

**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire,
England - War Graves**

World War 1



Lest We Forget



31 PRIVATE

E. CARR

33RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH OCTOBER, 1916 Age 24

*Private Headstone for Pte E. Carr is located in Grave Plot # 111
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Ernest CARR

Ernest Carr was born in 1893 at Woolbrook, New South Wales. His birth was registered in 1893 in the district of Walcha, New South Wales. His mother was listed as Mary I. Carr, his father was not listed. Ernest Carr's parents – Ernest Moffat Carr & Mary Isabel Martin married in the district of Murrurundi, NSW on 16th May, 1894.

Ernest Carr attended Woolbrook School, NSW.

Ernest Carr was a 22 year old, married*, Labourer from Woolbrook, NSW when he enlisted at Boggabri on 20th November, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 31 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Bertha Carr of Manilla, New South Wales.

A marriage was registered in the district of Manilla, NSW in 1916* between Ernest Carr and Bertha McDonald.

(* Ernest Carr enlisted in 1915 & stated he was married)

Private Ernest Carr embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Marathon* (A74) on 4th May, 1916 with the 33rd Infantry Battalion "A" Company & disembarked at Devonport, England on 9th July, 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.

Private Ernest Carr was admitted seriously ill with pneumonia to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 8th September, 1916.

Private Ernest Carr died on 9th October, 1916 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England of Pneumothorax Cardiac Failure.

A death for Ernest Carr, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Ernest Carr was buried at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – plot number 111 on 12th October, 1916.

A War Pension was awarded to Mrs Barth Carr, widow of late Private Ernest Carr, in the sum of £2 per fortnight granted from 14th December, 1916

Private Ernest Carr 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 Private Carr's widow – Mrs Bertha Carr of Namoi Street, Manilla, NSW (February, 1922 & August, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Ernest Carr – service number 31 as having served with 33rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Ernest and Mary Isabella Carr; husband of Bertha Carr of Box Vale, Halls Creek, Manilla, New South Wales. Born at Woolbrook, NSW.

Private E. Carr is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 121.

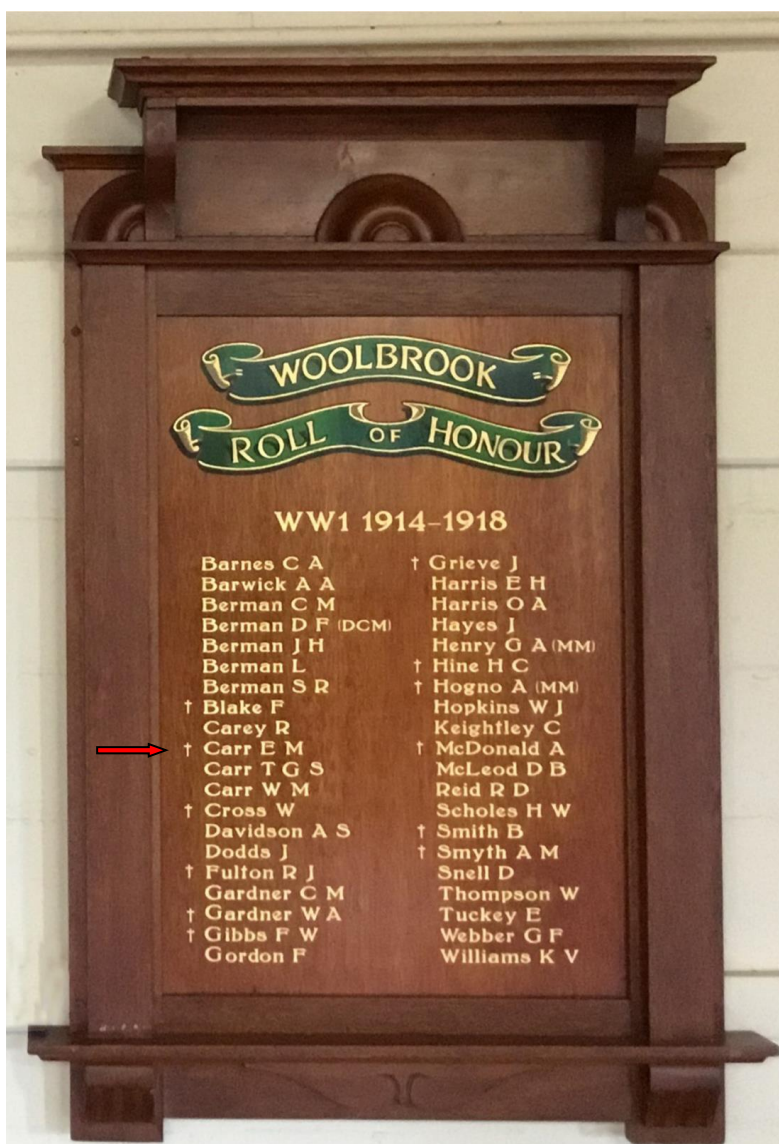


(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

E. M. Carr is remembered on the Woolbrook Roll of Honour, located in A.I.F. School of Arts Hall, Danglemah Road, near Singh Road, Woolbrook, NSW

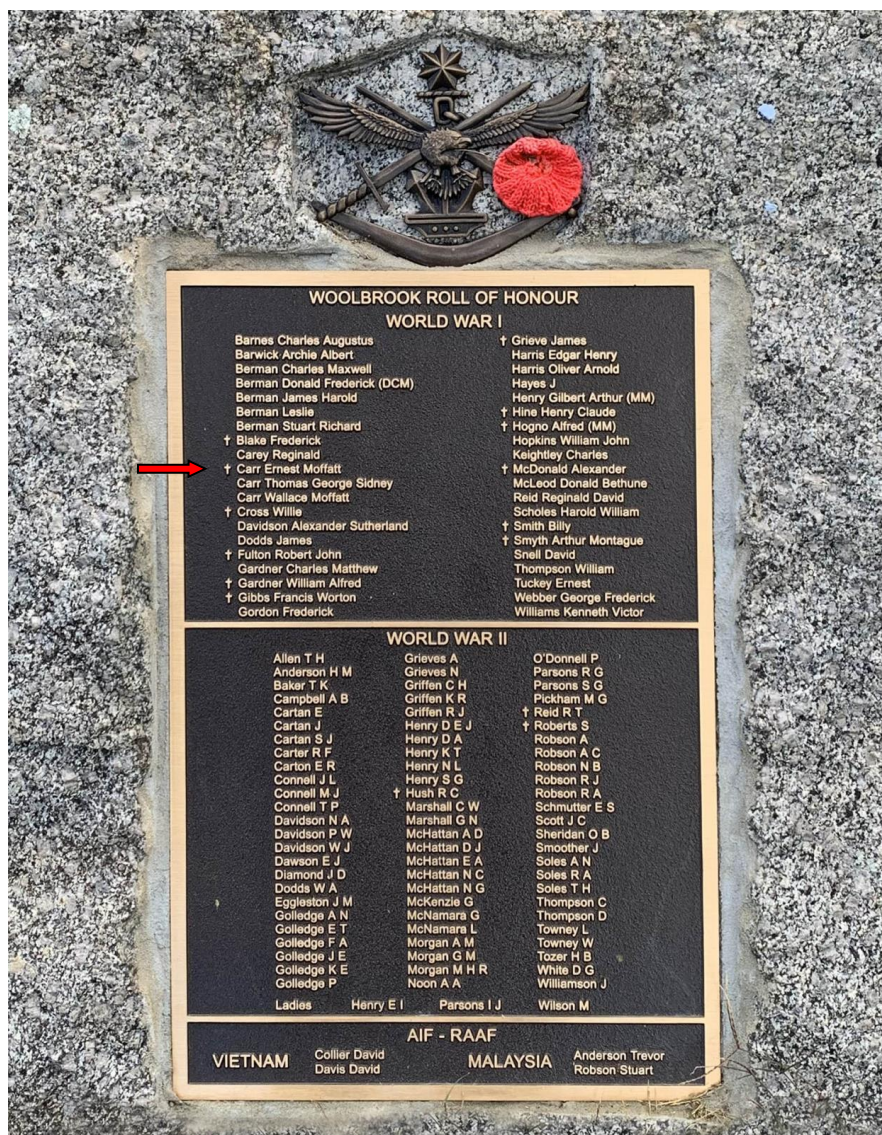


Woolbrook Roll of Honour (Photo from War Memorials Register NSW – Graham Wilson)

Ernest Moffatt Carr is remembered on the Woolbrook War Memorial, located at in A.I.F. School of Arts Hall, Danglemah Road, near Singh Road, Woolbrook, NSW.



Woolbrook War Memorial (Photos from War Memorials Register NSW – Graham Wilson)



E. M. Carr is remembered on the Woolbrook Public School Roll of Honour, located in Woolbrook Public School, Church Street, Woolbrook, NSW.



Woolbrook Public School Roll of Honour (Photo from War Memorials Register NSW)

E. Carr is remembered on the Walcha & District War Memorial, located at Hill & Derby Streets, Walcha, NSW.





Walcha & District War Memorial (Photo from Monument Australia)

E. Carr is remembered on the Presbyterian Church of Australia – Walcha Charge - Great War Honour Roll, located in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 8 Hill Street East, Walcha, NSW.



Presbyterian Church of Australia – Walcha Charge - Great War Honour Roll

(Photo from War Memorials Register NSW – Graham Wilson)

(53 pages of Private Ernest Carr's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Ernie Carr

Newspaper Reports

DEATH OF A SOLDIER

PRIVATE E. CARR

Rev. T. J. Redhead yesterday received a telegram from the authorities announcing the death of Private Ernest Carr, from pneumonia. Death occurred at Farger Hospital (Farland). Private Carr was engaged in farm work at Hall's Creek, and is a son of a Woolbrook's grazier. He was married to Miss Bertha McDonald, of Hall's Creek, January, this year. He arrived in England in April, and during his course of training there contracted pneumonia. He was 22 years of age. To his young wife and relatives we extend the full measure of sympathy in their loss.

(Manilla Express, NSW – 18 October, 1916)

LATEST CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of wounds or other causes: E. Carr (Manilla)

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW Friday 27 October, 1916)

LATE PRIVATE CARR

Comrades' and Officers' Sympathy

Mrs. Carr, of Woolbrook, has received a number of letters from military officers and others concerning the death of her son, Private Ernest Carr who died at Salisbury Plains of heart failure, supervening on an earlier attack of pneumonia.

Captain-Chaplin G. S. Richmond writes, expressing the deepest sorrow and sympathy, at the death of a man, who was well-liked by all. He adds that Private Carr had done all that any soldier could do, and had given his life for his country and all that he held dear. The letter concludes with an earnest wish that the mother and wife of the deceased soldier may be granted the comfort of the Heaven sympathy in their great sorrow.

Lieut-Colonel L. J. Morshead, of the 33rd Battalion, write: "I am very grieved to learn of the death of your son, No. 31, Private Ernest Carr. It comes as a surprise, as he was making good progress towards recovery from pneumonia. Death was due to heart failure. His officers had been down to see him two days before his death. His platoon and the regimental band attended his funeral. He was buried with full military honors. Your son was indeed a splendid soldier, always reliable and hard-working, with a keen sense of duty. He was held in the highest esteem and was beloved by all. I wanted you to know how greatly the officers, non-commissioned officers and men feel for yourself and your family in this great loss. All send their most heart-felt sympathy."

Mr. J. Berman, of Woolbrook who sends the above particulars states that he knew the late Private Carr well and can endorse the statements as to his excellent character and manly life. He mentions that Private Jim. Dodds, a comrade of the deceased soldier, had a cross erected over his last resting place for which thoughtful and kindly action Mrs. Carr feels deeply grateful.

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW - 23 December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

CARR – Private E. Carr (Ernie) of the 33rd Battalion, who died at Durrington, England, 9th October, 1916. Aged 23 years.

Deeply mourned

By his loving wife, mother, sisters and brothers.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW Tuesday 8 October, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

CARR – In sad and loving memory of Pte Ernie Carr, who died at Salisbury, England, on October 9, 1916.

Inserted by his loving wife, mother, sisters and brothers.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW Tuesday 9 September, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

CARR – In sad and loving memory of Private Ernie Carr who died at Salisbury, England, on October 19, 1916.

Inserted by his loving wife, mother, sisters and brothers.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW Thursday 9 October, 1919)

Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Durrington Cemetery contains burials of both wars. The 204 First World War burials were mostly from nearby Larkhill Camp. Many of the graves are of Australian servicemen and there is a separate Australian memorial in the cemetery. The Second World War burials number 22. In addition to the war graves, there are a number of post-war service graves in the cemetery, mostly of the Royal Air Force.

(Information from CWGC)



Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*

Photo of Private E. Carr's private headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England which was erected by his comrades.



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Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo from CWGC)*