

**Burngreave Cemetery,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3472 PRIVATE

H. J. SHADDOCK

50TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

7TH OCTOBER, 1916 Age 23

*Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That
He Lay Down His Life For His Friend*

Harold James SHADDOCK

Harold James Shaddock was born at Glanville, near Adelaide, South Australia on 23rd August, 1891 to parents James & Sarah Ann Shaddock (nee Sledeford). (The Report of Death of a Soldier (Army Form B. 2090 has the date of birth for Harold James Shaddock as 21st August, 1892).

(Note: In a letter to Base Records in 1916, Harold's mother writes his name as "Harold". His Private Headstone also has the same spelling. The birth details online show the name as "Harold" & all through his Service Record file his name is referred to as "Harold".)

Harold James Shaddock was educated at Glanville, South Australia. He was also a student of the International Correspondence School.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Sturt, New South Wales recorded Harold James Shaddock, Shop Assistant of Chapple Street. His parents James Shaddock, Hawker & Sarah Ann, Domestic Duties, were also listed at Chapple Street.

Harold James Shaddock was a 24 year old, single, Draper's Assistant from Chappell Street, Broken Hill, NSW when he enlisted at Keswick, South Australia on 26th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3472 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs S. A. Shaddock, of Chappell Street, off Sulphide Street, Broken Hill, NSW. Harold Shaddock stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 2 years with "G" Company, Senior Cadets.

Harold James Shaddock was posted to "O Group Exhib" on 26th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to "A" Company, 3rd Depot Battalion on 16th August, 1915 then transferred to 11th Reinforcements of 10th Battalion on 1st September, 1915.

Private Harold James Shaddock embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 27th October, 1915 with the 10th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements.

Private Harold James Shaddock was transferred from 10th Battalion to 50th Battalion on 26th February, 1916. He was allotted to and proceeded to join 50th Battalion on 29th February, 1916 from 3rd Training Battalion at Zeitoun. He was taken on strength of 50th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 29th February, 1916.

Private Harold James Shaddock proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 5th June, 1916 on *Arcadian*. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 12th June, 1916.

Private Harold James Shaddock was wounded in action on 16th August, 1916. He was admitted to 26th General Hospital at Etaples, France on 16th August, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to shoulder. Private Shaddock embarked from Calais, France for England on 20th August, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Newhaven*.

(Note: Based on research of over 1,200 WW1 Australian Soldiers - if Private Shaddock was admitted to Hospital at Etaples, France on 16th August, 1916 – he would have been wounded in action prior to that date).

50th Battalion

The 50th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 26 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were veterans from the 10th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 10th, the 50th was predominantly composed of men from South Australia. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division and was dubbed "Hurcombe's Hungry Half Hundred", after its first CO, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Hurcombe.

After arriving in France on 11 June 1916, the 50th fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm between 13 and 15 August and suffered heavily. It took part in another assault launched there on 3 September. The battalion saw out the rest of the year alternating between front-line duty, and training and labouring behind the line. This routine continued through the bleak winter of 1916-17.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 50th Battalion

Front Line

14th August, 1916:

Terrific bombardment all day. Enemy guns blowing trenches and saps to pieces. Stretcher bearers and runners having very difficult task & have been augmented. Very fine individual acts being performed. Casualties to 12 noon about 45 killed and 105 wounded. Lieut Baynes wounded and shell shock.

15th August, 1916:

Heavy enemy bombardment up till midnight last night. Battalion again attacked at 10 pm but were weakened by the all day bombardment & were only partially successful. Casualties to 12 noon 110 killed & 400 wounded approximately. Officers wounded Lieut Colonel Hurcombe (Shellshock) Capt W. M. Fowler, Lieuts W. H. Bowden, R. L. Rhodes, V. G. Dridan & W. T. Hoggarth. Battalion to be relieved tonight.

Private Harold James Shaddock was admitted to Bradford War Hospital, England on 21st August, 1916 with GSW to shoulder (slight).

Mrs S. A. Shaddock, Chapple Street, Broken Hill, NSW was advised by Base Records on 11th September, 1916 that her son had been wounded. Mrs Shaddock wrote to Base Records on 18th September, 1916 requesting any further information on her son's date of wounding & which hospital he was in. Base Records advised Mrs Shaddock on 24th September, 1916 that her son had been admitted to Bradford War Hospital on 21st August, 1916 suffering from gunshot wound to shoulder (mild).

Private Harold James Shaddock died at 9.20 pm on 7th October, 1916 at War Hospital, Bradford, England from wounds received in action (GSW shoulder, Pyalmia, Second Haemorrhage). A Telegram was sent from War Hospital, Bradford to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London advising them of the death of 3472 Private L. J. Shaddock, 50th Battalion who died at 9.20 pm. "Friends present."

A death for Harold J. Shaddock, aged 24, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Bradford, Yorkshire West Riding, England.

Private Harold James Shaddock was buried on 11th October, 1916 in Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England – Plot number JJ. "C" 4201 at the request of relatives & has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Base Records contacted Mrs S. A. Shaddock, 237 Chapple Street, Broken Hill, NSW in June, 1920 stating that she was registered as the next-of-kin of the late Private H. J. Shaddock but requested to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically of his father was still alive due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. Mrs Shaddock advised Base Records that James Shaddock, father of her son was still living but an "invalid in bed unable to do anything for himself" & his address was the same as hers.

Private Harold James Shaddock was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Shaddock's father – Mr J. Shaddock, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harold James Shaddock – service number 3472, aged 23, of 50th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private H. J. Shaddock is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 151.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. J. Shaddock is remembered on the Barrier District Roll of Honour, located in Broken Hill RSL Sub-Branch, 403 Argent Street, Broken Hill, NSW.



Barrier District Roll of Honour (Photo from NSW War Memorials Register)

H. J. Shaddock is remembered on the Broken Hill War Memorial World War 1 Cenotaph (The Bomber) which is located in Broken Hill War Memorial Reserve, 234 Argent Street, Broken Hill, NSW.



Broken Hill War Memorial World War 1 Cenotaph (Photos from NSW War Memorials Register)



H. J. Shaddock is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide, South Australia. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

(41 pages of Private Harold James Shaddock'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) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

IN BOKEN HILL LOCAL RECRUITING

THE MEN WHO ARE GOING ON THURSDAY

Since July 1, 90 applications have been made to the local enrolling officer, and the undermentioned have been passed as medically fit by the medical officer:-

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H. J. Shaddock

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 13 July, 1915)

THE AUSTRALIANS

217th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA WOUNDED

Pte H. J. SHADDOCK, Broken Hill

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 September, 1916)

IN BROKEN HILL

PRIVATE H. J. SHADDOCK

Mrs J. Shaddock, of Chapple-street, has received from the Base Records Branch of the Defence Department, Melbourne, further news concerning her son,, Private H. J. Shaddock. The information given is that Private Shaddock was admitted to the Bradford (Yorkshire) war Hospital on August 21, suffering from a not severe gunshot wound in the shoulder.

(Barrier Miner, Broken Hill, NSW – 29 September, 1916)

THE ROLL OF HONOR

THE LATE PRIVATE H. J. SHADDOCK

Private Harold J. Shaddock, who died from blood poisoning as the results of wounds on October 7, last, was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaddock, of Broken Hill, late of Glanville, S.A., and was educated at Glanville Public School, and afterwards removed to Broken Hill, and entered into the employ of Pellew and Moore, drapers, who held him in high esteem.



Private H. J. Shaddock

He left Adelaide for the front on October 27, 1915. and completed his 25th year two days after being wounded. He was a brother to Mrs. G. J. Peterson, whose husband is a staff sergeant-major at Mitcham Camp.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 20 October, 1916) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 28 October, 1916)

WAR LOSSES

237TH CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte H. J. SHADDOCK (Broken Hill, NSW)

(*The Sun*, Sydney, NSW – 22 October, 1916)

DEATH

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

SHADDOCK – Died of wounds on October 7, 1916, at Bradford War Hospital, England, Private Harold J. Shaddock, aged 25 years, fourth beloved son of Mr and Mrs J. Shaddock, and brother of Miss E. W., Mrs J. A. Gibson, and Mr F. (all of Broken Hill), Mrs G. J. Peterson (Adelaide), Mr I. J. (Renmark), Mr W. (Stansbury) and Sapper R. G., now serving in France.

In the prime of his life God claimed him,

In the pride of his manhood days;

None knew him but to love him,

None mentioned his name but to praise.

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 4 November, 1916)

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private Harrold J. Shaddock, B Company Signallers, 50th Battalion, A.I.F., who died on October 7, 1916, in the Bradford War Hospital, England, from blood-poisoning, as the result of shrapnel wounds in the shoulder, was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaddock, of Chapple-street. He had been about three months in France, and was buried in England on October 11. He left Australia by the s.s. Benalla on October 27, 1915, and completed his 25th year two days after being admitted to hospital on August 21. Prior to enlisting he was employed by Messrs. Pellew and Moore, who held him in high esteem. He has another brother, Sapper R. G. Shaddock, serving with the colors in France.

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 19 November, 1916)

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

SHADDOCK – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Harold, who died of wounds in England on the 7th October, 1916.

He left his home in health and strength

To answer his country's call;

He gave his life, he gave his best,

For you, for me for all.

His King and country called him,

The call was not in vain;

On Britain's roll of honor

You will find dear Harold's name.

Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers, one of whom (Roy) is on active service in France.

SHADDOCK – In loving memory of my dear brother, Harold, who died of wounds received in France on October 7, 1916.

A better brother never lived,
Not one so true and kind;
His equal in this weary land
We never more will find.

Inserted by his loving sister, Lily Gibson.

SHADDOCK – In memory of Private Harold J. Shaddock, died of wounds, October 7th, 1916. "A good friend. Sadly missed." Inserted by his pals, Phil and Watty.

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 6 October, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

SHADDOCK – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Harold, who died of wounds in England on October 7, 1916.

His cheerful face, his loving smile,
Are pleasant to recall;
He had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.

Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers, one of whom (Roy) is on active service in France.

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 7 October, 1918)

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

SHADDOCK – In loving memory of Harold Shaddock, who died of wounds in England on October 7, 1916. Inserted by his friends, A. and P.

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 7 October, 1918)

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

SHADDOCK – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Harrold, who died of wounds in England on October 7th, 1916.

Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Hidden tears, they often flow;
Memory keeps our loved one near us,
Though he died three years ago.

Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers

SHADDOCK – In loving memory of our dear brother, Harold, who died of wounds received in France, 1916.

He bade us not a last farewell,
He waved his hand to none;
His spirit flew before we knew
That from us he had gone.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, J. and L. Gibson.

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 7 October, 1919)

Memorial Notices were placed in the newspapers for the following years

1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 & 1931.

Sarah Ann Shaddock, mother of the late Private Harold Shaddock, died in 1932. Harold was included in Memorial notices with his mother & father from 1932 onwards.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

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.

Private Harold James Shaddock has a Private Headstone.

Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England

During the First World War there were two substantial war hospitals in Sheffield, the Wharnccliffe, in the Wadsley Asylum, and the 3rd Northern General, housed in 15 separate buildings. The city, a centre for war industry during the Second World War, suffered heavy enemy air-raids during the Blitz with 600 people killed in a single raid in December 1940. Sheffield (Burngreave) Cemetery contains scattered war graves of both wars. Behind the Cross of Sacrifice in plot JJ is a Screen Wall commemorating those First World War casualties whose graves could not be marked by headstones, most of them buried in the plot of ground immediately in front of it. In front of the Screen Wall are a number of Special Memorial headstones for Second World War casualties buried elsewhere in the cemetery whose graves could not be marked. In all, the cemetery contains 235 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 57 from the Second. *(Information from CWGC)*



(Photo by Paula Lloyd – Find a Grave)

Photo of Private H. J. Shaddock's Private Headstone in Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England.



(Photo by Stephen Farnell – Find a Grave)

In Loving Memory
of
HARROLD JAMES SHADDOCK
(50TH Batt. Australian Imperial Forces)
The Beloved Son Of
James And Sarah Ann Shaddock
Of Broken Hill, N.S.W. Australia,
Who Died October 7TH 1916,
From Wounds Received In Action In France,
Aged 25 Years.
“Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That
He Lay Down His Life For His Friend.”



(Photo courtesy of Wayne Bywater)



In Loving Memory
of
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(50TH BATT. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES,
THE BELOVED SON OF
JAMES AND SARAH ANN SHADDOCK,
OF BROKEN HILL, N.S.W. AUSTRALIA,
WHO DIED OCTOBER 7TH 1916,
FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION IN FRANCE,
AGED 25 YEARS.
"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT
HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS"
ALSO WILLIAM SHADDOCK,
DIED OCT. 22ND 1930, AGED 30 YEARS.
ALSO EMMA JANE SHADDOCK,
BELOVED WIFE OF THE ABOVE,
DIED MARCH 24TH 1932, AGED 82 YEARS.
ALSO HARRY, THEIR BELOVED SON,
DIED NOV. 24TH 1919, AGED 40 YEARS.

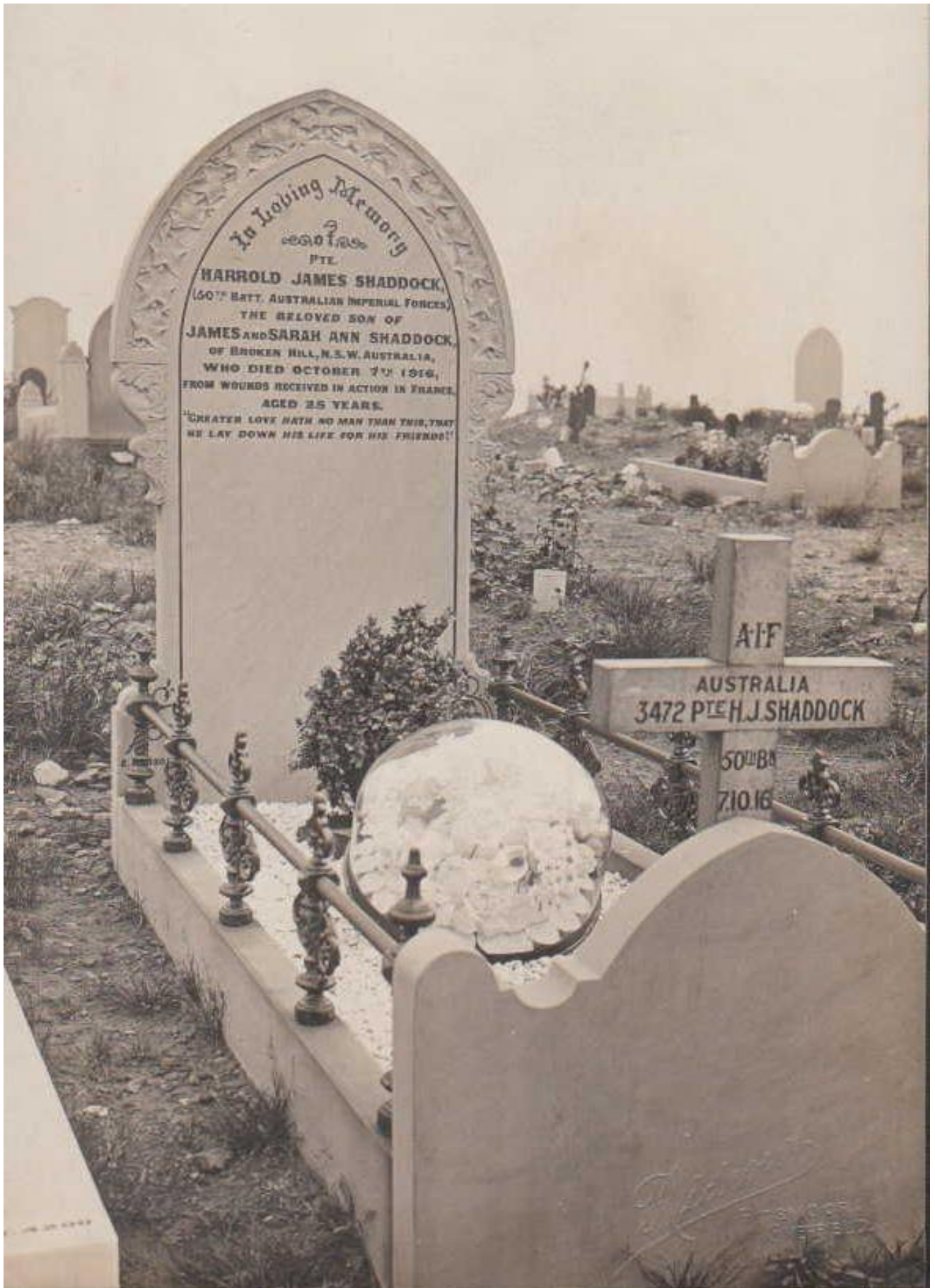
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(Photo by Dave Yate)

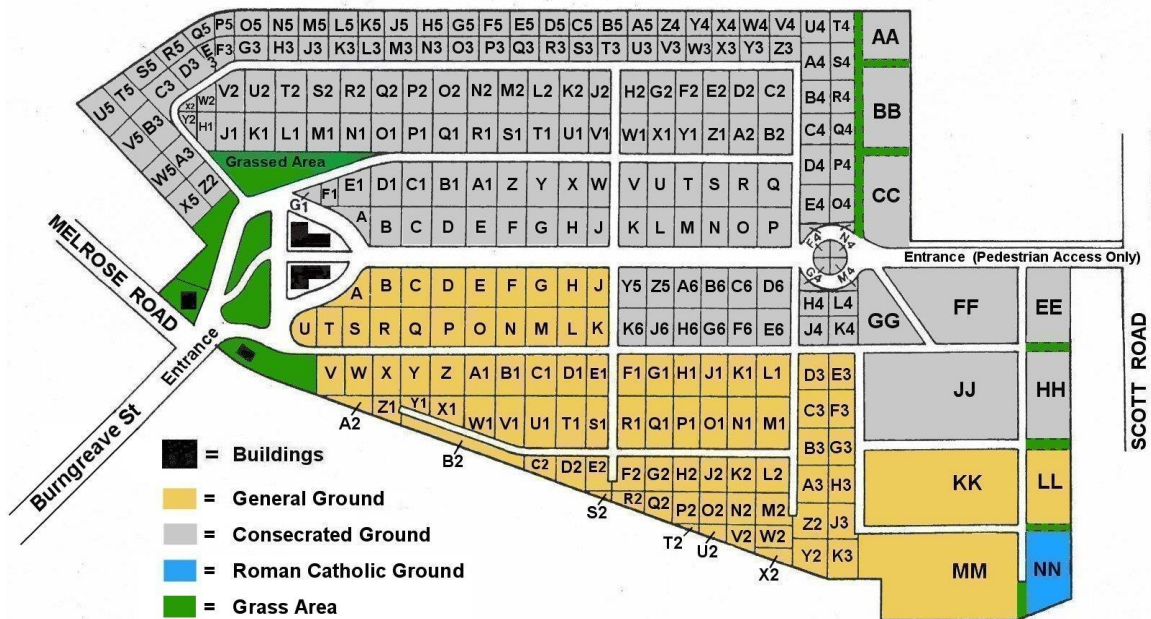


Private H. J. Shaddock's Private Headstone with Original Grave marker



Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Wall (Photo by Joaquin O’Ryan)

Burngreave Cemetery



(Photo from Meersbrook – Find a Grave)