

East Coker War Memorial, Somerset, England



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3005A PRIVATE

A. LAMBERT

47TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

5TH APRIL, 1918 Age 26

Arthur LAMBERT

Arthur Lambert was born in 1891 at Leigh, Sherborne, Dorset, England to parents John & Sarah Lambert (nee Pope). Arthur Lambert was baptised on 19th July, 1891.

The 1901 England Census recorded Aurther Lambert as a 9 year old, living with his family at Vale Street, Halstock, Dorset. His parents were listed as John Lambert (Agricultural Labourer, aged 44, born Sturminster, Newton, Dorset) & Sarah Lambert (aged 44, born Sturminster, Newton, Dorset). Arthur was one of five children listed on this Census – Henry Lambert (Agricultural Labourer, aged 24, born Sturminster, Newton, Dorset), Thomas Lambert (Agricultural Labourer, aged 24, born Leigh, Dorset), Beatrice Lambert (aged 12, born Leigh, Dorset) then Arthur & Charles Lambert (aged 3, born Leigh, Dorset).

An "Arthur Lambert", Farm Labourer, aged 21, was listed as a passenger on *Orsova*. He had embarked from Plymouth, England & disembarked on Brisbane, Queensland on 1st March, 1913.

Newspaper Article – *Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 7 June, 1916:*

Booyal

Although Booyal has done extraordinary well as regards its share in recruiting we have still a few shirkers left who say that they may get shot of the go; it is safer to stay at home. Recruiting-Sergeant McKay had a trail at some of them when here lately, but of no use; so much for the shirkers. Let us turn to a young man who came here about a year ago in the name of Arthur Lambert a strapping young man of a family of six. Four of his brothers are at the front. His parents and one sister live in England. As a result of Recruiting Sergeant McKay's efforts when here lately Arthur Lambert also decided to go and do his bit, and he enlisted. Prior to his leaving Booyal a few friends met at Mr W. H. Day's residence to show their appreciation of Mr Arthur Lambert, and a jolly musical evening was spent and after dainty refreshments, provided by Mrs Day, had been partaken of, and the health of our guest drunk with musical honours, Mr Day said that it gave him much pleasure to present to Arthur Lambert, as a token of esteem, a razor, and he hoped he would be spared to use it, and come back amongst them again. As Chairman on the Booyal Patriotic League he announced that a presentation of a public nature, a wristlet watch, would take place later on, when Mr Lambert would be back on home leave prior to embarking for the front, Councillor Rosenlund corroborated what Mr Day had said, and wished him (Mr Lambert) well, and hoped he would return crowned with laurels. Mr S. J. Bailey also said that he had known Mr Lambert possibly longer than any others in the district, could fully endorse what Mr Day had said. Mr Lambert was a man the district could ill afford to lose. Mr Lambert returned thanks for the present and the kindness shown to him by the Booyal people and especially those present, He would always remember their kindness.

Arthur Lambert was a 25 year old, single, Teamster from Booyal, Queensland when he enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 14th June, 1916 with the 47th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3005 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Janet Lambert, of North Coker, Yeovil, Somerset, England. Marks or peculiarities noted during medical examination – mole under left eye and above right eye. First finger left hand missing.

Private Arthur Lambert was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 15th June, 1916. He was transferred to Depot Signal Company on 3rd August, 1916. Pte Lambert was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 47th Battalion on 26th October, 1916.

Private Arthur Lambert embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Marathon (A74)* on 27th October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, 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.

Private Arthur Lambert was marched in to 12th Training Battalion, No. 14 Camp at Codford, Wiltshire from Australia on 9th January, 1917.

Private Arthur Lambert was written up for an Offence while posted at Codford – “1. *Failing to appear at place of rendezvous appointed by his C.O. 2. A.W.L. (overstayed) from m/n 2.2.17 until 9 pm 4.2.17.*” He was awarded 14 days Field Punishment No. 2 & forfeited 16 days’ pay.

Private Arthur Lambert was written up for an Offence on 19th August, 1917 while posted at Codford – “*AWL from MN 18.8.17 until 10.15 pm on 19.8.17.*” This was admonished on 21st August, 1917 & he only forfeited 1 days’ pay.

Private Arthur Lambert proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 14th October, 1917 from 12th Training Battalion at Codford.

Private Arthur Lambert joined 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 15th October, 1917. He was marched out to his Unit on 18th October, 1917.

Private Arthur Lambert was taken on strength with 47th Battalion in Belgium on 23rd October, 1917.

Private Arthur Lambert was detached for duty at Australian Forestry Coy., A.I.F., in France on 22nd January, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from detachment in France on 5th February, 1918.

Private Arthur Lambert was re-allotted his Regimental number to No. 3005A.

Private Arthur Lambert was killed in action in France on 5th April, 1918.

47th Battalion

The 47th rotated in and out of the front line throughout the winter of 1917-18. In the spring of 1918, it played a role in turning the great German Spring Offensive by defeating attacks around Dernancourt during the last days of March and the first days of April 1918.

(Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Arthur Lambert is remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France as he has no known grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The following letter, located in Private Arthur Lambert’s Service Record file reads: “*Letter, dated 12.5.22, received from the Official Secretary, Australia House, London, advising that the late No. 3305A Pte A. Lambert, 47th Bn., was reported to have been buried in the Military Cemetery, Dernancourt Railway Line, but that his grave cannot now be found, Records have, therefore, been marked “No trace on research.”*”

Private Arthur Lambert was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Lambert’s mother in England - Mrs J. Lambert, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent October, 1922).

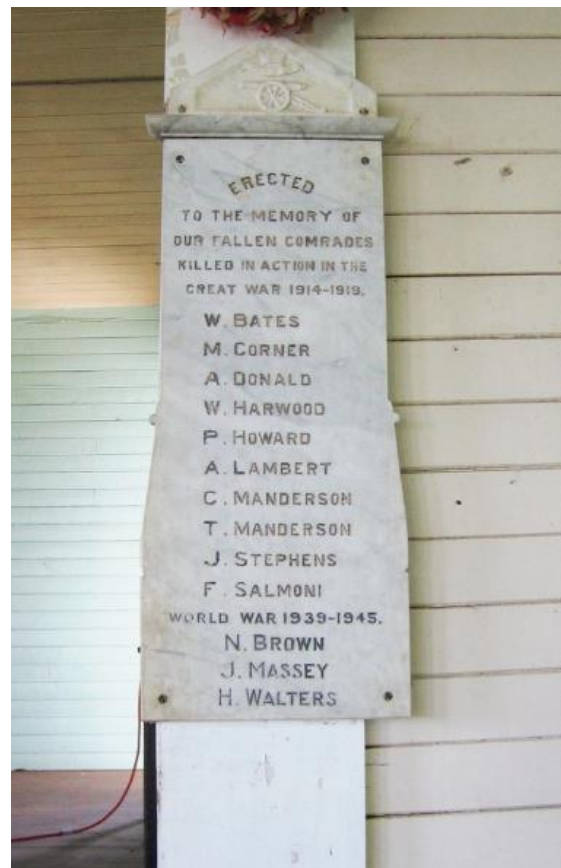
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Lambert – service number 3005A, aged 26, of 47th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Sarah Lambert, of North Coker, Yeovil, England, and the late John Lambert. Born at Leigh, Sherborne, Dorset, England.

Private A. Lambert is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 144.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. Lambert is remembered on two Honour Rolls located in the Booyal Memorial Hall, Booyal, Queensland. The timber Roll of Honour Board displays the names of those who served during the Great War. The marble Honour Board lists the names of the war dead from the district.



Booyal Memorial Hall Honour Rolls

(Photos from Queensland War Memorials - Mary Calder, Bundaberg Regional Council)

Arthur Lambert is remembered on the East Coker War Memorial located inside the Church of St. Michael, East Coker, Somerset, England.



East Coker War Memorial (Photos by Michael Day)

1914-1919		
A. B.	ALBERT E. ACKERMAN	R.N.Div.
Gunner	JOHN BAKER	R.M.Art.
Pte.	JOHN C. BOUCHER	G.Gds.
Lce-Sergt.	WALTER J. ENGLISH, M.M.	Som. L.I.
Pte.	HENRY J. FARNHAM	Dorset R.
Pte.	ROBERT HARTLAND	Dorset R.
Capt.	MAURICE HOWARD HELYAR	Rifle B.
Pte.	ARTHUR LAMBERT	A.I.F.
Pte.	ALFRED B. NEVILLE	C.Gds.
Sergt.	ERNEST W. NEVILLE	R.W. Surr.R.

(30 pages of Private Arthur Lambert'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

QUEENSLAND LOSSES

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

KILLED IN ACTION

Pte A. Lambert, England, 5/4/18

(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 9 May, 1918)

Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France

Villers-Bretonneux became famous in 1918, when the German advance on Amiens ended in the capture of the village by their tanks and infantry on 23 April. On the following day, the 4th and 5th Australian Divisions, with units of the 8th and 18th Divisions, recaptured the whole of the village and on 8 August 1918, the 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions advanced from its eastern outskirts in the Battle of Amiens.

The memorial is the Australian National Memorial erected to commemorate all Australian soldiers who fought in France and Belgium during the First World War, to their dead, and especially to name those of the dead whose graves are not known.

The Australian servicemen named in this register died in the battlefields of the Somme, Arras, the German advance of 1918 and the Advance to Victory. The memorial stands within Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, which was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from other burial grounds in the area and from the battlefields.

On the three walls, which are faced with Portland stone, are the names of around 10,885 Australians who were killed in France and who have no known grave. The 'blocking course' above them bears the names of the Australian Battle Honours. The names are engraved on the memorial in order of battalion, then alphabetically under rank.

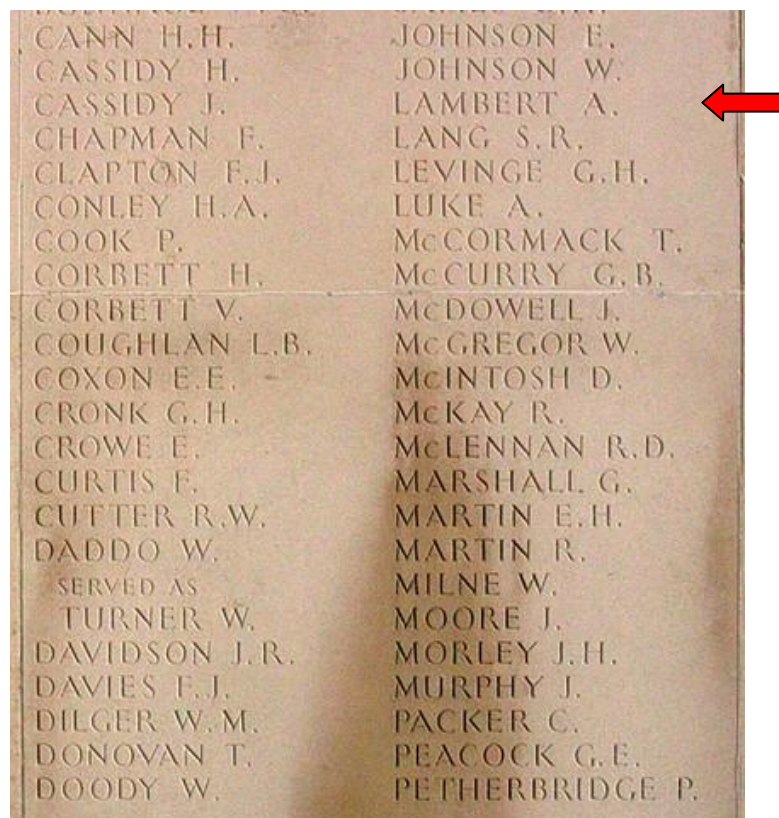
(Information & photos from CWGC)



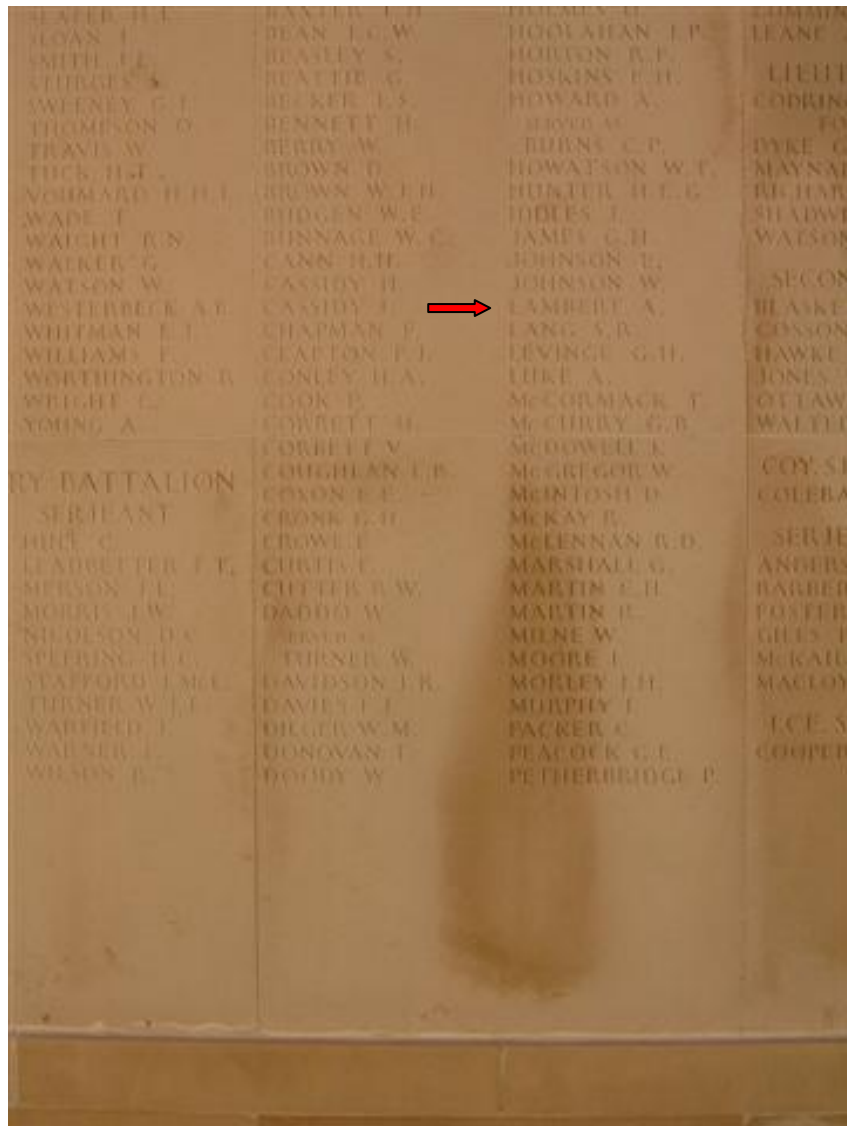


Villers-Bretonneux Memorial (Photos from CWGC)

Photo of Pte A. Lambert's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.



Villers-Bretonneux Memorial (Photo from *Have Paws will travel! – Find a Grave*)



Villers-Bretonneux Memorial (Photo from International Wargraves Photography Project – Find a Grave)