

**Hollybrook Cemetery,  
Southampton, Hampshire, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**682 PRIVATE**

**A. R. LAMBERT**

**42ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**22ND APRIL, 1918 Age 31**

*At Rest In Jesus*

## Arthur Robert LAMBERT

Arthur Robert Lambert was born at Footscray, Melbourne, Victoria in 1885 to parents Alfred and Esther Maria Lambert (nee Weeding). (Arthur Robert Lambert stated on his Attestation Papers that he was born at Springhill, Trentham, Victoria)

Arthur Robert Lambert attended Mordialloc State School, Victoria.

Robert Arthur Lambert married Carol Daphne Daniels in 1906 in Victoria.

The 1914 & 1915 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Henty, subdivision of Mentone, Victoria, listed Arthur Robert Lambert, Driver from Bear St, Mordialloc. (Caroline Daphne Lambert, Home Duties was also listed at the address for 1914 but not 1915).

Arthur Robert Lambert was a 30 year old, divorced, Driver from Montgomery Street, Mordialloc, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 21st February, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 682 & his religion was Wesleyan. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Alfred Lamber, Montgomery Street, Mordialloc, Victoria. Arthur Robert Lambert stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been reject as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to Hammer Toe. ["His calling" was listed on information provided for the Roll of Honour as "Baker & Carter"]

Private Arthur Robert Lambert was posted to Recruits Battalion at Royal Park on 21st February, 1917 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Depot Battalion, A.I.F. at Royal Park on 12th March, 1917. Private Lambert was transferred to Machine Gun Depot at Seymour, Victoria on 26th March, 1917. He was transferred to 12th Reinforcements of 15th Machine Gun Company on 8th June, 1917.

Private Arthur Robert Lambert embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Suevic (A29)* on 21st June, 1917 with the 15th Machine Gun Company, 12th Reinforcements. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 6th August, 1917 with a Rash & discharged on 8th August, 1917. Private Lambert disembarked at Liverpool, England on 26th August, 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.

Private Arthur Robert Lambert was marched in to 15th Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 26th August, 1917. He was transferred to 31st Battalion Details on 30th August, 1917. Private Lambert was taken on strength of 31st Battalion from 15th Machine Gun Company at Hurdcott on 20th September, 1917.

### 31st Battalion

The 31st Battalion was raised as part of the 8th Brigade at Enoggera, on the outskirts of Brisbane, in August 1915. Some of the battalion's companies, however, were also raised at Broadmeadows Camp in Victoria. In early October, these two elements were united at Broadmeadows, and the battalion sailed from Melbourne the following month....

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Arthur Robert Lambert was marched in to 14th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 5th November, 1917 from 8th Training Battalion at Hurdcott.

Private Arthur Robert Lambert proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 18th December, 1917 to reinforce 42nd Battalion. He was marched in to 3rd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 19th December, 1917. Private Lambert was marched out from 3rd A.D.B.D. on 21st December, 1917 to join his Unit. He was taken on strength of 42nd Battalion in the Field on 27th December, 1917 from Reinforcements.

### 42nd Battalion

The 42nd Battalion was raised at Enoggera, on the outskirts of Brisbane, in December 1915 and became part of the 11th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. Due to sharing its numeric title with the famous Scottish regiment the Black Watch, the battalion became known as the "Australian Black Watch". This association was recognised with a bagpipe band.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Arthur Robert Lambert was re-allotted a Regimental number of 682A (this would have occurred due to a duplication of numbers).

Private Arthur Robert Lambert reported sick on 14th April, 1918. He was admitted to 11th Australian Field Ambulance on 14th April, 1918 with Oedema feet & legs. Private Lambert was transferred to 12th Casualty Clearing Station on 14th April, 1918 then transferred & admitted to 11th Stationary Hospital at Rouen, France on 19th April, 1918 with Acute Nephritis. He was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Panama* on 20th April, 1918.

Private Arthur Robert Lambert was admitted to University War Hospital, Southampton, England on 21st April, 1918. The Hospital Admissions form recorded: "Onset 14-4-18 France. Arrived in a semi conscious condition...."



Private Arthur Robert Lambert died at 7.40 am on 22nd April, 1918 at University War Hospital, Southampton, England from Nephritis & Bronchitis.

A death for A. R. Lambert, aged 32, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district Southampton, Hampshire, England.

Private Arthur Robert Lambert was buried at 3 pm on 25th April, 1918 in Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, Hampshire, England – Plot number B. 01. 1 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Private Arthur Robert Lambert - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack Flag and surmounted by a beautiful wreath. Gun Carriage was supplied by the Remount Depot, Swaying. Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers were supplied by the Royal Warwick Regiment. The grave will be turfed immediately and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Relatives & Friends present at the Funeral – Friend Mrs Holes, Haulpan, Frances Road, Upper Parkstone, Dorset, England.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Arthur Robert Lambert contains a letter from the Matron, University War Hospital, Southampton, England which reads "He was very seriously ill when admitted to this hospital. Was quiet conscious up till almost the last. There were no wounds. Had nephritis very badly thought Bronchitis was the most serious complication. Hoping this information is what you require for his relative. Admitted 21-4-18. Died 22-4-18 from Nephritis and Bronchitis. Buried in Hollybrook Military Cemetery, 25-4-18. Grave No. 1 Section B.0.1."

Private Arthur Robert Lambert requested in his Will, dated 1st June, 1917, that his sister Florence Edith Creen be appointed as Executrix. All his real and personal estate to be bequeathed to his mother Maria Lambert.

A War Pension was granted to Esther Maria Lambert, mother of the late Private Arthur Robert Lambert, in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 24th June, 1918.

Private Arthur Robert Lambert was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Lambert's father – Mr A. Lambert, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1923 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Robert Lambert – service number 682, aged 31, of 42nd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Alfred and Esther Maria Lambert, of "Olinda," Montgomery St., Mordialloc, Victoria, Australia.

Private A. R. Lambert is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 135.



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

A. Lambert is remembered on the Mordialloc War Memorial, located on Nepean Highway, Mordialloc, Victoria.







**Mordialloc War Memorial** (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Edward Fleming)



(50 pages of Private Arthur Robert Lambert'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*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **DIED ON SERVICE**

LAMBERT – On the 22nd April, 1918, at the Southampton War Hospital, England, Arthur R. Lambert, No. 682, 42nd Battalion, dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs A. Lambert, Montgomery-street, Mordialloc.

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 April, 1918)*

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### **TWO CASUALTY LISTS**

The 397th and 398th Casualty Lists were received simultaneously – like those which preceded them. Victorian names are given below.

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Private A. R. Lambert, Mordialloc

*(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 11 May, 1918)*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **On Active Service**

LAMBERT – In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Arthur R. Lambert, who passed away on 22nd April, 1918 at the Southampton Hospital. (Inserted by his sister, F. Green, Mordialloc.)

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 April, 1919)*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **On Active Service**

LAMBERT – In sad and loving memory of our dear son, Private Arthur Robert Lambert, 42nd Battalion, who died of illness, Southampton Hospital, England, April 22, 1918.

Duty nobly done

-(Inserted by his loving father, mother, brother, and sisters, Montgomery street, Mordialloc.)

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 April, 1920)*

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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)*

Private A. R. Lambert has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone with the following inscription:

*At Rest In Jesus*

### **Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, Hampshire, England**

Southampton was No 1 Port during the First World War and military hospitals were established in the University buildings, in the Highfield Institution and at Shirley Warren. During the Second World War, 4.5 million tons of military equipment passed through Southampton docks and parts of the prefabricated harbours used at Arromanches during the Normandy invasion were made there. For a while, Southampton was also base to the 14th Major Port Transportation Corps of the United States Army.

Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery contains burials of both wars and a memorial to the missing.

The cemetery has a First World War plot near the main entrance containing most of the 125 graves from this period. Behind this plot is the Hollybrook Memorial which commemorates by name almost 1,900 servicemen and women of the Commonwealth land and air forces whose graves are not known, many of whom were lost in transports or other vessels torpedoed or mined in home waters. It also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial.

Most of the 186 Second World War burials are in a separate war graves plot. 3 of these burials are unidentified seaman of the Merchant Navy.

In addition to the Commonwealth war graves, the cemetery contains 67 war graves of other nationalities, many of them German, of which 2 are unidentified.

*(Cemetery information from CWGC)*



**Chapel at Hollybrook Cemetery** *(Photo by Michael Day)*





**Hollybrook Cemetery** (Photo below from 2012 – Basher Eyre)







*(Photo courtesy of Allan Noble)*



**Hollybrook Cemetery with Hollybrook Memorial at front** *(Photo by Michael Day)*



Photo of Private A. R. Lambert's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



*(Photo by Michael Day)*