

**Efford Cemetery,
Plymouth, Devon, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



930 BOMBARDIER

E. MOFFAT

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

28TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 26

Edward MOFFAT

Edward Moffat was born at Leeds, Yorkshire, England in 1892 to parents John Patterson Hogg Moffat & May Moffat (nee Howard). Edward Moffat was baptised on 25th September, 1892 at Holy Trinity Church, Leeds, Yorkshire. The family lived at 41 Frances/Francis St, Leeds & John Moffat was recorded as a Draper.

The 1901 England Census recorded Edward Moffat as an 8 year old living with his family at Lidgett Park Road. His parents were listed as John Moffat (Costumier Dress, aged 41, born Cornhill, Northumberland) & May Moffat (aged 40, born Machester, Lancs). Edward was one of six children listed on this Census (all born Leeds, Yorkshire) – John (aged 10), then Edward, Constance (aged 7), Winifred (aged 4), Kathleen (aged 3) & Mandoline (aged 2). Also listed in the household were 3 servants – Mary Blades (Governess, aged 28), Charlotte Aillan (Nurse – domestic) & Agnes Spencer (Housemaid, aged 23).

John Patterson Hogg Moffat, father of Edward Moffat, died in 1909 at Leeds, Yorkshire.

The 1911 England Census recorded Edward Moffat as an 18 year old Insurance Clerk, living with his family in an 11 room dwelling at 12 Clarendon Place, Leeds, Yorks, England. His widowed mother was listed as May Moffat (Costumier, aged 51). She had been married for 22 years & had 7 children. Edward was the eldest of 3 children listed on this Census – Edward then Kathleen Loffat (At school, aged 13) & Frank Moffat (At School, aged 6, born Leeds, Yorks). Also listed was a Boarder – Edgar Merfield (Insurance Official, aged 34).

According to information provided by his mother for the Roll of Honour – Edward Moffat came to Australia when he was 21 years & 3 months. He had also served with Leeds Rifles for 6 years.

The 1914, 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Alphington, Victoria recorded Edward Moffat, Clerk from Heidelberg Rd, Alphington. (Note: the 1915 & 1916 Rolls have the address as “The Woodlands, Heidelberg Road, Alphington.”)

Edward Moffat was a 22 year old, single, Insurance Clerk from Wenford Hill, Studley Road, Ivanhoe, Victoria when he enlisted at St. Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria on 20th August, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 930 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. Moffat, 12 Clarendon Place, Leeds, Yorks, England. Edward Moffat stated he had served with 8th West Yorkshire Infantry for 6 years & had been discharged at own request.

Gunner Edward Moffat was posted to 4th Battery, Field Artillery, A.I.F. on 20th August, 1914 for recruit training.

Gunner Edward Moffatt (name as per Embarkation Roll) embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Shropshire* (A9) on 20th October, 1914 with the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade – No. 4 Battery.

Gunner Edward Moffat joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) (from Alexandria) on 8th April, 1915.

Gunner Edward Moffat was wounded in action at Dardanelles with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Head (no date recorded). He was transferred to HMAT *Gasson* & was admitted to No. 17 General Hospital on 20th May, 1915. Gunner Moffat was transferred to Duty from Alexandria on *Itonas* on 2nd June, 1915.

Gunner Edward Moffat was admitted to No. 2 Field Ambulance at Anzac on 21st August, 1915 with Gastritis then transferred the same day to Casualty Clearing Station. Gunner Moffat was transferred & admitted to No. 1 Canadian Stationary Hospital at Lemnos Island on 7th September, 1915. He embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Grampian* on 27th September, 1915 with Jaundice.

Gunner Edward Moffat was admitted to 2nd Southern General Hospital, Southmead, Bristol, England on 11th October, 1915 with Paratyphoid. He was discharged on 20th December, 1915.

Gunner Edward Moffat joined Base Depot at Weymouth, Dorset, England on 2nd February, 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 & also Dorset. Later Training & Convalescing Units were combined under the one Command Depot.

Gunner Edward Moffat embarked from Monte Video, Weymouth, England on 7th June, 1916 to rejoin & reinforce his Unit. He was posted to 1st A.D.B. Depot (Australian Divisional Base) at Etaples, France on 8th June, 1916. Gunner Moffat was taken on strength of 1st D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) & was posted to No. 2 Section on 16th June, 1916.

Gunner Edward Moffat rejoined D.A.C. on 4th September, 1916 from being attached to 5th Battery. He was transferred to 21st Field Artillery Brigade on 21st September & was taken on strength the same day.

Gunner Edward Moffat was transferred to 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade on 24th January, 1917 from 21st & was taken on strength in France the same day.

Gunner Edward Moffat was written up for a Crime on 5th April, 1917 – "*Neglect of duty in that he was not alert on his post when as sentry.*" He was awarded 7 days Field Punishment No. 2.

Gunner Edward Moffat proceeded on Leave from 26th August, 1917 & rejoined his Unit from Leave on 11th September, 1917.

Gunner Edward Moffat was appointed Acting Bombardier on 19th October, 1917 while in France with 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Acting Bombardier Edward Moffat was promoted to Temporary Bombardier vice McPhail sent to Hospital. The promotion was confirmed on 24th January, 1918.

Bombardier Edward Moffat embarked from Havre for Australia on 13th October, 1918. He was listed as part of "B" Draft & disembarked at Southampton, England on 14th October, 1918. Bombardier Moffat was marched into St. Budeaux ready for Return to Australia – Special 1914 Leave.

Bombardier Edward Moffat was admitted to 4th Southern General Hospital – Ford House Section, at Devonport on 18th October, 1918 with Influenza.

Bombardier Edward Moffat died at 9.45 am on 28th October, 1918 at 4th Southern General Hospital (Ford House Section), Devonport, Plymouth, England from Influenza Pneumonia.

A death for Edward Moffat, aged 25, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Devonport, Devon, England.

Bombardier Edward Moffat was buried on 31st October, 1918 in Eggbuckland Cemetery, Plymouth, England – Section Class C, Grave No. 4478. This is now recorded by Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England – Plot number Church C. 4778 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Bombardier Edward Moffat - Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from:- Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men from Rest Camp; Mother and sisters; Miss Strickland. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev. Father W. G. Harris conducted the burial service. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.

Names of Relatives and Friends present at the Funeral – Mother – Mrs Moffat; Sister – Miss C. Moffat; Sister – Miss W. Moffat, Fiancée – Miss Strickland and many comrades from Rest Camp St Bodeaux, Plymouth.

National Probate Calendar – 1919:

MOFFATT Edward of 12 Clarendon-place Leeds. Bombardier 1st Field Artillery A.I.F. died 28 October 1918 at the 4th Southern General Hospital Devonport. Administration London 18 February to May Moffatt, widow. Effects £317 9s.

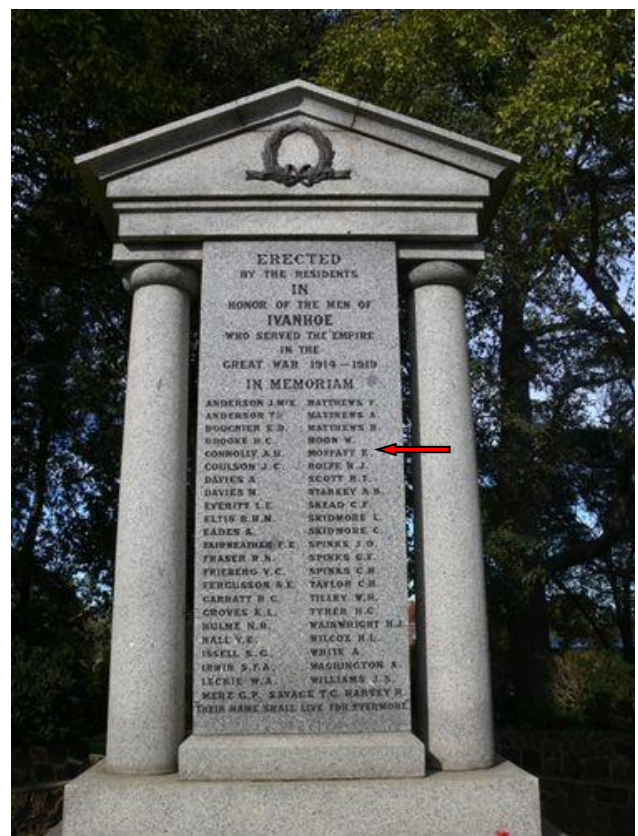
The Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons, New Zealand Chambers, 483 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, wrote to Base Records on 27th August, 1919 requesting the certificate of the report of death of the late No. 930, Bombardier Edward Moffat, 1st F.A.B.

Base Records replied on 1st September, 1919 enclosing a certificate of report of death of the late No. 930, Bombardier Edward Moffat, 1st Field Artillery Brigade.

Bombardier Edward Moffat was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Bombardier Moffat's mother – Mrs M. Moffat, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Bombardier Edward Moffat – service number 930, aged 26, of 1st Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of May Moffat and the late John Patterson Moffat, of 12 Clarendon Place, Leeds, England.

E. Moffatt is remembered on the Ivanhoe War Memorial, located in Memorial Park, Upper Heidelberg & Studley Roads, Ivanhoe, Victoria.



Ivanhoe War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)

Edward Moffat is remembered by Darebin's Great War – In Memoriam PDF.



Darebin's Great War – In Memoriam

E. Moffat is remembered on the St. James Anglican Church Honour Roll, 252 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, Victoria.

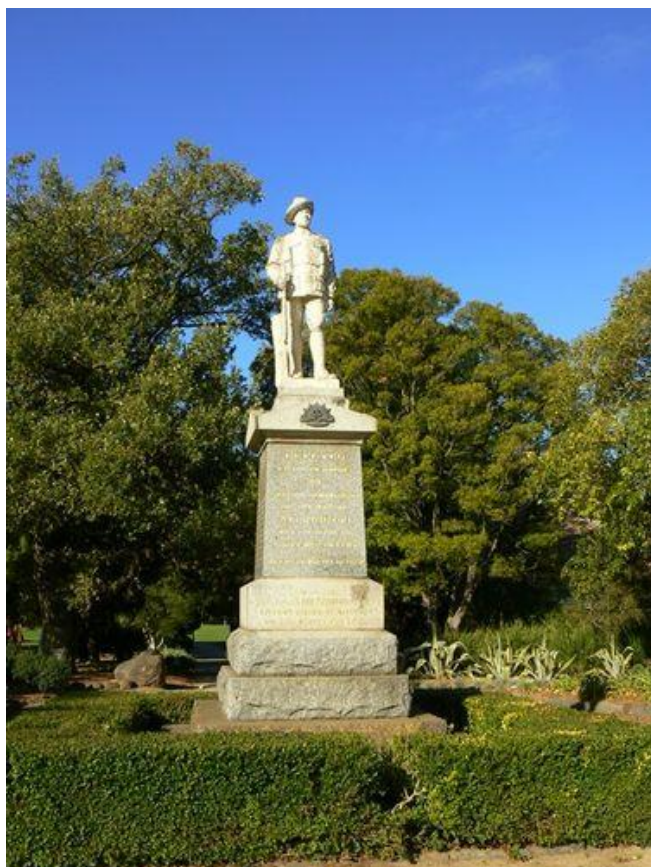


St. James Anglican Church, Ivanhoe (Photo from their Facebook page)



St. James Anglican Church Roll of Honour (Photo courtesy of Stephen May)

E. Moffatt is remembered on the Alphington Soldiers' Memorial, located in Alphington Park, Riverview Grove, Alphington, Victoria.



Alphington Soldiers' Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)

Bombardier E. Moffat is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 11.



Roll of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(61 pages of Bombardier Edward Moffat'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

AUSTRALIA'S ROLL OF HONOR

183rd CASUALTY LIST

RETURNED TO DUTY

E. Moffat

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 July, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

MOFFAT – Died of pneumonia, October 26, 1918, Gunner E. Moffat, after over four years' active service, brother of J. H. Moffat, Healesville.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 November, 1918)

The War – Mr J. Moffat received word last week that his only brother, Gunner E. Moffat, had died of pneumonia in France, after four years of active service. He was one of the first to leave Australia with the Australian Forces.

(Healesville and Yarra Glen Guardian, Victoria – 16 November, 1918)

THE 448th and 449th CASUALTY LISTS

VICTORIAN NAMES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Bmbdr E. Moffat, England

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 4 December, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MOFFAT – In sad and loving memory of our dear nephew, Gunner E. Moffat, who died in England on the 28th October, 1918.

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-(S.E and S.F. Sharp, Ivanhoe)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 October, 1919)

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)

Bombardier E. Moffat does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England

During the First World War, Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse contained between them the Royal Dockyard, Royal Naval Barracks (known as H.M.S. Vivid), the Royal Marine Barracks of the Plymouth Division, and naval and military hospitals. For the duration of the war, Devonport was made headquarters of the Auxiliary Patrol Area. Plymouth was a naval station second only to Portsmouth during the Second World War. Devonport was also an important military station and there was a R.A.F station at Mount Batten, opposite Plymouth. PLYMOUTH (EFFORD) CEMETERY contains 338 scattered burials of the First World War. The 109 Second World War burials, including 5 unidentified, are also scattered apart from a small group in Section C, in a plot set aside for service burials that was actually little used. The Commission also maintains five non-war burials within the cemetery and 12 war graves of other nationalities, most of them Greek merchant seamen. PLYMOUTH CITY CREMATORIUM is situated in Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery and 61 servicemen and women of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there are commemorated on a screen wall set into a recess in the hedge behind the Cross of Sacrifice.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo from CWGC)*



War Graves in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo from CWGC)*



Scattered War Graves in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo courtesy of Rebecca Smith)*

Photo of Bombardier E. Moffat's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Cliff Barry)