

**Dalston Road Cemetery,  
Carlisle, Cumberland  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**4250 PRIVATE**

**W. WALDER**

**17TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**6TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 20**

## William WALDER

William Walder was born at Alexandria, Sydney, NSW on 5th February, 1899 to parents Ernest and Elizabeth Walder (nee Cook). He was baptised on 17th March, 1899 at St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Street, Sydney, NSW. The family lived at Pickup Street, Alexandria & Ernest Walder was listed as a Carter.

William Walder attended Cleveland Street Public School, Redfern, Sydney, NSW.

William Walder stated he was an 18 year old, single, Labourer from 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted on 21st October, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4250 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr E. Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, Sydney, NSW. William Walder stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Cadets for 2 ½ years. As William Walder was under the age of 21 years, his parents needed to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Ernest & Elizabeth Walder both signed their consent. (Note – William Walder was actually 16 years old when he enlisted.)

Private William Walder was posted to 10th Reinforcements of 17th Battalion on 25th October, 1915 for recruit training.

Private William Walder embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Star of England (A15)* on 8th March, 1916 with the 17th Infantry Battalion, 10th Reinforcements & disembarked at Alexandria. He embarked from Alexandria on HMT *Megantic* on 28th May, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 7th June, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England.

Private William Walder proceeded overseas to France on 5th September, 1916 from 5th Training Battalion in England. He was taken on strength of 2nd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 6th September, 1916. Private Walder joined 17th Battalion in Belgium on 15th September, 1916.

Private William Walder was sent sick to Hospital on 23rd September, 1916. He was admitted to 3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 27th September, 1916 with Trench Feet. Private Walder embarked for England on 3rd October, 1916 on Hospital Ship *St. Denis* from 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Private William Walder was admitted to Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, England on 3rd October, 1916 with Trench Feet (slight). He was transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, England on 17th October, 1916. Private Walder was discharged from 3rd Auxiliary Hospital on 3rd November, 1916 & was on furlo until 18th November, 1916 to then report to Perham Downs.

Mr E. Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, NSW, father of Private William Walder, was advised on 18th October, 1916 that Private Walder had been admitted to Graylingwell War Hospital on 3rd October, 1916 suffering from trench feet (mild).

Private William Walder was written up for an Offence at No. 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 20th November, 1916 – Absent without leave from 3.30 pm on 18th November, 1916 till midnight on 18th November, 1916. He was awarded 7 days Confined to Camp & forfeited 1 days' pay.

Private William Walder was marched in to No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham, Dorset from Perham Downs on 22nd November, 1916.

Private William Walder was admitted to Military Hospital at Woking on 23rd December, 1916 with Bronchitis (slight).

Private William Walder was medically classified as B1 A3 (fit for overseas training camp in two to three weeks) on 4th January, 1917 & again on 19th January, 1917.

Private William Walder was written up for an Offence at No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham on 18th January, 1917 – Absent without leave from 8.30 am on 12th January, 1917 till 10.40 pm on 17th January, 1917 (6 days) & (2) Neglecting to obey orders re train travelling. He was awarded 6 days Confined to Barracks & forfeited 6 days' pay. Offence No. 2 was admonished by Captain J. S. Yeomans.

Private William Walder was medically classified as B1 A4 (fit for overseas training camp when passed dentally fit) on 7th February, 1917.

Private William Walder was marched out from No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham, Dorset on 23rd February, 1917 & marched in to Drafting Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire the same day.

Private William Walder proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 15th March, 1917 from Infantry Draft Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire. He was marched in to 2nd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 18th March, 1917. Private Walder rejoined his Battalion in France on 9th April, 1917.

Private William Walder was wounded in action in the Field on 20th September, 1917. He was admitted to 6th Australian Field Ambulance on 20th September, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to shoulder & thigh. He was transferred & admitted to 16th USA General Hospital at Le Treport on 21st September, 1917. Private Walder was transferred to 3rd Convalescent Depot at Le Treport on 15th October, 1917 & discharged the same day to Base Details.

#### War Diary – 17th Battalion

*20 September, 1917*

*We attacked German position in front of WESTHOEK. Attack entirely successful, Bn advanced almost a mile to GARTER POINT.*

*Total Casualties 9 Officers 299 OR*

*Killed Lt C. R. Hannaford & Lt T. L. Ryan.*

*Died of wounds 2/Lt W. K. Seabrook & 2nd Lt V. N. Hopkins.*

*Wounded Lt. W. R. Haigh, Lt H. E. Clifton, Lt B. M. Blackshaw*

*Officers wounded contd – 2nd Lt R. M. Pettit, 2nd Lt A. E. Warren.*

*(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)*

Mr E. Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, NSW, father of Private William Walder, was advised on 8th October, 1917 that Private Walder had been wounded.

Private William Walder was marched in to 2nd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 16th October, 1917. He rejoined 17th Battalion in France on 2nd November, 1917.

Private William Walder was sent sick to Hospital on 10th November, 1917. He was admitted to 1st WR Field Ambulance on 10th November, 1917 with Orchitis. He was transferred to 5th Australian Field Ambulance on 10th November, 1917 & discharged to duty on 3rd December, 1917. Private Walder rejoined his Battalion on 3rd December, 1917.

Private William Walder was sent sick to Hospital on 15th December, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance on 15th December, 1917 with P.U.O. (pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). Private Walder was transferred to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 17th December, 1917 then transferred to 53rd Casualty Clearing Station on 2nd January, 1918. He was transferred & admitted on 5th January, 1918 to 26th General Hospital at Etaples, France. Private Walder was listed for transfer to England on 8th January, 1918 with Rheumatism. He embarked on Hospital Ship *Ville de Luigi* on 9th January, 1918 for England.

#### **17th Battalion**

In 1917 the 17th was involved in the follow-up of German forces after their retreat to the Hindenburg Line, and was one of four battalions to defeat a counter-stroke by a German force, almost four times as strong, at Lagincourt. The battalion took part in three major battles before the year was out, second Bullecourt (3-4 May) in France, and Menin Road (20-22 September) and Poelcappelle (9-10 October) in Belgium.

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

Private William Walder was admitted to Fusehill War Hospital, Carlisle, Cumberland, England on 9th January, 1918 with Rheumatic Fever. The Hospital Admission form records the following: *"10/1/18 History of ankle, wrist & knee swollen before admission. On admission not swollen but painful. Heart – has a loud systolic murmur at apex, transmitted to axilla....24/8/18 Acute attack rheumatism, r. elbow joint & neck; oedema of feet; blobs forming on legs. 2/10/18 Patient very much worse. Died 4 pm 6.10.18. Mitract Incomp\_\_ Acute endocarditis following acute rheumatism."*

Mr E. Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, NSW, father of Private William Walder, was advised on 4th February, 1918 that Private Walder had been admitted to Fusehill War Hospital, Carlisle, England on 9th January, 1918 suffering from Rheumatic Fever. He was advised on 31st March, 1918 that Private Walder was reported to be seriously ill. Mr E. Walder was advised on 5th April, 1918 that Pte Walder's condition was stationary & again advised on 10th April, 1918 that Pte Walder's condition was improving. Mr E. Walder was advised on 14th May, 1918 that Private Walder was progressing favourably.

Private William Walder was reported to be dangerously ill on 30th May, 1918.

Mr E. Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, NSW, father of Private William Walder, was advised on 6th June, 1918 that Private Walder was seriously ill then on 10th June, 1918 that Private Walder's condition was improving. On 24th June, 1918 he was advised that Private Walder was dangerously ill. He was advised on 3rd July, 1918 that Private Walder's condition was improving. Mr E. Walder was advised on 30th July, 1918 that Private Walder's condition was stationary on 10th July, after a relapse.

Mr E. Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, NSW, father of Private William Walder, was advised on 26th September, 1918 that Private Walder's condition was still stationary.

Private William Walder died at 4 pm on 6th October, 1918 at Fusehill War Hospital (Newtown Section), Carlisle, Cumberland, England from Rheumatic Fever. (Note – place of death was listed in the Service Record file as Carlisle, Scotland - Carlisle is in Cumberland, now Cumbria, England & is 10 miles south of the Scottish border). A telegram from Carlisle War Hospital to Administrative Headquarters stated that the next of kin Mrs Kifford, Aunt, Lucas Stores St Cobham, Surrey had been notified.

A death for William Walder, aged 19, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Carlisle, Cumberland, England.

Private William Walder was buried on 9th October, 1918 in Dalston Road Cemetery, Carlisle, Cumberland, England (located at Dalston Road & Richardson Street, Carlisle) – Plot number 11. M. 50. and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Private William Walder - *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 from Newton Branch Carlisle War Hospital, Mrs Kifford and Mrs Yeandle. The Rev. Hugh Falconer officiated at the graveside and the "Last Post" was sounded. 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.*

Names of relatives and friends present at the Funeral – Brother – Gunner Walder, A.I.F.

Private William Walder requested in his Will dated 10th September, 1916 that in the event of his death he gives all his personal effects, money etc to his mother – Elizabeth Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, Sydney, NSW, Australia. A copy of a Will from the Pay book of the late Private Walder dated 27th February, 1917 states that in the event of his death he gives the whole of his property and effects to his mother – Elizabeth Walder, of 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, Sydney, NSW, Australia. A later Will dated 4th June, 1917 stated that his personal estate be bequeathed to Mrs E. Walder, 68A Pitt Street, Waterloo, Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Private William Walder was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Walder's father – Mr E. Walder, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Walder – service number 4250, aged 20, of 17th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Ernest and Elizabeth Walder.

W. Walder is remembered on the Municipality of Waterloo Roll of Service Honour Boards, located in Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo, Sydney, NSW.



Municipality of Waterloo Roll of Service (Photo from Register of War Memorials in NSW)

Private W. Walder is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 84.



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

(79 pages of Pte William Walder'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) & National Archives*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **CASUALTIES**

#### **239th LIST**

#### **WOUNDED**

Pte W. WALDER, Waterloo

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 31 October, 1916)*

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### **FOR AUSTRALIA**

#### **TWO CASUALTY LISTS**

#### **1032 RETURN TO DUTY**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **RETURNED TO DUTY**

Pte W. WALDER, Waterloo (previously reported ill)

*(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 22 January, 1917)*

## **383rd CASUALTY LIST**

### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

ILL

Pte WM. WALDER, Waterloo (2nd occ., p. r. ret. to duty)

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 18 February, 1918)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

WALDER – Private William Walder, 17th Battalion, A.I.F., died on October 6, 1918, of rheumatic fever, in Military Hospital, Carlisle, England, aged 20 years 8 months, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Walder, 68A Pitt-street, Waterloo.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 October, 1918) & (The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 16 October, 1918)*

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### **PERSONAL**

Mr W. E. Walder, of Coffs Jetty, has received word that his brother, who has been at the front as a machine gunner for two years, has been admitted to Colchester Military Hospital suffering from wounds. A cousin, William Walder, died in England this month of rheumatic fever, aged 20 ½ years. The deceased soldier enlisted when he was only 16. Two other brothers are “still going strong” as gunners.

*(Coffs Harbour Advocate, NSW – 19 October, 1918)*

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## **443rd CASUALTY LIST**

### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Pte WM. WALDER, Waterloo (illness)

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 22 November, 1918)*

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### **Dalston Road Cemetery, Carlisle, Cumberland, England** (located at Dalston Road & Richardson Street, Carlisle)

The cemetery (officially Carlisle Cemetery) lies on the south-western side of the city on the road to Caldbeck at the corner of Dalston Road and Richardson Road. It covers more than 60 acres of ground and belongs to the City Corporation. The main entrance is in Richardson Road on the northern side, from which an avenue leads, over a bridge across Fairy Brook, to the War Graves Plots of both World Wars situated in the southern portion.

The Fusehill War Hospital, with 650 beds, was established in the Poor Law Hospital and two schools at Carlisle. Of the 134 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 War, 79 are in a plot on the eastern side of Ward XI and the remainder scattered in other parts of the cemetery. There are 128 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-1945 War, of these, around half of which are situated in the War Graves Plot, which adjoins the 1914-1918 War Plot, some being on the southern side of Ward XI, Section P, and the rest opposite to them on the northern side of Ward XVI, Section O. Another group in the Roman Catholic section contains 14 burials in Ward XIII, Section P. The remainder of the 1939-1945 War burials are dispersed in various parts of the cemetery. Many of the airmen buried here belonged to the Royal Air Force Operational Training Unit at Crosby-on-Eden. The Cross of Sacrifice stands near the junction of the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 War Plots, thus serving as a central memorial for the graves of both wars. This Service Plot is shaded by an avenue of beech trees and sycamores, and is divided into two sections at the far corner by the main pathway.

*(Information & Photos from CWGC)*





Photo of Private W. Walder's Private Headstone in Dalston Road Cemetery, Carlisle, Cumberland, England.





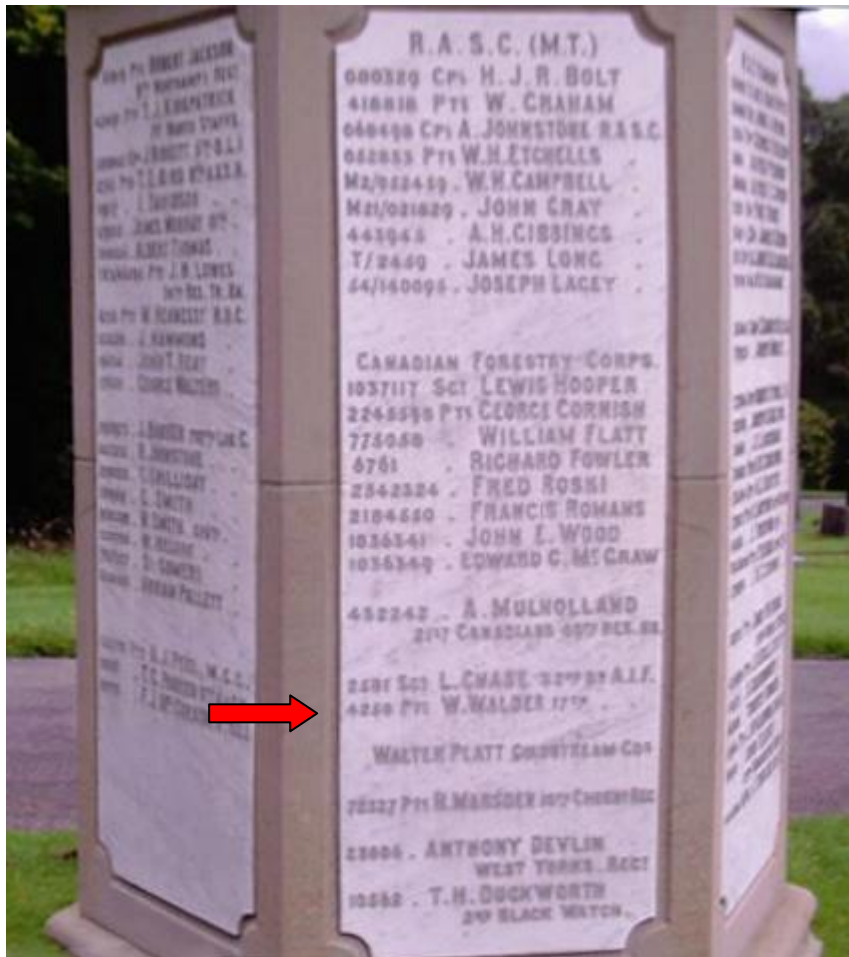
*In  
Loving Memory  
Of  
Pte William Walder  
17th Battalion A.I.F.  
Youngest Son of Ernest and  
Elizabeth Walder of Waterloo,  
Sydney, NSW who died at Newtown  
Hospital 6th October 1918 in his 21st Year.*

*(Transcription of headstone with thanks to Gan Yam – Julie – Roostchat)*

Pte W. Walder is remembered on the First World War Memorial, located in Dalston Road Cemetery, Carlisle in the north east corner of Ward 11. The Memorial records the names of Officers and Men of the Navy and Army who were buried in Carlisle Cemeteries. (Face 4).

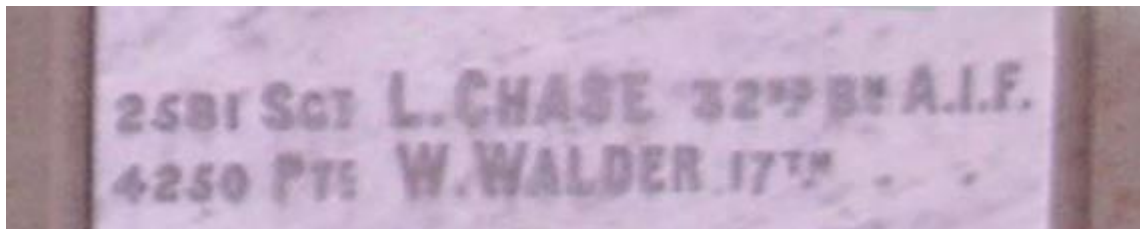


**First World War Memorial, located in Dalston Road Cemetery, Carlisle** *(Photo from CWGC)*



First World War Memorial to all Men & Officers buried in Carlisle Cemeteries

– located in Dalston Road Cemetery, Carlisle



# CARLISLE CEMETERY

## SITE PLAN

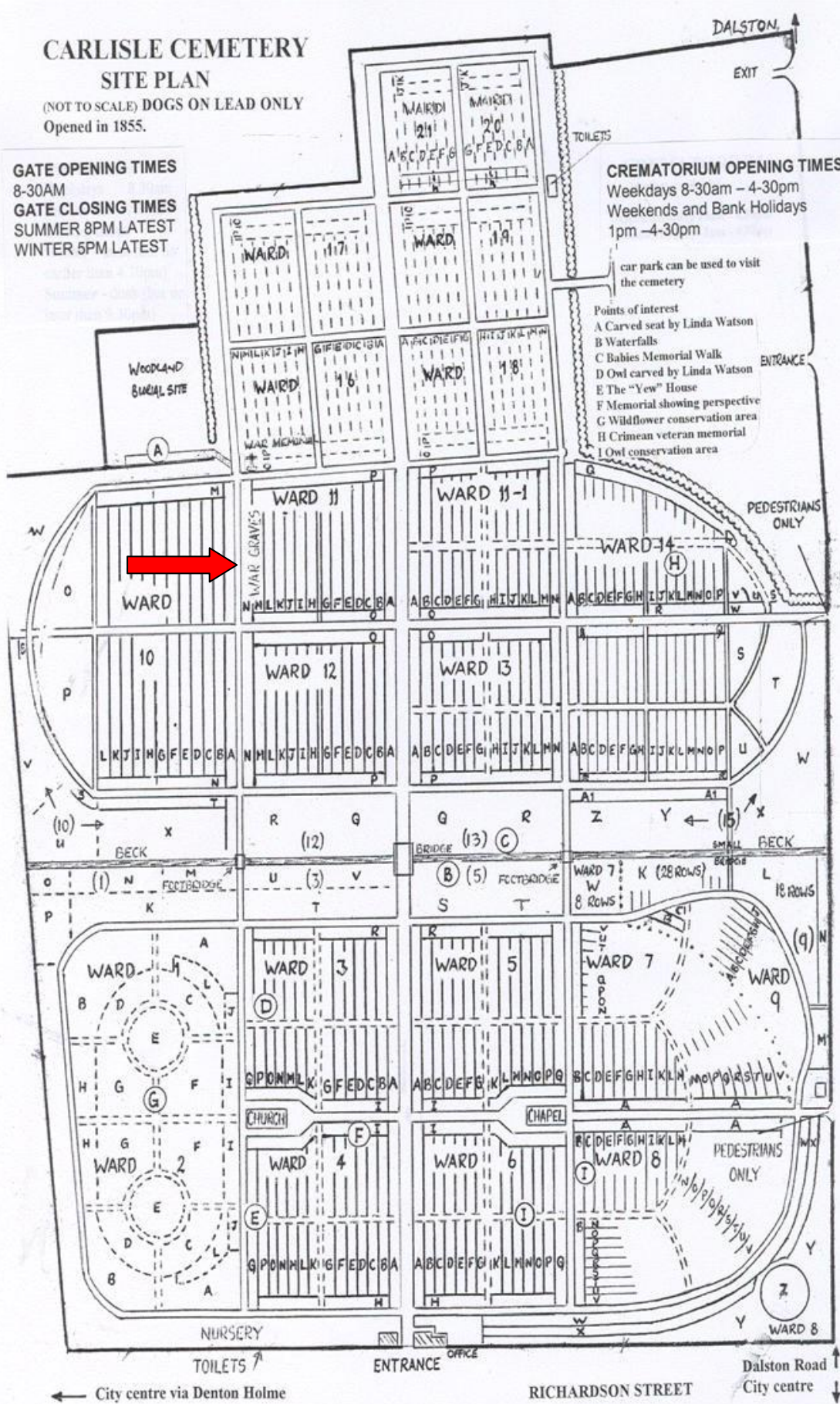
(NOT TO SCALE) DOGS ON LEAD ONLY  
Opened in 1855.

**GATE OPENING TIMES**  
8-30AM  
**GATE CLOSING TIMES**  
SUMMER 8PM LATEST  
WINTER 5PM LATEST

**CREMATORIUM OPENING TIMES**  
Weekdays 8-30am – 4-30pm  
Weekends and Bank Holidays  
1pm – 4-30pm

car park can be used to visit the cemetery

- Points of interest
- A Carved seat by Linda Watson
  - B Waterfalls
  - C Babies Memorial Walk
  - D Owl carved by Linda Watson
  - E The "Yew" House
  - F Memorial showing perspective
  - G Wildflower conservation area
  - H Crimean veteran memorial
  - I Owl conservation area



(Photo from Christina – Find a Grave)