Lewin, Reginald Arthur.
ASC 1904-5

Cemetery or memorial details: Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey


HEROES OF THE DARDANELLES.

The Sydney Morning Herald Tuesday 7 September 1915, P.5

The Editor had been intrigued as to how Reginald with an “Ashfield” address had attended school in Bathurst? The following extracts give the answer to this:

Methodist Conference Appointments. Final Draft Bathurst District.


Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal 12/3/1903

Also to another question as to why “San Francisco” is given as an address on the above Cemetery Registration details:

Extensive experience.

James Lewin, who was born in England around 1867, brought to Wesley Church extensive in Christian ministry that began at the age of 20. He spent 31 years in Australia, particularly in the N S W Conference of the Methodist Church, and was instrumental in establishing 15 churches. It was in N.S.W. that he married Margaret K Ross in 1889 and their two sons Reginald and Leo were born.
During World War I, their son Corporal Reginald Arthur Lewin went to Gallipoli with the 4th Battalion of the 1st Australian Brigade. He was killed between 6 and 9 August 1915 at the Battle of Lone Pine and buried on the battlefield.

In 1916 Lewin and his wife set out for England via the United States in order that Lewin might serve as an Army chaplain. However, due to heavy submarine warfare they were unable to leave the US and settled down to pastor another Wesley Church in San Francisco for seven years, before taking up the call to serve in Singapore.

(Reference: from Methodist Church Magazine, Singapore?)
LEWIN. Killed in Action at Gallipoli between 6th and 10th August, Corporal Reginald Arthur Lewin, beloved son of Rev. H. and Mrs. Lewin, of Coogee, and brother of Leo R. Lewin, of West Maitland, aged 23 years.

LEWIN. In memory of Corporal Reginald Arthur Lewin, who fell at Lone Pine, Gallipoli, on August 6, 1915, having fought a good fight for God and liberty? Inserted, by his fond parents, Rev. J. H, and Mrs. Lewin and his brother, Leo.

Lewin was not, a "Corporal," but Lance Corporal (L/Cpl.) See copy "Casualty Form" below, at middle of page. His rank was to take effect 5/8/15 i.e. a day or so before he was killed at Anzac 6-9/8/15.
Regiment or Corps: 4th Battalion 'A' Co.
Regimental No.: 1714
Name: Lewin, Reginald Arne
Enlisted (a): 14/1/15
Terms of Service (a): Service reckons from (a) 14/1/15
Date of promotion to present rank:
Date of appointment to lance rank:
Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s:
Extended:
Re-engaged:
Qualification (b): 1

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Killed in Action 6-9-8-15.

Lewin took part in the charge at Lone Pine on the afternoon of the 6th and safely reached the Turkish Trenches. During the same night he was mortally wounded by a rifle bullet. Informant was alongside him at the time. On the morning of the 7th went to look for him and he was found dead lying in a dug-out. Informant believes he was buried about 2 days later.

Ref.: Rider
Pte. B., 1812
4th Battalion
4th Reinforcements, D. Co.
4th Australian General Hospital, Randwick.


On 7th August at Lone Pine, the day after the big charge, informant was told by Sgt Hyder of D Co. that Lewin had been killed the day before. Informant then walked along the trench and saw Lewin's body. He knew Lewin well and has no doubt as to his identity.

Ref.: Pte J. McLure, 1793,
B Co., 4th Bn.,
4 A.G.H. Randwick.
Description:

Eighteen marble panels framed in polished maple, bearing the names of ex-students who served in WWI, four of the panels recording those who died. The rolls form two walls of the vestibule of the College's original (1880) building. Included are two side doors of maple and stained glass. Established: 1921

These nobly striving, nobly fell.

Cpl Lewin R A. World War 1 KIA

(Note this inscription incorrect, he was a Lance Corporal.).

There is also an R A. Lewin listed at the Bathurst Memorial, at the Entertainment Centre.
“Loved by all

His Happy Life

Passed on in sacrifice

Of noble strife”

The bodies of Australian soldiers in Southern Trench at Lone Pine. Note the rifles with bayonets attached leaning against the parapet.

AWM A04029
The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Melbourne, VIC.

Sir,

Re late No.1714, Lce-Corporal R.A. LEWIN.

Seeing the above name in the list of those published in the Sydney "Evening News" of 14th inst. as one concerning whose next-of-kin you desired information, I beg to state the following:-

R.A. Lewin & I were college chums, & I have had an interest in his family ever since. His Father, Rev. J.H. Lewin resided at "Emch Rue", 35 Dover Rd. Rose Bay, until about the middle of 1915, when he left Sydney for San Francisco. My brother, Mr. J.C. Woodhouse, F.A., Travelling Sec., Australian Student Christian Movement, 182 Collins St. Melbourne visited the U.S.A. last year & met Mr. Lewin in his own home, & I have not heard of any removal since then. The address then was:-

Rev. J.H. LEWIN,  
Minister,  
First Methodist Episcopal Church,  
SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.A.

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Trusting that this information will be of use to you, should no one else have been able to provide fuller or later particulars,

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]  
F.W. Woodhouse.  
METHODIST MINISTER.