

**Bootle Cemetery,  
Bootle, Lancashire, England**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**ENGINEER LIEUTENANT**

**J. F. SHEPPARD**

**H. M. P.M.S. HELPER**

**ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE**

**11TH NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 30**

## James Frederick SHEPPARD

James Frederick Sheppard was born on 12th August, 1889 in Queensland, Australia to parents George & Fanny Maria Sheppard (nee Hicks).

From *The London Gazette* – 22 December, 1914:

*Admiralty, 19th December, 1914*

*Royal Naval Reserve*

*In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 16th December, 1912, temporary Commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve have been issued as follows:-*

**ASSISTANT ENGINEERS**

*James Frederick Sheppard*

### **Royal Naval Reserve**

The Royal Naval Reserve (R.N.R.) is the volunteer reserve force of the Royal Navy in the United Kingdom. The present R.N.R. was formed by merging the original Royal Naval Reserve, created in 1859, and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (R.N.V.R.), created 1903. On mobilisation in 1914, the R.N.R. consisted of 30,000 officers and men. Officers of the permanent R.N.R. on general service quickly took up seagoing appointments in the fleet, many in command, in destroyers, submarines, auxiliary cruisers and Q-ships. Others served in larger units of the battle fleet including a large number with the West Indies Squadron who became casualties at the Battle of Coronel and later at Jutland. Fishermen of the R.N.R. (T) section served with distinction on board trawlers fitted out as minesweepers for mine clearance operations at home and abroad throughout the war where they suffered heavy casualties and losses.

*(Information on R.N.R. from Wikipedia)*

Newspaper item – *The Beaudesert Times*, Queensland – 29 January, 1915:

### **A Successful Queenslander**

*Mr Fred. Sheppard, son of Mr G. Sheppard, State School, Beaudesert, and who recently obtained his chief engineer's certificate in Liverpool, has received a lieutenant's commission in the Royal Naval Reserve in England, and is now on active service. He was apprenticed at the works of Hervey & Co., Margaret-street, Brisbane, and since completing his apprenticeship has served on various "White Star" steamers.*

James Frederick Sheppard was listed as Temporary Assistant Engineer in the Royal Naval Reserve serving on *Special Service* as listed in UK Navy Lists for April, 1915.

James Frederick Sheppard was listed as Temporary Engineer Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve serving on *Duchess of Kent* (date of seniority 24 Nov 14) as listed in UK Navy Lists for October, 1916 & August, 1917.

James Frederick Sheppard married Dorothy Lee Entwistle on 4th April, 1916 in St. Matthew's Church, Bootle, Lancashire, England. Their marriage was registered in West Derby, Lancashire, England. James Sheppard was listed as a 26 year old Sub-Lieutenant in the R.N. from 16 Cambridge Road, Bootle & his father was listed as George Sheppard, Teacher. Dorothy Entwistle was listed as a 24 year old from 79 Thornton Road, Bootle & her father was listed as James Entwistle, Clerk.

Engineer Lieutenant James Frederick Sheppard died on 11th November, 1918 at Cottage Hospital, Larne, Co. Antrim, Ireland from Influenza & Pneumonia.



A death for James F. Sheppard, aged 30, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Larne, County Antrim, Ireland.

Engineer Lieutenant James Frederick Sheppard was buried in Bootle Cemetery, Bootle, Lancashire, England – Plot number Sec II. CE. 629 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Newspaper item – *The Beaudesert Times*, Queensland – 22 November, 1918:

#### ***Death of Engineer-Lieutenant Fred. Sheppard***

*By cable on Friday, the 15th instant, Mr and Mrs G. Sheppard, State School, Boonah, received the sad news of the death of their eldest son, Engineer-Lieutenant Fred Sheppard, R.N.R. When war broke out he received a commission as Sub-Lieutenant Engineer, and was appointed to No. 9 Special Service Squadron. Following this, he served in the patrol ship, "Duchess of Kent." At the time of his death he was Chief Engineer of H.M.P.S. "Helper," engaged in minesweeping in the Irish Sea. He had previously served in the North Sea in a similar vessel. Before joining the R.N.R. he was in the service of the White Star Co. His apprenticeship was served with Messrs Hervey and Son, Margaret Street, Brisbane.*

#### Probate Details:

Sheppard, James Frederick, of 79 Thornton-road, Bootle, Lancashire, Engineer Lieutenant, R.N.R., died 1 November, 1918 at the Cottage Hospital, Larne, Antrim, Ireland. Administration Liverpool, 12 March to Dorothy Lee Sheppard, widow. Effects £211.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Engineer Lieutenant James Frederick Sheppard, aged 30, of H.M. P.M.S. Helper, Royal Naval Reserve. He was the son of the late Mr and Mrs George Sheppard, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

#### **H.M. Helper**

(ex-SIR FRANCIS DRAKE) was a paddle minesweeper, mercantile conversion to take advantage of shallow draught, high speed and manoeuvrability. She was in service as a tug from 1st April, 1915 to 10th May, 1915 then as a Minesweeper from 1st December, 1917 to 21st February, 1919. Served with Auxiliary Patrol, carried Fishery flag superior pendant.

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Engineer Lieutenant James Frederick Sheppard 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.



**Commemorative Roll Book at The Australian War Memorial** *(Photo from AWM)*



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

J. Shepherd, of Mercantile Marine, is remembered on the Bootle War Memorial, located at King's Gardens, Stanley Road, Bootle, Merseyside, England.



**Bootle War Memorial** (Photo from War Memorials Online)



Lieutenant J. Sheppard, HMS *Helper*, is remembered on the Merseyside Roll of Honour website.



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **Roll of Honour**

The following is a list of recruits from the Beaudesert district who have joined the Queensland Expeditionary Forces.....

AT THE FRONT or ENLISTED

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Fred Sheppard

(*The Beaudesert Times*, Queensland – 28 January, 1916)

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

SHEPPARD – In memory of Eng.-Lieut. Fred Sheppard, R.N.R., who died of Influenza at Larne Naval Hospital, Ireland, November 11th, 1918.

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – 11 November, 1919) & (*The Beaudesert Times*, Queensland – 14 November, 1919)

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

SHEPPARD – In memory of my son, Eng. Lieut. Fred Sheppard, R.N.R., who died at Larne Naval Hospital, November 11th, 1918.

Inserted by J. Sheppard, late of Boonah.

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – 11 November, 1920)

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

SHEPPARD – In memory of Eng.-Lieut. F. Sheppard, R.N.R., who died at Larne Naval Hospital, Ireland, 11th November, 1918.

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – 11 November, 1921)

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

SHEPPARD – In loving memory of Eng.-Lieut. Fred Sheppard, R.N.R., who died at Larne Naval Hospital, 11th November, 1918.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 11 November, 1922)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

SHEPPARD – In memory of Eng. Lieut. Fred. Sheppard, R.N.R., who died at Larne Naval Hospital, Nov. 11th, 1918.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 10 November, 1923)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

SHEPPARD – In memory of Eng. Lieut. Fred. Sheppard, R.N.R., who died at Larne Naval Hospital, November 11, 1918.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 12 November, 1924)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

SHEPPARD – In loving memory of Engineer Lieut. Fred Sheppard, R.N.R., who died at Larne Naval Hospital, 11th of November, 1918.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 11 November, 1925)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

SHEPPARD – In loving memory of Engineer Lieut. Fred Sheppard, who died at Larne Naval Hospital, 11th of November, 1918.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 11 November, 1926)*

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*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 11 November, 1927)*

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### 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.

Engineer Lieutenant James Frederick Sheppard has a Private Headstone.

### **Bootle Cemetery, Bootle, Lancashire, England**

Bootle Cemetery contains 197 Commonwealth War Graves – 70 of these are from World War 1 & 127 from World War 2.

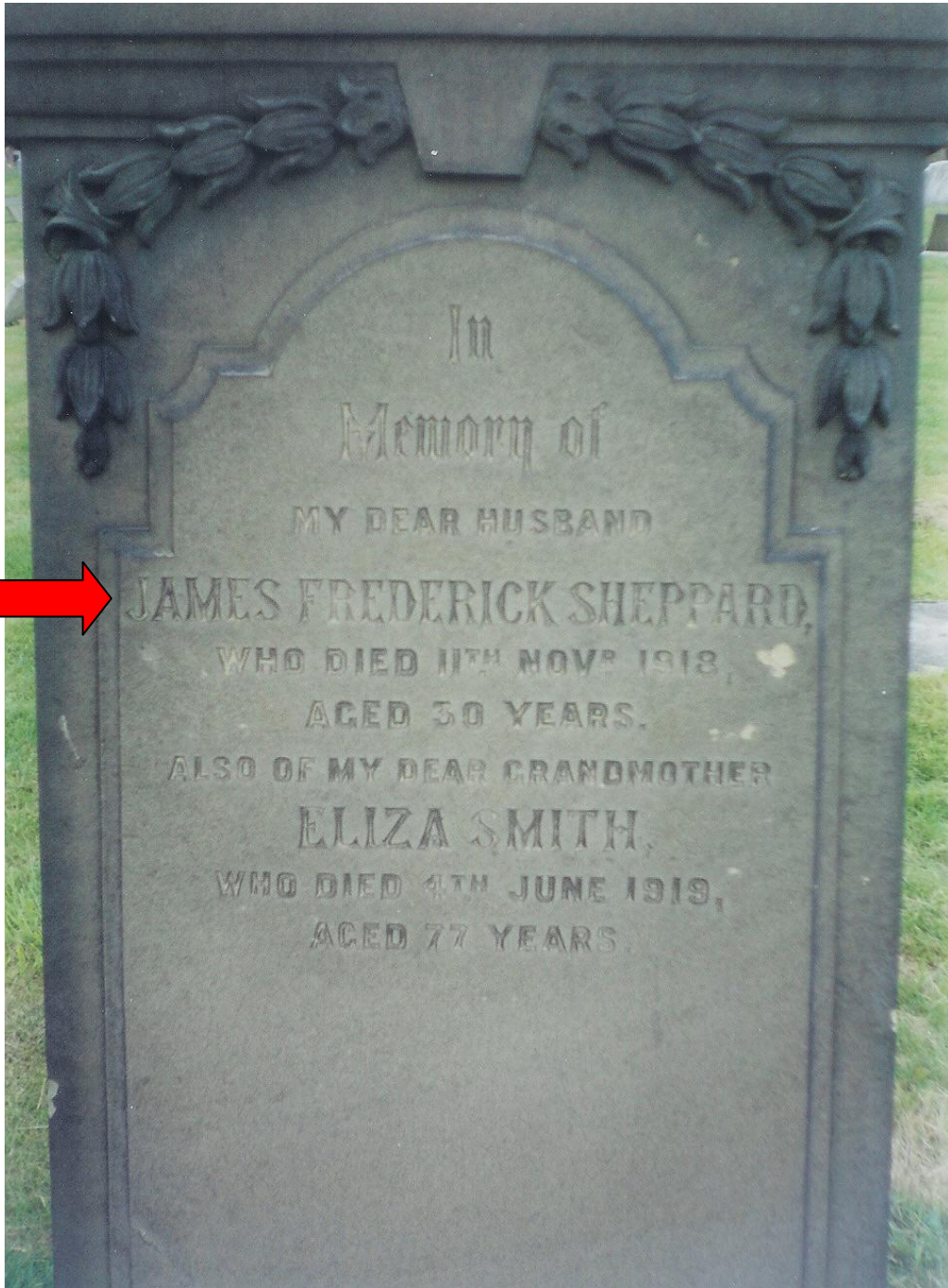




Photo of Engineer Lieutenant James Frederick Sheppard's Private Headstone in Bootle Cemetery, Bootle, Lancashire, England.



*(Headstone photos courtesy of Peter Bennett – Private Collection)*



*In*  
*Memory of*  
*My Dear Husband*  
**JAMES FREDERICK SHEPPARD**  
*Who Died 11TH Novr 1918,*  
*Aged 30 Years*



**Commonwealth War Graves in Bootle Cemetery** (Photo from CWGC)



(Photo by Lesley – Find a Grave)