

**Doune Cemetery,
Girvan, Scotland
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



SECOND LIEUTENANT

W. H. C. BUNTINE

ROYAL FLYING CORPS

19TH JUNE, 1917

Walter Horace Carlyle (Lyle) BUNTINE

Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was born on 10th August, 1895 in Victoria to parents Walter Murray Buntine & Bertha Florence Buntine (nee Gibbs). His birth was registered in the district of Armadale, Victoria in 1895, however according to his Attestation Papers Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine listed he was born at Hawksburn, Victoria & from information for the Roll of Honour – his place of birth was listed as Toorak, Victoria.

Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine attended Caulfield Grammar School & enrolled in first year of Medicine at the University of Melbourne, Victoria.

Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 15th May, 1915 in Melbourne, Victoria. He was a 19 year old, single, Medical Student from East St. Kilda, Victoria. His religion was Presbyterian & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. M. Buntine, Caulfield Grammar School, East St. Kilda, Victoria. Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets for 4 years & had served with Volunteer Cadet Corps for 2 to 3 years.

As Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was under the age of 21 years, his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service abroad. W. M. Buntine signed the following letter dated 15th May, 1915: *“My son, W. H. C. Buntine, who has already been medically examined, I understand, has the permission of his parents to enlist for active service with Australian Expeditionary Forces.”*

Private Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was posted to Depot on 15th May, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) Clearing Hospital on 22nd May, 1915 for duty.

Corporal Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine embarked from Melbourne, Victoria HMAT *Orsova* on 17th July, 1915, as confirmed by the Australian War Memorial, with Hospital Transport Corps. (Corporal Buntine is listed on two Embarkation Rolls on the Australian War Memorial website – the other Embarkation Roll listed he had embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Kanowna (A61)* on 17th July, 1915 with the Army Medical Corps – Hospital Transports). He disembarked at Suez on 12th August, 1915.

Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was discharged in England from Australian Imperial Force on 20th September, 1915 having been granted a Commission in the Imperial Army - Notts & Derbyshire Regimental Imperial Army (Sherwood Foresters).

Supplement to the London Gazette – 20 September, 1915:

INFANTRY

The undermentioned to be Second Lieutenants (on probation). Dated 20th September, 1915, unless otherwise stated.

Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine joined R.F.C. (Royal Flying Corps). He was posted to No. 9 Reserve Squadron at Norwich in April, 1916..

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine qualified as Pilot & gained his Royal Aero Club Aviator's Certificate on 16th May, 1916 at Military School, Thetford, England flying a Maurice Farman Biplane – Royal Aero Club Certificate No. 2982.

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was transferred to No. 11 Squadron on 4th July, 1916.

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was acting as an escort to a bombing raid near the railway at Irlès when his plane (F.E. 2b 6988) was badly damaged & he was wounded in the right arm on 9th September, 1916 in France. His Observer, Sergeant G. J. Morton, was unharmed. Second Lieutenant Buntine was awarded the Military Cross for his action.

Newspaper item – *Derby Daily Telegraph*, England – 21 October, 1916:

GALLANTRY REWARDED

LOCAL RECIPIENTS OF MILITARY CROSS

... The following are local recipients of the Military Cross:-

Second-lieut. Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine, Notts. And Derby Regiment and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. As escort to a bombing raid he attacked several hostile machines, one of which fell to the ground nose first. Later he was attacked by three enemy machines, his own machine being damaged and himself severely wounded. With great skill he managed to land in our lines, though most of his propeller was shot away and his machine otherwise much damaged."



Second Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine Attacking Hostile Aeroplanes, One Of Which Falls To The Ground Nose First

(War Print – Cranston Fine Arts)

Military Cross

The Military Cross (MC) is the third-level (second-level pre-1993) military decoration awarded to officers and (since 1993) other ranks of the British Armed Forces, and formerly awarded to officers of other Commonwealth countries.

The MC is granted in recognition of "*an act or acts of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy on land*" to all members of the British Armed Forces of any rank. In 1979, the Queen approved a proposal that a number of awards, including the Military Cross, could be recommended posthumously. (Wikipedia)



Military Cross (M.C.)

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was returned to Australia on furlough. Walter Horace Buntine, Army Officer, aged 21, was a passenger on *Kaisar I Hind* which departed from the port of London, England on 13th October, 1916 for Australia. He arrived in Fremantle, Western Australia on 21st November, 1916 & in Sydney, NSW on 27th November, 1916.

A Medical Board was assembled at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia on 5th December, 1916 for the purpose of examining & reporting on the present state of health of Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine, Royal Flying Corps. *"At Gommecourt (?), France on the 9th September he received a G.S.W. to the right arm causing a compound fracture of the humerus. The wounds have healed & the fracture is united. There is stiffness of the elbow joint. He requires further treatment by massage. He also suffers from marked traumatic neurasthenia."* The injury was caused by Military Service - while flying received wounds from machine guns of enemy aeroplane. The Board found he was not fit for three months,

A Medical Board was assembled at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia on 5th February, 1917 for the purpose of examining & reporting on the present state of health of Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine, Royal Flying Corps. *"Since he was last examined by a Medical Board his arm has greatly improved. The bone is quite firm and all the movements of all the joints are satisfactory. He is still Neurasthenic and says that he sleeps badly and is "nervy" & "f___ks" – we do not think he is yet fit for active service in a Flying Corps. – Not fit for three months."*

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine sailed for England in April, 1917.

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was posted to No. 2 (Auxiliary) School of Aerial Gunnery at Turnberry, Scotland & appointed as Instructional Staff at Turnberry Flying School.

R.A.F. Turnberry

RAF Turnberry was an airfield in Scotland used by the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and the Royal Air Force (RAF) during the First World War, and again by the RAF in the Second World War. Between the two wars, the site reverted to its pre-1914 use as the Turnberry Golf Course and hotel. It reverted to this use again after the Second World War. Although there is still a disused landing strip, the site is now the Trump Turnberry.

During the First World War, the base housed No. 1 School of Aerial Fighting (Loch Doon, to the east, was used for a School of Aerial Gunnery). The school merged with No. 2 (Auxiliary) School of Air Gunnery, becoming No. 1 School of Aerial Fighting and Gunnery, renamed No. 1 Fighting School (North-West Area) on 29 May 1918. It provided pilots with three-week courses in the arts of aerial gunnery and combat. It was disbanded on 25 January 1919. The Turnberry Hotel was used during the war as a hospital for the wounded. After the war, courses 1 and 2 were rebuilt and renamed "Ailsa" and "Arran". A memorial to honour lost airmen was erected on the hill overlooking the 12th green of Ailsa and still remains.

(Wikipedia)

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine (Observer) & Sergeant Stanley Charles Appleton, Service number 3661, of No. 2 (Auxiliary) School of Aerial Gunnery were flying FE 2b – serial number A817 on 19th June, 1917 from Turnberry, Scotland. The Aeroplane stalled on a turn after take off at Dalquhat Farm & burnt after crashing. Both men were killed in the accident.

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine died on 19th June, 1917 at Turnberry, Ayrshire, Scotland as a result of an aeroplane accident.

A Court of Inquiry was held – *“Accident due to stalling on a turn at a height insufficient for recovery to be made from ensuing nosedive - at the time of the accident - the machine had not reached the spot appld for practise to be carried out but were gaining their height while on journey out. Machine caught fire on striking ground.”*

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine was buried in Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland – Plot number D. 2 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (Sergeant Stanley Charles Appleton was buried in his home town of Warrington, Lancashire).

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine (of Australian Medical Corps, A.I.F., Notts & Derby Regiment & R.F.C.) was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal – these were to be issued by Imperial Army. .

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Second Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine, of Royal Flying Corps (and 4th Bn., Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)). Awarded Military Cross.

Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine 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.



Commemorative Roll (Photo from AWM)

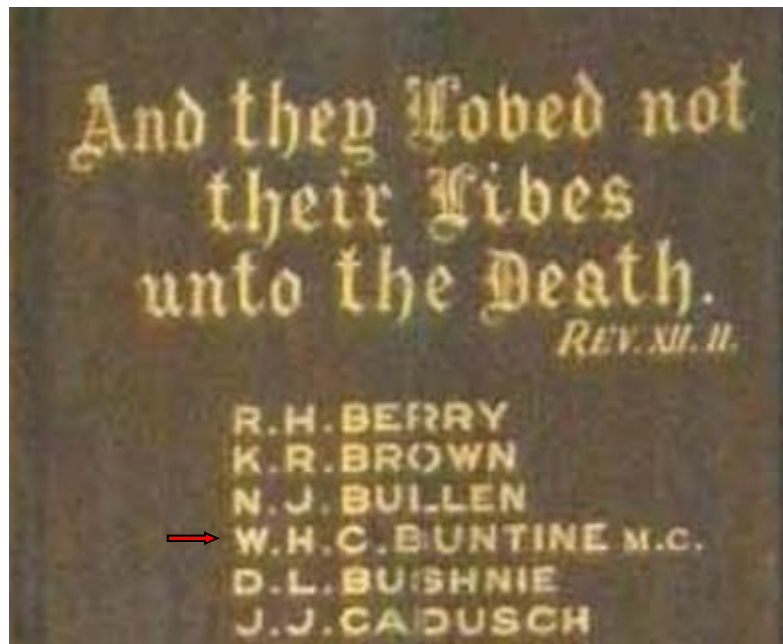


Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (Capital Photographer)

W. H. C. Buntine, M.C., is membered on the WW1 On Active Service & Deaths, located at Caulfield Grammar School, Victoria. A School Science prize is awarded in his name annually at Speech Night.

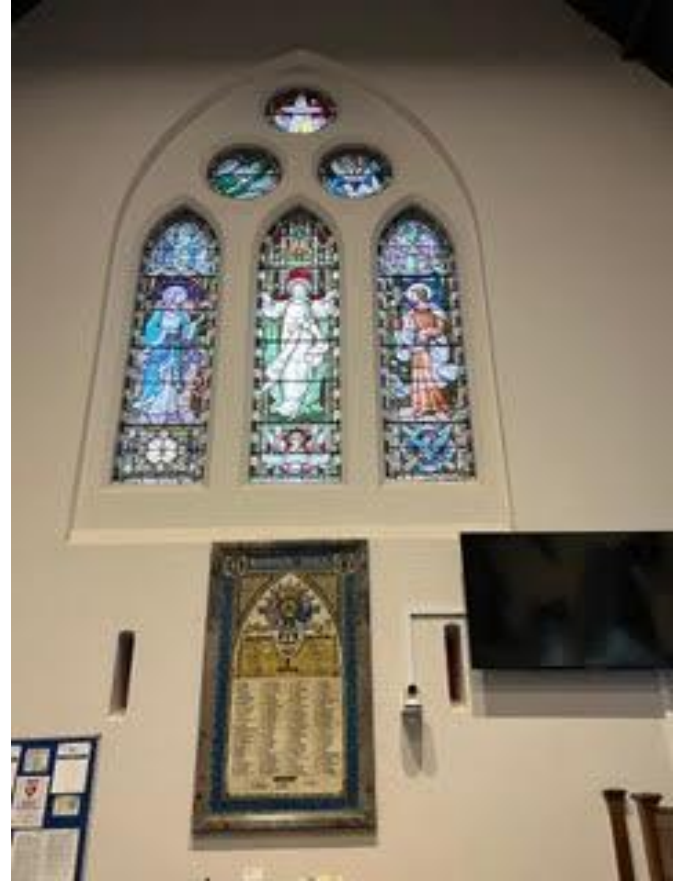


Caulfield Grammar School Active Service & Death WW1 Honour Board
(Photo courtesy of Caulfield Grammar School)



W. H. C. Buntine, M.C., is remembered on the Caulfield Anglican Church Roll of Honour, located below the Stained Glass Window for World War 1, located at 281 Glen Eira Road, Elsternwick, Victoria (now Oaktree Anglican Church).





Caulfield Anglican Church Roll of Honour

(Photos courtesy of Oaktree Anglican Church)



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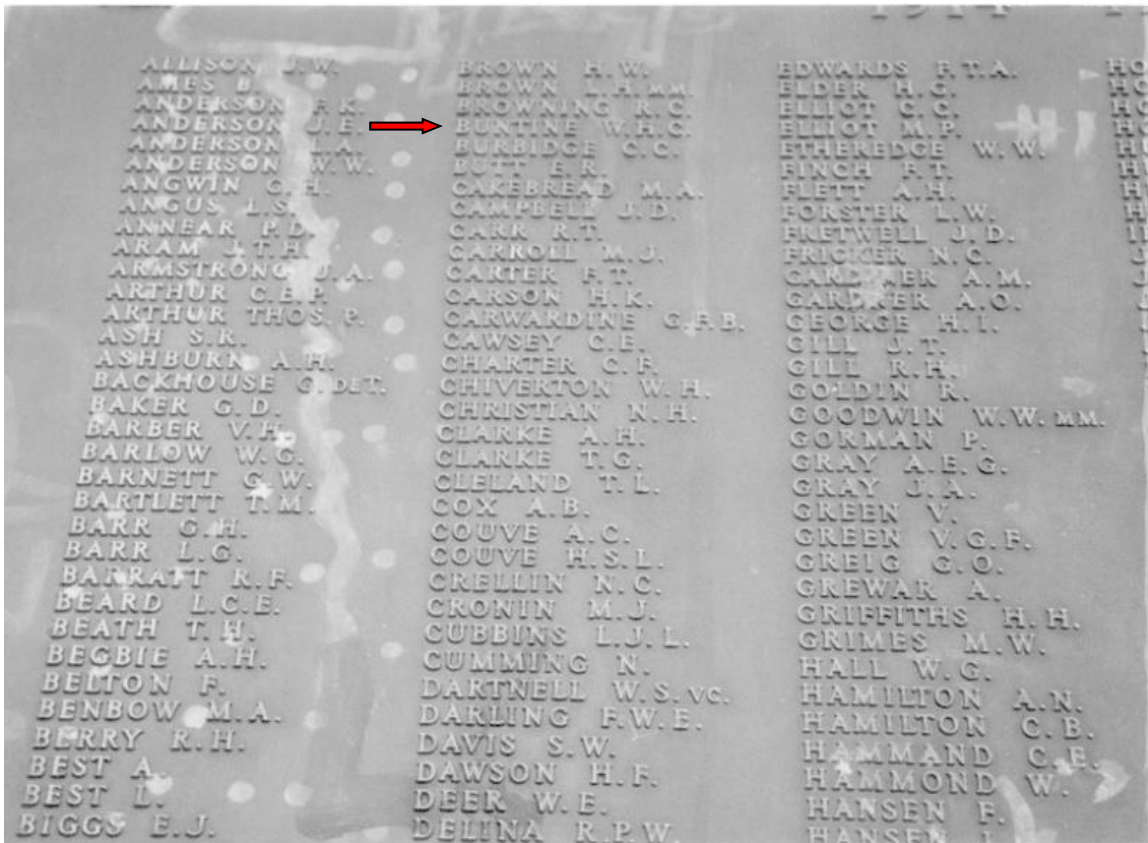
Caulfield Anglican Church Roll of Honour

W. H. C. Buntine is remembered on the Caulfield Memorial Stone, located in Caulfield Park, Hawthorn & Balaclava Roads, Caulfield North, Victoria.



Caulfield Memorial Stone

(Photo above from Monument Australia; below from Victorian Heritage Database)



W. H. Buntine is remembered on the City of Caulfield Honor Roll (West Wall) located in Glen Eira City Hall, Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, Victoria.



City of Caulfield Honor Roll (Photo above from VWMA)

W. H. C. Buntine is remembered on the Turnberry School of Aerial Gunnery & Fighting Memorial, located on the headland near Turnberry Lighthouse, Turnberry, Kyle & Carrick, Strathclyde, Scotland. The Airfield is now the 12th Hole of the Trump Turnberry Golf Course.



(Photo from Twitter – Trump Turnberry)



Turnberry School of Aerial Gunnery & Fighting Memorial

(Photos courtesy of Girvan & District Great War Project)



(27 pages of Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine's A.I.F. 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) & National Archives





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Studio portrait of four soldiers dressed in their training uniforms.

One soldier (standing, left) is identified as **243 Corporal (Cpl) Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine**, Unit Hospital Ship Details, of Hawksburn, Vic. Cpl Buntine enlisted on 15 May 1915 and served at a Clearing Hospital from 22 May 1915 until 17 July 1915; at the Hospital Ship Details Corps from 17 July 1915 until 19 September 1915. In 1916 Buntine was commissioned into the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) as a 2nd Lieutenant pilot and he was later awarded the Military Cross for his actions. During one such aerial action he was severely wounded but managed to crash land his damaged aircraft in the allied lines. He was discharged from the RFC on medical grounds on 19 September 1919.



LIEUT. W. H. C. BUNTINE

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 October, 1916)



(Photo courtesy of Girvan & District Great War Project)



Lyle Buntine (around 1916) *(Photo courtesy of Caulfield Grammar School)*



(Photos from “*Empire’s Noble Son*” – Daryl Moran)



Newspaper Notices

PERSONAL

Mr W. H. C. Buntine, son of the head master of Caulfield Grammar School, who left Australia as corporal in the Army Medical Corps in July last, has transferred to the Imperial Forces in England. He has obtained a commission, and is now attached to the Notts and Derby Regiment, 4th Battalion, which is stationed for the present at Tynemouth, England.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 November, 1915)

MILITARY CROSS AWARD

It has been learned by cable that Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine, eldest son of the head master of Caulfield Grammar School, who was recently reported to be wounded in France, has been awarded the Military Cross for his services. He was a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps, and has been on active service for some months in connection with the great offensive.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 October, 1916)

MILITARY CROSS WON



LIEUT. W. H. C. BUNTINE

The eldest son of Mr W. M. Buntine, M.A., principal of Caulfield Grammar School, Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine, who has been awarded the Military Cross. He was a member of the Royal (British) Flying Corps, and was recently reported to have been wounded in France.

For three years he was a member of the first eighteen, and of the athletic team at Caulfield Grammar School. In 1913 he was second in the school athletic championship, and won the 100 breast-stroke race at the combined swimming sports.

At the Victorian championships in 1915 he won the pole vault. In addition to following field athletics he was a good gymnast and wrestler.

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 October, 1916)

PERSONAL

After having been severely wounded in France, Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine, son of Mr W. M. Buntine, head master of the Caulfield Grammar School, has been invalided home. He arrived in Melbourne yesterday, and was given a hearty reception by the pupils at the school.

(The Australasian, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 December, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

BUNTINE – On the 19th June, killed through aeroplane accident at School of Aerial Gunnery, Turnberry, Scotland, Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntin, M.C., dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs Buntine, of Caulfield Grammar School.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 21 June, 1917)

PERSONAL

Mr W. M. Buntine, of Caulfield Grammar School, has been informed of the death, through an aeroplane accident, of his son, Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine, of the Royal Flying Corps. Lieutenant Buntine had only recently returned to England after two months at home, having been wounded on the Somme in France. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and skill. Lieutenant Buntine was a nephew of Dr H. R. Gibbs, dentist, of Baylis street

(Daily Advertiser, Wagga Wagga, NSW – 22 June, 1917)

The War

By cable message received Mr W. C. Buntine, of Caulfield Grammar School, has been informed of the death, through aeroplane accident, of his son, Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine, of the Royal Flying Corps. Lieutenant Buntine, who is a nephew of Mrs Bindley, of Notting Hill, had only recently returned to England after two months at home having been wounded while on active service in France. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and skill.

(Oakleigh and Caulfield Times Mulgrave and Ferntree Gully Guardian, Victoria – 30 June, 1917)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine has a Private Headstone.



**Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine's original Cross
marking his grave in Doune Cemetery, Girvan.**

(Photo courtesy of Girvan & District Great War Project)

Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland

Doune Cemetery, Girvan contains twenty one (21) Commonwealth burials of World War 1 and twenty (20) from World War 2, two of which are unidentified. There are also four Foreign National burials.



Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland (Photo by Billy McCrorie)



Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland (Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Second Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine's Private Headstone in Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland.



(Photo by Geoffrey Gillon)



(Photo courtesy of Girvan & District Great War Project)



(Photo courtesy of Girvan & District Great War Project)

*In
Loving Memory
Of
WALTER H. CARLYLE BUNTINE M.C.
2ND Lieut. Sherwood Foresters
And
Royal Flying Corps
Aged 21 Years

Born at Melbourne, Australia
On 10TH August, 1895.
Left On Active Service*



(Photo courtesy of Girvan & District Great War Project)

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Left On Active Service

17TH July, 1915

Wounded In France,

9TH September, 1916.

Accidentally Killed at Turnberry

19TH June, 1917