

# **West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England**

## **War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

### **World War 1**



**LIEUTENANT**

**A. R. DEAN**

**14TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**2ND DECEMBER, 1916**

## Archibald Robert DEAN

Archibald Robert Dean was born at Herne Hill, Kent, England on 10th November, 1883 to parents George & Jane Dean (nee Bennett). He was baptised on 20th January, 1884 at St. Saviour, Ruskin Park, Lambeth, England. The family lived at 165 Shakespeare Road & George Dean was recorded as a Miller.

The 1891 England Census recorded Archibald Dean as a 7 year old Scholar, living with his family at 104 Shakespeare Road, Brixton, Lambeth, London, England. His parents were listed as George Dean (Corn Merchant, aged 40, born Camberwell, Surrey) & Jane Dean (aged 45, born Shoreham, Kent). Archibald was one of five children listed on this Census – Francis Dean (Scholar, aged 13, born Lambeth, Surrey), Kate Dean (Scholar, aged 11, born Lambeth, Surrey) George Dean (Scholar, aged 9, born Lambeth, Surrey) then Archibald & Joseph Dean (aged 2, born Clerkenwell, Middlesex).

Archibald Robert Dean was educated at Alleyn's until 1896.

A death was registered in the March quarter, 1896 for Jane Dean, mother of Archibald Robert Dean, in the district of Lambeth, London, England.

George Dean, father of Archibald Robert Dean, remarried on 30th March, 1897 to Emily Harryman. They married in St Peter Cornhill Church, London.

The 1901 England Census recorded Archibald R. Dean as a 17 year old Draper's Assistant living with his family at 109 Loughboro Rd, Brixton, Lambeth, London. His father & stepmother were listed as George Dean (Hay & Corn Merchant, aged 50) & Emily Dean (aged 41). Archibald was one of six children listed on this Census – Francis R. Dean (Corn Merchant's Assistant, aged 24), Kate Dean (aged 21), George A. Dean (Builder's Apprentice, aged 19), then Archibald, Doris N. Dean (aged 2, born Brixton, London) & John N. Dean (aged 1, born Brixton, London). Also listed was Ellen Brown (Domestic Servant, aged 21).

From information provided by his father-in-law for the Roll of Honour – Archibald Dean served in the Boer War.

Archibald Robert Dean married Kate Howden Dempster in 1912 in Tasmania.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kooyong, subdivision of Kew, Victoria recorded Archibald Robert Dean, Manufacturer's Agent, & his wife – Katie Howden Dean, Home Duties, of 39 Miller Grove, Kew.

Archibald Robert Dean was a 31 year old, Business Manager (as listed on Embarkation Roll, however from information provided by his father-in-law for the Roll of Honour – Archibald Dean was a Warehouseman) from "Nardoo", Reed Street, Cremorne when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 3rd September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 9139 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Katie N. Dean, of "Nardoo", Reed Street, Cremorne, Sydney, New South Wales. Archibald Dean stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with South African Constabulary from December, 1901 to October, 1903.

Archibald Robert Dean was posted to Dermatological Hospital as Warrant Officer.

Warrant Officer Archibald Robert Dean embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Kanowna* (A61) on 22nd December, 1915 with the Dermatological Hospital.

Warrant Officer Archibald Robert Dean was transferred to 6th Training Battalion at Cairo on 14th March, 1916 as Instructor.

Warrant Officer Archibald Robert Dean was transferred from 1st Dermatological Hospital to 14th Battalion at Serapeum on 18th March, 1916 with rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Archibald Robert Dean was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on 29th April, 1916 by order G.O.C. 4th Division, subject to approval by G.O.C. A & NZ Forces.

2nd Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean proceeded from Alexandria on Transylvania on 1st June, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 8th June, 1916.

2nd Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was promoted to Lieutenant on 18th August, 1916 (A.I.F. List 82).

Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was reported to be wounded in action in France on 28th August, 1916 at Field Ambulance. He was admitted to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station on 28th August, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Head. Lieutenant Dean was placed on the Seconded List on 29th August, 1916 (A.I.F. Orders List 91). He embarked from Boulogne for England on 5th September, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

#### **14th Battalion**

The Headquarters of the 14th Battalion opened at an office at 178 Collins Street, Melbourne in the last week of September 1914. On 1 October it relocated to Broadmeadows Camp where the battalion's recruits, principally from Melbourne and its suburbs, were taken on strength and trained. With the 13th, 15th and 16th Battalions, the 14th formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.....

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. While there, the AIF expanded and was reorganised. The 14th Battalion was split and provided experienced soldiers for the 46th Battalion. The 4th Brigade was combined with the 12th and 13th Brigades to form the 4th Australian Division.

In June 1916 they sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bloody trench warfare. Its first major action in France was at Pozieres in August 1916.....

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

2nd Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was reported on the 14th Battalion War Diary to have been wounded on 27th August, 1916.

#### War Diary – 14th Battalion

*27th August, 1916 – Mouquet Farm*

*Strength 32 Officers 743 Others.*

*Work of consolidating being pushed on and strong points constructed at 81.77 between 48 and 55. also along skyline trench. At about 8 am our 4.5 Howitzers ranged on enemy strong point at 54 obtaining 4 direct hits. Enemy shelled Kay Trench at intervals all day & night.*

*At 7 pm our artillery opened heavy bombardment to left of our position. Enemy retaliated on our trenches doing considerable damage to saps and trenches. 1 Coy brought up from reserve to support trenches to improve communications. Orders issued preparing to attack enemy strong points 54 & 27 at midnight.*

*Wounded – Lieut P. J. Hayes, 2/Lieut A. R. Dean. 6 other ranks. To Hospital sick – 2.*

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

(2nd) Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was recommended for the Military Cross on 30th August, 1916 by Lieutenant Colonel Dare. His action was commended by Major General H. V. Cox, Commanding, 4th Australian Division - location Mouquet Farm *"for his organisation of, and successful entry with bombing parties into enemy strong point 27, adjoining MOUQUEST FARM on night 27/28th August. He led and sustained his men in a most gallant manner, arousing in them the greatest devotion and admiration, and they recount a dozen incidents of his personal acts of heroism. He threw bombs at close quarters into enemy position under great danger until severely wounded, and although greatly outnumbered, he obstinately held on to the position gained until overwhelming shell fire and bomb attacks forced him to retire. He refused to be carried to the Dressing Station although his Brain was exposed and his left arm paralysed."*

Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was admitted to 4th London General Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, England on 6th September, 1916 with G.S.W to Head & paralysed left arm (slight).

The next-of-kin of Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was advised on 9th October, 1916 that he was seriously ill. Advise was sent to next-of-kin on the following dates : 10th October, 1916 – progressing favourably; 17th November, 1916 – condition improving; 18th November, 1916 – dangerously ill; 1st December – condition stationary.

Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was reported to be dangerously ill on 11th November, 1916 while a patient in 4th London General Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, England. His condition was listed as Stationary on 27th November, 1916.

Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was awarded the Military Cross on 14th November, 1916 (A.I.F. List 25th October, 1916) (*The London Gazette* – 14 November, 1916 – page 11073; *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* – 19 April, 1917 – page 921)

*The London Gazette* – 14 November, 1916:

### **AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

*Lt. Archibald Robert Dean, Inf.*

*For conspicuous gallantry. He led a bombing attack with great gallantry and determination. Later, although severely wounded, he continued at his post and held the position gained. He set a fine example to his men.*

### **Military Cross**

The Military Cross (MC) is the third-level (second-level pre-1993) military decoration awarded to officers and (since 1993) other ranks of the British Armed Forces, and formerly awarded to officers of other Commonwealth countries.

The MC is granted in recognition of "*an act or acts of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy on land*" to all members of the British Armed Forces of any rank. In 1979, the Queen approved a proposal that a number of awards, including the Military Cross, could be recommended posthumously. (*Wikipedia*)



**Military Cross (M.C.)**

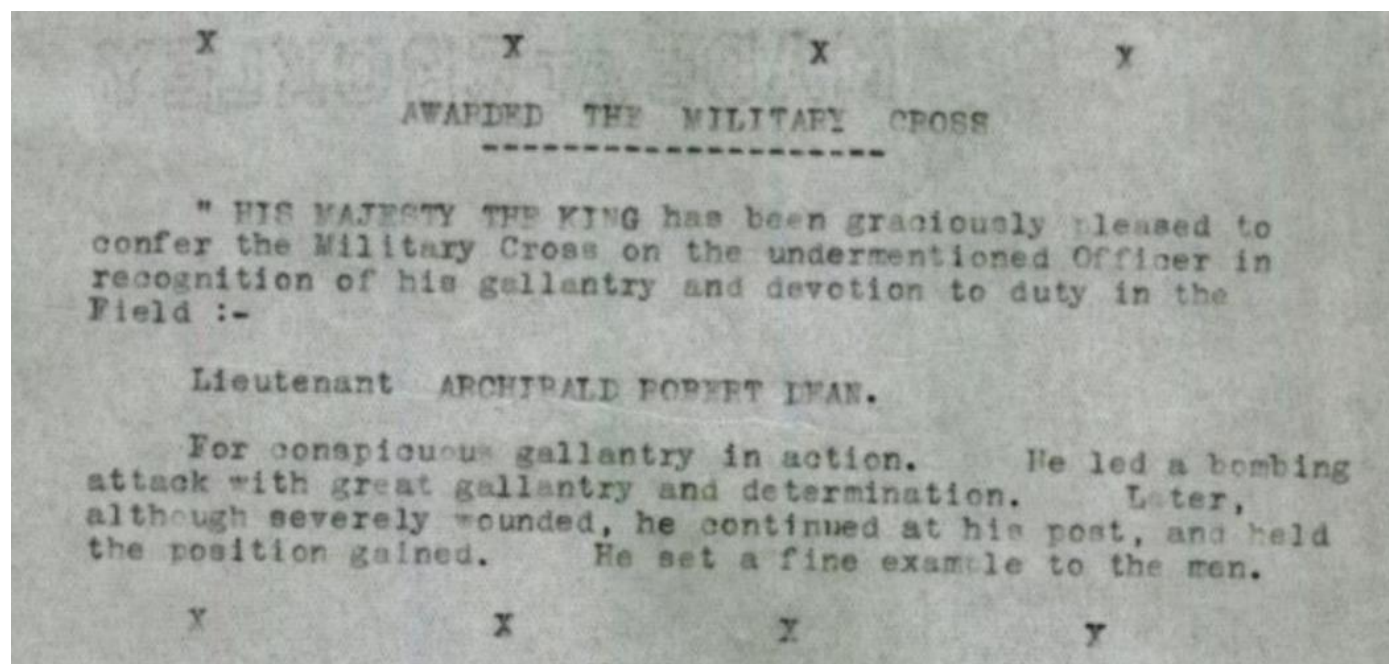
Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean died on 2nd December, 1916 at 4th London General Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, England from wounds received in action in France. Correspondence was sent from 4th London General Hospital to Officer in Charge, Records, A.I.F., London: *"I beg to confirm my telegram to you of to-day informing you that 2nd Lt. Dean, 14th A.I.F., who was admitted to this Hospital from France on 6th September last, died this afternoon, and that his relatives were present."*

A death for Archibald R. Dean, aged 33, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Camberwell, London, England.

Private Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was buried on 8th December, 1917 in West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England – Plot number 82/83.26753 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Burial Register recorded *"removed from Mandesley Hospital Denmark Hill."*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean contains a letter from Matron which reads *"Admitted 4th London General Hospital 6-9-16." "Severe operation of the brain – very dangerously ill – will not know for a day or two whether another operation will be necessary."*

Base Records wrote to Mrs K. Dean. Nardoo, Cremorne, Reed Street, Sydney, NSW on 25th April, 1917, forwarding her an extract from Second Supplement No. 29824 to the *London Gazette* of 14th November, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by Lieutenant A. R. Dean, 14th Battalion.



Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lieutenant Dean's widow – Mrs K. Dean, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent May, 1923).

[Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean's widow - Kate Howden Dean remarried in 1923 to Andrew Cooke.]

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean, of 14th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of George and Jane Dean; husband of K. Dean, of "Nardoo", Cremorne, Sydney, New South Wales. Awarded Military Cross.

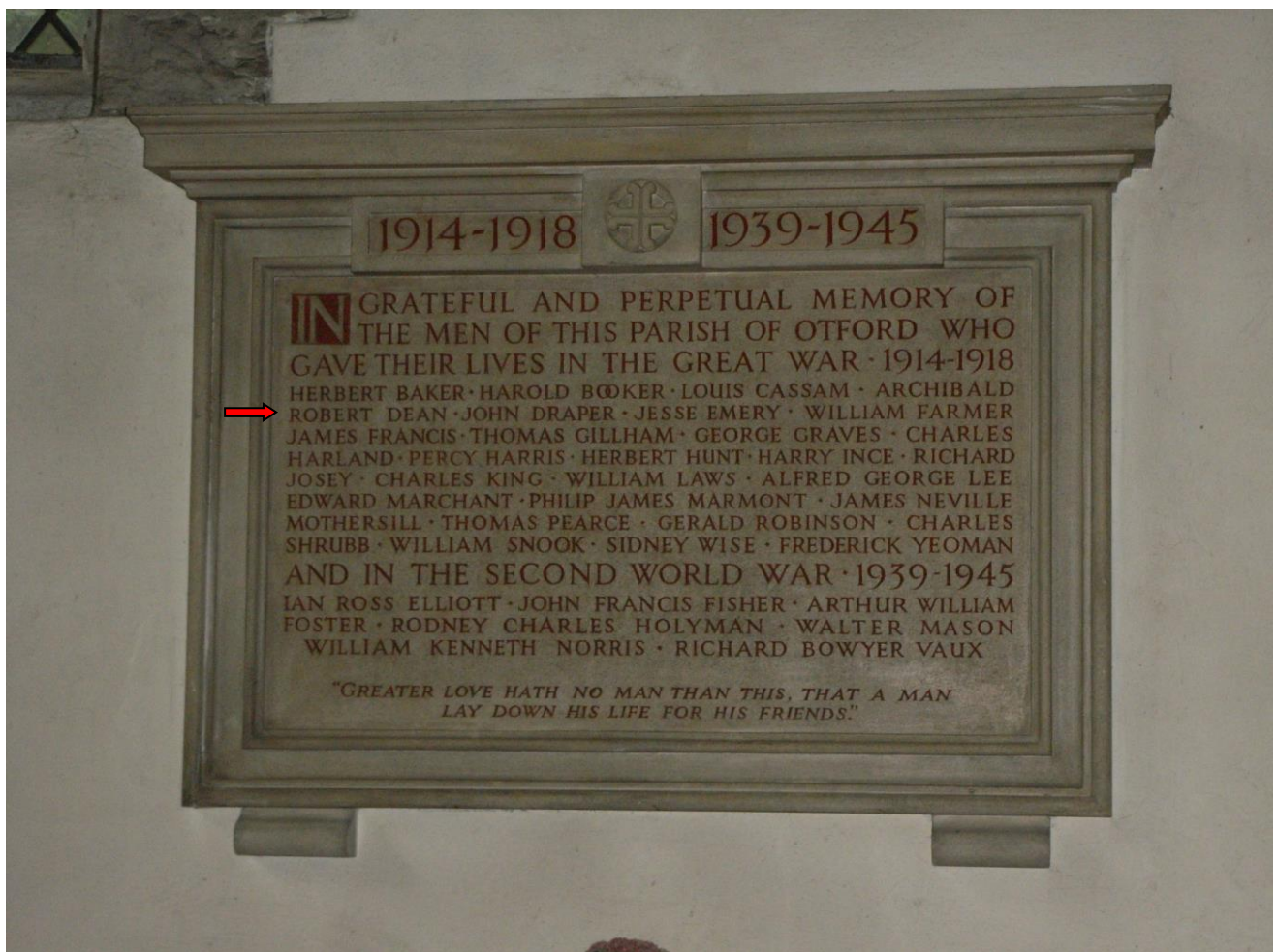


Lieutenant A. R. Dean is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 72.



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

Archibald Robert Dean is remembered on the Otford Tablet, located in St. Bartholomew's Church, High Street, Otford, Kent, England.



*(Photo from War Memorials Online – Susan Featherstone)*

(29 pages of Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean'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*



**Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean**

## **Newspaper Notices**

### **WEDDINGS**

#### **MR A. R. DEAN TO MISS K. H. DEMPSTER**

The wedding of Mr Archibald Robert Dean, eldest son of Mr. George Dean, of Bromley, Kent, England and Miss Katie Howden Dempster, daughter of Sir. Chas. Dempster, of "Pitworth," Launceston. Tasmania, was celebrated at St. John's Church by the Rev. S. J. Bryers, assisted by Revs. Rawline and Birch, on 20th March. The church was arranged with masses of huge palms, ferns, and white flowers. A full choral service was rendered, and the choir and clergy preceded the bride up the aisle. The bride, who was given away by her father, was beautifully but simply gowned in white crepe de fleurise, with square train of white crepe de chene, lined with silver tissue, and trimmed with Irish lace. The corners were finished with silken tassels. A chaplet of silver leaves, with just a touch of orange blossom, was worn, through which the veil was drawn with cap-like effect.

The bridesmaids were Miss G. Dempster (sister) and the Misses I. Robson (Melbourne), D. Moss (Melbourne), and W. Gunn. They wore white crepe de chene, skirt fashioned with lengthwise bands of net and silk, the bodices being almost completely formed of two sashes of the same, flchu-like in front, crossing at the back, fell to the hem of the skirt, being finished with silk fringe. Tiny caps worn with these pretty and graceful dresses were made entirely of narrow frills of tulle, with wreaths of tiny gold French roses, and edged with old gold fringe. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a diamond ring, and to the bridesmaids Nellie Stewart bangles. The bride carried a shower bouquet, and the bridesmaids ebony sticks with gold knobs, grouped with autumn leaves and flowers. Mr. H. Harding, of Sydney, was best man, and the groomsmen were Dr. C. G. Thompson, Mr. A. Bertram, and Mr. C. Holmes.

Mrs. Dempster wore a handsome gown of old gold satin charmeuse, with overdress of black ninon, heavily trimmed with dull gold embroidery. A band of black panne velvet, edged with black silk fringe, finished the skirt. The old gold panne velvet Pierrot hat was set with a beautiful coque mount. A shower bouquet of nasturtiums completed a charming costume. Mrs. H. B. Henley (sister) - gown of pale blue crepe de chene, with black velvet facings and beautiful Irish lace ; large \_\_\_\_\_ satin hat, white drenched ostrich mount; bouquet of La France roses. Miss A. Dempster (sister)—grey ninon over satin; large grey panne velvet hat, faced with pale pink satin, large grey feather mounts; bouquet of pale pink sweet pea and roses. Mrs. Hooper (Sydney)—black silk ninon, draped with handsome silk lace fichu; black panne hat, with large Saxe blue ostrich mount over the crown. Mrs. Harris (Melbourne)—apricot cloth gown, trimmed with black panne velvet and oxidised insertion; large black panne velvet hat, with Lancer plumes. Miss Dyer (Ballarat)—striped ninon over satin, fichu of black guipure and satin; hat of old gold and black panne velvet, with black ostrich Lancer mount; bouquet of crimson begonias.

After the ceremony a reception and wedding tea were held at the Mechanics' Hall, which was beautifully decorated by girl friends of the bride. A dance was held in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dean left by motor for Hobart, where the honeymoon is to be spent. Later they go to Sydney, where they will reside. The bride travelled in an exceedingly smart dark navy coat and skirt, with mole motor bonnet trimmed with Suede and velvet.

(*Punch*, Melbourne, Victoria – 11 April, 1912)

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### **Australian Casualties**

#### **Lists Nos. 222 to 225**

Wounded

Second-Lieut. A. R. DEAN (Sydney)

(*Australian Town and Country Journal*, Sydney, NSW – 4 October, 1916)

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## ARMY HONOURS

### OFFICERS AND MEN REWARDED

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Lt. ARCHIBALD ROBERT DEAN. Inf – He led a bombing attack with great gallantry and determination. Later, although severely wounded, he continued at his post and held the position gained. He set a fine example to his men.

(*Evening Mail*, London, England - 15 November, 1916)

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## MEN AND WOMEN

### Personal Paragraphs

Lieut. A. R. Dean, who has died from wounds to the head, received in the first action in which he participated, left Sydney as a warrant-officer. He had previously seen service in South Africa. Lieut Dean was a member of the Manly Golf Club.

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 7 December, 1916)

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LIEUT. A. R. DEAN.

Mr Charles Dempster has received news of the death of Lieutenant A. R. Dean, formerly of Gollan's, in York Street. Lieutenant Dean was only 29 years of age, and was wounded in the head in the first engagement he participated in. He was a popular young officer. A few weeks back deceased was recommended for the Military Cross.

(*The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW – 7 December, 1916)

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## CASUALTIES

### 251st LIST

VICTORIA

DIED OF WOUNDS

2nd Lieut. A. R. Dean (Sydney, NSW)

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 16 December, 1916)

## AUSTRALIAN HEROES KILLED IN FRANCE



(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 29 December, 1916)

## **MEN OF GREAT DEEDS**

### **HONORS FOR AUSTRALIANS**

#### **HOW THEY WERE WON**

#### **HEROISM IN BRIEF**

#### **MILITARY CROSSES**

Lt. ARCHIBALD ROBERT DEAN. Inf – He led a bombing attack with great gallantry and determination. Later, although severely wounded, he continued at his post and held the position gained. He set a fine example to his men.

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 1 January, 1917)

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Lt. A. R. DEAN,  
Sydney.—Died of Wounds.

(*Sydney Mail*, NSW – 17 January, 1917)

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## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

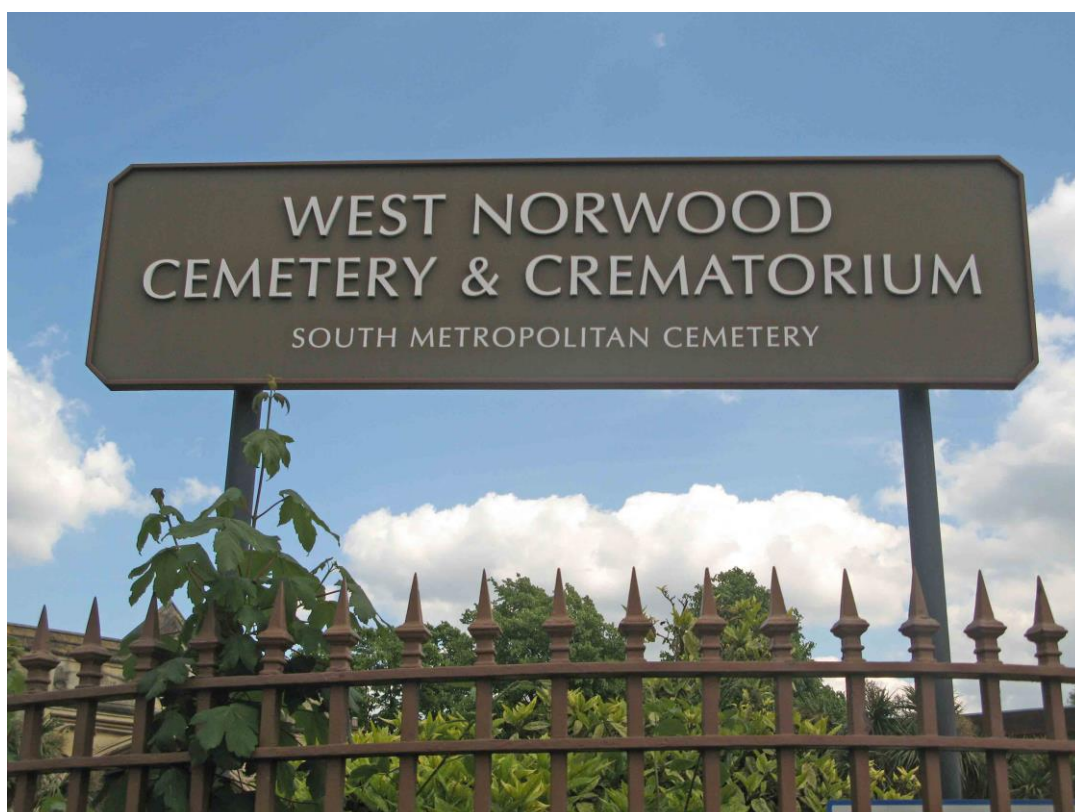
Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean has a shared Private Headstone

## **West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England**

The cemetery is to the north-east of West Norwood Station, Lambeth. There is a Screen Wall Memorial bearing the names of all 1914-1918 burials not marked by headstones. There are additional panels naming those of the 1939-1945 war with unmarked graves and to those cremated at West Norwood Crematorium. These are erected behind the Cross of Sacrifice in the forecourt of the cemetery.

There are 136 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and 52 of the 1939-1945 war here and an additional 18 cremations of the 1939-1945 war. There is 1 Belgian war burial.

*(Information from CWGC)*



*(Find a Grave – Iain Macfarlane)*





**Entrance to West Norwood Cemetery** (Photo by Ian Yarham)



**Cross of Sacrifice near Entrance to West Norwood Cemetery** (Photo by Ian Yarham)



Photo of Lieutenant Archibald Robert Dean's shared Private Headstone in West Norwood Cemetery & Crematorium, London, England.



(Photos from Find a Grave - caryatid)



If a private marker becomes too degraded, the CWGC seeks permission to add one of our markers to the grave to ensure the war casualty is properly commemorated. Today's conservation principles support adding a pedestal (or 'Gallipoli') marker within the remaining original features.

Lieutenant A. R. Dean has had a CWGC "Gallipoli" marker added inside his Private Headstone as the lettering on the Private Headstone is partially missing in places.



*(Photo from Find a Grave – Lost Archives Project)*

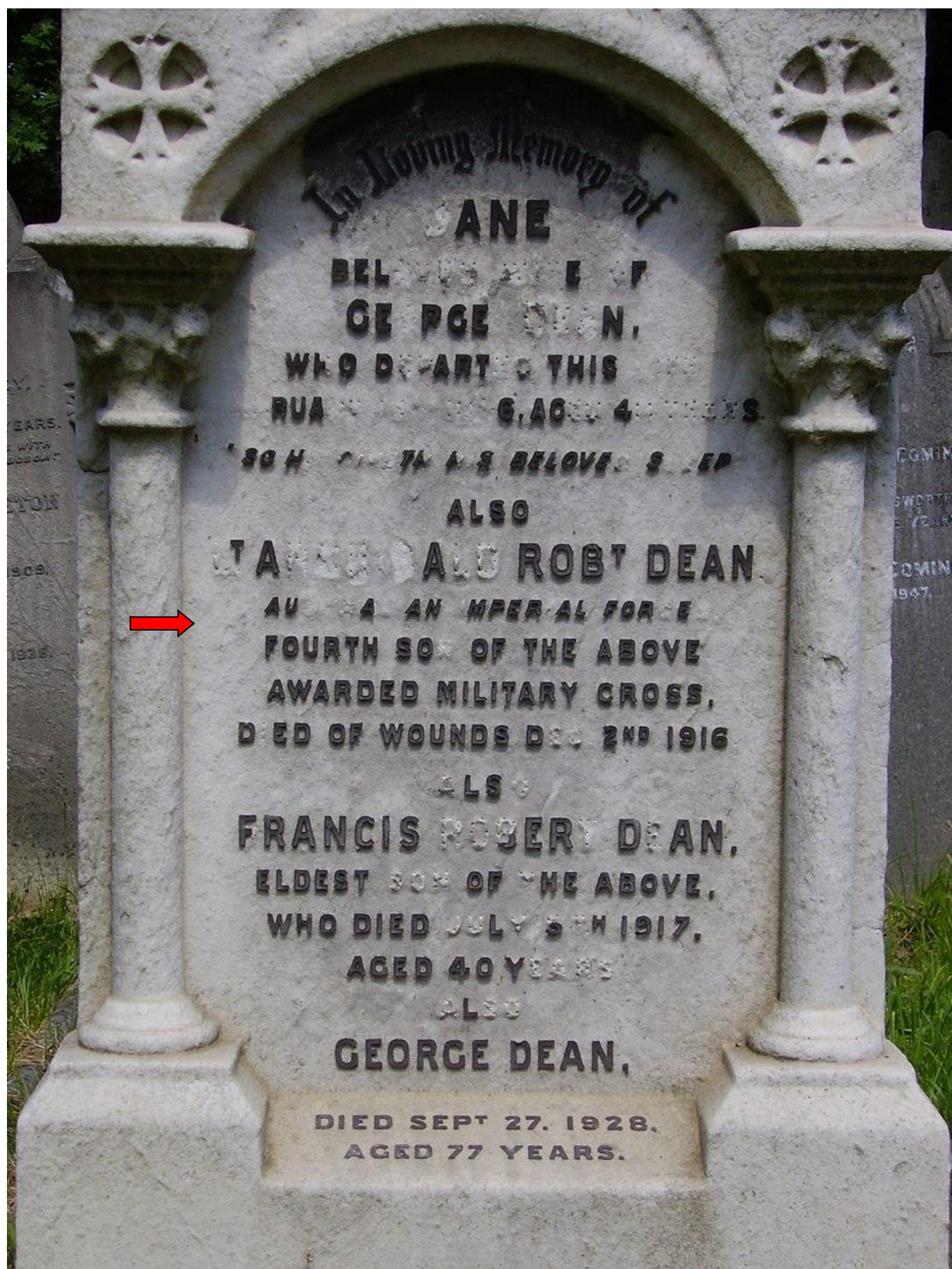
*LIEUTENANT*

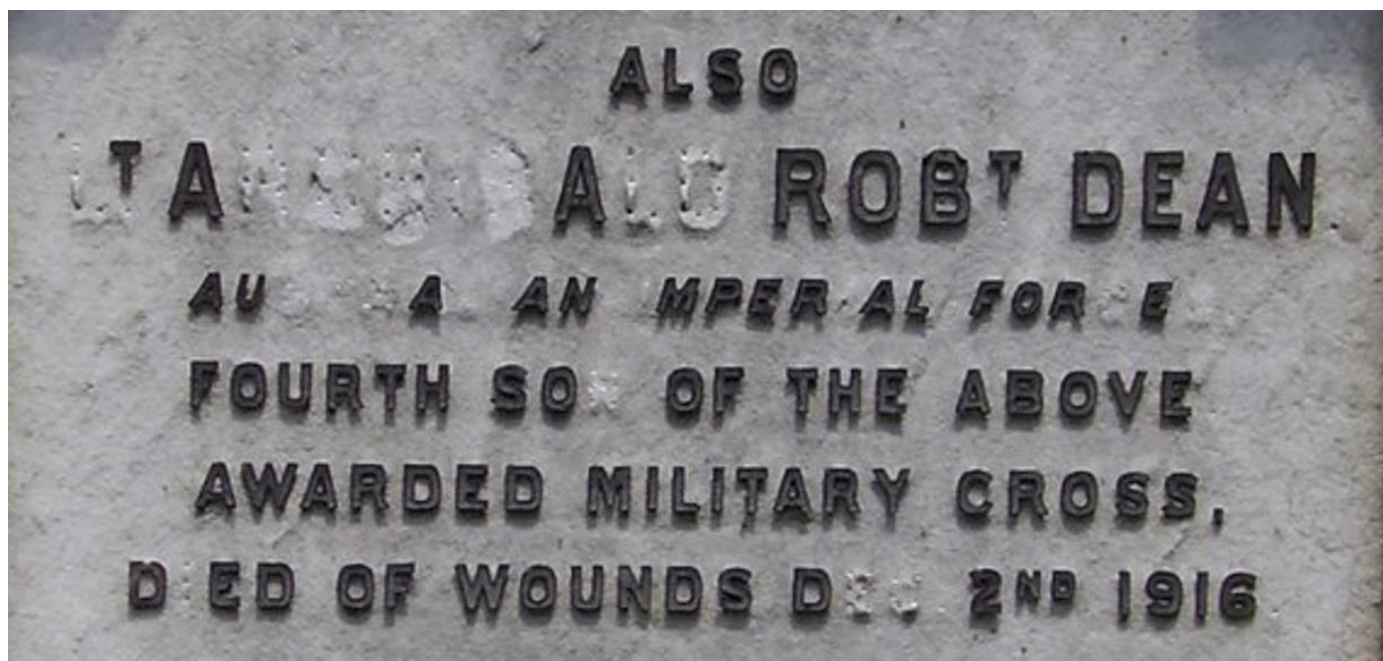
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ALSO

LT ARCHIBALD ROBT DEAN

*Australian Imperial Force*

*Fourth Son Of The Above*

*Awarded Military Cross*

*Died of Wounds Dec 2nd 1916*





(Find a Grave – jonga)