

**Lodge Hill Cemetery,
Birmingham, West Midlands**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4211 BOMBARDIER

E. T. GREEN

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

8TH SEPTEMBER, 1918

Esmond Thomas GREEN

Esmond Thomas Green was born at Gobur, near Euroa, Victoria in 1893 to parents John James & Mary Anne Green (nee Mccabe).

The 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Maribyrnong, subdivision on Moonee Ponds, Victoria recorded Esmond Thomas Green, Labourer from 2 Chaucer Street.

Esmond Thomas Green was a 21 year old, single, Butcher when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 21st November, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as – Mrs E. V. Green, 1 Browning Street, Moonee Ponds, Victoria.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green was posted to 2nd Field Artillery Brigade for recruit training.

Esmond Thomas Green married Eileen Veronica Cameron in 1915 in Victoria.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green, Service number 4211, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Hororata* (A20) on 17th April, 1915 with the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, 5th Reinforcements.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 26th May, 1915. He was transferred to 2nd B.A.C. (Brigade Ammunition Column) at Anzac on 23rd July, 1915.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green was admitted to 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance at Mudros on 26th July, 1915 with Shock. He was transferred to 1st Southern Hospital at Lemnos on 3rd August, 1915 with Diarrhoea.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green was admitted to Hospital Ship *Assaye* at Gallipoli on 26th August, 1915 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Arm. He was admitted to No. 2 General Hospital at Ghezirah on 30th August, 1915. Gunner Green was transferred to Mena House at Cairo on 7th September, 1915. He was transferred to Convalescent Hospital at Helouan on 11th October, 1915.

Base Records advised Mrs E. V. Green, 1 Browning Street, Moonee Ponds, Victoria, on 9th September, 1915 that Corporal E. T. Green had been admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital at Ghezireh on 30th August with a gunshot wound to Arm slight. Base Records advised Mrs Green on 20th September, 1915 that Corporal E. T. Green had been wounded in action on 26th August, 1915.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green joined Details at New Oasis Camp at Cairo on 23rd November, 1915.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green was transferred to 4th Divisional Artillery at Tel-el-Kebir on 27th February, 1916. He was taken on strength of 21st Howitzer Brigade & posted to 102nd Battery on 6th March, 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 25th March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 1st April, 1916.

Gunner Esmond Thomas Green was taken on strength of 2 F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) on 15th May, 1916 as Driver, having been transferred from 21st Howitzer Brigade.

Driver Esmond Thomas Green was with his Unit on 15th January, 1917 (this was reported when no activity had been recorded on his Casualty Form – Active Service for several months).

Driver Esmond Thomas Green was promoted to Acting Bombardier on 2nd August, 1917 vice Tope promoted.

Acting Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green was promoted to Temporary Bombardier on 19th October, 1917 vice Holden promoted. He was promoted to Bombardier on the same day to complete Establishment.

Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green was on Leave to England from 28th November, 1917 & rejoined his Unit from Leave on 18th December, 1917.

Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green reported sick on 24th March, 1918. He was admitted to 2nd Australian Field Ambulance on 25th March, 1918 with Laryngitis. Bombardier Green was discharged to duty on 28th March, 1918 & rejoined 2nd F.A.B. on 29th March, 1918.

Mrs E. V. Green, 8 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, advised Base Records on 14th June, 1918 that she had changed her address (previously 2 Chaucer St., Monee Ponds.)

Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green was wounded in action in France on 23rd August, 1918. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 23rd August, 1918 with shrapnel wounds to ear & neck then transferred to Casualty Clearing Station. Bombardier Green was admitted to 9th (USA) General Hospital at Rouen, France on 24th August, 1918. He was invalided to England on 26th August, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Gloucester Castle*.

War Diary – 2nd Field Artillery Brigade

23rd August, 1918:

At 4.45 our barrage opened & continued until 6.30 am. All objectives were taken & the Infantry were well pleased with the barrage. Lt N. J. Delany went forward as Bn Liaison Officer but owing to broken communications could get very little information back to us, although the 1st F.A.B. were able to bring fire to bear on many targets observed by Lt Delany. Lieut H. J. Fisher went forward as F.O.O. but was not able to do much owing to breaking of communications.

(Extract of Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green was admitted to 2/1 Southern General Hospital at Birmingham, England on 27th August, 1918 with shrapnel wound/s to Head.

Base Records advised Mrs E. V. Green, 8 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, Victoria on 4th September, 1918 that Bombardier E. T. Green had been wounded.

Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green died at 6.40 am on 8th September, 1918 at 2/1 Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England from wounds received in action - 1. G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to left Ear & right Neck 2. Septic Meningitis.

A death for Edmond T. Green, aged 25, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.

Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green was buried at 2 pm on 11th September, 1918 in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England – Grave No.543, Section B 10. His name is now remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall B10. 543 as those in this Plot do not have headstones.

From the burial report of Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green - Coffin was good. Polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was mounted on a Gun Carriage and draped with the "Union Jack". Rev. W. Emery conducted the burial service at the graveside. A temporary memorial will be erected by the Birmingham City Corporation, Birmingham. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.

Mrs Green, 447 Swanston St, Melbourne, Victoria, phoned Base Records on 12th December, 1918 requesting a Death Certificate for 4211 Bombardier E. T. Green.

Base Records wrote to Mrs Green on 16th December, 1918 enclosing a certificate of report of death of the late No. 4211 Bombardier E. T. Green, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade.

The Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co. Ltd, Sydney, NSW, wrote to Base Records on 6th February, 1919 requesting a certificate of death together with identification particulars for E. T. Green, No. 4211.

The District Paymaster, 3rd Military District, Melbourne, wrote to Base Records on 8th January, 1919 advising that the new address for Mrs E. V. Green, next-of-kin of No. 4211 Bombardier E. T. Green, was 447th Swanston Street, Melbourne (previously 8 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy).

Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Bombardier Green's widow – Mrs E. V. Green, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922 & returned 10th May, 1923. Re-sent 24th May, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green – service number 4211, of 2nd Bde, Australian Field Artillery. No family details are listed.

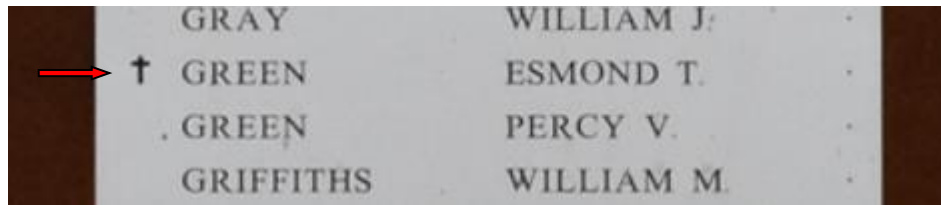
Esmond T. Green is remembered on the Telegraph Park Memorial, located on Brock Street, Euroa, Victoria.



Telegraph Park Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



Telegraph Park Memorial



E. T. Green is remembered on the Essendon Area Honour Roll (First World War) (A-H).



(Photo from VHD Heritage Council)

Bombardier E. T. Green is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 12.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(55 pages of Bombardier Esmond Thomas Green'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

The marriage of Miss E. Cameron, eldest daughter of Mr J. Cameron, Moonee Ponds, to Sergeant E. T. Green, eldest son of Mr J. Green, Moonee Ponds, will take place at St. Monicas's, Essendon, shortly. Sergeant Green will leave with the Expeditionary Force.

(The Essendon Gazette and Keilor, Bulla and Broadmeadows Reporter, Moonee Ponds, Victoria – 7 January, 1915)

THE EIGHTIETH CASUALTY LIST

WOUNDED

VICTORIA

Corporal E T Green, Moonee Ponds

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 22 September, 1915)

RETURNED TO DUTY

Victoria -..... Cpl. E. T. Green, Moonee Ponds

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 September, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

GREEN – Died on the 8th September, from wounds received in France, after 4 years of active service, Sergeant Esmond Thomas Green, loving son of Mary and John Green, of 2 Chaucer-street, Moonee Ponds. Our hero.

-Inserted by his loving mother and father, sisters and brothers.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 17 September, 1918)

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 17 September, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOR

Sgt E. T. Green died on 8th September, of wounds received in France. He was a son of Mr John Green, of 2 Chaucer street, Moonee Ponds, and had seen four years' active service.

(*The Essendon Gazette and Keilor, Bulla and Broadmeadows Reporter*, Moonee Ponds, Victoria – 19 September, 1918) &

(*Flemington Spectator*, Victoria – 19 September, 1918)

CASUALTY LIST NO. 433

Died of Wounds

Bdr E. T. GREEN, Fitzroy, 8/9/18

(*The Herald*, Victoria – 12 October, 1918)

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.

Bombardier E. T. Green does not have CWGC headstone, his name is instead remembered on a CWGC Screen Wall as his grave was one that could not be individually marked with a headstone.

Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England

The First World War saw four important hospitals - besides many smaller - posted at Birmingham: the 1st Southern General (3,500 beds) was in the university and other buildings, with a section at Stourbridge; the 2nd/1st Southern General (1,800 beds) in the Dudley Road Infirmary and in billets; the 1st Birmingham War Hospital (1,000 beds) at Rubery Hill Asylum and the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital (900 beds) at Hollymoor Asylum. Military hospitals were at Birmingham again during the Second World War, including No 7 Canadian Hospital at Marston Green. Birmingham and Coventry were among the chief manufacturing areas producing materials for the war effort and were subjected to many devastating air raids during the Blitz of 1940-41.

BIRMINGHAM (LODGE HILL) CEMETERY contains 499 First World War burials, most of them in a war graves plot in Section B10. The names of those buried in the plot, or in graves elsewhere in the cemetery which could not be individually marked, are inscribed on a Screen Wall. Second World War burials number 125, most of them scattered throughout the cemetery, although there is a small plot in Section 2E. Birmingham Municipal Crematorium stands within the cemetery. In the chapel, there is a bronze plaque commemorating 48 servicemen of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

(Information from CWGC)



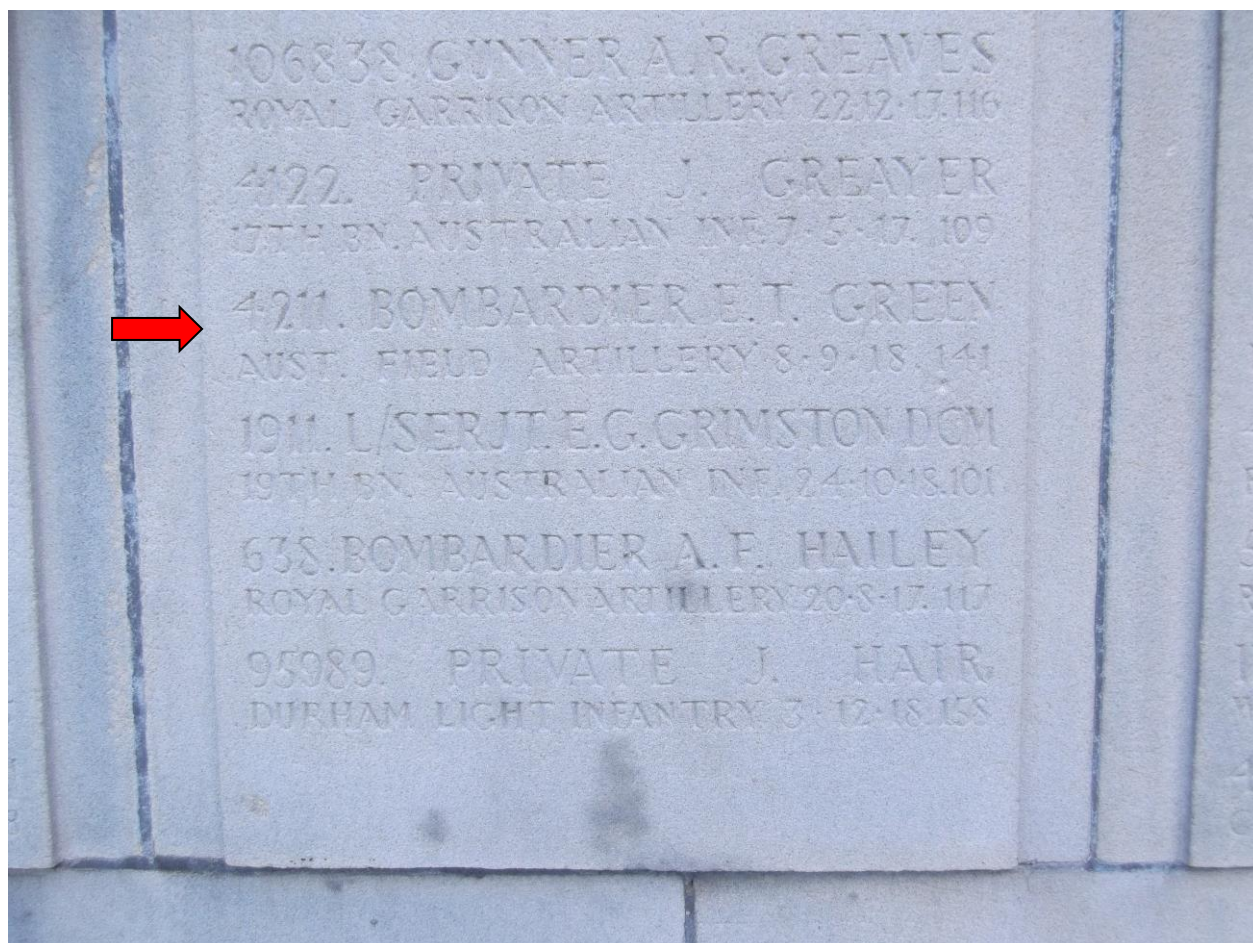
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Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham (*Photos from CWGC*)



Photo of Bombardier E. T. Green's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission WW1 Screen Wall in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England.



(Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)





WW1 Screen Wall in Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)



WW2 Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)

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