

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,  
Brookwood, Surrey  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**5850 PRIVATE**

**W. R. EDMONDS**

**28TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**17TH JUNE, 1918 Age 26**

*Have Mercy Upon Him Lord*

*And Let Perpetual Light*

*Shine Upon Him*

## William Richard EDMONDS

William Richard Edmonds was born at Toodyay, Western Australia on 24th November, 1891 to parents William & Mary Edmonds (nee Pritchard). He was baptised on 12th December, 1891 at Toodyay, Western Australia.

William Edmonds, father of William Richard Edmonds, died on 24th June, 1905 at Toodyay, Western Australia.

The 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Dampier, subdivision of Toodyay, Western Australia listed William Richard Edmonds, Farmer from Wattening.

William Richard Edmonds was a 24 year old, single, Farmer from Bolgart, Western Australia when he enlisted in Perth, Western Australia on 20th April, 1916 (date as per embarkation roll, however his Attestation Papers have the date as 22nd March, 1916) with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5850 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Mary Edmonds, Toodyay, Western Australia. His cousin – Thomas William Edmonds enlisted the same day with a service number of 5849.

Private William Richard Edmonds was posted to 64 Depot on 20th April, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 16th Reinforcements of 28th Battalion on 4th May, 1916.

Private William Richard Edmonds was sent to Isolation Camp on 7th August, 1916 & rejoined 16th Reinforcements of 28th Battalion on 14th August, 1916.

Private William Richard Edmonds embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Suffolk (A23)* on 13th October, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 28th Infantry Battalion, 16th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 2nd December, 1916. His cousin – Thomas William Edmonds embarked the same day.

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 William Richard Edmonds proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on *Princess Clementine* on 8th December, 1916 from 7th Training Battalion. He was marched in to 2 A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 29th December, 1916. Private Edmonds proceeded from 2 A.D.B.D. on 30th December, 1916 & was taken on strength of 28th Battalion in France on 27th January, 1917.

Private William Richard Edmonds was admitted to 6th Field Ambulance on 22nd February, 1917 with Diarrhoea then transferred to No. 2 D.R.S. (Divisional Rest Station) the same day. He was transferred to 7th D.R.S. on 25th February, 1917 with Dysentery then transferred on 9th March, 1917 & admitted to 2/1 S.M. Casualty Clearing Station on 11th March, 1917. Private Edmonds was transferred to Ambulance Train on 13th March, 1917 & admitted to 14th Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, France on 14th March, 1917. He embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. Patrick* on 23rd March, 1917.

Private William Richard Edmonds was admitted to University of Southampton Hospital, England on 24th March, 1917 with Dysentery. He was transferred to Convalescent Hospital, Barton-on-Sea on 7th May, 1917. Private Edmonds was discharged to A.I.F. Headquarters, London for furlo on 13th June, 1917 & then was to report to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs.

Private William Richard Edmonds was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs from furlo on 27th June, 1917. He was medically classified as B1b (unfit for Service for over 3 months and less than 6 months).

Private William Richard Edmonds was sent sick to Brigade Hospital at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 4th July, 1917 with Diarrhoea. He was transferred & admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire on 5th July, 1917 with Colitis. Private Edmonds was transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford on 21st August, 1917. He was discharged on 3rd September, 1917 to Weymouth.

Private William Richard Edmonds was marched in to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth on 9th September, 1917 from 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital.

Private William Richard Edmonds was marched in to No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 5th October, 1917 from No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth. He was medically classified as B1 A2 (Unfit for Service for 2 or 3 weeks).

Private William Richard Edmonds was sent sick to Fovant Military Hospital on 16th October, 1917. He was discharged from Military Hospital at Fovant on 16th November, 1917 to Training Depot. Private Edmonds was medically classified as B1 A3 (Unfit for Service for 1 or 2 weeks) on 18th November, 1917.

Private William Richard Edmonds was A.W.L. (absent without leave) from 11th December, 1917 & returned to Hurdcott on 14th December, 1917. The case was dismissed by Headquarters on Medical Grounds.

Private William Richard Edmonds was marched out from No. 3 Command Depot & into Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 16th January, 1918.

Private William Richard Edmonds proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 1st February, 1918 from Sandhill Camp, Longbridge Deverill. He was marched in to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Havre, France on 2nd February, 1918. Private Edmonds proceeded to join his Unit from A.I.B.D. on 4th February, 1918 & rejoined 28th Battalion in the Field on 7th February, 1918.

Private William Richard Edmonds was admitted to 6th Australian Field Ambulance in Belgium on 16th February, 1918 with Diarrhoea. He was transferred & admitted to N.Z. Stationary Hospital at Wisques on 17th February, 1918. Private Edmonds was transferred to Train on 8th March, 1918 & admitted to 22nd General Hospital at Camiers, France on 8th March, 1918 with Diarrhoea. He was transferred & admitted to No. 6 Convalescent Depot at Etaples, France on 15th Mar, 1918. Private Edmonds was transferred to Base on 4th April, 1918.

Private William Richard Edmonds was marched in to A.I.B.D. at Havre, France on 4th April, 1918. He proceeded to join his Unit from A.I.B.D on 19th April, 1918 & rejoined 28th Battalion in France on 6th May, 1918.

Private William Richard Edmonds was wounded in action in France on 19th May, 1918. He was admitted to 5th Australian Field Ambulance on 20th May, 1918 with shrapnel wounds to Buttock. Private Edmonds was transferred & admitted to 61st Casualty Clearing Station on 20th May, 1918 then transferred to Train on 22nd May, 1918. He was admitted to 18th USA General Hospital at Camiers, France on 22nd May, 1918. Private Edmonds embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Stad Antwerpen* on 4th June, 1918.

## **28th Battalion**

The 28th Battalion was raised at Blackboy Camp in Western Australia on 16 April 1915 from recruits previously earmarked for the 24th Battalion, which was instead being raised in Victoria.....

For many of the major battles of 1917 the 28th found itself in supporting roles. At the second battle of Bullecourt, the 28th provided reinforcements who were nonetheless involved in heavy fighting. The 28th went on to attack as part of the third phase at the battle of Menin Road, capturing its objectives in seven minutes, and was in reserve during the capture of Broodseinde Ridge. The battalion was also in reserve for the battle of Poelcappelle on 9 October, but, with the attack floundering in the mud, it soon became embroiled in the fighting.

In April 1918, the 28th fought to turn back the German spring offensive and, from 8 August participated in the joint British and French offensive that marked the beginning of Germany's defeat. The Battalion was prominent in the fighting to secure crossing points over the Somme River around Peronne, and in the advance beyond Mont St Quentin. The 28th's last actions of the war were fought as part of the effort to break through the Beaurevoir Line in the first week of October 1918. The first members of the battalion began returning to Australia in January, and the 28th was disbanded in March 1919.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

## War Diary – 28th Battalion

*Divisional Reserves – 19th May, 1918*

*Weather – Bright & warm*

*Move – At 9 pm the Battalion moved out for the trenches, “A” & “C” Coys taking up position at 1.30 am in Treux system of trenches, after the 21st Battn, had moved forward to capture VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. “B: & “D” Coys occupying trenches in reserve.*

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*Arrivals – Sick 1*

*Departures – Wounded 2 U.C.B. 2 Killed 1*

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(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private William Richard Edmonds was admitted to Whipps Cross Hospital at Leytonstone, affiliated with General Military Hospital, Colchester on 5th June, 1918 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Buttock & Back.

Mrs M. Edmonds, Toodyay, Western Australia was advised by Base Records on 6th June, 1918 that Private W. R. Edmonds had been wounded.

Private William Richard Edmonds died at 3.30 pm on 17th June, 1918 at Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, England from Ascending Septic Cerebro Spinal Meningitis following wounds.

A death for William R. Edmonds, aged 26, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of West Ham, Essex, England.

Private William Richard Edmonds was buried at 1.30 pm on 20th June, 1918 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Grave number 181159.

*From the burial report of Private William Richard Edmonds - Coffin was good. Polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag and surmounted by a beautiful wreath. Prior to the interment a service was conducted by Chaplain the Rev. Father Murphy, and the “Last Post” was sounded at the graveside. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives and Friends present at the Funeral - Friend - Mr Jowett, 219, Burnsill Road, Bradford Moor, Yorkshire.

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. Edmonds, Toodyay, Western Australia on 14th May, 1923 stating that the site Private W. R. Edmonds' grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 4 Row D Grave 22. This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference - IV. D. 22. Private W. R. Edmonds has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Christopher Ewing, Barrister and Solicitor, New Zealand Chambers, 105 St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia wrote to Base Records on 29th August, 1918 requesting a Death Certificate in duplicate for Private W. R. Edmonds, 28th Battalion. Base Records replied on 9th September, 1918 enclosing the Certificate in duplicate for the death of the late No. 5850, Private William Richard Edmonds, 28th Battalion.

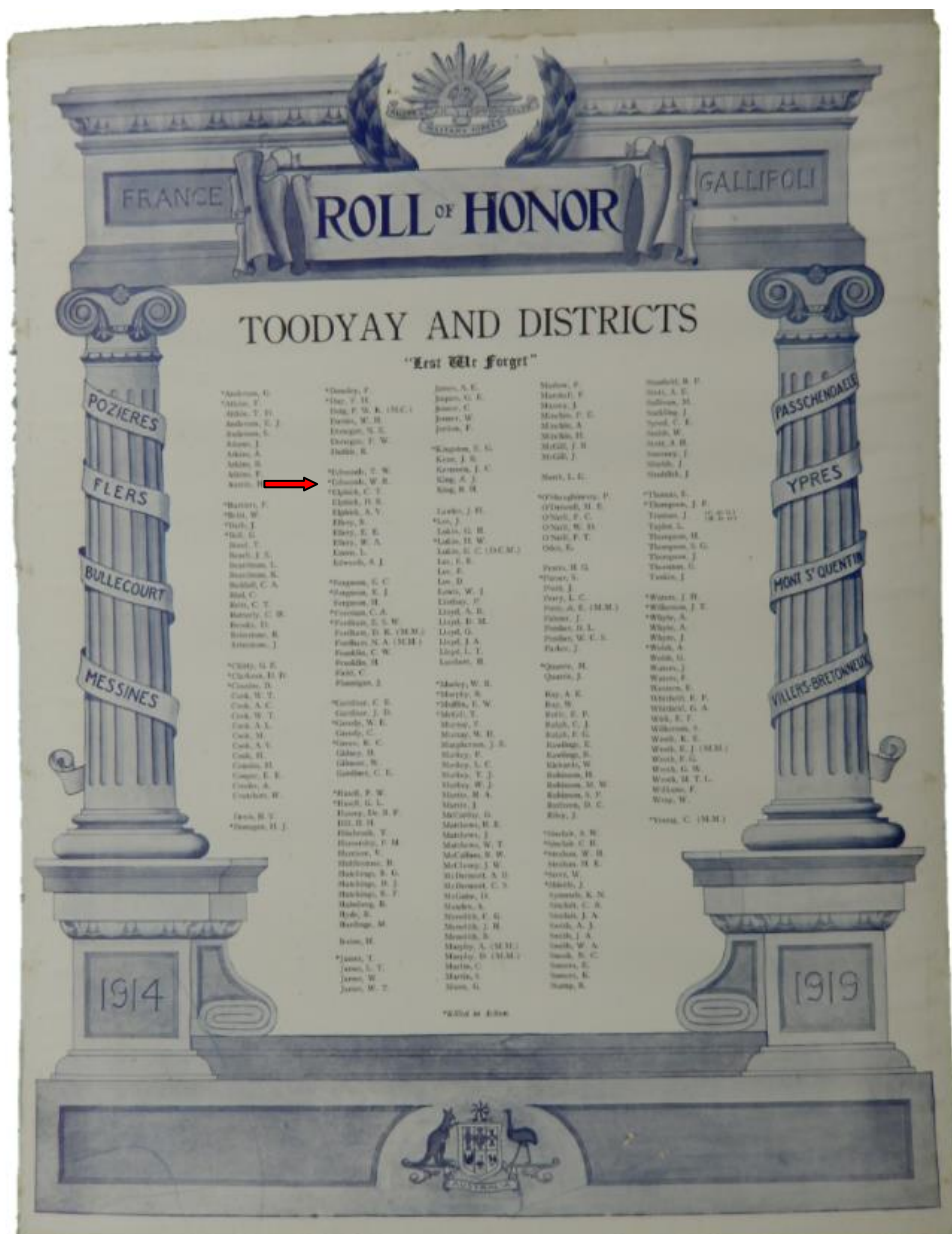
Probate was approved in Supreme Court on 20th June, 1919 covering the Will of Private W. R. Edmonds & his real & personal estate was to be divided equally between 3 brothers – Edward James, John Benjamin & Percy Vernon Edmonds with Edward James Edmonds as Executor.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private William Richard Edmonds contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain the fullest details possible into his wounds, death and burial. A letter from O. C. Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, Essex reads: “*Re the above named man. Died at 3.30 pm 17-6-18 from G.S.W. Buttock back (complications). Ascending Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. 48 hours before death eh was unconscious and made no special request or remarks regarding relatives. He was buried at Brookwood Cemetery, London. Any further particulars to be had from Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. 130 Horseferry Road, London.*”

Private William Richard Edmonds was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Edmond’s widowed mother – Mrs M. Edmonds, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Richard Edmonds – service number 5850, aged 26, of 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Mary and the late William Edmonds, of Wallening, Toodyay, Western Australia.

W. R. Edmonds is remembered on the Toodyay and Districts Roll of Honour.



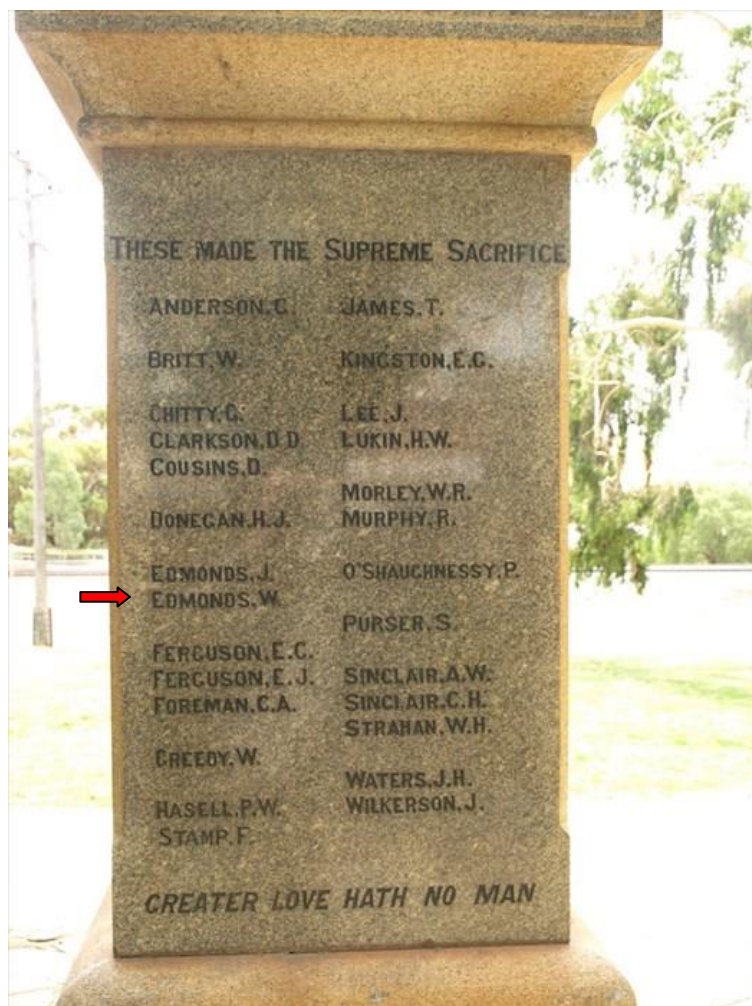
**Toodyay and Districts Roll of Honour**

(Photo from Shire of Toodyay – Remembering Them: World War One and Toodyay)

W. Edmonds is remembered on the Toodyay War Memorial, located at Anzac Avenue & Clinton Street, Toodyay, Western Australia.



**Toodyay War Memorial and Park** (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride)



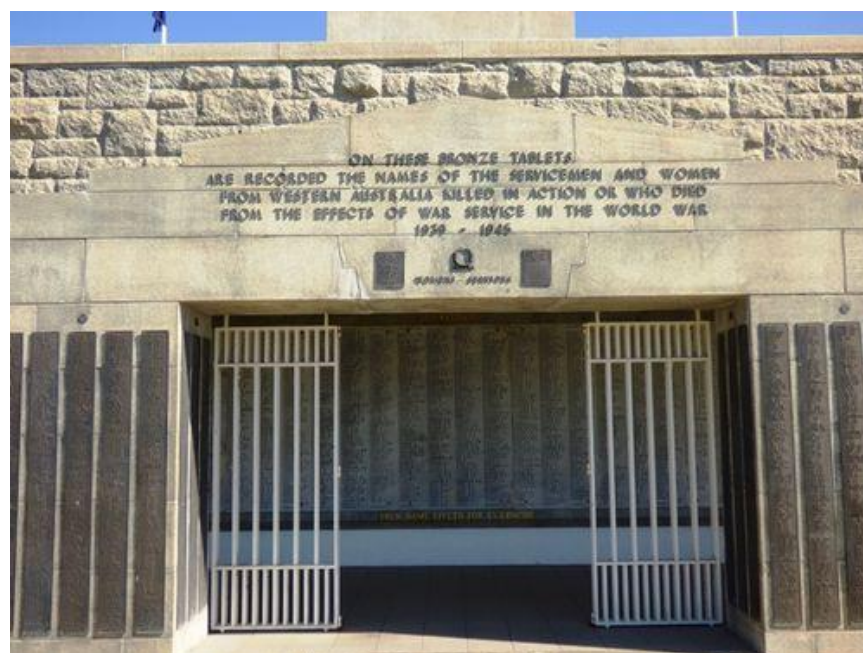
W. R. Edmonds is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a 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**

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



**The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

ON THESE TABLETS ARE RECORDED THE NAMES OF THE MEN FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA KILLED IN ACTION OR WHO DIED FROM THE EFFECTS OF WAR SERVICE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

28th BATTALION

DAVIS F.C.	EDINGTON T.	GEE E.C.	HAMMOND M.C.	HODGSON M.R.	JONES W.T.	LIVINGSTON C.P.	MCNIFILL W.W.	MOORE W.R.	PARSONS C.W.C.	RIDDLE W.
DAVIS W.P.	EDMONDS A.C.	GEORGE F.R.	HANCOCK J.N.L.	HOELSCHER H.	JOSE R.T.	LOCKYER E.V.	MACRAE N.F.	MORAN B.J.	PARTINGTON J.L.	RIDGWAY C.
DAVY J.C.	EDMONDS E.	GETTY A.	HANN E.F.	HOLDEN T.C.	JOYCE G.	LONG J.T.	MACGROW J.A.	MORGAN J.	PASCOE F.J.	RIGBY W.
DEAN J.A.	EDMONDS T.W.	GETTY A.	HANSEN A.H.	HOLGATE W.R.	KEARNEY P.	LONG R.	MADGART C.S.	MORRELL R.M.	PASSMORE A.C.	RIMOLDI L.
DEANS F.R.	EDMONDS W.R.	CIBBARD J.H.	HARDEY J.	HODD A.	KELLS B.T.	LONGMORE T.	MADDEN W.T.	MORRIS H.	PATERSON M.E.	RITCHIE A.
DEARDEN A.	EDMONDSON E.	CIBBINGS C.T.	HARDING D.	HODGINS F.W.	KELLY B.	LOVEDAY A.C.	MADIGAN W.	MORRIS W.C.	PAYNE C.T.	ROACH J.
DEARDEN W.	EDWARDS B.B.J.	CIBBONS A.R.	HARDINGHAM T.L.	HOPKINS F.W.	KELLY D.J.	LOVELACE W.H.	MAIRE J.A.	MORRISON J.D.D.	PEAD S.W.	ROBE T.
DEARDEN F.C.	EDWARDS E.C.	CIBBS B.N.	HARGRAVE A.	HORROCKS S.H.	KELLY F.M.	LUVRIEN J.	MANNING L.V.	MOUCHMORE E.C.	PEARSON A.	ROBERTSON H.
DEDMAN F.C.	EGAN F.Y.	CIBSON J.	HARPER F.	HORSLEY E.L.	KEMP C.A.	LUCAS F.W.	MANDELZON H.	MURRAY A.A.	PEARSON R.A.	ROBINSON W.
DEDMAN H.T.	ELLIOTT J.H.	GILBERT A.H.	HARPER R.H.	HOWARD A.W.	KENNY D.J.	LUCAS S.R.	MANNING L.V.	MURRAY A.A.	PECCS J.M.	ROSSON W.
DEERING R.J.	ELLIOTT J.N.	GILBERT E.M.	HARRINGTON F.L.	HOWARD T.F.	KENNEDY C.F.	LUGAN W.	MANNING L.V.	MURRAY A.A.	PELL R.	ROLLS A.L.
DELAPORTE R.	ELLIS F.W.	GILES E.C.	HARRINGTON J.W.	HOWE W.J.	KENNON A.	LUNN L.R.	MARRISON J.	MUNRO R.C.	PHILLIPS J.	ROPER W.T.
DE LURY W.	ELLIS F.W.	GILL R.H.	HARRIS A.J.	HOWELL W.C.	KENT G.A.	LYOEN W.	MARRISON J.	MUNRO R.C.	PHILLIPS W.L.	ROURKE C.
DEMASSON C.A.	ETTRIDGE J.E.	CIRVAN R.	HARRISON J.L.	HUGHES E.C.	KEOCH J.	LYON E.	MARSHALL G.	MUNRO R.C.	MULLINS J.	ROUTLEDGE
DEMPSEY J.	EVERETT J.	CITTINGS S.	HARRISON T.J.	HUGHES W.H.	KING E.H.	LYON E.	MARSHALL G.	MUNRO R.C.	MULLINS J.V.H.	ROWE P.
DEMCH C.H.	FALLON J.A.	CLEESON M.W.	HARRISON W.A.	HULL R.	KING H.C.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DENNISON R.	FARMER L.	CLEESON S.J.	HART M.	HUMPHRIES W.	KING H.C.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DENT E.A.	FARRIS E.T.	CLEW C.A.	HARTLEY J.	HUNT E.R.	KINGSWELL C.H.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DEVINE A.F.	FERRIS D.	GLOSSOP R.	HARVEY H.K.D.W.	HUTCHINSON H.V.	KIRBY T.H.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DEWAR C.M.	FIDLER T.	GLOVER L.C.	HARVEY T.J.	HUTCHINSON C.T.	KIRK W.H.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DICK C.H.	FILMER D.S.	FINCLAND C.	HASSELL C.L.	HUTKABLE C.J.B.	KIRWAN E.J.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DICKERSON S.C.	FIRKIN J.B.	GOLDING G.B.	HASSELL P.W.H.	HYDE W.	KNAPP J.L.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DICKINSON C.	FISHER C.V.	GOODFIELD W.	HASSETT M.	HYNES N.	KNAPP M.S.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DIGHTON C.	FITCH W.O.	GOODMAN H.	HASTINGS F.A.W.	ILLING W.C.	KNIGHT A.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DIX T.J.	FITZPATRICK J.J.	GORDON B.L.	HAWYLD A.	ING A.H.	KNIGHT A.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DIXON A.A.	FOLCARTY D.	GORMAN G.C.	HAYDEN J.E.	INGRAM N.C.	KNIGHT A.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DIXON V.W.	FOLCARTY T.P.	GOULD A.J.	HAYES W.T.	INTONOLI J.P.	LAMB A.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DOHERTY B.L.	FORDHAM C.T.	GRAHAM R.	HAZELL J.J.	JACK J.F.	LANGE L.J.E.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DONALDSON H.	FORDMAN C.W.	GRAHAM R.T.	HEDDLEY A.E.	JACKSON E.A.	LANGLAN H.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
DONALDSON N.F.	FOREST R.	GRANGER W.G.R.	HEIGHT M.L.	JACKSON J.W.	LANGLAN H.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
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DUNSTAN S.A.	CATNEY C.H.	HALLAM E.J.	HISLOP P.M.	JONES E.H.	LEWIS J.J.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
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DYBING J.B.	CEDDING C.V.	HODGSON J.	HODDER C.	JONES J.R.	LINDEN G.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
EARL A.				JONES V.S.	LINDLEY F.T.	LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
EATWOOD A.C.				JONES W.P.		LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
EATOUCH J.						LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.
EDDINS W.						LYON E.	MARSLAND J.C.	MUNRO R.C.	MUNRO R.C.	ROWLAND J.

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

28th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

DAVIS F.C.	EDINGTON T.	GEE E.C.	HA
DAVIS W.P.	EDMONDS A.C.	GEORGE F.R.	HA
DAVY J.C.	EDMONDS E.	GETTY A.	HA
DEAN J.A.	EDMONDS T.W.	CIBBARD J.H.	HA
DEANS F.R.	EDMONDS W.R.	CIBBINGS C.T.	HA
DEARDEN A.	EDWARDS B.B.J.	CIBBONS A.R.	HA
DEARDEN W.	EDWARDS E.C.	CIBBS B.N.	HA
DEDMAN F.C.	EDWARDS E.M.	CIBBS H.	HA
DEDMAN H.T.	EGAN F.Y.	CIBSON J.	HA
DEERING R.J.	ELLIOTT J.H.	GILBERT A.H.	HA
DELAPORTE R.	ELLIOTT J.N.	GILBERT E.M.	HA
DE LURY W.	ELLIS F.W.	GILES E.C.	HA
	ETTRIDGE J.E.	GILL R.H.	HA

28th Battalion Panel



Private W. R. Edmonds 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.



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

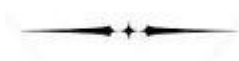
(68 pages of Private William Richard Edmonds' Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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



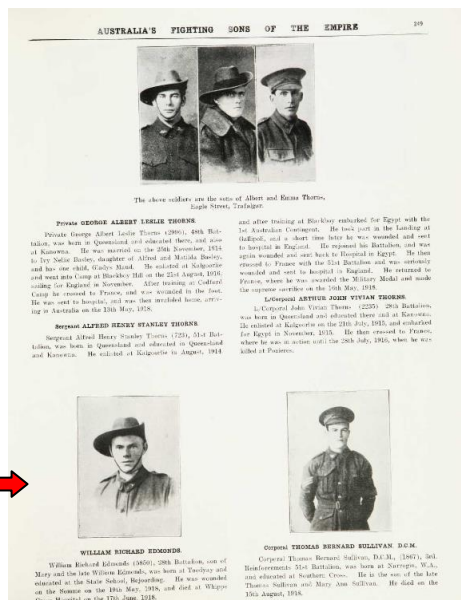
#### **[Connected to Private William Richard Edmonds:](#)**

Cousin – Private Thomas William Edmonds - Enlisted 20th April, 1916 (the same day as William Richard Edmonds), aged 24. Embarked with 28th Battalion on 13th October, 1916 (the same day as William Richard Edmonds), from Fremantle as No. 5849. Died of wounds 29 April, 1917. Buried in Brookwood Cemetery, England.





(Photo from *Australia's Fighting Sons of the Empire* – page 249)



## WILLIAM RICHARD EDMONDS

William Richard Edmonds (5850), 28th Battalion, son of Mary and the late William Edmonds, was born at Toodyay and educated at the State School, Bejooding. He was wounded on the Somme on the 19th May, 1918, and died at Whippo Cross Hospital on the 17th June, 1918.

## **Newspaper Notices**

### **CALL TO ARMS**

### **TO-DAY'S TALLY**

To-day at the enlistment offices at District Headquarters, Perth, 35 men applied for examination. Twenty-three were declared fit. Of these two were held over for various reasons, and the remainder were sworn in. The unfits numbered 12. Following are the lists:-

#### **FIT FOR SERVICE**

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W. R. Edmonds, Bolgart

(*The Daily News*, Perth, Western Australia – 22 March, 1916)

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### **War Casualties**

Mrs Edmonds of Wattening, has received information that her son, Pte W. R. Edmonds, died on June 17th, from wounds received.

(*Toodyay Herald*, Western Australia – 6 July, 1918)

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### **At the Fighting Fronts**

#### **415th OFFICIAL LIST**

#### **DIED, OTHER CAUSES**

William Richard Edmonds, Toodyay, illness, result of wounds, previously reported died, cause not stated.

(*The Daily News*, Perth, Western Australia – 8 July, 1918)

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### **BEREAVEMENT NOTICES**

Mrs M. Edmonds and Family, of Wattening, Toodyay, desire to THANK all kind friends for letters, cards, telegrams and personal expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement.

(*The West Australian*, Perth, Western Australia – 25 July, 1918)

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

EDMONDS – In proud and loving memory of our dear son and brother Pvte W. R. Edmonds, who died of wounds on June 17th, 1918.

A loving boy so true and kind,

No one on earth like him we'll find,

One year has passed, yet none can tell,

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The loss of him we loved so well.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters, Ted, Eliza, Jack, Ruth, Olive and Percy.

*(Toodyay Herald, Western Australia – 21 June, 1919)*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

EDMONDS – In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother Pvte W. R. Edmonds, 28th Battalion, died of wounds in England, on June 17th, 1918.

To-day as I look at your picture,

In likeness so loving and true,

Do you know how my heart is aching,

And longing, dear William for you.

The midnight stars are gleaming,

On the grave far o'er the sea

Where sleeping without dreaming

Lies my son so clear to me.

-Inserted by his sorrowing mother, brothers and sisters.

*(Toodyay Herald, Western Australia – 19 June, 1920)*

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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. 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)*

Private W. R. Edmonds does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Have Mercy Upon Him Lord And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him*

## Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)*

*Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918.*

*Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.*



**Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photo from CWGC)



**Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)



**Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)





*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*



**Australian War Graves** *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*



Photo of Private W. R. Edmonds' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

