

**Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery,
Surrey, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



206 LANCE CORPORAL

R. B. SHERGOLD

1ST AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

16TH MAY, 1917

Reginald Beauchamp SHERGOLD

Reginald Joseph Beauchamp Shergold was born at Leeds, Yorkshire, England in 1893 to parents Rev. Frank Shergold and Emily Shergold (nee Tonkin).

The 1901 England Census recorded Reginald Shergold as a 7 year old living with his family at 181 London Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, England. His parents were listed as Frank Shergold (Primitive Methodist Minister, aged 43, born Downton, Wilts) & Emily Shergold (aged 47, born Brazil - British Subject). Reginald was the youngest of four children listed on this Census – Hettie Shergold (aged 19, born St. Ives, Cornwall), Percy Shergold (aged 14, born Dunstable, Beds), Gertrude Shergold (aged 11, born Dunstable, Beds) & Reginald.

The 1911 England Census recorded Reginald Shergold as a 17 year old Grocer's Assistant, living with his family at 8* Burton Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England in a 7 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Frank Shergold (Primitive Methodist Minister, aged 53) & Emily Shergold (aged 55). Frank & Emily had been married for 30 years & had four children, one having since died. Reginald was the youngest of three children listed on this Census – Percy Shergold (Insurance Clerk, aged 24), Gertrude Shergold (aged 21) & Reginald. (Note: the actual Census form has the address as 8 Burton Road, however the Census Schedule has recorded the name of Head of Family as Rev. Shergold & Postal Address as 2 Burton Road, Kingston-upon-Thames).

A "*Reginald Shergold*" Clerk, aged 19, was a passenger on *Shropshire* which had departed from the port of Liverpool, England on 11th May, 1912 bound for Australia. Reginald was contracted to land at Sydney, NSW & his country of intended future residence was listed as Australia. The Ship arrived in Sydney, New South Wales on 27th June, 1912.

Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was a 21 year old, single, Farmer from Berry, New South Wales (as per Embarkation Roll, however he is remembered on Tamworth Anzac Park Memorial Gates, NSW) when he enlisted in Sydney, NSW on 24th August, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Methodist & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Frank Shergold, of Folkestone, Kent, England.

Private Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was posted to 1st Field Ambulance on 25th August, 1914 for recruit training.

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold (Name as per Embarkation Roll), Service number 206, embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Euripides* (A14) on 20th October, 1914 with the 1st Field Ambulance, (A.M.C.) "C" Section.

1st Field Ambulance

Field ambulances were attached to each of the AIF brigades. A field ambulance was a military unit, not a vehicle. The field ambulances played a vital role in triage.

Each infantry division had three field ambulance units with 10 officers and 182 other ranks from the Australian Army Medical Corps.

Staff in each ambulance unit gave immediate care to wounded soldiers. They were responsible for managing:

- advanced dressing stations
- main dressing stations
- walking wounded dressing stations

Field ambulance staff moved the wounded from the regimental aid post (just behind the front lines) to an advanced dressing station. The trip was about 1 to 3 miles (1.6 to 4.8km) and took around 6 hours to complete.

Stretcher-bearers worked in relays. At least 36 stretcher-bearers handled each patient along the way.

(Information from Australian Anzac Portal)

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli from 5th April, 1915 (assuming this means he embarked from Alexandria on 5th April, 1915).

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was written up for an offence while posted at Camp "A" Gabbari, Egypt (recorded as Tabbari) – A.W.L. (Absent without leave) from duty on 23rd September, 1915. He was awarded 2 days forfeiture of pay & a fine of £2 by Captain T. H. Vernon.

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was written up on 16th November, 1915 (note: 6 in "16" was later crossed out) at Details, Gabbari for (1) Failing to carry out an order & (2) For conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline. He was awarded 14 days Confined to Barracks.

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was written up on 17th November, 1915 at Details, Gabbari for failing to answer his name on early morning parade. He was awarded 14 days Confined to Barracks.

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold proceeded to Tel-el Kebir from Gabbari on 23rd January, 1916. He rejoined 1st Field Ambulance at Tel-el-Kebir on 23rd January, 1916.

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold proceeded from Alexandria on 21st March, 1916 on Transport *Knight Templar* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th March, 1916.

Driver Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was to be Lance Corporal on 9th August, 1916.

Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was appointed Lance Corporal Stretcher Bearer while in France on 30th August, 1916.

Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was wounded on 1st March, 1917. He was admitted to 7th Field Ambulance on 1st March, 1917 with Shrapnel wounds & compound fracture to right thigh then transferred to Casualty Clearing Station. Lance Corporal Shergold was admitted to 1/1 S. M. Station on 2nd March, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train. He was admitted to 1st Canadian General Hospital on 3rd March, 1917 with shrapnel wounds & fractured right femur. Lance Corporal Shergold was invalided to England from Calais on 24th April, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Stad Antwerpen*.

Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was admitted to The King George Hospital, London on 24th April, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right thigh & fractured femur. The Hospital Admission form recorded "*Lower 1/3 of Rt femur fractured, Incision for drainage. Septic pneumonia. Delirium. Death.*"

Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold died at 4.15 am on 16th May, 1917 at The King George Hospital, Stamford Street, London, England from wounds received in action - G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right thigh & fractured femur.

A death for Reginald B. Shergold, aged 25, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Lambeth, Greater London, England.

Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was buried on 21st May, 1917 in Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery, Surrey, England – Plot number B. "U". 192 & has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold - *Coffin was good. Polished Elm. The deceased soldier was buried with Military honours. Firing party comprising members attached to the Administrative Headquarters Staff, A.I.F. London, were in attendance. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside. The coffin was draped with the Australian flag, and covered with many floral tributes. Prior to the interment a service was held in the Chapel at the Cemetery by the Revd T. Humphries assisted by the Revd T. Saunders. The Primitive Methodist Church Choir, Kingston sang the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee" at the graveside. Relatives present at the funeral were Mr & Mrs Shergold (Father and Mother), Mr and Miss Shergold (brother and sister) of 30, Cavendish Avenue, Eastbourne, and many friends. Temporary Oak Memorial to be erected by the Commonwealth Military Authorities.*

From *The Primitive Methodist Leader* newspaper – 31 May, 1917:

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR

Lance-Corporal Reginald B. Shergold

Another name must be added to the ever-lengthening roll of ministers' sons who have fallen in the war. Reginald Beauchamp Shergold, the younger son of Rev. F. Shergold, of Eastbourne, joined the Australian Army Medical Corps at the outbreak of war, and sailed with the first Australian contingent. After training in Egypt he went through the horrors of the Dardanelles expedition. On coming to France he took part in the Somme battles, becoming a dispatch rider, and was recommended for a commission. It was whilst receiving a dispatch from the hands of his Colonel that he was fatally wounded, his Colonel being killed by his side. After some weeks in French hospitals he was transferred to King George's Hospital, Stamford-street, S.E. Although several operations were performed, he succumbed to his wounds on Wednesday, 16th inst. The interment took place at Kingston on Monday last. Revs. T. Humphries and T. Sanders conducted the funeral service, and Rev. J. Tolefree Parr (an old friend of the family) gave an address at the graveside. After the firing party had fired the "Last Salute" and the bugler sounded the "Last Post", "Nearer My God to Thee" the favourite hymn of the deceased soldier, was sung by a large company of friends from Kingston, Norbiton and other places.

The late Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold's next of kin – his father – had his address changed on 17th January, 1919 to Primitive Methodist Church, Bognor, Sussex, England.

Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Corporal Shergold's father – Rev. F. Shergold, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent (no date recorded) & Plaque sent November, 1921).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal R. B. Shergold – service number 206, aged 23, of 1st Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of the Rev. Frank Shergold and Emily Shergold, of Kingston-on-Thames.

Lance Corporal R. B. Shergold is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 183.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

R. B. Shergold is remembered on the Anzac Park First World War Memorial Gates, 139 Brisbane Street, Tamworth, NSW.



Anzac Park First World War Memorial Gates, Tamworth

(Photos from War Memorials Register NSW – Graham Wilson OAM)



(31 pages of Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold'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

CASUALTY NOTES

Corporal Reginald Shergold (Australian Contingent), son of the Rev. F. Shergold (late Primitive Minister, of this town, but now of Eastbourne) has been seriously wounded in the leg and thigh. He has been operated upon three times, and when last heard from was going on as well as might be expected. Corporal Shergold took part in the Gallipoli operations.

(Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate & Cheriton Herald, England – 28 April, 1917)

REV. F. SHERGOLD'S SON WOUNDED

Lance-Corporal R. B. Shergold, Field Ambulance Medical Corps, Australian Division, son of the Rev. F. Shergold, Primitive Methodist Church, Whitley-road, lies in a serious condition in hospital as the result of wounds sustained in action. Lance-Corporal Shergold was wounded in the leg on March 1 and was brought over to the King George Hospital, London, three weeks ago. Several operations were necessary, and his condition is considered critical.

(Eastbourne Gazette, England – 16 May, 1917)

LOCAL NEWS

REV. F. SHERGOLD'S SON SUCCEUMBS TO WOUNDS

Lance-Corporal R. B. Shergold, Field Ambulance Medical Corps, Australian Division, son of the Rev. F. Shergold, Primitive Methodist Church, Whitley-road, has died in hospital as the result of wounds received in action.

(Eastbourne Chronicle, England – 19 May, 1917)

LANCE-CORPORAL R. B. SHERGOLD

Sympathy is extended to the Rev. F. Shergold, minister of the Primitive Methodist Church, in the bereavement he sustained on Wednesday morning last in the loss of his son, Lance Corporal R. B. Shergold, Field Ambulance Medical Corps, Australian Division, who succumbed to severe wounds received in action on March 1. For little more than three weeks he has been in a very critical condition and undergoing treatment in King George' Hospital, London. The funeral took place on Monday at Kingston London.

(Eastbourne Gazette, England – 23 May, 1917)

The following men were among those reported to have given their lives on the battlefield:.... Cpl Reginald Shergold (Australian Army Medical Corps), son of the Rev. Franck Shergold, former pastor of Mount Tabor Primitive Methodist Church, Luton,.....

(The Luton News, England – 24 May, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

SHERGOLD – Cpl. R. J. B. Shergold, Australian I.F., at King George's Hospital, London, on May 16, interred at Kingston-on-Thames, May 21. Younger son of Rev. and Mrs F. Shergold, of Eastbourne and formerly of Luton.

(Luton News and Bedfordshire Chronicle, England – 24 May, 1917)

Corporal R. Shergold's Death

Following Shrapnel Wound

We regret to announce the death of Corpl. Reginald Shergold, son of a former Luton minister, as the result of shrapnel wounds in France.

He was the son of the Rev. Frank Shergold, who, up to 1906, resided in this district for 14 years, and was pastor of Mount Tabor P.M. Church for seven years. He now resides at Eastbourne, where he is a part-time chaplain. Reginald was a popular young fellow in Luton, and many friend missed him when he went to Australia a few years ago. He joined the Australian forces as soon as war broke out, and served in France as a dispatch rider. On March 1st he was handing a despatch to his colonel in the trenches when a shrapnel shell burst, killed the officer, and wounded Corp. Shergold in the thigh. He had a compound fracture, and was sent into hospital. Afterwards he came to England, but septic pneumonia supervened, and he died on May 16th.

His brother, Percy, is employed by Mr Allen, baker, Castle-street.

The funeral took place at Kingston on Monday with full military honours. Australian comrades attended, and paid the last tribute to a brave soldier. Tokens of sympathy were sent from Luton.

(Luton News and Bedfordshire Chronicle, England – 24 May, 1917)

EASTBOURNE MINISTER'S SON

FUNERAL OF LANCE-CORPORAL R. B. SHERGOLD

As we notified in our last issue, the funeral of Lance-Corporal R. B. Shergold, younger son of the Rev. F. Shergold, of Whitley-road, Primitive Methodist Church, took place at Kingston-on-Thames on Monday, the 21st inst. That was where he last lived in England, and where, too, he was best known. When he left Kingston five years ago it was to take up his residence with friends in New South Wales. His prospects were bright in that far-away land. A promising career seemed opening before him, which, alas! has closed all too soon.

On the outbreak of war he joined the First Field Ambulance Medical Corps, and went to Egypt in December, 1914, with the First Australian contingent. He was all through the terrible Gallipoli campaign and subsequently came to France with his division in April of last year. He did much hazardous work on the Somme, but escaped wounds till March 1 of this year. Then, when handing a dispatch to his colonel (for he had latterly been dispatch riding), a shell burst near them, killing the colonel outright and severely fracturing his right thigh.

For seven or eight weeks he received medical treatment in one of the base hospitals and then was brought over to the King George Hospital, London, where everything was done for him that could be done, medically or otherwise. Septic pneumonia eventually supervened and early in the morning of May 16 he passed away at the age of 23.

Lance-Corporal Shergold was a fine young fellow and will be sorely missed by his many friends. The only time he visited Eastbourne was at Christmas last, when he came home on a short leave. This, in fact, was the only time his parents had seen him since he left them for Australia in May, 1912.

Full military honours were accorded deceased at the interment, a numerous company being present from the Australian Headquarters, Westminster, under the command of Warrant Officer Yeomans. Four Australian soldiers bore the coffin to the grave, while twelve others formed the firing party, and a bugler sounded the "Last Post." The service was conducted by the Rev. T. Humphries, assisted by the Rev. T. Saunders (local Primitive Methodist ministers), the former speaking words of Christian cheer in the Cemetery Chapel.

At the graveside an address of intense sympathy was given by the Rev. J. Tolefree Parr, of Surrey Chapel, London (President elect of the Primitive Methodist Conference), who said he felt he must be near his old friend (the Rev. F. Shergold) in that hour of sore trial. There was a very large representative attendance from the local Primitive Methodist churches, of which Mr Shergold was formerly minister. They also sent a number of beautiful wreaths, four coming from different department of the Norbiton Church alone. The choir of this church, moreover, sang deceased's favourite hymn at the graveside – "Nearer my God to Thee."

Though the church at Whitley-road was not able to participate in the funeral service as the Kingston churches did, its officers and members did all they could to assure Mr Shergold and his family of their heartfelt sympathy. A standing vote, passed at the Sunday evening service, was forwarded to him by wire on Monday morning prior to the interment, and then subsequently in a tenderly-worded letter. He has also received letters of sympathy from near and far, some of the most appreciated, as might be expected, being from Eastbourne ministers and friends.

(Eastbourne Gazette, England – 30 May, 1917) & (Eastbourne Chronicle, England – 2 June, 1917)

MEN WHO FELL

Lance-Corporal R. B. SERGOLD, of England, is reported to have died of wounds. His relatives and friends are asked to communicate with Mrs A. Knight, of Gerringong, NSW.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 31 May, 1917)

CASUALTIES

304th LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of Wounds

L.-Cpl R. B. Shergold, England

(The Land, Sydney, NSW – 1 June, 1917)

TAMWORTH AND DISTRICT ROLL OF HONOR

Peel Shire List

The following additional names have been received by the Peel Shire Clerk in connection with the above Roll of Honor:-

Killed in action or died of wounds:

...Reginald B. Shergold

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW – 29 November, 1917)

Reverend Frank Shergold – father of Reginald Beauchamp Shergold:

Frank Shergold died on 18th September, 1921. He suffered a heart attack & died in the vestry at Bognor, shortly after the evening service. He was buried Bognor Regis Old Cemetery, West Sussex, England.



(Christian Messenger 1906)

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.

Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold has a Private Headstone.

Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery, Surrey, England

The cemetery, at Norbiton, was begun in 1854, and now covers 25 acres. It belongs to the Kingston Joint Burial Committee, serving Kingston, New Malden and Coombe. It contains scattered War Graves and a War Cross is erected facing the main entrance.

Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery contains 165 Commonwealth War Graves – 106 from World War 1 & 59 from World War 2. *(Information from CWGC)*



Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery *(Photo from Find a Grave – julia&keld)*



Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery *(Photo from Find a Grave – Amanda West)*



Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery (Photo from Find a Grave – Amanda West)

Photo of Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold's Private Headstone in Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery, Surrey, England (*****see update below*****).



(Photo courtesy of Suzanne Make April 2021)

***In Loving Memory Of
L/Cpl R. B. SHERGOLD
Australian A.M.C.
16TH May 1917 Aged 23***

***Also of His Mother
EMILY SHERGOLD
Who Died 17TH May 1923
Aged 67***

Also Of

WALTER R. DREWETT

Beloved Husband of Gertrude Drewett

Who Died 25TH July 1958

Aged 69

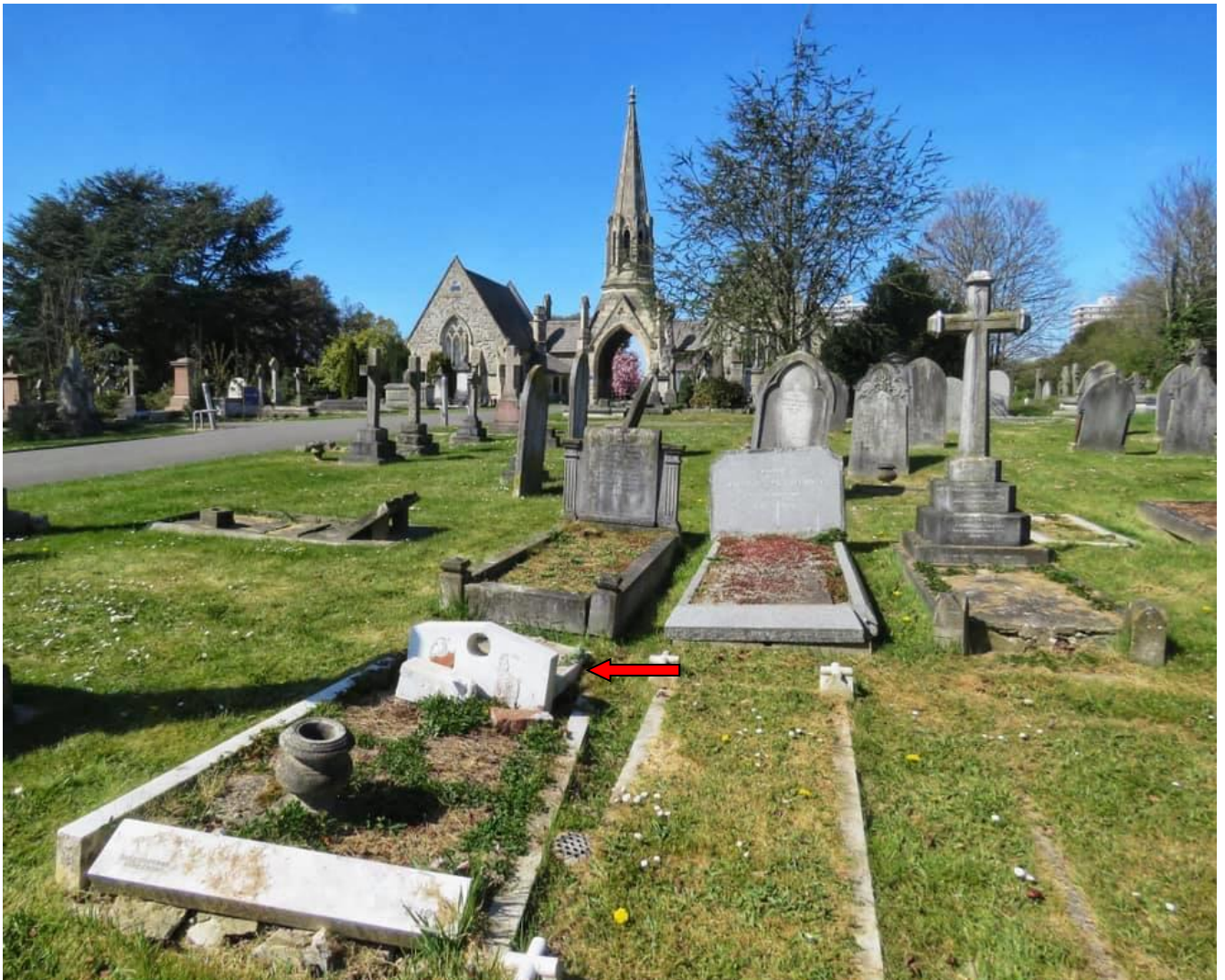
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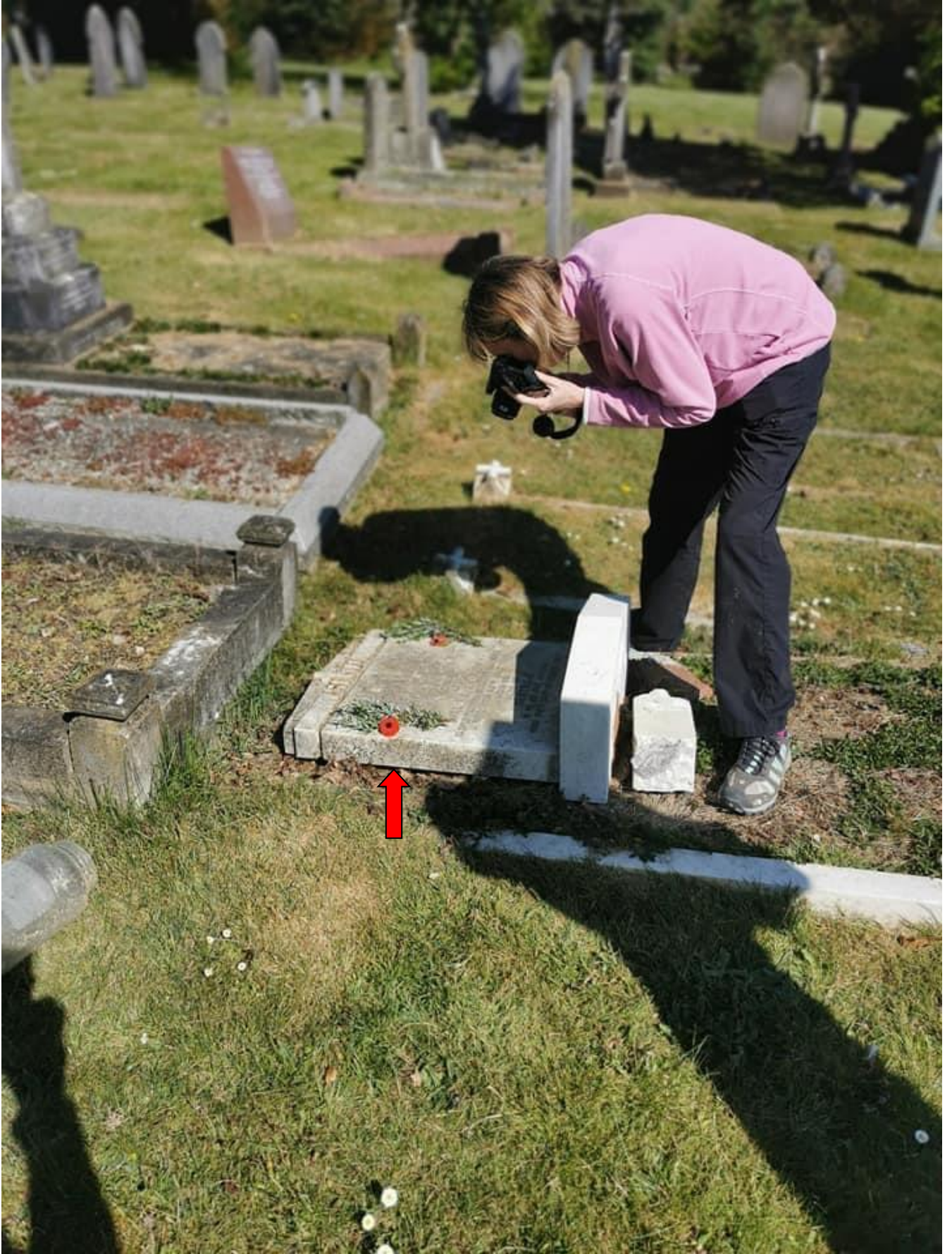
Wife Of The Above

Who Died 25TH October 1967

(Gertrude was the sister of Reginald Beauchamp Shergold & daughter of Emily Shergold)



(Photo courtesy of Suzanne Make)



(Photo courtesy of Suzanne Make)



(Photo from Billion Graves –juicyjaffa 2013)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Commemorations Policy 2020:

10 Private Memorials

Some war graves are marked by private memorial, generally because the casualty's family declined the offer of a CWGC headstone as they had already, or intended to, mark the grave with their own memorial. We do not own private memorials and are not responsible for their upkeep or repair.

A private memorial is an adequate commemoration if the casualty's initial and surname are legible.

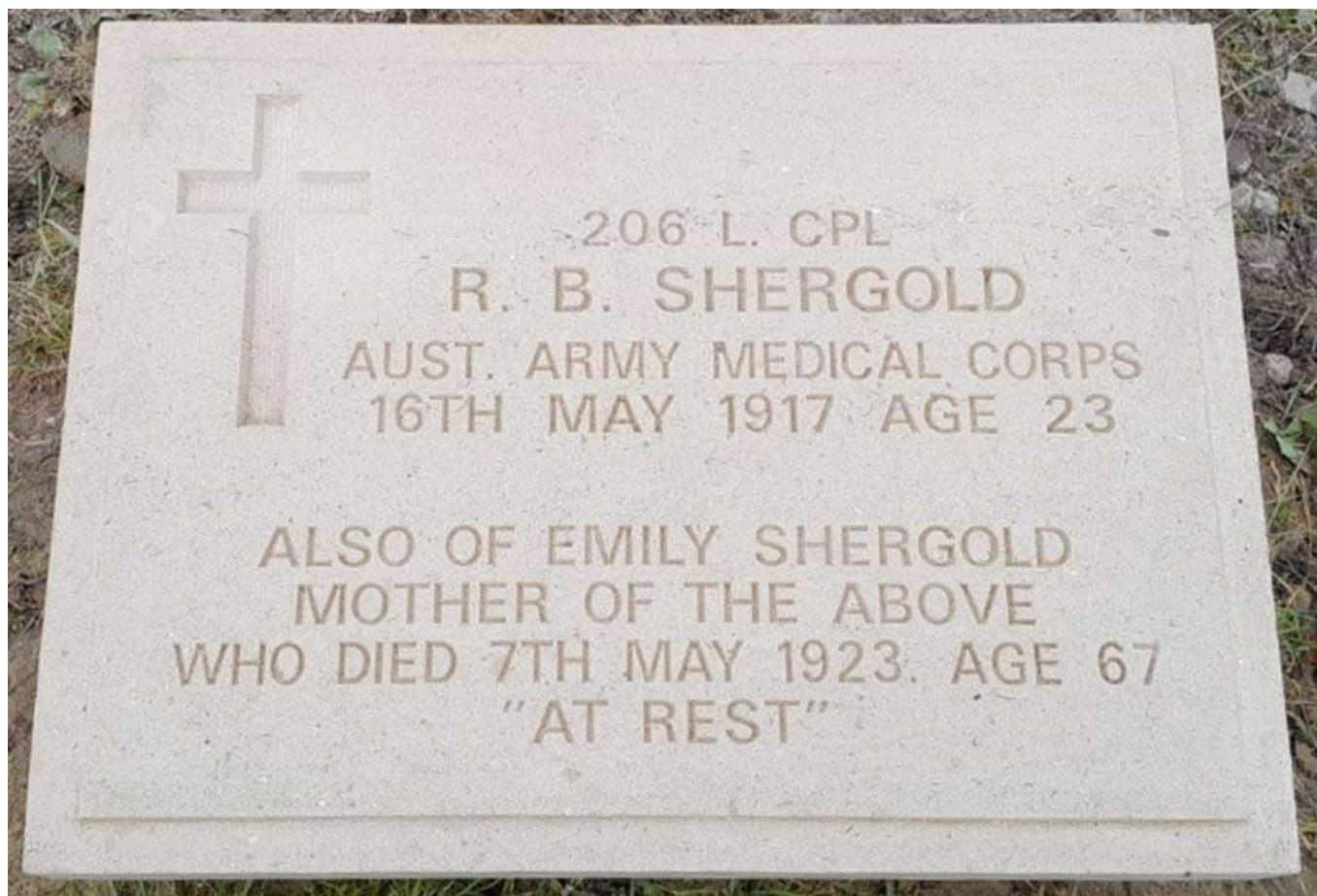
10.1 Replacement of Private Memorial with a CWGC Headstone

We will seek permission from the grave owner and/or the cemetery or church authority to replace a private memorial with a CWGC grave marker if:

- the casualty's name becomes illegible;
- the private memorial is removed by the family or local authority; or
- a relative requests a CWGC headstone, regardless of the condition of the private memorial.

The headstone will be provided without charge if it is CWGC's first marking of the grave.

As a result of Lance Corporal Reginald Beauchamp Shergold's name becoming increasingly illegible on the Private Headstone – the CWGC have added a Pedestal Marker in April, 2024 to the Private Family Headstone.



(Photo courtesy of CWGC – April, 2024)

