

**Cambridge City Cemetery,
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3693 CADET

W. Y. BOWEN

10TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

27TH NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 23

Beloved Son Of

H. L. And The Late J. P. Bowen

Thy Will Be Done

Warwick Young BOWEN

Warwick Young Bowen was born at Queenstown, South Australia on 21st June, 1895 (birth registered at Port Adelaide, South Australia) to parents Joseph Peter & Ellen Letitia Bowen (nee Young). He was baptised on 14th August, 1895 at St. Paul's Church, Port Adelaide, South Australia.

Warwick Young Bowen attended Alberton Public School, South Australia & the School of Art and School of Mines, Adelaide, South Australia.

Warwick Young Bowen was a 20 year old, single, Draftsman from New Street, Queenstown, South Australia when he enlisted on 25th October, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3693 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs H. L. Bowen, of New Street, Queenstown, South Australia. Warwick Bowen stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 2 years with Senior Cadets then transferred to Citizen Forces (Lieut) & was still serving.

Private Warwick Young Bowen was posted to "B" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 25th October, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to Mitcham Camp with 12th Reinforcements of 10th Battalion on 1st November, 1915.

Private Warwick Young Bowen embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on RMS *Malwa* on 2nd December, 1915 with the 10th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements.

Private Warwick Young Bowen was admitted to No. 1 Auxiliary Hospital at Heliopolis on 16th January, 1916 with Phenosis & discharged to duty on 17th January, 1916.

Private Warwick Young Bowen embarked from Alexandria on 29th March, 1916 on H.T. *Transylvania* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 4th April, 1916.

Private Warwick Young Bowen proceeded from O/C Base at Etaples, France on 24th May, 1916 to join his Battalion. He was taken on strength of 10th Battalion in the Field on 26th May, 1916.

Private Warwick Young Bowen was appointed Lance Corporal in France on 1st August, 1916.

Lance Corporal Warwick Young Bowen was promoted to Corporal on 25th November, 1916.

Corporal Warwick Young Bowen was to be Temporary Sergeant from 2nd January, 1917 vice Guthrie.

Temporary Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was appointed Sergeant on 31st January, 1917 vice Guthrie.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was wounded in action in France on 17th February, 1917. He was admitted to 1st Field Ambulance on 17th February, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to left thigh & finger. Sergeant Bowen was transferred to Casualty Clearing Station the same day then transferred to Ambulance Train 11. He was admitted to 1st General Hospital at Etretat, France on 19th February, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to left thigh & hand. He was discharged to Convalescent Depot on 6th March, 1917.

War Diary – 10th Battalion:

17th February, 1917 – Hexham Road

Work and fatigues continued. Fair salving done.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was admitted to 4th Convalescent Depot at Havre, France on 6th March, 1917. He rejoined his Battalion from 1st A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples on 22nd March, 1917.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen rejoined his Battalion in France on 1st April, 1917.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was wounded in action (2nd occasion) – shell shock on 7th May, 1917. He was admitted to 5th Field Ambulance on 7th May, 1917 with N.Y.D. (Not yet determined) – Shell Concussion. Sergeant
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Bowen was transferred to 5 D.R.S (Divisional Rest Station) on 9th May, 1917 then transferred to 47th Casualty Clearing Station on 17th May, 1917. He was transferred & admitted to 36th Stationary Hospital at Boulogne, France on 17th May, 1917. Sergeant Bowen was discharged to duty on 5th June, 1917 from Shell shock. He rejoined his Battalion in France on 8th June, 1917.

War Diary – 10th Battalion:

7th May, 1917 – Reincourt Bullecourt area in the Hindenburg Line.

Operations from 4th – 9th May, 1917

On the 6th May, at zero hour plus 3 minutes the 11th Battalion will carry out a Bombing Attack...with the intention of capturing and consolidating the communication trench....At zero hour a rolling barrage will be placed on the ground to be captured, remaining there for 3 minutes, and then lifting slowly to the East.

Although in Support, all Companies of this Battalion will have at least one Sentry Group per Platoon posted. Particular attention to be paid to the Right Flank of "C" Company.

Total Casualties during operations referred to above:

Officers - 2 Killed; 5 Wounded

Other Ranks – 30 killed; 125 wounded and 19 missing.

(Information from War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was sent to Hospital sick on 9th July, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 10th July, 1917 for observation – urinary. Sergeant Bowen was transferred to 56th Casualty Clearing Station on 24th July, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train 7 on the same day. He was admitted to 39th General Hospital at Havre on 26th July, 1917. Sergeant Bowen was treated for Venereal disease for 81 days then transferred to 1st A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 14th October, 1917. He proceeded to his Unit on 18th October, 1917 & re-joined 10th Battalion in the Field from Hospital on 21st October, 1917.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was on leave to UK from 15th November, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion from leave on 2nd December, 1917.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen proceeded to 1st Training Brigade in England on 27th February, 1918.

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.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was marched in to 2nd Training Battalion at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England on 2nd March, 1918.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was on command at Musketry School at Hayling Island from 22nd March, 1918.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was admitted to VAD Hospital (affiliated with Alexandra Hospital) at Hayling Island, Hants on 1st April, 1918 with a boil on right foot. He was discharged to Training Depot on 6th May, 1918.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was marched in to 1st Training Battalion Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England on 7th May, 1918 from Musketry School, Hayling Island.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was attached for duty with Permanent Cadre of 1st Training Battalion at Tidworth, Wiltshire, England on 25th April, 1918 – under new Establishment.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was re-transferred to 10th Battalion from permanent Cadre of 1st Training Battalion & proceeded overseas on 31st August, 1918. Sergeant Bowen proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 1st September, 1918 from 1st Training Battalion at Sutton Veny.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was marched in to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Havre, France on 3rd September, 1918. He proceeded to his Unit on 9th October, 1918 & rejoined 10th Battalion in the Field on 11th October, 1918.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was selected to attend Infantry Cadet Battalion in England commencing November, 1918. He proceeded to O.T.C. in England on 14th October, 1918. Sergeant Bowen disembarked at Dover on 23rd October, 1918 on duty from France & reported to Australian Headquarters, London, England.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen joined No. 5 O.C. Battalion at Cambridge & was appointed Cadet on 8th November, 1918.

10th Battalion

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 10th Battalion returned to Egypt and, in March 1916, sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July. After Pozieres the battalion fought at Ypres in Flanders before returning to the Somme for winter. In 1917, the battalion returned to Belgium to take part in the major British offensive of that year - the Third Battle of Ypres.

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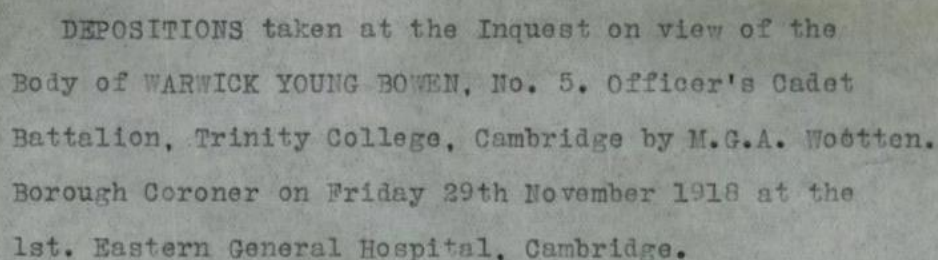
The battalion participated in the great allied offensive of 1918, fighting near Amiens on 8 August 1918. This advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as "the black day of the German Army in this war".

The battalion continued operations until late September 1918. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns fell silent. In November 1918, members of the AIF began returning to Australia. At 8 am on 5 September 1919, the final detachment of the 10th Battalion arrived at Adelaide, aboard the transport Takada.

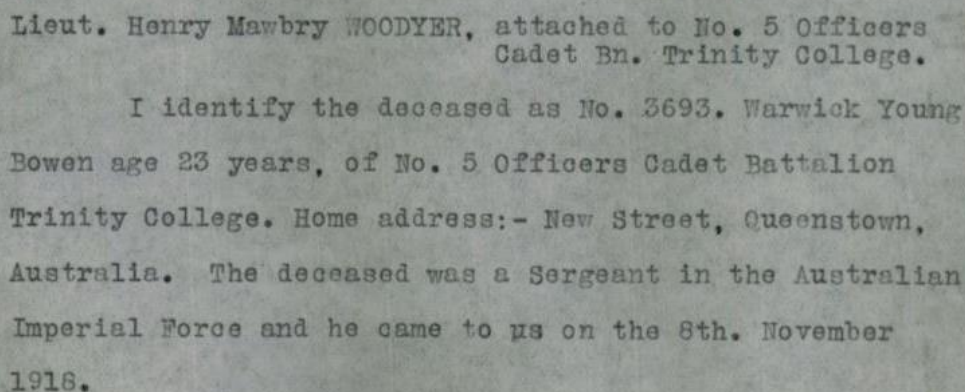
(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Cadet Warwick Young Bowen died on 27th November, 1918 at Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England from accidental death – drowning.

Proceedings of a Coroner's Court Re – No. 3693 Cadet Warwick Young BOWEN, 10th Battalion. No. 5 Officers Cadet Bn., A.I.F.



DEPOSITIONS taken at the Inquest on view of the
Body of WARWICK YOUNG BOWEN, No. 5. Officer's Cadet
Battalion, Trinity College, Cambridge by M.G.A. Wootten.
Borough Coroner on Friday 29th November 1918 at the
1st. Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge.



Lieut. Henry Mawbry WOODYER, attached to No. 5 Officers
Cadet Bn. Trinity College.
I identify the deceased as No. 3693. Warwick Young
Bowen age 23 years, of No. 5 Officers Cadet Battalion
Trinity College. Home address:- New Street, Queenstown,
Australia. The deceased was a Sergeant in the Australian
Imperial Force and he came to us on the 8th. November
1918.

Mrs. Margaret Emma Lorner BUYERS. 3. Newnham Terrace, &
54 Addison Ave. Kensington.

I am the wife of Lieut. William Alexander Buyers R.E. who is at present home on sick leave from Russia. We were staying for a few days with my Mother at 3 Newnham Terrace.

About 2 15 p.m. on Wednesday 27th. Nov. I and my husband were walking over King's College Bridge and we stopped to look at a Canadian Canoe containing two Cadets who were coming round the corner of the River from Queen's College towards us. As they turned the corner the man not paddling stood up in the Canoe. I then noticed it was getting water waterlogged.

I thought for the moment they were larking. They were both laughing. The one standing up jumped into the water and swam to the wall of Kings College. The other man slid into the water and at the same time cried for help. We then realized it was an accident

and not larking. The Man who swam to the wall turned back and swam towards the other man. My husband at the first cry for help at once jumped over the Iron railings of Kings College grounds and then over the parapet into the river and then swam to what he thought was one of the men, but it proved to be a cushion. My husband being exhausted clung to the overturned canoe. I saw two subalterns in a boat I shouted to them to rescue my husband which they did.

I saw both the Cadets sink, they were not visible when I ran From Kings College to Queens to take charge of my husband who was exhausted. He is now confined to his bed and being attended to by Dr. Bowen.

George HARDWICK, 21. Gothic Street, Gardener:-

I am a gardener employed at King's College. About 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday 27th. November I was working in the Shubbery near the Bridge when I heard a cry for help. I at once went on to the Bridge, there I saw two Cadets in the river, one was in the middle of the river and the other at the side nearest the College. I then saw an officer run and jump over the parapet into the river. I then went and got a rope and returned to the spot. One of the Cadets was missing. The other was clinging to the stone work of the building. He was calling for help.

I noticed that the Officer who jumped into the river was exhausted and was clinging to the upturned Cane. Two soldiers came up in a boat and rescued the Officer and landed him on to Queens Wilderness. They then went and took the Cadet who was clinging to the wall into their boat and landed him on King's Lawn. Some brandy was obtained for him and when he had recovered I walked with him to Trinity College.

On the way I asked him how it happened. He said "The boat got full of water". He also said "That he did not know his friend could not swim".

P.C. Henry John Swann BARRELL of the Cambridge Borough Police.

On Wednesday on receipt on a Telephone message from King's College that a man had been drowned. Several Constables appeared on the scene and dragging operations commenced and kept up until 10 p.m. without any result.

On Thursday 28th at day break the dragging was again commenced and by order of the Chief Constable the river was lowered so as to facilitate dragging operations. At 1.55 p.m. as I was dragging opposite New Court King's College. My drags caught the body and brought it to the surface. It was in the middle of the river in about 5 ft of water. The body had been laying against a large piece of stone as the drags had caught the stone several times. The body was taken from the river and conveyed to the 1st. Eastern General Hospital. On the body was found a wrist watch, purse, 12/3d and coin, bunch of keys, pipe and tobacco pouch, box of pastilles, and an identity disc.

A death for Warwick Y. Bowen, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.

Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was buried on 3rd December, 1918 in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England – Plot number C. 3481 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by several wreaths sent from: Officers of "A" Co. No. 5 O.C.B., Officers of No. 5 O.C.B, Fellow Australian Cadets, Imperial Cadets No. 5 O.C.B and New Zealand Cadets from "A" Coy. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the burial service conducted by the Rev: A. C. B. Bellerby. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives or friends present at the Funeral – Company Officers and Cadets from "A" Company No. 5 O.C.B. & Officers and Cadets from No. 5 O.C.B.

Base Records contacted Mrs H. L. Bowen, mother of the late Sergeant W. Y. Bowen, in May, 1920 asking if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. & specifically if his father was alive. Mrs Bowen replied that her husband had predeceased her late son & that she was the next-of-kin.

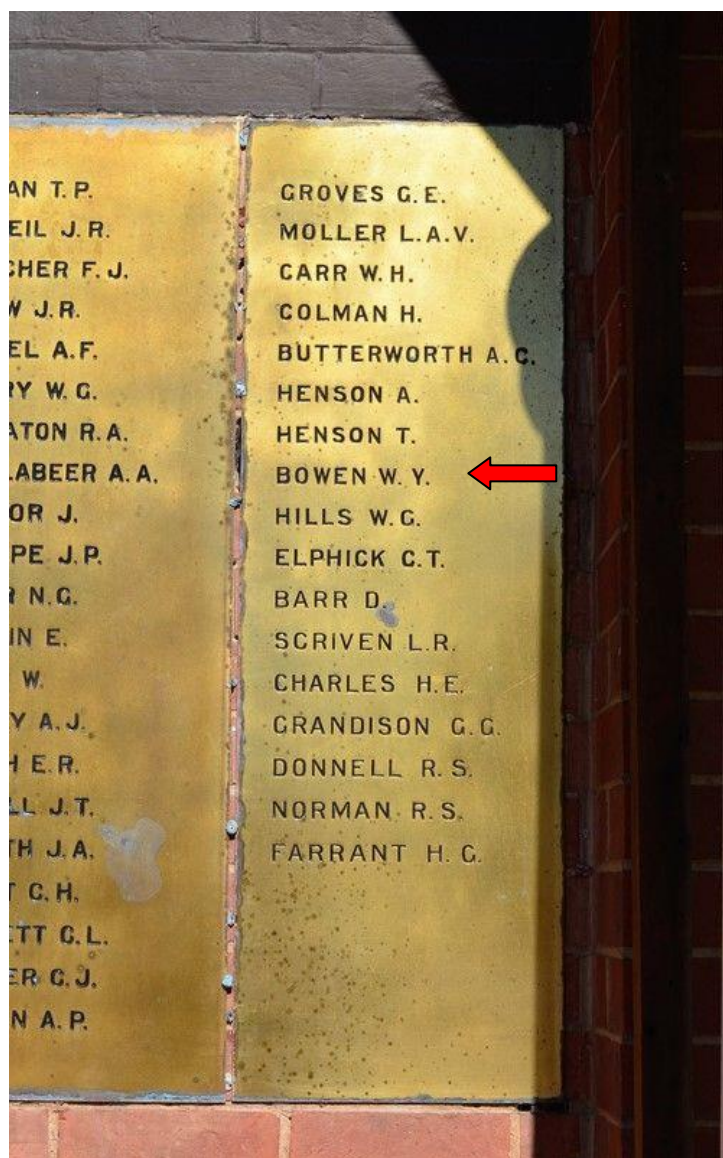
Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sergeant Bowen's widowed mother – Mrs H. L. Bowen, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen – service number 3693, aged 23, of 10th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Helen Letitia Bowen, of New St., Queenstown, South Australia, and the late Joseph Peter Bowen.

W. Y. Bowen is remembered on the St. Paul's War Memorial Alcove, located outside of St. Paul's Church, St. Vincent Street & Church Place, Port Adelaide, South Australia.



St. Paul's War Memorial Alcove, Port Adelaide (Photos from Monument Australia)



Warwick Young Bowen is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

Cadet W. Y. Bowen is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 58.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(80 pages of Cadet/Sergeant Warwick Young Bowen'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



Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

138th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Sick

3693 Sergeant W. Y. BOWEN, 10th Battalion, 12th Reinforcements, Queenstown, (1st Aux. Hospital, Cairo)

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 February, 1916)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

188th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Returned to Duty

3693 Sgt. W. Y. BOWEN, Queenstown, pr. sick

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 31 July, 1916)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

280th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Returned to Duty

3693 Sgt. W. Y. BOWEN, Queenstown, pr. sick

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 20 March, 1917)

388th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Wounded

3693 Sgt. W. Y. BOWEN, Queenstown (2nd occ. Shellshock)

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 April, 1918)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

BOWEN – Accidentally drowned, at Cambridge, Warwick Young, sergeant, 10th Infantry Battalion, A.I.F., beloved son of Helen L. and the late Joseph P. Bowen, of New-street, Queenstown, aged 23 years.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 6 December, 1918) & (The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 December, 1918) & (The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 December, 1918) & (Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 December, 1918)

AN IN MEMORIAM SERVICE

After nearly three years' active service for King and Country, Mr Warwick Bowen has met his death, accidentally, at the close of the war under exceptionally sad circumstances. The deceased soldier, who was a member of the choir of St. George's Church of England, Alberton, was drowned at Cambridge, England. An In memoriam service will be conducted at St. George's by the Rector (Rev. C. H. Gent) at 11 am on Sunday.

(Port Adelaide News, South Australia – 6 December, 1918)

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY

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Sergeant WARWICK, of Bowen, of the 10th Battalion, son of Mrs. H. L. Bowen, of New-street, Queenstown, has been accidentally drowned at Cambridge. Sergeant Bowen had been on military duty since the date of mobilisation. At the outbreak of war he was corporal in 76th Infantry Citizen Forces, and was ordered into camp immediately. He was promoted to be sergeant, and was on guard for the next few months at the wireless station, powder magazine, and Fort Largs. He then passed his examination and received his commission as first lieu tenant, and became instructor at the A.I.F. at the Exhibition camp. As he was under the regulation age for a lieutenancy abroad he resigned his commission and enlisted as a private in October, 1915, and sailed as sergeant of the 12th Reinforcement of the 10th Battalion on December 2. He was wounded at Pozieres and again in September, 1917 (shell shock). In May last he was appointed musketry instructor at Sutton Veny. He returned to France on August 30, and took part in the final push. The official notification of his death was the first intimation his relatives received of his return to England. He was a fine soldier, and his cheery optimistic nature gained the respect and affection of comrades. He was a chorister of St. George's Church, Alberton. He was the fourth son of the late Mr. Joseph P. Bowen, of the accountants' staff, locomotive offices, Islington. He was 23 years of age.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 December, 1918) & (Port Adelaide News, South Australia – 13 December, 1918) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 December, 1918)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA HEROES

CASUALTY LIST No. 451A

Died other Causes

Sgt. W. Y. Bowen, Queenstown (drowned)

(Port Pirie Recorder, South Australia – 16 December, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

BOWEN – In loving memory of Warwick Y. Bowen, Sergeant, 10th Battalion, A.I.F. Accidentally drowned at Cambridge, November 27, 1918.

-Inserted by his family.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 November, 1919)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

BOWEN – In loving memory of Warwick Y. Bowen, sergeant, 10th battalion, drowned at Cambridge, whilst on active service, 27th November, 1918. -Inserted by his mother.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 December, 1920)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

BOWEN – In loving memory of my dear son, Warwick G. Bowen, late sergeant, 10th Battalion, A.I.F., who was drowned at Cambridge on the 27th November, 1918, while on active service. -Inserted by his mother.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 November, 1921)

IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE

BOWEN - In proud and loving memory of Warwick Y. Bowen, Sergeant 10th Battalion, A.I.F., accidentally drowned at Cambridge, November, 27, 1918. -Inserted by his mother.

(News, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 November, 1923)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

BOWEN - In proud and loving memory of Warwick Y. Bowen, Sgt. 10th Batt., A.I.F., who died at Cambridge, England, November, 27, 1918, whilst on active service. -Inserted by his mother.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 November, 1924) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 29 November, 1924)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

BOWEN - In loving memory of Warwick Y. Bowen, sergeant 10th Battalion, A.I.F., accidentally drowned at Cambridge, England, November, 27, 1918. -Inserted by his mother.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 December, 1925)

IN MEMORIAM

BOWEN - In proud and loving memory of Warwick G. Bowen, Sergeant 10th Battalion., A.I.F., who died at Cambridge, England, 27th August, 1918. Beloved son of Helen L, Bowen, Alberton East.

(News, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 November, 1926)

DEATHS

BOWEN - In proud and loving memory of Warwick Y. Bowen, Sergeant, 10th Battalion., A.I.F., who died at Cambridge, England, on the 27th November, 1918, beloved son of Helen L, Bowen, Alberton East.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 29 November, 1926)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

BOWEN - In loving memory of Warwick Y. Bowen, Sergeant, 10th Battalion, A.I.F., accidentally drowned at Cambridge, England, on the 27th November, 1918, whilst on active service. -Inserted by his loving mother.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 November, 1927) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 3 December, 1927)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Cadet W. Y. Bowen does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Beloved Son Of H. L. And The Late J. P. Bowen

Thy Will Be Done

Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England

Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge (known locally as Newmarket Road Cemetery) contains 1,019 Commonwealth War Graves – 186 from World War 1 & 833 from World War 2.

The 1st Eastern General Hospital, with 1,173 beds, was posted to Cambridge during the First World War, initially at the Leys School and Trinity College, later in huts. The First World War burials in Cambridge City Cemetery are mostly in two plots, one in the southern part of the burial ground, known as the Dominion Plot, and the other on the northern boundary. The Cross of Sacrifice stands on the western border of the Dominion Plot, while in the centre of the other is a memorial cross of Portland stone which was erected by private subscription. The Second World War graves are also mainly in two War Graves Plots with a few others scattered throughout the cemetery. The general Service plot was established in 1940, and the Air Force plot in 1942 for the burial of casualties from the Air Force stations set up in the eastern counties during the war. These included Bomber Command bases in Lincolnshire and fighter stations in Norfolk and Suffolk. The Stone of Remembrance, which was unveiled by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder in July 1951, stands near the centre of the Air Force plot. Cambridge City Cemetery contains 181 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 829, (inclusive 3 unidentified), from the Second World War. The cemetery also contains four non-war service burials and ten war graves of other nationalities.

(Information & photos from CWGC)





Photo of Cadet W. Y. Bowen's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.



(Photo by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)



Cross of Sacrifice, Cambridge City Cemetery (Photo from CWGC)



Entrance to Cambridge City Cemetery & Map (below) (Photos by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAVES UNDER THREAT

I am ashamed...

With my head held high, I've always been most proud to be South Australian and enthralled by its uniqueness as a planned and free settlement. This dream of the "dissenters", often called "The Paradise of Dissent" and "The Utopia of the South", was certainly not fulfilled as planned but, nonetheless, South Australia has always been right at the forefront of social change. One prime example is being only second in the world, with New Zealand being the first, to grant women the right to vote and the very first in the world to allow women to stand for election to Parliament.

It is, therefore, with shame that I realise South Australia has also led the country in the desecration of the Burial Sites of our Pioneers, our Ancestors and our dearly departed. No longer permitted to R.I.P. – if the leases on their graves are not renewed the Cemetery claims ownership, buries strangers on top and, if family do not collect the memorials, they are disposed of in whichever way the authorities choose.



*Headstone gone and strangers buried in the grave of: Joseph Petter Bowen, Helen Letitia Bowen (nee Young), and Hilda Jane Bowen, Benjamin Clarence, Josephine Letitia and Estelle Maud Bowen, **also memorial to Warwick Young Bowen AIF, who died in Cambridge, UK, in 1918***

Cheltenham isn't the only cemetery which treats our Ancestors with such contempt. Centennial Park, Dudley Park and Payneham are three others, that I know of, but there may be more. However Cheltenham is the only public cemetery, managed on behalf of all South Australians, who treats our Ancestors in this most disrespectful way.

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(Blog by Catherine Ann Crout-Habel – 21 January, 2014)