

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,
Brookwood, Surrey**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



38095 PRIVATE

D. L. WILLIAMS

N.Z. WELLINGTON REGT.

2ND JANUARY, 1918 Age 31

Daniel Lewis WILLIAMS

Daniel Lewis Williams was born on 1st February, 1887 in Brisbane, Queensland to parents Daniel Lewis Williams & Cecilia Douglas Williams (nee Scott).

The 1911 New Zealand Electoral Roll for the division of Wellington, sub-division of Wellington North, recorded Daniel Lewis Williams, Waiter from Wellington Club, The Terrace.

The 1914 & 1919 New Zealand Electoral Rolls for the division of Wellington, sub-division of Wellington Central, recorded Daniel Lewis Williams, Waiter from 15 Windsor Place.

Daniel Lewis Williams was a 29 year old, single, Waiter (last employer was S. Gilmour) from 186 Abel Smith St, Wellington, New Zealand when he enlisted on 30th September, 1916 at Wellington, New Zealand with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (N.Z.E.F.). His service number was 38095 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Cecelia Williams, Highfield Estate, Canterbury, NSW. Daniel Lewis Williams stated on his Attestation Papers that his father was born at Novia Scotia & his mother was born at Glasgow. His parents had been resident in New Zealand for 6 years while he had been resident in New Zealand for 13 years.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was posted to “B” Company, 22nd Reinforcements on 16th October, 1916 for recruit training.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was promoted to Lance Corporal on 9th February, 1917.

Lance Corporal Daniel Lewis Williams embarked from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT *Aparima* (No. 76) on 16th February, 1917 (Casualty Form – Active Service recorded he embarked from N.Z. on 16th December, 1917 & disembarked at Devonport on 2nd May, 1917) & disembarked at Devonport, England on 2nd May, 1917.

Lance Corporal Daniel Lewis Williams was marched into Sling Camp with 22nd Reinforcements on 2nd May, 1917 & reverted to the rank of Private on joining Battalion the same day.

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 Daniel Lewis Williams proceeded to 4th Brigade at Codford, Wiltshire with 4th Reserve Battalion on 26th May, 1917 & was attached to 17th Company, 3rd Battalion, Wellington Infantry Regiment.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams proceeded overseas to France on 27th May, 1917.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was sent sick to Hospital on 14th August, 1917. He was admitted to No. 4 New Zealand Field Ambulance on 14th August, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion on 17th August, 1917.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was wounded in action on 4th October, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 5th October, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wounds) to arm, buttock, thigh & shoulder. Private Williams was transferred & admitted to 17th Casualty Clearing Station on 5th October, 1917 with multiple wounds. He was transferred & admitted to 11th General Hospital at Camiers on 5th October, 1917 & was placed on the dangerously ill list on 15th October, 1917. Private Williams was reported to be still dangerously ill on 21st October, 1917 & again on 28th October, 1917.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was admitted to 18th General Hospital at Camiers, France on 1st November, 1917. He was transferred to Seriously Ill List on 5th November, 1917.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams embarked from France for England on Hospital Ship *Newhaven* on 10th November, 1917.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was admitted to Military Hospital, Tooting, London, England on 10th November, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wounds) to left buttock, left arm, right thigh, shoulders – severe. He was removed from Seriously Ill List on 12th November, 1917.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was reported to be dangerously ill on 24th November, 1917 with a resection of colon & placed on the Dangerously Ill List. He was reported to be still dangerously ill on 15th December, 1917 but improving. Private Williams was reported to be still dangerously ill on 28th December, 1917.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams died on 2nd January, 1918 at Military Hospital, Tooting, London, England from wounds – G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Buttock.

A death for Daniel L. Williams, aged 30, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Wandsworth, Greater London, England.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was buried on 5th January, 1918 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Plot number 180318.

[Note: For those WW1 Australian Soldiers who are buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery - Base Records wrote to their next of kin in April, 1923 stating that the site of the soldier's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot _ Row _ Grave __. "While the actual place of burial remains unchanged the previous registration allotted thereto has been altered to conform with the uniform layout of this Cemetery."]

Private Daniel Lewis Williams' grave is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference –VIII. B. 2. Private Daniel Lewis William has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams requested in his Will, dated 10th February, 1917, that "*I give devise and bequeath the whole of my estate both real and personal.....unto my friend Catherine Williams, of 8, St. John Street, Wellington, married woman, absolutely and in the event of her predeceasing me then unto my mother Cecilia Douglas Williams of Canterbury, New South Wales, absolutely.*"

Private Daniel Lewis Williams was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. His Service Record file recorded "Medals to Mrs K. Williams (Friend). The Victory Medal was marked as returned unclaimed on 1st February, 1923. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Williams' mother – Mrs C. Williams, 372 Park Road, Paddington, Sydney, NSW, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent April, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Daniel Lewis Williams – service number 38095, aged 31, of 3rd Bn., Wellington Regiment, N.Z.E.F. He was the son of Daniel Lewis Williams and Cecilia Douglas Williams, of "Cecilia," Messiter St., Highfield Estate, Canterbury, New Zealand. Born at Brisbane, Queensland.

Private Daniel Lewis Williams is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



Commemorative Roll (Photo from AWM)



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (*Capital Photographer*)

Private Daniel Lewis Williams is remembered on the Auckland Museum Online Cenotaph.



Private Daniel Lewis Williams is listed in the New Zealand World War 1 Army Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1919

32555	2/Lt.	Williams, Allen Douglas	U.I.R.	Killed in action, France, 2/8/18.
33488	Pte.	Williams, Arthur ..	W.I.R.	Killed in action, France, 2/8/17.
8/1090	Pte.	Williams, Arthur ..	O.I.R.	Killed in action, Gallipoli, 7/8/15.
8/3433	Pte.	Williams, Arthur ..	O.I.R.	Died of wounds, France, 6/10/16.
10 2035	Sgt.	Williams, Arthur Charles	W.I.R.	Killed in action, Gallipoli, 8/8/15.
10 2473	Pte.	Williams, Bertram Victor	W.I.R.	Killed in action, France, 8/6/17.
23 647	Gnr.	Williams, Colin Sydney ..	N.Z.F.A.	Killed in action, France, 10/4/18.
20269	L/Cpl.	Williams, Cyril Ernest ..	N.Z.R.B.	Died of wounds, France, 22/8/18.
38095	Pte.	Williams, Daniel Lewis ..	W.I.R.	Died of wounds, U.K. x France, 2/1/18.

(21 pages of Private Daniel Lewis Williams' Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll) & Archives New Zealand





Private Daniel Lewis Williams



Newspaper Notices

RECRUITING

LATEST ACCEPTED MEN

Following are the latest accepted recruits from No. 5 Group for the Infantry branch:

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D. L. Williams, waiter, Abel Smith street

(New Zealand Times, Volume XLI, Issue 9469 – 2 October, 1916)

SICK AND WOUNDED

REPORT FROM HOSPITALS

Dangerous:.....D. L. Williams.

(New Zealand Herald, Volume LIV, Issue 16677 – 23 October, 1917)

HOSPITAL REPORT

Dangerously ill:-

..... Private D. L. Williams

(Grey River Argus – 1 December, 1917)

N.Z. CASUALTIES

WELLINGTON, January 8

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private D. L. Williams

(Wanganui Chronicle, Volume LX, Issue 17182 - 9 January, 1918)

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR

WILLIAMS – Died of wounds in England on the 2nd January, 1918; Daniel Lewis Williams, 22nd Reinforcements, beloved husband of Kathleen Williams, 16, Belfast-street, Wellington; aged 30 years.

(Evening Post, Volume XCV, Issue 9 - 10 January, 1918)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Australian 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)

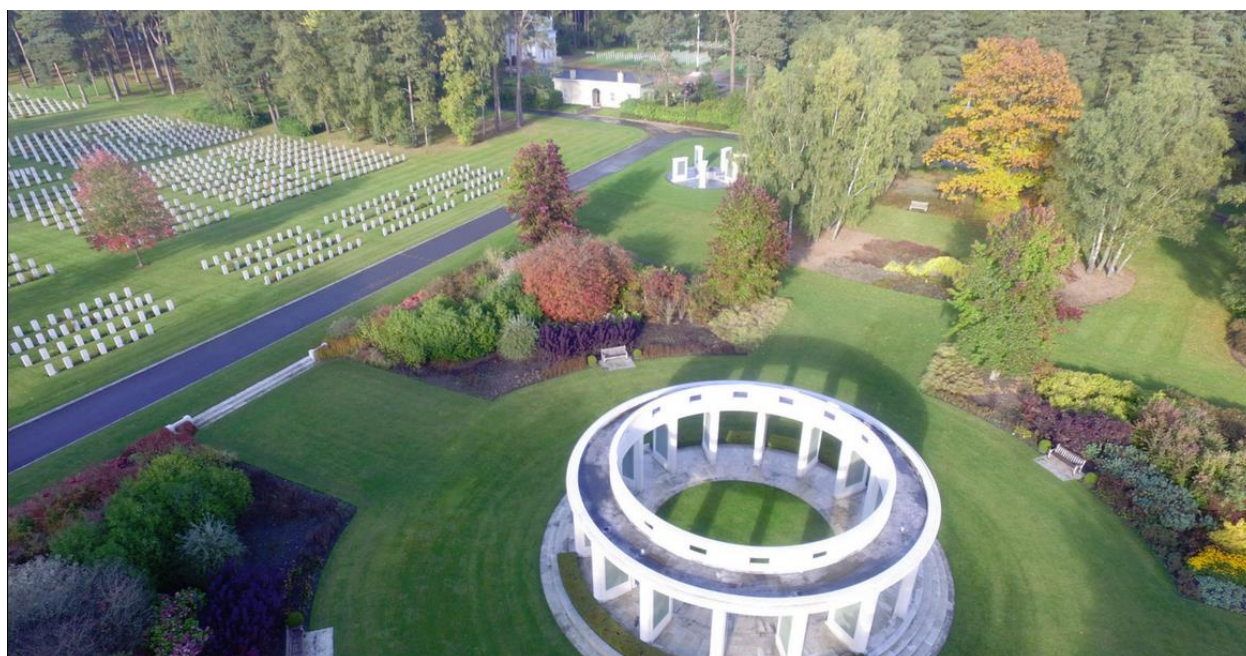
It appears that New Zealand Commonwealth War Grave Headstones do not have inscriptions.

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)





Australian War Graves (Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)

Photo of Private D. L. Williams' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



