

**Windsor Cemetery,
Windsor, Berkshire
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2083 CORPORAL OF HORSE

C. G. COXHEAD

2ND LIFE GUARDS

23RD NOVEMBER, 1914 Age 35

Cresswell Gregory COXHEAD

Cresswell Gregory Coxhead was born in 1879 at Southampton, Hampshire, England to parents John and Mary Jane Coxhead (nee Gregory).

The 1881 England Census recorded Cresswell Coxhead as a 2 year old, living with his family at 99 St. Andrews Road, Southampton, Hampshire, England. His parents were listed as John Coxhead (Storekeeper (unemployed), aged 32m, born Mayfield, Berks) & Mary Jane Coxhead (aged 33, born Exeter, Devon). Cresswell was the youngest of three sons listed on this Census – Harry T. Coxhead (Scholar, aged 12, born Notting Hill, Middlesex), Francis W. Coxhead (Scholar, aged 8, born St. Cross, Hants) then Cresswell. Also listed was Albert T. Gregory, brother-in-law of John Coxhead (Dairyman, aged 22, born Exeter, Devon).

The 1891 England Census recorded Cresswell G. Coxhead as a 12 year old Scholar, living with his family at 205 Albert Road, Portsea, Hampshire. His parents were listed as John Coxhead (Commission Agent in Sewing Machines, aged 41) & Mary J. Coxhead (Lodging House Keeper, aged 42). Also listed in the household were Harry Tyler, Stepson of John Coxhead, (Commission Agent, General Supply Company London, aged 22, born Notting Hill, London) the Cresswell, Guy T. Coxhead (Scholar, aged 9, born Southampton, Hampshire), Mabel F. Coxhead (Scholar, aged 8, born Southampton, Hampshire), Beatrice M. Coxhead (Scholar, aged 6, born Southampton, Hampshire) & Mary Ann Miles, widowed Mother of John Coxhead (aged 63).

Trooper C. Coxhead, 2083, was entitled to Medal Clasp for the South Africa campaign 1899-1902.

Cresswell Gregory Coxhead married Dora Mary Neill on 30th December, 1905, Their marriage was registered in December quarter, 1905 in the district of Windsor, Berkshire.

John Coxhead, father of Cresswell Gregory Coxhead, died in 1910 at Southampton, Hampshire, England.

The 1911 England Census recorded Cresswell Gregory Coxhead, married, aged 32, as Corporal of Horse with 2nd Life Guards living in the married Quarters at Mayfair & Knights Bridge, London. Dora Mary Coxhead, aged 28, was listed on a separate form. She stated they had been married for 5 years & had 3 children, with 3 children having died.

The 1911 Electoral Registers listed Cresswell Coxhead in the Hamlet of Knightsbridge Ward, living at Knightsbridge Barracks, London in Married quarters 31.

Cresswell Gregory Coxhead had enlisted at Portsmouth with the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line.

The Medal Index Card for Corporal of Horse Cresswell Gregory Coxhead records that he was involved in the B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & disembarked on 16th August, 1914.

2nd Regiment Life Guards

In October, 1899, the Boers declared war on the British colony of South Africa, the 2nd Regiment Life Guards embarked for Cape Town and served with distinction until the war's end (1902).

The 2nd Regiment of Life Guards was a cavalry regiment in the British Army, part of the Household Cavalry.

2nd Life Guards were stationed at Regent's Park. Once mobilised one squadron formed Household Cavalry Composite Regiment with a squadron of the 1st Life Guards who were stationed at Hyde Park (4 August, 1914).

Household Cavalry Composite Regiment:

Aug 1914 - Formed on mobilisation with one squadron from each of the Household Cavalry Regiments as part of the 4th Cavalry Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division.

16 Aug 1914 - Mobilised for war and landed in France engaging in various actions on the Western front including;

1914 - The Battle of Mons, The Battle of Le Cateau, The Battle of the Marne, The Battle of the Aisne, The Battles of Ypres 1914.



1st Life Guards mobilising at Knightsbridge Barracks to leave for France, August 1914

(Photo from Museum of London)

Corporal of Horse Cresswell Gregory Coxhead died on 23rd November, 1914 at King Edward's Hospital, Windsor from wounds received in action.

A death for Cresswell G. Coxhead, aged 35, was registered in the December quarter, 1914 in the district of Windsor, Berkshire, England.

Corporal of Horse Cresswell Gregory Coxhead was buried in Windsor Cemetery, Windsor, Berkshire, England, – Plot number AN. 117 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects' records the War Gratuity to his widow – Dora Mary & they had no children.

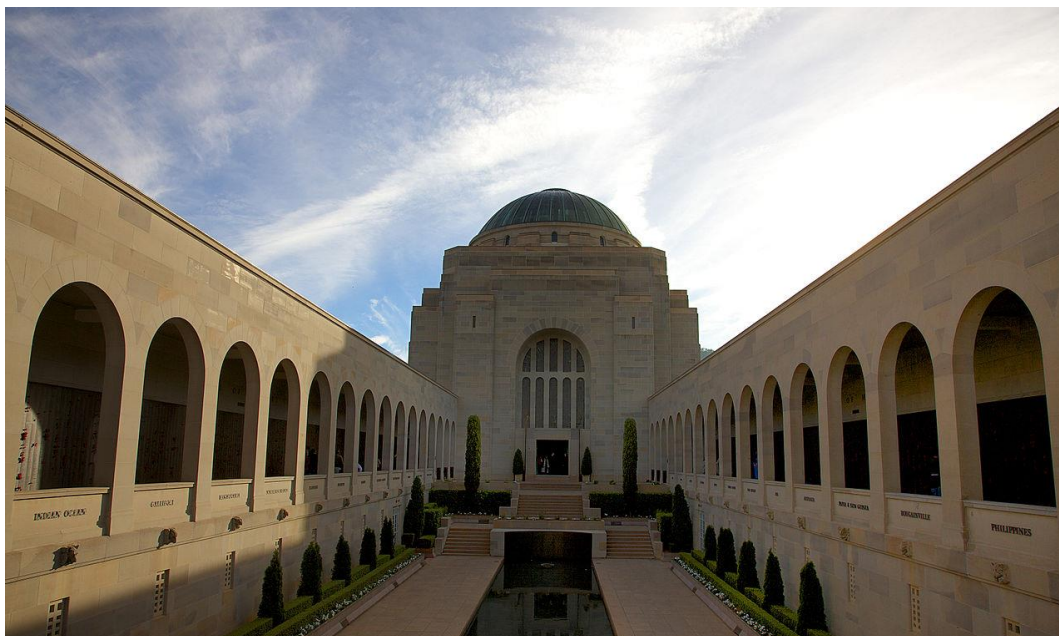
Corporal of Horse Cresswell Gregory Coxhead was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal of Horse C. G. Coxhead – service number 2083, aged 35, of "B" Sqdn., 2nd Life Guards. He was the son of the late John and Mary Jane Coxhead; husband of Dora M. Coxhead, of Toogoolawah, Queensland, Australia. Served in the South African Campaign. Born at Southampton.

Mrs Dora Mary Coxhead, widow of the late Corporal of Horse Cresswell Gregory Coxhead, was entitled to a Widow's War Pension from 25th May, 1915. Her address was York Cottage, Brook __, Windsor. She later changed her address to 13 Carlton Place Southampton then to 22 Imperial Avenue, Millbrook.

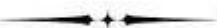
[Mrs Dora Mary Coxhead, widow, aged 36, was a passenger on the *Benalla* which had departed from the port of Plymouth, England on 24th August, 1917 bound for Australia. The 1919 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Oxley, subdivision of The Islands, Queensland recorded Dora Mary Coxhead, Nurse, of Dunwich.]

Corporal of Horse Cresswell Gregory Coxhead 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*)

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial & National Archives



Connected to Corporal of Horse Cresswell Gregory Coxhead:

Younger brother – Gunner Guy Templeton Coxhead, RMA/7837, Royal Marine Artillery died 22nd September, 1914, aged 33, when H.M.S. *Aboukir* which was on patrol with *Cressy* & *Hogue*. *Aboukir* was hit first by a torpedo & capsized 35 minutes later.

Gunner Guy Templeton Coxhead is remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire, with 24,662 others who died at sea & have no known grave.



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

ANOTHER LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

COXHEAD, 2083, Corporal of Horse C. G., 2nd Life Guards

(Birmingham Daily Post, Birmingham, England – 22 January, 1915)

Windsor Cemetery, Windsor, Berkshire, England

Windsor Cemetery, Windsor, Berkshire contains 87 Commonwealth War Graves – 53 from World War 1 & 34 from World War 2.



Windsor Cemetery *(Photo by Andrew Smith)*

Photo of Corporal of Horse C. G. Coxhead's Private Headstone in Windsor Cemetery, Windsor, Berkshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of julia&keld)

In
Loving Memory
Of
My Dear Husband
CRESSWELL GREGORY COXHEAD
Cpl of Horse 2nd Life Guards
Who Died Of Wounds

Aged 35 Years



Cross of Sacrifice *(Photo from CWGC)*

The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead WINDSOR CEMETERY



HOW TO FIND A GRAVE

YOU MUST KNOW YOUR GRAVE NUMBER. IF YOU DO NOT, THIS INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES UNIT, YORK STREAM HOUSE, ST. IVES ROAD, MAIDENHEAD.

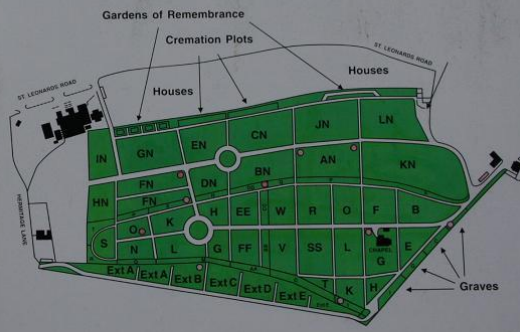
LOCATE THE LETTER PREFIX AND NUMBER ON THE PLAN. THE PLAN SHOWS GRAVE NUMBERS FROM - TO (i.e. 1-26) ON THE PLOT.

THE GRAVES RUN IN ROWS AND THE NUMBERS ARE MARKED ON EACH STONE CONSECUTIVELY. THERE ARE ALSO PLAQUES WITH NUMBERS ON EACH PLOT SHOWING THE RANGE OF NUMBERS ON THAT PLOT.

- YOU ARE HERE
- ENTRANCE AND EXIT
- WC PUBLIC CONVENIENCES
- WATER POINTS

IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTY OR DO NOT KNOW THE GRAVE NUMBER YOU REQUIRE PLEASE CONTACT THE CEMETERY OFFICE ON MAIDENHEAD (01628) 796075 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
Please be advised that it is our intention to begin removing Christmas wreaths on graves from the 1st February



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