

Dudley was born in Plymouth, UK on 14th Jan 1890, the son of Charles Sinclair and his wife Florence Louisa, nee Dudley. The family came to Australia around 1907 and Dudley was educated at Kings School, Parramatta. On 28th August 1912 he married Annie Caroline Howard and had a son Dudley Charles Elliot born in 1916. The year before his father, who had taken up a Commission as Captain with the Navy and was appointed Acting District Naval Officer, South Australia, died in Adelaide.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in C Company, AN&MEF stating that he was an Electric Motor Driver (Trams). On 18th August he was promoted Sergeant and on 1st Feb 1915 he transferred to the 3rd Battalion AN&MEF and was given a new regimental number, 221. On 1st September 1915 he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt and posted as 2IC, Native affairs Department. On 1st November 1915 he was promoted Lieutenant and returned from Rabaul to Australia and had his commission terminated on 19th May 1916.

Immediately on return he was granted a commission as 2nd Lt with the 5th Reinforcements, 35th battalion. He departed Sydney on 25th October 1916 aboard the ASCINIUS, arriving in Devonport on 26th December. After some time with the 3rd Training Battalion, where he was promoted Lt on 25th June 1917, he moved to France and was taken on strength by the 35th on 18th July 1917.

On 12th October 1917 Dudley was killed in action at Passchendaele. His body was never recovered, and he is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium and on Panel 125 at the Australian War Memorial.

One brother, Company Quartermaster Sergeant John Amyand Elliot, regimental number 162, was killed at Gallipoli on 2nd May 1915. Another brother, William Alexander Elliot served with the Royal Navy aboard the HMS DUNCAN and the HMS AFRICA in the North Sea.