

**Whitley Bay (Hartley South) Cemetery,
Tyne & Wear
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



42151 PRIVATE

G. E. LODGE

15TH BN. WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

(PRINCE OF WALES'S OWN)

20TH JANUARY, 1919 Age 34

George Edward LODGE

George Edward Lodge was born on 9th February, 1885 at Batley, Yorkshire, England to parents Wesley and Elizabeth Lodge (nee Booth). He was baptised on 22nd March, 1885 at Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Cross Bank, Batley, York, England.

The 1891 England Census recorded George E. Lodge as a 6 year old Scholar, living with his family at Spring Grove, Field Hill, Batley, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Wesley Lodge (Employer, aged 42, born Batley, Yorkshire) & Elizabeth Lodge (aged 40, born Gildersome, Yorkshire). George was one of five children listed on this Census (all born Batley, Yorkshire) – Robert B. Lodge (Scholar, aged 13), Philip Lodge (Scholar, aged 12), Benjamin E. Lodge (Scholar, aged 9), George & Annie E. Lodge (aged 1). Two servants were also listed – Mary A. Robinson (Housemaid, aged 17) & Annie Mason (General Servant, aged 18).

A death was registered in 1895 for Wesley Lodge, father of George Edward Lodge. He died on 15th May, 1895 at Batley, Yorkshire, England.

The 1901 England Census recorded George E. Lodge as a 16 year old, living with his widowed mother & siblings at Ingle Bank, Batley, Yorkshire, England. His mother was listed as Elizabeth Lodge (widow, aged 50). George was one of three children listed on this Census – Philip W. Lodge (Plumber & Glazier (Employer), aged 22) then George & Annie Lodge (aged 11). Also listed was John Booth (Father of Elizabeth Lodge, Retired Grocer, aged 79) & Fanny Saville (Servant, aged 19).

George Edward Lodge married Elizabeth Moor Irwin on 18th December, 1910 in the district of Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland, England.

The 1911 England Census recorded George Ed. Lodge as a 26 year old Woollen & Cotton Rags Manager living with his wife – Elizabeth Moore Lodge, aged 30, at 147 Warwick Street, Heaton, Newcastle on Tyne, Northumberland, England in a 3 roomed dwelling. George & Elizabeth had been married for under one year. Also listed was James Douglas, a visitor (Foreman Paper Sorter, aged 21).

A son – John Edward Wesley Lodge was born on 24th April, 1913 to Elizabeth & George Edward Lodge in Northumberland, England.

A son – George Edward Lodge was born on 8th July, 1916 to Elizabeth & George Edward Lodge.

George Edward Lodge enlisted on 8th January, 1917 with the British Army. He was posted to Prince of Wales's Own West Yorkshire Regiment (also known as Leeds Pals) with a service number of 42151.

Private George Edward Lodge was captured at Bullecourt on 27th March, 1918 & taken as a Prisoner of War.

Private George Edward Lodge was discharged from the British Army on 6th December, 1918. He was awarded the Silver War Badge – No. B55398 & Certificate due to sickness. The Silver War Badge was issued in the United Kingdom and the British Empire to service personnel who had been honourably discharged due to wounds or sickness from military service in World War I.



The Silver War Badge

Private George Edward Lodge died on 20th January, 1919 from Debility, Heart Disease and Bronchitis brought about by alleged maltreatment whilst a prisoner of war. (Cause of death recorded by Batley's Roll of Honour. A family member has reported the cause of death on their Ancestry tree as died of effects of his captivity -Malnutrition.)

A death for George E. Lodge, aged 36, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Tynemouth, Northumberland, England.

Private George Edward Lodge was buried in Whitley Bay Cemetery, North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear – Plot number C. C. 1007 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Probate Details:

Lodge George of 9 St. Oswins Avenue, Cullercoats, Northumberland, Private, West Yorkshire Regiment, died 20th January, 1919. Administration (with Will) Newcastle-upon-Tyne 14 April, to Elizabeth Moore Lodge, widow. Effects £195.

George Edward Lodge's former School Magazine reported "George Lodge was reported 'prisoner of war' in our last number. He was repatriated, but never recovered from the abominable ill-treatment he suffered and died at Cullercoats in January. He was one of a family of our dodgiest footballers".

Private George Lodge was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private G. E. Lodge – service number 42151, aged 34, of 15th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). He was the son of Wesley and Elizabeth Lodge; husband of Elizabeth Moore Lodge, of Aspendale, Victoria, Australia. Born at Batley, Yorks.

G. E. Lodge is remembered on the Batley Grammar School Roll of Honour.



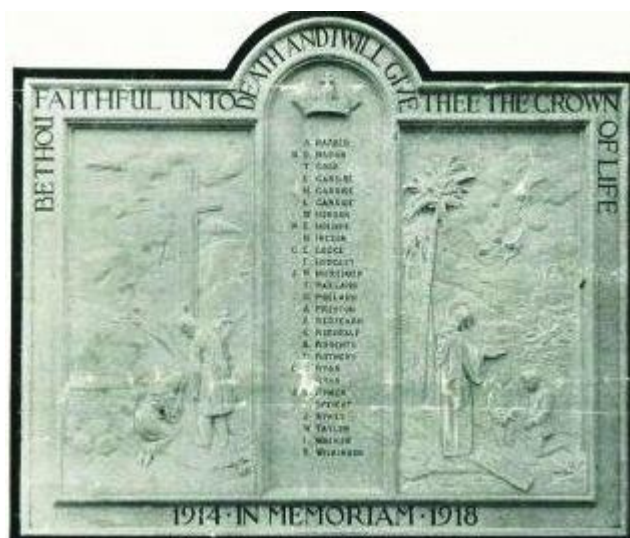
George Lodge is remembered on the Batley War Memorial, located in Batley Memorial Gardens, Cambridge Street, Batley, England.



Batley War Memorial (Photos from War Memorials Online – Kirklees Council)



G. E. Lodge is remembered on the Batley, Cross Bank Wesleyan Church War Memorial which was moved to Central Methodist Church, Batley.



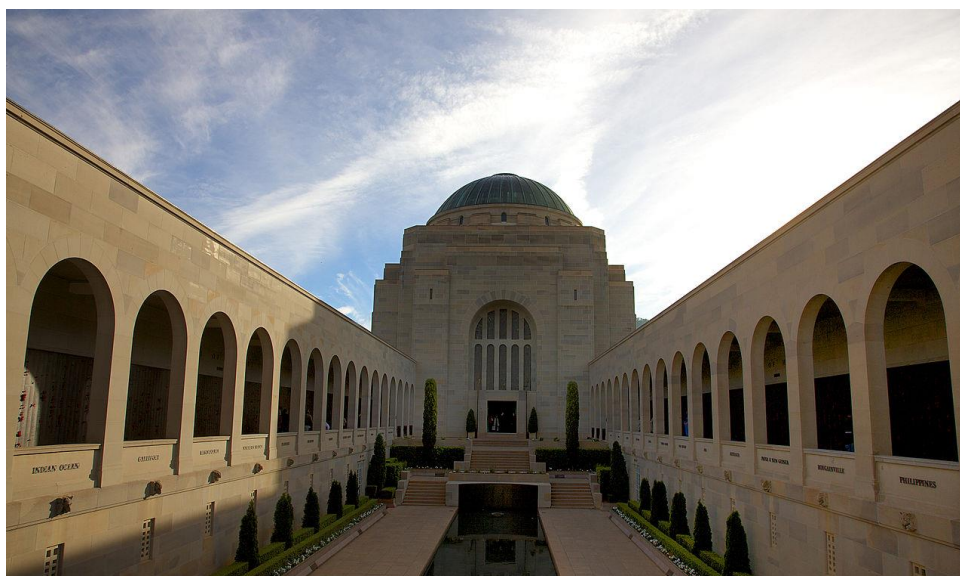
Batley, Cross Bank Wesleyan Church War Memorial

George E. Lodge 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 George E. Lodge's name on the Commemorative Roll may be an error as it was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.)

Elizabeth Moore Lodge, widow of the late Private George Edward Lodges, was listed on the Australian Electoral Rolls in Victoria from 1927 to 1954. The 1927 & 1931 Electoral Roll listed her at Aspendale Café, Grove Street, Aspendale, Victoria.

Elizabeth Moore Lodge died on 21st April, 1955. She was interred at the New Cheltenham Cemetery, Victoria.



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

(Private George Edward Lodge's Service Record file is not available. Information obtained from the CWGC & Australian War Memorial)



Private George Edward Lodge



**Private George Edward Lodge with his wife Elizabeth
& sons John Edward Wesley Lodge & George Edward Lodge (jnr)**

Whitley Bay Cemetery, North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear, England

Whitley Bay Cemetery contains 67 Commonwealth War Graves – 22 from World War 1 & 49 from World War 2, 4 of which are unidentified seamen of the Merchant Navy.



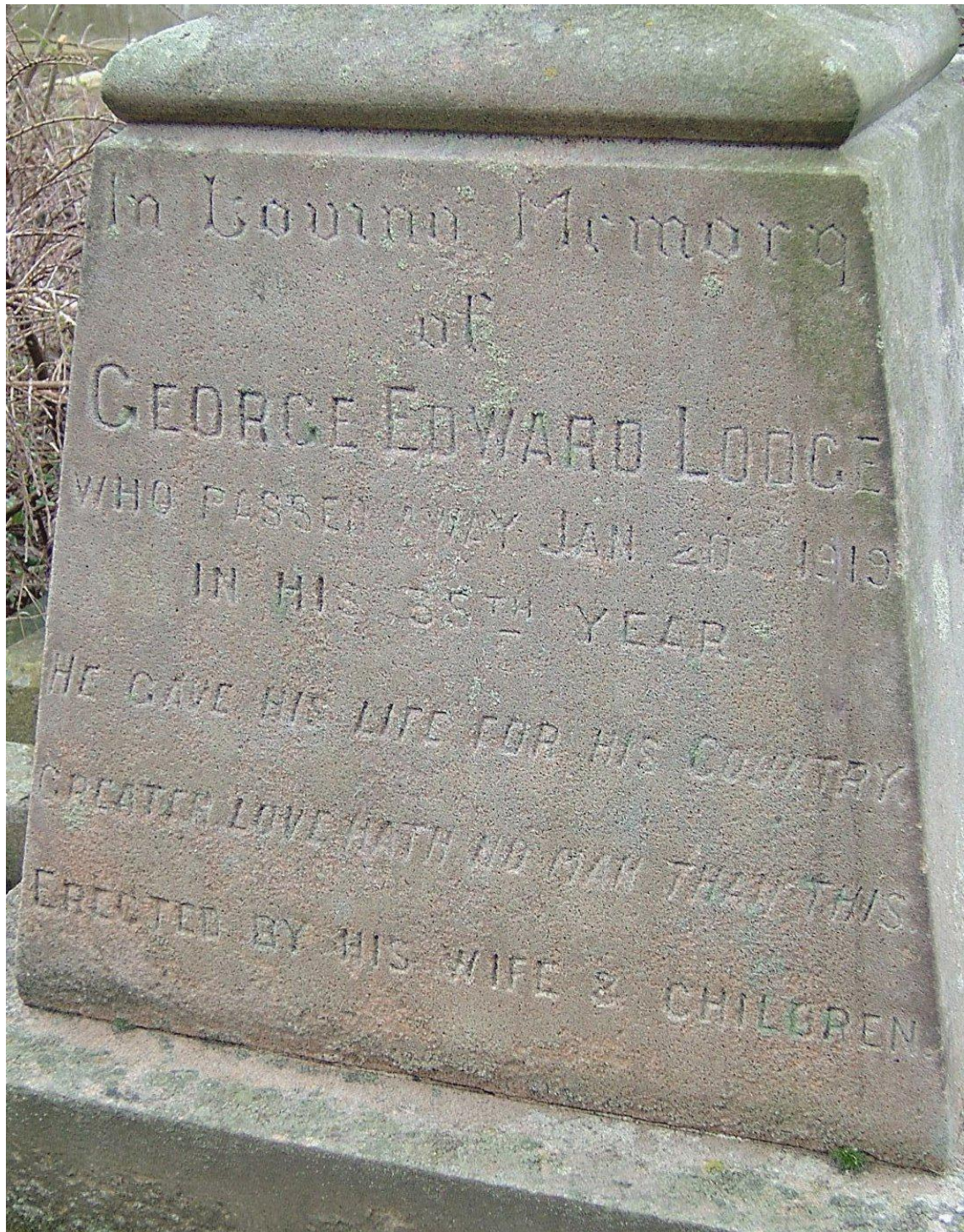
Entrance to Whitley Bay Cemetery (Photo by R. J. McNaughton)



Whitley Bay Cemetery (Photo by Bill Boaden)

Photo of Private G. E. Lodge's Private Headstone in Whitley Bay Cemetery, North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear, England.





In Loving Memory

of

GEORGE EDWARD LODGE

Who Passed Away Jan 20TH 1919

In His 35TH Year

He Gave His Life For His Country

Greater Love Hath No Man Than This

Erected By His Wife & Children

WHITLEY BAY CEMETERY



Please Note:
 Car Parking in Lay-by
 Access to Cemetery
 for Funeral Corteges
 and Disabled
 Parking Only

