

**Nottingham Road Cemetery,  
Derby, Derbyshire  
War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**4571 PRIVATE**

**A. ORTON**

**47TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**17TH OCTOBER, 1916 Age 27**

*To Our Memory Ever Dear*

*Lil, Bess, Mary, Father*

## Arthur ORTON

Arthur Orton was born in Brisbane, Queensland on 29th September, 1888 to parents John and Elizabeth Orton (nee Payne).

A death was registered for Elizabeth Orton, mother of Arthur Orton, in 1903 in Queensland.

Arthur Orton attended Dutton Park State School, Queensland.

The 1912, 1913 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Oxley, subdivision of Stephens, Queensland listed Arthur Orton, Letter Carrier, of Annerley Road. Also listed at the address was John Orton, Labourer. Mary Orton, Tailoress, was included in the 1914 Electoral Roll at the same address.

Arthur Orton was a 27 year old, single, Postman from Annerley Road, South Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted on 7th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. Orton, of Palmerston and Annerley Road, South Brisbane, Queensland. Arthur Orton stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 2 years with Cadets.

Private Arthur Orton was posted to Camp with 14th Reinforcements of 15th Battalion on 7th September, 1915.

Private Arthur Orton, Service number 4571, embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Wandilla* (A62) on 31st January, 1916 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 15th Infantry Battalion, 14th Reinforcements.

Private Arthur Orton was marched in to Camp at Zeitoun, Egypt on 7th March, 1916. He was admitted to No. 4 Auxiliary Hospital at Heliopolis on 8th March, 1916 with Mumps. Private Orton was transferred to No. 4 Isolation Hospital & was discharged to duty on 16th March, 1916. He was marched in & posted to 4th Training Battalion.

Private Arthur Orton was transferred to 47th Battalion on 20th April, 1916 & joined the Battalion at Serapeum.

Private Arthur Orton proceeded to join the B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 2nd June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 9th June, 1916.

Private Arthur Orton reported sick while in the Field on 18th September, 1916. He was admitted to 4th Australian Field Ambulance on 19th September, 1916 with Rheumatism then transferred to 7th General Hospital at St. Omer on 21st September, 1916 with Mumps. Private Orton was reported with Nephritis Anaemia on 14th October, 1916 while still at 7th General Hospital. He embarked for England on 14th October, 1916 on the Hospital Ship *St. Denis*.

### 47th Battalion

The 47th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 15th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 15th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men recruited in Queensland and Tasmania. The new battalion was incorporated into the 12th Brigade of the Australian Division.

Arriving in France on 9 June 1916, the 47th entered the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 3 July. It participated in its first major battle at Pozieres. Initially, the battalion provided working parties during the 2nd Division's attack on 4 August, and then, with its own division, defended the ground that had been captured. The 47th endured two stints in the heavily-contested trenches of Pozieres, as well as a period in reserve.

*(Battalion information from The Australian War Memorial)*

Private Arthur Orton was admitted to 1st Birmingham War Hospital, Birmingham, England on 15th October, 1916 & was reported as dangerously ill.

Private Arthur Orton died on 17th October, 1916 at 1st Birmingham War Hospital, Birmingham, England from Nephritis.

A death for Arthur Orton, aged 28, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Kings Norton, Staffordshire/Warwickshire, England.

Private Arthur Orton's body was sent to his Uncle, Mr Orton of 35 Friargate, Derby, for interment. He was buried on 21st October, 1916 in Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby, Derbyshire, England – Plot number 12668 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Arthur Orton was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Orton's father - Mr J. Orton, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Orton – service number 4571, aged 27, of 47th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John and Elizabeth Orton, of Salisbury, Queensland. Born at Brisbane.

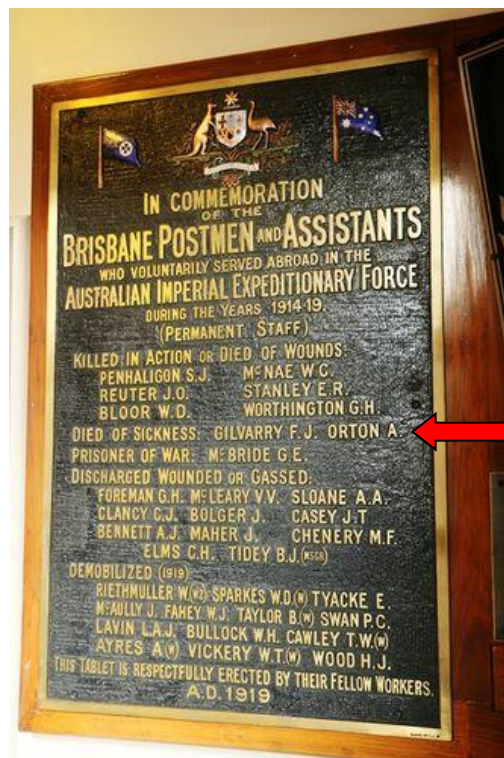
Private A. Orton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 144.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*



A. Orton is remembered on the Brisbane Postmen & Assistants Honour Roll, located in the General Post Office, 285 Queen Street, Brisbane, Queensland.



**Brisbane Postmen & Assistants Honour Roll** (Photos from Monument Australia – John Huth)

A. Orton is remembered on the Postmaster-General's Department Roll of Honour which is located at the General Post Office, 285 Queen Street, Brisbane, Queensland.



**Postmaster-General's Department Roll of Honour** (Photos from Monument Australia – John Huth)



Postmaster-General's Department Roll of Honour



A. Orton is remembered on the Yeronga Cenotaph/War Memorial, located on Ipswich Road, Yeronga, Queensland.



**Yeronga Cenotaph / War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia – Russell Byers & Diane Watson)



A. Orton is remembered with a plaque in the Yeronga Memorial Park & Honour Avenue located at Park Road & Honour Avenue, Yeronga, Queensland. A weeping fig was planted on 15th September, 1917 in honour of Arthur Orton. It was replaced in 2012.

The Honour Avenue was a memorial to the soldiers from the Stephens Shire which began in 1917. It was a row of 96 alternating flame trees & weeping figs that lined the newly-created avenue through the Yeronga Memorial Park.



**Yeronga Memorial Park & Honour Avenue** (Photos courtesy of [Dr Richard Walding](#))



Arthur Orton is remembered on the Stephens Shire Council Honour Board, located in Stephens RSL Sub Branch Memorial Hall, 413 Ipswich Road, Annerley, Brisbane, Queensland.



Stephens Shire Council Honour Board (Photo courtesy of [Dr Richard Walding](#))



(52 pages of Private Arthur Orton'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**

### **CASUALTIES**

#### **THE 240th LIST**

##### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Pte A. Orton, South Brisbane (prev. rep. ill)

*(Daily Standard, Brisbane, Queensland – 4 November, 1916)*

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### **BEREAVEMENT NOTICES**

Mr J. ORTON and Family wish to THANK Rev. Molesworth, members of the Letter Carriers' Association, The Pride of the Thompson Tent, 50, I.O.O.R., and citizens and councillors of the Stephens Shire and all kind friends for letters of Sympathy and kindness in their sad bereavement.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 2 December, 1916)*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

ORTON – In loving memory of Private Arthur Orton, Australian Imperial Forces, died in hospital, Birmingham, England, 17th October, 1916, after serving his country in France.

Inserted by his loving father, sisters and brothers-in-law.

*(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 17 October, 1917)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

ORTON – In loving memory of Private A. Orton, died in England, October 17, 1916.

He died that we might live.

Inserted by his loving family.

*(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 17 October, 1918)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

ORTON – In loving memory of Private Arthur Orton, died in England, October 17, 1916.

Always remembered.

Inserted by his family.

*(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 17 October, 1919)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

ORTON – In memory of Pte Arthur Orton, died in England, 17th October, 1916.

Inserted with fondest love by his father, sisters and brothers-in-law.

*(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 22 October, 1921)*

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### 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)*

A letter from Base Records, dated 27th July, 1921, to Mr J. Orton, of Annerley Road, South Brisbane, Queensland advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his son, the late Pte A. Orton had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private A. Orton does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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## Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby, Derbyshire, England

Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby contains 193 First World War burials and 134 from the Second World War. There is a small war graves plot of about 40 burials from both wars, the rest of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery. *(Information from CWGC)*



**Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby** *(Photo from Find a Grave – Clanger)*



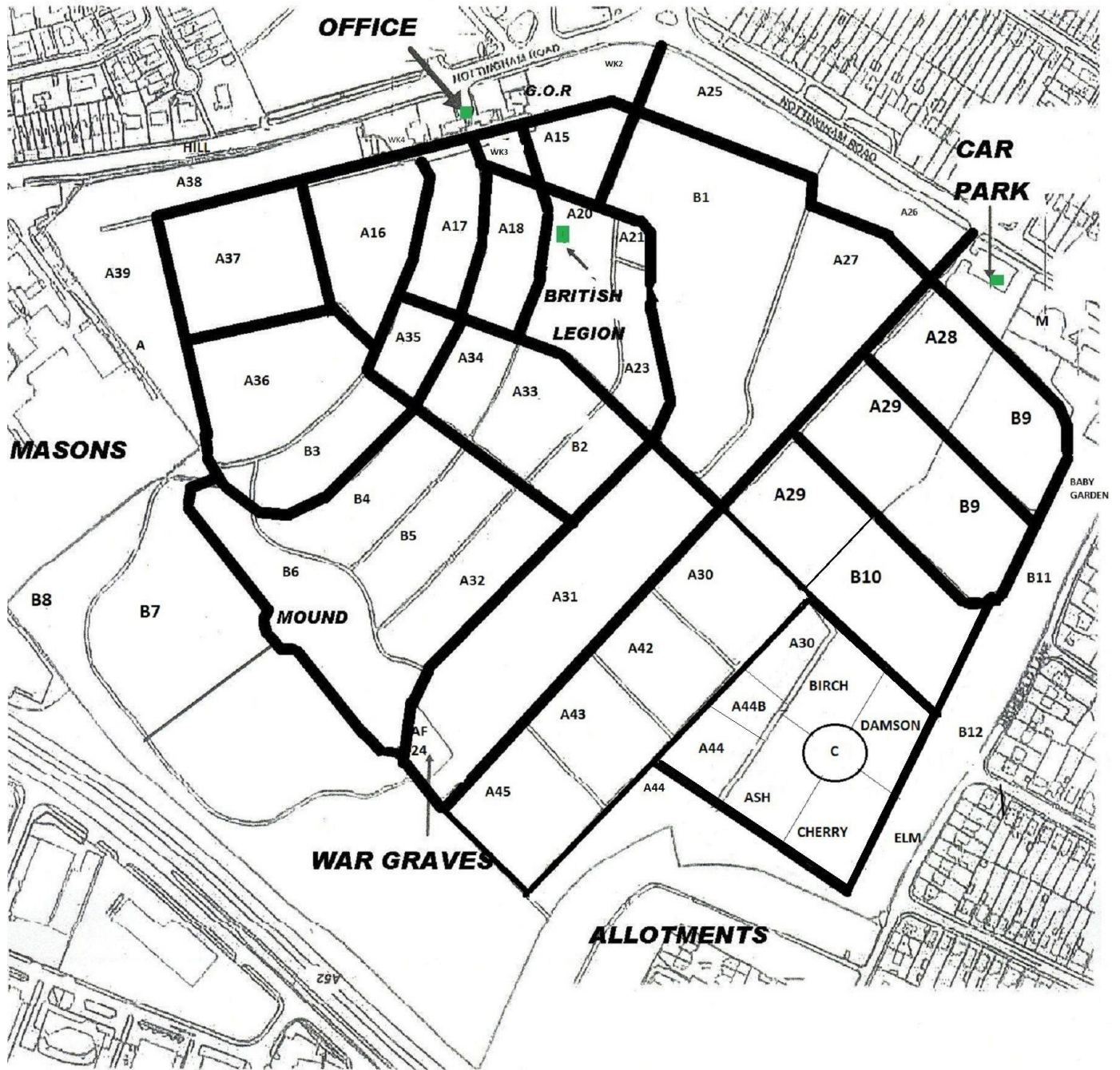
**Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby** *(Photo from Find a Grave – Baddiley Ram)*

Photo of Private A. Orton's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby, Derbyshire, England.



*(Photo by Diane Ward)*

# NOTTINGHAM ROAD CEMETERY



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