

Private Conrad Lawrence, 2642, 9th Battalion, A.I.F.

Declared a deserter/ illegal absentee on 23 Feb 1917

****Both AWM & CWGC have his date of death incorrectly listed as 29 September, 1917
– actual date of death should be 22 September, 1917**

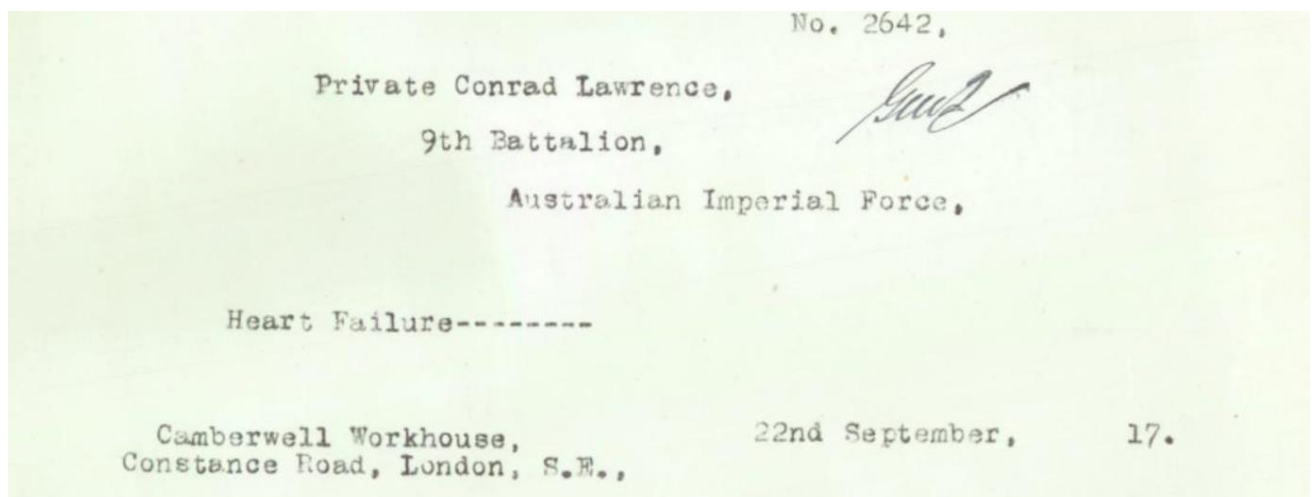
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A.I.F. Hd.Qrs.
London. S.W.1.

No.2642 Pte. LAWRENCE. Conrad, 9th Btn. A.I.F.
(deceased)

Information has now been received that the above named soldier who was reported as an illegal absentee on 23.2.17 died at Camberwell Workhouse on 22.9.17. ←

The attached pay book received in this Office is passed to you please.

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Camberwell Workhouse,
Constance Road,
London. S.E.

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Dear Sir,

No.2642 Pte. LAWRENCE. Conrad, 9th Btn. A.I.F.
(deceased)

The above named soldier is reported as an illegal absentee from the A.I.F. since 23.2.17. It has recently come to notice that he died at your Workhouse on 22.9.17 from heart failure due to excessive alcoholism. ↑

It would be appreciated if this Office could be advised as to the cemetery and number of grave in which this soldier is buried. Please state whether this soldier is buried in a common grave or a separate single grave.

Yours faithfully,

Letter from Coroner:

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Dear Sir

No 2642 Private Conrad Lawrence

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CENTRAL REGISTRY
203 / 2462 / 14 8/3/20

Your letter of 28th Feb. addressed to Lamburnville has been sent on to me. As it is not my practice to furnish copies of notes taken at an inquest I am sorry I cannot oblige you.

I have had the papers looked up & find that deceased died at Lamburnville Workhouse Constance Road S.E. on 22nd Sept. 1917 from "Heart failure due to excessive alcoholism".

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Officer in Charge
Aust. Graves Services,
Australia House,
STRAND, W.C.2.

26 MAR 1920
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ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
26 MAR. 20 - 2.30 P.M.
CENTRAL REGISTRY
DESPATCH
203 / 2462 / 4

No. 2642 Pte. Conrad LAWRENCE, 9th Btn. A.I.F. (deceased)

The above named soldier is reported as an illegal absentee as from 23.2.17. It has since been brought to notice that Pte. Lawrence died from heart failure due to excessive alcoholism on 22.9.17 at the Camberwell Workhouse, Constance Road, London, S.E. He is reported to be buried in a common grave-No. 24666, square 100- at Forest Hill Cemetery. The Commandant has directed that this body shall be exhumed and reburied in a separate single grave.

For your information and necessary action please.

acknowledged receipt-

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

D DEFENCE
B.R.

C 63556

No. 2642

Rank Pte Name Lawrence C

Unit 9th Battalion

Casualty Slightly wounded near Rangoon 29/11/15 Hs' Gloucester Castle
Old Wd. R. arm and paralyzed R. hand - Admitted
Hosp. Malta. from H. S. Gloucester Castle 29/11/15
N.B. W. 1883 Dated 30/11/15 P.M.S.
Fit for active service. Embarked at Malta for Egypt on H.T. "Hancock"
W.R. 27 31 Dd 29/5/16 at
Died at Camberwell Workhouse London, S.E., 22/9/17 ←
Heart failure due to excessive Alcoholism.
C.I.B.L. 3621/6955. Died London 9/3/20 Rec. B.R. 11/3/20

Private Conrad Lawrence was originally buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in a common Grave. His body was exhumed & reinterred in Camberwell Borough Cemetery.

His place of burial is now recorded by the CWGC as Camberwell Old Cemetery, London, England & he is remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall – 85. 26558 as he does not have a headstone.

NOTE: Date of death on CWGC Screen Wall is incorrect



Date should be 22.9.17