



Edward Cobbold, Lord Freyberg & ANZAC Day

April 2026

We first wrote about **Edward Cobbold (1994)** #1010 in February 2015 ([click here](#)), when at the very start of his naval career. **Lord Freyberg (1889-1963)** #3174, a New Zealand-born much-decorated war commander and **Gallipoli** hero featured in our tribute to the family's four Victoria Crosses in June 2019 ([click here](#)) and we had previously reported on a **Dawn Service on ANZAC Day** in April 2013 ([click here](#))

Since then, Edward has risen to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Australian Navy. Last year he was awarded a Commendation at the time of a visit to BAE Systems, Adelaide, by the Head of the Australian Navy and later last year he was chosen to fulfil a two-year posting in **Glasgow** where he arrived, complete with partner and large dog in January.

On ANZAC Day this year (25th April), as the sun rose above the horizon the **Royal British Legion** conducted a Dawn Service at **Comely Bank Cemetery, Edinburgh** to commemorate the fallen in the Gallipoli campaign. Piper **Mark Macrae** played *Flowers of the Forest* as Lieutenant Commander Edward Cobbold laid a wreath and a Poppy Cross on behalf of all New Zealanders and Australians who died in WWI. Alongside Edward was **Rear Admiral Mark Beverstock**, National President of Royal British Legion, Scotland.

Unusually for **Commonwealth War Graves** the granite headstones in the WWI section of the cemetery are laid flat, upon the instructions of the architect at the time, **Sir Robert Lorimer**.

Anthony Cobbold

Footnote of extraordinary coincidence!

Playing a computer game in Australia Edward #1010 discovered that his opponent's name was also Edward but that this Edward was in England. On exchanging surnames, it was found that by pure coincidence, Edward #1010 in Australia was playing against Edward #902 in Knebworth!