

**St. Bridget's Churchyard,
West Kirby, Merseyside
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4162 PRIVATE

A. LALLY

25TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

2ND AUGUST, 1917 Age 32

He Gave His All For Others

His Loving Sister Maggie

Arthur LALLY

Arthur Skelhorne Lally was born at Garston, Liverpool, Lancashire, England in 1885 to parents Patrick Christopher and Ellen Lally (nee Skelhorne). He was baptised on 19th April, 1885 at St. Michael's Church, Garston, Lancashire, England. Arthur's father – Patrick was employed as a Pointsman & the family lived at 7 Woodyer Street, Garston.

The 1891 England Census recorded Arthur Lally as a 6 year old, living with his family at 7 Woodyer Street, Garston, Lancashire, England. His parents were listed as Patrick C. Lally (Tramway Pointsman, aged 40, born Galway, Ireland) & Ellen Lally (aged 34, born Latchford). Arthur was one of seven children listed on this Census (all born Garston, Lancashire) – Ada Lally (aged 13), James Lally (Grocer's Assistant, aged 12), Margaret Lally (aged 11), Elizabeth Lally (aged 8), then Arthur, Frank Lally (aged 4) & Alfred Lally (aged 1).

The 1901 England Census recorded Arthur Lalley as a 16 year old Grocer's Shop Boy, living with his family at 44 Greenwood Street, South Everton, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. His parents were listed as Patrick Lalley (Pointsman – Electric Cars, aged 48) & Ellen Lalley (aged 47). Arthur was the eldest of 5 children listed on this Census – Arthur then Frank (Office Boy – Fruit Merchant, aged 14), Alfred (Scholar, aged 12), Thomas (Scholar, aged 10, born Garston, Lancashire) & David (aged 4, born Liverpool, Lancashire).

Ellen Lally, mother of Arthur Lally died on 4th June, 1904, aged 51.

Arthur Lally stated he was aged 30 years & 8 months, single and a Cook from Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted on 21st September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs Douglas Owens, 1 South Road, West Kirby, Cheshire, England.

Private Arthur Lally was posted to 15th Battalion.

A Charge was reported at Reg. Store Tent on 3rd November, 1914 against Private A. Lally, D Coy., 15th Infantry Battalion – Neglect of Duty. The Crime form was marked "*Dismissed incorrectly detailed.*"

A Charge was reported at Sandgate against Private A. Lally, 15th Infantry Battalion – "*Absent without leave on 5th & 6th November; under the influence of liquor on parade & unable to complete March to Sandgate.*" Private Lally was fined 5/- & discharged.

Private Arthur Lally was discharged from the Australian Imperial Force on 7th November, 1914 as "*not likely to become an efficient soldier.*"

Arthur Lally stated he was aged 30 years & 9 months, single and a Cook from Brisbane, Queensland when he re-enlisted on 18th November, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs D. Owens, 1 South Road, West Kirby, Cheshire, England. Arthur Lally stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with 15th Battalion, 8th Infantry, A.I.F. & had been discharged at his own request.

Driver Arthur Lally was posted with 12th Company, A.S.C. (Army Service Corps), 1st Reinforcements as Driver on 18th November, 1914.

Driver Arthur Lally was discharged from Australian Imperial Force on 4th January, 1915 for misconduct. The Supply Depot, Enoggera, wrote to Base Records on 8th January, 1915 sending on the Attestation Papers of two soldiers who had been discharged: "*1. Driver E. J. Mills, 5 Coy., A.S.C. 3rd Reinforcements, discharged for misconduct on 5th instant with effect from 31.12.14. 2. Driver A. Lally, 12th Coy., A.S.C. 1st Reinforcements discharged for misconduct on 4th instant.*"

Arthur Lally stated he was aged 30 years & 6 months, single and a Labourer from Brisbane, Queensland when he re-enlisted on 15th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs Ada Owens, 1 South Road, West Kirby, Cheshire, England. Arthur Lally had 2 tattoos – a woman on his right forearm & a girl's face also on right forearm.

Private Arthur Lally was posted to 5th Depot Battalion on 5th September, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 10th Reinforcements, 25th Battalion on 16th December, 1915.

Private Arthur Lally (recorded on the Embarkation Roll as "Lalley"), Service number 4162, embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Commonwealth (A73)* on 28th March, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 25th Infantry Battalion, 10th Reinforcements.

Private Arthur Lally embarked for overseas from Alexandria on H.T. *Tunisian* on 30th May, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 5th June, 1916.

Private Arthur Lally was sent sick to Hospital on 11th July, 1916. He was admitted to 26th General Hospital in France on 12th July, 1916 with Malaria. Private Lally embarked on Hospital Ship *Dieppe* at Calais, France for England with Malaria on 13th July, 1916.

Private Arthur Lally was admitted to 1st Northern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England on 14th July, 1916. He was transferred & admitted to No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield on 19th July, 1916. Private Lally was discharged to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 25th July, 1916 & was medically classified as A (Fit).

Private Arthur Lally was admitted to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield on 23rd August, 1916 with Pulmonary Tuberculosis. A Medical Report was completed on 27th August, 1916 at Harefield Park on Private Arthur Lally. His disability as listed as Pulmonary Tuberculosis, which had first occurred in February, 1916 in Australia. Private Lally stated he had Malaria in W. Africa 5 years ago & had a malarial attack in Camp after inoculation. The Medical Board recommend that Private Lalley be discharged as permanently unfit.

Private Arthur Lally was reported as seriously ill at Australian Convalescent Depot, Rickmansworth on 9th September, 1916.

Private Arthur Lally was discharged in England from the Australian Imperial Force on 29th November, 1916 (with effect from 14th November, 1916) as permanently unfit for War Service at home or abroad. Private Lally's conduct & character while serving in the Australian Imperial Force had been very good. His intended place of residence was listed as Rose Cottage, Caldby Road, West Kirby, Cheshire, England. He was given the Silver War Badge and Certificate No. A 54.

The Silver War Badge was issued in the United Kingdom and the British Empire to service personnel who had been honourably discharged due to wounds or sickness from military service in World War 1. The Silver War Badge was intended to be worn on civilian clothes.



Arthur Lally, of Rose Cottage, Caldby Road, West Kirby, Cheshire, England received a Pension of £3 per fortnight commencing from 24th May, 1917 with a revision on 30th August, 1917. Arthur Lally, of 174a Banks Rd, West Kirby, Cheshire, England received a Pension of £3 per fortnight commencing from 30th August, 1917 with a revision on 22nd November, 1917.

Private Arthur Lally died on 2nd August, 1917 of illness (Phthisis) (as listed on Australian War Memorial – Roll of Honour).

The War Pension for Arthur Lally, of 174a Banks Rd, West Kirby, Cheshire, England ceased to be paid from 15th August, 1917 as he had died.

A death for Arthur Lally, aged 32, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Wirral, Cheshire, England.

Private Arthur Lally was buried in St. Bridget's Churchyard, West Kirby, Merseyside (Cheshire), England and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Public Curator's Office, Brisbane, Queensland wrote to Base Records requesting a Certificate of Death in regards to Arthur Lally. Base Records advised that they would be unable to furnish a death certificate as Private Lally had been discharged from the A.I.F. on 29th November, 1916 as medically unfit. They did advise that according to Pension Statement that he died on 2nd August, 1917.

Private Arthur Lally was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Lally – service number 4162, aged 32, of 25th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Patrick Christopher Lally and Ellen Lally.

Private A. Lally is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 105.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Arthur Lally is remembered on the Great War Memorial Tablet, located in St. Bridget's Church, West Kirby, Cheshire, England.

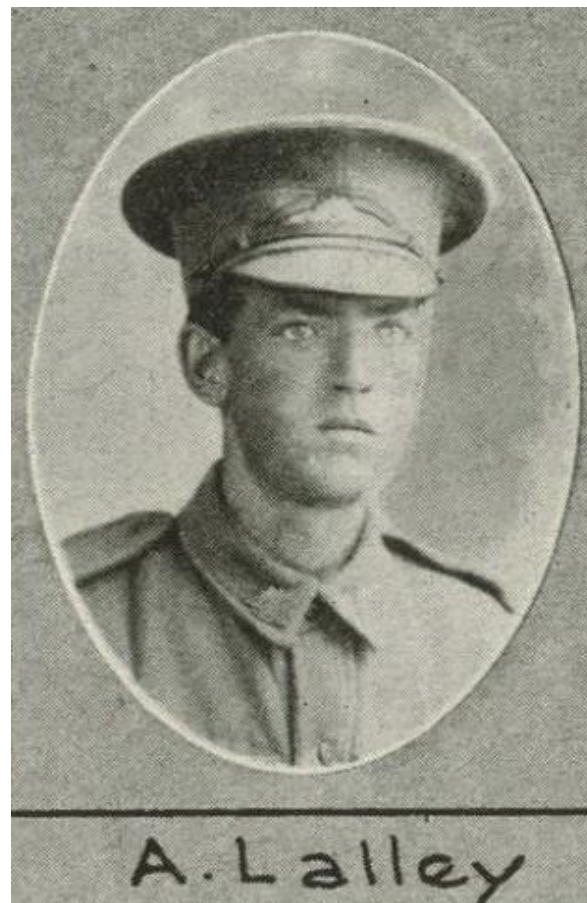


Great War Memorial Tablet – West Kirby (Photo from IWM)

(67 pages of Private Arthur Lally'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





Private Arthur Lally – 10th Reinforcement, 25th Battalion (*Queenslander Pictorial*, Australia – 6 May, 1916)



Private Arthur Lally (*Birkenhead News*, England – 11th August, 1917)



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)

Private A. Lally does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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St. Bridget's Churchyard, West Kirby contains 11 Commonwealth War Graves – 9 relating to World War 1 & 2 from World War 2.



St. Bridget's Church, West Kirby *(Photo by Mike McQaid)*

Photo of Private A. Lally's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Bridget's Churchyard, West Kirby, Merseyside/Cheshire, England.



(Headstone photos by Mike McQaid)

