

**Eastern Cemetery,
Edinburgh, Scotland
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



709 PRIVATE

J. MILLER

30TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8TH AUGUST, 1916

James MILLER

James Miller was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in July, 1889. His mother was Janet Miller.

James Miller attended George Heriot's School, Edinburgh from 1900 until 1904.

James Miller was employed by J. Dalrymple & Company, Edinburgh as an apprentice for 4 years.

James Miller came to Australia when he was 20 years old, according to information supplied by his mother – Janet Miller, for the Roll of Honour.

James Miller was a 26 year old, single, Clerk (Education Department, Sydney) from Guilford, Sydney, NSW (c/o Mrs Evans, "Hinley" Guilford) when he enlisted at Liverpool, Sydney on 14th July, 1915 with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 30th Infantry Battalion, "C" Company of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 709 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Janet Miller, c/o Mrs Holmes, 12 Comiston Gardens, Edinburgh, Scotland.

James Miller stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with the Territorial Force for 2 years Yeomanry (Imperial) & had been discharged on leaving the country. His mother had listed, for the Roll of Honour, that James Miller had served as Trooper with the Lothian and Border Horse.

Private James Miller embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Beltana* (A72) on 9th November, 1915 & disembarked at Suez on 11th December, 1915.

Private James Miller embarked from Alexandria on *Horarto* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) on 16th June, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles on 23rd June, 1916.

Private James Miller was wounded in action in France on 20th July, 1916. He was taken to 8th Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wound to arm then transferred to Ambulance Train on 22nd July, 1916. Pte Miller was admitted to 13th General Hospital, Boulogne on 22nd July, 1916 with Gunshot wound to left Arm (amputated). Pte Miller was invalided to England on Hospital Ship "*St. Denis*" on 27th July, 1916.

Private James Miller was admitted to the War Hospital, Keighley on 27th July, 1916.

Private James Miller died on 8th August, 1916 at War Hospital, Keighley, Yorkshire from wounds received in action in France – Amputation of left arm.

A death for James Miller, aged 27, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Keighley, Yorkshire West Riding.

Private James Miller was buried by his relatives in Eastern Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland – Plot number B. 807 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Pte James Miller was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Miller's mother – Mrs J. Miller, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque both sent July, 1922).

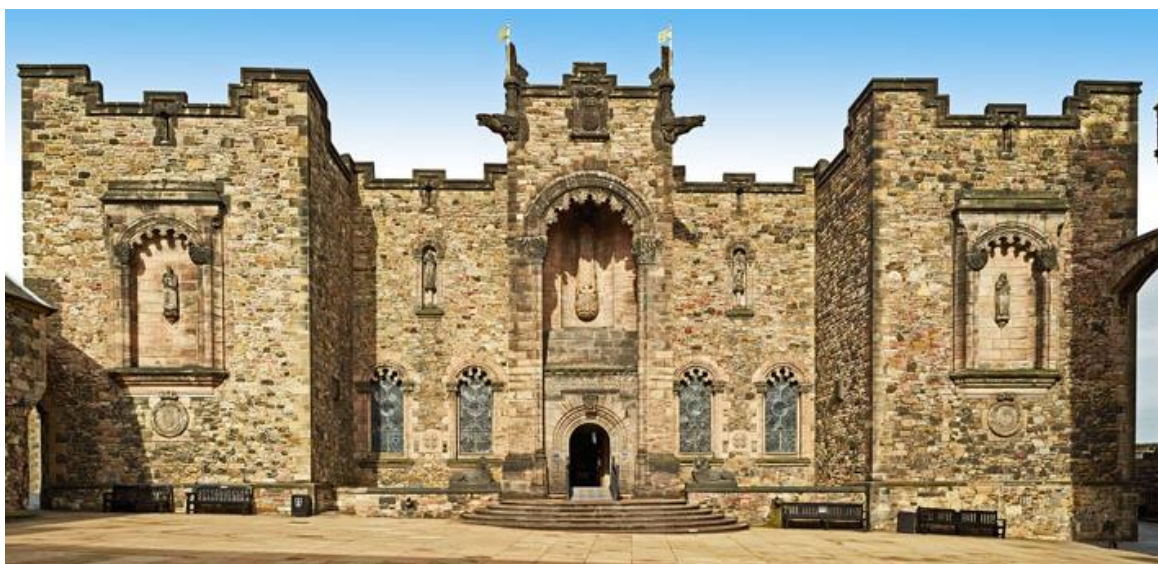
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private J. Miller – service number 709, of 30th Battalion Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private J. Miller is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 117.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

James Miller is remembered in the Roll of Honour books held in the Hall of Honour inside The Scottish National War Memorial. The north side of the Hall of Honour is divided by columns into bays, each dedicated to a different regiment and enhanced with battle honours and consecrated colours. On the broad shelf in front of each of the bays, the names of the dead are listed in leather-bound books.



The Scottish National War Memorial

(Photos from The Scottish National War Memorial)

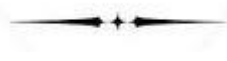


The Hall of Honour & the Roll of Honour books.



(22 pages of Pte James Miller'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



Newspaper Notices

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR

Guildford had a great night on Monday, when the Elite Hall, kindly placed at the disposal of the organisers by Mr O'Neill, was filled to participate in a farewell to our splendid band of recruits, numbering over forty, as follows -James Miller..... Alderman King occupied the chair, and proceedings opened with a lively selection by the Westmead Home Band. Fine speeches were made by the chairman and Mr Orchard, M.P., who presented the sheepskin vests and money belts to our young braves; also by our old popular member, Veteran John Nobbs, who presented wristlet watches to the Granville contingent. Mr Hurford presented Allan Swift with a wristlet watch as the first recruit obtained through the Guildford Recruiting Association. Musical items were well rendered by Miss T. Fisher, Miss Sykes, Miss Donohoe (violin solo), Mr Sky, and Mr Orchard. Mr C. Hellerman, Mr Friend, jun., and Mr C. Hellerman. The dance which followed was kept up till the small hours.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 2 October, 1915)

MANY CASUALTIES

The 197th casualty list...

NEW SOUTH WALES

WOUNDED

Pte J. MILLER , Scotland

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 21 August, 1916)

THE WAR

200th LIST

Died of Wounds

Pte J. Miller (Scotland, previously reported wounded)

(*The Land*, Sydney, NSW – 1 September, 1916)



Private James Miller

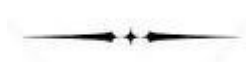
(*Photo courtesy of Archives – George Heriot's School, Edinburgh*)

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*)

Pte J. Miller does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.



Eastern Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland

Eastern Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland contains graves of both wars, including some non-war service graves in Section B. A Cross of Sacrifice is erected near the entrance, with a screen wall bearing the names of those whose 1914-1918 graves are not marked by headstones.

There are now nearly 90 World War 1 and over 60 World War 2 War casualties commemorated in this cemetery.



(Photo by Adam Brown – Scottish War Graves Project)

Photo of Pte J. Miller's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Eastern Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland.



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