

**Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool,
Lancashire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1271A GUNNER

C. H. DUNNING

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

21ST FEBRUARY, 1919

Charles Hamilton DUNNING

Charles Hamilton Dunning was born in Liverpool, Lancashire, England on 9th November, 1892 to parents William Jones Hopwood Dunning & Jane Dunning (nee Solly). His birth was registered in December quarter, 1892 in the district of West Derby, Lancashire, England.

Charles Hamilton Dunning attended school at Arnot Street School, Walton, Liverpool, England from 7th January, 1907. His previous school was listed as Bedford Road. His father William was listed as an Engineer & family lived at 34 Stalmine Rd.

The 1901 England Census recorded Charles Dunning as an 8 year old, living with his family at 26 Gonville Rd, Bootle-cum-Linacre, Lancashire, England. His parents were listed as William Dunning (Foreman Engineer, aged 37, born Liverpool, Lancs) & Jane Dunning (age 37, born Liverpool, Lancs). Charles was one of five children listed on this Census (all born Liverpool, Lancashire) – Robert Dunning (aged 16), Jessie Dunning (aged 13), William Dunning (aged 10) then Charles & Harold Dunning (aged 7).

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour – Charles left England for Australia in August, 1908. (Note: he is listed on the 1911 England Census)

The 1911 England Census recorded Charles Dunning as an 18 year old Assistant Steward (on a Ship), living with his family at 34 Stalmine Road, Fazakerley, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. His parents were listed as William Dunning (Engineer (Fitter), aged 48) & Jane Dunning (age 47) William & Jane Dunning had been married for 23 years & had a total of seven children – two having since died. Charles was one of five children listed on this Census – Robert Dunning (Marine Engineer, aged 24), Jessie Dunning (aged 22), William Dunning (Apprentice Engineer, aged 19) then Charles & Harold Dunning (Assistant Steward (Ship), aged 17).

The 1914, 1915 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Wimmera, subdivision of Beulah, Victoria, recorded Charles Hamilton Dunning, Law Clerk, from Beulah.

Charles Hamilton Dunning was a 23 year old, single, Clerk from 104 Powlett Street, East Melbourne, Victoria when he enlisted on 20th August, 1914 at Albert Park, Victoria with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William Jones Hopwood Dunning, 34 Stalmine Road, Aintree, Liverpool, England.

Gunner (Batman) Charles Hamilton Dunning was posted to 6th Battery, Field Artillery on 20th August, 1914 for recruit training.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning, Service number 1271, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Shropshire* (A9) on 20th October, 1914 with the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade – No. 6 Battery.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning joined M.E.F (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 8th April, 1915.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was transferred to Convalescent Camp at Mustapha on 9th August, 1915 due to Diarrhoea from 6th Battery Details. (Note: The Statement of Service form recorded according to Chaplain Green's report dated 24th July, 1915 that Gunner Dunning's condition at No. 17 General Hospital was improving – Dysentery.) He embarked from Alexandria on 30th August, 1915 for Gallipoli Peninsula on H.T. *Karos* & rejoined his Unit at Anzac on 9th September, 1915.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was transferred to Rest Camp at Lemnos on 15th September, 1915 & rejoined his Unit at Gallipoli Peninsula on 6th October, 1915.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was admitted to No. 1 Auxiliary Hospital at Cairo on 11th December, 1915 with Jaundice then transferred the same day to 1st Australian General Hospital at Cairo. He was discharged to Overseas Base on 28th December, 1915.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was transferred to Intermediate Base at Cairo on 20th January, 1916 as Guard.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was marched in to Australian Details at Zeitoun on 28th March, 1916.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning proceeded from Tel-el-Kebir on 1st May, 1916 to join 5th Divisional Artillery at Moascar. He was taken on strength of 14th F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) & was posted to 54th Battery from 6th Battery at Ferry Post on 1st May, 1916.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning proceeded from Alexandria on 20th June, 1916 on HMT *Huntsend* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th June, 1916.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning proceeded to England on 30th December, 1916 on Leave & rejoined 14th F.A.B. on 17th January, 1917 from Leave.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was re-allotted a Regimental number on 1271A (This usually occurred when there was a duplication on service numbers)

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was wounded in action on 31st July, 1917. He was admitted to 2/1 Wessex Field Ambulance on 31st July, 1917 with shrapnel wound/s to right Knee & was transferred to Casualty Clearing Station. Gunner Dunning was admitted to 3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 1st August, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right Knee. He was marked for transfer to England on 2nd August, 1917 & embarked on 4th August, 1917 on Hospital Ship *St David* with Shrapnel wound/s to Thigh (as listed on Casualty Form – Active Service).

War Diary – 14th Australian Field Artillery

31st July, 1917:

3.50 am – Operation as in Appendix 100 commenced and barrage Map attached

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7.17 am – 54th Reported moving forward to I 11a 2560

9 am – All Btys reported that they were in action and had taken up the fire on their barrage.

12.10 pm – All Btys finished on GREEN line barrage

3.55 pm – Orders received to engage BREMEN _____ carried out

4.5 pm – SOS put down on GREEN line barrage

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11.30 – All seems quiet at the front.

Casualties – Killed Lieut Barron, Lieut Gammon; Wounded:- Lieut Archibald O.R. Killed 1 Wounded - 17

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was admitted to Barnet War Hospital, England on 4th August, 1917 with G.S.W. to right Knee. He was transferred to No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield Park, Middlesex on 28th September, 1917 with G.S.W to right Thigh (as listed on Hospital Admissions form "*Thro & thro wound back of lower 1/3 R thigh – healed*"). Gunner Dunning was discharged to Furlo from 5th October, 1917 to 19th October, 1917 & was then to report to Depot.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was marched in to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth, Dorset on 19th October, 1917. He was marched out to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 22nd October, 1917 & medically classified as B1A1 (fit for light duty only for 4 weeks) on 23rd October, 1917 at No. 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. Gunner Dunning was re-classified as B1A2 (fit for Overseas Training Camp in 3 – 4 weeks) on 14th November, 1917.

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. Later Training & Convalescing Units were combined under the one Command Depot.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was entitled to 1 Red & 3 Blue Chevrons as at 21st October, 1917.

Blue chevrons

In January 1918 the Australian Imperial Force approved the wearing of the overseas service chevrons which had been adopted by the British Army. These were embroidered or woven inverted chevrons worn above the cuff on the right arm. Due to a shortage of supply, some men had chevrons privately made. For each year of war service a blue chevron was awarded and those men who had embarked in 1914 received a red chevron to indicate that year's service.



Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was attached for duty to Australian Army Pay Corps in London from 30th November, 1917 from No. 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was sent sick to Holborn Military Hospital, Western Road, Mitcham, London on 7th December, 1917. He was admitted later having been diagnosed as C.S.M. (Cerebro Spinal Meningitis) Carrier. Gunner Dunning rejoined A.A. Pay Corps in London on 19th December, 1917 from Hospital (after "2 *negative cultures obtained*").

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was sent sick to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield on 10th April, 1918. He was admitted the same day with Otitis Media & was discharged to duty on 12th April, 1918. Gunner Dunning rejoined Pay Corps in London on 12th April, 1918.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was sent sick to Southall Hospital on 9th May, 1918. He was admitted the same day to 2nd Auxiliary Hospital, Southall, England – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined). The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Complains of constant headaches past 4/12. Heart no diln or arrythmia. Chest clear. ...*" Gunner Dunning was discharged to duty on 8th June, 1918 & rejoined Australian Pay Corps on the same day.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was sent sick to Southall Hospital (2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall) on 17th July, 1918. He was admitted to 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall – cause N.Y.D. & was reported to be dangerously ill (uraemic) on 18th July, 1918.

A Medical Report was completed on Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning (former occupation Law Clerk) on 4th August, 1918 at No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall. His disability was listed as Nephritis which had originated on 18th July, 1918 in England. Patient "*was admitted in an unconscious condition suffering from uraemic convulsions. Lumbar puncture was performed. Under treatment his condition was greatly improved. Urine still shows a heavy cloud of albumin.*" The Officer in charge of the Medical Case stated that the disability was attributable or aggravated by service during the present war & that Gunner Dunning should have a change to Australia (he did not recommend that he discharged as permanently unfit). The Medical Board found on 6th August, 1918 that Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was permanently unfit for General Service & permanently unfit for Home Service.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was reported to be Convalescent on 2nd December, 1918.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was detached from attached duty with Australian Army Pay Corps on 20th January, 1919 & was "marched out" pending Return to Australia.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was reported to be seriously ill with Nephritis on 26th January, 1919 at 2nd Auxiliary Hospital, Southall, England. He was transferred to Fazakerley Military Hospital, Liverpool, England on 4th February, 1919.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning died at 9.45 pm on 21st February, 1919 at Westminster Rd Auxiliary Hospital, Liverpool, England from Nephritis. A Telegram was sent from Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool to "AdminAust London" advising that 1271 Gunner C. Dunning had died & "*brother present at Death.... Next of kin mother 34 Stalmine St Liverpool who desires Military Funeral at Liverpool....*"

A death for Charles H. Dunning, aged 26, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of West Derby, Lancashire, England.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was buried on 28th February, 1919 in Anfield Park Cemetery, Liverpool, Lancashire, England – Grave No. 580 Section I.

From the burial report of Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning - *Coffin was Elm, Brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and conveyed to the grave side, surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from:- Jack, Maggie & family, Cousin Carrie, Mrs Goddard, The Staff Ward, Miss Dunning and many others. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the burial service conducted by Chaplain Rev. A. W. Anderson, from Emanuel Church, Liverpool. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives & friends present at the Funeral – Father Mr Dunning, Mr Mack & Son, Mr Edward, Mr John and many other friends.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning's burial place is now recorded by Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Plot number I. N.C. 580 in Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, England. He has a private headstone, however his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

An Inquiry was made to Base Records on 25th March, 1919 for the Death Certificate of the late 1271 C. H. Dunning, FAB, to be posted to his brother – Mr H. Dunning, "Mooroopna" Campbell St, East Kew.

Base Records replied to Mr H. Dunning on 26th March, 1919 advising "*...the necessary official confirming documents covering the report of death of the late No. 1271A Gunner C. H. Dunning, 14th Field Artillery Brigade, have not yet been received from abroad. Your request, however, has been noted for compliance at the earliest possible date.*"

Another Inquiry was made for the Death Certificate for 1271 Gunner C. H. Dunning on 26th April, 1919 "*Please expedite issue of Death Certificate asked for two months ago.*"

Base Records replied to Mr H. Dunning on 29th April, 1919 advising "*In response to your personal request I regret to state I am still unable to supply you with a Certificate of report of death of the late No. 1271A Gunner C. H. Dunning, 14th Field Artillery Brigade, but upon receipt of the necessary official confirming document from abroad, the desired Certificate will be promptly transmitted to you.*"

Harold Dunning, "Mooroopna" Campbell St, East Kew, wrote a letter to Base Records on 12th May, 1919 requesting "*...the certificate of Death Gunner C. H. Dunning, 1271. Died Feb 21th 1919 as I am Executor for the Will and as I am leaving Melbourne for England in July I am very anxious to have the estate settled before I go....*"

Another Inquiry was made on 13th May, 1919 for the "*Certificate of death for Insurance purposes*" for the late 1271 Gunner C. H. Dunning, 1st FAB, to be posted to his brother – Mr H. Dunning, "Mooroopna" Campbell St, East Kew.

Base Records replied to Mr H. Dunning on 20th May, 1919 with the following: "*I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 12th inst., and to state you will in the meantime have received a certificate of report of death of the late No. 1271 Gunner C. H. Dunning, 14th Field Artillery Brigade, forwarded to you on 14th idem.....*"

The Finance Section (Deceased Section) wrote to Base Records on 25th May, 1920 with the following: *“The appended extract of letter received from Harold Dunning, Ewing Street, East Brunswick, is forwarded for your information and reply direct;- “I would like you to let me know what is still to come to the estate, such as 1914 Star.”*

Base Records replied to Mr H Dunning on 29th May, 1920: *“With reference to your communication concerning the 1914/15 Star to be issued in connection with the late No. 1271 Gunner C. H. Dunning, 14th Field Artillery Brigade, I have to state, according to the Regulations under the Deceased Soldiers’ Estate Act of 1918, the Medal when available must go to the late soldier’s father, Mr W. J. H. Dunning, who is shown on the records of this office as residing at 34 Stalmine Road, Aintree, Liverpool, England.”*

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Dunning’s father – Mr W. J. H. Dunning, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque both issued in England in November, 1922).

Harold Dunning, Flat 11, No. 11 Florence St, Mentone Sth, wrote to Dept of Army, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, on 17th July, 1967: *“Regarding details in the Sun March 17 – 67, I wish to apply for New Anzac Medal as I am next of kin, my family are all deceased. Mr brother Charles Hamilton Dunning (Gnr C. H. Dunning) 1271A 2nd / Fld A. B. A.I.F. deceased, was in the landing at Gallipoli and served through to the end of the war and died in Engl. Liverpool Hospital 1918. I have the Bronze Plaque, 1914 – 1918, also 1914 Star +other medals. I can give you further particulars if you require them. I was trustee and I have Probate, being beneficiary & Executor.”*

Harold Dunning was sent an application form for the Gallipoli Medal which he completed & signed dated 18th July, 1967.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning – service number 1271A, of 14th Bty, Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of William J. H. Dunning, of 34 Stalmine Rd, Aintree, Liverpool.

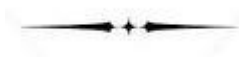
Gunner C. H. Dunning is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 18.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(84 pages of Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives Australia



Newspaper Items

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

LISTS No. 336 and 337

Victoria

WOUNDED

C. H. Dunning, England

(The Argus Melbourne, Victoria – 11 September, 1917)

VICTORIA'S ROLL OF HONOR

462nd CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF OTHER CAUSES

C. H. Dunning, England (illness)

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 April, 1919)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning has a Private Headstone.

Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, Lancashire, England

In December 1914, Liverpool became one of the 21 Auxiliary Patrol Bases and in February 1915, the base of the 10th Cruiser Squadron. During the Second World War, Liverpool was headquarters of Western Approaches Command and a manning depot for officers and men of the Merchant Navy who agreed to serve with the Royal Navy for the duration of the war.

Liverpool (Anfield) Cemetery contains burials of both wars. The majority are in two war graves plots in Section 5, with Screen Walls bearing the names of those buried there. The rest of the war burials are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 453 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery. Included in this total are 17 casualties who are commemorated by name on the Screen Wall as their graves in Bootle (St Mary) Churchyard and Liverpool (St James) Cemetery could no longer be maintained. Second World War burials number 459 including 2 unidentified British soldiers. There is also another Screen Wall memorial to those whose burials are not marked by headstones. There are also 67 war graves of other nationalities, the majority of them Dutch and Norwegian Merchant seamen, and there are 9 non war service burials here.

(Information from CWGC)



Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool (Photo above – Streetview; below from CWGC)



Photo of Gunner Charles Hamilton Dunning's shared family Private Headstone in Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, Lancashire, England.



(Photo by Mike Berrell)

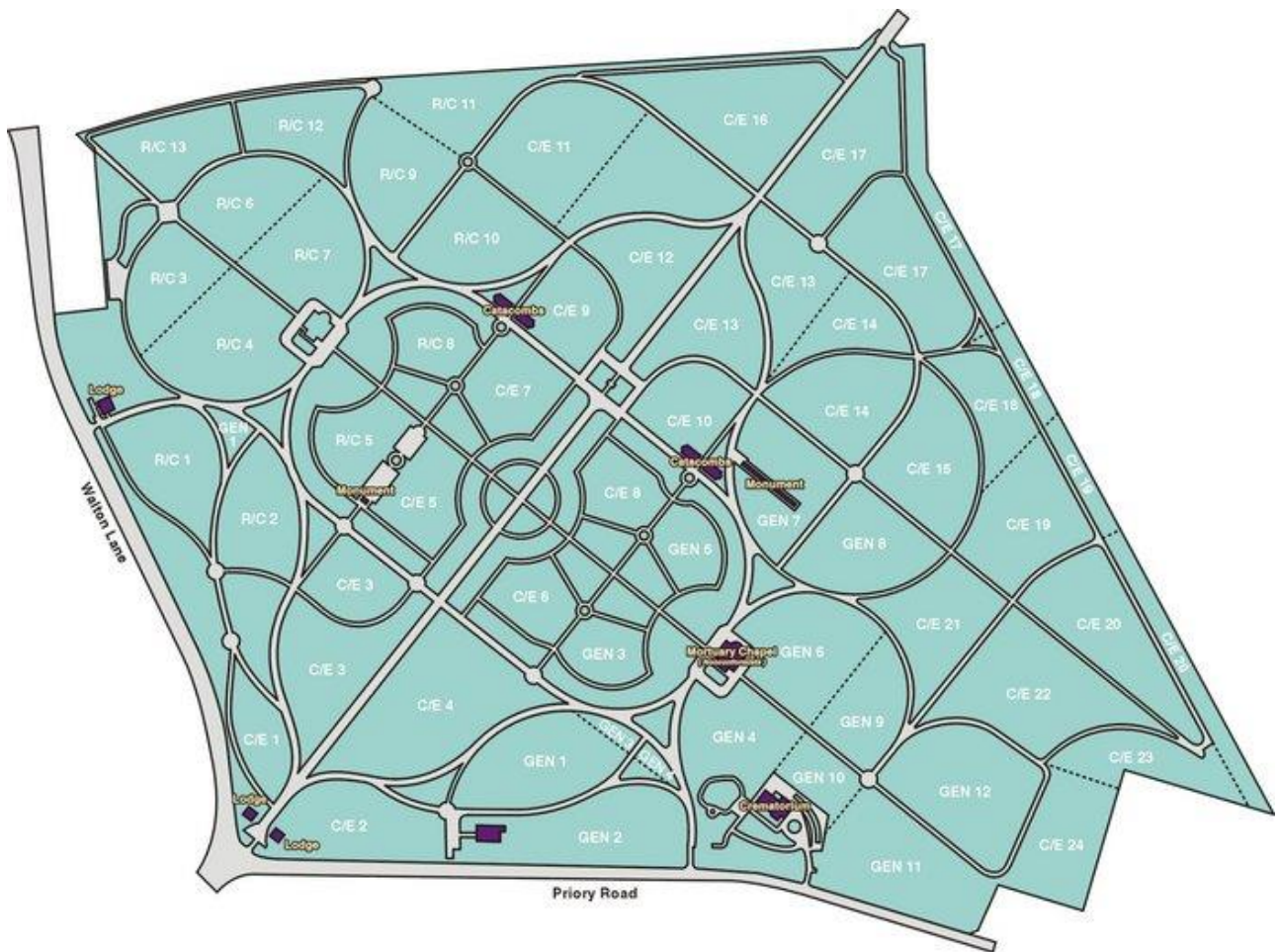


CHARLES HAMILTON

BOM. A.I.F.

Third Son of The Above

Died 21st Feby. 1919. Aged 26 Years



Anfield Cemetery