

**Christ Church Churchyard & Extension,
Linthwaite, West Yorkshire, England**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



801 COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR

F. SCHOFIELD

18TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

14TH OCTOBER, 1917

Frank SCHOFIELD

Frank Schofield was born at Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England around 1882/1883 to parents Edward & Betsy Jane Schofield (nee Dyson).

The 1891 England Census recorded Frank Schofield as an 8 year old living with his family at Rock, Linthwaite, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Edward Schofield (Butcher, aged 37, born Linthwaite, Yorkshire) & Betsy Jane Schofield (aged 38, born Lindley, Yorkshire). Frank was the youngest of three children listed on this Census (all born Linthwaite, Yorkshire) – John Edward Schofield (Scholar, aged 12), Constance Aileen Schofield (aged 10) & Frank.

The 1901 England Census recorded Frank Schofield as an 18 year old Tailor (Apprentice) living with his family at 21 Rock, Linthwaite, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Edward Schofield (Butcher (own account), aged 47) & Betsy J. Schofield (aged 47). Frank was the youngest of two children listed on this Census – Constance A. Schofield (aged 20) & Frank.

The 1911 England Census listed Frank Dyson Schofield as a 28 year old, single, Tailor (own account), boarding at 8 Trinity Street, Huddersfield, Yorkshire – West Riding. Ellen Ann Hodgson (married, aged 47) was listed as the Head of the house. Also included in the household was Ellen Hodgson's son – James Walter Hodgson (Tripe Dealer, married, aged 24) & three other Boarders.

Frank Schofield married Lizzie Wilkinson on 10th October, 1911 in Christ Church, Linthwaite, West Yorkshire, England. Frank was listed as a 29 year old Tailor from Heathfield, Linthwaite & his father was Edward Schofield, Farmer. Lizzie was listed as a 24 year old from Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite & her father was listed as William Wilkinson (deceased), Inn Keeper.

Frank Schofield, Tailor, aged 28, was a passenger on *Wilcannia* which departed from the port of London, England on 14th October, 1911 bound for Sydney, Australia.

Betsy Jane Schofield, mother of Frank Schofield, died on 22nd December, 1914.

Frank Schofield was a 32 year old, married, Tailor from Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England when he enlisted on 15th January, 1915 at Liverpool, Sydney, New South Wales with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 801 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs F. Schofield, Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England. Frank Schofield stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served in Royal Marines for 8 years.

Frank Schofield was posted to 18th Battalion on 15th January, 1915 for recruit training.

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Ceramic (A40)* on 25th June, 1915 with the 5th Infantry Brigade, 18th Infantry Battalion "C" Company.

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield proceeded from Alexandria on 16th August, 1915 to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli.

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield reverted to Ranks at his own request on 17th August, 1915 at Gallipoli Peninsula & was transferred to "A" Company.

Private Frank Schofield was to be Corporal from 28th August, 1915 vice Hotson killed.

Corporal Frank Schofield was to be Temporary Sergeant from 5th October, 1915 vice Barnett evacuated sick.

Temporary Sergeant Frank Schofield was confirmed Sergeant from 23rd November, 1915 vice CSM Smith struck off strength.

Sergeant Frank Schofield disembarked at Alexandria ex Mudros on 9th January, 1916 (after the evacuation of Gallipoli).

Sergeant Frank Schofield proceeded from Alexandria on 18th March, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 25th March, 1916.

Sergeant Frank Schofield was promoted to Company Sergeant Major in France on 1st April, 1916 vice 188 C.S.M. Smith, W.J., struck off strength.

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield was tried by a F.G.C.M. (Field General Court Martial) at Erquinghem on 26th June, 1916. Charge: "Conduct to the prejudice of good order & military discipline in that he at Bois Grenier on 15/6/1916 did cause to be completed A.F.C. 2123 by which he & Coy. Orderly Room Staff were detailed for patrol work, well knowing same to be false." Finding: Guilty. Sentence: Reduced to the rank of Corporal on 29th June, 1916. Period in confinement awaiting Trial: 16/6/16 to 26/6/16.

Corporal Frank Schofield was to be Temporary Sergeant from 8th August, 1916 vice Ritchie wounded.

Temporary Sergeant Frank Schofield was promoted to Sergeant from 8th November, 1916 vice Ritchie.

18th Battalion

The 18th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. It left Australia in early May, trained in Egypt from mid-June until mid-August, and on 22 August landed at ANZAC Cove.

The battalion had not been ashore a day when it was committed to the last operation of the August Offensive ' the attack on Hill 60 ' which lasted until 29 August and cost it 50 per cent casualties. For the rest of the campaign the 18th played a purely defensive role, being primarily responsible for holding Courtney's Post. The last members of the battalion left Gallipoli on 20 December.

After further training in Egypt, the 18th Battalion proceeded to France. Landing there on 25 March 1916, it took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 25 July and 5 August. The battalion returned to the Pozieres trenches for a second time in late August. After a spell in a quieter sector of the front in Belgium, the 2nd Division including the 5th Brigade, came south again in October. The 18th Battalion was spared from having to mount an attack across the quagmire that the Somme battlefield had become, but did have to continue manning the front through a very bleak winter.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Sergeant Frank Schofield was taken on strength of 5th Training Battalion at Rollestone, Wiltshire, England from 14th November, 1916. He was appointed Acting C.S.M. on 22nd November, 1916. He was posted for duty with 5th Infantry Training Battalion, England & placed on Supernumerary List on 28th November, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Acting Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield was appointed to Permanent Cadre with 5th Training Battalion at Rollestone, Wiltshire from 1st January, 1917. He was promoted to Temporary C.S.M. on 1st February, 1917 under A.I.F. Orders para 213.

Temporary Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield was A.W.L. (absent without leave) from 13th August, 1917 & returned from A.W.L. on 22nd August, 1917. He was written up for an Offence – A.W.L from 13th August, 1917 to 22nd August, 1917. This was admonished by O.C. 5th Training Battalion & he forfeited 10 days' pay.

Temporary Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 7th October, 1917 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined).

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield died at 3.15 am on 14th October, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Tubercle of Lung.

A death for Frank Schofield, aged 39, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

The body of Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield sent to his wife – Mrs Schofield, Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England to be interred at Linthwaite Cemetery. A Telegram had been sent from O/C Fargo Military Hospital to The Commandant, Administrative Headquarters, London, on 14th October, 1917 advising “*Mrs Schofield, wife of the late 801 C.S.M. Schofield, 18th Battalion, A.I.D. Died 14-10-17 from Tubercle of Lungs desires private burial.*”

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield was buried on 17th October, 1917 in Christ Church Churchyard & Extension, Linthwaite, West Yorkshire, England in Private Family Vault. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

From the burial report of Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield - Military Funeral. Private Vault in Churchyard. Officiating Clergyman – Rev. T. Haworth, Vicarage, Linthwaite.

A War Pension was granted to Elizabeth Schofield, The Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield, widow of the late Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield, in the sum of 57/3d per fortnight from 13th October, 1917. A Pension was also granted to Bessie Schofield, daughter of Elizabeth & the late Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield, in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 13th October, 1917.

The Public Trust Office, Sydney, NSW, wrote to Base Records on 8th August, 1918 requesting a duplicate Death Certificate for CSM F. Schofield, 18th Battalion & also the address of the deceased prior to enlistment & the name & address of the person nominated as next of kin.

Base Records replied to The Public Trustee on 16th August, 1918, enclosing a “*...certificate in duplicate of report of death of the late No. 801A Company Sergeant-Major Frank Schofield, 18th Battalion. The address of the deceased prior to enlistment is not recorded, but that of next-of-kin is shown as: - (Wife) Mrs F. Schofield, Ivy Hotel, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England.*”

England & Wales National Probate Calendar:

SCHOFIELD Frank of Barraba New South Wales died 14 October 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire. Administration (with Will) London 27 December to Elizabeth Schofield widow. Effects £138.

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Company Sergeant Major Schofield's widow – Mrs E. Schofield, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield – service number 801, of 18th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Company Sergeant Major F. Schofield is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 87.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Frank Schofield is remembered on the Roll of Honour, located in Christ Church, Church Lane, Linthwaite, West Yorkshire, England.



Linthwaite Roll of Honour (Photos from War Memorials Online)



Linthwaite Roll of Honour

(41 pages of Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

350TH CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

C.S.M. FRANK SCHOFIELD, England, 14/10/17

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 6 November, 1917)

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.

Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield has a Private Headstone

Christ Church Churchyard & Extension, Linthwaite, West Yorkshire, England

There is 1 Commonwealth burial of the 1914-18 war in the churchyard and 1 in the Extension. There are a further 6 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-45 war in the Extension.

Please note, the extension is on the opposite side of Church Lane from the churchyard.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo – Find a Grave – Mrs P)



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Photo of Company Sergeant Major Frank Schofield's Private Family Vault in Christ Church Churchyard & Extension, Linthwaite, West Yorkshire, England.



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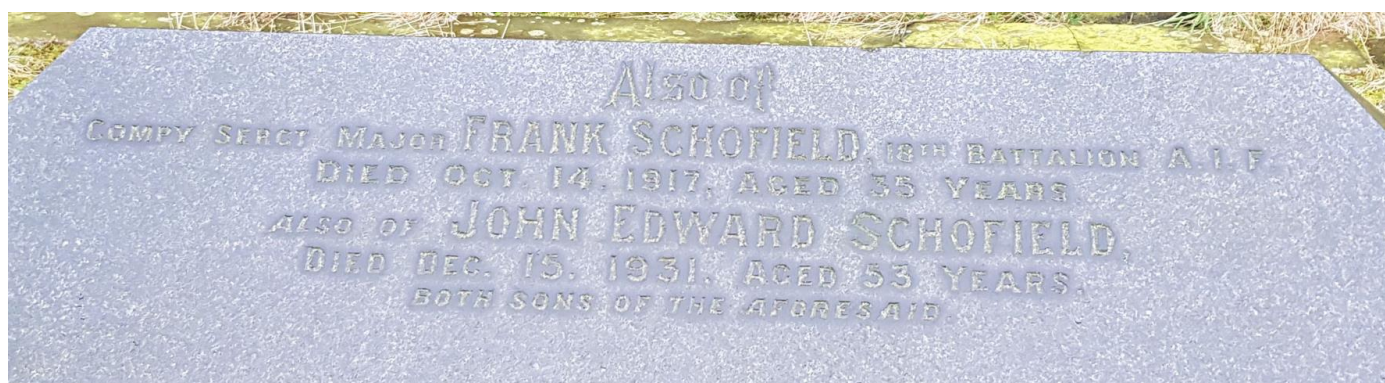
Comp Sergt Major FRANK SCHOFIELD, 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

Died Oct 14, 1917, Aged 35 Years

Also of JOHN EDWARD SCHOFIELD

Died Dec. 15, 1931. Aged 53 Years

Both Sons of the Aforesaid





(Photos – Find a Grave – Mrs P – January, 2021)





