

**Willesden Jewish Cemetery,  
Willesden, Brent, London  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**LIEUTENANT**

**C. H. COHEN**

**ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY**

**18TH NOVEMBER, 1918**

## Cecil Hope COHEN

Cecil Hope Cohen was born in Sydney, New South Wales on 5th July, 1888 to parents Henry Emanuel Cohen & Sophie Cohen (nee Frank).

Cecil Hope Cohen attended Sydney Grammar School then attended the University of Sydney where he gained a B.A in Law.

The Honourable Justice Henry Emanuel Cohen died at sea on 5th January, 1912, on board the SS *Friedrich der Grosse*.

The 1912 & 1913 Public Service Lists for New South Wales, Australia records Cecil Hope Cohen, B.A. as Associate and Clerk of Arraigns to the Hon. Mr Justice Street in the Crown Solicitor's Office. He had been appointed on 1st February, 1912.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll recorded Cecil Hope Cohen, Associate, of 38 Macleay Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW.

Cecil Hope Cohen enlisted with the Royal Garrison Artillery in London, England in April, 1916. His regimental number was 74240 & his rank was Corporal. The Medal Index card for Corporal Cecil Hope Cohen records that he entered a Theatre of War in France on 1st December, 1916. His next-of-kin was listed as his mother – Mrs H. Cohen c/o Bank of Australasia, Martin St., Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Corporal Cecil Hope Cohen served with his Unit – Siege Artillery with British Expeditionary Force in France and England.

From *The London Gazette* – 5 October, 1916:

### *SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS*

*The undermentioned, from Officers Cadet Units, to be 2nd Lts. (on prob.):-*

### *ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY*

*5th Oct. 1916.*

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*Cecil Hope Cohen*

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2nd Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen was wounded in action in France in August, 1917 – shell-shock.

After recuperating from Shellshock, Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen became Instructor of Signals at Catterick Camp, England.

Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen died on 18th November, 1918 at Military Hospital, Catterick, Yorkshire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for Cecil H. Cohen, aged 30, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Richmond, Yorkshire North Riding.

Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen was buried in Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Willesden, Brent, London, England – Plot number N. I. II and has a Private Memorial. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Newspaper item – *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 29 November, 1918:

### **LATE CECIL HOPE COHEN**

*The news was received yesterday of the death of Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen by Mr. Ernest Cohen, of the firm of Ernest Cohen and Linton, solicitors. Lieutenant Cohen was a son of the late Mr. Justice Cohen, of the Supreme Court. He left Sydney in January, 1916, and enlisted in his Majesty's forces. He attained the rank of lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery. He saw active service for some months, in Flanders, and was invalided to England suffering from shell shock. He eventually returned to duty, but subsequently contracted pneumonia, and died on November 18 at the Military Hospital, Catterick, in Yorkshire.*

*Lieutenant Cohen was an old Grammar School Boy. After a brilliant pass in the "senior" of 1906 he took the arts course at the University, graduating in 1910. He then read for the Bar, and was admitted in 1913. In practice he was most popular with both branches of his profession. In sport he devoted most of his energies to hockey, and was a prominent player with both the Sydneian and the University elevens during the pioneer period of the game in New South Wales.*

### Probate details:

Cohen, Cecil Hope, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia died 18 November, 1918 at Scotton, Catterick, Yorkshire. Probate Sydney to John Russell Hooton, Barrister-at-Law. Effects £381 14s. 6d. In the United Kingdom. Sealed London 13 February.

Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen, of Royal Garrison Artillery. No family details are listed.

Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

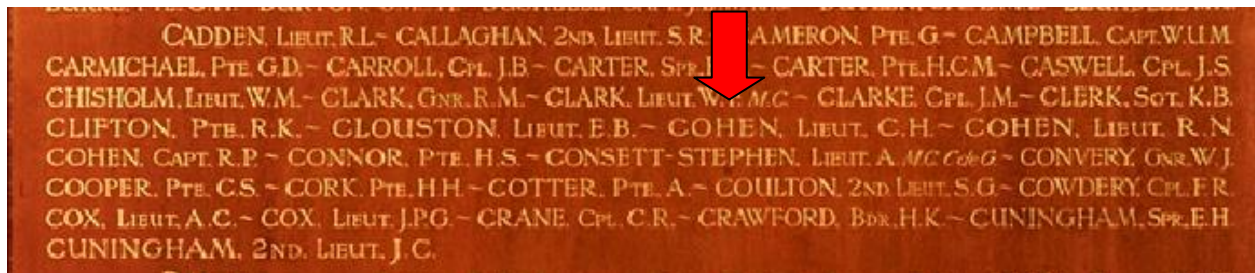


**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)

Lieut. C. H. Cohen is remembered on the Sydney Grammar School Honour Board (Middle Panel), located at Sydney Grammar School, College Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW.



**Sydney Grammar School Honour Board** (Image courtesy of Sydney Grammar School)





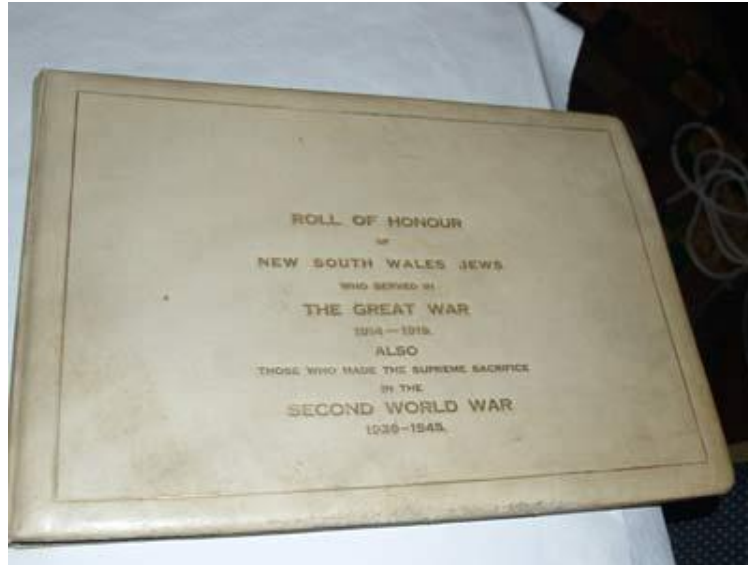
Cecil Hope Cohen, B.A. Law, is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at The University of Sydney, NSW. Geoffrey Campbell Scarr is also remembered on the Sydney University War Memorial Carillon Roll of Honour which commemorates the undergraduates, graduates and staff who died in service or were killed in action during World War One. The entrance to the carillon contains various honour rolls including the University Roll of Honour which was unveiled on the 11th November 1931.



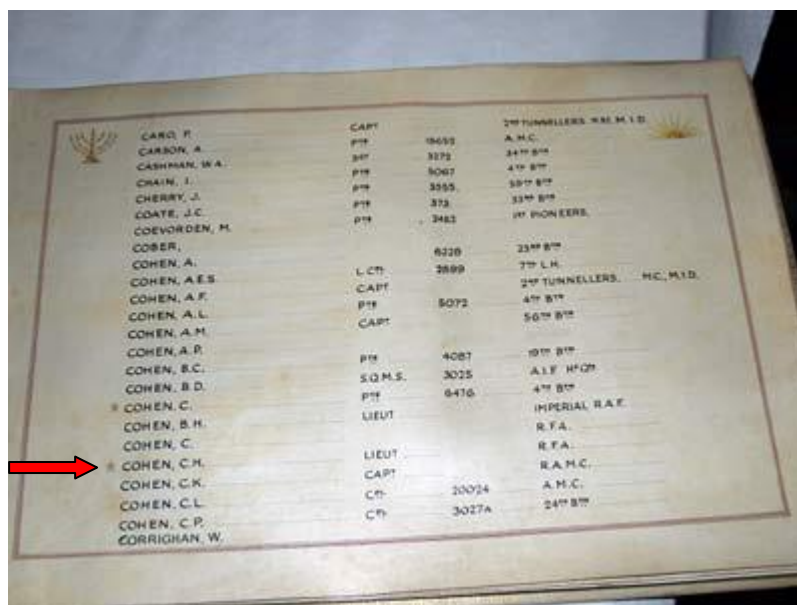
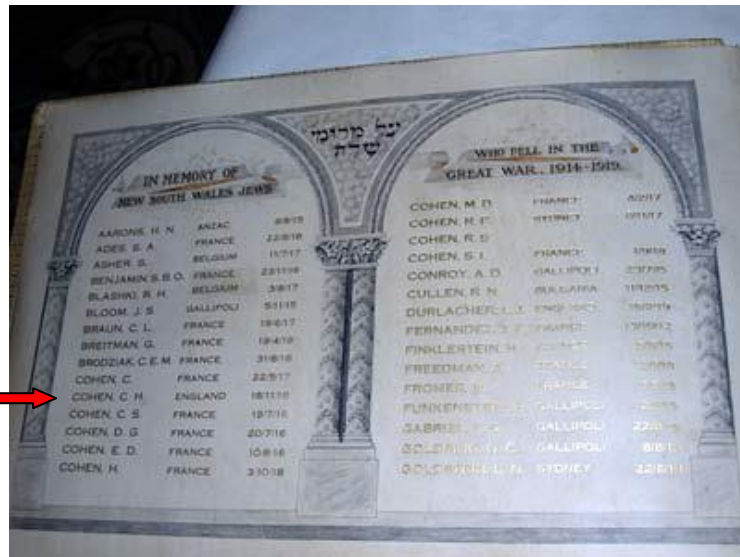
**Sydney University War Memorial Carillon Roll of Honour** (Photos from Monument Australia – Peter Williams)



C. H. Cohen is remembered in the Great Synagogue Roll of Honour Books, located at The Great Synagogue, Sydney, 166 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, NSW.



The Great Synagogue Roll of Honour Books (Photos by Peter Levarre-Waters)





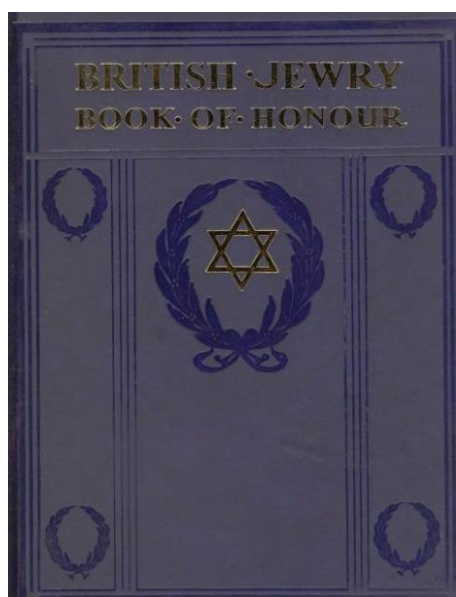
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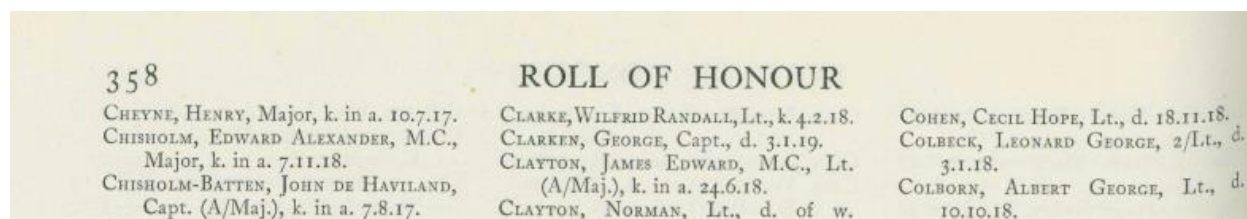
**The Great Synagogue World War 1 Roll of Honour** (Photos by Peter Levarre-Waters)

Cecil Hope Cohen is remembered on the Roll of Honour of New South Wales Lawyers, Clerks and Law Students Killed in the First World War. "*Barrister, Selbourne Chambers. Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery, DOI, Catterick Hospital, Yorkshire, 18 November 1918, aged 30.*"

Lieutenant C. H. Cohen is remembered in the UK British Jewry Roll of Honour 1914-1918.



Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen is remembered in the British Army, Royal Artillery Commemoration Book 1914 – 1918.



## Newspaper Notices

New has been received from London that Mr Cecil Hope Cohen, younger son of the late Mr Justice Cohen, has received a commission in the Imperial Army.

(*Jewish Herald*, Victoria – 5 May, 1916)

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## **BARRISTERS AT THE FRONT**

Although six NSW barristers have been killed at the war, that branch of the legal profession is still well represented at the front. Lieutenant-Colonel W. K. S. Mackenzie, Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Ralston, Major M. R. Shannon, Captain Hinton, Lieutenant H. V. Jaques, Sergeant C. G. Addison, Lieutenant L. M. Addison, **Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen**, Lieutenant H. Haig and Dr E. M. Brissenden, all Sydney barristers, are all on service.

(*The Farmer and Settler*, Sydney, NSW – 31 October, 1916)

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Mr Cecil Hope Cohen, a member of the New South Wales Bar, and a son of the late Mr Justice Cohen, has gained a commission in a regiment in England.

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 13 December, 1916)

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## **LIEUTENANT C. H. COHEN**

Mr Ernest R. Cohen, solicitor, today received a cablegram from London stating that Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen, the second son of the late Mr Justice Cohen, had died in hospital on November 18 last.

Lieutenant Cohen, who was under 30 years of age, was admitted as a member of the New South Wales Bar on November, 21, 1913.

Prior to being admitted he was associate to his father and Mr Justice Street. He was most popular with both branches of the legal profession.

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 28 November, 1918)

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

COHEN – Cecil Hope, Lieutenant His Majesty's R.F.A., younger son late Mr Justice Cohen, at Military Hospital, Catterick, Yorkshire, England, 18th November, instant. (By cable).

*(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 28 November, 1918) & (The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 29 November, 1918)*

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## OBITUARY

### MR CECIL H. COHEN, B.A.

A cable message has been received from London announcing the death of Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen, of pneumonia, in the Military Hospital at Catterick, Yorkshire. This gentleman, who was about thirty years of age, was the younger son of the late Mr. Justice Cohen, of Sydney. He had a very successful scholastic career at the Sydney Grammar School and the University, where he passed as a B.A. He then studied for the Bar, and was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court in 1913, soon after which he acted as associate to Mr. Justice Street. He left Sydney in January, 1916, for London, where he enlisted in the Imperial Force, and became a lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery. He was engaged on active service for some months in Flanders, and was invalided to England on account of shell shock. After a considerable stay in London he again took up his military duties. Lieut. Cohen was of a happy disposition, was much liked by all who knew him, and gave every promise of attaining a brilliant future.

*(Jewish Herald, Victoria – 13 December, 1918)*

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### Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Willesden, Brent, London, England

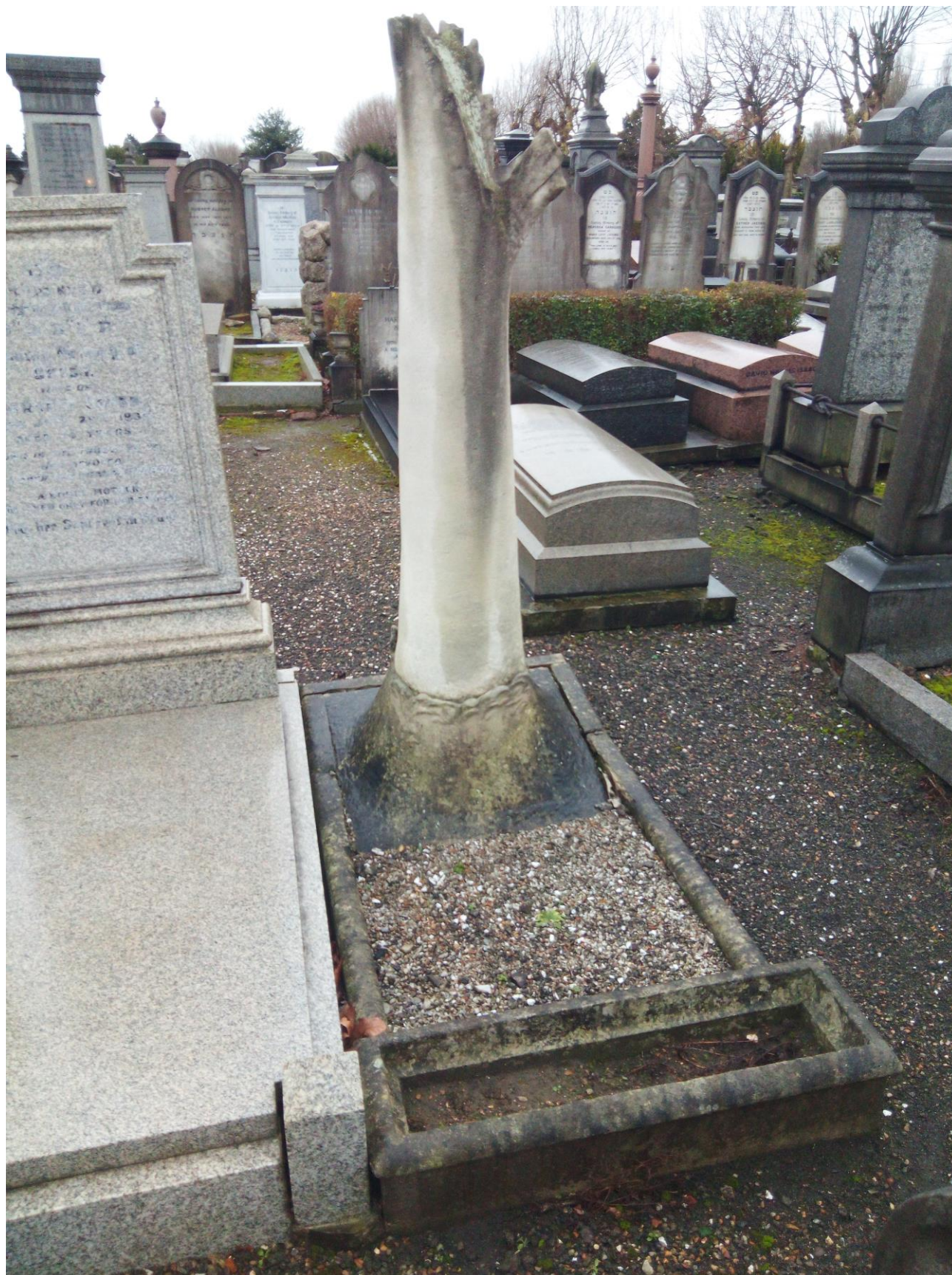
Willesden Jewish Cemetery contains burials of both wars. Of the 33 First World War graves, six form a small plot by the assembly hall and 22 of the 78 Second World War burials form a separate plot. The rest of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery. In place of the more usual Cross of Sacrifice, a specially designed memorial to men and women of the Jewish faith who lost their lives in both wars stands opposite the Second World War plot. The memorial is in the form of an obelisk and was the first Jewish national war memorial to be erected in the United Kingdom. *(Information from CWGC)*



Willesden Jewish Cemetery *(Photo by julia&keld)*



Photo of Lieutenant Cecil Hope Cohen's Private Memorial in Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Willesden, Brent, London, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Arthur – Willesden Jewish Cemetery)*





**Photo showing Cecil Hope Cohen's Memorial with Memorials to his mother & father to the left**

*(Photo courtesy of Arthur – Willesden Jewish Cemetery)*

*Note: With regards to Jewish Memorials, a broken tree or branch is a sign that the deceased was young at the time of death.*



## Of Interest

The 18ct Waltham Pocket Watch that was given to Cecil Hope Cohen from his father on his 13th birthday was sold at auction by Kalmar Antiques, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney, NSW.



**Cecil Hope Cohen's pocket watch** (Photos from Kalmar Antiques)



*"Cecil Hope Cohen from his dear father on attaining 13 years of age. July 5th 1901"*