

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,
Brookwood, Surrey, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1313 PRIVATE

E. B. SCOTT

58TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

25TH MAY, 1918 Age 22

Peace Perfect Peace

Ernest Bolney SCOTT

Ernest Bolney Scott was born at Brunswick West, Victoria in 1895 to parents Francis Fraser Scott and Elizabeth Rosina Scott (nee Kinsmore).

Ernest Bolney Scott attended Rutherglen State School, Victoria.

Ernest Bolney Scott was a 20 year old, single, Engine Driver from 160 Weston Street, Brunswick, Victoria when he enlisted on 30th July, 1915 in Melbourne, Victoria with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1313 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr F. F. Scott, 160 Weston Street, Brunswick, Victoria. Ernest Scott stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets at Brunswick for 2 years. He had also been previously rejected for His Majesty's Service due to his Teeth.

As Ernest Scott was under the age of 21 years – his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist. Elizabeth R. Scott (mother) & Francis F. Scott (father) both signed the following letter: "*We, the undersigned, give our consent to our son, Ernest B. Scott (aged 19 years) to volunteer for Active Service abroad in the Australian Imperial Forces.*"

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was posted to Depot on 6th August, 1915 for recruit training until 11th August, 1915. (Statement of Service form recorded next to this entry "Original Papers lost")

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was posted to "T" Company, 5th Depot Battalion on 20th August, 1915 (One Statement of Service form recorded he was posted to Depot on 14th August, 1915 & transferred to "D" Company, 29th Battalion on 26th October, 1915. Another Statement of Service form recorded he was transferred to "D" Company, 29th Battalion on 12th August, 1915). He was transferred on 25th September, 1915 to Reinforcements at Broadmeadows.

From Victorian Police Gazette – 25 November, 1915:

DESERTERS FROM H.M. SERVICE

From the A.I. Forces on the 10th September, 1915:-

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From the A.I. Force, at Seymour, on the 13th inst:-

SCOTT, ERNEST BOLNEY, private, 19 10-12 years of age. 5 ft. 4 ½ in. high. Fresh complexion, dark brown hair, grey eyes. Born at West Brunswick; enlisted at Melbourne. Next-of-kin – F.F. Scott, 160 Weston-street, Brunswick. -O.2599A. 19th November, 1915.

A new Attestation Paper was completed for Private Ernest Bolney Scott on 14th October, 1915.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ascanius* (A11) on 10th November, 1915 with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 29th Infantry Battalion, "D" Company & disembarked at Suez on 7th December, 1915.

The Assistant Provost Marshal wrote to Base Records on 16th November, 1915: "*Herewith Attestation Papers of the undermentioned men, for who warrants have been issued for desertion:- Private Arthur, A. H.; Private King, F. G. & Private Scott, E. B.*"

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was written up on 9th June, 1916 while posted at Moascar "*Disobedience of a lawful command in that he was absent from Parade after being warned to attend.*" He was awarded 2 days' No. 2 Field Punishment.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott embarked from Alexandria on 16th June, 1916 on Tunisian to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 23rd June, 1916.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was wounded in action in France on 17th July, 1916. He was admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital at Wimereux, France on 19th July, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to left elbow. Private Scott was transferred to Boulogne on 20th July, 1916 & embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St David* the same day.

29th Battalion

The 29th Battalion was raised as part of the 8th Brigade at Broadmeadows Camp in Victoria on 10 August 1915. Having enlisted as part of the recruitment drive that followed the landing at Gallipoli, and having seen the casualty lists, these were men who had offered themselves in full knowledge of their potential fate.

The 8th Brigade joined the newly raised 5th Australian Division in Egypt and proceeded to France, destined for the Western Front, in June 1916. The 29th Battalion fought its first major battle at Fromelles on 19 July 1916. The nature of this battle was summed up by one 29th soldier: "the novelty of being a soldier wore off in about five seconds, it was like a bloody butcher's shop". Although it still spent periods in the front line, the 29th played no major offensive role for the rest of the year....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 29th Battalion

14/15 July, 1916:

Evacuated front trenches, White City, Bois Grenier line.

Casualties while occupying these trenches 2 men killed 13 wounded.

15th July, 1916:

Marched at 0130 to Fleurbaix billets.

22.30 (?) Gas alarm give from Front but not felt here. Every one was prepared.

17th July, 1916:

Billetted at Laventine.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was admitted to Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, England on 21st July, 1916 with bullet wound/s to left elbow (for 10 days). He was transferred to 5th Northern General Hospital at Leicester (for 7 days) then transferred to No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield, Middlesex on 8th August, 1916. Private Scott was discharged to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 21st August, 1916 having been classed as fit for duty on 19th August, 1916.

Mr F. F. Scott, 160 Weston Street, Brunswick, Victoria, father of Private Ernest Bolney Scott, was advised by Base Records on 2nd August, 1916 that Private E. B. Scott had been admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital on 19th July, 1916 suffering from gunshot wound to elbow – severe.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was taken on strength of No. 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 22nd August, 1916.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was marched in to Artillery Training Depot at Parkhouse, Wiltshire on 10th September, 1916. He was taken on strength at No. 1 Camp at Parkhouse on 23rd October, 1916 from Fort Wallington, Fareham.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was transferred to Artillery Details as Gunner on 24th October, 1916. He was marched out to 15th Training Battalion, Codford, Wiltshire on 25th October, 1916.

Gunner Ernest Bolney Scott was written up while posted at Hurdcott, Wiltshire – "AWL (Absent without Leave) from 08.30 on 4th December, 1916 till 20.00 on 10th December, 1916. He was awarded 14 days Field Punishment No. 2 & forfeited 21 days' pay.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 30th December, 1916 from 15th Training Battalion on SS *Princess Clementine* to reinforce 58th Battalion. He was marched in to 5th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 31st December, 1916. Private Scott was marched out from 5th A.D.B.D. on 6th February, 1917 & joined 58th Battalion in the Field on 7th February, 1917.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott's next-of-kin was recorded as his father. His father's address was changed on the records on 6th February, 1917 to 40 Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, Victoria.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott reported sick on 11th April, 1917. He was admitted to 15th Australian Field Ambulance on 11th April, 1917 with "T. Abs to left leg". Private Scott was transferred & admitted to 5th D.R.S. (Divisional Rest Station) on 11th April, 1917. He was discharged to duty on 18th April, 1917.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott rejoined his Unit on 19th June, 1917 from 1st Anzac Reinforcement Camp.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was wounded in action (2nd Occasion) on 25th September, 1917. He was admitted to 6th Australian Field Ambulance on 25th September, 1917 with shrapnel wound/s to legs then transferred & admitted to 17th Casualty Clearing Station. He was transferred on 27th September, 1917 & admitted to 1st Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, France on 28th September, 1917. Private Scott was marked for transfer to England on 27th October, 1917 & embarked on Hospital Ship *Ville de Liege* on 28th October, 1917.

58th Battalion

The 58th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 17 February 1916 as part of the expansion of the AIF. Roughly half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 6th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 6th, the 58th was predominantly composed of men from Victoria. The battalion became part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.....

Early in 1917 the 58th battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, but it was spared from the assault. It did, however, defend gains made during the second battle of Bullecourt, between 9 and 12 May. Later in the year, the AIF's focus of operations switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium. The 58th's major battle here was at Polygon Wood on 26 September.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 58th Battalion

Polygon Wood - 25th September, 1917:

5.15 am – Enemy artillery fire increased in violence which was maintained until 6.15 am when it slackened.

6 am – Enemy was reported to be massing in front. Two platoons of "D" Company were sent forward to reinforce "A" Company in the line.

6.40 am – Enemy attempted to storm our sector but was repulsed, although he gained a footing on the sector of the unit on our right. To protect itself our right company adopted a flank formation and greatly assisted the unit on our right with rifle and machine gun fire.

2 pm – Orders were given to "A" Company to attack and drive back the enemy from the position on our right which he had taken a few hours before. This was done and enemy was driven back in the direction of CAMERON HOUSE and held there [until the original front line was regained by the unit on our right??]

Constant and heavy sniping and intermittent shelling over our area throughout the afternoon and evening.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Mrs E. R. Scott, 40 Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, Victoria, mother of Private Ernest Bolney Scott, was advised by Base Records on 12th October, 1917 that Private E. B. Scott had been wounded – 2nd occasion.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was admitted to Horton (County of London) War Hospital, Epsom on 28th October, 1917 with shell wounds to both Legs & left leg amputated. He was transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, Kent on 8th February, 1918.

Mrs E. R. Scott, 40 Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, Victoria, mother of Private Ernest Bolney Scott, was advised by Base Records on 23rd November, 1917 that Private E. B. Scott had been admitted to Horton County of London War Hospital, Epsom, England on 28th October, 1917 suffering from Shell wound to legs, amputated left leg – severe.

Mrs E. R. Scott was advised by Base Records on 1st January, 1918 that Private E. B. Scott was improving. She was advised on 20th March, 1918 that Private E. B. Scott was convalescent.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was transferred from Dartford to 2nd Auxiliary Hospital, Southall, Middlesex, England on 21st March, 1918.

Mrs E. R. Scott, 40 Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, Victoria, mother of Private Ernest Bolney Scott, was advised by Base Records on 15th May, 1918 that Private E. B. Scott was suffering from empyaema & was dangerously ill. She was advised on 22nd May, 1918 that Private E. B. Scott's condition was stationary.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott died at 3.45 am on 25th May, 1918 at No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall, Middlesex, England from Pyaemia, a result of wounds received in action.

A death for Ernest B. Scott, aged 22, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Uxbridge, Middlesex, England.

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was buried at 12.45 pm on 28th May, 1918 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Plot number 181,063.

From the burial report of Ernest Bolney Scott - Coffin was good, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral. Firing party, pall-bearers and Bugler being in attendance, supplied by the A.I.F. London. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag and surmounted by many wreaths. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside. 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.

Relatives and Friends present at the Funeral – Brother No. 6882 Pte J. M. Scott, AAMC & Miss M. Taylor, Southampton.

Base Records wrote to Mr F.F. Scott, "Bon Ernie", Bertram Street, Garden Vale, Victoria, on 29th March, 1923 stating that the site of his son's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 4 Row D Grave 17.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference - IV.D.17. Private Scott now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Ernest Bolney Scott contains a letter from Registrar of No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall, Middlesex, England which reads: "*Re No. 1313 Pte E. B. Scott, 58th Btn. The above soldier was admitted here on 21.3.'18. His history papers show that he was wounded in Belgium on 25.9.'17, and his left leg was amputated on the same day. He unfortunately developed septicaemia from his unhealed stump and died on the 25.5.'18. His remains were interred at Brookwood on 28.5.'18. It is, I may say the only death we have had here in the last eighteen months and we very much regret that we should have to record it.*"

Private Ernest Bolney Scott requested in his Will dated 8th July, 1917 that all his personal estate be bequeathed to his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Scott of 40 Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, Victoria.

A change of address was recorded in connection with records of Private Ernest Bolney Scott from former address of 40 Epsom Road, Ascot Vale to new address of "Bon Ernie", Bertram Street, Garden Vale, Victoria for Elizabeth M. Scott, mother. (no date recorded though the form was marked "Deceased Section".)

Private Ernest Bolney Scott was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Scott's father – Mr F. F. Scott, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Ernest Bolney Scott – service number 1313, aged 22, of 58th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Francis Fraser Scott and Elizabeth Rosina Scott, of 34 Bertram St., Garden Vale, Victoria.

Private E. B. Scott is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 166.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

E. B Scott is remembered on the Brunswick Town Hall Honour Roll, located in Foyer, Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Road, Brunswick, Victoria.



Brunswick Town Hall Honour Roll (Photo from Victorian Heritage Council)



Brunswick Town Hall Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia)

(78 pages of Private Ernest Bolney Scott'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private Ernest Bolney Scott (c 25 August, 1915)

Studio portrait of 1313 Private (Pte) Ernest Bolney Scott, 29th Battalion. An engine driver from Brunswick, Victoria prior to enlistment, Pte Scott embarked with D Company from Melbourne on HMAT Ascanius on 10 November 1915. Later wounded in action, he was invalided to England. Following his recovery he transferred to the 57th Battalion and was wounded in action for the second time. Evacuated to England once more, he became dangerously ill due to his wounds and died on 25 May 1918, aged 22, and was buried in the Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey, England. This is one of a series of photographs taken by the Darge Photographic Company which had the concession to take photographs at the Broadmeadows and Seymour army camps during the First World War. In the 1930s, the Australian War Memorial purchased the original glass negatives from Algernon Darge, along with the photographers' notebooks. The notebooks contain brief details, usually a surname or unit name, for each negative.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

192nd LIST ISSUED

SEVERELY WOUNDED

VICTORIA

E. B. Scott, Brunswick

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 August, 1916)

THE 348th CASUALTY LIST

The Victorian names are:-

WOUNDED

Private E. B. Scott, Ascot Vale

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 3 November, 1917)

DEATHS

On Active Service

SCOTT – On the 25th, at the Second Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Ernest, the third son of Mr and Mrs F. F. Scott, of 11 Epsom-road, Ascot Vale, and loved brother of Charlie, Frank and Jim (On active service), aged 22 years and 8 months. One of the bravest.

Until the dawn breaks and the shadows flee away.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 June, 1918)

The 408th CASUALTY LIST

VICTORIAN NAMES

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private E. D. Scott, Ascot Vale

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 15 June, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

SCOTT – A tribute of love to the memory of my dear brother-in-law, Pte E. B. Scott, died of wounds in England.

-Inserted by his brother Charl (on active service), Annie, wee Lorraine and Roscoe.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 24 May, 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*)

Private E. B. Scott does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

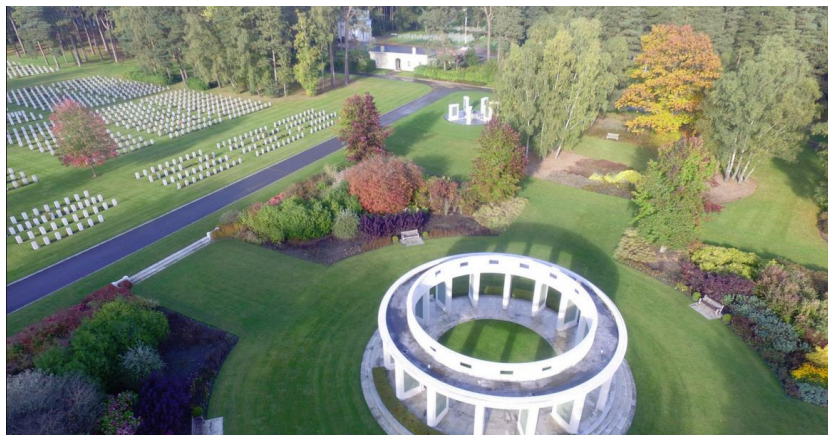
Peace Perfect Peace

Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. (*Information from CWGC*)

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



Brookwood Military Cemetery (*Photo from CWGC*)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)

Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918. Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)



Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



Australian War Graves *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*

Photo of Private E. B. Scott's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

