

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,  
Brookwood, Surrey, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**7111 PRIVATE**

**A. R. WARRING**

**1ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**20TH SEPTEMBER, 1917 Age 38**

*Always Remembered*

## Albert Richard WARRING

Albert Richard Warring was born around 1883.

[Note: According to information provided by his brother for the Roll of Honour – R. J. Warring stated that Albert Richard Warring was born at Oxford, New Zealand; however according to his Attestation Papers - Albert Richard Warring listed he was born at Lambton, Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.

No matching births can be found at either New Zealand or New South Wales Births, Death & Marriages Online]

Albert Richard Warring attended school at Reefton, New Zealand (according to information provided by his brother for the Roll of Honour).

Albert Richard Warring was a 33 year old, single, Gardener from New Lampton (as per Embarkation Roll – should be Lambton), NSW when he enlisted on 15th May, 1916 at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 7111 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his brother – Mr Robert John Warring, Greymouth, New Zealand.

Private Albert Richard Warring was posted to 1st Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements on 15th May, 1916.

Private Albert Richard Warring embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 9th November, 1916 with the 1st Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 9th January, 1917. Private Warring had been written up for an Offence on 4th December, 1916 at Cape Town – Absent from 8.30 pm Roll Call. He was fined 2/6.

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 Albert Richard Warring was marched in to 1st Training Battalion in England on 11th January, 1917 from Australia.

Private Albert Richard Warring proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 16th July, 1917 from 1st Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire, England. He was marched in to 1st A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 17th July, 1917.

Private Albert Richard Warring reported sick on 18th July, 1917 while posted at 1st A.D.B.D. He was admitted to 2nd General Hospital at Havre, France on 18th July, 1917 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined). Private Warring was transferred to England on 16th August, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Warilda* suffering from Lobar Pneumonia.

### 1st Battalion

The 1st Battalion was the first infantry unit recruited for the AIF in New South Wales during the First World War.....

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

Private Albert Richard Warring was admitted to 2nd Southern General Hospital, Bristol, England on 17th August, 1917 with Pneumonia. He was transferred to No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, Kent, England on 29th August, 1917.

A Medical Case Sheet was commenced on 29th August, 1917 at 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford for Private A. Warring, 1st Battalion. His aged was listed as 40. The entry for 29th August, 1917 reads: "*Wasting. Tachy cardia Lungs not yet resolved, To have stout twice daily.*" The entry for 30th August, 1917 reads: "*Broncho pneumonia both lungs. Heart – very weak in murmurs.*" The entry for 7th September, 1917 reads: "*Not improving. Eats well Cough occasionally causing much exhaustion.*" The entry for 14th September, 1917 "*No change*" & for 19th September, 1917 "*much weakness & occasional vomiting.*"

A Medical Report was completed on 4th September, 1917 for Private A. Warring, 1st Battalion, aged 40 years. His disability was listed as "*Pneumonia Wasting & Tachycardia*" & originated at Le Havre on 18th July, 1917. Private

Warring's present condition was recorded as *"is in a very weakened & emaciated condition, eyes sunken & cheeks hollow, pulse rapid & heart dilated."* The officer in charge of the medical case gave his opinion as to the cause of the disability as exposure due to climate & active service. He recommended that Private Warring not be permanently discharged as unfit but for him to have a change to Australia. The Medical Board found that Private Albert Richard Warring was temporarily unfit for General Service for more than 6 months & temporarily unfit for Home Service for more than 6 months.

Private Albert Richard Warring died at 00.05hrs on 20th September, 1917 at 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, Kent, England from Tubercular Broncho Pneumonia. The entry on the Medical Case sheet for 20th September, 1917 reads: *"Sat up, & fell back dead."*

A death for Albert R. Warring, aged 34, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Dartford, Kent, England.

Private Albert Richard Warring was buried at 1 pm on 25th September, 1917 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Plot number 179 806.

From the burial report of Private Albert Richard Warring - *Coffin was good. Polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. A Firing Party comprising members attached to the Administrative Headquarters Staff A.I.F. London was present. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside by an Australian Bugler. An oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F.*

Base Records wrote to Mr R. J. Warring, Hukarere, via Greymouth, New Zealand on 11th May, 1923 stating that the site of his brother's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 11 Row C Grave 6.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference – XI. C. 6. Private Albert Richard Warring now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

R. J. Warring, Hukarere, via Greymouth, New Zealand, wrote a reply to Base Records on 23rd May, 1921 which reads: *"Your memo to hand on even date regarding my relatives to deceased soldier No 7111 1st Battalion Private A. R. Warring. (Yes) I am the only living relations (brother). Having no sisters. I would also like to ask you if I am entitled to his Gratuity money I am not a rich man but I will give 20% of it to anybody that would receive it for me & forward same to above address. Thanking your Dept for interest shown in Dealing."*

Private Albert Richard Warring was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Warring's brother – Mr R. J. Warring, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

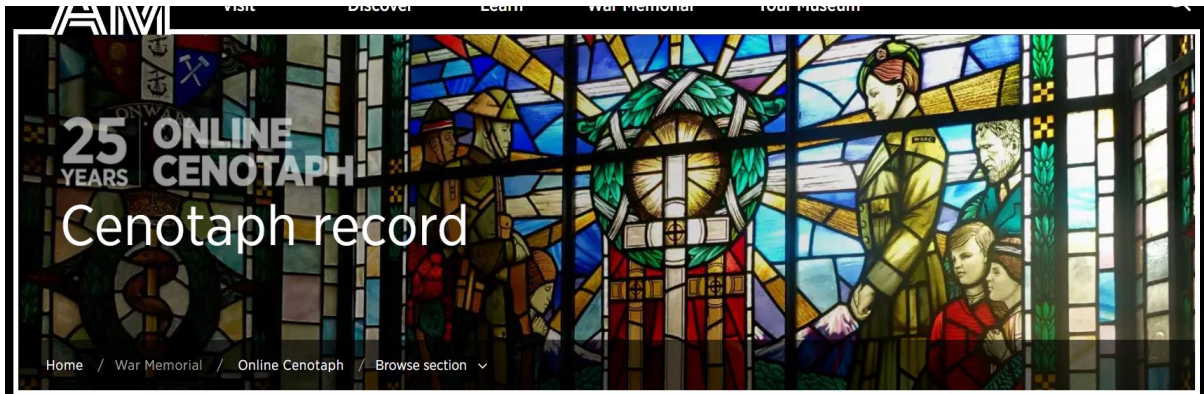
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Albert Richard Warring – service number 7111, aged 38, of 1st Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of A. J. and Nellie Warring. Native of Oxford.

Private A. R. Warring is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 31.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Albert Richard Warring is remembered on the Auckland Online Cenotaph.



Online Cenotaph **Albert Richard Warring** MĀORI >

Person search \_\_\_\_\_ **Died 20 September 1917** PDF

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Albert Richard Warring is remembered by the New Zealand War Graves Project.

A screenshot of the New Zealand War Graves Project website. The header features a red banner with the text 'NEW ZEALAND WAR GRAVES PROJECT' and a white flower icon. Below the banner is a photo of a war grave. The navigation menu shows 'Home / Albert Richard Warring'. The main content area displays a photo of a war grave and the text 'Private Albert Richard Warring'. Below this is a 'References:' section with two links: 'CWGC' and 'National Archives of Australia'.

(47 pages of Private Albert Richard Warring'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**

### **LAMBTON**

A few members of the M.U.I.O.O.F. Lodge gathered at the home of Bro. Geering, Pearson-street, Lambton, to bid farewell to Bro. A. R. Warring, who is shortly leaving for the front. Bro. J. Ferguson, secretary, and Bro. Woolston, district secretary, were present. Bro. Atkinson presented Bro. Warring with a pocket wallet on behalf of the citizens, acting for the Mayor of Lambton, who was unable to be present. Bro. Warring suitably acknowledged the gift.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 28 September, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **EIGHT CASUALTIES**

#### **NEW ZEALANDERS IN OTHER FORCES**

#### **IN THE AUSTRALIAN FORCES**

Died

Warring, A. (R. Warring, Greymouth, Sept. 20)

*(Dominion, New Zealand – Volume 11, Issue 11 – 8 October, 1917)*

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### **OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST**

Following are the names contained in the 341st list of Australian war casualties:-

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Pte ALBERT RICHARD WARRING, New Zealand, 20/8/17 (p.r. died 20/9/17, c.n. sted)

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 13 October, 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. R. Warring does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

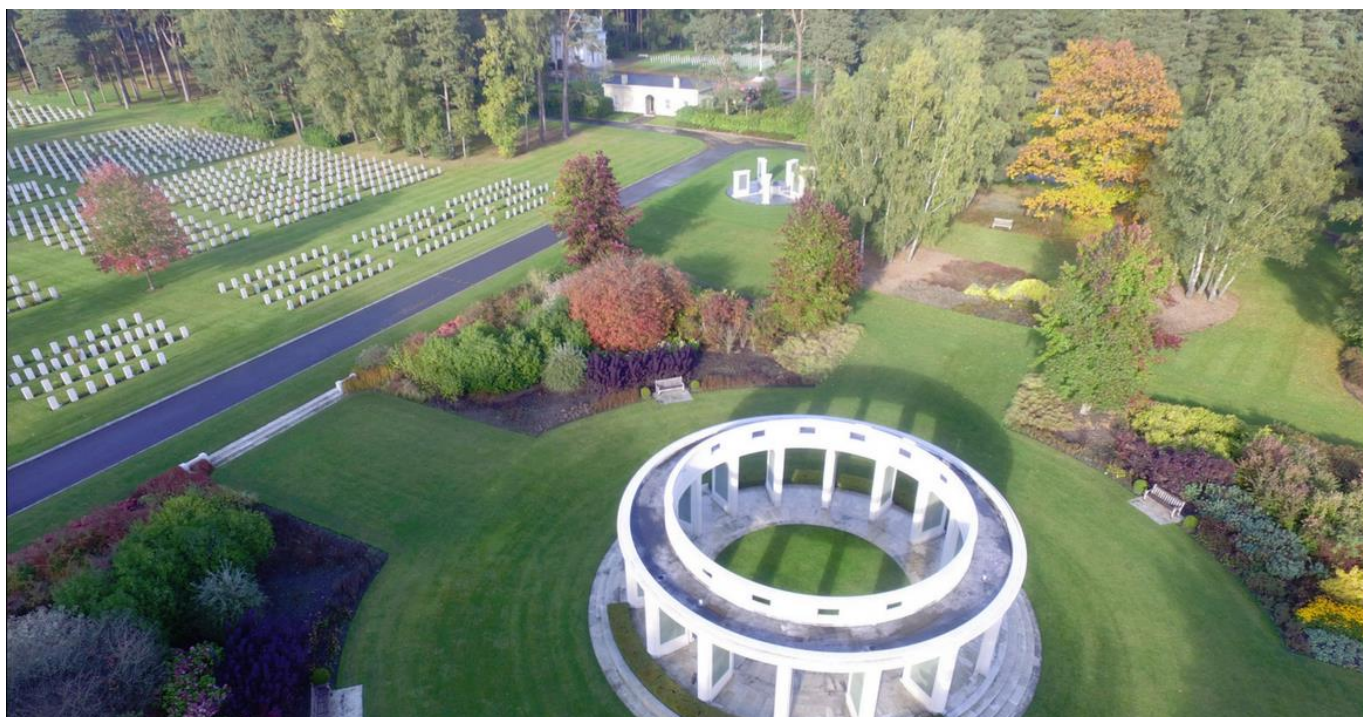
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## **Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England**

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



**Brookwood Military Cemetery** *(Photo from CWGC)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)*

*Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918.*

*Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.*



**Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)



**Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)







*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*



**Australian War Graves** *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*

Photo of Private A. R. Warring's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

