

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1103 GUNNER**

**H. M. SCOTT**

**AUSTRALIAN T.M. BATTERY**

**29TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 23**

## Henry Milton SCOTT

Henry Milton Scott was born at Hilltown, near Clare, South Australia on 17th June, 1895 to parents James Brown Scott and Jane Scott (nee Walker).

Henry Milton Scott attended Clare Public School, South Australia.

Henry Milton Scott was a 20 year old, single, Farmer from Hilltown, via Clare, South Australia when he enlisted at Adelaide, South Australia on 6th April, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1103 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Jane Scott, Hilltown, via Clare, South Australia. Henry Scott stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 2 years with Senior Cadets then transferred to Citizen Forces – 24th Light Horse for 3 years & was still serving.

Private Henry Milton Scott was posted to "A" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 10th April, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Reinforcements of 43rd Battalion on 18th April, 1916 then transferred to "C" Company, 43rd Battalion on 28th April, 1916.

Private Henry Milton Scott embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 9th June, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Brigade, 43rd Infantry Battalion "C" Company & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 20th July, 1916.

Private Henry Milton Scott was taken on strength with Z/3A Heavy Trench Mortar Battery in England on 17th October, 1916 as Gunner from 43rd Reinforcements.

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.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott proceeded overseas to France from England on 23rd November, 1916.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was sent sick to Hospital on 20th December, 1916. He was admitted to 11th D.R.S. (Divisional Resting Station) with Mumps on 20th December, 1916 then transferred to 9th Field Ambulance on 21st December, 1916. Gunner Scott was transferred & admitted to 7th General Hospital at St. Omer, France on 22nd December, 1916. He was discharged to Base Details on 11th January, 1917.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was detached to 3rd D.A.C. (Divisional Artillery Column) on 21st February, 1917. He rejoined his Unit from detachment on 14th March, 1917.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was wounded in action on 28th March, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Field Ambulance on 28th March, 1917 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to right thigh. Gunner Scott was transferred to Casualty Clearing Station the same day then transferred & admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital at Wimereux, France on 31st March, 1917. He embarked for England from Boulogne on 8th April, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was admitted to County of Middlesex War Hospital, England on 8th April, 1917 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to right thigh – slight. He was transferred to 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford on 24th April, 1917. Gunner Scott was discharged to furlo on 21st May, 1917 & was to report to Training Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 5th June, 1917.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 6th June, 1917 & medically classified as B1 A4 (fit for Overseas Training Camp when passed dentally fit.) Gunner Scott was passed dentally fit on 13th June, 1917.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was due two blue chevrons on 9th June, 1917.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 26th June, 1917 from Overseas Training Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire. He was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 27th June, 1917. Gunner Scott was marched out to 3rd Divisional Artillery on 3rd July, 1917 & rejoined his Unit (3rd Heavy Trench Mortar Battery) on 5th July, 1917.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott proceeded on leave to Paris on 10th February, 1918 & rejoined from leave on 18th March, 1918.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was re-allotted to No. 6 Australian M.T. Battery on reorganisation on 15th February, 1918.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was sent to Hospital sick on 6th July, 1918. He was admitted to 6th Australian Field Ambulance on 6th July, 1918 – P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). He was transferred to 47th Casualty Clearing Station on 6th July, 1918 & admitted with Influenza. Gunner Scott was transferred to 4th Army Convalescent Depot on 11th July, 1918 then transferred & admitted to 9th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 12th July, 1918 - P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). Gunner Scott was transferred to 2nd Convalescent Depot at Rouen on 13th August, 1918. He was transferred again on 15th August, 1918 to 11th Convalescent Depot at Buchy & discharged to Base Depot on 18th September, 1918.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Havre, France on 18th September, 1918. He was marched out to his Unit on 22nd September, 1918 & rejoined his Unit in the Field on 23rd September, 1918.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was wounded in action (2nd occasion) on 29th September, 1918. He was admitted to 11th Australian Field Ambulance on 29th September, 1918 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to arm. He was transferred & admitted to 12th Casualty Clearing Station on 29th September, 1918 then transferred to Ambulance Train 12 the same day. Gunner Scott was admitted to 2nd General Hospital at Havre France on 30th September, 1918 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to left arm (fractured) & leg. He embarked for England on 7th October, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Gloucester Castle*.

#### War Diary - 6th Australian Medium Trench Mortar Battery:

*29th September, 1918 – Parade at 7.30 am. 3 Offrs 8 N.C.O.s and 30 ORs proceeded up the line with the intention of manning captured enemy gains. When within about a hundred yards of our own front line a hostile shell fell amongst them killing Cpl. Tams, Gnr's Fletcher & Watermay also wounding A/Sgt Sheehan, Bdr Dyke Bdr Barnes and Gnr's Uhquhart, Mercer, Hurst and Scott. Weather squally.*

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was admitted to Red Cross Hospital, Christchurch, England on 8th October, 1918 with shrapnel wounds to arm & was reported as dangerously ill.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Gunner Henry Milton Scott contains an update on the present condition & nature of wounds which reads "*Ad: Red Cross Hpl Christchurch 8-10-18, suffering from Gunshot wound left leg amputated. Left arm. Died pneumonia 29-10-18.*"

Gunner Henry Milton Scott died at 4 pm on 29th October, 1918 at Red Cross Hospital, Christchurch, England from Pneumonia (following wounds received in action).

A death for Henry M. Scott, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Christchurch, Hampshire, England.

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was buried on 1st November, 1918 in Christchurch Cemetery, Christchurch, Dorset, England – Plot number R. 63 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Gunner Henry Milton Scott - *Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent by: Commandant of the Red Cross Hospital, Sister Cunningham, Miss K. O. Byrne and Nurses of Jellico Ward. There were also a large number of deceased's friends at the graveside. The Last Post was sounded, and the Rev: M. Gilchrist conducted the burial service. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.* The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Gunner Henry Milton Scott contains a letter from Mrs Mary London, Commandant, Red Cross Hospital, Christchurch which reads: "*Full particulars regarding illness, death and burial of 1103 H. M. Scott 3rd Div. Trench Mortar Battery, and a photograph of his grave have been sent to his relations in*

*Australia, both by me and his brother who was with him during his illness and death and was also here for the funeral.”*

Gunner Henry Milton Scott was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Scott's father - Mr J. B. Scott, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Henry Milton Scott – service number 1103, aged 23, of 6th Australian Trench Mortar Battery. He was the son of James B. and Jane Scott.

Gunner H. M. Scott is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 20.



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

H. M. Scott is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



**National War Memorial – Adelaide** (Photos by Bilby)

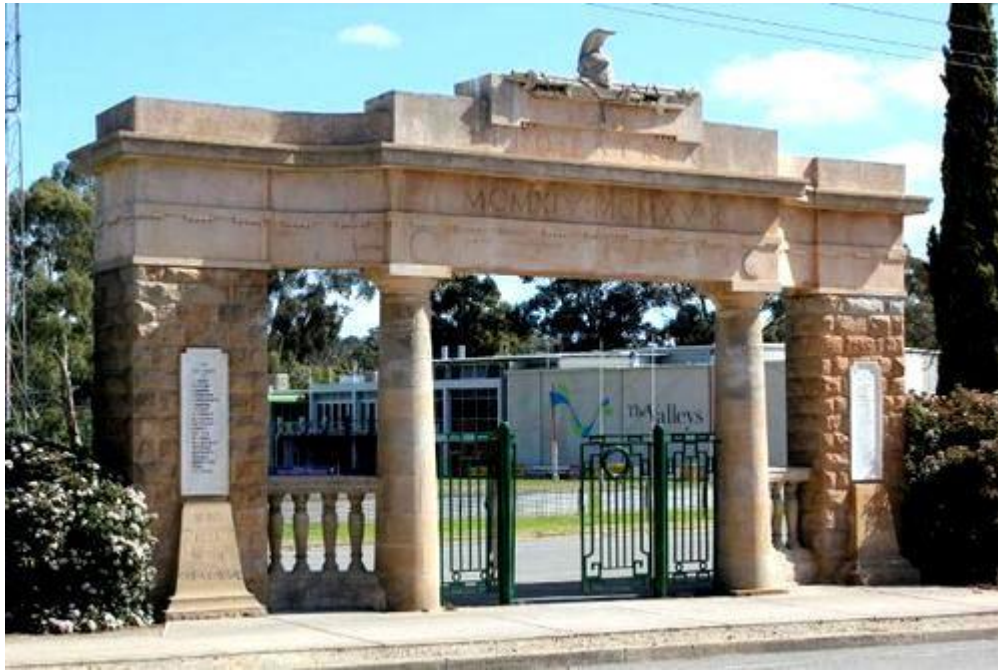
H. M. Scott is remembered on the Clare Old Scholars Memorial, located in Soldiers Park, Farrells Flat Road & Christison Avenue, Clare, South Australia.



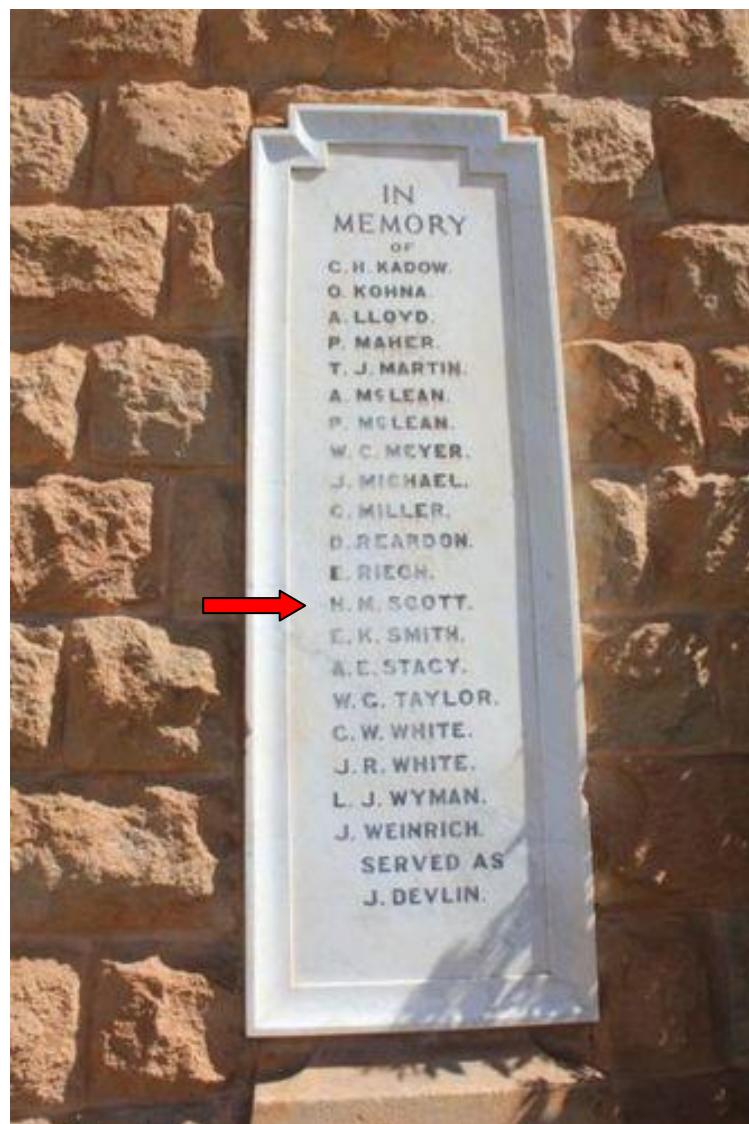
Clare Old Scholars Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



H. M. Scott is remembered on the Clare Oval Memorial Arch, located at Clare Oval, Main North Road, Clare, South Australia.



**Clare Oval Memorial Arch** (Photos from Monument Australia – Roger Johnson)



(44 pages of Gunner Henry Milton Scott'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**

### **THE WAR**

Amongst the list of Australian soldiers reported as wounded this week are Private H. M. Scott (son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Scott, of Hilltown)....

*(Northern Argus, Clare, South Australia – 27 April, 1917)*

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### **PERSONAL**

Deep regret was expressed on Wednesday when it became known that Private H. M. Scott, son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Scott, of Hill Town, had died from the effects of wounds. It will be remembered that recently Private Scott lost an arm and leg. More particulars concerning the deceased soldier will be given in our next issue.

*(Northern Argus, Clare, South Australia – 8 November, 1918) & (Blyth Agriculturist, South Australia – 8 November, 1918)*

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### **FOR KING AND COUNTRY**

SCOTT – ON the 29th Oct., at the Red Cross Hospital, Christchurch, England, Gunner Henry Milton Scott, 43rd Battalion, 4th son of J. B. and J. Scott, of Hilltown, died of pneumonia following amputation of leg and arm. Aged 23 years.

*(Northern Argus, Clare, South Australia – 15 November, 1918)*

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### **The Supreme Sacrifice**

#### **For King and Country**

#### **THE LATE GUNNER H. M. SCOTT**

The late Gunner H. M. Scott, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Scott, of Hill Town, who died on Oct. 29 from the results of wounds received in action and the loss of a leg and arm, enlisted for active service in March, 1916. In June the same year he went to England and joined up with the 43rd Battalion. A few months later he went to France, and was wounded in July, 1917. After recovering he went back to France in November, 1917, and was severely wounded in September, when he lost a leg and arm, and later died from the effects of his wounds. The deceased soldier had reached the age of 23 years and five months, and was much liked and respected by all who knew him. He was born in Clare and educated at the Clare and Stanley Flat schools, and after he came to mature years was engaged in gardening and farming operations. He has two brothers at the front, Sergeant-Major Roy Scott and Trooper Theo Scott. Much sympathy has been expressed for the bereaved family.

*(Northern Argus, Clare, South Australia – 15 November, 1918)*

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HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR: THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR KING AND COUNTRY

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(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 30 November, 1918)



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Lance-Corp. H. T. GREEN.



Mr. H. JUSTICE, A.M.



Private A. J. POTTSMEYER.



Private J. J. MALONE.



Private W. H. CLACK.



Private A. E. J. BURGAS.



Machine Gunner D. P. McLAUGHLIN.



Private L. M. CUNNINGHAM.



Driver A. L. GARRAULT.



Trooper A. A. JOHNS.



Gunner H. M. SCOTT.



Gunner W. L. DWYER.



Sergeant C. E. BURLEY.



Signaller R. F. E. SOUTER.



**Gunner H. M. SCOTT.**

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 December, 1918)

### 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)*

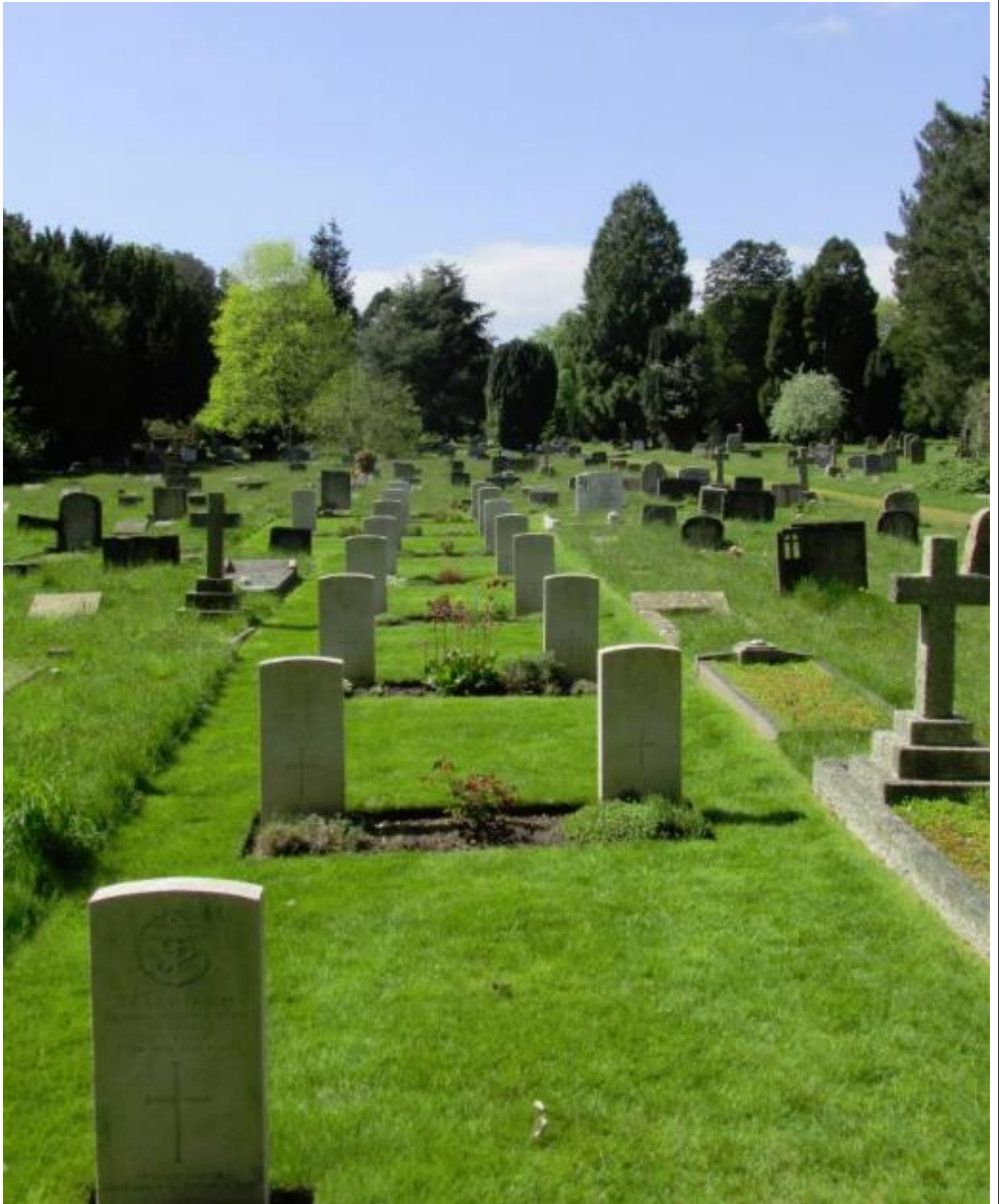
Gunner H. M. Scott does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

### **Christchurch Cemetery, Christchurch, Dorset, England**

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



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



*(Photo from CWGC)*

Photo of Gunner H. M. Scott's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Christchurch Cemetery, Christchurch, Dorset, England.



*(Photo by James – Find a Grave)*



**2 Australian War Graves in Christchurch Cemetery** (Photo by Jim Scott 2004)  
*Both died 29th October, 1918 – Private A. Gardner (front); Gunner H. M. Scott (back - arrow)*



**Original Grave Marker for Gunner Henry Milton Scott**  
*(Photo from Virtual War Memorial Australia)*