

**Heaton Cemetery,
Bolton, Lancashire, England**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LIEUTENANT

E. J. DAWES

H.M.S. EPSOM

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

27TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 30

Edward John DAWES

Edward John Dawes was born on 29th April, 1888 at Williamstown, Victoria to parents Richard Jackson Dawes & Catherine Shearer Dawes (nee Nicholson).

Edward John Dawes attended Scotch College, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria from 1901 to 1903.

Catherine Shearer Dawes, mother of Edward John Dawes, died on 9th September, 1897 at Williamstown, Victoria, Australia.

Edward John Dawes joined Merchant Service. He enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserved in 1914 in UK.

Edward John Dawes received his Certificate of Competency as Second Mate of a Foreign-Going Ship in the Merchant Service on 21st June, 1912.



Edward John Dawes received his Certificate of Competency as First Mate of a Foreign-Going Ship in the Merchant Service on 23rd April, 1914.



Edward John Dawes was listed as Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve serving on *John Sanderson* as listed in UK Navy Lists for November, 1914.

Edward John Dawes was listed as Temporary Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve serving on *John Sanderson* as listed in UK Navy Lists for April, 1915.

Edward John Dawes was Sub Lieutenant Temporary from 19th June, 1915. He served on *Carmarnia* from 1st July, 1915 & was discharged to Devonport Depot for disposal in 8th July, 1915. He also served on H.M.S. *Marigold* from 18th July, 1915.

From *The London Gazette* – 29 June, 1915:

Royal Naval Reserve

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 16th December, 1912, temporary commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve have been issued as follows:-

SUB-LIEUTENANTS

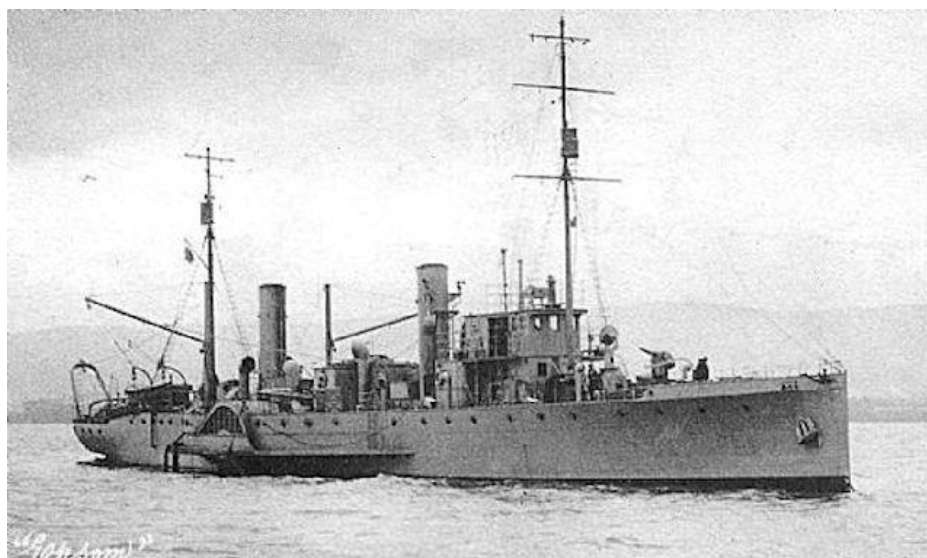
Edward John Dawes

Edward John Dawes gained a Commission in the Royal Naval Reserve in 1915.

Royal Naval Reserve

The Royal Naval Reserve (R.N.R.) is the volunteer reserve force of the Royal Navy in the United Kingdom. The present R.N.R. was formed by merging the original Royal Naval Reserve, created in 1859, and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (R.N.V.R.), created 1903. On mobilisation in 1914, the R.N.R. consisted of 30,000 officers and men. Officers of the permanent R.N.R. on general service quickly took up seagoing appointments in the fleet, many in command, in destroyers, submarines, auxiliary cruisers and Q-ships. Others served in larger units of the battle fleet including a large number with the West Indies Squadron who became casualties at the Battle of Coronel and later at Jutland. Fishermen of the R.N.R. (T) section served with distinction on board trawlers fitted out as minesweepers for mine clearance operations at home and abroad throughout the war where they suffered heavy casualties and losses. *(Information on R.N.R. from Wikipedia)*

Temporary Acting Lieutenant Edward John Dawes served on H.M.S. *Epsom* from 26th June, 1916 as Lieutenant commanding. *Epsom* was one of thirty two Ascot Class paddle minesweepers for the Royal Navy. A collision occurred between the *Epsom* & *Welton* on 22nd August, 1916 & Dawes was severely cautioned by the Admiralty.



H.M.S. *Epsom*

Edward John Dawes was listed as Acting Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve serving on *Epsom* as listed in UK Navy Lists for October, 1916.

Edward John Dawes was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant, R.N.R., & took effect from 19 June, 1917.

Edward John Dawes was listed as Temporary Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve serving on *Epsom* as listed in UK Navy Lists for August, 1917.

Temporary Lieutenant Edward John Dawes was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (D.S.C.) for services in Minesweeping Operations between 1st April, 1917 & 31st December, 1917. Gazetted 17th April, 1918. The D.S.C. is awarded in recognition of an act or acts of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy at sea.



Distinguished Service Cross (D.S.C.)

Lieutenant Edward John Dawes died on 27th October, 1918 at Jesmond House, Bridge Street, Bolton, Lancashire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for Edward J. Dawes, aged 30, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Bolton, Lancashire, England.

Lieutenant Edward John Dawes was buried on 1st November, 1918 in Heaton Cemetery, Bolton, Lancashire, England – Plot number 2 B1 (N.C.) 36 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledge by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Probate Details:

Dawes, Edward John, of H.M.S. *Epsom*, Lieutenant, R.N.R. died 27 October 1918 at Jesmond House, Bridge Street, Bolton, Lancashire. Administration (limited) London 12 April to Ronald Richard Dawes, Second Lieutenant R,E, the attorney of Richard Jackson Dawes. Effects £439 2s. 8d.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Edward John Dawes, aged 30, of H.M.S. *Epsom*, Royal Naval Reserve. D.S.C. He was the son of Richard and Catherine Dawes, of "Elsich", 111 Wattle Valley Rd., East Camberwell, Melbourne, Australia.

Lieutenant Edward John Dawes 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 Area of the Australian War Memorial (*Capital Photographer*)





(Scotch College Melbourne website)



Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

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.

Lieutenant Edward John Dawes has a Private Headstone.

Heaton Cemetery, Bolton, Lancashire, England

Heaton Cemetery has 215 Commonwealth War Graves – 136 from World War 1 & 79 from World War 2.



Entrance to Heaton Cemetery, Bolton (Photo by Mike Berrell – Find a Grave)



Heaton Cemetery, Bolton (Photo by Peter Lucas – Find a Grave)

Photo of Lieutenant E. J. Dawes' Private Headstone in Heaton Cemetery, Bolton, Lancashire, England.



Also Of LIEUT. EDWARD JOHN DAWES

D.S.C., - R.N.R., Nephew Of The Above

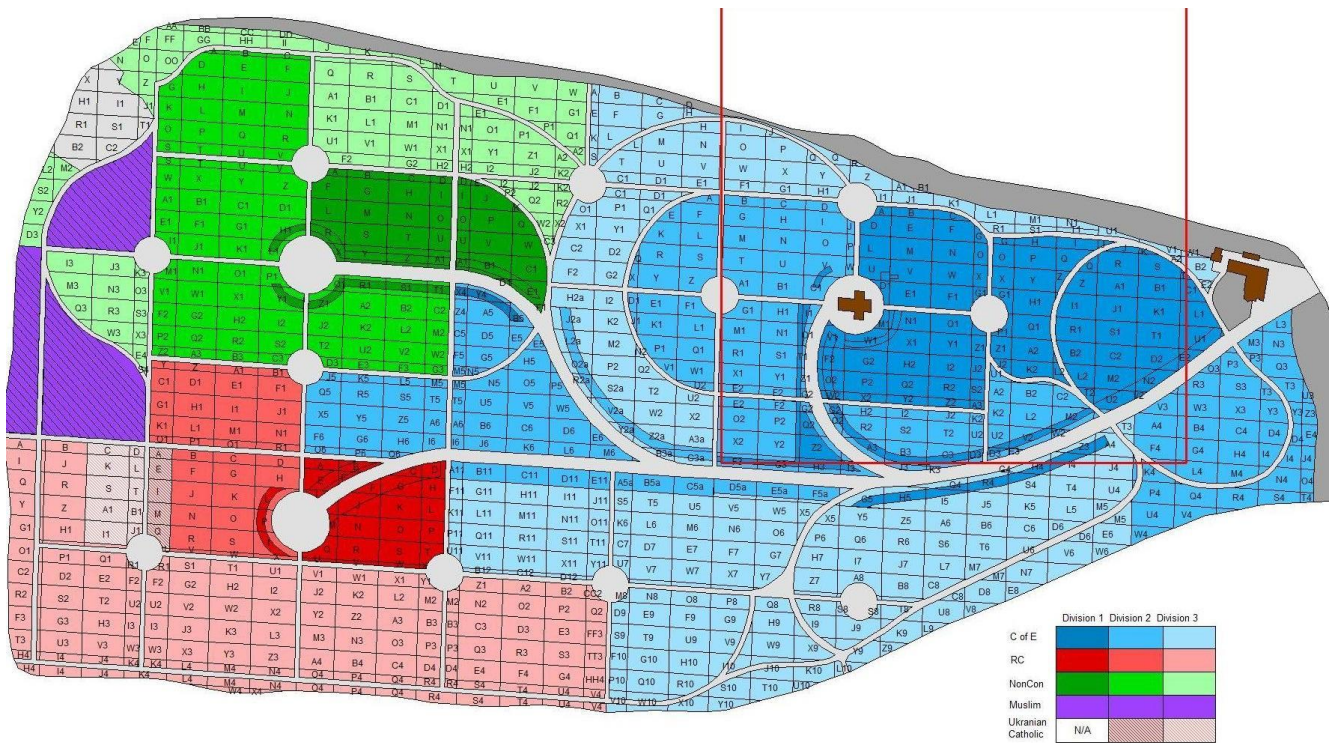
And Eldest Son of Captain DAWES

Of Melbourne, Australia,

Who Died Oct 27TH 1918. Aged 30 Years



Cross of Sacrifice at Heaton Cemetery (Photo by Peter Lucas – Find a Grave)



(Photo by J Holland – Find a Grave)