

Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England
War Graves
World War 1



Lest We Forget



IN MEMORY OF
DRIVER H. W. ELVERY
OF
BUNDABERG AUSTRALIA
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
NOVR 9 1916
AGED 25 YEARS
ERECTED BY HIS COMRADES OF THE 9TH
FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE A.I.F.

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Driver H. W. Elvery is located in Grave Plot # 120
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Henry William ELVERY

Henry William Elvery was born at Barolin Road, Bundaberg, Queensland on 12th September, 1891 to parents William & Sarah Jane Elvery (nee Elvery).

He attended school at Woongarra State School, Queensland.

Henry William Elvery was a 24 year old, single, Farmer (Attestation Papers state Fireman) from Maryborough Road, Bundaberg, Queensland when he enlisted on 20th October, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 20942 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. Elvery of Maryborough Road, Bundaberg, Queensland.

Gunner Henry William Elvery embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Argyllshire (A8)* on 11th May, 1916 with the 9th Field Artillery Brigade, 34th Battery & disembarked at Devonport, England on 10th July, 1916.

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.

Gunner Henry William Elvery was appointed Driver with effect from 1st September, 1916 while attached to 9th Field Artillery Brigade at Larkhill, Wiltshire.

Driver Henry William Elvery was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 31st October, 1916 with Bronchial Catarrh & then reported with Pneumonia 'severe' on 1st November, 1916.

Driver Henry William Elvery died on 9th November, 1916 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for Henry W. Elvery, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

The Red Cross Wound & Missing File for Driver Henry William Elvery contains a letter from the Matron of Fargo Military Hospital, dated 26th January, 1917, after an enquiry was made by F. M. Madden from Portadown, Ireland who had been enquiring into Driver Elvery's death. The letter reads:

"Died 9.11.16 – No. 20942 Driver H. W. Elvery 34th Batty. F.A. A.I.F. was only in hospital a few days and was very very ill at the time. Everything was done that could be done, but he was very ill on admission. He died of pneumonia on 9.11.16 and was buried at Durrington, Wilts on 11.11.16 grave number 120. on Right hand side of Cemetery path. The Methodist Chaplain Captain Nye saw him when ill, and also buried him. The Sister who nursed Driver Elvery wrote to his people after his death. Relations who are so far away especially, have our most sincere sympathy."

Driver Henry William Elvery was buried on 11th November, 1916 in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – plot number 120.

Probate in the Will of Driver Henry William Elvery was granted to his father – Mr William Elvery.

Driver Henry William Elvery was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Elvery's father – William Elvery (March, 1922 & August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Henry William Elvery – service number 20943 as being 24 years old & served with 9th Bde. Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of William and Sarah Jane Elvery. Born at Bundaberg, Queensland.

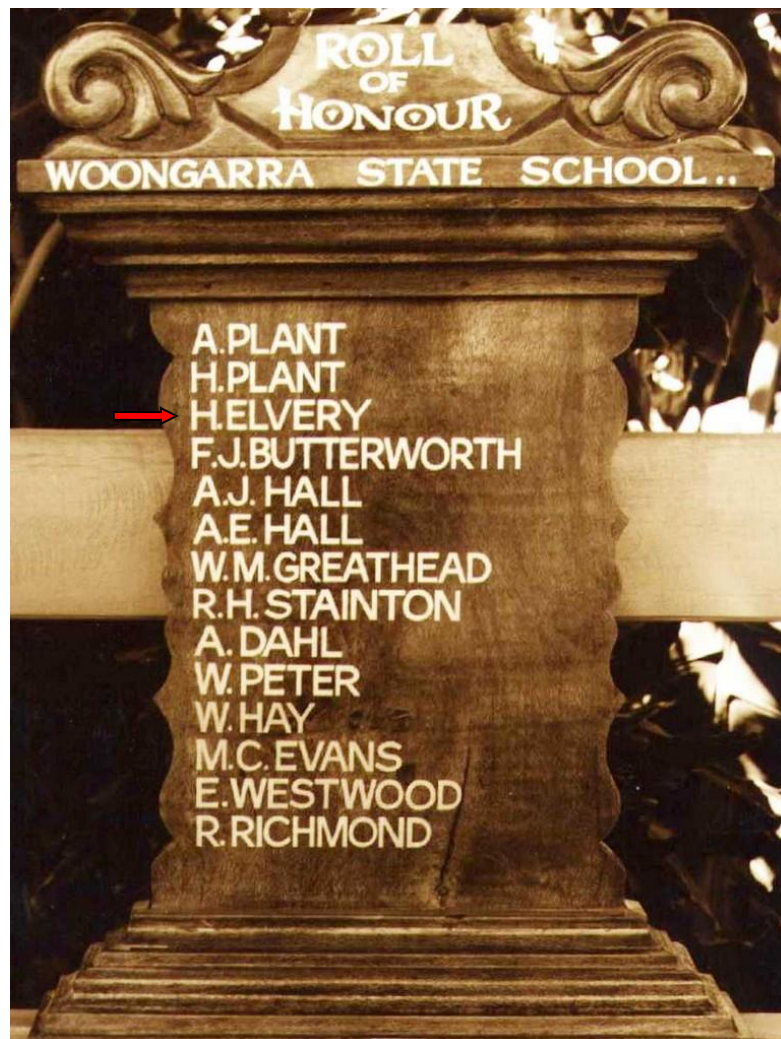
Private H. W. Elvery is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 15.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)

H. Elvery is remembered on the Woongarra State School Roll of Honour, located at Woongarra State School, 468 Elliott Heads Road, Bundaberg, Queensland.



Woongarra State School Roll of Honour *(Photo from Queensland War Memorial Register – Shirley & Trevor McIvor)*

H. W. Elvery is also remembered on the Bundaberg War Memorial located on a traffic island on the intersection of Bourbong and Barlin Streets, Bundaberg, Queensland. H. W. Elvery's name is on 2nd column, 16th name down.



Bundaberg War Memorial (Photo above from AWM Places of Pride – Kym Browne)



Bundaberg War Memorial (Photo by Shirley & Trevor McIvor)

H. Elvery is remembered on the Mundubbera War Memorial, located at Lyons & Bouverie Streets, Mundubbera, Queensland.



Mundubbera War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



(38 pages of Driver Henry William Elvery's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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



DRIVER A. W. ELVERY,
Bundaberg (Q.).
Died of illness.

(Note: Listed as Driver A. W. Elvery)

Newspaper Reports

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Driver H. W. Elvery (Bundaberg)

(*The Capricornian*, Rockhampton, Queensland Saturday 25 November, 1916)

In Memoriam

In loving memory of DRIVER H. W. ELVERY, who died in Fargo Military Hospital, from pneumonia, on 9th November, 1916.

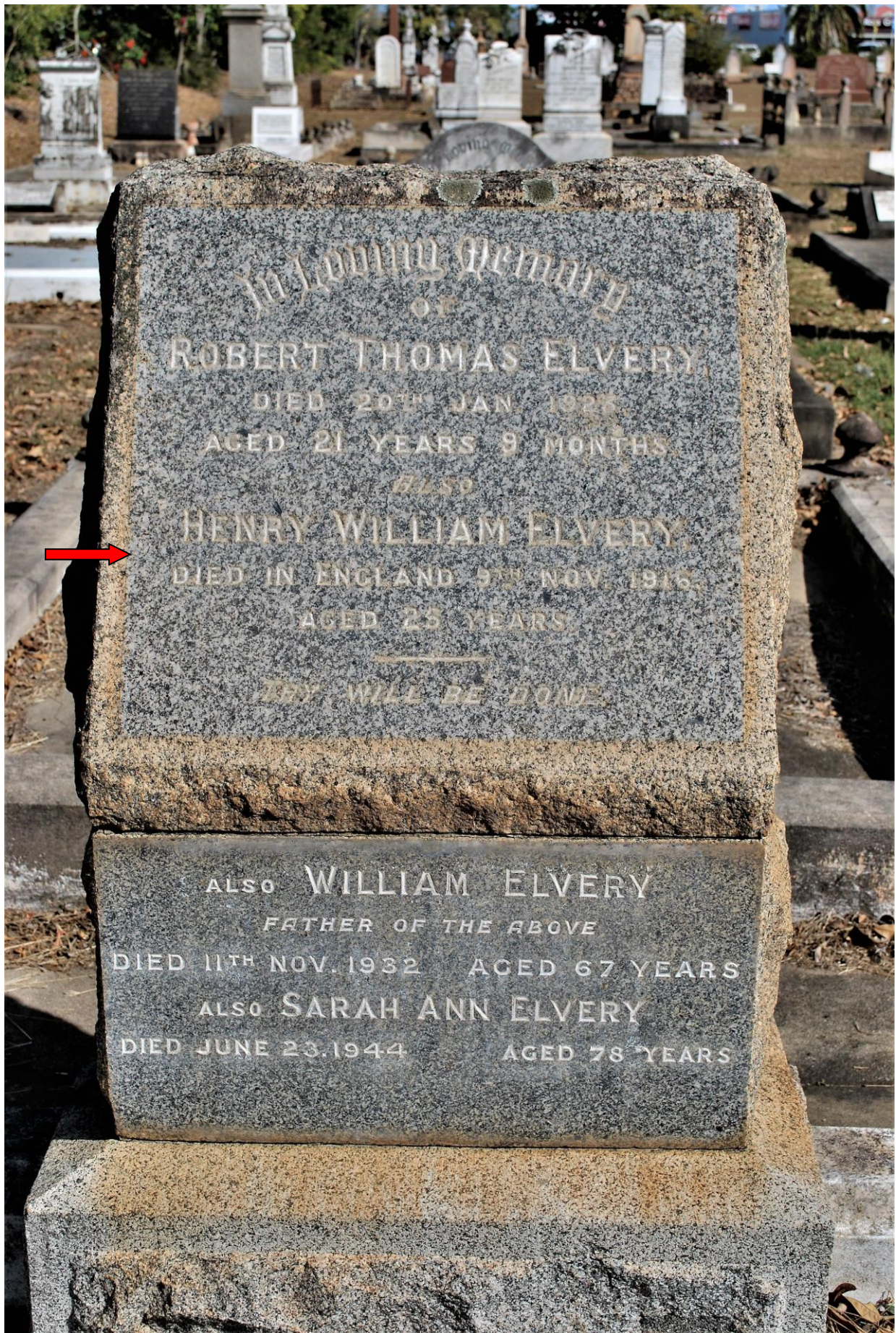
Gone, but not forgotten, by his sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters.

(*The Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser*, Queensland – 9 November, 1917)

Henry William Elvery is remembered on a plaque with his brother Robert Thomas Elvery which is above their parents' headstone in Bundaberg General Cemetery, Queensland.

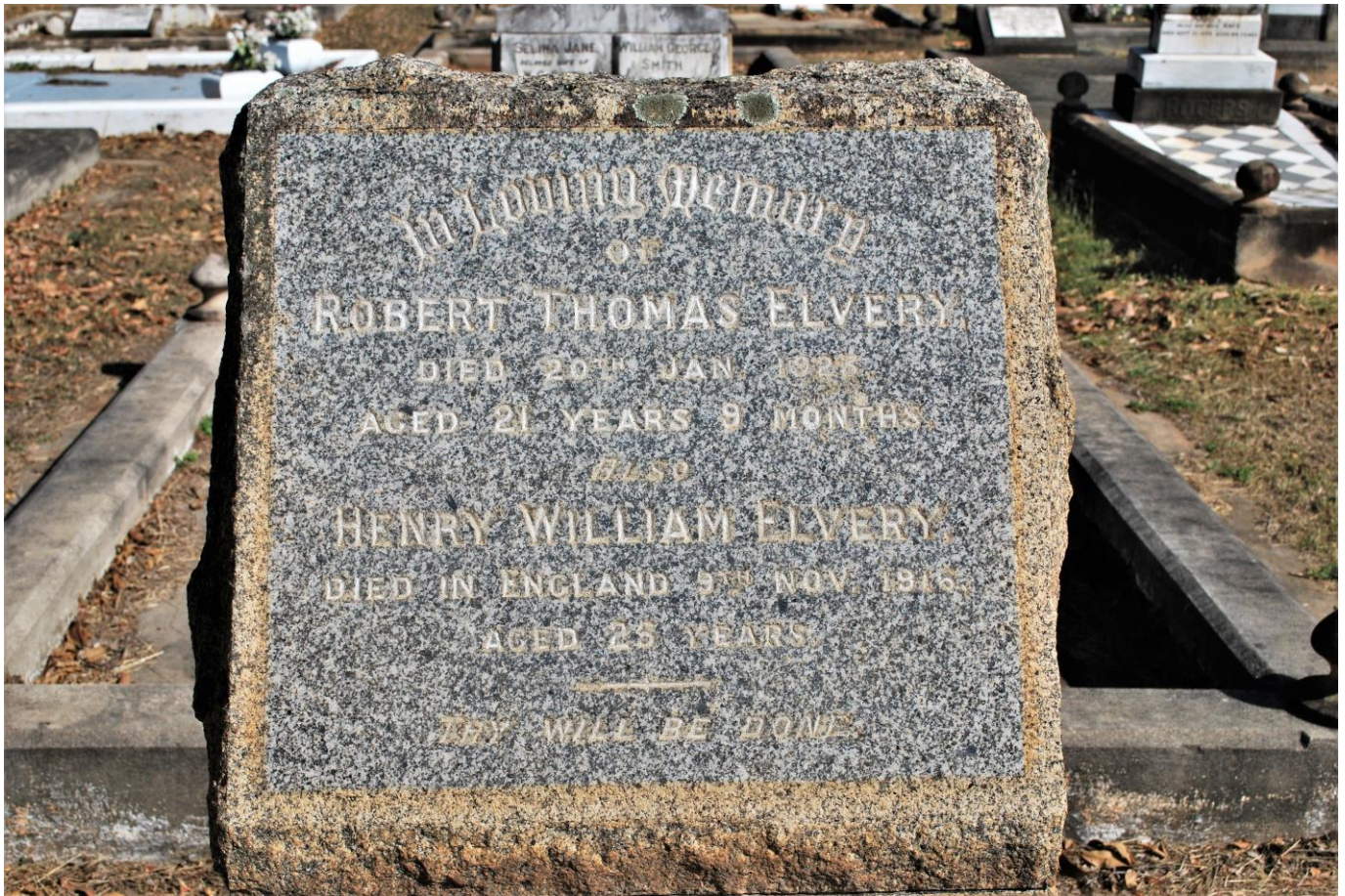


Elvery Headstone in Bundaberg General Cemetery (Photos from *Find a Grave* – Glenn Nelson)



In Loving Memory
OF
ROBERT THOMAS ELVERY
DIED 20TH JAN. 1925
AGED 21 YEARS 9 MONTHS
ALSO
HENRY WILLIAM ELVERY
DIED IN ENGLAND 9TH NOV. 1916
AGED 25 YEARS
THEY WILL BE DONE

ALSO WILLIAM ELVERY
FATHER OF THE ABOVE
DIED 11TH NOV. 1932 AGED 67 YEARS
ALSO SARAH ANN ELVERY
DIED JUNE 23. 1944 AGED 78 YEARS



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Durrington Cemetery contains burials of both wars. The 204 First World War burials were mostly from nearby Larkhill Camp. Many of the graves are of Australian servicemen and there is a separate Australian memorial in the cemetery. The Second World War burials number 22. In addition to the war graves, there are a number of post-war service graves in the cemetery, mostly of the Royal Air Force.

(Information from CWGC)



Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo above by Dave Healing 2013)*



Photo of Driver H. W. Elvery's Private Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England. Driver H. W. Elvery does not have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone. His headstone was privately erected by "his Comrades of the 9TH Field Artillery Brigade. A.I.F." prior to the CWGC headstones being erected for all soldiers.



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