

## William Ellery

**Name:** William Howard Ellery

**Rank:** Private

**Service Number:** 777

**Unit Served:** 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion



**Personal Details:** William Ellery was born in Broken Hill, New South Wales. His parents were Josiah and Agnes Ellery. At some point in William's life, the family moved to Moonta, South Australia. He attended Moonta District High School and later became a clerk. He was five feet, six inches tall and had brown hair and blue eyes.

**Enlistment Details:** William enlisted on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1916 in Adelaide. As he was 18 and a half years old at the time, his father signed the consent form. William was not allowed to leave the Commonwealth before his nineteenth birthday.

**Details about role in the war:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1917, William embarked from Melbourne on the HMAT "Nestor." After a couple of days in Suez and Alexandria, William embarked the HMAT "Albarich" on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 1918 and disembarked in Taranto five days later. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1918, William was left in hospital isolation in Cherbourg and on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February he marched into Sutton Veny. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1918, William proceeded to France to reinforce the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion via Southampton. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, he was taken on strength from 6<sup>th</sup> machine gun company reinforcements and went to the school of instruction on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. William was charged with being absent without leave on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. He rejoined the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August but was wounded in the field on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He was admitted to the casualty clearing station with shrapnel wounds to his left thigh and legs. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of October he was discharged to the Australian Infantry Base Depot. William was on leave from France from the 14<sup>th</sup> of February to the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 1919. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1919, he was admitted to hospital with Pleurisy. He rejoined on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March but two months later was readmitted to hospital. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1919, William was admitted from the Casualty Clearing Station to the 56<sup>th</sup> General Hospital. Five days later he embarked for England and on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1919, he was transferred to the First Australian General Hospital in Sutton Veny as dangerously ill. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1919, William Howard Ellery died of Broncho Pneumonia.

**Date of Death:** 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 1919

**Age at time of death:** 21 years, 8 months

**Burial Details:** William was buried in the Sutton Veny (St.John) churchyard at 932. M.7

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