

# Bulford War Graves



*Lest We Forget*

## World War 1



24395 DRIVER

**G. E. BROUGHTON**

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

2ND FEBRUARY, 1917 AGE 41

*For Our Sakes*

*Without Question*

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*All That He Cherished*

## George Edward BROUGHTON

George Edward Broughton was born at Harrow, Victoria in 1875 to parents George Alfred & Emily Oakley Broughton (nee Bancroft).

George Broughton attended Hamilton & Western District College, Victoria & Trinity College, Melbourne studying law.

George Edward Broughton married Mary Grace Mackiehan in 1912. A birth was registered in 1913 for George Campbell Broughton.

George Edward Broughton was a 41 year old, married, Grazier from Baallaarook, Coleraine, Victoria when he enlisted at Hamilton, Victoria on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1916 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisional Ammunition Column, No 1 Section of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 24395 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. G. Broughton of Baallaarook, Coleraine, Victoria. George Broughton stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with the Volunteer Cadets (Corporal).

Driver George Broughton embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Barambah* (A37) on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 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.

Driver George Broughton was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1916 with Bronchitis. He was discharged to duty on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1916.

Driver George Broughton was admitted to hospital again on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 with Influenza. He was marched in to No. 4 Command Depot, Wareham from Larkhill, Wiltshire on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 & sent to Hospital the same day.

Driver George Broughton was marched in to A.A.T. Depot at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1916. He was marched in to Bulford, Wiltshire from Larkhill on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

Driver George Broughton was admitted to the Military Hospital at Tidworth, Wiltshire on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 seriously ill with Asthma.

Driver George Edward Broughton died on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1917 at Military Hospital, Tidworth from Asthma (as stated on Field Service form). Several memos within Driver Broughton's Service Record file state he died of Broncho pneumonia. The summary page for Driver G. E Broughton, located in his Service Record file has Date of notation - 6.2.17 - "Died Asthma 2.2.17" then on 13.2.17 "NOK informed died from Broncho pneumonia not asthma."

A death for George Broughton, aged 42, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Andover, Wiltshire and Hampshire.

Driver George Edward Broughton was buried on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 in Bulford Church Cemetery, Wiltshire - Grave No. 2 Australian Reserve Section (CWGC Plot number 3. I. 2. ) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing File for Driver George Edward Broughton, 24395, contains a letter from the Military Hospital, Tidworth in reply to request for further information. The letter reads:

*"Broughton G. E. 24395 DIED OF ILLNESS 2-2-17*

*Pte J. E. Broughton was admitted here on 28-1-17 suffering from Broncho-pneumonia and only lived 5 days. The Sister who nursed him is now in Russia, so personal details are unavailable. He was buried in the Military Cemetery here, with all due Military honours.*

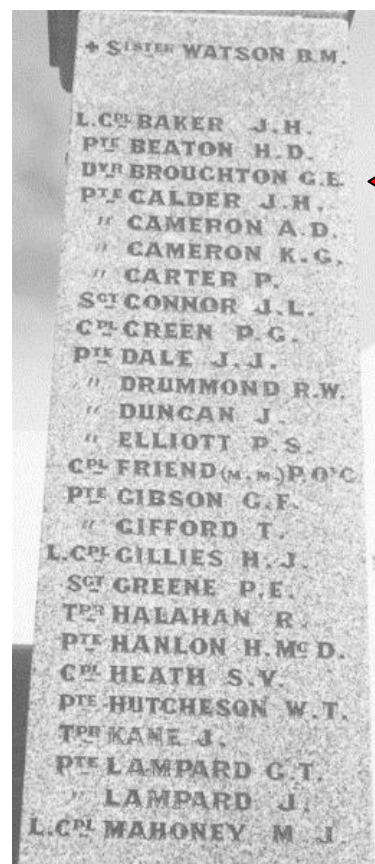
*It is the invariable rule here that the Sisters write to the next of kin of all men who die – especial care being taken with regard to men from the Colonies. If no letter was received by Pte Broughton's relatives, one must presume that the mails were lost at sea. I am very sorry that no details ever reached his home....."*

Driver George Edward Broughton 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 Driver Broughton's widow – Mrs M. G. Broughton (April, 1922 & August, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver George Edward Broughton – service number 24395, as being 41 years old & served with 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Ammunition Col., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of George Alfred and Emily Oakleigh Broughton; husband of Mary Grace Broughton of Ballaarook, Coleraine, Victoria. Born at Coleraine.

A War Pension was granted to Mary Grace Broughton, widow of late Driver George Edward Broughton in the sum of 22/3/- per fortnight, granted from 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1917. George Campbell Broughton, son of late Driver George Edward Broughton, was also granted a War Pension, in the sum of 20/- per fortnight, granted from 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1917.

Driver G. E. Broughton is remembered on the Coleraine War Memorial, located in front of the Court House at 78 Whyte Street, Coleraine, Southern Grampians Shire, Victoria.



**Coleraine War Memorial** (Photo from Vic. War Heritage Inventory)

Driver G. E. Broughton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

(60 pages of Driver George Edward Broughton's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*



**Driver George Edward Broughton**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **AUSTRALIANS IN WAR**

269th CASUALTY LIST

RETURNED TO DUTY

Driver G. E. Broughton, Coleraine

*(Hamilton Spectator, Vic – Tuesday 30 January 1917)*

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### **AMONG THE AUSTRALIANS**

DEATH OF QUARTER-MASTER BROUGHTON

Word was received on Thursday that Quarter-Master G. E. Broughton (son of Mr. George A. Broughton, Wannan Shire president) had succumbed in one of the home hospitals to an attack of asthma. It was only a few weeks back that he was officially reported to have returned to duty, and therefore to most people the sad news was a surprise. It would appear, however, that the unfortunate soldier had been much of his time, since he landed in England, in a Plate of ill-health, and with a tendency in the direction of asthma one can imagine that the phenomenal severity of the present European winter would have a very adverse effect. Evidently his physical condition should have spared him for duty in a more congenial climate, but a sense of duty and patriotism led him to offer his services unconditionally. All who knew Q.-M. Broughton appreciated his qualities of character, and will sorrow with his surviving relatives, the nearest of whom are his wife and child, father and mother, brother and sister. Deceased, who was 42 years of age, was born at Kouf Norien, Harrow. He was educated at the Hamilton College, and subsequently studied for the legal profession. As a barrister he gained the distinction of the LL.B. degree, besides that of B.A. He also passed all examinations for the LL M. standard, but did not take up that degree. After being admitted to the bar he preferred following the industry of the land, and remained in pastoral interests till he enlisted. Locally he filled the position of president of the Racing Club, having been re-elected to the office whilst away on duty for King and country. On Saturday, at a meeting of the committee, a resolution of condolence was passed.

*(Coleraine Albion and Western Advertiser, Vic – Monday 12 February 1917)*

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### **AUSTRALIANS IN WAR**

272<sup>nd</sup> CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Driver G. E. BROUGHTON, Coleraine

*(Hamilton Spectator, Vic – Thursday 15 February 1917)*

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### **CASUALTIES ABROAD**

Councillor Broughton, president of the Wannan Shire, has been notified that his son, Quarter-master G. E. Broughton, has died from asthma in an English Hospital. Deceased was a pastoralist, though trained as a barrister. He had gained the LL.B. and B.A. degree.

*(The Argus, Vic – Thursday 15 February 1917)*

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## **DIED ON SERVICE**

BROUGHTON – On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at Tidworth Military Hospital, England (of bronchial pneumonia), George Edward Broughton, LL.B., 3<sup>rd</sup> D.A.C., of Ballaarook, Coleraine.

*(The Argus, Vic – Saturday 17 February 1917)*

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## **Artistic Memorial Panel**

A novel and artistic roll of honor for the Hamilton Club, Hamilton, has been designed and carved by Mr J. K. Blogg, of Surrey Hills, in memory of his brother-in-law, Mr G. E. Broughton, pastoralist, of Coleraine, who fell in the service of the Empire. The work consists of a panel, sculptured in Australian white mahogany in a setting of teak wood. Prominently set in the upper part of the panel is a strong branch of gum leaves, intended to represent the Australian branch of the British Empire, and the leaves a company of men. Fallen leaves are shown at the bottom of the panel, with a copper plate bearing the words, "Leaves from a strong branch; some of them have fallen," together with the names of those on the roll of honor. One of the leaves is uninjured, representing a man who fell unwounded. The panel is on view at Glen's music warehouse, Collins-street.

*(The Age, Vic – Monday 21 May 1917)*

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## **MELBOURNE NEWS**

The will of the late Mr G. E. Broughton, grazier, Coleraine, has been lodged for probate value £21,205 to his wife and child.

*(Portland Guardian, Vic – Wednesday 22 August 1917)*

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## 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 in Bulford Church Cemetery. 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)*

Driver G. E. Broughton does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Driver G. E. Broughton's Headstone at Bulford Church Cemetery, Wiltshire.



*(Photo courtesy of Andrea Charlesworth 2012)*



**Bulford Church Cemetery** (*Photo courtesy of Andrea Charlesworth 2012*)