

**Hammersmith Old Cemetery,  
London, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**231223 STOKER 1ST CLASS**

**G. R. LASKEY**

**H.M.S. "PEMBROKE"**

**ROYAL NAVY**

**9TH MARCH, 1918 Age 31**

## George Robert LASKEY

George Robert Brockdish Laskey was born at Norwich, Norfolk, England on 26th October, 1886 to parents George Robert & Sarah Ann Laskey. He was baptised on 1st December, 1886 at St John the Baptist of Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England (father's name listed as William Laskey).

[The 1881 England Census recorded Sarah Ann Laskey (Charwoman, married, aged 29, born Mulbarton, Norfolk) as the head of the house living with her daughter – Gertrude Laskey (Scholar, aged 4, born Norwich, Norfolk) at Strikers Yard, Norwich, Norfolk, England.]

The 1891 England Census recorded George Broadhurst as a 4 year old living with his family at 4 Scotts Yard, Conisford, Norwich, Norfolk, England. His parents were listed as George Broadhurst (Labourer, aged 61, born Timberhill, Norwich) & Sarah Laskey (Housekeeper, aged 41, born Mulbarton, Norfolk). Also listed was Lavinia Broadhurst, younger sister of George, (aged 5 months).

The 1901 England Census recorded George Laskey as a 14 year old Labourer living with his mother – Sarah Laskey (Charwoman, aged 50, married) at 4 Scotts Yard, East Wymer, Norwich, Norfolk, England.

George Robert Laskey joined the Royal Navy on 5th July, 1904. He was a 17 year old Labourer. George Laskey was issued a Service number of 231223 (Chatham).

George Robert Brockdish Laskey was posted to *Pembroke I* on 5th July, 1904 as Boy 2nd Class. He was transferred to *Northampton* from 14th September, 1904 & promoted to Boy 1st Class on 8th October, 1904.

Boy 1st Class George Robert Laskey, on his 18th birthday – 26th October, 1904, signed on with Royal Navy for 12 years.

Boy 1st Class George Robert Laskey was transferred to *Hawke* on 15th November, 1904 & promoted to Ordinary Seaman on 5th January, 1905 while still serving in *Hawke*.

Ordinary Seaman George Robert Laskey was transferred to *Pembroke* on 7th January, 1905 then served in *Hermione* from 25th January, 1905; *Forte* from 16th February, 1905; *Crescent* from 9th March, 1905. He was promoted to Stoker 2nd Class on 19th June, 1906 while serving in *Crescent*.

Stoker 2nd Class George Robert Laskey was promoted to Stoker 1st Class on 1st December, 1906 while serving in *Crescent*.

Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey was transferred to *Pembroke II* on 1st June, 1907. He was awarded 5 days in Cells from 14th July to 20th July, 1907 & resumed in *Pembroke II*. On 27th July, 1907 he was transferred to *Triumph*. He spent 7 days in Cells from 26th October, 1908 & resumed on 3rd November, 1908. He returned to *Pembroke II* on 12th January, 1911 & was transferred to *Commonwealth* on 3rd March, 1911.

The 1911 England Census recorded George Laskey as a 24 year old Stoker who was part of Crew on H.M.S. *Commonwealth* (Battleship) docked at Tamar, Devonport, Devon, England on the night of the Census – Sunday 2nd April, 1911. The Commander of H.M.S. *Commonwealth* was Commander Oswald H. Ormsby.

Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey was transferred to *Vanguard* on 28th March, 1912. He was in Cells for 5 days from 26th June, 1912 until 2nd July, 1912 & then 7 days in Cells from 9th December, 1912 until 17th December, 1912. Stoker 1st Class Laskey was transferred back to *Pembroke II* on 26th March, 1913 then transferred to *Cressy* on 25th April, 1913. On 1st June, 1914 he was transferred to *Cornwallis* then from 15th July, 1914 he served in *Euryalus*.

Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey was transferred to *Pembroke II* on 1st October, 1916 until 21st October, 1916 when he was invalided out.

Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey died on 9th March, 1918.

A death for George R. Laskey, aged 31, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Hammersmith, London, England.

Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey was buried in Hammersmith Old Cemetery, London, England – Screen Wall 31. W. 6. He does not have a headstone however his death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Stoker 1st Class G. R. Laskey – service number 231223, aged 31, of H. M. S. “Pembroke”, Royal Navy. He was the son of Sarah Ann Chase (formerly Laskey), of Alexander St., West Bundamba, Queensland, Australia, and the late George Robert Laskey.

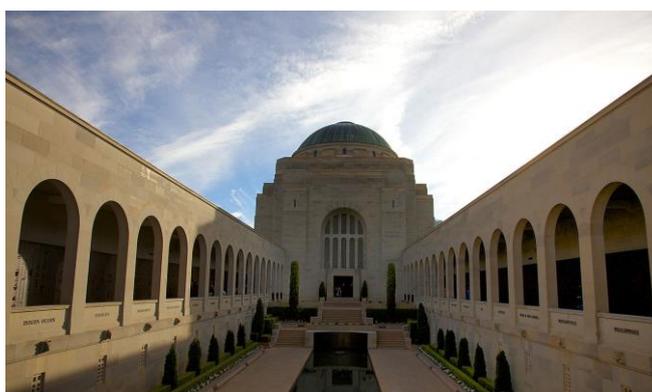
Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

*[Note: It appears that Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey's name on the Commemorative Roll is in error as it was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the service personnel concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.]*

*His mother – Sarah Ann Laskey was a passenger on Ophir which departed from port of London, England on 29th December, 1905. She stated she was a 49 year old, Charwoman. She married Frederick Chase in 1910 in Queensland, Australia.]*



**Commemorative Roll** (Photo from AWM)



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

(1 page of Stoker 1st Class George Robert's Naval Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll) & National Archives*



### 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.

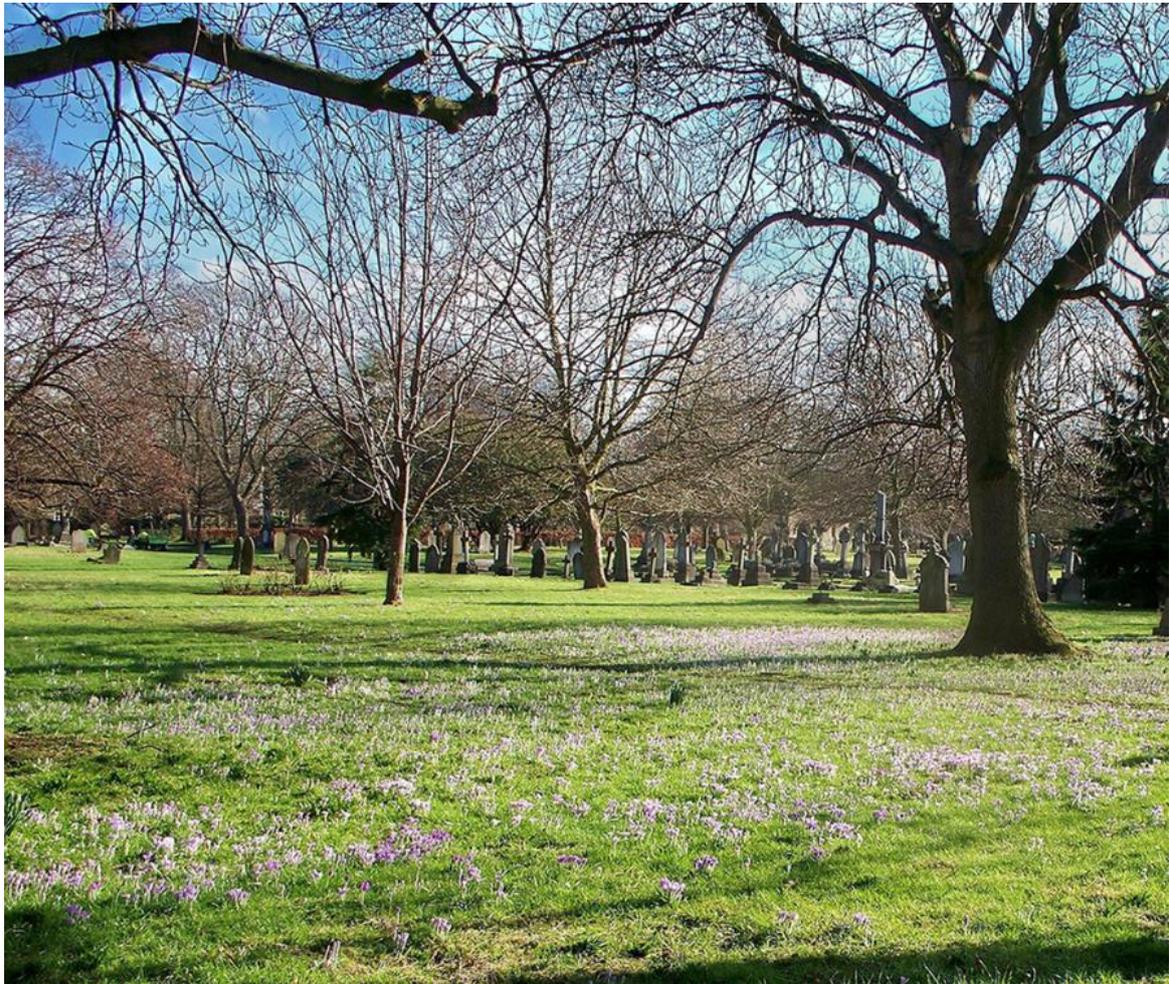
Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Stoker 1st Class George Robert Laskey is remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Hammersmith Old Cemetery, London, England.

### **Hammersmith Old Cemetery, London, England – also known as Margravine Cemetery, Hammersmith, Greater London, England**

Hammersmith Old Cemetery contains 193 Commonwealth War Graves – 188 relating to World War 1 & 5 relating to World War 2.

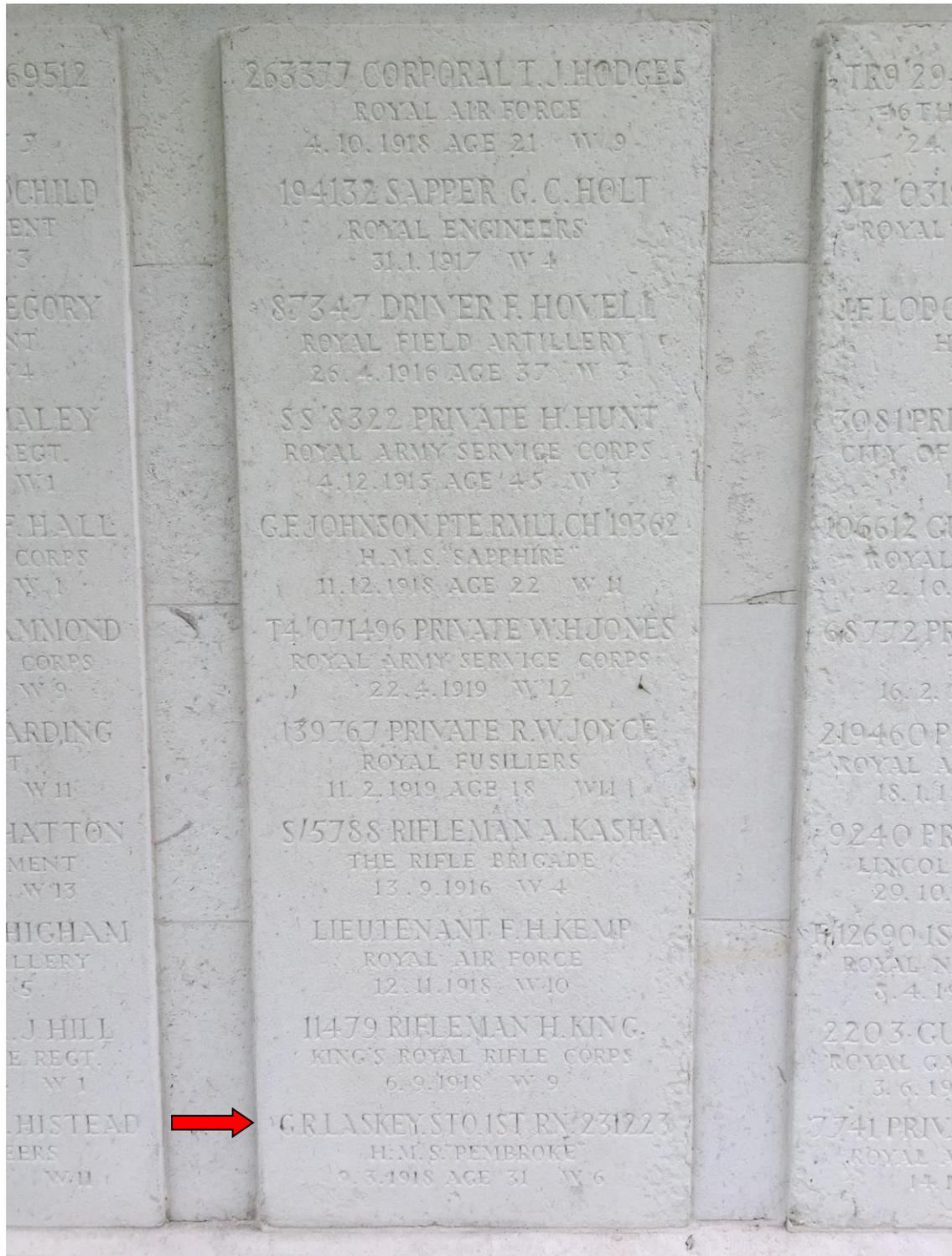




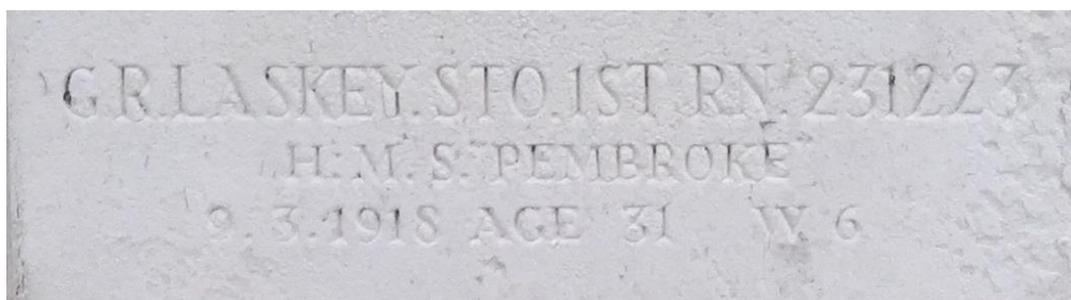
**Hammersmith Old Cemetery & Chapel** (below) (*Photos from Friends of Margravine Cemetery*)



Photo of Stoker 1st Class G. R. Laskey's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Hammersmith Old Cemetery, London, England.



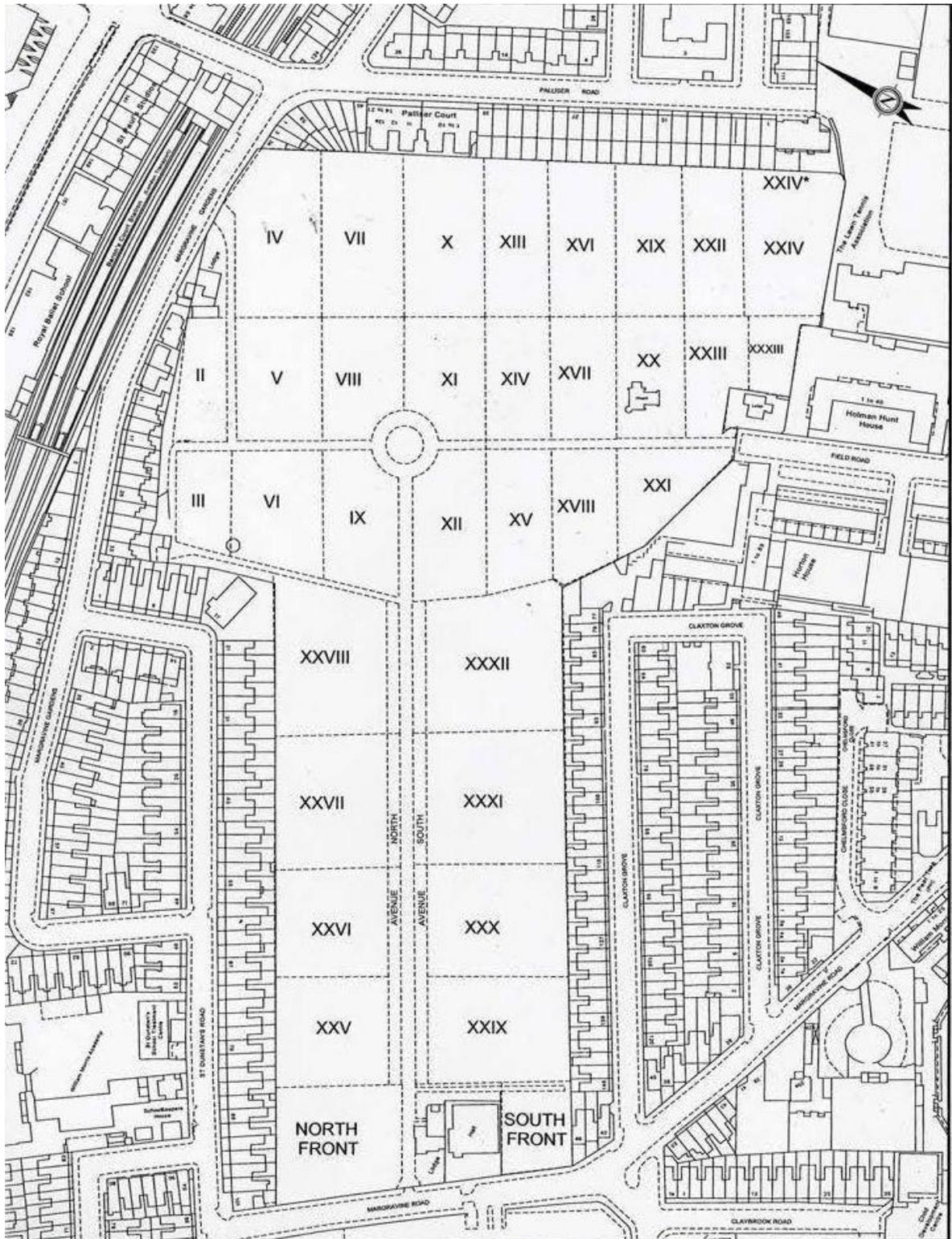
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**CWGC Screen Wall** (Photo above from CWGC; below by Geoffrey Gillon)





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