th DSC AIF
 BINNING, W. P. 4th LTMB AIF
 BISCHOFF, N. R. C. 28th Bn AIF
 BISCHOFF, W. S. 11th Bn AIF
 BLACK, M. D. 44th Bn AIF
 BLAKE, T. 11th Bn AIF
 BLAKE, A. 44th Bn AIF
 BLICK, J. S. 11th Bn AIF
 BLOCKLEY, L. 28th Bn AIF
 BOARDMAN, F. J. 51st Bn AIF
 BOASE, W. V. 7th Bn AIF
 BOGGY, J. 16th Bn AIF


 City of
Fremantle
 BOLES, J. 5th Par Bn AIF
 BOLTON, P. R. 16th Bn AIF
 BONEHILL, G. W. 51st Bn AIF
 BOURKE, M. P. J. AIF Depot
 BOURNE, C. W. 12th FAB AIF
 BOWEN, J. W. 45th Bn AIF
 BOYD, J. 11th Bn AIF
 BRADFORD, H. 11th Bn AIF
 BRADY, R. 11th Bn AIF
 BRADLEY, B. 25th MGC AIF
 BRANDON, C. 11th Bn AIF
 BRENNAN, C. 48th Bn AIF
 BREWER, F. W. 16th Bn AIF
 BRIDGICK, J. 4th Bn AIF
 BRIGGS, F. 12th Bn AIF
 BRIGGS, F. W. 51st Bn AIF
 BRITAIN, T. R. 12th Bn AIF
 BROMHAM, L. F. 5th MGB AIF
 BROOKE, A. 16th Bn AIF
 BROOKS, T. 28th Bn AIF
 BROWN, G. 28th Bn AIF
 BROWN, M. 12th Bn AIF
 BROWN, M. 44th Bn AIF
 BROWN, R. G. 51st Bn AIF
 BROWN, W. G. C. 44th Bn AIF
 BROWNE, R. H. W. 48th Bn AIF
 BROWNE, W. T. 44th Bn AIF
 BRYANT, E. E. 44th Bn AIF
 BUCKINGHAM, T. 10th LHR AIF
 BUCHHOLDT, F. A. 12th Bn KLR BEF
 BUDD, H. 28th Bn AIF
 BUDD, H. 48th Bn AIF
 BULL, E. 16th Bn AIF
 BULL, W. G. 11th LTMB AIF
 BULLEN, F. P. RE BEF
 BULLIARD, H. J. 11th Bn AIF
 BUNBURY, M. F. 11th Bn AIF
 BURDON, H. E. 11th Bn AIF

BURGESS, F. 11th Bn AIF
 BURKE, J. L. 25th Bn AIF
 BURNETT, A. J. 32nd Bn AIF
 BUSHBY, H. S. 11th Bn AIF
 BUTLER, B. 24th Bn AIF
 BUTLER, C. H. 4th MGC AIF
 BUTLER, N. T. 4th MGC AIF
 BUTTON, A. J. 51st Bn AIF
 BYERS, W. R. 44th Bn AIF
 CAIN, W. C. 11th Bn AIF
 CALDERWOOD, W. 10th LHR AIF
 CALHOUN, W. 48th Bn AIF
 CAMPBELL, J. 16th LHR AIF
 CAMPBELL, J. A. 12th Bn AIF
 CANNING, J. E. 14th Bn AIF
 CARLIN, E. B. 51st Bn AIF
 CARRINGTON, J. E. 11th Bn AIF
 CARROLL, J. J. 16th Bn AIF
 CARROLL, S. C. 16th Bn AIF
 CARROLL, T. G. 11th Bn AIF
 CARTER, G. G. 16th Bn AIF
 CARTER, H. 28th Bn AIF
 CARTER, P. H. 28th Bn AIF
 CARTER, S. G. 3rd FAB AIF
 CARTWRIGHT, T. C. 28th Bn AIF
 CAVENDER, C. 32nd Bn AIF
 CHALMERS, W. F. 16th Bn AIF
 CHAMBERLAIN, F. J. RANVR
 CHAMBERLAIN, J. 11th Bn AIF
 CHAMBERS, W. N. 6th Bn AIF
 CHAMPION, W. A. 44th Bn AIF
 CHARLESTON, A. J. 10th LHR AIF
 CHEGWIDDEN, V. L. AACM AIF
 CHIPPER, M. 16th Bn AIF
 CHIVERS, C. 16th Bn AIF
 CROULES, N. W. 11th Bn AIF

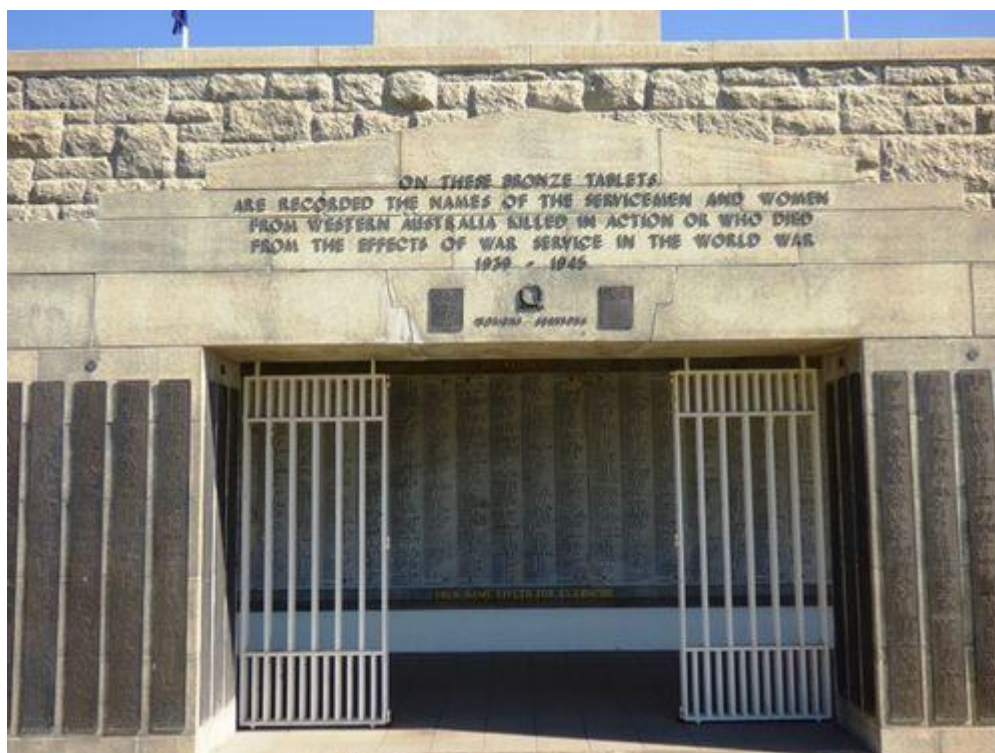
T. E. Arthur is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)



Newspaper Notices

The Arbitration Court

GOLDFIELDS INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

SITTINGS AT KALGOORLIE

NORSEMAN ENGINE-DRIVERS APPLICATION

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Thomas Elsbury Arthur, engine-driver and general secretary of the union, said that he had been engine driving for about nine years. Not in his experience had distinction been made in wages on account of the different engines used, but by reason of the class of work. The rates in the Boulder district for drivers were 13s.4d. and 15s. per shift. For the average man to get through the examinations he would have to work for three and a-half to four years. Two and a-half years would be the shortest time in which a man could pass. The witness handed in a list showing the prices of articles of food in Norseman.

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(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 16 May, 1905)

DENMARK BOATING DISASTER

THE INQUEST

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE

The inquest on the bodies of the victims of the Denmark boating disaster was opened at Denmark on November 6. Mr. J. D. Smith, J.P., acting coroner, presided and Messrs. Henry Pember, Patrick Hennessey, and Herbert Kiddle comprised the jury. Up to that time only the bodies of William Leonard Smeed and Everard Russell Smeed had been recovered and these having been formally identified by William John Morgan an adjournment was granted, on the application of Constable O'Brien. By the following day the remains of Albert William Smeed and Bertha Lillian Smeed had been found and the Coroner's Court again sat to take evidence of identification given by William John Morgan. At the request of the police a further adjournment was granted. The body of Leonard Smeed (known as Wright) was recovered the same day and the Court once more assembled to take evidence of identification from the same witness, an adjournment then again being granted. The inquest was resumed on the afternoon of the 11th inst.

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November 6, dragging was continued and the body of Albert William Smeed was recovered close to the wreck. Witness next decided to raise the sunken boat and succeeded in doing so by 4 p.m. He examined the craft and brought it, with the body recovered, ashore, some of the party with him remaining to continue dragging. About 7.30 p.m. Arthur and James came in with the body of Bertha Lillian Smeed. On Tuesday, November 7, witness and party continued dragging operations over an area of a quarter of a mile, and about 4 p.m. the body of Leonard Smeed (Wright) was found some 25 yards from the scene of the wreck. Witness examined the boat and found the jib halliard with three turns round the belaying pin and two hitches fastened on top of that. There were similar knots in the main halliard. The jib sheet was also fast to the thwart of the boat with two knots. In his opinion a boat with the sails so secured would be unsafe and he arrived at the conclusion that those in charge were inexperienced.

To the Jury : The body of W. L. Smeed was warm when found. The deceased was an aged man. The baby's body was cold. Two hats were found.

Thomas Elsbury Arthur deposed to being one of the party to recover the bodies of Albert William Smeed and Bertha Lillian Smeed. The former was found at 3 p.m. on the 6th and the latter at 6.15 p.m. He assisted to raise the boat and noticed that the main halliard was made so fast as to make it impossible to let it go in case of emergency. The jibsheet and halliards were also fast.

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The jury found a verdict to the effect "That the deceased came by their death through drowning in Wilson's Inlet on Sunday, November 5, owing to the capsizing of the boat Little Wonder caused by the inexperience of those handling her."

(Albany Advertiser, Western Australia – 18 November, 1911)

THE BENDIGO SEAT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION POLLING BEGINS TODAY

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The CANDIDATES

Thomas Elsbury Arthur, Lumpers' Union, Western Australia.....

(The Bendigo Independent, Victoria – 30 December, 1914)

PERSONAL

Mr J. A. Arthur, of Lydiard street, has received word that his son, Corporal Thomas Elsbury Arthur, has died of jaundice on Salisbury Plains. He was a brother of the late Mr John A. Arthur, who was a Federal Minister for External Affairs at the time of his death, just two years ago. His younger and only brother, Gordon, is also on active service. He leaves one sister, Mrs Vaughan, of Berrybank. His widow and daughter are residents of Perth, W.A.

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 15 December, 1916)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

254th CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Corporal T. E. Arthur (Claremont)

(The Western Australian, Perth, W.A. – 21 December, 1916)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

A letter from Base Records, dated 1st July, 1921, to Mrs E. Arthur, c/o Mrs Scott, 125 Cambridge Street, West Leederville, W.A., advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her late husband, Corporal T. E. Arthur, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Corporal T. E. Arthur does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

A Beautiful Memory Left Behind Of A Loving Husband & Father Kind

St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England

There was a 600 bed hutted military hospital at Fovant during the First World War, and the concentration of Australian depots and training camps in the area is reflected in the 63 First World War burials in this churchyard. The war graves form two groups, one west of the church and the other at the east end. There is also one burial of the Second World War. There are 44 War Graves belonging to those who served with the Australian Imperial Force in World War 1.

(Information from CWGC)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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(Photo c1919)



St George's Churchyard, Fovant – War Graves at front (*Churchyard photos courtesy of Andrew Stacey*)

Photo of Corporal T. E. Arthur's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England.





Cross of Sacrifice (Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)



St George's Churchyard, Fovant – War Graves at rear