

**All Saints Cemetery, Maidenhead,
Berkshire, England**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



8022 PRIVATE

N. E. SHELDON

16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

31ST MARCH, 1918 Age 21

Norman Edwin SHELDON

Norman Edwin Sheldon was born at Rangeworthy, Gloucestershire, England on 2nd February, 1897 to parents John Henry and Hetty Elizabeth Sheldon. He was baptised on 29th April, 1897 at St. Andrew The Less, Clifton, Gloucestershire, England.

[The 1891 Census of Canada listed the Sheldon family living in the district of Bright, York in the province of New Brunswick. The family consisted of John Sheldon (Farmer, aged 33), Hettie Sheldon (aged 26) & their 3 children all born in England – May Sheldon (aged 5), Harold Sheldon (aged 4) & Jacquetta Sheldon (aged 3 months).]

The 1901 England Census recorded Norman Sheldon as a 4 year old living with his family at The Laurels, Rangeworthy Road, Rangeworthy, Gloucestershire. His parents were listed as John Sheldon (No occupation listed, aged 42, born Frampton Cotterell) & Hettie Sheldon (aged 34, born Birmingham). Norman was the youngest of 2 children listed on this Census – May Sheldon (aged 14, born Birmingham). Also listed was Amelia Brown (General Servant, aged 17).

Norman Edwin Sheldon attended Mr Taylor's East Harptree School, Somerset, England.

The 1911 England Census recorded Norman Edwin Sheldon as a 14 year old Pupil at a Private School at East Harptree, near Bristol. The School Master was Francis Clement Taylor (aged 61).

[The 1911 Census listed Norman's parents living at The Laurels, Rangeworthy, Gloucestershire. John Henry Sheldon (Farmer, aged 52) & Hettie Sheldon (aged 45) had been married for 26 years & had 4 children, all still living. Also listed was Amy Smith (General Servant, aged 16).]

Norman Edwin Sheldon & his family came to Australia when he was 14 years old.

The 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Swan, subdivision of Wellington listed Norman's parents – John Henry Sheldon, farmer, Etta Elizabeth Sheldon, Home Duties all living at Moojelup Farm, Cookernup, Western Australia. His sister Jacquetta Amelia Yates Sheldon, Home Duties, was only listed at that address for 1913 & 1914. The 1917 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Perth, subdivision of East Perth listed Norman's father – John Henry Sheldon, Labourer, of 3 Bennett Street. Also listed at that address was his sister Jacquetta Amelia Yates Sheldon, Civil Servant.

Norman Edwin Sheldon was a 20 year old, single, Farmer from Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted on 8th May, 1917 with the 16th Infantry Battalion, 27th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 8022 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – J. H. Sheldon, of 3 Bennett Street, Perth, Western Australia. As Norman Sheldon was under the age of 21 years both his parents signed their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service abroad.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon was in Camp from 5th June, 1917. He was transferred to Machine Gun School on 25th June, 1917 then transferred to 7th Machine Gun Company on 18th October, 1917.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on SS *Canberra* on 23rd November, 1917 & disembarked at Suez on 21st December, 1917. He embarked from Port Said on 9th January, 1918 on H.M.S. *Kashgar* & disembarked at Taranto on 20th January, 1918. He then disembarked at Southampton, England on 30th January, 1918.

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.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon was marched in to 13th Training Battalion from Australia on 31st January, 1918.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon was sent sick with Scabies to 3rd New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 14th March, 1918 & then admitted the same day with German Measles. After convalescence from German Measles he developed Scarlet Fever.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon was transferred to Isolation Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire on 26th March, 1918 suffering from Scarlet Fever.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon died at 5 pm on 31st March, 1918 at Isolation Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England from Scarlet Fever. Private Sheldon was originally reported to have died from Cerebro Spinal Fever but his records were amended to read cause of death from Scarlet Fever.

A death for Norman E. Sheldon, aged 21, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

The body of Private Norman Edwin Sheldon was claimed by relatives & was buried at 1 pm on 4th April, 1918 in All Saints Cemetery, Maidenhead, Berkshire, England – Plot number A. Y. 5. and has a Private Headstone. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Private Sheldon - *Coffin was good, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was buried privately at Maidenhead Cemetery. Several beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin by the relatives. Prior to the interment a service was held by the Rev. C. King-Gill in the Cemetery Chapel. An oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Relatives & friends present at the funeral- Brother - Lieut. H. P. Sheldon, Thistle Grave, Maidenhead; Sister-in-law – Mrs H. P. Sheldon; Mrs E. M. Plaistow, Mr G. H. Plaistow and No. 622019 Pte A. O. Birch (Canadian soldier) Brixton.*

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon requested in his Will dated 20th July, 1917 that John Henry Sheldon (father) to be appointed Executor of the Will. The whole of his worldly possessions were bequeathed to his father John Henry Sheldon & mother Hetty E. Sheldon.

The late Private Norman Edwin Sheldon's father wrote to Base Records on 18th September, 1918 to thank them for sending a photo of his son's grave.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Plaque & Scroll were also sent to Pte Sheldon's father – Mr J. H. Sheldon, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Norman Edwin Sheldon – service number 8022, aged 21, of 16th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John Henry and Elizabeth Sheldon. Born in Gloucestershire, England.

Private N. E. Sheldon is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 81.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

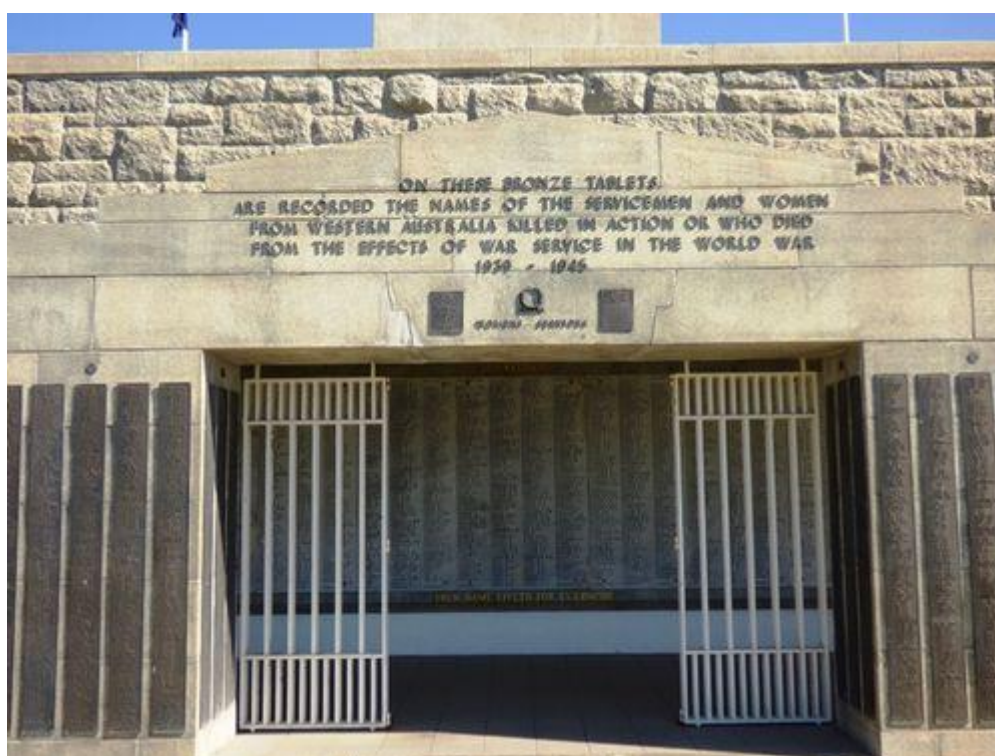
Private N. E. Sheldon is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)





16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

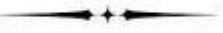
(58 pages of Private Norman Edwin Sheldon's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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



Private Norman Edwin Sheldon

(Photo from Western Mail, Perth – 1 March, 1918)



Connected to Private Norman Edwin Sheldon - brother:



Captain H. P. Sheldon (Severely Wounded)

(Photo from Western Mail, Perth – 1 March, 1918)



Newspaper Notices

Recruiting

The following is a list of those who have signed on for service with the A.I.F. during the past few days:-

N. E. Sheldon, Cookernup.....

(Bunbury Herald, WA – 12 May, 1917)

KILLED IN ACTION

SHELDON – On Easter Sunday, at Salisbury, England, of spinal meningitis, Norman Edwin, dearly beloved son of J. H. and H. E. Sheldon, 3 Bennett-street.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 13 April, 1918) & (Western Mail, Perth, WA – 19 April, 1918)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES

Mr and Mrs John H. Sheldon and Daughter wish to THANK their many kind friends for their letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 20 April, 1918)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

Died of Illness

N. E. Sheldon (Perth)

(Sunday Times, Perth, WA – 21 April, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of Private N. E. Sheldon, who died in England March 31, 1918.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother, father, sister and Charles.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 31 March, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Norman E. Sheldon, who died in England, March 31, 1918.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 31 March, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private N. E. Sheldon, who died in England, March 31, 1918.

Inserted by father, mother and sister.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 31 March, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Norman Edwin Sheldon, who died on Salisbury Plain, England, March 31, 1918, aged 21 years.

Inserted by his sorrowing father, mother and sister of Rupert-street, Subiaco.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 31 March, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Norman Edwin Sheldon, who died on Salisbury Plain, England, March 31, 1918, aged 21 years.

Ever remembered by his father, mother and sister.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 31 March, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Norman Edwin, who died on Salisbury Plain, England, March 31, 1918, aged 21 years.

Ever remembered by his father, mother and sister.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 28 March, 1925)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Norman Edwin, who died on Salisbury Plains, England, March 31, 1918, aged 21 years.

Ever remembered by his father, mother and sister.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 31 March, 1927)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Norman Edwin, who died at Salisbury Plain, March 31, 1918, aged 21 years.

Inserted by his father, mother and sister.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 30 March, 1928)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Norman Edwin, who died on Salisbury Plains, March 31, 1918, aged 21 years.

Inserted by his sorrowing father, mother and sister.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 30 March, 1929)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

SHELDON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Norman Edwin, who died on Salisbury Plain, March 31, 1918, aged 21 years.

Inserted by his sorrowing father, mother and sister.

(The West Australian, Perth, WA – 31 March, 1930)

The 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.

Private Norman Edwin Sheldon has a Private Headstone.

All Saints Cemetery, Maidenhead, Berkshire, England (also known as Maidenhead Cemetery)

All Saints Cemetery, Maidenhead, Berkshire, England contains 61 Commonwealth War Graves. There are 14 graves from World War 1 & 47 from World War 2. There is only 1 Australian Forces burial – Private Norman Edwin Sheldon.



All Saints Cemetery, Maidenhead (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private N. E. Sheldon's Private Headstone in All Saints Cemetery, Maidenhead, Berkshire, England (also known as Maidenhead Cemetery). He is buried with his older brother – Harold Percival Sheldon & Harold's wife Maude.



(Photos courtesy of Peter Bennett)

A.I.F.

Australia

8022 Pte N. E. SHELDON

16TH BTN.

Born Feb 2ND 1897

Died March 31ST 1918

A. I. F.
AUSTRALIA.
8022 PTE N.E.SHELDON,
16TH BTH
BORN FEB. 2ND 1897,
DIED MARCH 31ST 1918.
AND OF HIS BROTHER
HAROLD PERCIVAL SHELDON,
BORN MAY 5TH 1887,
DIED JAN. 5TH 1972.
AND OF MAUDE BELOVED WIFE OF HAROLD,
BORN SEPT. 6TH 1888,
DIED NOV. 30TH 1973.



NORMAN JOHN
PLAISTOWE SHELDON
10TH FEB. 1919
30TH SEPT. 1991

H. J. JEFFREYS