

**Hove Old Cemetery,
Hove, East Sussex
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3188 PRIVATE

D. M. LYNCH

AUST. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

26TH JUNE, 1918

David Michael LYNCH

David Michael Lynch was born at Carlton, Victoria to parents Patrick & Rosanna Lynch (nee Kelly). His birth was registered in 1899.

David Michael Lynch stated he was a 19 year old, single Labourer from 15 Moton Place, Carlton, Victoria when he enlisted at Melbourne on 6th July, 1915 with the 6th Infantry Brigade, 22nd Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3866 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Patrick Lynch of 15 Moton Place, Carlton, Victoria.

Private David Michael Lynch was posted to Camp with 10th Depot Battalion, "A" Company at Ascot Vale on 5th July, 1915. He was transferred to 9th Depot Battalion on 11th October, 1915, then transferred to "A" Company, 10th Battalion on 3rd November, 1915. Pte Lynch was transferred to "C" Company, 10th Battalion on 27th November, 1915 then transferred to 12th Battalion on 12th December, 1915.

Private David Michael Lynch embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Warilda* (A69) on 8th February, 1916 (and disembarked at Egypt – not date or place recorded).

Private David Michael Lynch was transferred to 58th Battalion from 22nd Battalion on 19th April, 1916 & taken on strength of 58th Battalion on 20th April, 1916 at Ferry Post, Egypt.

Private David Lynch was transferred to Tel-el-Kebir on 12th May, 1916 under instructions from 5th Division.

Private David Lynch was admitted to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital on 12th May, 1916 suffering from Epilepsy.

A Medical Report was completed on Pte David Michael Lynch at 3rd Auxiliary Hospital on 14th May, 1916 due to his pre-existing condition of Epilepsy. It was reported that Pte David Lynch "*Has been treated for epilepsy for last 10 years. Had not had a fit for about 7 months before enlisting. Had one on transport & has had 5 since then. Has frequently hurt himself about head while in fit – Never bit tongue – has often passed ___ while unconscious.*" The Medical Board found that Private David Michael Lynch should be discharged as permanently unfit for service. Headquarters A.I.F. approved the discharge on 15th June, 1916.

Private David Michael Lynch was transferred to Hospital Ship *Karoola* on 4th July, 1916 to be invalided to Australia due to Epilepsy. He embarked from Suez on 5th July, 1916. It was noted that Pte Lynch had no fits on the voyage to Australia.

Private David Lynch was admitted to No. 11 Australian General Hospital, Melbourne on 3rd August, 1916. It was reported that Pte Lynch had not had any fits for past 2 months. He was discharged on 26th August, 1916.

Private David Michael Lynch was medically discharged from the Australian Imperial Force due to his Epilepsy on 13th September, 1916.

David Michael Lynch stated he was a 21 year old, single Clerk from Carlton, Victoria when he re-enlisted at Geelong, Victoria on 23rd September, 1916 with the 59th Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3188 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Rose Lynch of 15 Moton Place, Carlton, Victoria. David Lynch stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 18 months with 22nd Battalion, A.I.F. but had been medically discharged.

Private David Michael Lynch was posted to Camp at Royal Park. He was transferred to 8th Reinforcements of 59th Battalion on 24th November, 1916.

Private David Michael Lynch embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic* (A7) on 16th December, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th February, 1917.

Pte Lynch had been written up for an Offence while at Sea on 26th December, 1916 – "*Obscene Language.*" He was awarded 24 hours Detention.

Pte Lynch had been written up for an Offence while at Sea on 28th December, 1916 – “1. *Disobeying lawful command* & 2. *Insolence to an Officer.*” He was awarded 14 days detention.

Pte Lynch had been written up for an Offence while at Sea on 19th January, 1917 – “*Absent from Morning Parade*” He was awarded 2 days F.P. (Field Punishment).

Pte Lynch had been written up for an Offence while at Sea on 20th January, 1917 – “*AWL from F.P. Duty.*” (Absent without leave from Field Punishment Duty). He was awarded 168 hours detention.

A D.C.M. (District Court Martial) was held on board HMAT *Medic* on 24th & 25th January, 1917. Private David Michael Lynch had committed an offence at Sea on 21st January, 1917 – When on active service using insulting language to his superior Officer in that on the 21st January, 1917 after being medically examined by Capt. Nankervis, A.M.C. said to and in the presence of the said Capt. Nankervis “*You ought to be a f___ vet not a doctor.*” Pte Lynch pleaded not guilty. The Finding of the Court was Guilty. Pte Lynch was sentenced to 28 days detention from 25th January, 1917 & forfeited 32 days’ pay.

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 David Michael Lynch was marched in to 15th Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire from Overseas on 18th February, 1917.

Private David Lynch was admitted to the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 14th March, 1917 with inflammation of larynx.

Private David Lynch was detached from attached duty to A.M.C. Training Depot from 15th Training Battalion on 27th April, 1917. Private David Lynch was transferred to A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) Training Depot – No. 2 Camp at Parkhouse, Wiltshire on 27th April, 1917. He was taken on strength of A.A.M.C. from 59th Battalion on the same day.

Private David Lynch was marched out to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth, Dorset on 9th June, 1917.

Private David Lynch was written up for an offence on 29th June, 1917 while posted at Monte Video – 1. Drunk 2. Using obscene language to an N.C.O. He was awarded 3 days Field Punishment No. 2.

Private David Lynch was transferred to A.M.C. Details at Parkhouse on 2nd July, 1917. He was marched out to A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) Training Depot at Parkhouse, Wiltshire on 4th July, 1917 & taken on strength on 5th July, 1917.

Private David Michael Lynch was written up for an Offence on 24th July, 1917 while posted to No. 2 Camp, Parkhouse – “*Conduct to the prejudice of good order & military discipline viz. absenting himself from parade without permission.*” He was awarded a forfeiture of 4 days’ pay.

Private David Lynch was attached for duty with 1st A.D.H. (Australian Dermatological Hospital), Bulford on 3rd August, 1917 & detached from duty with A.M.C. Details Parkhouse.

Private David Michael Lynch was absent without leave from A.M.C. Details, Bulford, Wiltshire from 3rd August, 1917. A Court of Inquiry was held at Bulford on 27th August, 1917 & Private David Michael Lynch was declared an illegal absentee. Pte David Lynch was marched in to Bulford from being an illegal absentee on 13th October, 1917.

Private David Lynch was admitted to Military Hospital (Delhi Hospital), Tidworth, Wiltshire on 24th October, 1917 with pneumonia. He was discharged to Training Depot on 10th November, 1917 & marched in to 1st A.D.H. (Australian Dermatological Hospital), Bulford on 10th November, 1917.

Private David Lynch was AWL (Absent without leave) from Bulford on 14th November, 1917. Pte Lynch was declared an illegal absentee by a Court of Inquiry at Bulford on 7th December, 1917. He was apprehended on 21st December, 1917.

Private David Lynch was marched out to Detention Barracks at Tidworth, Wiltshire on 6th January, 1918.

A Court Martial was held at Bulford, Wiltshire on 21st January, 1918. Private David Michael Lynch was charged with being 1. AWL at Bulford on 3rd August, 1917 until apprehended on 1st October, 1917. 2. London – Being in possession of a false pass. 3. Giving a false name. 4. Bulford – AWL at Bulford from 14th November, 1917 until apprehended in London on 21st December, 1917. 5. London - Being in possession of a false pass. Pte Lynch pleaded GUILTY to all charges. The Finding of the Court – Guilty of all charges. Sentence – To undergo detention for one year. Total Forfeiture – 536 days' pay.

Private David Lynch was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth on 31st January, 1918 with Scabies – severe infection. He was discharged to Training Depot on 26th February, 1918.

Private David Michael Lynch was marched out to Lewes Detention Barracks on 2nd March, 1918 & admitted to Lewes Detention Barracks the same day.

Lewes Detention Barracks

On 1st November, 1917, Captain Griffiths of the A.I.F. arrived at HM Prison Lewes, in the town of Lewes, near Brighton on the Sussex coast, to take control of the prison. Having signed over the prison from HM Prison Service to the A.I.F., Captain Griffiths then formally raised the A.I.F. Detention Barracks, an establishment that was to operate for almost the next two years.

Private David Michael Lynch was discharged from Lewes Detention Barracks on 21st June, 1918 & admitted to 2nd East General Hospital, Brighton, Sussex the same day with Bronchitis. He was reported dangerously ill with Pneumonia on 23rd June, 1918.

Private David Michael Lynch died at 12.50 am on 26th June, 1918 at 2nd East General Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England from Pneumonia.

A death for David M. Lynch, aged 22, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Steyning, Sussex, England.

Private David Michael Lynch was buried on 28th June, 1918 in Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex, England – Plot number E.116 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Lynch - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a military funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths. The Pallbearers were R.A.M.C. men from the Hospital. A number of wounded marched from the Hospital to the Cemetery. Chaplain the Rev. Father E. Moody, St. Peters, Shelly Road, Hove, conducted the service at the graveside. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private David Michael Lynch contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death & burial of Pte Lynch. The O.C., 2nd East General Hospital, Brighton wrote the following letter: *“Re 3188 Pte D. M. Lynch, A.I.F. He was admitted to Hpl. in a grave condition with pneumonia, apparently after influenza. He was too ill to give any definite account of the onset of illness. He remained in a semi-comatose condition till his death. His temperature was over 105 F on several occasions, and the bases of both lungs were completely solid. At no time did he show any signs of rallying. I regret that I can give no other details about the above named, except that he was buried in the Hove Cemetery.”*

Communications from Base Records to Mrs R. Lynch, 15 Moton Place, Carlton, Victoria were returned unclaimed in 1922. Base Records contacted Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation in October, 1924 to seek assistance in enquiring if any pension was being paid on account of the service of the late No. 3188 Private David Michael Lynch. The Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation replied stating that a pension was being paid to Rose Lynch, mother of the deceased soldier but she died on 16th December, 1923. The Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation provided the name of Bessie Burn, of 351 Rathdown Street, Carlton as a point of contact.

Base Records received a letter from Edward J. Lynch, of 5 Princes Street, Abbotsford, dated 7th November, 1924, regarding a letter sent by them to Mrs Burns. Edward J. Lynch stated he was the eldest surviving brother of the late Private David Michael Lynch.

Pte David Michael Lynch was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Lynch's closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent February, 1922 to his mother – Mrs Rose Lynch as his father was deceased & Plaque sent December, 1924 – to Pte Lynch's eldest brother as his mother was deceased at the time). The War Medals were issued to Pte Lynch's eldest brother as his mother was deceased.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private D. M. Lynch – service number 3188, of Australian Army Medical Corps. No family details are listed.

Private D. M. Lynch 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

(155 pages of Private David Michael Lynch'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

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

174th LIST

ILL

Private D. M. Lynch, Carlton

(The Bendigo Independent, Victoria – 6 June, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

LYNCH - Private David M. Lynch, died 26th June, of pneumonia, beloved youngest son of Patrick and Rose Lynch, Carlton, brother of Thomas and Sid (on active service), after 2 ½ years' service, aged 19 years and 6 months.

May his soul rest in peace.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 July, 1918)

THE 416th CASUALTY LIST

VICTORIAN NAMES

DIED OF OTHER CAUSES

Private D. M. Lynch, Carlton

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 13 July, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

LYNCH – In sad and loving memory of my dear son, David M. Lynch, who died on the 26th June, 1918, late of the A.A.M.C., No. 3188.

We will not weep for him, but pray
 Whilst life to us is given;
Our tears will only wet the day,
 Our prayers may gin him heaven.

-Inserted by his loving mother, Rose Lynch.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 26 June, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

LYNCH – In sad and loving memory of my dear son, M. Lynch (Dave), who died at the Second Eastern General Hospital, England, on the 26th June, 1918. Dearly loved.

Lord have mercy on his soul.

-Inserted by his loving mother.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 June, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

LYNCH – In memory of our loving son and brother, David Michael Lynch, who died on active service 26th June, 1918.

Immaculate heart of Mary,
Your prayers for him extol;
O sacred heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on his soul.

-Inserted by his loving mother and brothers, Tony and Ned (both returned).

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 26 June, 1923)

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)

A letter from Base Records, dated 21th July, 1921, to Mr P. Lynch, of 15 Moton Place, Carlton, Victoria, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his son, the late Pte D. M. Lynch, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Pte D. M. Lynch does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex, England

Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex contains 103 Commonwealth War Graves – 86 relate to World War 1 & 17 from World War 2.

Hove Cemetery consists of two parts, the original section south of Old Shoreham Road that was first consecrated in 1882 and a second to the north of the road that opened in 1923 as an extension. The northern section is divided further by a public footpath that links the A270 to Elm Drive.



Cross of Sacrifice in Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex *(Photo by Simon Carey)*

Photo of Pte D. M. Lynch's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex, England.



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