

**Streatham Cemetery, Tooting,  
London, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**19698 GUNNER**

**A. COOK**

**ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY**

**30TH DECEMBER, 1917 Age 34**

## Albert COOK

Albert Cook was born at Tooting, Middlesex, England around 1883.

[Note: There is insufficient information to correctly identify Albert Cook's birth, parents or his entries in the England Censuses]

Albert Cook enlisted with British Army at Nottingham, England. He was posted to Royal Garrison Artillery with a Service Number of 19698 & the rank of Gunner.

[It appears that Gunner Albert Cook's Service Record file no longer exists. Around 60% of the British Army Service Records files were destroyed in WW2 – September, 1940 when a German bombing raid struck the War Office repository in London]

Gunner Albert Cook died on 30th December, 1917 at 40 Natal Rd, Streatham, London, England from Pneumonia. (as listed on UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901 – 1929)

A death for Albert Cook, aged 34, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Wandsworth, Greater London, England.

Gunner Albert Cook was buried Streatham Cemetery, Tooting, London, England – Plot number B. 356 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards for 1914 – 1923 lists Gunner Albert Cook, 19698, of Royal Garrison Artillery. His widow was listed as Blanch Mary Restell.

Gunner Albert Cook was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal (as per Medal Index Card for Gunner Albert Cook, 19698, R.G.A.). A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were to be sent to Gunner Cook's closest next-of-kin.

(Note: A Second Medal Index Card exists for Private Albert Cook, 19698, Essex Regiment (9th Battalion) & Labour Corps, 671786. This soldier entered a Theatre of War on 2nd December, 1915 & was entitled to 1915 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal).



Memorial Plaque

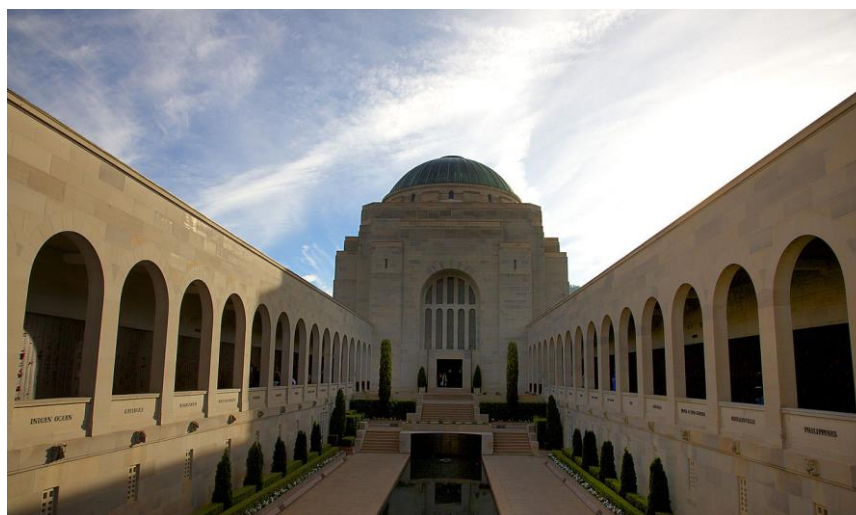
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner A. Cook – service number 19698, aged 34, of “A” Anti Aircraft Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. He was the husband of Mrs Blanche Restell, of Harefield, Southern Line, New South Wales.

Gunner Albert Cook 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.

*(Note: It appears that Gunner Albert Cook's name may be listed in error on the Commemorative Roll. The Roll was based on the information that a soldier's next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian. There is no evidence that Albert Cook came to Australia. See below for details)*



**Commemorative Roll** (Photo from AWM)



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

*\*\*[The CWGC & UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards for 1914 – 1923 both list Blanch/e Mary Restell as the widow of Gunner Cook. There appears to be no record of a marriage between Gunner Albert Cook & Blanche Mary Cook (her birth name).*

*Blanche Mary Cook was the daughter of Frederick William Cook & Charlotte Cook (nee Bradley). She was born on 26th June, 1892 at Streatham, Surrey, England.*

*Blanche Mary Cook married Alfred William Butcher around February, 1914 at Wandsworth, London, England. A daughter – Doris Blanche Butcher was born on 17th September, 1916 & baptised on 22nd October, 1916 at St. James Church, Streatham, London, England. Her parents were listed as Alfred William Butcher, Gunner, R.G.A. & Blanche Mary Butcher. The family lived at 40 Natal Road.*

*\*\* It could be assumed that Alfred William Butcher enlisted in the British Army – as “Albert Cook” as there are too many coincidences. There is no record of a death of any soldier with Surname of “Butcher” on the CWGC web site. The CWGC lists Gunner A. Cook as the “husband of Mrs Blanche Restell.”*

*Blanche Mary Butcher (nee Cook), (widow, aged 26, from 40 Natal Road, Streatham – the address Gunner Cook died at) married Charles Arthur Restell (Colour Sergeant, aged 23, from 4 Shrubbery Road, Streatham) on 15th June, 1918 at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, London, England.*

*Mr Charles A. Restell (Labourer, aged 26) & Mrs Blanche M. Restell (Housewife, aged 28 of 44(?) Natal Rd, Streatham) & daughters Blanche Restell (aged 2) & Mollie Restell (aged 1 month) were passengers on Euripides which had departed from the port of London, England on 11th March, 1921. They had listed their country of intended future residence as Australia.*

*Three year old Blanche Restell was killed in an accident in September, 1922 in New South Wales, Australia when she fell from a lorry (that was loaded with furniture) when the horses bolted. Both Mr Restell & Blanche were thrown off & the wheel ran over the little girl & she was crushed to death.*

*Mrs Blanche Mary Restell, (Housewife, aged 37, of 40 Natal Road, Streatham) along with her 2 children – Molly Rosina Restell (aged 8) & Douglas A. Restell (aged 5) were passengers on S.S. Baradine which had departed from the port of Liverpool, England on 10th August, 1929 bound for Australia. The 3 had listed their country of intended future residence as Australia.*

*Mrs Blanche Mary Restell died on 9th June, 1938 at Chatswood, Sydney, NSW, aged 46. She was buried in General lawn Cemetery, Point Clare, New South Wales.*

Gunner Albert Cook is commemorated in Canada's First World War Book of Remembrance – page 576. There are eight Books of Remembrance, covering various wars, containing the names of more than 120,000 Canadians who have given their lives.





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Dvr. Burns, Frank William. R.F.  
 Lieut. Burt, Lewis Harold Gladwin. R.E.  
 Gdsn. Bush, Percival Edward. 4<sup>th</sup> G.Gds.  
 F. Lt. Bush, Richard Eldon. R.N.A.S.  
 2/Lt. Busk, George Lawrence. R.F.A.(T.F.)  
 2/Lt. Buss, Thomas Weston. 5<sup>th</sup> E. Kent. R.(T.F.)  
 2/Lt. Butler, James William. 3<sup>rd</sup> E. Kent. R.  
 Capt. Callaghan, Stanislaus Cruess. R.F.C.  
 Pte. Calnek, Cyril Frederick R.A.S.C.  
 Gnr. Cameron, Donald Alex. R.A.(T.F.)  
 2/Lt. Cameron, Ewan Stuart. 4<sup>th</sup> Cam. H.(T.F.)  
 Lieut. Campbell, Colin Palmer; M.C. R.F.A.  
 2/Lt. Campbell, Colin St. George. R.F.A.  
 2/Lt. Campbell, John Kennedy. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Carruthers, William Keith. 4<sup>th</sup> Ox. and Bucks L.I.(T.F.)  
 2/Lt. Cass, William Edward. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Cathcart, Richard Robert. 1<sup>st</sup> R. Inn. Fus.  
 F. Cr. Chadwick, Arnold J; D.S.C. R.N.A.S.  
 2/Lt. Chaffey, Charles Russell. 23<sup>rd</sup> Manch. R.  
 Capt. Chambers, Percy Wilmot. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Chaplin, Charles Montague. 1<sup>st</sup> Camb. R.  
 2/Lt. Chapple, James Walter. 1<sup>st</sup> G.Gds.  
 2/Lt. Charlesworth, Alick Thomas. Bental. R.F.C.  
 Pte. Christie, Neil Moor. R.A.S.C.  
 Sgt. Clark, Frank. 11<sup>th</sup> E. York. R.  
 2/Lt. Clark, George. R.G.A.  
 2/Lt. Cloughton, John Harold. M.G.C.  
 2/Lt. Cleary, Robert Ernest. R.F.C.  
 Rfn. Cleary, Alfred Anthony. 11<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C.  
 Capt. Clement, Carleton Main; M.C. R.F.C.  
 1/A.M. Clement, David Ward. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Clifford, William James. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Clutterbuck, Bernard Valentine. R.F.A.  
 Pte. Coakley, Wilfred. 13<sup>th</sup> L'pool. R.  
 Sgt. Cockle, John. R.E.  
 P.F.O. Code, Lawrence. R.N.A.S.  
 2/Lt. Colchester, Bernard Valentine. 6<sup>th</sup> Bedf. R.  
 Gnr. Cook, Albert. R.G.A.  
 Cpl. Coombes, Henry; M.M. 39<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf.  
 Capt. Cotgrave, Christopher Russell. Farmar. Worc. R.  
 Pte. Courtney, Horace Ernest. 38<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf.  
 2/Lt. Couits, Walter Gordon. R.F.C.  
 Pte. Cowan, Frederick. 4<sup>th</sup> Gord. H.  
 2/A.M. Crane, Richard. R.F.C.

2/Lt. Creery, Ronald Hulbert; M.C. R.G.A.  
 2/Lt. Crerar, Malcolm Charlton. R.F.A.(R.F.C.)  
 F.S. Lt. Cressman, Fred Christie. R.N.A.S.  
 Pte. Crockett, Henry. 5<sup>th</sup> L'pool. R.  
 Sgt. Croscup, Colin James. 8<sup>th</sup> L'pool. R.  
 F.S. Lt. Crowe, Harry Laurence. R.N.A.S.  
 2/Lt. Crowther, Stanley Lorne. R.F.C.  
 Pte. Cruickshank, Albert. R.A.S.C.  
 2/Lt. Cruickshank, Raymond Alfred. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. R.(T.F.)  
 Sgt. Cullen, Richard. 32<sup>nd</sup> R. Fus.  
 2/Lt. Cully, Leslie. M.G.C.  
 2/Lt. Cumpston, Basil Lancelot. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bord. R.  
 Lieut. Cunningham, James Nelson. R.F.C.  
 Pte. Curran, Lawrence. 2<sup>nd</sup> I. Gds.  
 2/Lt. Curtis, Frank Warren. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Cushing, Geoffrey Edgar. R.F.C.  
 Lieut. Cuthbert, Stuart Ross. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Cutler, William Reynolds. R.F.C.  
 F.S. Lt. Cuzner, Albert Edward. R.N.A.S.  
 F.S. Lt. Daly, Denis H. R.N.A.S.  
 2/Lt. Daniel, Fleetwood Farncliffe. R.F.C.  
 L/Cpl. Daniels, William George; M.M. 3/4 R.W. Surr. R.  
 Capt. Davidson, Donald Alastair Leslie; M.C. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Davidson, Gordon Parsons. 1<sup>st</sup> R. Sc. Fus.  
 Gnr. Davies, Francis Herbert. R.G.A.  
 Pte. Davies, Frederick. 8<sup>th</sup> N. Staff. R.  
 Pte. Davies, John Albert. 12<sup>th</sup> Lrs.  
 Pte. Day, George. 9<sup>th</sup> Linc. R.  
 2/Lt. Dean, Arthur Le Roy. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. De Beck, George Clifford. 23<sup>rd</sup> R. Fus.  
 Pte. Deboi, Clarence; M.M. 11<sup>th</sup> Midd. R.  
 Pte. De Desmond, Gerald. 13<sup>th</sup> Glouc. R.  
 L/Cpl. De Mars, Frank. 8<sup>th</sup> L'pool. R.  
 2/Lt. Denne, Vincent A. R. Lanc. R.  
 L/Cpl. Dennis, Charles. 1/9 R. Scots.  
 Sgt. Dentler, George Bernard. 6 L.N. Lan. R.  
 2/Lt. De Rochie, Curtis Matthew. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Despard, Marcus Carden. 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Inn. Fus.  
 2/Lt. de Teissier, Aubrey. R.F.C.  
 Lieut. Dickie, Edward Gordon. R.F.C.  
 F.S. Lt. Dissette, Arthur Clarke. R.N.A.S.  
 Lieut. Dobbie, John Shedden. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gord. H.  
 2/Lt. Dodgson, John Henley. 5<sup>th</sup> R.W. Kent. R.(T.F.)  
 Cadet. Domville, James de Beaujeu. R.F.C.  
 2/Lt. Dow, Allan Gladstone. R.F.C.  
 Cadet. Downer, Harry Albert. R.F.C.  
 Pte. Drake, George. 2/6 Lan. Fus.  
 Pte. Dufresne, Valmore. 19<sup>th</sup> L'pool. R.  
 2/Lt. Dunford, Ernest Thubron. R.F.C.

## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Gunner A. Cook has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

### **Streatham Cemetery, Tooting, London, England**

The cemetery is in Garratt Lane, mid way between Upper and Lower Tooting. It contains scattered burials and those whose graves are not marked by headstones are recorded on a Screen Wall Memorial at the junctions of Blocks F, L, G and M.

There are 216 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and 167 of the 1939-1945 war here.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**Streatham Cemetery** (Photo from Find a Grave – Ferdinand)



**Cross of Sacrifice, Streatham Cemetery** (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Gunner A. Cook's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Streatham Cemetery, Tooting, London, England.

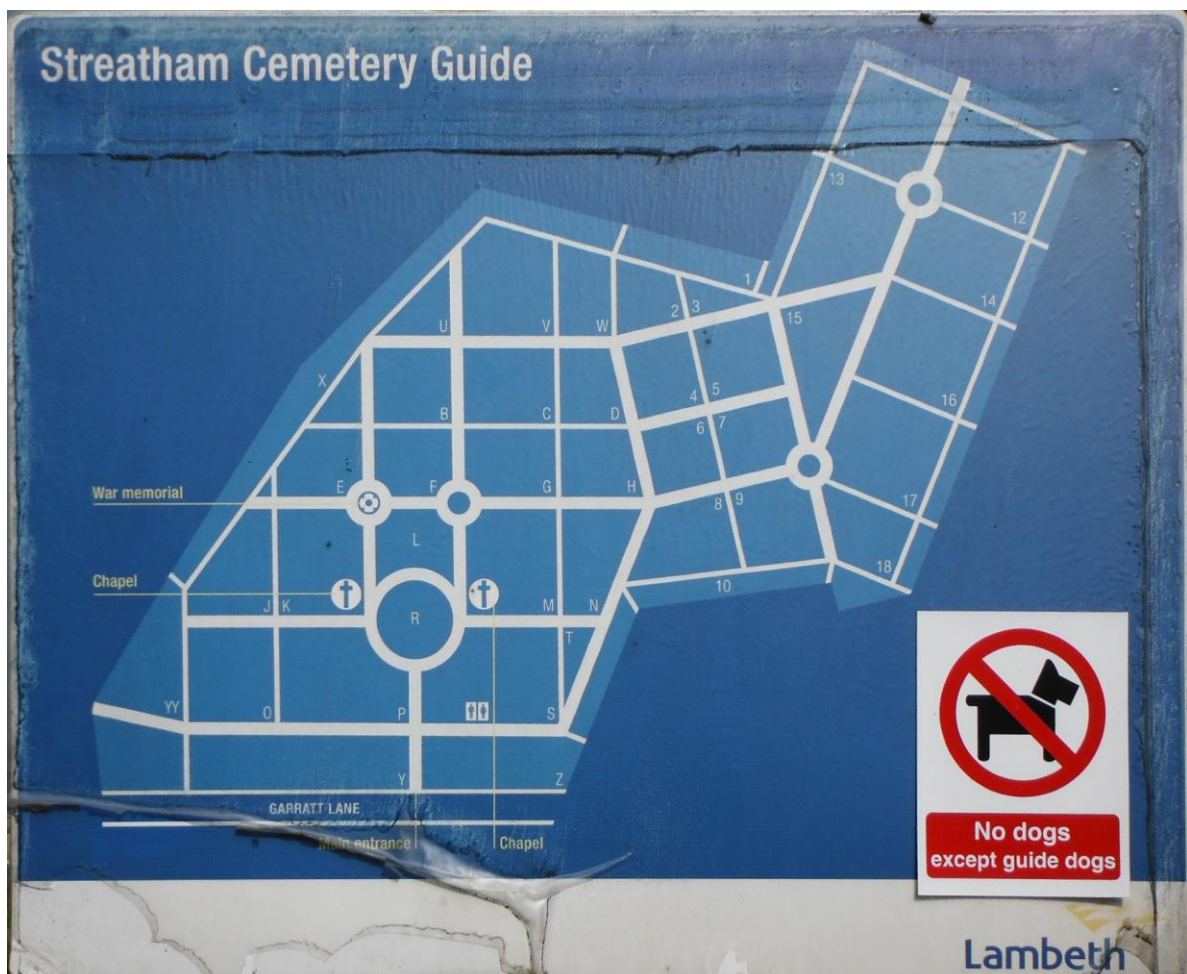


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**Streatham Cemetery** (Photo from CWGC)



**Map of Streatham Cemetery** (Photo from Find a Grave – Chris Doran)