

ELLIOT, Dudley Sinclair



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Dudley Sinclair Elliot was born at Plymouth, England on 14 January 1890, the oldest of seven children (2 daughters and 5 sons) born to Charles Sinclair and Florence Louisa nee Dudley. Charles was the Administrator of Norfolk Island from 1907-1913.

Arriving in Australia, aged 17, he attended The Kings School, Parramatta, NSW from 1907-1908. Dudley then enrolled at HAC and completed his First Year Certificate in 1909.

In 1910, Dudley was dairying at Bunnan, near Scone, NSW. Dudley married Annie Caroline Howard at Sydney, NSW in 1912, and they were living at North Sydney, NSW by March 1913.

Prior to enlisting, Dudley had served in the Cadets for four years. On 11 August 1914, Dudley, then an Electric Motor Driver, enlisted in the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force (Tropical Unit), C Company (AN&MEF). Embarking from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A35 *Berrima* on 19 August 1914, Dudley served as a Sergeant. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant whilst employed on administrative work for the Native Affairs Department in New Guinea on 3 September 1915, and then to Lieutenant on 1 November 1915.

Dudley proceeded to Australia on furlough from Rabaul, New Guinea on 31 January 1916. His appointment with the AN&MEF was terminated once he was appointed to the A.I.F. on 20 April 1916, as a Lieutenant with the 35th Battalion, 5th Reinforcement.

Dudley's Service File records Caroline's address at this time as Chelsea, London, England. Dudley embarked from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A11 *Ascanius* on 25 October 1916, arriving in Devonport, England in December. After a period of training in England, Dudley proceeded to France in July 1917.

Dudley was Killed in Action on 12 October 1917 at Passchendaele, Ypres, Belgium, aged 27, and with no known grave, is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Dudley and Caroline's only child, Dudley Charles Howard Elliot was born on 2 March 1918 at Warwickshire, England.

All four of Dudley's brothers, and his father served during the First World War. Company Quartermaster Sergeant John Amyand, served with the 2nd Battalion A.I.F, dying during the Gallipoli landings on 25 April 1915. John had also been a HAC student from 1909-1910.

Captain Alban Charles of the 53rd Battalion, survived the war and returned to Australia, 18 July 1919.

Lieutenant William Alexander served with the Royal Navy. William also served in World War Two as a Lieutenant-Commander on H.M.S. Mashona of the Royal Navy, and was killed in pursuit of the German battleship Bismarck on 28 May 1941.

Gerald Augustus served with the Royal Air Force. Gerald also served in World War Two, gaining the rank of Captain between 1940 and 1946 with the South African Air Force.

Dudley's father, Captain Charles Sinclair, Royal Navy, died serving at Adelaide, South Australia on 30 March 1915.