Grantham Cemetery,

Grantham, Lincolnshire

War Graves

Lest We Forget

World War 1

SECOND LIEUTENANT

J. R. SADLIER

SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY

26TH NOVEMBER, 1918

John Raymond SADLEIR

John Raymond Sadleir was born on 29th August, 1893 at Glenelg, South Australia to parents Nicholas & Anna Georgina Sadleir (nee Sturgess).

Nicholas Clarke Sadleir, father of John Raymond Sadleir, died on 7th April, 1904, at Albermarle, aged 69. He was buried at Menindee, Broken Hill, NSW, Australia.

John Raymond Sadleir attended St. Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia from 1907 to 1908.

Anna Georgina Sadleir, mother of John Raymond Sadleir, died on 24th July, 1911 & was buried in Toxteth Park Cemetery, Liverpool, Merseyside, England.

John Raymond Sadlier was aged 22 years when he enlisted in England with King Edward's Horse. His service number was 1102.

(Note – it appears that the service record file for Private John Raymond Sadlier has not survived.)

According to his Medal Index Card, Private John Raymond Sadlier entered a Theatre of War on 18th November, 1915.

King Edward's Horse (The King's Overseas Dominions Regiment)

King Edward's Horse was a cavalry regiment of the British Army. On the outbreak of war in 1914, the regiment was mobilised in London, where it remained until April 1915; at this point, the regiment was dispersed, and the four squadrons were sent to the Western Front with separate divisions. They were reunited in June 1916, the regiment serving as corps troops, and moved to Italy in December 1917. The regiment returned to France in March 1918, serving until the end of hostilities.

[According to some research, Private John Raymond Sadlier served for 2 ½ years with King Edward's Horse & was then invalided to England with Trench Fever. Unable to return to the Front he was apparently appointed an instructor at the Palace Barracks, Belfast, Ireland.]

Private John Raymond Sadlier was discharged from King Edward's Horse on 26th March, 1918, having gained a Commission in the Somerset Light Infantry.

Supplement to the *London Gazette* – 29 April, 1918:

The undermentioned cadets to be temp. 2nd Lts. 27 March, 1918:-

Som. L. I.

John Raimond Sadlier

Supplement to the *London Gazette* – 13 November, 1918:

Som. L. I.

Cadet John Raimond Sadlier to be temp. 2nd Lt. 27 March, 1918 (Substituted for Gaz. notification 29 Apr. 1918, page 5148, describing surname as Sadlier).

Second Lieutenant John Raymond Sadlier died on 26th November, 1918.

Newspaper item – *Grantham Journal*, Grantham, Lincolnshire, England - 30 November, 1918:

AN OFFICER'S SUICIDE

At Harrowby, on Tuesday, Second-Lieut. John Raymond Sadleir, an Australian, of the Somerset Light Infantry, attached M.G.C., fatally shot himself with a revolver. Mr T. Norton held an inquest on Wednesday, when medical evidence showed that the deceased had been suffering from influenza, and had been mentally depressed for some time. A verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was entered.
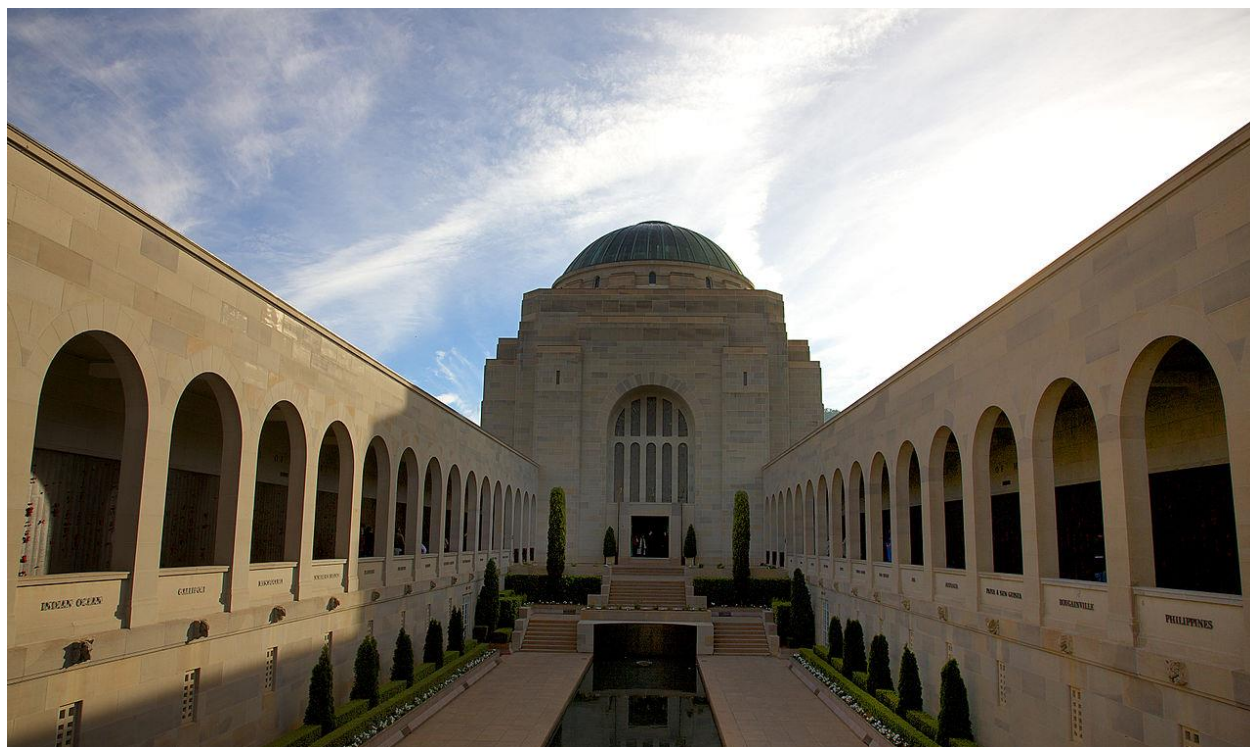
A death for John R. Sadlier, aged 25, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Grantham, Lincolnshire, England.

Second Lieutenant John Raymond Sadlier was buried in Grantham Cemetery, Grantham, Lincolnshire, England – Plot number Grave No. 3. J. 12 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Second Lieutenant John Raymond Sadlier was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Second Lieutenant John Raymond Sadleir (served as Sadlier), aged 25, of Somerset Light Infantry. He was the son of Nicholas and Anna Georgina Sadleir, of New South Wales and South Australia.

John Raymond Sadleir, of King Edward's Horse, is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial *(Capital Photographer)*

J. R. Sadleir is remembered on the World War 1 Honour Roll in the Memorial Hall at St. Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia.

St. Peter's College WW1 Honour Roll *(Photos courtesy of Ms Andrea McKinnon-Matthews, School Archivist)*

J. R. Sadleir is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.

National War Memorial – Adelaide *(Photos by Bilby)*

Extract from the Book "*Fallen Saints*" by Robert Kearney:

(Published in April 2015 - tells the story of the almost two hundred former students of St Peter's College, Adelaide, who fell during the Great War.)

*NOTE – there are errors in the Book – such as the cause of death

John Raymond (Raimond) Sadleir of Albemarle Sheep Station near Menindee New South Wales was born at Grange South Australia in 1893.

His parents had fifteen children the first of whom died in 1878 and the last in 1977. John's father Nicholas was born in Tipperary Town, Ireland in 1834 and died at Menindee New South Wales in 1904. His mother Anna was born in Launceston Tasmania in 1853 and died in England on 26 November 1911; she was buried in Toxteth Park Cemetery, Liverpool.

John and his brothers De Vere, Charles, Robert, James and Nicholas all attended Saint Peter's.

After leaving school, John was employed by the Bank of Adelaide at McLaren Vale, South Australia until he left for England in February 1915. He enlisted in the British Army and commenced his service as 1102 Private John R Sadlier (sic), King Edward's Horse. After serving 2½ years with this regiment in France he was appointed second lieutenant and transferred to the Somerset Light Infantry.

He was later invalided to England suffering from trench fever and when it was determined he was not likely to recover sufficiently to return to the firing line, was posted to the Palace Barracks in Belfast, Ireland.

John Raymond Sadleir died of war related illness on 26 November 1918; he was 25 years of age. John's brothers, De Vere and Charles both enlisted from the Argentine and served in the British Army and their sister Angela served in France from 1915 as a nurse in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

John Sadleir's name has been incorrectly spelt on so many official documents it was difficult to research his life and military service until fortunately, in May 2006, Mister Ronnie Land, (great grandson of Nicholas Sadleir and grandson of Robert Sadleir) writing from Scotland provided a wealth of information about John and his family.

Family tradition here in Scotland was that he had died in the flu epidemic of 1918, but I have found that he died of illness contracted in the trenches, and he is commemorated both on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website and the Commemorative Roll of The Australia War Memorial. In the last few days I have found online the London Gazette of April 1918 showing John's commission into the Somerset Light Infantry, with his name spelt Sadlier, but I then found a correction to Sadleir in a Gazette of Nov 1918. His gravestone says Sadlier - a lady from the Grantham Historical Society kindly looked at it for me. Nicholas Sadleir's brother John (1833-1919) was in command at Glenrowan in 1880 during the final hours of the siege that led to the capture of Ned Kelly.

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John Raymond Sadleir (served as Sadlier)

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<u>Newspaper Notices</u>

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

SADLEIR – Lieut. John R., youngest son late Nicholas Sadleir, of the Grange, S.A., on the 26th November, after nearly four years' active service, King Edward Horse.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 2 December, 1918) & (*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 2 December, 1918) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 December, 1918)

THE AUSTRALIANS
BIOGRAPHICAL

LATE LIEUT. JOHN R. SADLEIR

A cable message has been received that Pte. John R. Sadleir, youngest son of the late Mr. Nicholas Sadleir, of Albemarle Station and the Grange, died in camp in England on November 26, after nearly four years' active service. In February, 1915, he left Adelaide for England, and joined the King Edward Horse. After 2½ years with this regiment in France, he was granted a commission, and was invalided to England suffering from trench fever, from the effects of which he never sufficiently recovered to be able to return to the firing line, and was appointed an instructor at the Palace Barracks, Belfast. Prior to enlisting he was on the staff of the Bank of Adelaide at McLaren Vale, and was educated at St. Peter's College. He was 25 years old. His two brothers, Ptes. De Vere R. Sadleir and Charles H. Sadleir, who enlisted from the Argentine, and his sister (Angela M. Sadleir, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.), who was in England at the outbreak of war, are still on active service.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 December, 1918) & (*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 December, 1918)

& (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 December, 1918) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 December, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

SADLIER – On the 26th November, in camp, England, after nearly four years' service with King Edward's Horse, Lieutenant John Raimond Sadlier, youngest son of the late Nicholas Sadlier, Albermaile Station, New South Wales, and nephew of John Sadlier, Elsternwick, aged 25 years.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 16 December, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR: THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR KING AND COUNTRY

Lieut. J. R. SADLEIR.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 28 December, 1918)

Grantham Cemetery, Grantham, Lincolnshire, England

During the First World War there were machine gun camps and depots at Belton Park, on the Lincoln Road, and at Grantham a 620 bed military hospital. Most of the First World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery but a number of Australian and New Zealand machine gunners are buried together in Section 15. During the Second World War there was a Royal Air Force station at Grantham and there is a small group of RAF graves is Section 17. Other Second World War graves are in a small war graves plot in Section 19, opposite the town's memorial to the civilian war dead, and the remainder are in various other parts of the cemetery. The Cross of Sacrifice is near the eastern side of the cemetery, between sections 2 and 3 and serves as a central memorial to the service men of both wars buried here. Grantham Cemetery contains 55 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 58 from the Second. There is also one Dutch war grave. There are 5 Australian Graves in this Cemetery & one Australian who served under British Army.

(Information from CWGC)

Grantham Cemetery *(Photos by Roger Sayer)*

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Photo of Second Lieutenant J. R. Sadlier's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Grantham Cemetery, Grantham, Lincolnshire, England.

(Photo by Berenice)

Photo of Second Lieutenant J. R. Sadlier's New Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Grantham Cemetery, Grantham, Lincolnshire, England.

(Photo courtesy of Adam Gadd 2021)

GRANTHAM CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM
HARROWBY ROAD NG31 9DT

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33 GEN	34 R/C		
	31 c/e	30 c/e	29 c/e
32 c/e			

Garden of Remembrance

27 c/e

28 R.C.

Crematorium

25 c/e

26 General

Entrance Gate

Car Park

24 General	Gen. North Border	21	20	19	18	17	South Border c/e
		21 General	20 General	19 c/e	18 c/e	17 c/e	
		12	13	14	15	16	
23 c/e	12	12 General	13 General	14 c/e	15 c/e	16 c/e	16
22 R.C		12	13	14	15	16	
	1	1	2	3	4	5	5
Waste Area		1 R.C	2 General	3 c/e	4 c/e	5 c/e	
Private Property	10	10 General	9 General	8 c/e	7 c/e	6 c/e	6
			Cemetery Lodge	8	7	6	