

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1527 PRIVATE

J. C. ELDRIDGE

3RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

3RD JUNE, 1915 Age 23

Joseph Cyrus ELDRIDGE

Joseph Cyrus Eldridge was born in 1892 at Buckiinguy Station, near Nyngan, NSW to parents Charles and Jane Eldridge (nee Rutledge).

Joseph Cyrus Eldridge attended public school at Girilambone, New South Wales.

Jane Eldridge, mother of Joseph Cyrus Eldridge, died on 20th September, 1913 at Girilambone, New South Wales.

Joseph Cyrus Eldridge was a 22 year old, single, Labourer from Girilambone, NSW when he enlisted in Sydney, NSW on 2nd September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1527 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr C. Eldridge, of Girilambone, NSW.

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge was posted to 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade on 2nd September, 1914 for recruit training.

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Euripides (A14)* on 20th October, 1914 with the 3rd Infantry Battalion, "H" Company.

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge embarked on *Derflinger* to join the M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 5th April, 1915.

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge was wounded in action at Gallipoli between 25th April & 2nd May, 1915. He was transferred to Troop Ship *Devanha* from Gallipoli on 8th May, 1915 with paralysis of right arm. Pte Eldridge was admitted to Alexandria General Hospital then transferred to England on 17th May, 1915.

3rd Battalion

The 3rd Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions it was recruited from New South Wales and, together with these battalions, formed the 1st Brigade.

The battalion was raised within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. The battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 as part of the second and third waves and served there until the evacuation in December.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge died on 3rd June, 1915 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action – shrapnel wounds of left side.

A death for Joseph C. Eldridge, aged 23, was registered in the June quarter, 1915 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge was buried in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 1699 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge requested in his Will, dated 7th April, 1915, that all money due to him, personal belongings and effected be left to his next of kin Charles Eldridge, Girilambone, NSW.

Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Eldridge's father – Mr C. Eldridge, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1921).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge – service number 1527, aged 23, of 3rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Charles and Jane Eldridge, of Girilambone, New South Wales.

J. C. Eldridge and his brother C. E. Eldridge are remembered on the Nyngan & District War Memorial, located in front of Bogan Shire Council Offices, corner Cobar and Tabratong Streets, Nyngan, NSW.



Nyngan & District War Memorial (Photos from NSW Register of War Memorials)



Nyngan & District War Memorial

Private J. C. Eldridge is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 36.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

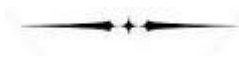
(29 pages of Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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



[Connected to Private Joseph Cyrus Eldridge:](#)

Older brother -Trooper Charles Edward Eldridge, 862, 7th Australian Light Horse Regiment – Enlisted 16th December, 1914. Embarked 21st May, 1915. Died of wounds 25th September, 1915. Commemorated at Lone Pin Memorial, Gallipoli. Turkey.



Newspaper Notices

“ON THE RED FIELD OF GLORY”

Lists of Casualties

33rd List

NEW SOUTH WALES

SERIOUSLY ILL

Pte J. C. ELDRIDGE, 3rd Bat. (Girilambone)

(Sunday Times, Sydney, NSW – 6 June, 1915)

MORE CASUALTIES

THIRTY-EIGHTH LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private J. C. Eldridge, 3rd Battalion, Girilambone.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 15 June, 1915)

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 J. C. Eldridge does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire





Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Private J. C. Eldridge's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth)



Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery