

**Welford Road Cemetery,
Leicester, Leicestershire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5094 PRIVATE

G. HAMILTON

13TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

20TH SEPTEMBER, 1916

George HAMILTON

George Hamilton was born at Killyman, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, Ireland to parents James and Jane Hamilton.

George Hamilton attended Nation School at Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, Ireland.

According to information supplied by his sister for the Roll of Honour – George Hamilton came to Australia when he was 31 years of age.

George Hamilton stated he was a 29 year old, single, Grocer from Chestnut, Darley Street, North Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at Warwick Farm, Sydney, NSW on 8th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5094 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs J. Marsh, Chestnut, Darley Street, North Sydney, NSW.

Private George Hamilton was posted to “C” Company, 13th Battalion on 1st December, 1915.

Private George Hamilton embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Star of Victoria (A16)* on 31st March, 1916 with the 13th Infantry Battalion, 16th Reinforcements.

Private George Hamilton was admitted to No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital at Tel-el-Kebir on 24th May, 1916 with diarrhoea.

Private George Hamilton embarked from Alexandria on 7th June, 1916 on H.M.T. *Ionian* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 14th June, 1916.

Private George Hamilton was appointed Acting Corporal with Duty & pay from 7th June, 1916 while posted at 4th Divisional Base Depot.

Acting Corporal George Hamilton joined 13th Battalion in France on 25th August, 1916 & reverted to the rank of Private.

Private George Hamilton was wounded in action in France on 30th August, 1916. He was admitted to 3rd Canadian General Hospital on 1st September, 1916 with a fractured right arm & shrapnel wounds to left ankle. Private Hamilton embarked from Boulogne, France for England on 2nd September, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Newhaven* with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right arm.

13th Battalion

The 13th Battalion AIF was raised from late September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. The battalion was recruited in New South Wales, and with the 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions formed the 4th Brigade, commanded by Colonel John Monash.....

In June 1916, the 13th sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bloody trench warfare. Its first major action in France was at Pozieres in August.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 13th Battalion

30th August, 1916:

Day quiet. Trenches very badly damaged by previous night's bombardment. Communications knee deep in mud. Experience great difficulty in evacuating wounded.

48th Battalion commenced to relieve at 11 pm.

Casualties – Captain H. W. Murray, Lieut R. J. Henderson and 2/Lieut C. Kaler and 42 other ranks wounded, 8 other ranks killed and 14 missing.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private George Hamilton was admitted to 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, England on 2nd September, 1916.

Private George Hamilton died on 20th September, 1916 at 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, England (Note: Casualty Form – Active Service & Statement of Service Form both have recorded that Private Hamilton died in Sussex County Hospital. The Field Service form – “Report of death of a Soldier” has the hospital listed as 2nd Eastern General) from wounds received in action in France - fractured humerus, amputation of arm & Septicaemia.

A death for George Hamilton, aged 39, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Brighton, Sussex, England.

Private George Hamilton was buried on 23rd September, 1916 in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England – Plot number E. “C”. 628 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. His body had been transferred from No. 2 Eastern General Hospital, Brighton to his relative - Mr Hamilton, 111 Beal Street, Leicester before the burial. (Note: A handwritten note in the Service Record file for Private Hamilton records that the body of Sergeant George Hamilton had been sent from Brighton Hospital to the residence of Mr J. Jelly, Charnwood Street, Leicester.)

Private George Hamilton was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hamilton’s next of kin. The Memorial Scroll & Plaque were returned to London for issue to Private Hamilton’s brother – Mr W. Hamilton, 11 Beal Street, Leicester, England. (Scroll & Plaque sent March, 1922).

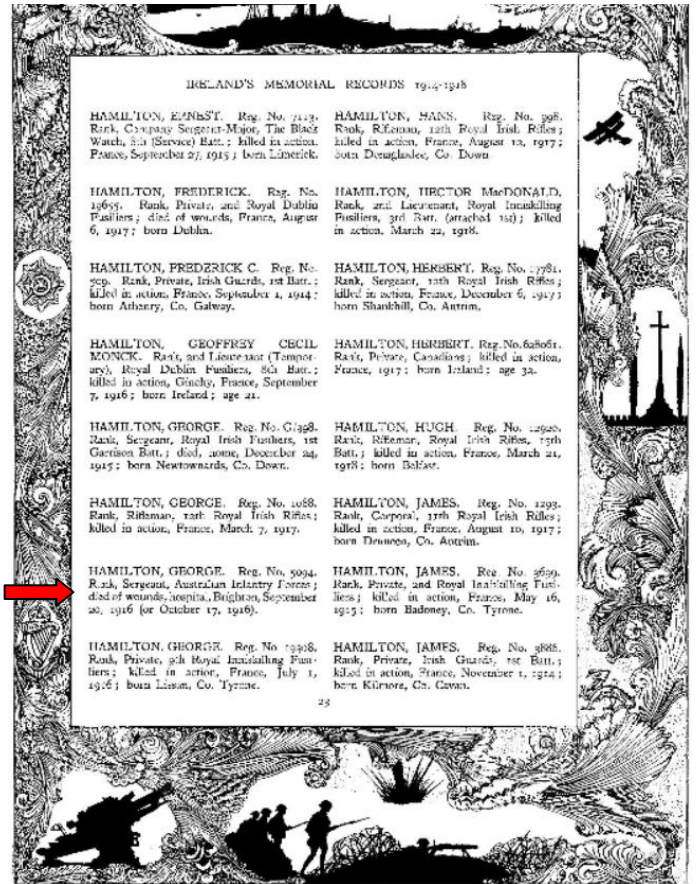
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private George Hamilton – service number 5094, of 13th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of James and Jane Hamilton.

Private G. Hamilton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 69.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

George Hamilton is remembered in Ireland's Memorial Records which is an 8 volume set compiled by The Committee of the Irish National War Memorial, originally published in 1923. These volumes provide information on over 49,000 Irish men and women who died in the Great War.



Ireland's Memorial Records



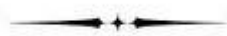
HAMILTON, GEORGE. Reg. No. 5094. Rank, Sergeant, Australian Infantry Forces; died of wounds, hospital, Brighton, September 20, 1916 (or October 17, 1916).

(31 pages of Private George Hamilton'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



Private George Hamilton



Newspaper Notices

THE RANK AND FILE

Sergeant George Hamilton, Australian Forces, who has died from wounds in the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, was a Belfastman, and formerly resided at Cregagh. Before emigrating to Australia, some four years ago, he was in the employment of Messrs. Forster Green & Co. Ltd

(Northern Whig, Belfast, Antrim, Northern Ireland - 4 October, 1916) &

(Larne Times, Larne, Antrim, Northern Ireland 7 October, 1916)

CASUALTIES

The 231st and 232nd lists of casualties sustained by the Australian troops were issued yesterday...

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF WOUNDS

Sgt. G. HAMILTON, North Sydney

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 10 October, 1916)

DIED OF WOUNDS

SERGEANT G. HAMILTON

Sergeant George Hamilton, brother of Mrs. C. Marsh, of Darley-street, North Sydney, has died of wounds in hospital at Brighton. He was a native of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, and arrived in Sydney about four years ago. He was wounded in France, and died on September 20. He was a well-known member of the North Sydney Rifle Club.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 11 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HAMILTON – Died September 20, of wounds received in France, Sergeant George Hamilton, the beloved brother of Mrs C. Marsh and Annie Hamilton, Darley-street, North Sydney.

HAMILTON – September 20, died of wounds received in France, Sergt, George Hamilton, dear friend of L. Guryder. Deeply but proudly mourned. I've learned to live and love and give.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 11 October, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

HAMILTON – In loving memory of Sergeant George Hamilton, died September 20, 1916, from wounds received in France.

Till the day breaks and shadows flee away.

Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Charles and Jeannie Marsh.

HAMILTON – In loving memory of Sergeant George Hamilton, died of wounds, in hospital, Brighton, September 20, 1916. Sadly missed by his sincere friend, L.G. His duty nobly done.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 September, 1917)

On Active Service

HAMILTON – Died of wounds on September 20, 1916, Sergeant George Hamilton, 18th Battalion, beloved brother of J. Marsh and A. Hamilton.

Till day breaks and shadows flee away.

HAMILTON – A tribute of remembrance to Sergt. G. Hamilton, died of wounds, September 20, 1916, sincere friend of L. G. His life a duty done.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 September, 1918)

On Active Service

HAMILTON – In loving memory of our dear brother, Sergeant George Hamilton, who died from wounds on September 20, 1916. Till the day break and shadows flee away. J. Marsh and A. Hamilton.

HAMILTON – A tribute of remembrance to Sergeant George Hamilton, who died of wounds, September 20, 1916. Sincere friend of L. G. His duty finished.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 September, 1919)

On Active Service

HAMILTON – In loving memory of Sergt. George Hamilton, died from wounds September 20, 1916.

Until day breaks, and shadows flee away.

Inserted by J. Marsh.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 September, 1920)

On Active Service

HAMILTON – In loving memory of Sergt. George Hamilton, 13th Batt., died of wounds September 20, 1916.

Until day breaks, and shadows flee away. J. M.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 September, 1921)

On Active Service

HAMILTON – In loving memory of Sergeant George Hamilton, 13th Battalion, died of wounds, September 20, 1916.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 September, 1922)

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 G. Hamilton does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England

Between 1914 and 1919, the 5th Northern General Hospital, with more than 2,600 beds, occupied several buildings in Leicester and North Evington. More than 95,000 officers and men were admitted to the hospital, which recorded 514 deaths before its closure. During the Second World War, there was a Royal Air Force operational training station near Leicester. Leicester (Welford Road) Cemetery contains 286 First World War burials, more than half of them forming a war graves plot with a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried there. The 46 Second World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery, which also contains eight Belgian war graves, 1 of which is unknown.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo by daglish – Find a Grave)



Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester (Photo from CWGC)



(Photo by Jackie March – Find a Grave)

Photo of Private G. Hamilton's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England.



(Photo by JPI – Find a Grave)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Mr and Mrs A T Sharp visiting the graves of seven Australians at the Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, including the grave of Kathleen Adele Brennan, Australian Red Cross Society, member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment. Brennan died of influenza at Leicester, England on 24 November 1918.

From the collection of Mr Alfred Thomas Sharp. Mr Sharp was the Commonwealth Immigration Officer of Victoria and was based in the London Office during the First World War. He and his wife hosted and visited many soldiers, particularly those from Victoria, who were recuperating in London. He also photographed many Australian graves in English cemeteries. His photograph collection relating to this period in London was bequeathed to the Memorial in 1922 after his death. During his time in London he was a member of the British Volunteer Regiment, serving with the Willesden Battalion, Middlesex Volunteer Regiment.

THE WELFORD ROAD CEMETERY

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

PLAN OF THE CEMETERY AS EXISTING

BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

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