

**Shorncliffe Military Cemetery,  
Folkestone, Kent  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**181870 FLT. CADET**

**J. J. F. DUNLOP**

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

**29TH SEPTEMBER, 1918 Age 31**

*God Is His Own Interpreter*

*And Will Make*

*All Things Plain*

## John James FORREST-DUNLOP

John James Forrest-Dunlop was born in Sydney, NSW around 1887.

John James Forrest-Dunlop was a 31 year old, married, Electrician when he joined the Royal Air Force on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1918. His service number was 181870. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Violet Forrest-Dunlop c/o Mrs Craig, 420 Married Quarters, East Rand, Transvaal, South Africa.

Flight Cadet John James Forrest-Dunlop was attached to No. 8 Cadet Wing of the Royal Air Force.

Flight Cadet John James Forrest-Dunlop was reported as seriously ill with Influenza in the Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, Kent, England on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

Flight Cadet John James Forrest-Dunlop died on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 at Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, Kent, England from Pneumonia.

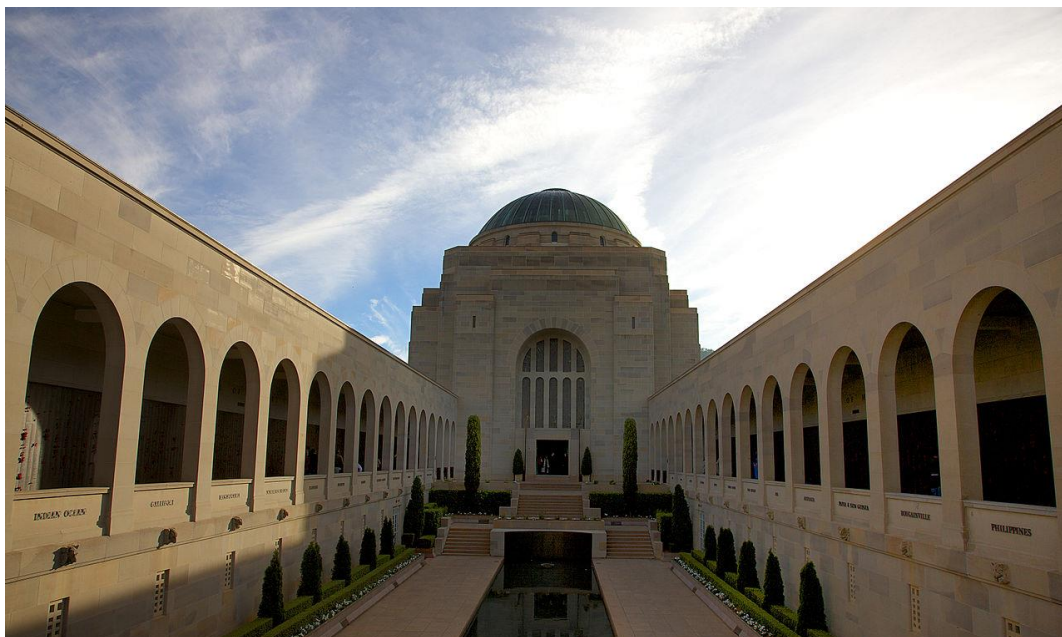


A death for John J. F. Dunlop, aged 30, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Elham, Kent, England.

Flight Cadet John James Forrest-Dunlop was buried in Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England – Plot number N. 673 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Flight Cadet John James Forrest-Dunlop – service number 181870, aged 31, No. 8 Cadet Wing, Royal Air Force. He was the husband of Violet Forrest-Dunlop, of East Rand, Transvaal, South Africa. Born in Sydney, Australia.

Flight Cadet John James Forrest-Dunlop is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)

John James Forrest-Dunlop is remembered on the South Africa War Graves Project.



#### 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)*

Flight Cadet John James Forrest-Dunlop does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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## **Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England**

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery belongs to the Ministry of Defence and contains war graves of both World Wars. It is close to the military camp at Shorncliffe, 2 miles west of Folkestone

During the First World War a number of Canadian military establishments were centred on Shorncliffe. There were camps and a Machine Gun School which were served by the Shorncliffe Military Hospital (later No. 9 Canadian General), the Moore Barracks Military Hospital (later No. 11 Canadian General), and other Canadian hospitals. The Canadian Army Medical Corps Training Depot was at or near Shorncliffe during almost the whole of the war. On three occasions Canadian soldiers were killed during air raids on Shorncliffe.

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery contains 471 First World War burials, more than 300 of them Canadian. Second World War burials number 81, including 1 unidentified U.K. soldier and 1 Polish Foreign National. The cemetery also contains a screen wall on which are commemorated 18 Belgians originally buried in a mausoleum, now demolished.

There are 11 Australians from World War 1 buried in this Cemetery – 2 with Royal Air Force.

*(Information from the CWGC)*



**Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone** *(Photo courtesy of Paul Kendall)*



**Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone** (Photo above courtesy of Paul Kendall & below Stephen Summerfield)



Photo of Flight Cadet J. J. Forrest-Dunlop's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England.





**Cross of Sacrifice** (Photo courtesy of Paul Kendall)