

ELLIOT, John Amyand



Dairy Class Second Session 1909

Back Row—C. T. Minnett, **J.A. Elliot**, H.V. Long, O.B. Young, R.A. Holden, J.H. McDonald, W. L Warden, A.B. Anderson, W.J. McCallum, A.D. Frater, E. Moon.

Middle Row—G.A. Roper, R.W.L. Boyce, F. Hordern, C.M. Warden, Mr. J.G. McMillan (Instructor), Mr. W.E.G. Thompson (Engineer).
H.E. Lane, A.M.G. Porter.

Front Row—L. Grierson, R.B Smith.

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Back Row: **J.A. Elliot**, E.R. Lane, R. Woodruff, H.P. Waring.

Middle Row: H. Dargin, G.H. Francis, H.A. Maclean, S.E. Matthews,
J.M. Pitt.

Front Row: A. Lloyd, A.M. Garbett

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ANZAC Cove Turkey

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John Amyand Elliot, born on 6 April 1891, at Plymouth, England, was the second of six children born in England to Charles Sinclair and Florence Louisa nee Dudley. Charles and Florence had two daughters and five sons. Dudley Sinclair b.1890, John Amyand b.1891, Alban Charles b.1892, Florence Grace b.1894, William Alexander b.1896, Gerald Augustus b.1900, and Margaret Mildred Norfolk Hope b.1908 in NSW. From 1907-1913, Charles was the Administrator of Norfolk Island.

John arrived in Australia aged 14, attended Kings School, Parramatta, NSW, and then HAC June 1909- December 1910. John gained the Cheese making Certificate in 1909. John played in the First XV Rugby team in 1909 and 1910, and won an honour cap for Rugby. He also played in the first cricket team in 1910.

After leaving HAC, John worked on properties at Warren, NSW, Grenfell, NSW and was a station overseer on a property near Forbes, NSW at the outbreak of the war.

John enlisted 12 August 1914 at Randwick, NSW in the 2nd Battalion A.I.F. as a Colour Sergeant, and embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board Transport A23 *Suffolk* on 18 October 1914.

Whilst in Egypt, John attended the HAC Old Boys Reunion Dinner on 20 February 1915 at the Eden Palace Hotel in Cairo. He was also appointed Company Quartermaster Sergeant.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Australian War Memorial record John as Killed in Action on 2 May 1915 at Gallipoli, Turkey. His service record also contains the date of 2 May but has been annotated on numerous pages to 25 April 1915. Several witness statements in his Red Cross Missing and Wounded Enquiry file also state Elliot was killed during the Gallipoli landings on 25 April 1915.

With no know grave, John is commemorated at the Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey and Cheltenham Cemetery, South Australia. He was 24.

All four of John's brothers, and his father served in World War One.

Lieutenant Dudley Sinclair served with the 35th Battalion and was killed in action, 12 October 1917. Dudley had also been a HAC student 1908-1909.

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

Lieutenant William Alexander served with the Royal Navy, and went on to serve 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 1940-1946 with the South African Air Force.

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