

Durrington War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



7001 PRIVATE

A. H. A. LEHMANN

1ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

22ND FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 24

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte A. H. A. Lehmann is located in
Grave Plot # 209 of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Arthur Herbert Alfred LEHMANN

Arthur Herbert Alfred Lehmann was born near Yerong Creek, New South Wales to parents Gustav C. Lehmann & Mary Elizabeth Lehmann (nee Mangelsdorf). His birth was registered in Albury, NSW in 1892.

Arthur Lehmann was a 24 year old, single Farmer when he enlisted at Cootamundra, NSW on 18th October, 1916 with the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 45657 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his brother – Walter Arthur Philip Lehmann of Woodlands Mail via Lockhart, NSW (both parents deceased).

Pte Arthur Lehmann was transferred to 1st Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements & given a new service number of 7001.

Pte Arthur Lehmann embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 9th November, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 9th January, 1917.

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.

Pte Arthur Lehmann was admitted sick (slight) to Military Hospital, Devonport on 9th January, 1917 & discharged on 22nd January, 1917.

Pte Arthur Lehmann was marched in to No. 7 & 8 Camps Larkhill, at Durrington, Wiltshire from Command Depot on 24th January, 1917.

Pte Arthur Lehmann was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 25th January, 1917 with an injury to his hip.

Pte Arthur Lehmann was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 6th February, 1917 with Influenza & Cerebral Haemorrhage from 1st Training Battalion, Durrington.

Private Arthur Herbert Alfred Lehmann died at 11 a.m. on 22nd February, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Influenza.

A death for Arthur H. A. Lehman, aged 21, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Arthur Herbert Alfred Lehmann was buried on 24th February, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 209 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Pte Arthur Lehmann was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Lehmann's eldest brother as the closest next-of kin – Mr W. A. P. Lehmann (sent July, 1921 & October, 1921).

Private A. H. A. Lehmann is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 29.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. Lehmann is also remembered on the Lockhart and District War Memorial located at Corner of Hebden & Day Streets, Lockhart, NSW.



Lockhart & District War Memorial (Photo from War Memorials Register, NSW – Peter Levarre-Waters)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Herbert Alfred Lehmann – service number 7001 as being 24 years old & served with 1st Battalion Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

(40 pages of Pte Arthur Herbert Alfred Lehmann'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

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Newspaper Reports

ALBURY DISTRICT ENLISTMENTS

The following are the enlistments in the Albury Police District for week ending April 14:-

LOCKHART – A. H. A. Lehmann

(The Border Morning Mail and Riverina Times, Albury, NSW – Saturday 15 April, 1916)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES – LIST NO. 277

DIED (Other Causes)

NEW SOUTH WALES

Cpl. A. H. A. Lehmann

(The Argus, Melbourne – Friday 9 March, 1917)

AT THE FRONT AND AT HOME

MILITARY NEWS OF THE WEEK

News has been received in Lockhart that Private Arthur Lehmann had died in camp in England. He had been suffering from influenza. Deceased was a son of the late J. G. Lehmann, farmer, Lockhart and enlisted about six months ago. He was a very popular young man amongst a large circle of district acquaintances.

(Albury Banner and Wodonga Express, NSW – Friday 9 March, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

LEHMANN – In loving memory of our dear brother, Arthur, who died on active service, Feb. 22nd, 1917.

No loved ones stood around him
To bid a fond farewell,
No word of comfort could we give

Inserted by his loving sisters and brothers S., A., P. & W. Lehmann

(The Lockhart Review and Oaklands Advertiser, NSW – Wednesday 27 February, 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 at Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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 20th July, 1921, to Mr W. Lehmann advises that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of the late Pte A. H. A. Lehmann 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.

Mr Walter Lehmann, brother of late Pte Arthur Lehmann wrote a letter, dated 3rd August, 1921, to Officer in Charge, Base Records enquiring into the cost of the headstone that was being proposed for his late brother, stating that he “would certainly like a head stone to be placed at my brother’s grave but I am not in a position to expend much money on it at present.” The Officer in Charge, Base Records replied on 6th September, 1921 advising that “the cost of the headstone, the erection of same, and the cutting on the tombstone of the regimental particulars, etc. will be borne by the Government” & that any personal inscription would have to be paid for by the next of kin.

Pte A. H. A. Lehmann does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte A. H. A. Lehmann's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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Pte A. H. A. Lehman is also remembered on the Red Granite Obelisk Memorial to Men of 1st Training Battalion A.I.F. which is located in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)



(Photos by Ian King 2010)



Memorial to 1st Training Battalion A.I.F. at Durrington Cemetery