

**Christchurch Cemetery,  
Christchurch, Dorset  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**CAPTAIN**

**C. W. LAMB**

**ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY**

**15TH NOVEMBER, 1915      Age 48**

## Cecil Walter LAMB

Cecil Walter Lamb was born on 11th August, 1867 in Brisbane, Queensland to parents Edward William Lamb & Julia Clemence Lamonnerie Di Fattorini.

Birth announcement – *The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – 12 August, 1867:

*LAMB – On the 11th August, at Kangaroo Point, Mrs Edward Lamb, of a son.*

From the *New South Wales Government Gazette* – May-June, 1890:

*Colonial Secretary's Office*

*Sydney, 26th June, 1890*

*His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be Lieutenants on probation in the New South Wales Artillery, viz:-*

*RICHARD LEWIS HAY BLAKE JENKINS and*

*CECIL WALTER LAMB, Esquires.*

*HENRY PARKES.*

From the *New South Wales Government Gazette* – September-October, 1892:

*Colonial Secretary's Office*

*Sydney, 15th September, 1892*

*With reference to the notifications which appeared in the Government Gazettes of the 5th February and the 13th May, 1892, of the confirmation of the appointments of Messieurs Cecil Walter Lamb and Edward Augustus Antill, as Lieutenants in the New South Wales Artillery, it is hereby notified that the appointments are to take effect from the 26th June, 1890, and the 16th March, 1891, respectively.*

*GEORGE R. DIBBS*

Cecil Walter Lamb married Anne Mackay in 1893 at St. Mary's, NSW.

A son was born to Cecil Walter & Anne Lamb on 9th June, 1894 – Geoffrey Cecil Frank Lamb. He was baptised on 11th August, 1894 at St. Alban's Church, Rooty Hill, NSW. Cecil Walter Lamb was listed as a Lieutenant from La Perouse, NSW.

Newspaper item – *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW – 31 December, 1897:

**LIEUT. C. W. LAMB**

**SUCCESS AT WOOLWICH**

*LONDON, Wednesday Night.— Lieutenant Cecil Walter Lamb, of the 1st Garrison Division New South Wales Artillery, has passed in five of the chief classes at the Artillery College, Woolwich.*

*Lieutenant C. W. Lamb joined the Naval Brigade as a cadet in March, 1881, becoming mid-shipman in 1885, but he resigned soon after. In June, 1890, he passed the required examination and was appointed First Lieutenant in the Artillery. He afterwards passed the company officer's course at the Infantry School of Instruction, and also obtained a certificate for the long course at the School of Gunnery.*

Newspaper item – *The Inquirer and Commercial News*, Perth, Western Australia – 23 December, 1898:

## **MILITARY**

*London December 18.*

*Captain Clark, and Lieutenant Cecil Walter Lamb (of No. 1 Company, 1st Garrison Division, New South Wales Artillery), have been awarded first-class certificates for the long course of instruction, and have received special mention for their work relating to coast defences.*

*[Lieutenant Lamb joined the New South Wales Garrison of Artillery in 1890. He went to England with the Jubilee contingent and remained behind to go through the long course of instruction. Twelve months ago he passed in five of the chief classes at Woolwich.]*

Lieutenant Cecil W. Lamb, aged 30, along with his wife Mrs Lamb, aged 31 & their child G.C.F. Lamb, aged 3 ½, were passengers on *Oruba* which had departed from London, England & arrived at Sydney, NSW. (Note: 2 records show for this voyage – one showing the departure date of 6th January, 1899, the other showing the arrival date of 6th January, 1899.)

Newspaper item – *The Inquirer and Commercial News*, Perth, Western Australia – 23 March, 1900:

## **AN APPOINTMENT**

### **AUSTRALIAN PROMOTED**

*London, March 20.*

*Lieutenant Cecil Walter Lamb, a. New South Wales special service officer in South Africa, who has been employed as staff officer on the lines of communication, has been appointed Provost Marshal of De Aar Junction, an important British base.*

*[Lieutenant Cecil Walter Lamb, who was selected from the Royal Australian Artillery to proceed to South Africa as a special service officer, has had a very long experience in the New South Wales military forces. Born at Kangaroo Point, Queensland, in 1869, he was educated by private tutor, and subsequently at the Sydney Grammar School. At the early age of 14 he joined the Naval Brigade, and after four years' service retired with the rank of midshipman. He volunteered for active service with the Soudan contingent, but the Naval Brigade did not go. Mr. Lamb left Sydney in 1887, and took up a bush life, and had a varied experience in the back blocks of the colony. In 1889 he went out to India to enlist in the 21st Lancers for the purpose of obtaining a commission. Returning to Sydney, he obtained his present commission in the Royal Australian Artillery. He has had a very good record while in this regiment; and has been adjutant of the regiment He was specially selected to take up the adjutancy of 5th Regiment Scottish Rifles, a position he has occupied prior to leaving for active service. He was also chosen to represent his regiment at the diamond jubilee celebrations in London, and subsequently he took his men to the Isle of Wight for a course of instruction. On the detachment returning to Sydney he remained in England for two years for a course of artillery studies, including the latest ideas in field, siege, and coast artillery, at Woolwich, Okehampton, Lydd, the Isle of Wight, and Shoeburyness. He sailed for South Africa with the "A" Battery in the steamer Warrigal.]*

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Swan, subdivision of Albany, Western Australia recorded Cecil Walter Lamb, Officer & his wife Ann Lamb, of The Forts.

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Corio, subdivision of Queenscliff, Victoria listed Cecil Walter Lamb, Military Officer, and his wife Annie Lamb, of Gellibrand Street, Queenscliff.

From the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* – 4th April, 1903:

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

*Royal Australia Artillery*

*Lieutenant and Temporary Captain CECIL WALTER LAMB, to command Royal Australian Artillery and Half Company Garrison Artillery (Albany), Western Australia, vice Major Beer relieved, as from 31st March, 1903.*

From the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 31st October, 1903:

### **COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES**

#### **PROMOTIONS, TERMINATION OF ENGAGEMENT ETC.**

*His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the following changes in connexion with the Commonwealth Military Forces:-*

*Royal Australia Artillery*

*Lieutenant and Honorary Captain CECIL WALTER LAMB, Royal Australian Artillery, to be Captain, vice Captain Morris, promoted. Dated 1st July, 1903.*

From the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 28th November, 1903:

### **COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES**

*His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has been pleased to approve of the following changes:*

*Royal Australia Artillery*

*Captain LESLIE HERBERT KYNGDON, Royal Australia Artillery, to be Company Officer and Staff Officer for Artillery, Western Australia, vice Captain C. W. Lamb, transferred to Victoria. Dated 1st November, 1903.*

*Captain CECIL WALTER LAMB, Australian Artillery to be Company Officer, Victoria, to complete establishment. Dated 1st November, 1903.*

Public Notice – The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 11 October, 1912:

### **CROSSING THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

*At the Monthly Meeting of the Committee in connection with the above, held at Wentworth Falls on Saturday, October 5th, Captain Cecil Walter Lamb, Royal Australian Garrison Artillery (Retired) was unanimously elected to the position of Organising Secretary. A full and comprehensive programme has been arranged, which will cost a considerable sum of money. It is intended to erect a Permanent Record at Mt. York, and to hold a Demonstration on a large scale in the month of May next year. The Government will also be approached with a view to seeking a £1 for £1 Subsidy.*

*Captain LAMB is empowered to receive and acknowledge all Subscriptions, which may be addressed to the above, c/o. F. WALKER, Esq., Clement's Chambers, 88 Pitt-street (for the present).*

**SUPPORT THIS GREAT NATIONAL UNDERTAKING BY LIBERAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

*FRANK WALKER, President, And President Australian Historical Society.*

Newspaper item – Sunday Times, Sydney, NSW – 10 January, 1915:

*Capt. C. Walter Lamb, late R.A.G.A., will proceed to Great Britain next month to endeavour to get an appointment in Kitchener's Army. Captain Lamb served with distinction on the South African war.*

From the Supplement to The London Gazette – 6 May, 1915:

### **ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY**

*Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery*

*The undermentioned to be temporary Captains:*

*Dated 7th May, 1915*

*Cecil Walter Lamb, late Captain, Royal Australian Artillery.*

Captain Cecil Walter Lamb died on 15th November, 1915 at Red Cross Hospital, Christchurch, England from Pneumonia.

Death Notice – Hampshire Advertiser, England – 20 November, 1915:

### **DEATHS**

*LAMB – On the 15th inst., at Christchurch, from pneumonia, Captain Cecil Walter Lamb, R.F.A., formerly Capt. Royal Australian Artillery, son of the late Edward Lamb, of Sydney, NSW. aged 46.*

A death for Cecil W. Lamb, aged 46, was registered in the December quarter, 1915 in the district of Christchurch, Hampshire, England.

Captain Cecil Walter Lamb was buried on 25th November, 1915 in Christchurch Cemetery, Christchurch, Dorset, England – Plot number F. 75. and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Newspaper item – Bournemouth Graphic, England – 26 November, 1915:

### **Military Funeral at Christchurch**

*The death occurred last week at the Red Cross Hospital at Christchurch, of Captain Cecil Walter Lamb, of the 44th Reserve Battery, R.F.A., where he had been suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.*

*The funeral took place at Christchurch on Thursday, with full military honours.*

*The officiating clergyman at the funeral was the Rev. J. C. Blackett, of Christchurch Priory. The cortege left the military hospital at half-past two, headed by the band of the Royal Engineers. The coffin, borne on a gun carriage, was shrouded with a Union Jack, the sword of the dead officer resting on the lid of the coffin. The remains were enclosed in an elm shell, and a plain unpolished oak casket with a raised lid. a brass breastplate bore the inscription: "Captain Cecil Walter Lamb, R.F.A. Died, Nov, 15th 1915."*

*Mr W. MacArthur Allen, of Minton, Datchet, Bucks, brother-in-law, of the deceased, and six of the late Captain's brother officers, attended the funeral.*

Probate Details:

Lamb, Cecil Walter, of Christchurch, Hampshire, died 15th November, 1915. Administration London on 5th February to Anne Lamb, widow. Effects £220 17s. 10d.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Captain Cecil Walter Lamb, aged 48, of the Royal Field Artillery. He was the son of Edward William Lamb and his wife Julia Clemence Fattorini; husband of Anne Lamb, if 1, Argyle Flats, Wharf Road, Vaucluse, New South Wales. Served in the South African Campaign with the New South Wales Artillery. (Mentioned in Despatches).



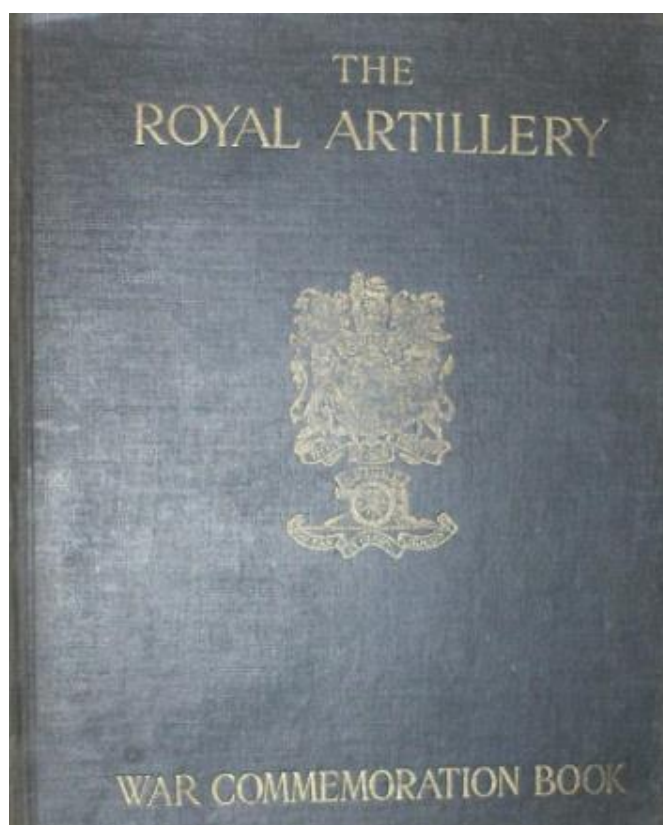
Captain Cecil Walter Lamb is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)



Captain Cecil Walter Lamb is remembered in the Royal Artillery War Commemoration Book Roll of Honour for 1914-1918 (Page 371).



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LAMB, FRANCIS JAMES ONGLEY, 2/Lt., d.  
24.7.18.  
LAMB, JOHN McNAIR, 2/Lt., k. in a.  
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LAMB, JOSEPH, 2/Lt., d. of w. 16.8.17.  
LAMB, PATRICK JAMES, Lt., d. of w.  
31.7.18.  
LAMBERT, CYRIL JOHN NOEL, M.C., Lt.,  
k. in a. 2.9.18.

## **Newspaper Notices**

### **THE FIRST CROSSING**

The working executive committee of the first crossing of the Blue Mountains centenary celebrations is actively engaged in pushing on the event, which will be celebrated in May, 1913. Mr. Frank Walker (president of the Historical Research Society of Australia) is president of the committee, and Captain Cecil Walter Lamb is organising secretary.

The working executive hopes to raise a considerable amount of money for the event. Half the amount is to be used for the celebration, and the balance is to be devoted to a permanent and lasting remembrance to these early explorers, Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson.

*(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 12 October, 1912)*

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### **AFTER A HUNDRED YEARS**

#### **CROSSING THE MOUNTAINS**

#### **CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN VIEW**

Early in May, next year, the Blue Mountains, at a spot somewhere between Blaxland and Mount York, will undergo a remarkable transformation, and for a whole week a vast enclosure will merge into a veritable Coney Island, where everything will be entirely Australian. And all this is to perpetuate the memory of three great explorers — the three Australians who were first to cross the picturesque ranges, and incidentally the prime movers in the opening up of the great country behind them, Lawson, Blaxland, and Wentworth.

What is now wild bush, for 168 hours will fairly hum with amusements — theatres, balls, picture-shows, buckjumping, and cattle-throwing contests, boomerang hurling competition, Australian native corroborees, picnic excursions, motor trips, and a host of other public enjoyments.

The newly-formed "The Crossing of the Blue Mountains Celebration Committee," of which Captain Cecil Walter Lamb (formerly of the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery) is organising secretary, proposes to do all this, and more. The officials of the committee are all energetic people, and the president, Mr. Frank Walker, is also the president of the Australian Historical Society. He has had large experience in work of the sort, and for years has organised for various societies.

Captain Lamb, the organising secretary has had a strenuous career. Soon after his retirement from the Royal Artillery he raised £1300 for the Sydney Hospital Centenary Fund. He joined the service on June 21, 1880, and for fourteen years did excellent work. He was under fire in the Boer War and was mentioned in all the despatches for his marked administrative ability. His retirement was due to a temporary breakdown in health consequent on injuries received in engagements in South Africa. He became enrolling officer of the Millions Club.

The committee purposes asking the public to put its hands into its pockets and subscribe to a scheme which promises to repay handsomely. The Government is to be approached regarding a pound for pound subsidy, and the military and naval authorities will no doubt assist with bands and tents.

"It will be a regular Delhi Durbar," said Captain Lamb this morning. "It will be made historical, instructional, educational, attractive, and amusing. We want to perpetuate the memory of those three gallant men — Lawson, Blaxland, and Wentworth. It will be a British Empire affair, and one in which Blue Mountain residents will join in with all. A thing of the sort has been mooted by the Blue Mountain folk for a long time past. They are already working hard in the right direction."

The first public meeting will be held in the Sydney Town Hall on October 21, when the Lord Mayor is to be asked to take the chair.

*(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 12 October, 1912)*

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## **CAPTAIN CECIL LAMB**

Captain Cecil Lamb, of the Field Artillery, of Sydney, has died of pneumonia.

The late Captain Lamb was well known in Sydney, where he lived the greater part of his life. He was a son of the late Edward Lamb, who was one time Minister for Land in Queensland, and who afterwards lived in retirement in Sydney. Captain Lamb went to England soon after war broke out, with the intention of enlisting. He received a commission in the Imperial army, but was detailed for home duty in the training of Kitchener's Army. Deceased has a brother living in Queensland, and three sisters in Sydney (Mesdames R. J. Browning, Walter Allen, and Miss Edith Lamb).

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 November, 1915)*

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## **SYDNEY OFFICER'S DEATH**



**CAPTAIN CECIL LAMB (Field Artillery)  
of Sydney and Manly**

Whose death from pneumonia in England is announced by cable, went to England soon after war broke out, with the intention of enlisting. He received a commission in the Imperial army, but was detailed for home duty in the training of Kitchener's Army.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 22 November, 1915)*

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**Captain Cecil Water Lamb**

*(From The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 17 January, 1900)*



### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

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.

Captain Cecil Walter Lamb does not have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

## Christchurch Cemetery, Christchurch, Dorset, England

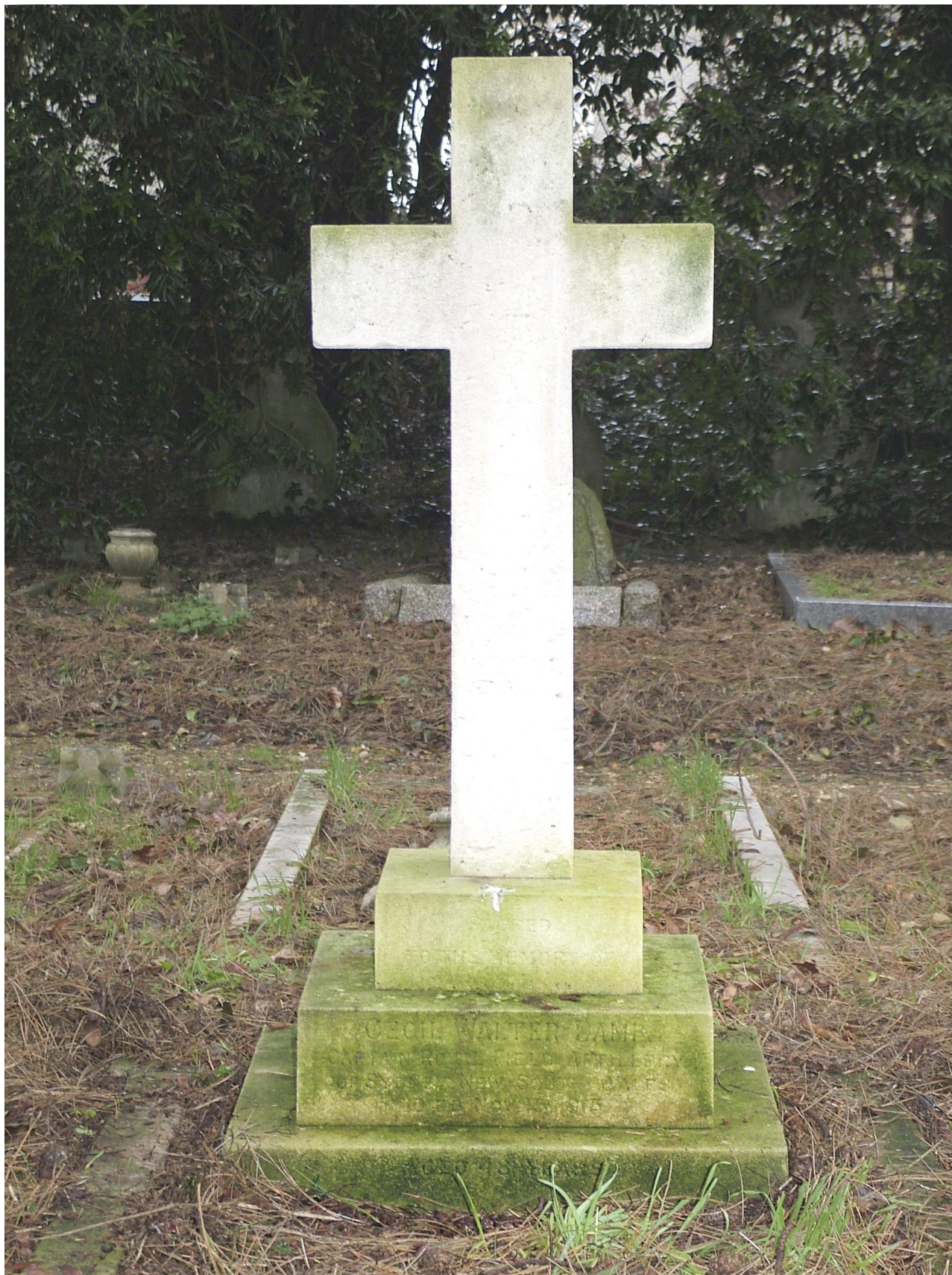
Christchurch Cemetery, Christchurch, Dorset has 53 Commonwealth War Graves – 24 from World War 1 & 29 from World War 2.



*(Photo from CWGC)*

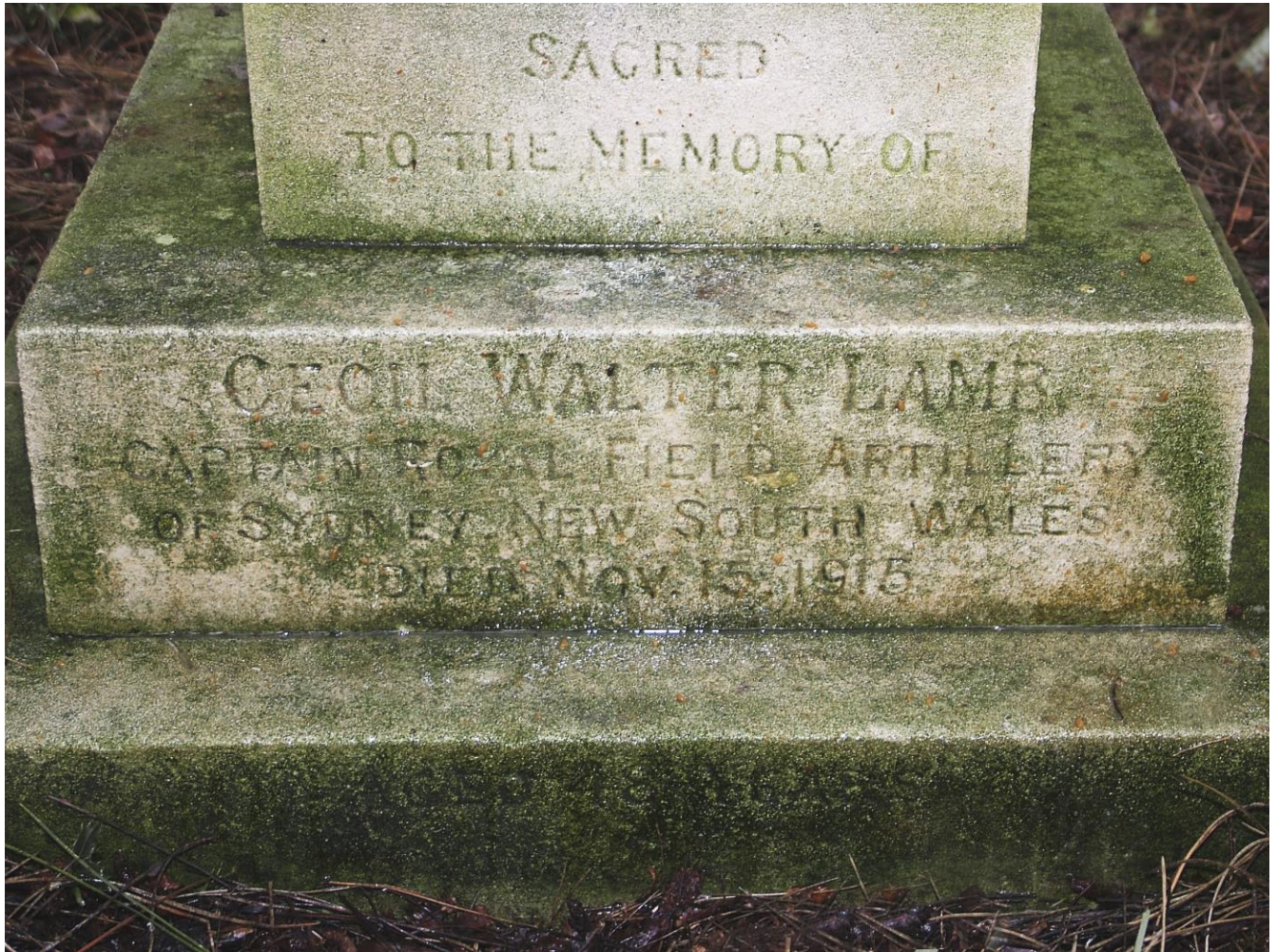


Photo of Captain Cecil Walter Lamb's Private Headstone in Christchurch Cemetery, Christchurch, Dorset, England.



*(Headstone photos courtesy of Peter Bennett)*





*Sacred*

*To The Memory Of*

*CECIL WALTER LAMB*

*Captain Royal Field Artillery*

*Of Sydney, New South Wales*

*Died Nov. 15, 1915*

*Aged 48 Years*





**Christchurch Cemetery** (Photo by James – Find a Grave)