

**West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium,  
London, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**40 PRIVATE**

**A. H. N. LEWIS**

**AUST. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

**27TH APRIL 1917 Age 40**

## Augustus Hubert Neville LEWIS

Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was born Greater Lambeth, London, England in 1876 to parents Augustus Mantell Lewis & Phillis Lucy Lewis (nee Nevill). He was baptised on 16th April, 1876 at St. Mark's Church, Pennington, Surrey, England. The family lived at Oval Road & Augustus Mantell Lewis was listed as a Printer.

The 1881 England Census recorded Augustus H. N. Lewis as a 4 year old, living with his family at 21 Oval Rd, Kennington First, Lambeth, London, England. Two families were listed at 21 Oval Rd. His parents were listed as Augusta M. Lewis (Printer Compositor, aged 37, born Bristol) & Phillis L. Lewis (aged 32, born London). Two children were listed on this Census – Phillis K. Lewis (aged 8, born Lambeth, Surrey) & Augustus (born Lambeth Surrey).

The 1891 England Census recorded Augustus H. N. Lewis as a 14 year old Lithographic Draughtsman, living with his family at 27 Claylands Rd, Kennington First, Lambeth, London, England. His parents were listed as Augustus M. Lewis (Printer Compositor, aged 46) & Phillis L. Lewis (aged 41). Also listed was Phillis K. Lewis (Teacher of Music, aged 18) then Augustus (junior) & Jane Mary Ford, a Visitor (aged 20).

Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis married Ethel Mary Denison on 21st October, 1899 at St Mark's Church, Kennington, Surrey, England. Augustus Lewis was listed as a 23 year old Draughtsman from 31 Claylands Road. Ethel Denison was listed as a 27 year old Spinster from 67 Listrina Park, Stoke Newington.

The 1901 England Census recorded Augustus H. N. Lewis as a 25 year old Draughtsman living at 3 Victoria Parade, Balham Hill, Streatham, London, England which had 3 households listed. Also listed was Augustus' wife – Ethel M. Lewis (age 29) & their daughter Katie D. Lewis (aged 7 months, born Balham, London).

According to information provided by his widow for the Roll of Honour – Augustus Lewis served in Boer War in South African Constabulary. He came to Australia around 1907.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Middle Harbour, subdivision of Manly recorded Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis, Draughtsman from 29 Stuart Street.

Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was a 39 year old, married Survey Draughtsman from "Orlando", Sydney Road, Manly, New South Wales. when he enlisted at Holsworthy, Sydney, New South Wales on 26th March, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 40 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Ethel Lewis, "Orlando", Sydney Road, Manly. Augustus Lewis stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with South African Constabulary for 1 year & 130 days & was given a free discharge.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was posted to 4th Light Horse Brigade, 12th Light Horse Regiment, Headquarters.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Suevic* (A29) on 13th June, 1915 with the 4th Light Horse Brigade, 12th Light Horse Regiment, Headquarters.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli on 24th August, 1915.

### 12th Light Horse Regiment

The 12th Light Horse Regiment was raised, as part of the 4th Light Horse Brigade, at Liverpool, New South Wales, on 1 March 1915. It sailed from Australia in two contingents in June 1915. The first contingent put in at Aden on 12 July to reinforce the British garrison there against a predicted enemy attack; they only left their ship for a single route march, and sailed again on 18 July without having seen action.

The regiment was reunited in Egypt on 23 July 1915 and began training as infantry, having been ordered to leave its horses in Australia. A month later it deployed to Gallipoli. The regiment was again split up, to reinforce three light horse regiments already ashore - A Squadron went to the 1st Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron to the 7th, and C Squadron to the 6th. It was not reunited until 22 February 1916, by which time all of the AIF troops from Gallipoli had returned to Egypt.....

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

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was transferred to No. 3 General Hospital at Mudros on 12th October, 1915. He was admitted to 3rd Australian General Hospital at Mudros on 3rd November, 1915 with Jaundice.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis disembarked at Alexandria from *Oxfordshire* on 27th January, 1916 from Mudros.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was listed on the Nominal Roll of Staff of 3rd Australian General Hospital at Abbassia on 7th July, 1916. He was struck off strength on 12th August, 1916 on being invalided to England. Private Lewis was invalided to England on *Kanowna* from Alexandria on 13th August, 1916.

(Note: The Statement of Service form has different details: "Admitted to 3rd A.G.H. on 3.7.16. Discharged to duty 7.8.16." The Purport form listed "7.8.16 Discharged to duty. 28/8/16 Admitted to 1st Western Gen. Hosp.")

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was admitted to Netherfield Rd Auxiliary Hospital, Liverpool, England on 26th August, 1916 with slight heat exhaustion. He was admitted to 2nd Auxiliary Hospital at Southall on 4th September, 1916 with Heat Exhaustion. Private Lewis was granted furlough on 17th October, 1916 & was discharged from 2nd Auxiliary Hospital for furlough on 18th October, 1916 & was then to report to Perham Downs.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs on 2nd November, 1916 & was medically classified as B1 A.

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

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was transferred to & taken on strength of 16th Field Ambulance in England on 19th March, 1917 from 3rd Australian General Hospital.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was sent sick to Clearing Hospital on 22nd April, 1917 from 16th Field Ambulance at Wareham. He was admitted to Wareham Military Hospital, Dorset, England on 22nd April, 1917 with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin).

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis died at 10.45 am on 27th April, 1917 at Military Hospital, Wareham, Dorset, England from Pneumonia.

A death for Augustus Lewis, aged 44, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Wareham, Dorset, England.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was buried on 4th May, 1917 in West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England – Plot number 106.27377 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis -*The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. Gun Carriage provided by the London Command. Firing Party comprising members attached to the Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London were in attendance. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside by a bugler of the A.I.F. The coffin was draped with the "Union Jack" and covered with several floral tributes. Prior to the interment a Memorial Service was held in the Chapel at the Cemetery. The deceased soldier's remains were borne to the graveside by members attached to the Headquarters Staff, A.I.F. London. Father & Mother (Mr & Mrs A. M. Lewis of 31 Claylands Road, Clapham Road, S.W.) and several friends were present at the funeral.*

A War Pension was granted to Nancy Lewis, 27 Stuart St, Manly, daughter of the late Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis in the sum of £1 per fortnight from 5th July, 1917. (Note: there is no Pension slip in the Service Record file for the late Private Lewis' widow).

A letter was received by Base Records on 5th January, 1923 advising "*Mrs Lewis begs to acknowledge the Victory Medal with thanks due to her late husband A. H. N. Lewis No 40. 16th Field Ambulance & begs to enclose new above address, late 37 London St, Enmore, NSW.*" The new address was listed as Clifton Cottage, Barton Lane, off Albion Street, Katoomba.

Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Lewis' widow – Mrs E. Lewis, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent May, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis – service number 40, aged 40, of 16th Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of Mr A. M. Lewis; husband of E. Lewis, of "Orlands", Sydney Rd, Manly, New South Wales.

Private A. H. N. Lewis is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 183.



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

Trooper A. H. Neville-Lewis is remembered on the Manly War Memorial, located on the corner of The Corso & Belgrave Street, Manly, New South Wales.





**Manly War Memorial** (Photos from War Memorials Register NSW)

(40 pages of Private Augustus Hubert Neville Lewis' 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**

### **FOR AUSTRALIA**

#### **LATEST CASUALTY LIST**

The 293rd list of Australian casualties was issued to-day....

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Pte A. H. N. LEWIS, Manly

*(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 7 May, 1917)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

LEWIS – Trooper A. H. Neville Lewis, A.A.M.C., died of pneumonia, Wareham Camp Hospital, Dorset, England, after 2 years' noble service. Thy will be done.

Inserted by his sorrowing wife and young daughter, Nancy

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 8 May, 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)*

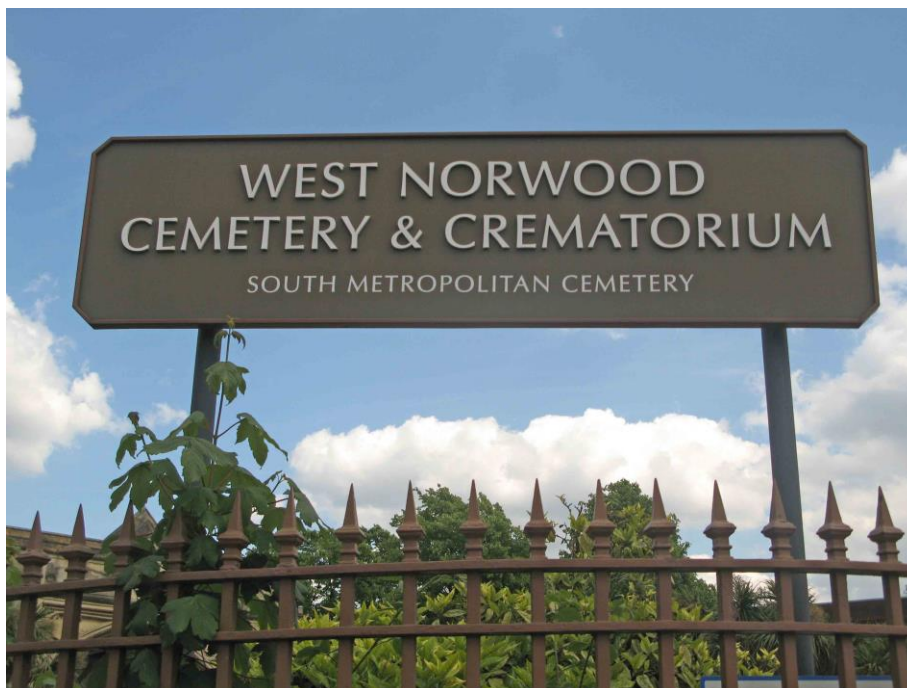
Private A. H. N. Lewis has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone but no inscription.

## West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England

The cemetery is to the north-east of West Norwood Station, Lambeth. There is a Screen Wall Memorial bearing the names of all 1914-1918 burials not marked by headstones. There are additional panels naming those of the 1939-1945 war with unmarked graves and to those cremated at West Norwood Crematorium. These are erected behind the Cross of Sacrifice in the forecourt of the cemetery.

There are 136 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and 52 of the 1939-1945 war here and an additional 18 cremations of the 1939-1945 war. There is 1 Belgian war burial.

*(Information from CWGC)*



*(Find a Grave – Iain Macfarlane)*



**Entrance to West Norwood Cemetery** *(Photo by Ian Yarham)*



**Cross of Sacrifice near Entrance to West Norwood Cemetery** *(Photos by Ian Yarham)*





Photo of Private A. H. N. Lewis's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England.



*(Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld 2011)*



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