

**Romsey Cemetery,
Hampshire
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1546 PRIVATE

H. A. CAMERON

8TH COY. AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS

12TH MARCH, 1915 Age 24

Herbert Arthur GORE

Herbert Arthur Gore was born on 4th September, 1888 at Curlewis, in the registration district of Gunnedah, NSW to parents Arthur H. & Christina Gore (nee Cameron).

Arthur Herbert Gore, father of Herbert Arthur Gore, died on 21st February, 1912 at Quirindi, NSW.

Herbert Arthur Gore enlisted under the name of Herbert A. Cameron (his mother's maiden name). He stated he was a 24 year old, single, Labourer when he enlisted at Wodonga, Victoria on 7th December, 1914 with the 301st (M.T. Motor Transport) A.S.C. (17th Divisional Ammunition Park) of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1546 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as Mrs Christina Cameron, of "Ronaldville" Stanley Street, Burwood, Victoria.

Private Herbert Arthur Cameron was posted to Camp on 7th December, 1914.

Gunner Herbert A. Cameron embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Ceramic* (A40) on 22nd December, 1914.

Private Herbert Arthur Cameron died on 12th March, 1915 at Romsey, Hampshire, England from Acute Pneumonia. It is believed that Private Herbert Arthur Cameron (real name Gore) was one of the first members of the Australian Imperial Force to die in Britain.

A death for Herbert A. Cameron, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1915 in the district of Romsey, Hampshire, England.

A letter from Australian Divisional Ammunition Park, 8th A.A.S. Corps (Motor Transport) located at Broadlands Park, Romsey, Hants, England dated 18th March, 1915 to D.P.M. 3rd Military District, Melbourne reported the death of No. 1546 Cleaner, Herbert Arthur Cameron at Romsey, Hants.

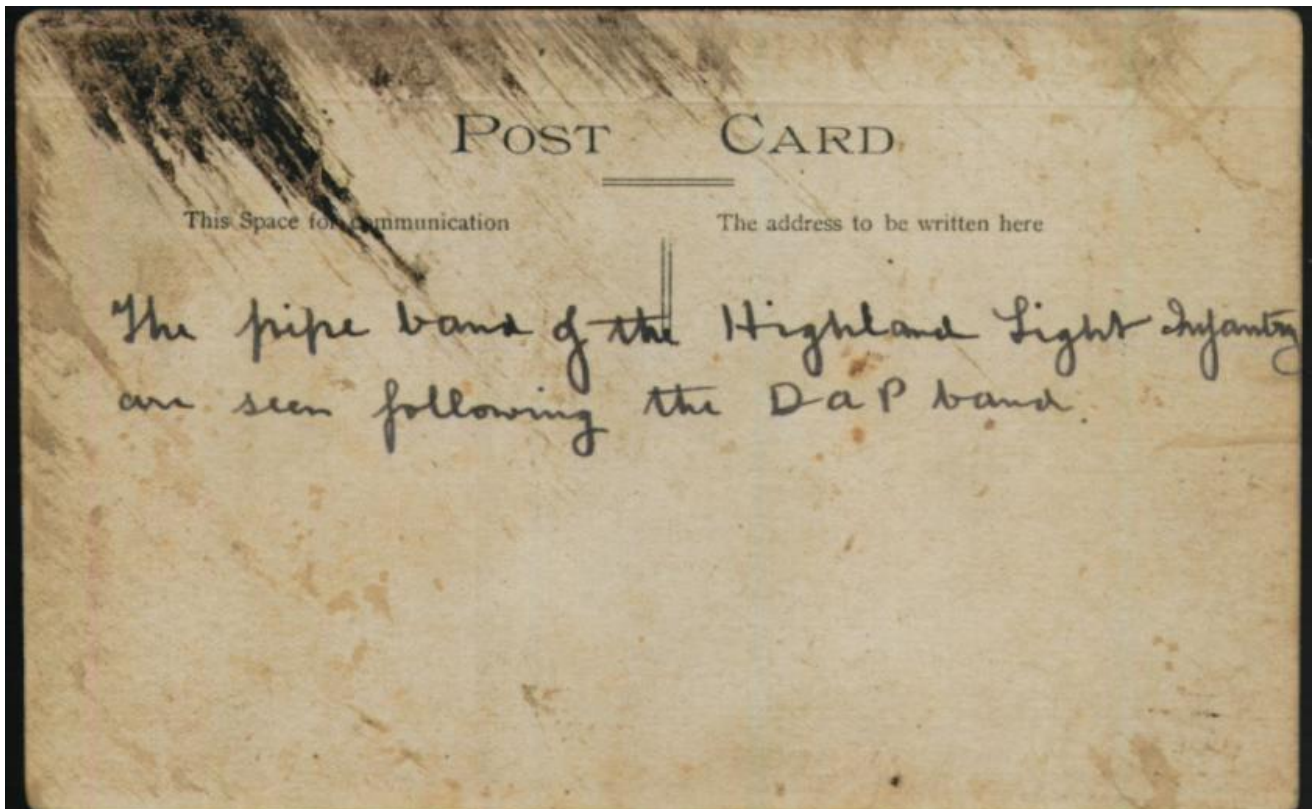
Private Herbert Arthur Cameron (real name Gore) was buried on 16th March, 1915 in Romsey Cemetery, Hampshire, England. He has a private headstone which was erected by his comrades, however his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Photos of the funeral of Private Herbert Arthur Cameron (real name Gore) that were located in his Service Record file:



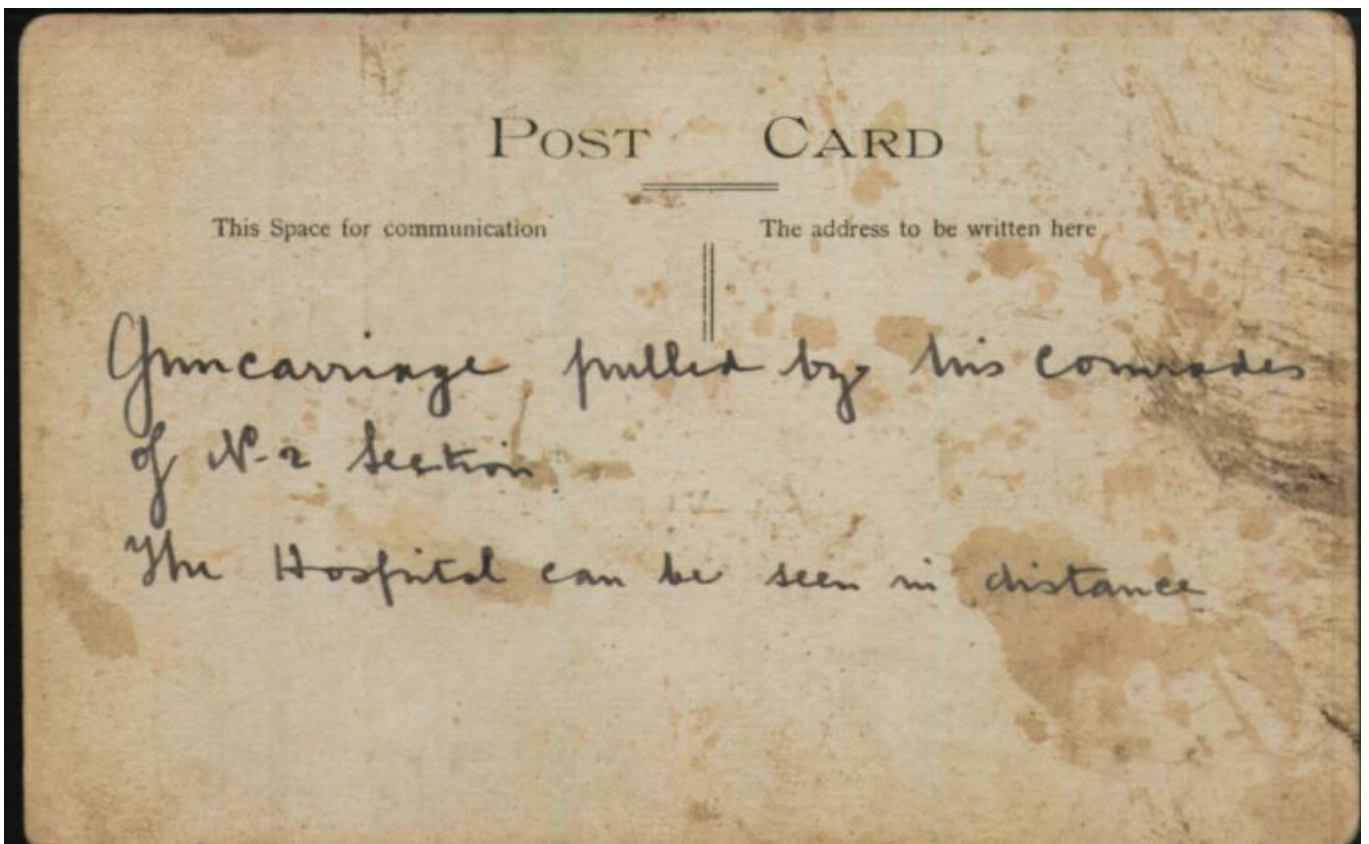


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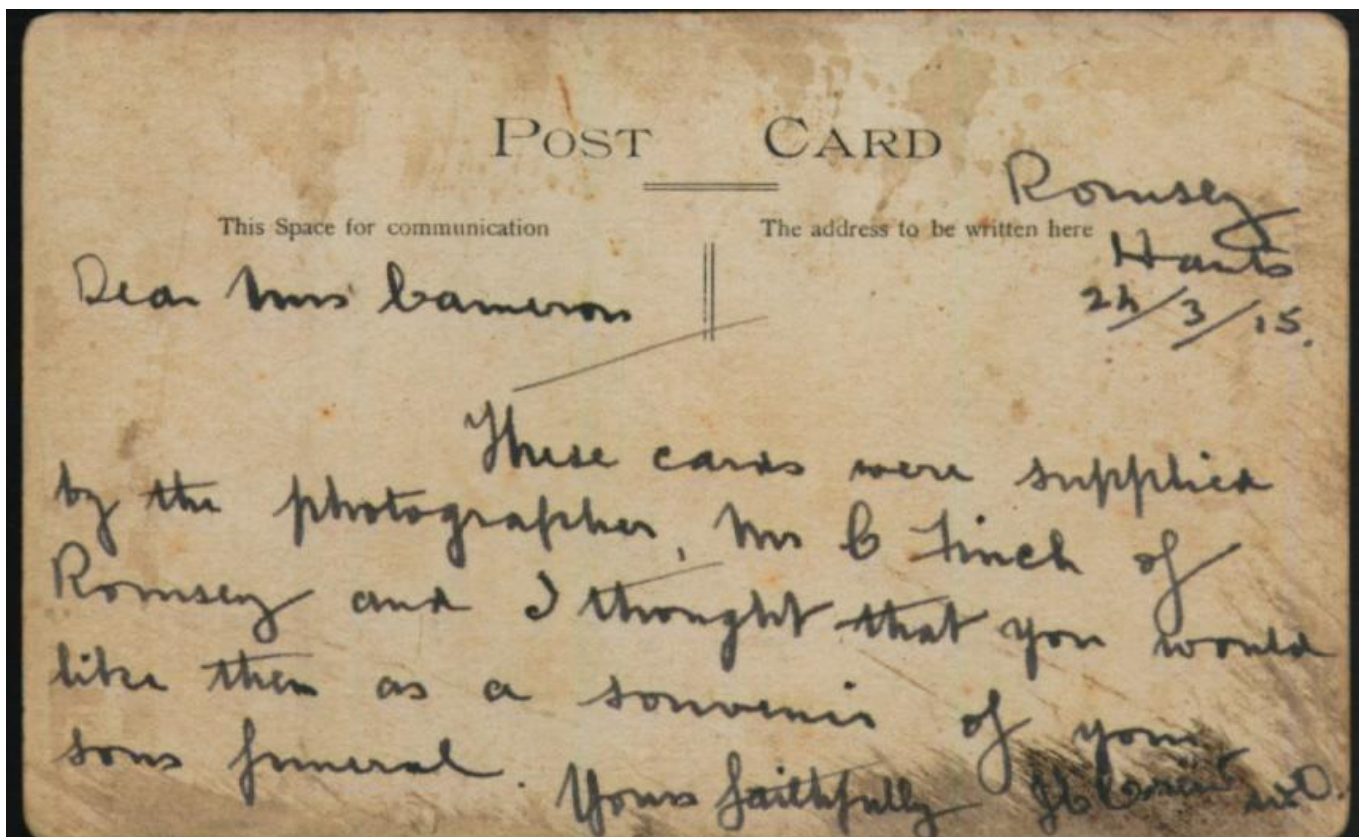


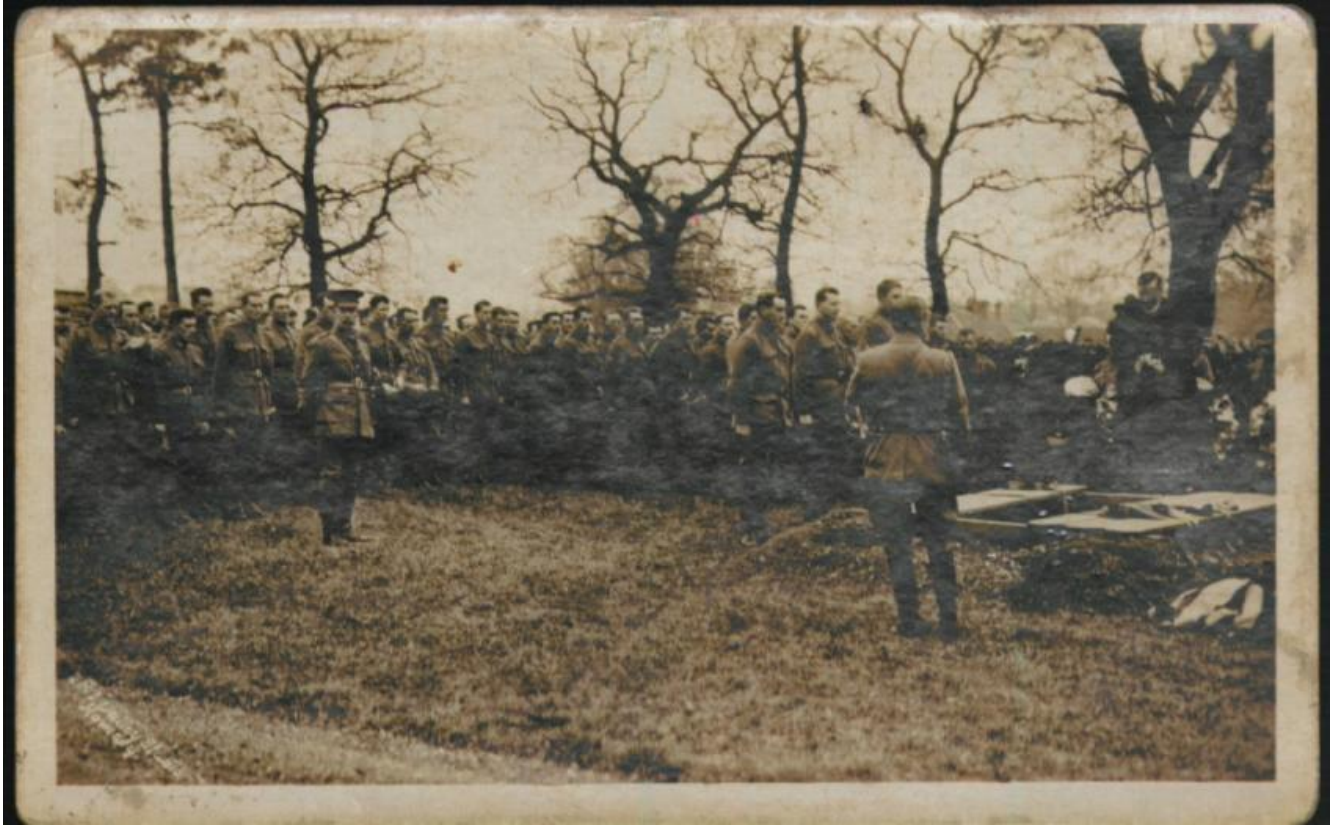
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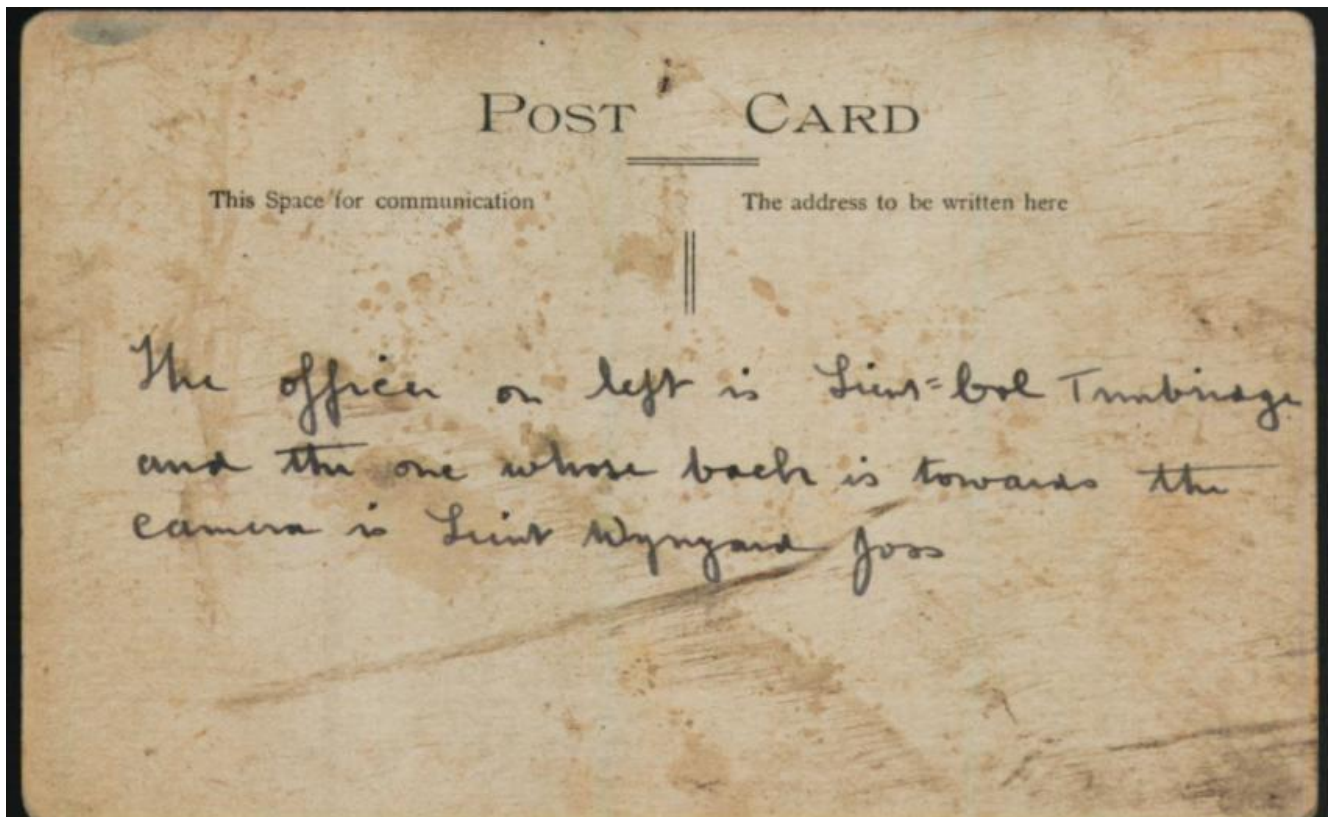


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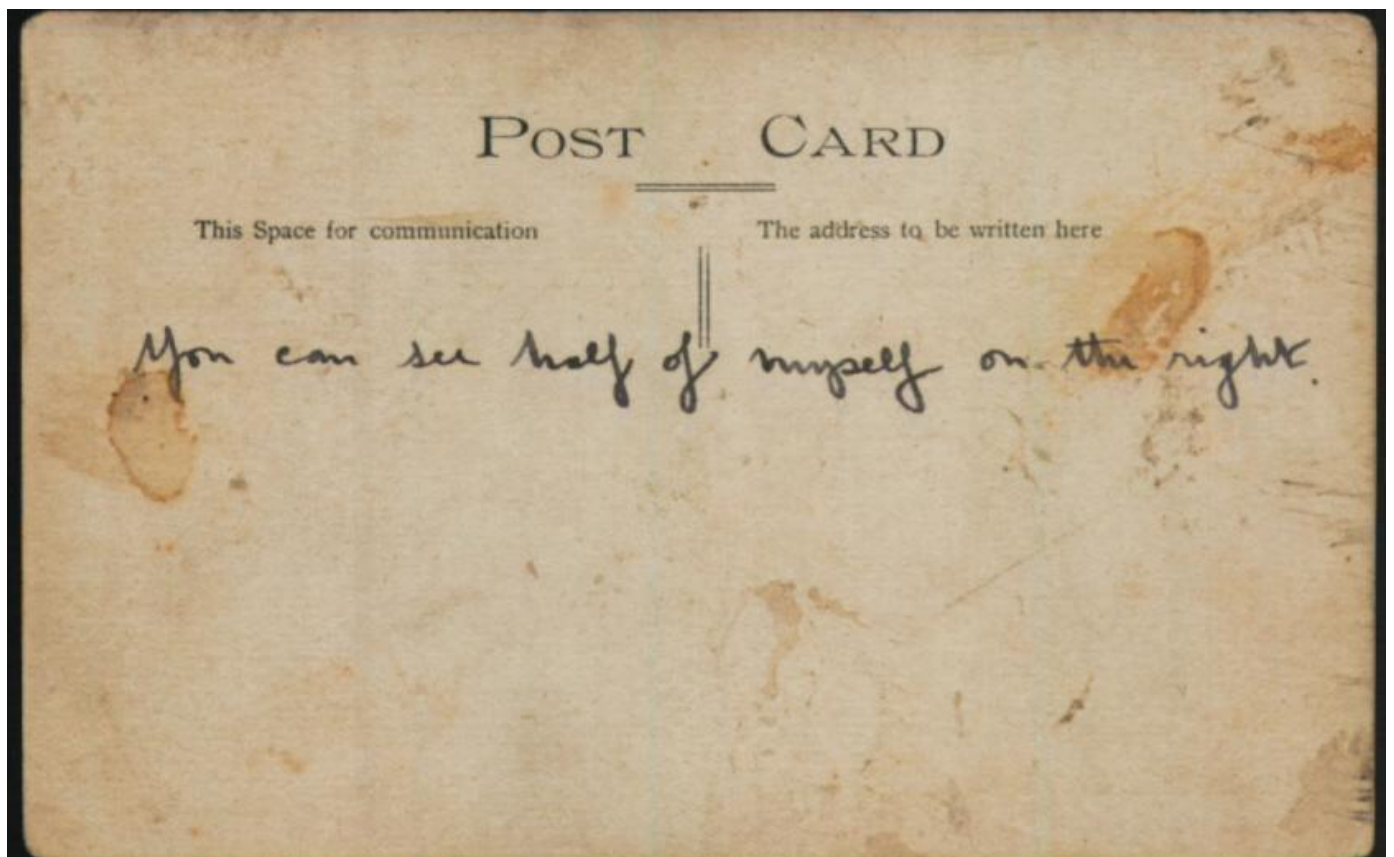


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A War Pension was granted to Mrs Christina Gore, mother of the late Pte Herbert Arthur Gore who enlisted under the name of Herbert Arthur Cameron, in the sum of £26 per annum, granted from 13th March, 1915.

Mrs Christina Gore wrote to Base Records on 16th August, 1920 to advise that the proper name of No. 1546 Private H. A. Cameron, 8th A.S.C. was H. A. Gore & he was her son who enlisted under the assumed name of "Cameron". Base Records replied stating that for the correct name to be noted on the records that a Statutory Declaration would need to be completed.

On 27th August, 1920 Christina Gore completed a Statutory Declaration stating that "*I am the mother of Herbert Arthur Gore who enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces under the name of H. A. Cameron. The said Herbert Arthur Gore is identical with the late No. 1546 Private H. A. Cameron of the 8th Army Service Corps which name he assumed on enlisting.*"

Base Records contacted Mrs Gore on 27th September, 1920 to advise that the Statutory Declaration had been received & that the name of her son the late No. 1546 Private Herbert Arthur GORE, 8th Australian Army Service Corps, had been correctly noted on the records.

Base Records contacted Mrs C. Gore, of "Ronaldville" Stanley Street, Burwood, NSW in December, 1920 enquiring 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. Mrs Gore had written to Base Records on 13th December, 1920 to advise that she was the nearest blood relative of No. 1546 Private H. A. Cameron as his father – Arthur Herbert Gore had died in 1912.

Base Records wrote to Mrs Gore at Stanley Street, Burwood, on 20th December, 1920 & that "*the 1914/15 Star, due on account of the services of deceased, will be forward, in the course of a few days, to the Military Commandant, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, who will arrange for same to be handed to you on the first suitable occasion; the other war medals, etc., being similarly dealt when available.*" Base Records wrote to Mrs Gore again on 6th January, 1921 "*to inform you that a 1914/15 Star will not be issued on account of the services of your son, the late No. 1546 Private H. E. Cameron (correct name stated to be H. A. Gore), 8th Army Services Corps, as he did not reach a theatre of war, but proceeded straight to England from Australia, and died at Romsey, England on the 12th March, 1915. Your son's name was inadvertently included on the Roll compiled by our London Office, hence my advice of the 20th December. Your will, however, be receiving a British War Medal, but these will not be ready for some time yet.*"

Private Herbert Arthur Cameron (real name Gore) was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Cameron (real name Gore)'s mother – Mrs Christina Gore, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922). Correspondence to Mrs C. Gore, of "Ronaldville" Stanley Street, Burwood, NSW from Base Records was returned "Unknown".

Advice was sent to Mrs Gore, 49 George Street, Mortdale, on 27th October, 1930 advising that the Memorial Bronze Plaque on account of the services of her son the late No. 1546 Private H. A. GORE, 8th Army Service Corps, which had previously been dispatched to Victoria Barracks, Sydney & had been returned unclaimed. Base Records also advised in the same letter the "*It is to be noted that in keeping with the usual practice the Plaque is inscribed in the name of "Herbert Arthur Cameron" under which the deceased served and died.*"

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Herbert Arthur Cameron – service number 1546, aged 24, of 8th Coy., Australian Army Service Corps. No family details are listed.

Private H. A. Gore is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. A. Gore is remembered on the Burwood War Memorial, located in Burwood Park, Burwood Road, Burwood, Sydney, NSW.



Burwood War Memorial (Photos with permission from Peter Miller)



(79 pages of Pte Herbert Arthur Cameron'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) & National Archives

Newspaper Notices

TWO MORE DEATHS PNEUMONIA RESPONSIBLE

The following deaths of Australian troops were announced this morning:

- Private Herbert Arthur Cameron, divisional ammunition, died of pneumonia at Romsey, England, on March 12; next of kin, mother, Mrs Christina Cameron, Ronaldville, Burwood, New South Wales. Driver Allan McPherson, 6th Battery, Second Field Artillery Brigade, died at Mena, Egypt, of pneumonia, on March 13; next of kin, Alan McPherson, senior, Clifton Hill, Victoria.

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia – 18 March, 1915)

MILITARY FUNERALS

On two consecutive days this week were witnessed the burial of two unfortunate soldiers who met their death other than on the field of battle. The funeral of both has caused considerable interest throughout this district, and a vivid contrast is formed by the mode of their respective ends. One, a healthy youth from Australia, and a middleweight boxer, met an untimely end through pneumonia, and the other (Private James Dowds), who was a native of Scotland and about 36 years of age was accidentally killed on the railway. It is very seldom that two military funerals occur in the same town, in so short a time, in just over twenty-four hours these two were laid in their last resting place. This curious coincidence brought not a few spectators to the cemetery to pay a tribute of respect to the men who had offered their lives for King and Country: others there were those who came just out of idle curiosity.

On Tuesday, 16th March at 2 p.m. the Australian was buried under full military honours, and an escort of about 500 men from the Australian Contingent (ADAP), Highland Light Infantry, and National Reserves, under Colonel Tunbridge, and Lieutenant Torrance. The escort was lined up on either side of the road from the infirmary to the first railway arch and notified the approach of the coffin by coming to attention. The coffin, which was covered by the Union Jack, was placed on a gun carriage, and drawn by his late comrades, ropes being attached to the carriage.

Then came the rest of his comrades and the escort fell in behind. It was a very impressive procession and seemed to be the more so when one thought of his own people so far away who perhaps would still be in ignorance of their loved one's decease.

The procession proceeded to the cemetery where the Rev. E. F. M. Vokes took the committal services. The coffin was borne on the shoulders of eight of his comrades, then laid to rest in the grave, and the firing party assembling at the graveside fired three volleys across the grave, stood to present with fixed bayonets whilst the "Last Post" was sounded. The coffin was of polished elm, with heavy brass fittings, and the breastplate was inscribed:-

Herbert Cameron

No. 1543. A. D. A. P.

Died March 12, 1915

Aged 24 years

There were several beautiful floral emblems:- From the Officers of the A.D.A.P.; in memory of our dear soldier N.C.G.H.; in memory of H. Cameron A.D.A.P. of the 8th A.A.S.C.; from the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the D. S. C., 9th A. A. S. C. a token of respect; from his comrades of the A.D.A.P.; a token of esteem, from his comrades; in remembrance of Driver H. Cameron, D.A.P., 8th A.S.C.; with sympathy, from Mr and Mrs W. H. Simmonds; in remembrance, from the R.A.S.C. Detachment, Romsey; with sympathy, from an old Tommy's nurse, H.R.C. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Goulding, and Mrs Bartlett represented the family.

(Romsey Advertiser, Hampshire, England – March, 1915)

MILITARY FUNERAL

There was a very imposing military funeral at Romsey on Tuesday, when Herbert Cameron, aged 24, who had died in the Poor Law Institution Infirmary from pneumonia after a short illness, was buried. The body was borne on a gun carriage obtained from Bulford. Deceased was a member of the Australian Contingent stationed at Romsey. The double band of the two companies played the "Dead March" in *Saul* on the way to the Cemetery and the pipers of the H.L.I., who attended out of respect, alternated with them. About 500 of deceased's comrades marched to the graveside, where they formed a great square. The Rev. E. F. M. Usher officiated at the ceremony, at the conclusion of which three volleys were fired over the grave and the buglers of the H.L.I. sound the "Last Post." There was a great concourse of people present. The remains were enclosed in a polished oak coffin, with brass furniture, the breast-plate being engraved:- "Herbert Cameron, No. 1540, D.A.P., died March 12th, 1915, aged 24 years." There was a number of beautiful floral tributes.

(*Western Gazette*, Yeovil, Somerset, England – 19 March, 1915)

DEATHS

GORE – March 12, at Romsey, England, Herbert Arthur, second son of the late Arthur Gore, late of Quirindi and Christina Gore, Ronaldville, Stanley-street, Burwood.

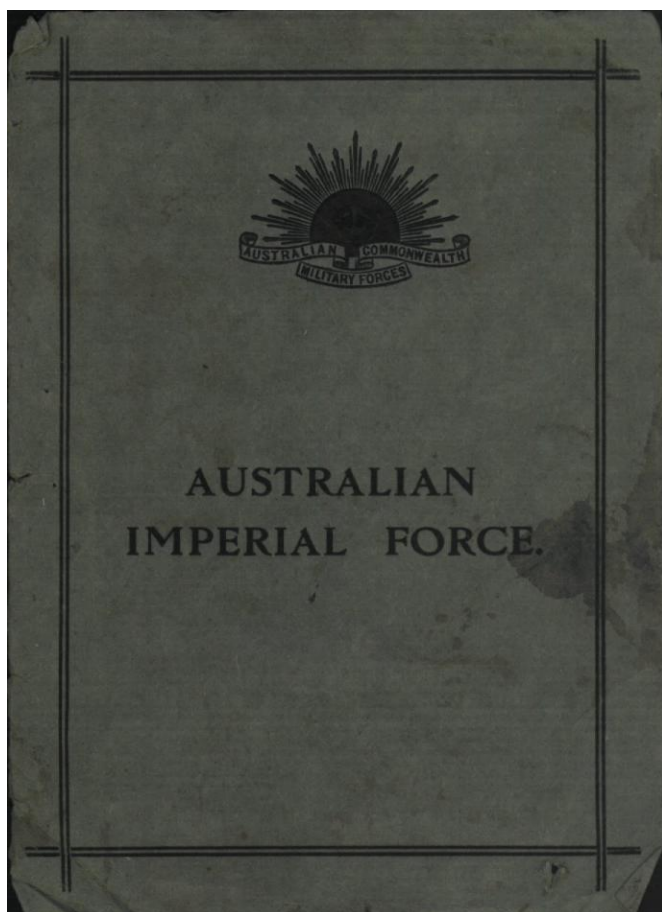
(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 20 March, 1915)

SOME PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs C. Gore, of Burwood, has just received word from the Rev. Scott-West, chaplain to the New South Wales Divisional Ammunition Park, that her son, Herbert Arthur Gore, died at Romsey, in England, on March 12 from Pneumonia. He was attached to the section as a private.

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 23 March, 1915)

Two photographs and the locality of the grave of Private H. A. Cameron were posted to his mother Mrs C. Cameron of "Ronaldville" Stanley Street, Burwood, NSW on 28th March, 1919 from Base Records. These were probably returned unclaimed as the photos are located in the Service Record file for Private H. A. Cameron.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters, London.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE GRAVE
OF LATE

(Name) Herbert Arthur CAMERON.

(No.) 1546. (Rank) Private,

(Unit) 8th Australian Army Service Coy

Died on 12th March, 1915.

At Romsey,
Hants.

Buried Romsey Cemetery,
Romsey, Hants. 16.3.15

Particulars of Grave Not numbered.

Nearest Railway Station Romsey.



Name and Address of Correspondent
to whom Photograph sent.

(Name) Mrs C. Cameron,

(Address) "Ronaldville"
Stanley Street,
Burwood, N.S.W.

Communications respecting this Photograph or the
grave of the deceased soldier, should
be addressed to—

The Officer i/c Records,
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
130, Horseferry Road,
London, S.W. 1.

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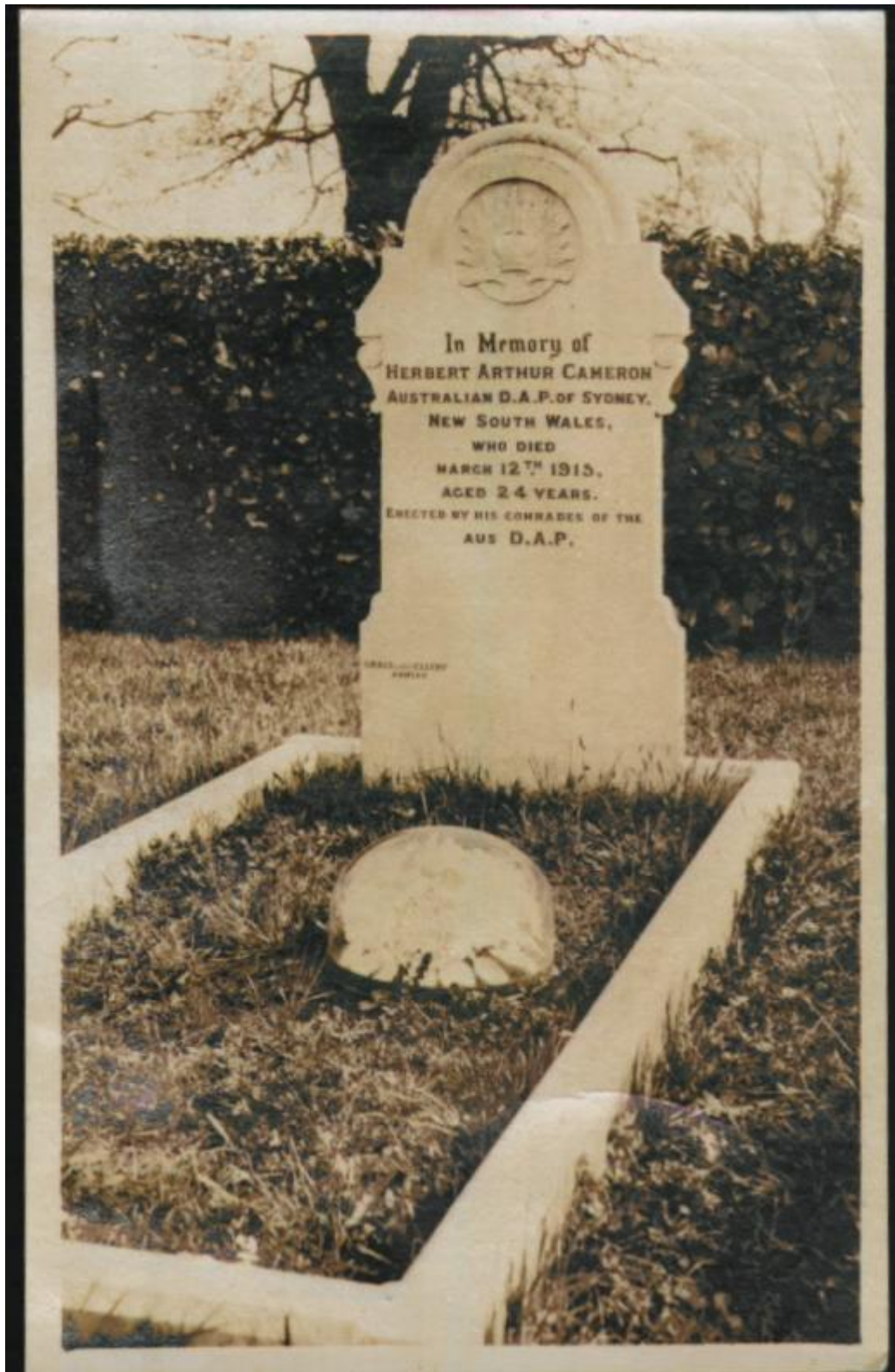


Photo of Pte Herbert Arthur Cameron's Private Headstone in Romsey Cemetery, Hampshire, England. His headstone was erected by his comrades.



(Photo courtesy of Linda Robson)

In Memory of
HERBERT ARTHUR CAMERON
*AUSTRALIAN D.A.P. OF SYDNEY,
NEW SOUTH WALES*
Who Died
MARCH 12TH 1915
AGED 24 YEARS
ERECTED BY HIS COMRADES OF THE
AUS D.A.P.

Romsey Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Romsey Cemetery, Hampshire contains 19 Commonwealth War Graves – 9 relate to World War 1 & 10 are from World War 2. *(Photo from CWGC)*



Romsey Cemetery, Hampshire