

**Mexborough Cemetery,
Mexborough, South Yorkshire
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2645 PRIVATE

FRANK BROWN CHATTELL

49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

4TH JUNE, 1919 Age 35

*There Is No Death
'Tis But A Shade
Be Not
Of Outward Loss Afraid*

Frank Brown CHATTELL

Frank Brown Chattell was born at Great Catworth, Huntingdonshire in 1883 to parents John Quick Chattell & Lucy Chattell (nee Martin). His birth was registered in the December quarter, 1883 in the district of St. Neot's, Cambridgeshire/Huntingdonshire/Bedfordshire.

The 1891 England Census recorded Frank B. Chattell as a 7 year old, living with his family at 121 Garfield Street, Salford, Lancashire. His parents were listed as John Q. Chattell (Engine Driver aged 46, born Great Catworth, Hunts) & Lucy Chattell (aged 43 born Great Catworth, Hunts). Frank was one of three children listed on this Census – George H. Chattell (aged 12, born Great Catworth, Hunts) then Frank and Minnie E. Chattell (aged 4, born Hilton, Hunts).

[The 1901 England Census listed Frank's parents living at 14 Heaton Mersey __, Stockport, Cheshire. His parents were listed as John Quick Chattell (Locomotive Engineer, aged 57) & Lucy Chattell (Tobacco Shop Keeper, aged 53). Also living with them was their daughter Minnie Ellen Chattell (At School, aged 14).]

Frank Chattell, a 27 year old Mechanic, was listed as a passenger on *Salamis* which left the port of London & arrived in Sydney, NSW on 23rd November, 1910.

[The 1911 England Census recorded Frank's parents – John Quick Chattell (Engineer (above ground) Colliery, aged 67) & Lucy Chattell (aged 64) living in a 5 roomed dwelling at 3 Bolton Street, Denaby, Rotherham, Yorkshire- West Riding. John & Lucy Chattell had been married for 43 years & had a total of 11 children, 3 having since died.]

Frank Brown Chattell was a 32 year old, single, Labourer from North Street, Casino, NSW when he enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 28th June, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his Mother – Mrs Lucy Chattell, of 43 William Street, Mexborough, Yorkshire, England.

Private Frank Brown Chattell was posted to 11th Depot Battalion at Enoggera, Queensland on 19th July, 1916. He was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 52nd Infantry Battalion on 11th August, 1916.

Private Frank Chattell was admitted to 13th Australian General Hospital on 14th August, 1916 with Bronchitis & discharged on 18th August, 1916.

Private Frank Brown Chattell, Service number 2645, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Ceramic (A40)* on 7th October, 1916 with the 52nd Infantry Battalion, 6th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 21st November, 1916.

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.

Private Frank Chattell proceeded overseas to France from 13th Training Battalion, via Folkestone on 8th February, 1917 on *Princess Victoria*.

Private Frank Chattell was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 9th February, 1917. He proceeded to join his Unit on 11th February, 1917 & was taken on strength with 52nd Battalion in the field on 13th February, 1917.

Private Frank Chattell was noted to be still with his Unit on 8th October, 1917.

Private Frank Chattell proceeded on detachment from 52nd Battalion to Y.M.C.A. on 20th December, 1917.

Private Frank Chattell was on leave to UK from 1st February, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from leave on 20th February, 1918.

Private Frank Brown Chattell was transferred to 49th Battalion from 52nd Battalion on 18th May, 1918.

Private Frank Chattell was sent sick to Hospital on 10th August, 1918. He was admitted to 12th Australian Field Ambulance on 10th August, 1918 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined). Private Chattell was transferred to 10th Australian Field Ambulance on 13th August, 1918 & discharged to duty the same day. He rejoined his Battalion from on 13th August, 1918 & was detached to 13th A.I.B.D. Y.M.C.A.

Private Frank Chattell was still attached to his Unit in France on 28th October, 1918.

Private Frank Chattell was on leave to UK from 22nd November, 1918 to 10th December, 1918.

Private Frank Chattell rejoined YMCA on 15th January, 1919.

Private Frank Chattell rejoined his Unit from detachment on 16th April, 1919.

Private Frank Chattell rejoined was admitted to 20th Casualty Clearing Station on 5th May, 1919 with Bronchitis. He was transferred to No. 41 Ambulance Train on 19th May, 1915 & admitted to 14th Stationary Hospital at Boulogne, France on 20th May, 1919. Private Chattell was invalided to England with Bronchitis on 26th May, 1919.

Private Frank Brown Chattell was admitted to 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, Kent, England on 26th May, 1919 suffering from chronic bronchitis & emphysema. He was reported dangerously ill on 4th June, 1919.

Private Frank Brown Chattell died at 08.10 hrs on 4th June, 1919 at 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, Kent, England from Pneumonia, however Army Form A. 27 "Morning State of Sick" reports the cause of death as Chronic Bronchitis & Emphysema.

A death for Frank B. Chattell, aged 34, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Dartford, Kent, England.

Private Frank Brown Chattell was buried on 8th June, 1919 in Mexborough Cemetery, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, England – Plot number Old A. "C". 262 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Chattell - *Coffin was good, Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was interred privately by relatives residing in Mexboro, Yorkshire. The coffin was borne to the graveside, surmounted by a large number of beautiful wreaths sent from: Father & Mother, Sisters, Brother Joe & Sister Ada, Arthur, Mary & family, Nellie & Bill, Niece Flo. A large number of relatives & friends were at the graveside: - Father & Mother, 3 Brothers, 3 Sisters-in-law, 2 Sisters, 2 Brothers-in-law. Niece & Nephew and Representatives from Discharged Sailors & Soldiers Association. Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Private F. B. Chattell is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 147.



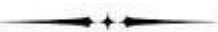
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Private Frank Brown Chattell was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Chattell's mother – Mrs Lucy Chattell, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque both sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frank Brown Chattell – service number 2645, aged 35, of 49th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John Quick Chattell and Lucy Chattell, of 3 Hewitt St., Clayfield Rd., Mexborough.

(56 pages of Private Frank Brown Chattell'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

ROLL OF HONOUR

CASUALTY LIST No. 467

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Frank Brown Chattell, England, 4/16/19 (illness)

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 28 June, 1919)

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)

Private Frank Brown Chattell does not have a personal inscription on his headstone, however his mother as next of kin requested the following inscription:

There Is No Death 'Tis But A Shade

Be Not Of Outward Loss Afraid

Peter Bennett contacted CWGC in June, 2021 to ask why there was no personal inscription on Private Chattell's CWGC Headstone.

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CWGC replied on 2 July, 2021 with the following:

“Having consulted our internal systems, I cannot see that the headstone for Private Chattell has ever been replaced so it is perfectly plausible that the personal inscription has been missing since day one.

Additionally, if the headstone had been replaced, the inscription would now be present as we use our internal database and our original headstone schedules to check that replacements are correct and the personal inscription is present in both instances meaning it would have been added at that time.

As it is missing however, I have now placed a headstone amendment request into our works programme which will be assessed by one of our works teams when they are next on site. If an amendment in situ is possible this will be carried out in due course however if a replacement stone is required, this will add some time to the process.

Given the present situation, I cannot provide you with a definitive timescale to its completion but, rest assured, matters are now in hand to have the personal inscription added.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.”

Mexborough Cemetery, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, England

Mexborough Cemetery, Mexborough, South Yorkshire contains 46 Commonwealth War Graves – 19 connected to World War 1 & 27 related to World War 2.



Mexborough Cemetery, Mexborough, South Yorkshire (Photo courtesy of Wayne Bywater 2021)

Photo of Private Frank Brown Chattell's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Mexborough Cemetery, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, England.



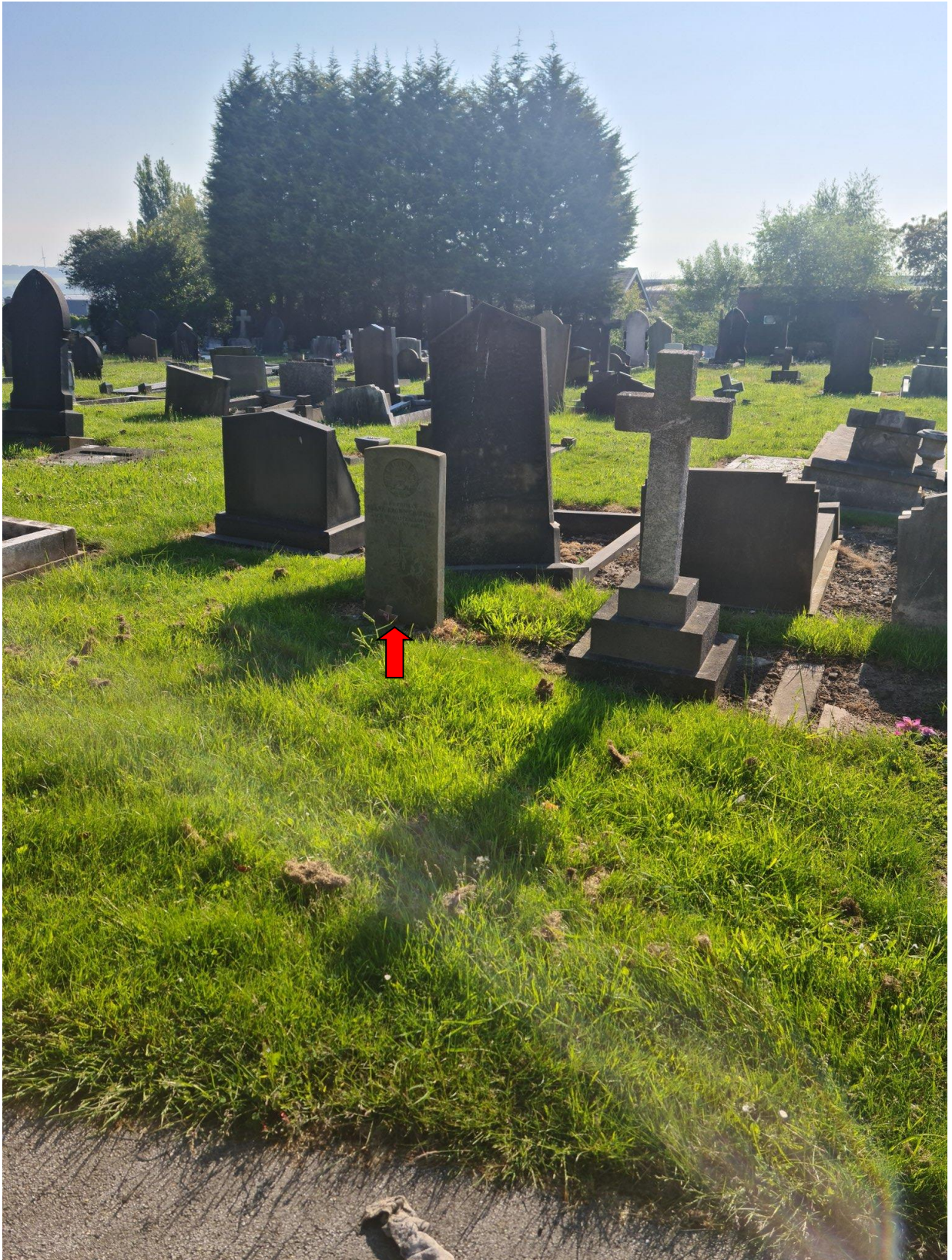
(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett 2003)



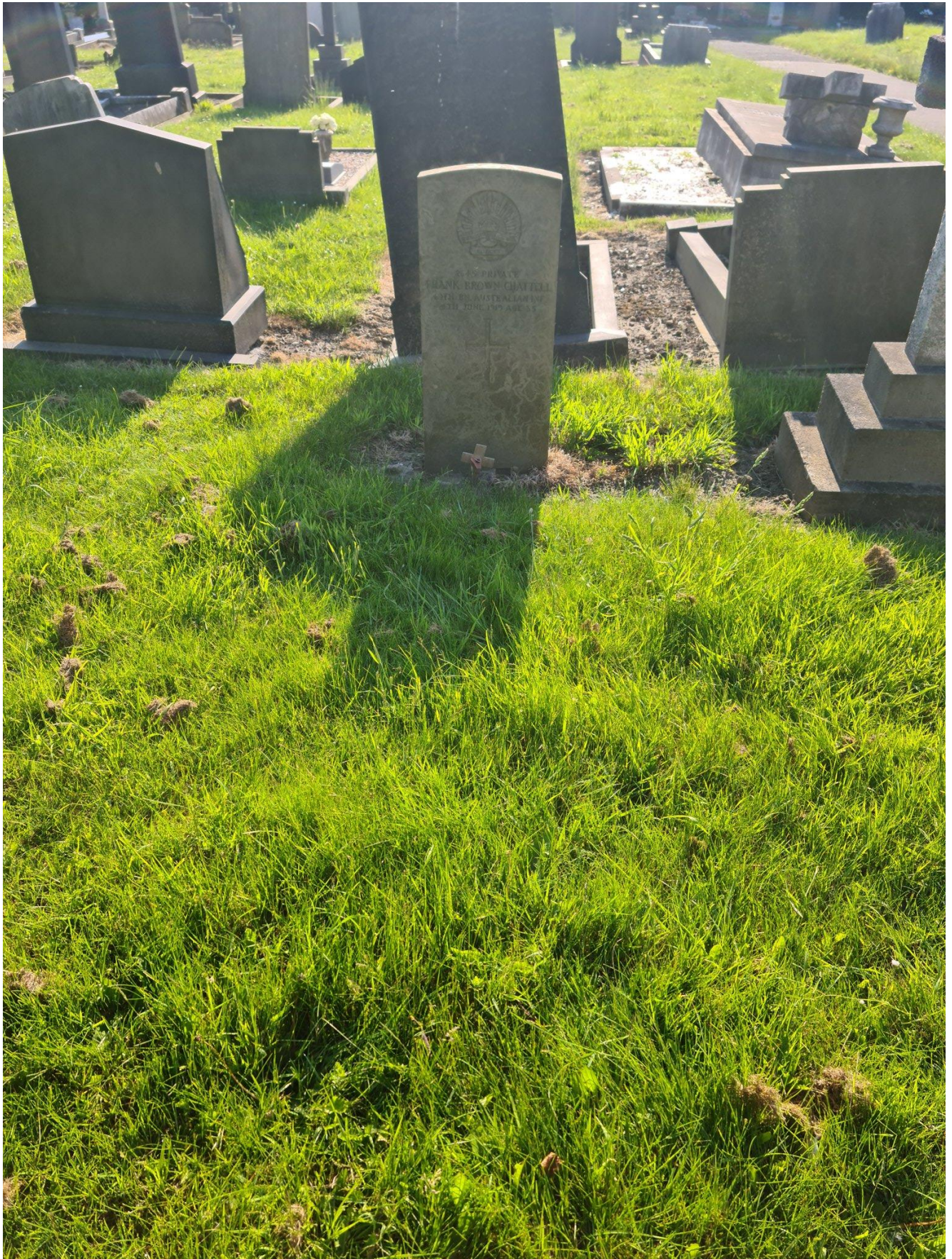
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Mexborough Cemetery Chapel



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