

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,  
Brookwood, Surrey, England**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2524 PRIVATE**

**W. B. CORIN**

**45TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**14TH JUNE, 1917**

## William Bennett CORIN

William Bennett Corin was born at Thames, Waikato, New Zealand on 25th March, 1872 to parents William & Mary Ann Corin (nee Thomas).

William Bennet Corin married Fanny Jewill Huxtable (name as per NZ B.D.M's website) in 1895 in New Zealand.

A daughter – Fanny Jewell Corin was born on 19th July, 1896 at Karangake, Ohinemuri, New Zealand. A son – William Huxtable Corin was born on 28th October, 1897.

[Note: On New Zealand Births' Deaths & Marriages website - births was registered for Fanny Jewell Corin & William Huxtable Corin – both in 1913 in New Zealand.]

Mary Ann Corin, mother of William Bennett Corin, died on 6th May, 1886 at Thames, Thames-Coromandel District, Waikato, New Zealand.

William Corin, father of William Bennett Corin, died on 25th February, 1888 at Thames, Thames-Coromandel District, Waikato, New Zealand.

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Indi, subdivision of Mitta Mitta, Victoria recorded William Bennett Corin, Miner from Tallandoon.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Indi, subdivision of Mitta Mitta, Victoria recorded William Bennett Corin, Miner from Mt Elmo.

William Bennett Corin was a 45 year old, married, Miner from Culcairn, New South Wales when he enlisted on 9th May, 1916 at Cootamundra, New South Wales with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Methodist (as listed on Embarkation Roll, however on Attestation Papers his religion was listed as Wesleyan) & his next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Fanny Jewell Corin, Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand.

Private William Bennett Corin was posted to Cootamundra, NSW on 9th May, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 2nd Battalion on 18th May, 1916 then on 24th May, 1916 he was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 45th Battalion.

Private William Bennett Corin, Service number 2524, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Anchises* (A68) on 24th August, 1916 with the 45th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 11th October, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private William Bennett Corin was taken on strength of 12th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 12th October, 1916 from No. 1 Command Depot.

Private William Bennett Corin proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 3rd May, 1917 from 12th Training Battalion. He joined 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 4th May, 1917. Private Corin was marched out to his Unit from 4th A.D.B.D. on 7th May, 1917 & was taken on strength of 45th Battalion in France the same day from 5th Reinforcements.

Private William Bennett Corin was wounded in action in France on 7th June, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne on 8th June, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right Thigh. Private Corin embarked for England on 9th June, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

### 45th Battalion

The 45th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 2 March 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 13th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 13th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men from New South Wales.

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The 45th Battalion was in reserve for the 4th Division's first major action of 1917 'the first battle of Bullecourt' and was not committed to the attack. It was, however, heavily engaged during the battle of Messines in June, and suffered commensurate casualties.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

### War Diary – 45th Battalion

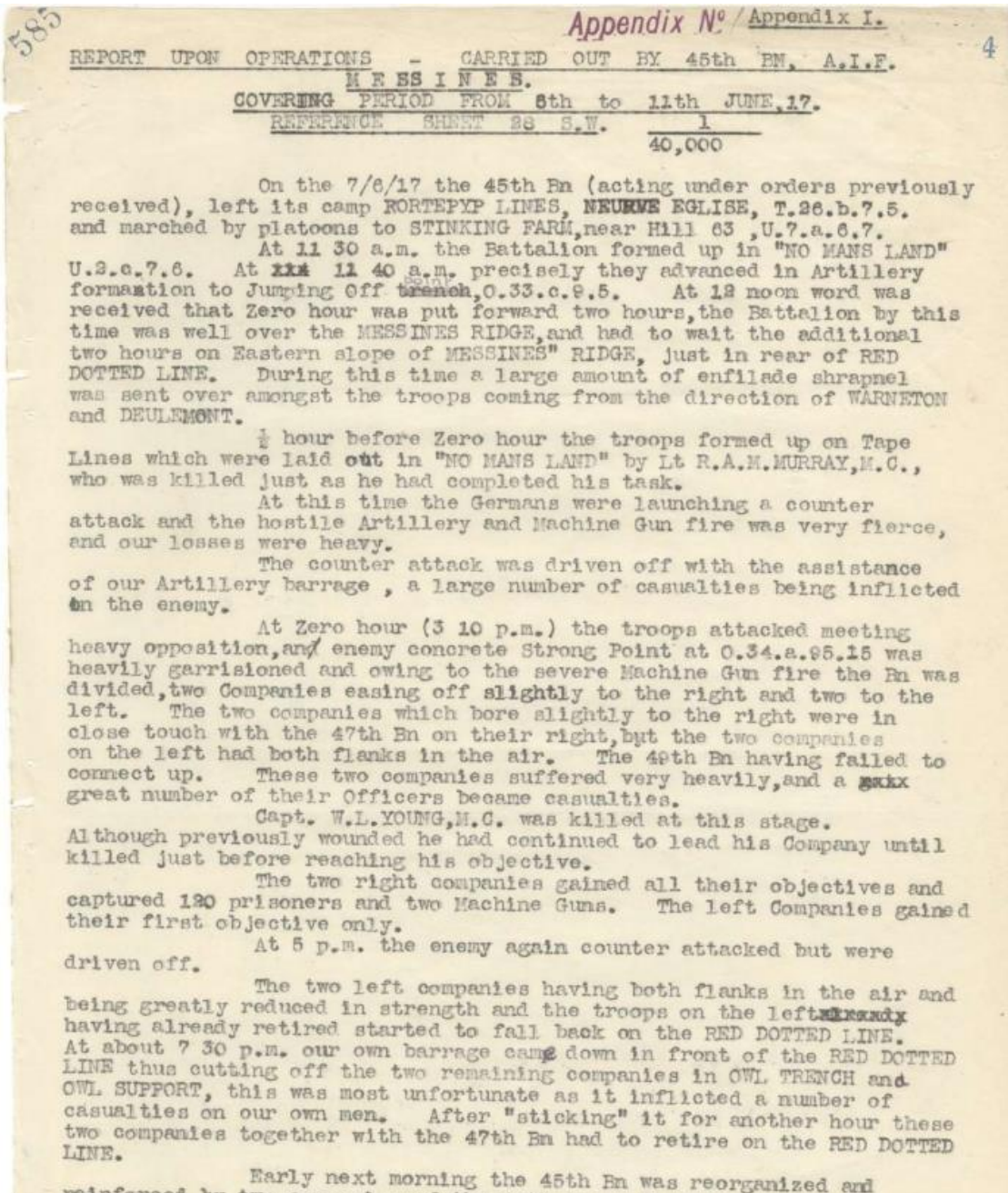
7/6/17 to 11/6/17:

Bn engaged in Messines operations as per appendix I attached.

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Casualties from 7/6/17 to 11/6/17 were very heavy being 8 Officers & 92 OR Killed    8 Officers 344 OR Wounded  
(includes 1 Officer wounded believed killed)    50 OR Missing

(Note: OR = Other Ranks)

Appendix 1:



(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private William Bennett Corin was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England on 10th June, 1917 with G.S.W. to right Thigh.

Private William Bennett Corin died at 6.50 pm on 14th June, 1917 at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wound to right Thigh & Gas Gangrene.

A death for William B. Corin, aged 45, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Wandsworth, Greater London, England.

Private William Bennett Corin was buried at 1.30 pm on 19th June, 1917 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Plot number 179428.

*From the burial report of Private William Bennett Corin - Coffin was good. Polished Elm. The deceased soldier was buried with Military honours. Firing part furnished by the Administrative Headquarters Staff, A.I.F. London were in attendance. Two Buglers of the Royal Engineers, London, sounded the "Last Post" at the graveside. The coffin was draped with the Australian flag. The coffin was borne to the graveside by members attached to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. Staff London. Chaplain Bradbury of the A.I.F. officiated at the graveside. No relatives were present at the funeral. Temporary oak cross to be erected by the Commonwealth Military Authorities.*

Base Records wrote to Mrs F. J. St. George, Otahuhu, New Zealand, remarried widow of the late Private William Bennett Corin, on 15th May, 1923 stating that the site of the late No. 2524 Private W. B. Corin's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 11 Row D Grave 19.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference - XI. D. 19. Private William Bennett Corin now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private William Bennett Corin was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Corin's widow – Mrs F. J. Corin, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent September, 1922).

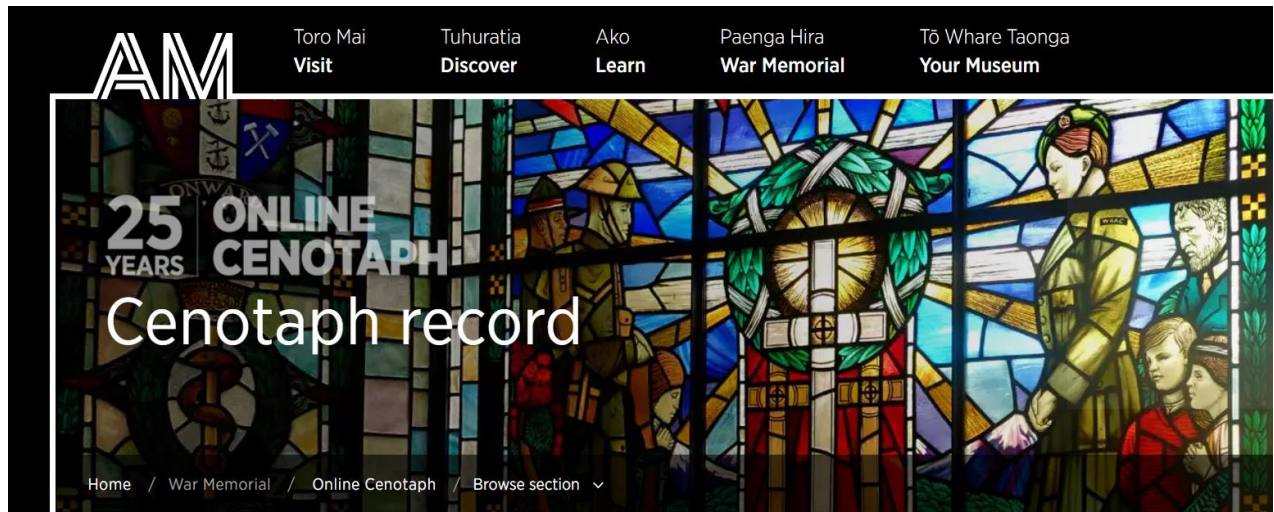
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Bennett Corin – service number 2524, of 45th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private W. B. Corin is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 139.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

William Bennett Corin is remembered on the Auckland Museum On Line Cenotaph website.



Online Cenotaph

William Bennett Corin

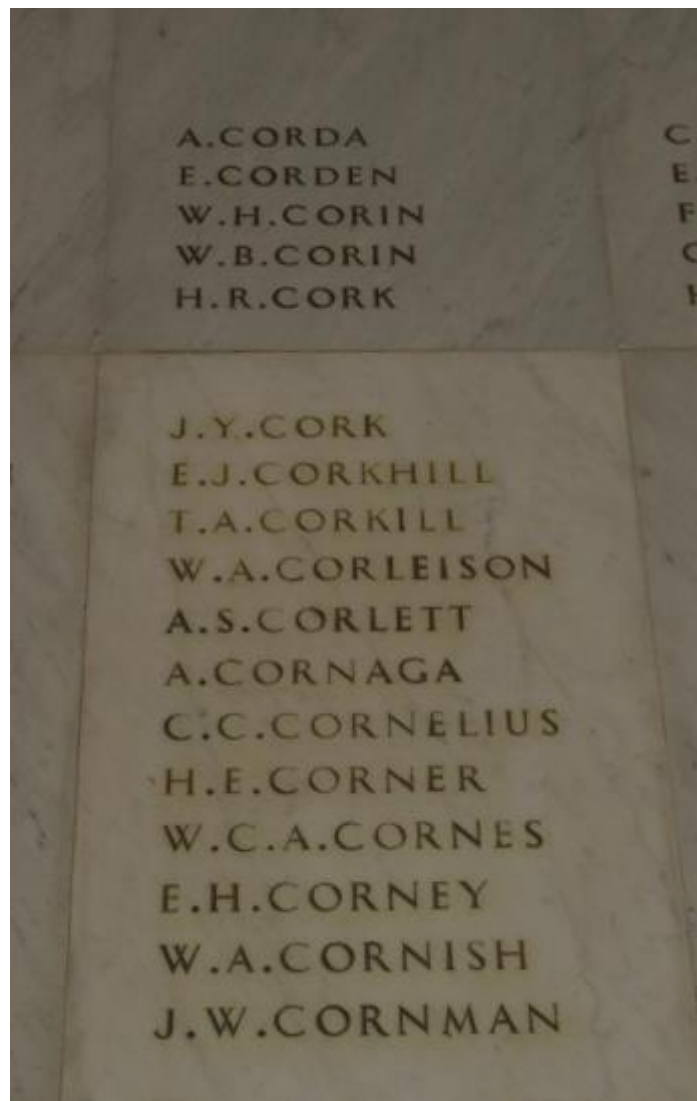
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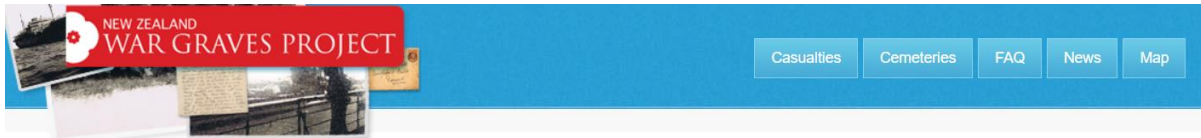
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Auckland War Memorial Museum – World War 1 Hall of Memories Panel

(Photo by John Halpin)

William Bennett Corin is remembered on the New Zealand War Graves Project.



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Private  
**William Bennett Corin**

**Additional Information:** Husband of Fanny Jewell Corin (née Huxtable, remarried St George), Otahuhu, New Zealand.

**References:**

- [CWGC](#)
- [National Archives of Australia](#)

**Relatives Who Are Also Casualties:**

- [Walter Henry Corin](#), Son, Killed in action 27/03/1918



**Public Contributions:**

*There are no public contributions written for this casualty.*

**Casualty**

**Service Number:** 2524  
**Name:** William Bennett Corin  
**Rank:** Private  
**Date of Birth:** Not known  
**Place of Birth:** Coromandel, Thames, New Zealand  
**Date of Enlistment:** Not known  
**Occupation on Enlistment:** Miner  
**Unit:** Australian Infantry, 45 Battalion

**Casualty Details**

**Cause of Death:** Died of wounds  
**Date of Death:** 14 June 1917  
**Day of Death:** Thursday  
**Age at Death:** 45

**Embarkation Details**

(45 pages of Private William Bennett Corin's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives*



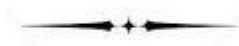


**William Bennet Corin with his wife Fanny & daughter Fanny**





**Private William Bennett Corin** (*Photo from Auckland Museum Online Cenotaph*)





### Connected to Private William Bennett Corin:

Son – William Huxtable Corin – served with New Zealand Expeditionary Force as Walter Henry. He embarked on 5th February, 1916 as Rifleman, 25/1238, with A Company, 3rd Battalion, New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

He was killed in action on 27th March, 1918 & was buried in Grevillers British Cemetery, France.



### Newspaper Notices

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **A MISSING PROSPECTOR**

Sydney, Wednesday

William Bennett Corin, a prospector, lately working in the Cooma district, has been missed by his business partners for about a month.

Corin paid a visit to Sydney, and a diligent search failed to reveal any trace of the missing man.

A mining venture in which Corin is interested was turning out successfully. Moreover, Corin had drawn but a part of the money due to him as wages. This makes his disappearance more unaccountable..

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 7 September, 1910)

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#### **MISSING MINER FOUND**

The missing miner, William Bennett Corin, whose movements since August 6 last the police had been unable to discover, has been located. He has been working as a rockshopper at Strathfield.

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 7 September, 1910)

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## **WITH THE AUSTRALIANS**

### **DIED, CAUSE UNKNOWN AT PRESENT**

(June 14th)

Corin, W. (Mrs F. COrin, Otahuhu,, w.)

(*New Zealand Times*, Volume XLII, Issue 9695 – 25 June, 1917)

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

CORIN – On June 14, 1917, at the 3rd London General Hospital, Corporal William Bennett Corin, 45th Battalion, A.I.F., beloved husband of Fanny Jewell Corin, of Otahuhu, and father of William H. Corin, N.Z.E.F., now on active service.

(*New Zealand Herald*, Volume LIV, Issue 16591 – 14 July, 1917)

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### **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **THE LATE CORPL. W. B. CORIN**

Mrs F. J. Corin, of Otahuhu, has received cable advice that her husband, Corporal William Bennett Corin died of wounds in the Third London General Hospital on June 14. Corporal Corin was in Australia when war was declared and joined the Australian Forces as a private. He took part in the Somme battle where he received his wounds that proved fatal. His only son, Private William H. Corin, is on active service in France, having left New Zealand with one of the early contingents.

(*Pukekohe & Waiuku Times*, Volume 6, Issue 293 – 17 July, 1917)

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### **Latest Casualties**

#### **324th LIST**

##### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

Died (Other Causes)

L. Cpl W. B. Corin, New Zealand (cause not stated, previously reported died of wounds)

(*The Land*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 20 July, 1917)

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## Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

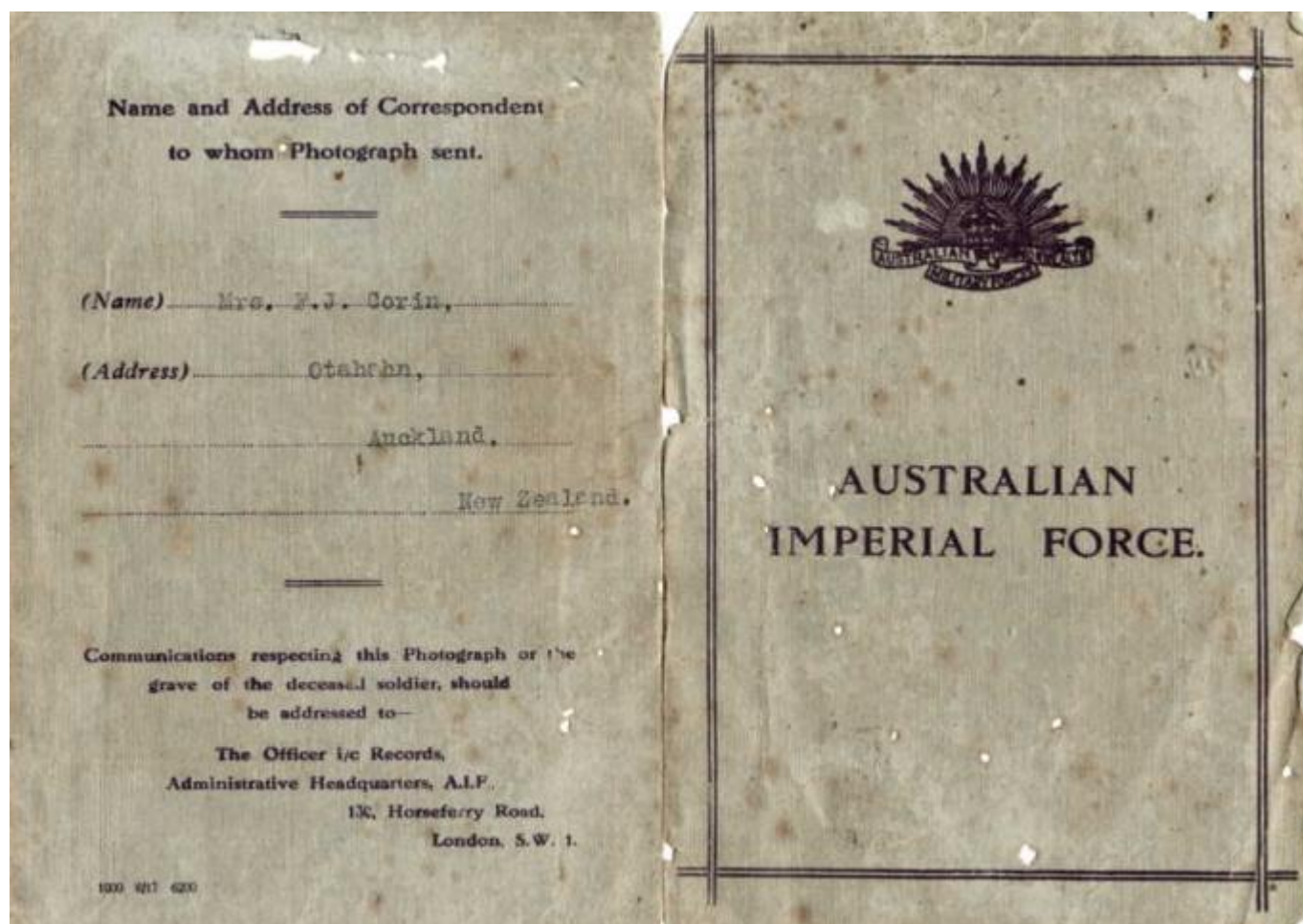
The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

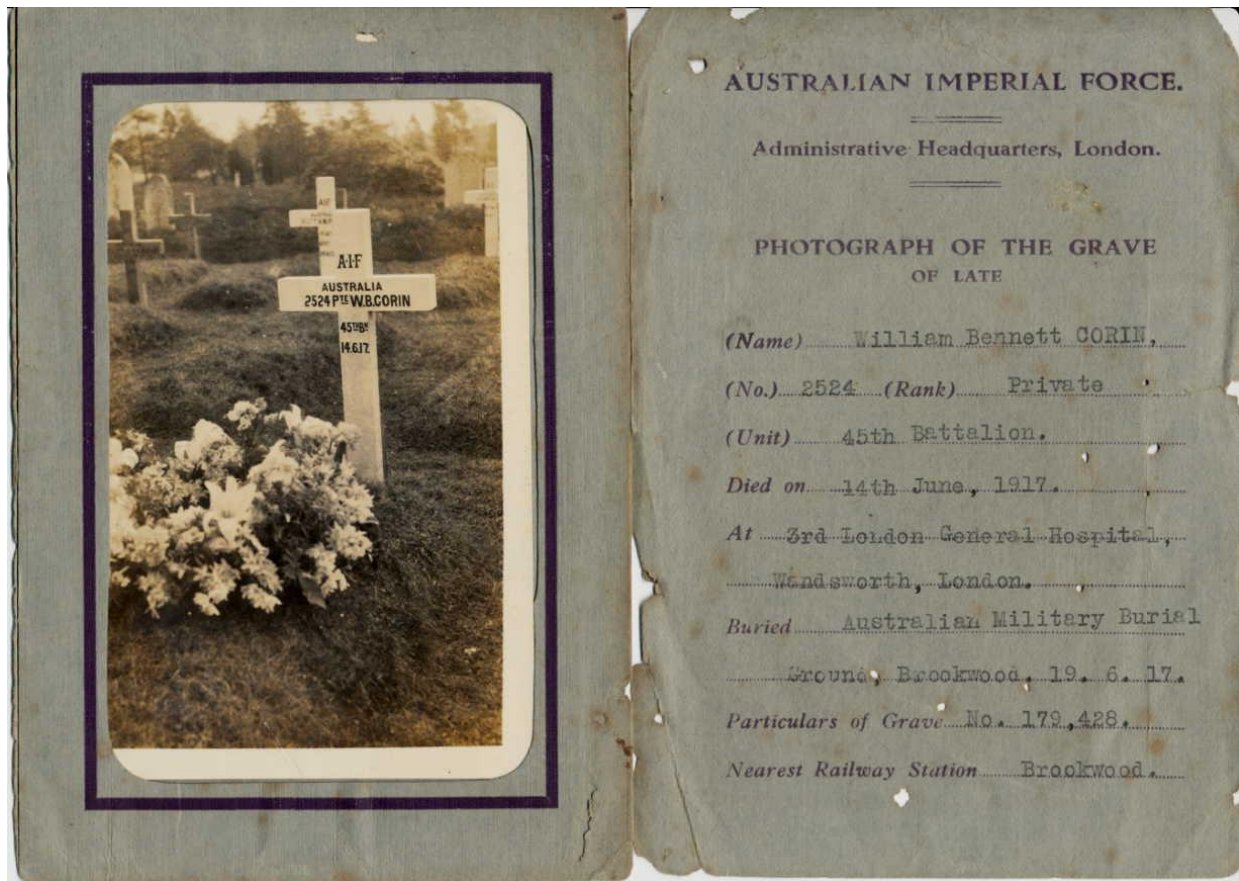
A letter from Base Records, dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1921, to Mrs F. J. St. George, Otahuhu, New Zealand, remarried widow of the late Private William Bennett Corin, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of the late No. 2524 Lance-Corporal W. B. Corin, 45th Battalion, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private W. B. Corin does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.



**Photo of original Cross Marker for Private W. B. Corin.**

*This folder was sent to next of kin of deceased soldiers.*

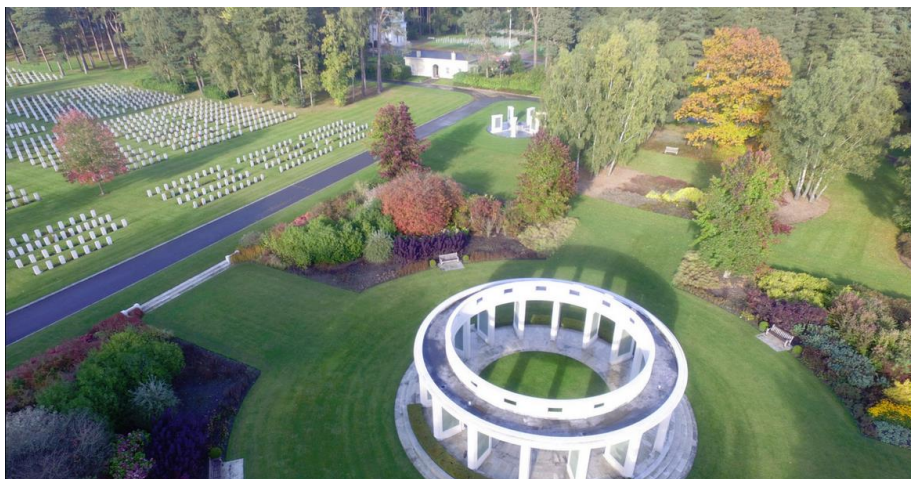


### Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photo from CWGC)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)*

*Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918.*

*Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.*



**Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)



**Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)





*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*



**Australian War Graves** *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*

Photo of Private W. B. Corin's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

