

**All Souls Cemetery,  
Kensal Green, London, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2182 GUNNER**

**R. D. K. CHEVERTON**

**AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY**

**9TH NOVEMBER, 1915 Age 26**

*Greater Love Hath No Man*

*He Laid Down His Life*

*For His Friends*

## Roy Douglas Keane CHEVERTON

Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton was born in Hobart, Tasmania on 21st May, 1888 to parents William Henry & Kathleen Maysie (Kate) Cheverton (nee Giblin).

William Henry Cheverton, father of Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton, died on 13th July, 1902 in Hobart, Tasmania.

Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton attended Leslie Howden College, Hobart, Tasmania.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Denison, subdivision of Hobart West, Tasmania listed Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton, of 125 Bathurst Street.

Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton was a 26 year old, single, Labourer when he enlisted on 17th August, 1914 at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2182 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. Cheverton, 126 Davy Street, Hobart, Tasmania.

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Geelong (A2)* on 17th September, 1914 with the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column – 3rd and 6th Military Districts.

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 4th April, 1915.

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton was admitted to Hospital at Malta on 19th July, 1915 from Hospital Ship *Clan McGillivray* with piles. He embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Grantully Castle* on 21st August, 1915.

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton was admitted to King George's Hospital, Stamford Street, London on 30th August, 1915.

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton died at 1.30 am on 9th November, 1915 at Millbank Hospital, London, England from Gangrenous Enteritis.

A death for Roy Cheverton, aged 28, was registered in the December quarter, 1915 in the district of St. George Hannover Square, London, England.

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton was buried at 11 am on 12th November, 1915 in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Plot number Grave 7, Square 213, Row 8 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton – *The funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery on the 12th November at 11 am, the first part of the Burial Service being held in the Hospital Chapel, the cortege afterwards proceeding to the place of interment.*

A War Pension was granted to Kathleen Maysie Cheverton, of 13 Davey Street, Hobart, Tasmania, mother of the late Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton, in the sum of £15. 4. 6 per annum from 7th December, 1915.

Base Records contacted Mrs M. Cheverton, 131 Richardson Street, Albert Park, Victoria, mother of the late Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton, on 8th July, 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. Mrs Cheverton replied to Base Records on 16th July, 1920 stating that she was the next of kin of late Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton, his father having died 18 years ago.

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Cheverton's mother – Mrs K. M. Cheverton, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton – service number 2182, aged 26, of 3rd A.F.A. Ammunition Col., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of William and Kathleen M. Cheverton of 131 Richardson St., Albert Park, Victoria, Australia. Born at Hobart, Tasmania.

Gunner R. D. K. Cheverton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



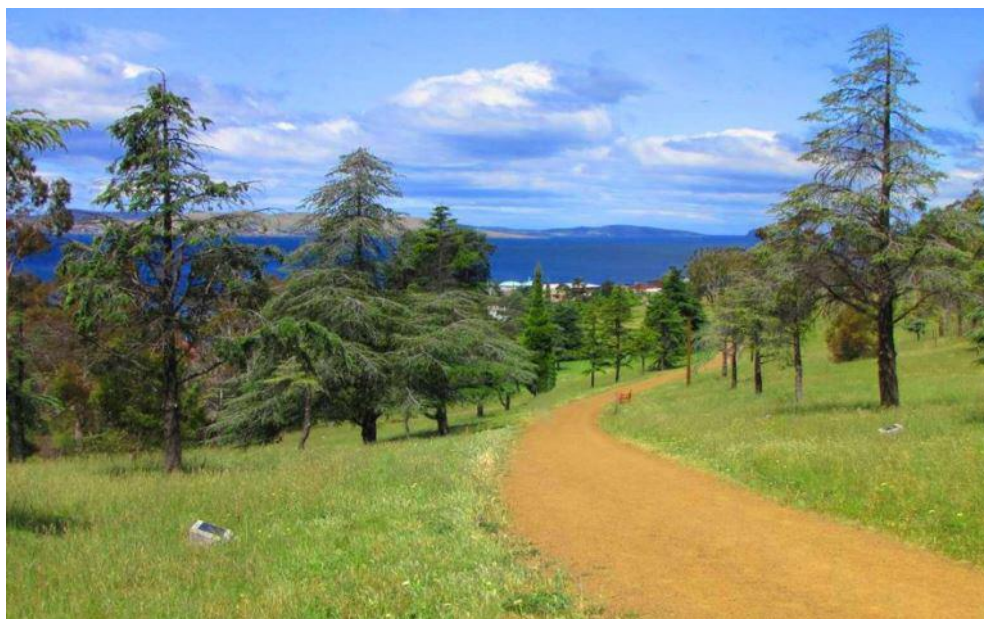
*Roll of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

R. Cheverton is remembered on the Hobart Roll of Honour, located in the Town Hall Foyer, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.

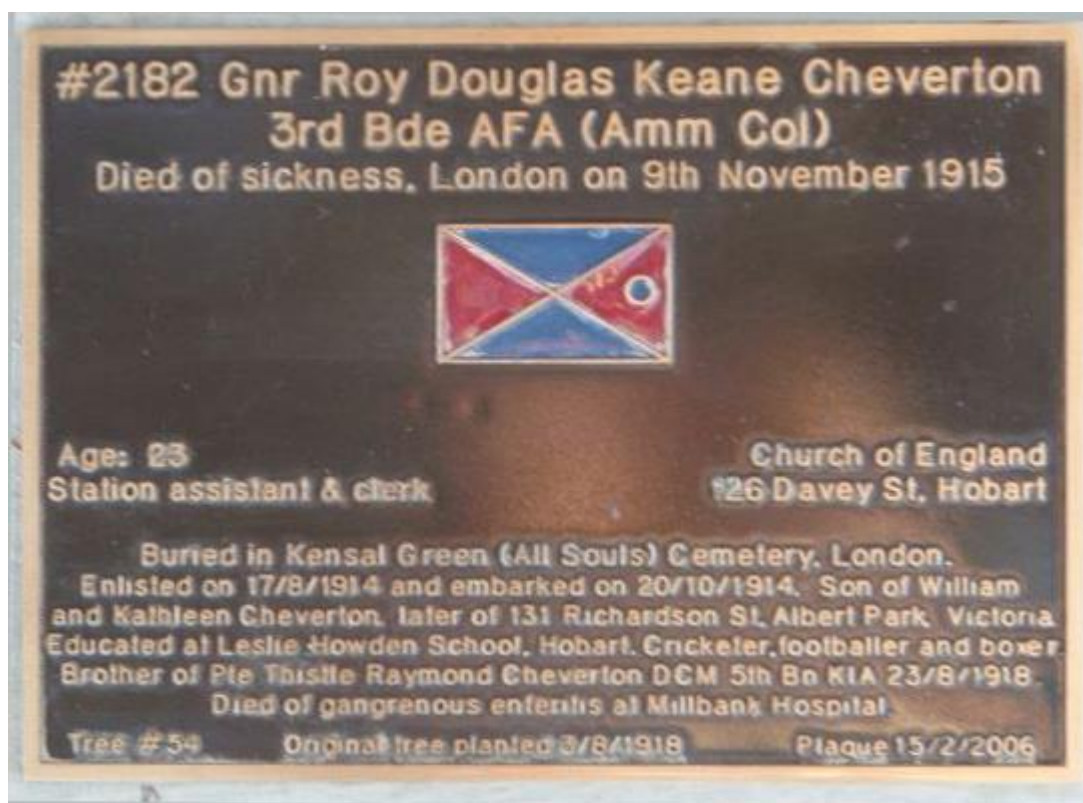


**Hobart Roll of Honour** (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton is remembered with Tree # 54 on The Soldiers Memorial Avenue, Queens Domain, Hobart, Tasmania. The Avenue comprises 513 trees planted in 1918 & 1918 to commemorate soldiers, mainly from Hobart, who died in World War 1.



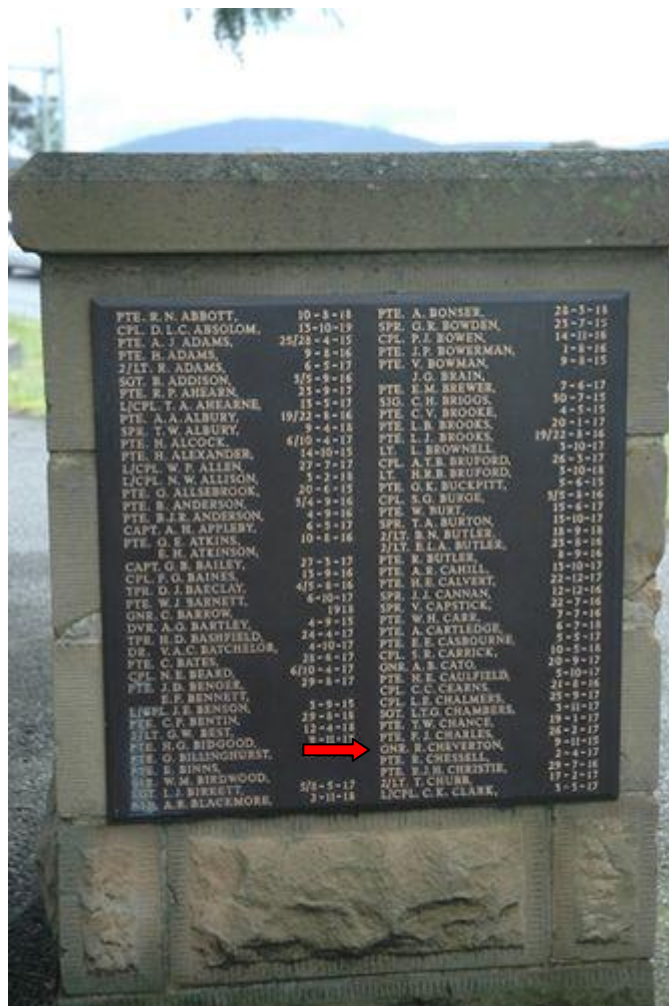
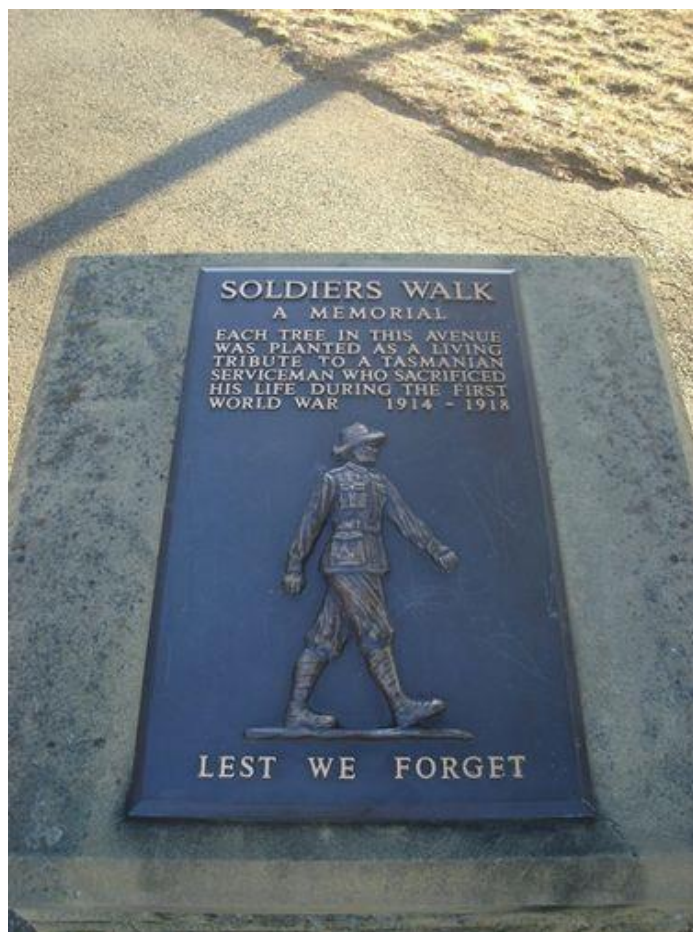
**The Soldiers Memorial Avenue**



**Tree Plaque for Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton**

*(Plaque photo from The Soldiers Walk)*

Gunner R. Cheverton is also named on Soldiers Walk Plinth located at Queens Domain, Memorial Avenue, Hobart, Tasmania.



**Soldiers Walk Plinth, Hobart** (Photos from Monument Australia – John Huth / Arthur Garland)

(64 pages of Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton'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

[Connected to Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton:](#)

Younger brother – Private John Thistle Raymond Tod Cheverton, 828A, 5th Australian Infantry Battalion. Killed in action 23rd August, 1918. Buried in Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, France.



**Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **DEATHS**

CHEVERTON – At King George's Hospital, London, on November 9, 1915, Gunner Roy Douglas Keane, second son of R. M. and the late William Cheverton, of Hobart, in the 25th year of his age. Another of Gallipoli's brave heroes gone to rest, leaving a sorrowing mother to mourn the loss of her brave boy. Loved by all who knew him. On earth he did his duty. To be with Christ, which is far better. (Melbourne papers please copy)

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – 19 November, 1915)

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### **FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE**

CHEVERTON – At King George's Hospital, London, on November 9, 1915, Gunner Roy Douglas Keane, second son of K. M. and the late William Cheverton, of Hobart, in the 25th year of his age. Another of Gallipoli's brave heroes gone to rest, leaving a sorrowing mother to mourn the loss of her brave boy.

(*The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times*, Tasmania – 22 November, 1915)

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **Tasmanian Casualties**

#### **The 115th List**

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Gunner R. CHEVERTON, 3rd F. A. Brigade, Ammunition Column (Hobart).

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 26 November, 1915)

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

CHEVERTON – In loving memory of my dear brother (Gunner) Roy D. B. Cheverton, who died at London, November 9, 1915.

“Gone, dear brother, you are at rest;  
I’ve taken you place to do my best.”

Inserted by his loving brother Thistle R. T. Cheverton, on active service.

CHEVERTON – A tribute of everlasting love to my dear son (Gunner) Roy D. B. Cheverton, who died November 9, 1915.

One of Gallipoli’s brave heroes. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”  
Inserted by his loving mother.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 November, 1916) & (Daily Post, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 November, 1916)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

CHEVERTON – ON November 9, 1915, in Hospital, London, Gunner Roy D. B. Cheverton, second beloved son of B. M. and the late William Cheverton. Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend. A Gallipoli hero at rest.

-Inserted by his loving mother and brothers on active service.

*(Daily Post, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 November, 1917)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Died on Active Service**

CHEVERTON - On November 9, 1915, at London Hospital Gunner Roy D. K. Cheverton, second beloved son of K. M. and the late W. Cheverton. An original Anzac, of the 3rd Brigade. At rest. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Also, on August 23rd, 1918 Private Thistle R. T. Cheverton, youngest dearly beloved son and brother of the above (late Anzac Cyclist Battalion). Officially reported wounded and remaining at duty, and later killed in action somewhere in France. Loved by all.

He marched forth in the glory of the morn,

That gay young heart, so free from care and pain.

With radiance in his eyes like golden dawn

That shone across the shell-swept, marshy plain.

But death struck fierce – he may not pass again.

And his last word – “If ever o’er the sea

Someone should ask of you concerning me;

When you reach home beneath our southern skies,

Look kindly, bravely, in my mother’s eyes;

Say that when toil and war my soul oppress’d,

God gave me all I craved – sleep, peace and

Inserted by loving mother.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 November, 1918)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **On Active Service**

CHEVERTON – In proud and loving memory of my dear sons, No. 2182, Gunner Roy Douglas Keane Cheverton (3rd F.A.B., A.C., A.I.F.), who died in London on the 9th November, 1915; also, Thistle R. T. (Jack) Cheverton, D.C.M., private, 5th Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ the battle of St. Martin's Wood (France) \_\_\_\_\_ August, 1918. Tasmania papers \_\_\_\_\_

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.”

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 9 November, 1920)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **On Active Service**

CHEVERTON – In proud and loving memory of my dear son, Gunner Roy Douglas Beane Cheverton, No. 2182, 3rd F.A.B. A.C., died in London Hospital, Nov. 9, 1915.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.”

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 9 November, 1921)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Died on Active Service**

CHEVERTON - In proud and loving memory of Gunner Roy D. K. Cheverton, 3rd F.A.B. A.C., second dearly beloved son of K. M. and the late Will Cheverton, Hobart, died in London Hospital on November 9, 1915. (Loved by all).

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

Inserted by his loving mother, brother, and sister.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 November, 1922) & (*World*, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 November, 1922)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Died on Active Service**

CHEVERTON - In proud and loving memory of Roy D. K. Cheverton, 3rd F.A.B. A.C., second dearly beloved son of K. M. and the late Will Cheverton, Hobart, died in London Hospital on November 9, 1915.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.

Inserted by his loving mother.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 November, 1923)

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### 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)*

Gunner R. D. K. Cheverton does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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### **All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England**

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green contains burials of both wars - 538. Half of the 482 First World War graves form a plot in the south-west section of the cemetery, the rest form small groups or are scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 5s Second World War graves are scattered. There are also 2 non war burials here. A screen wall in the First World War plot (Sect. 213) records the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. Also recorded on the wall are the names of five servicemen whose remains were cremated in Kensal Green Crematorium.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** *(Photo by Rodney Burton)*



**Cross of Sacrifice - All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** (Photo by Chris Doran)

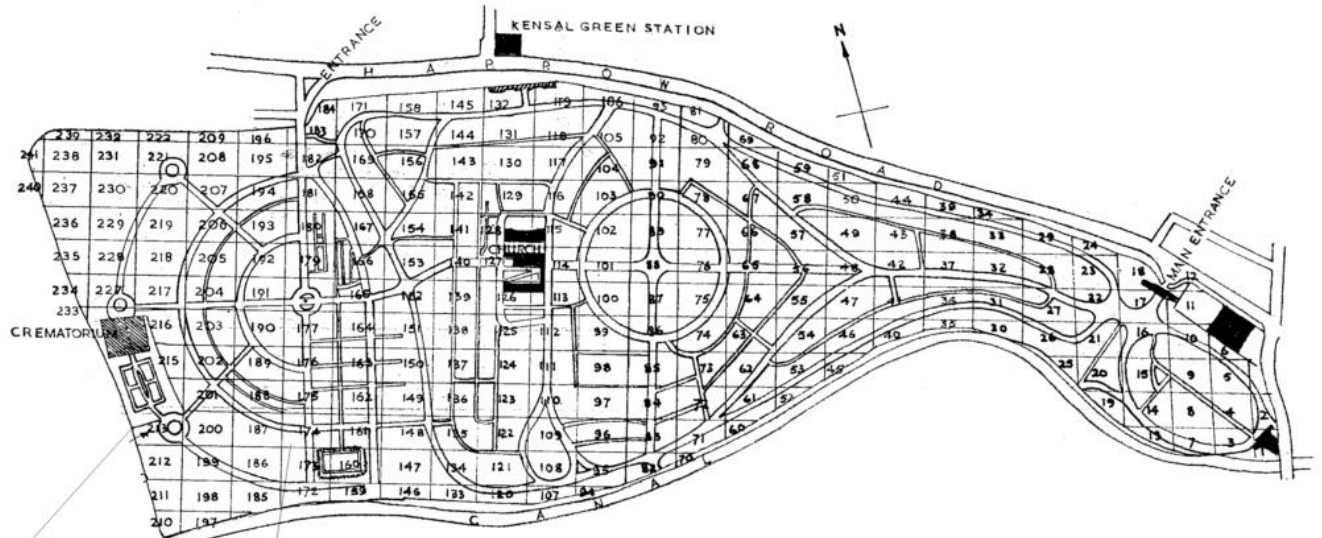


**All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** (Photo courtesy of Francios Greeff)

Photo of Gunner R. D. K. Cheverton's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Francios Greeff)*



Sect. 213 : Main U.K. and N.Z. Plot.  
 Sect. 173 and 174 : Main Dominion Plot