

# GROSVENOR, Clifford Ivo (AIF 3652, SX39301, S555)



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circa 1918

<b>Name</b>	<b>GROSVENOR, Clifford Ivo Private</b>
<b>Service Number</b>	Army 3652
<b>Date of Birth</b>	19th August 1898
<b>Died</b>	26th May 1947
<b>Place of Birth</b>	Victor Harbor SA
<b>Resident</b>	Victor Harbor SA
<b>Cemetery</b>	Sydney War Cemetery

Clifford (Cliff) Ivo Grosvenor was born at Victor Harbor on 19 August 1898, the eighth of ten children of Archibald Thomas Grosvenor and Prudence Grosvenor (*nee* Prouse). He was educated at the Inman Valley and Victor Harbor public schools and joined the senior cadet scheme in 1910 and was still a student when he enlisted in the AIF on 15 May 1917, age 18. His older brothers Sydney John, and James Arthur had already enlisted in the AIF and were serving in France. However Cliff was under the age of 21, so required his parent's written consent to serve abroad. There was a caveat placed on that consent, Cliff would have to serve in the Army Medical Corp.

Cliff was posted to D Company at the Mitcham Base Training Depot. On 16 July, he was posted to the 10th Reinforcements, 50th Battalion. The reinforcement unit embarked from Melbourne aboard the HMAT A32 Themistocles on 4 August 1917. The embarkation roll reveals Cliff's daily rate of pay. It was five shillings, and all enlisted men received an additional one shilling per day; to be paid on completion of their overseas service. The Themistocles berthed in Glasgow on 2 October and the troops entrained to the sprawling Australian base at Codford on the Salisbury Plains, where further training followed.

On 30 January 1918, Cliff embarked at Southampton and disembarked the next day at Le Havre, France. On the 9 February, Cliff reached the 50th Battalion at its base area near Ridgewood Camp, on the Belgium front near Ypres (Ieper). His first days at the Battalion were spent working in fatigue parties in the forward area. At the end of March 1918, the Germans launched a major offensive on the Western front and the 50th Battalion was one of the many Australian units rushed from Belgium to help stop the enemy offensive.

On 24 April, orders were received to move the Battalion to Blangy Wood and after reconnaissance was carried out the 50th arrived there at 1600 hours. Their jumping off point, for the attack was about 2,500 yards forward of Blangy Wood, and further reconnaissance was carried out. At 2130

hours the Battalion started to move forward with the 52nd Battalion in the lead, the 51st Battalion following, and the 50th taking up the rear.

Heavy enemy machine gun fire from the flanks inflicted casualties amongst the troops as they continued to advance. The soldiers came across barbed wire barriers, which hindered their advance. In order to pass and advance and they had manoeuvre over the wire as enemy fire continued to rain down on them. At about 1200 hours, the Battalion was ordered to advance and take Monument Wood, however the machine gun fire from the enemy was so heavy that the allied soldiers could not leave their trenches. By the morning of 27 April 1918, the fighting strength of the Battalion in the front line was down to 237 men. The casualties for the action 24-27 April were heavy – 50 soldiers had been killed, 189 wounded and 15 were missing.

Cliff's service with the Battalion continued until the end of the war and during this time he was engaged in a number of actions including raiding patrols and reconnaissance parties.

Cliff embarked from England for repatriation to Australia on 7 May 1919 aboard the HT Leicestershire, disembarking at Port Adelaide on 18 June. After one month's leave he was demobilised on 18 July 1919. He later married Lillian Archer and they had four children. Their sons, Robert and Peter, both served in the RAAF during World War Two. Robert was killed in a flying accident in Ayreshire, Scotland, on 29 March 1944.

During World War Two, Cliff enlisted in the army and served in New Guinea; after the Japanese surrender, he served with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) in Japan. Cliff attained the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2. Just after his return to Australia, he suffered an accidental head injury on 26 May 1947 and died in hospital a few hours later. Clifford Ivo Grosvenor was buried in the Sydney War Cemetery.

Cliff's older brothers James Arthur Grosvenor and Sydney John Grosvenor both served in the AIF during World War One as 19795 Gunner J.A. Grosvenor and 6754 Private S.J. Grosvenor.

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# Appendix



Image 2 ©B Grosvenor family collection 2012  
Taken prior to his embarkation, Cliff would have been 18 years old .



Image 3 ©Michael Bates 2012  
Grave of Warrant Officer C.I. GROSVENOR in the Sydney War Cemetery;  
Cliff has been accorded the distinction of a war grave.



Image 4 ©naa.gov.au 2025  
Taken during his enlistment for service in WW2.



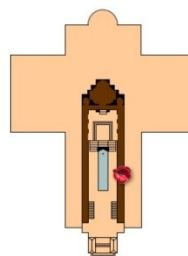
Image 5 ©B Grosvenor family collection 2012  
This photograph shows Cliff, then a Staff-Sergeant, walking down Jetty Road, Glenelg. It was taken when he was home on leave in 1943.





## Location on the Roll of Honour

Clifford Ivo Grosvenor's name is located at panel 93 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



### Roll of Honour name projection

Clifford Ivo Grosvenor's name will be projected onto the exterior of the Hall of Memory on:

Friday, 13 February 2026 at 9:47 pm

Tuesday, 26 May 2026 at 12:21 am

Wednesday, 12 August 2026 at 11:34 pm

Thursday, 29 October 2026 at 3.09 am

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Statement of Service No. 2652 Name GROSVENOR Clifford Geo

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
D Coy MICHAM	PTE	16.5.17	1.7.17	11/5/11
Stave	Pte.	1.7.17	16.7.17	14/7/11
10/500	Pte.	16.7.17	1.8.17	16/1/11
2nd Mchmestock				
AS2. En Berked Melbourne 4.1.17				
Discharged Glasgow 2.10.17 LA 51				
Pte. 1st to 13th Bn. Pte. 1st to 13th Bn. Pte. 1st to 13th Bn.		Eng	3.10.17	RR 9600 5/11/17 DO 82/5353-E
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I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE No 2652 NAME GROSVENOR C.J.

Unit.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
50th Bn.	Pte. 1st to 13th Bn. Pte. 1st to 13th Bn. Pte. 1st to 13th Bn.			
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Charge Sheet, Statement of Service

To the Military Authorities  
Commonwealth of Australia

This is to certify that Private C.J. Grosvenor, who is under the age of 19 years - has our mutual consent to embark from Australia, knowing that he is subject to being drafted into the Artillery by his brother who is on Active Service in France. We would & do prefer that he be drafted into the Artillery, either in Australia or when he reaches Europe or when ever trained, he has to be trained at

We are,  
P. Grosvenor Mother  
A. Grosvenor Father

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Victor Harbor  
June 10th 1917

We, the undersigned Parents of Private Clifford Geo Grosvenor, hereby give our consent to his embarking from Australia in the A.M.C. army of The Australian Imperial Forces.

We are, &c.  
Archibald Grosvenor  
P. Grosvenor

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Letter of Authority for consent to allow Cliff the ability to be deployed. He was under age. Letter of response



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