

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



SECOND LIEUTENANT

J. G. ELLIOT

AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENT

1ST NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 35

Until The Day Breaks

John George ELLIOT

John George Elliot was born at Stratford, London, England on 23rd March, 1883 to parents Robert & Emma Elliot (nee Skudder).

John George Elliot came to Australia when he was 2 years of age. (According to information provided by his widow for the Roll of Honour).

Robert Elliot (Railway Carriage Builder) & his wife Emma Elliot, along with their children Sarah, Emma, Stephen & John Elliot were passengers on *Bombay* which arrived in the port of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia on 5th June, 1885 from Plymouth, England.

Emma Elliot, mother of John George Elliot, died on 8th June, 1894 at St. Peters, Sydney, NSW.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Darling Harbour, subdivision of Fort Street recorded John George Elliot, Instructor, of 168 Kent Street.

John George Elliot married Myrtle Isabel Gray on 24th April, 1916 in St. John's Church of England, Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Marriage Notice – *Daily Advertiser*, Wagga Wagga, NSW – 29 April, 1916:

MARRIAGE

ELLIOT-GRAY – on Monday, April 24, 1916, at St. John's Church of England, Wagga, by Rev. Canon Pike, Staff Sergeant-Major Elliot, of Victoria Barracks, Sydney, to Myrtle Isabel, youngest daughter of Mrs E. Gray, Fitzhardinge-street, Wagga.

Robert Elliot, father of John George Elliot, died on 2nd April, 1917 at Newcastle, NSW.

A birth was registered in 1917 for Joyce M. Elliot, daughter of John G. & Myrtle I. Elliot.

Birth Notice – *Daily Advertiser*, Wagga Wagga, NSW – 28 April, 1917:

BIRTH

ELLIOT (nee Myrtle Gray) – April 9, 1917, at their residence, "Saltburn," Rose-street, Ashfield; to Staff Sergeant-Major and Mrs J. G. Elliot – a daughter.

John George Elliot attended Duntroon Military College, Victoria for 6 months.

John George Elliot was a 35 year old, married, Soldier from Ashfield, NSW when he was appointed Second Lieutenant with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 1st March, 1918 (Officer's Personal Form recorded the date of appointment to A.I.F. as 21st February, 1918). He was serving as Instructional Staff at the time with the rank of Staff-Sergeant Major with Cadet Training. His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. I. Elliot, "Saltburn," Rose Street, Ashfield, NSW. John Elliot stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Royal Australian Artillery for 1 year; served with Royal Australian Engineers for 6 years & served as Instructional Staff, Australian Military Forces for 6 years.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot applied for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force on 13th May, 1918. On his Application form he recorded he had completed 2nd & 3rd Military Certificates & had qualified on 28th March at No. 6 Officers Training School, Duntroon, Victoria for an appointment as 2nd Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot was posted to 5th New South Wales General Reinforcements.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot embarked from Sydney, NSW on SS *Field Marshal* on 19th June, 1918 with the 5th NSW Reinforcements & disembarked at London, England on 26th August, 1918.

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.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot was marched in to 5th T.B. (Training Battalion) at Codford, Wiltshire on 26th August, 1918 from Australia.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot was On Command at School of Instruction, Candahar Barracks, Wiltshire, England on 9th September, 1918.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England with Influenza on 23rd October, 1918. He was reported as seriously ill with Pneumonia on 30th October, 1918.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot died at 21.20 hrs on 1st November, 1918 at Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Influenza & Double Pneumonia (as per Report of Death by Major R.A.M.C. Registrar, Officer i/c Military Hospital, Tidworth).

A death for John G. Elliott, aged 36, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Andover, Hampshire, England.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot was buried on 6th November, 1918 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 233A. and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Second Lieutenant John George Elliot - Coffin was good, polished Elm. Brass Mounts. Deceased was buried with full Military honours the coffin draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun-carriage. The funeral was preceded by a Firing Party from the Australia Machine Gun Training Depot and the band of the "Royal Scots Greys." Six Officers of the A.I.F. supported the Pall. The funeral was attended by about 30 Officers and 150 N.C.O.'s and Men of the A.I.F. A large floral wreath from the Commandant and Staff of Southern Command School of Instruction was placed on the grave. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Second Lieutenant John George Elliot contains a letter from Sister Jean W. Cameron, Officers Isolation Hospital, Tidworth which reads: *"Regarding the information you ask as to details of the illness and death of 2/Lt. John George Elliott, Hen. Ser. Refts. A.I.F. I may state that I was Sister-in-Charge of the hospital at the time of his death. I had received messages from him to his wife as he felt he was dying and immediately he passed away I wrote her full particulars which I hope reached her safely."*

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot requested in his Will dated 13th May, 1918 that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects be given to his wife – Myrtle Isabel Elliot. "Saltburn", Rose St, Ashfield, Sydney, NSW. He also appointed his wife as executrix.

Mrs M. I. Elliot, widow of the late Second Lieutenant John George Elliot, wrote to Base Records on 20th November, 1918 requesting 2 Certificates of the Death of Lieutenant John George Elliot *"...I should be greatly obliged if you would attend to this matter with the least possible delay."*

The Public Trust Office, 67 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, wrote to Base Records on 22nd November, 1918 regarding the late *"Lieutenant John George Elliott"* requesting certificate in duplicate of the death; the address of the deceased prior to enlistment & name and address of the person nominated as his next of kin.

The Grand Secretary, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellow, 185 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW, wrote to Base Records on 5th December, 1918 requesting a Certificate of Death of 2nd Lieutenant J. G. Elliot, 5th NSW General Service Reinforcements.

Base Records replied to the Grand Secretary, M.U.I.O.O.F. on 29th January, 1919 enclosing a certificate of report of death of the late 2nd Lieutenant J. G. Elliot.

Emma Carberry, Glen Nevas, Blaxcell Street, Granville, NSW wrote to Base Records on 30th December, 1918 with the following: *“Could you give me any information of my Brother 2nd Lieut. J. G. Elliot, who left Sydney with Captain Carmichaels 2nd thousand last June, we have been informed that he died in England on the 1st November. I would deem it a great favour of you could give me more information regarding his death..”*

Base Records replied to Mrs Carberry on 8th January, 1919 with the following: *“... the only advice at present to hand regarding the regrettable report of his death is that it occurred on 1.1.18 at Tidworth Military Hospital, England, as the result of pneumonia. It is anticipated however that official confirmatory documents coming to hand later by mail will contain further particulars which will be promptly transmitted to next-of-kin, shown as wife, and will also be available to you upon receipt of your enquiry at a later date.”*

Myrtle Elliot, widow of the late Second Lieutenant John George Elliot, wrote to Base Records on 21st January, 1919 to advise her change of address to c/o W. M. J. Walsh, Esq., Solicitor, Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Base Records replied on 24th January, 1919 acknowledging the change of address on their records.

Second Lieutenant John George Elliot 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 Second Lieutenant Elliot's widow – Mrs M. I. Elliot, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Second Lieutenant John George Elliot, aged 35, of Australian Reinforcement. He was the son of Robert and Emma Elliot; husband of Myrtle Isabel Elliot.

Second Lieutenant J. G. Elliot 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.

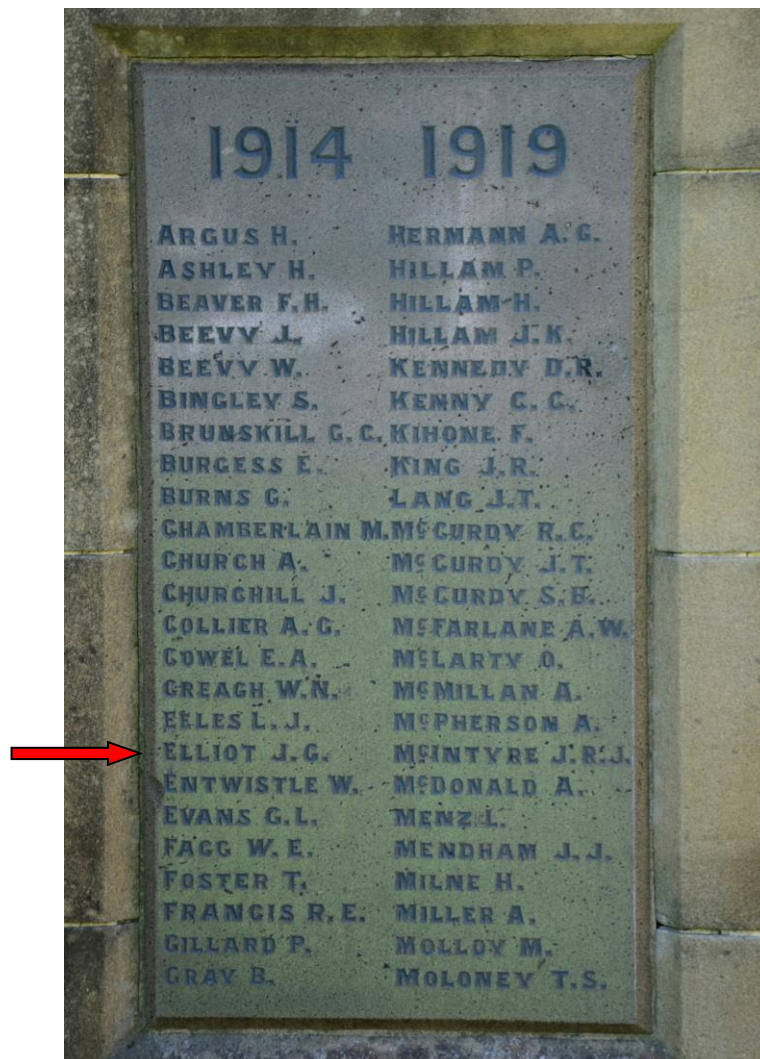


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. G. Elliot is remembered on the Wagga Wagga War Memorial, located in Victory Memorial Gardens, Baylis & Morrow Streets, Wagga Wagga, NSW.



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



J. G. Elliot is remembered on the Wagga Wagga and District War Memorial Cenotaph, located in Victory Memorial Gardens, Baylis & Morrow Streets, Wagga Wagga, NSW.

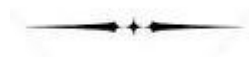


Wagga Wagga and District War Memorial Cenotaph (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



(66 pages of Second Lieutenant John George Elliot'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



Newspaper Notices

Death

ELLIOT – Lieutenant J. G., of Carmichael's 2nd Thousand, died of pneumonic influenza in England November 1, 1918, brother to Stephen, William, Robert, and step-brother to Bert Elliot (on active service).

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 26 November, 1918)

DOUBLE CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

2nd Lieut. JOHN GEO. ELLIOT, Ashfield

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 2 December, 1918)

On Active Service

ELLIOT – In loving memory of my dear brother, Lieut. John G. Elliot, who died of pneumonia at Tidworth, England, November 1, 1918. Inserted by his sorrowing sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Thomas Woodward.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 1 November, 1919)

Roll of Honour

ELLIOT – In fond memory of our dear brother, Jack, of Carmichael's Second Thousand (lieutenant), died pneumonia at Tidworth, England, November 1, 1918.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his fond brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Lizzie.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 1 November, 1920)

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)

Second Lieutenant J. G. Elliot does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

(Information from CWGC)



Tidworth Military Cemetery *(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The AIF Tidworth cemetery under snow. – March 1919.

Identified graves marked by a cross and headstone in the foreground

Front row: 50727 Private Rowland James Dickson, Australian Machine Gun Corps, died 14 October 1918.

Second row, left to right: 18282 Driver John Thalma Jackson, Details Australian Engineers, died 30 October 1917; 17445 Pte Roland Travers Woodville, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 13 September 1917; 31712 Gunner John Alexander McDonald, 15th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, died 30 July 1917, aged 37, at Tidworth Military Hospital; 3062 Pte Even Thomas Kennedy, 3rd Australian Pioneers, died 7 August 1917.



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire (Photo courtesy of John Prestidge)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)*



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)

Photo of Second Lieutenant J. G. Elliot's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



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