

**Hollybrook Memorial,  
Southampton, Hampshire, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**59025 PRIVATE**

**G. W. ELBOURNE**

**11TH AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENT**

**20TH SEPTEMBER, 1918**

## George William ELBOURNE

George William Elbourne was born on 22nd December, 1874 at Carcoar, New South Wales to parents Arthur James & Susannah Elbourne (nee Stock). (His birth is listed on NSW Births, Deaths & Marriages website as William George Elbourn & his birth was registered in 1875 at Carcoar, NSW).

George William Elbourne attended school at Cowra, New South Wales.

George William Elbourne married Gertrude Harriet Jones on 21st August, 1901 in New South Wales. They had the following children Evangeline G. Elbourne (born 25th May, 1902 - Cargo, NSW); Victoria D. Elbourne (born 28th January, 1905 – Canowindra, NSW); Claude William Elbourne (born 16th May, 1906 – Canowindra, NSW) & Jean Lavender Elbourne (born 3rd November, 1914 – Canowindra, NSW)

Susannah Elbourn, mother of George William Elbourne, died on 16th October, 1901 at Canowindra, New South Wales.

Arthur James Elbourn, father of George William Elbourne, died on 17th June, 1902 at Canowindra, New South Wales.

George William Elbourne was a 43 year old, married, Farmer from Grenfell, New South Wales when he enlisted at East Sydney, New South Wales on 9th May, 1918 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Methodist & his next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs G. H. Elbourne, of Grenfell, New South Wales.

Private George William Elbourne was posted to Recruits Depot on 4th June, 1918 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Infantry Depot Battalion - "A" Company at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 26th June, 1918. Private Elbourne was written up on 20th June, 1918 while posted at Liverpool Camp – "Negligence of an order in that he did appear unshaven on Parade" & was awarded 1 day punishment. He was transferred to 11th General Service Reinforcements on 17th July, 1918.

Private George William Elbourne, Service number 59025, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Borda* (A30) on 17th July, 1918 with the 11th N. (New South Wales) Reinforcements (also referred to as 11th General Service Reinforcements) for UK.

Private George William Elbourne was admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea on 31st August, 1918 with Asthma. He was discharged on 6th September, 1918. Private Elbourne was re-admitted to Ship's Hospital on 14th September, 1918 with Broncho-Pneumonia. The Hospital Admissions form recorded: "*Re-admitted asthmatic attacks at night. Patched of dullness in both lungs, especially at base of L. Lung with signs of Pleurisy at left base. Temp ranging between 104° & 105° from 18/9/18 with delirium. Profuse yellow sputum. Died rather suddenly about 2.30 pm on 20/9/18.*"

Private George William Elbourne died at 2.30 pm on 20th September, 1918 at Sea on HMAT *Borda* (A30) from Bronchial Pneumonia & Pleurisy.

Private George William Elbourne was buried at Sea from HMAT *Borda* (A30) at 5.45 pm on 20th September, 1918. He is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England as he has no grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

A change of address for Mrs G. Elbourne, widow of the late Private George William Elbourne, was noted on the records by Base Records on 18th December, 1922. New address Akarama, Murralong Avenue, Five Dock, Sydney.

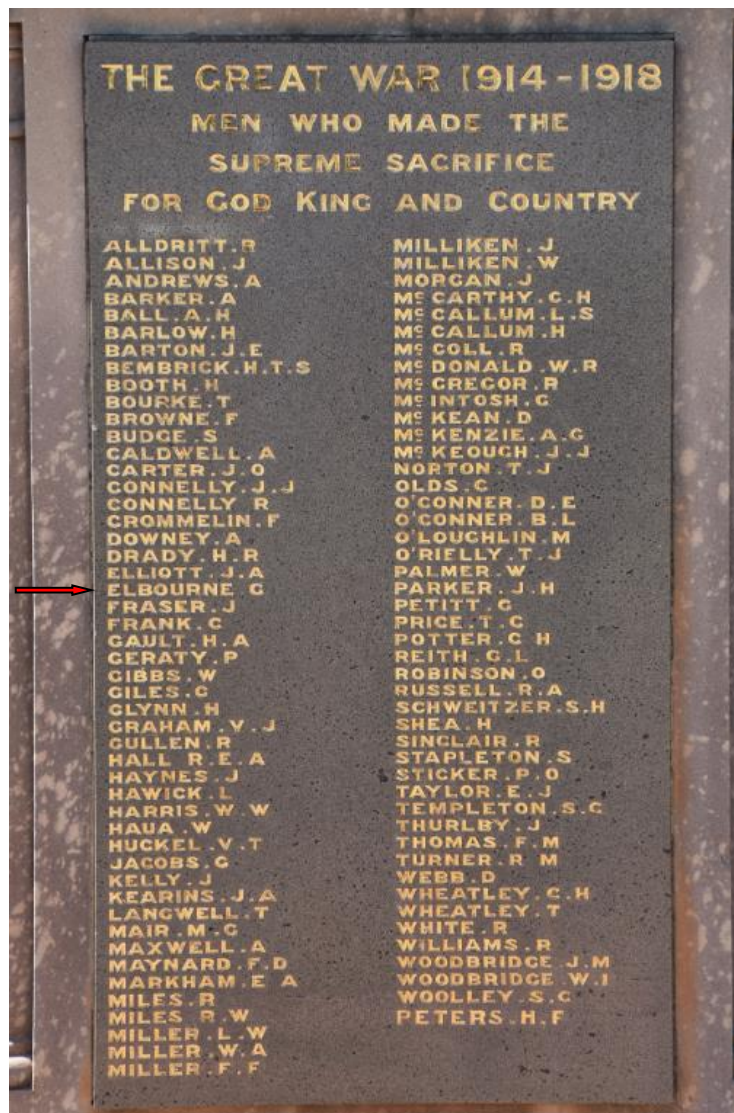
Private George William Elbourne was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Elbourne's widow – Mrs G. H. Elbourne, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private George William Elbourne – service number 59025, of 11th Australian Reinforcement. No family details are listed.

G. Elbourne is remembered on the Grenfell War Memorial, located in Weddin Shire Memorial Park, Camp & Weddin Streets, Grenfell, NSW.



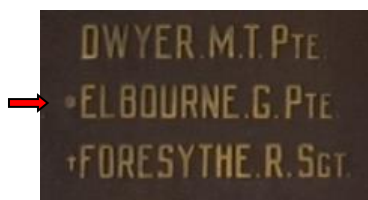
**Grenfell War Memorial** (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



G. Elbourne is remembered on the Eugowra War Memorial, located in Memorial Park, North & Cooper Streets, Eugowra, NSW.



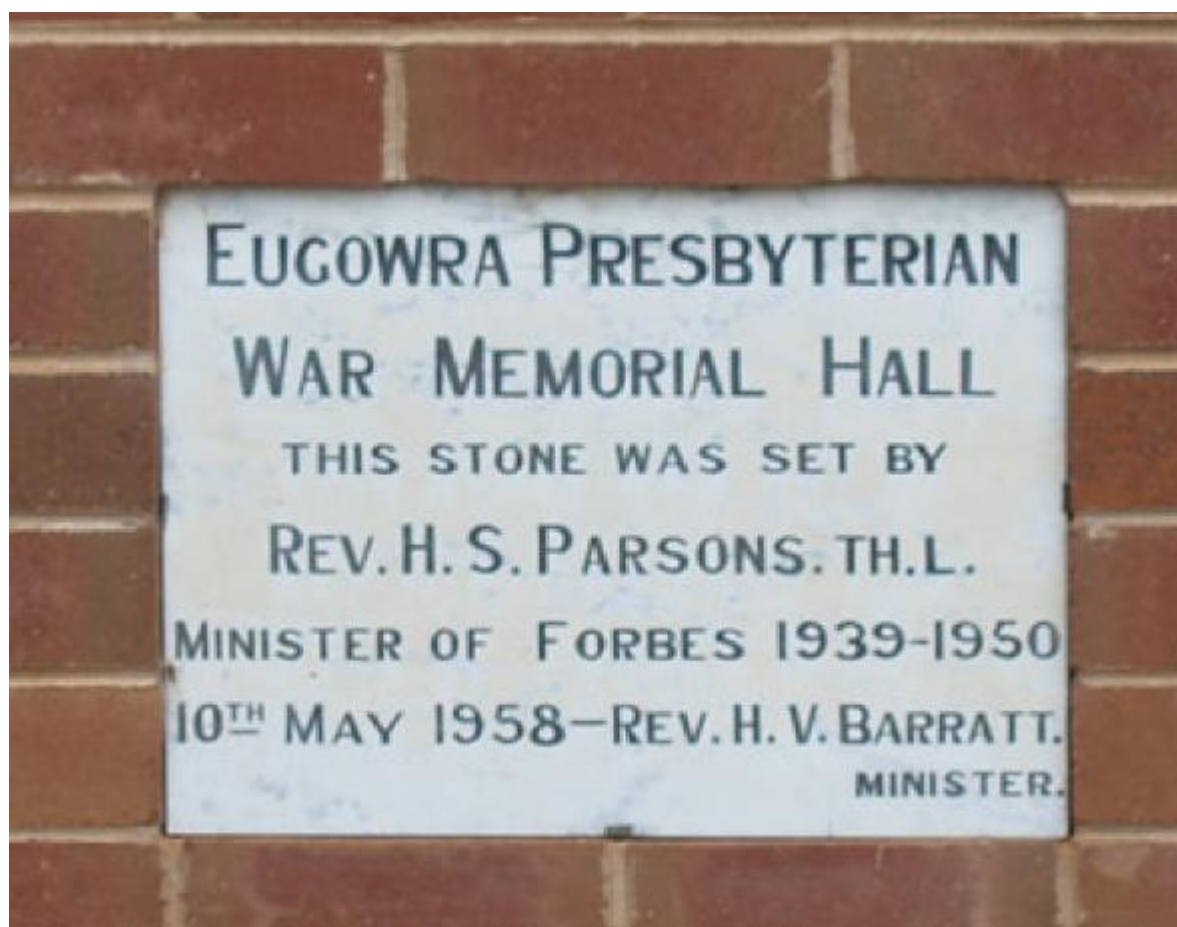
Eugowra War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



According to information listed on War Memorials Register of NSW - Private G. W. Elbourne is remembered on a plaque at the Eugowra Presbyterian War Memorial Hall, located at North Street near Hill Street, Eugowra, NSW.



**Eugowra Presbyterian War Memorial Hall** (Photos from War Memorials Register of NSW)



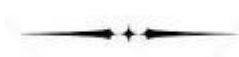
Private G. W. Elbourne is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 185.



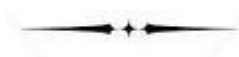
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

(42 pages of Private George William Elbourne'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*



**Private George William Elbourne**  
*(Photo from State Library of New South Wales)*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **LOCAL AND GENERAL**

The Grenfell "Observer" says that Mr G. W. Elbourne, a married man with four children, has enlisted for active service and goes into camp on 1st June. Mr Elbourne is well known hereabouts, and was for some years connected with a sawmilling proposition.

*(Canowindra Star and Eugowra News, NSW – 31 May, 1918)*

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While home on final leave, Pte G. Elbourne and family were entertained at dinner by Mr and Mrs F. J. Burge, Carinva, at which Pte Elbourne was presented with a military wristlet watch by a few of his most intimate friends, accompanied by all kind wishes for his safe return to home and loved ones. Pte Elbourne has since returned to camp, and expects to sail shortly.

*(The Grenfell Record and Lachlan District Advertiser, NSW – 12 July, 1918)*

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### **Valedictory**

#### **A GRENFELL SEND-OFF**

##### **To Well-known Local Man**

We take the following from the Grenfell " Observer" :

At the Grenfell Methodist Church on Sunday, at the close of the evening service, opportunity was taken to say farewell and wish God-speed to Pte G.W. Elbourne, who was home on final leave.

The Rev. A. F. Crapp said he believed Mr. Elbourne to be a man of sterling character, and although having a wife and four children, he had heard the call, had counted the cost, and was going forth to fight for King and country. The speaker expressed admiration of the man who was prepared to make such great sacrifices and trusted that Pte. Elbourne would be spared to return. The church members would remember him in their prayers, and stand by his wife and family, who were also sacrificing much.

Messrs. E. M. Bell, J. N. Moffit, G. Cousins, W. D. Pfeiffer. H. W. V. Brown, and C. Sherriff each spoke in a similar strain, expressing appreciation of Pte. Elbourne's conduct, and best wishes for his safe return to his dear ones.

On behalf of the Christian Endeavor Society, Mr. Crapp presented the departing soldier with a New Testament, and on behalf of the congregation with a neat shaving outfit in case.

Pte. Elbourne feelingly returned thanks for the kind words and good wishes, and the nice presents, and trusted ere long to see a satisfactory ending.to the war and a lasting peace.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again," and the Benediction.

[George Elbourne is well known in this town and district and Mrs. Elbourne is a member of an old Nyrang Creek family. His many friends hereabouts will wish him God-speed and a safe return.-Ed. "Star."]

*(Canowindra Star and Eugowra News, NSW – 12 July, 1918)*

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## **CIRCUIT LIFE AND WORK**

GRENFELL – The Methodist congregation has been farewelling quite a number of its members lately, including Private Roy Brown, Eric Pfeiffer, G. W. Elbourne, and Bert Bell, all of whom have enlisted for active service, and are now well on their way towards the front. Each was made the recipient of a nice present, and wished God-speed at the close of successive Sunday evening services, surrounded by helpful and uplifting influences.....

*(The Methodist, Sydney, NSW – 3 August, 1918)*

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## **On the Field of Honor**

The sad news was received in Grenfell on Friday that Pte Elbourne had died at sea from pneumonia. This is a very sad cases, as deceased soldier (who probably took a shirker's place) leaves a widow and five children. Pte Elbourne enlisted in July of this year. The sympathy of the whole district will go out to Mrs Elbourne and her little ones in the loss of their husband and father.

*(The Grenfell Record and Lachlan District Advertiser, NSW – 8 October, 1918)*

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## **For Their Country**

### **PTE GEORGE ELBOURNE**

The sad news reached Canowindra on Friday morning last that Pte Geo. Elbourne had died at sea on the 20th of September last. Under the circumstances, very little is known, other that the cause of death was pneumonia, the sad event taking place 25 days out from Capetown on the journey home. The late soldier was well known throughout this district, where he spent many years of his life. Prior to enlisting he was a resident of Grenfell, where his wife and family reside.

*(Canowindra Star and Eugowra News, NSW – 11 October, 1918)*

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## **RETURN THANKS**

MRS G. ELBOURNE & FAMILY wish to RETURN THANKS to all kind friends for sympathy and kindness received, particularly the Rev. A. F. Crapp and Mr Moffitt, in their recent sad bereavement.

*(The Grenfell Record and Lachlan District Advertiser, NSW – 18 October, 1918)*

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## **RETURN THANKS**

MRS G. ELBOURNE, of Grenfell, wishes to return thanks for letters and expressions of sympathy in the recent loss of her husband, Pte Geo. Elbourne, who died at sea on 20th September.

*(Canowindra Star and Eugowra News, NSW – 25 October, 1918)*

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## **Our District Honor Roll**

How can a man die better,  
Than facing fearful odds,  
For the honour of his country,  
And the temple of his God.

C. A. Roberts, Canowindra

C. Grimshaw, Canowindra

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Pte G. Elbourne, Canowindra

*(Canowindra Star and Eugowra News, NSW – 15 November, 1918)*

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## **Australia's War Losses**

### **THE 443rd CASUALTY LIST**

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

NEW SOUTH WALES

E – Pte G. W. Elbourne, (Grenfell), illness

*(The Farmer and Settler, Sydney, NSW – 6 December, 1918)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

ELBOURNE – In loving memory of our dear husband and father, PTE GEO. W. ELBOURNE, who died at sea on H.M.A.T.S. Borda, 20th September, 1918.

We long for household voices gone,  
For his loving smile we long;  
But God hath led our dear one on  
And he could do no wrong.

Still oft we think with tear-dimmed eyes  
Of one we loved in days gone by,  
And cherish still his parting song,  
We'll meet again 'twill not be long.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

*(Canowindra Star and Eugowra News, NSW – 19 September, 1919)*

*(The Grenfell Record and Lachlan District Advertiser, NSW – 23 September, 1919)*

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## 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.

### **Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England**

The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

The Hollybrook Memorial commemorates by name almost 1,900 servicemen and women of the Commonwealth land and air forces\* whose graves are not known, many of whom were lost in transports or other vessels torpedoed or mined in home waters (\*Officers and men of the Commonwealth's navies who have no grave but the sea are commemorated on memorials elsewhere). The memorial also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial. Almost one third of the names on the memorial are those of officers and men of the South African Native Labour Corps, who died when the troop transport Mendi sank in the Channel following a collision on 21 February 1917. Other vessels sunk with significant loss of life were: HS Anglia, a hospital ship sunk by mine off Dover on 17 November 1915. SS Citta Di Palermo, an Italian transport carrying Commonwealth troops, sunk by mine off Brindisi on 8 January 1916. In rescuing survivors, two Royal Naval Otranto drifters were themselves mined and blown up. HMTs Donegal and Warilda, ambulance transports torpedoed and sunk between Le Havre and Southampton on 17 April 1917 and 3 August 1918. HS Glenart Castle, a hospital ship torpedoed and sunk off Lundy on 26 February 1918. SS Galway Castle, torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic on 12 September 1918. RMS Leinster, the Irish mail boat, torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Sea on 10 October 1918. Among those commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial is Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, who died when the battle cruiser HMS Hampshire was mined and sunk off Scapa Flow on 5 June 1916.

The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

*(Information & photos from CWGC)*



**Cross of Sacrifice**



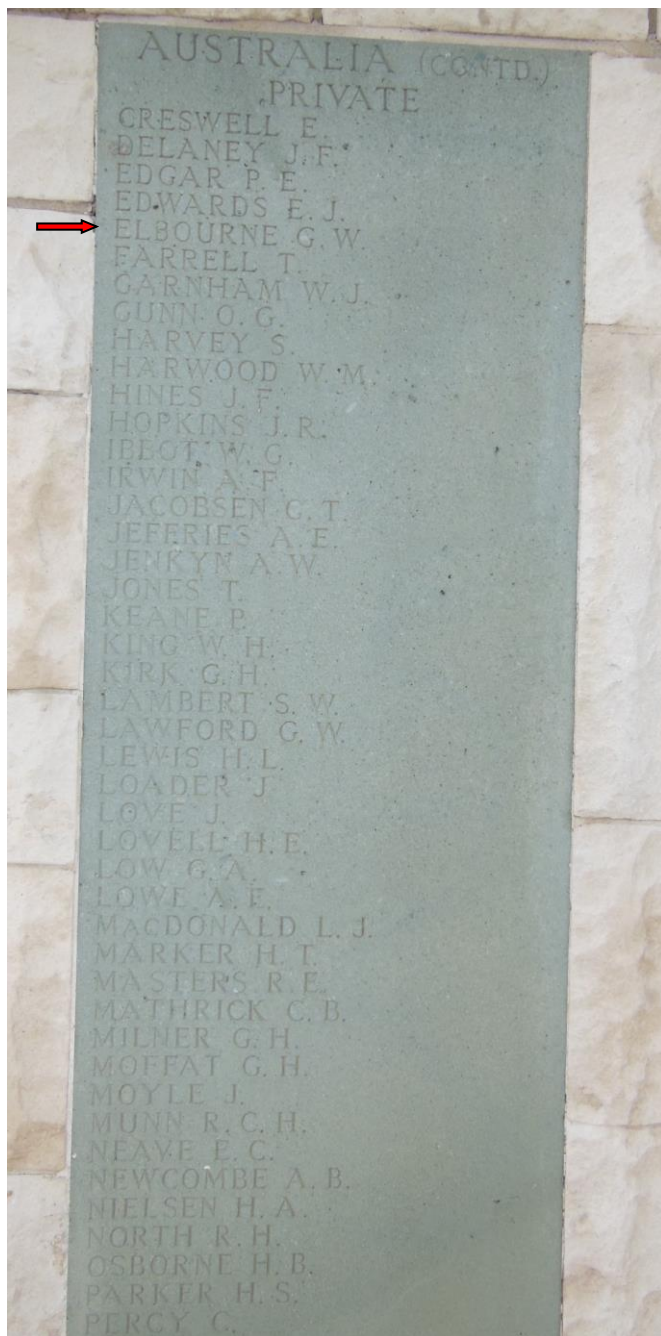
**Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice** (Photo from CWGC)



**CWGC Graves in Hollybrook Cemetery with Cross of Sacrifice & Hollybrook Memorial**

*(Photo from CWGC)*

Photo of Private G. W. Elbourne's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

