

**Paddington Old Cemetery,
Kilburn, Greater London, England**

Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



MAJOR

O. C. G. SHIELDS M.B.E.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

9TH SEPTEMBER, 1927

Oswald Clive Graeme SHIELDS

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields was born at Sunbury, Victoria on 20th October, 1871 (date as listed by Scotch College, Melbourne on biography for Oswald Shields) to parents Dr Andrew and Agnes Shields (nee Weir). His birth was registered in 1872 in Victoria.

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields attended Melbourne Grammar School. He attended Scotch College, Melbourne, Victoria between 1887 & 1891 then attended Melbourne University & graduated in 1897.

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields married Julia Maude Hallett on 30th November, 1899 at All Saint's Church, St. Kilda, East Melbourne, Victoria.

The Australasian Medical Directory for 1900 recorded Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, Woodend, Victoria – M.B. et B.S. Melb. 1897.

The 1903, 1906 & 1909 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Mernda, subdivision of Yea, Victoria recorded Oswald Shields, Doctor & Maud Shields, Home Duties, of Yea.

The Australasian Medical Directory for 1911 recorded Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, High St., Yea – No. 2127; May 5, 1899, M.B. et Ch.B. (Melb), 1897.

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Mernda, subdivision of Yea, Victoria recorded Oswald Shields, Doctor & Julia Maud Shields, Home Duties, of Yea.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Indi, subdivision of Yea, Victoria recorded Oswald Shields, Doctor & Julia Maud Shields, Home Duties, of Yea.

News item – Oxfordshire Weekly News – 2 April, 1913:

News Summary

A suit for divorce brought in Melbourne by Mr Robert Alexander Meyer, theatrical manager, against Dorothy May Meyer (Miss Dorothy Grimston, daughter of Mrs Kendal), on the ground of her misconduct with Dr Oswald Shields, resulted on February 24 in a decree nisi, with costs against the co-respondent.

News item – The Bulletin, Australia – 13 March, 1913:

MELBOURNE CHATTER

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Dorothy Grimston slipped quietly away from Melbourne after the conclusion of the divorce case. She is bound for the family roof-tree in London. Mr Meyer's two children follow this week, consigned to his mother in England. He intends, it is said, to give up farming and go back to the show business.

Dr Oswald Shields, of the recent Meyer divorce case, is likely to go to England – alone. Douglas Shields, his wealthy medico bother, who got a fine boost in fashionable circles by a Government House call, is opening a hospital in England, and Oswald may have a post in the new venture.

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The 1914 & 1915 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Indi, subdivision of Yea, Victoria recorded Oswald Shields, Doctor of Yea.

The Australasian Medical Directory for 1915 recorded Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, High St., Yea, Vic- M.B. et Ch.B. (Melb), 1897. B.M.A.

A daughter – Ruth Alexandra Graeme Shields was born on 5th February, 1915 to Oswald Shields & Dorothy Grimston/Meyer.

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields joined the Royal Army Medical Corps.

From the *Supplement to The London Gazette* – 10 July, 1915:

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE

Royal Army Medical Corps

The undermentioned to be temporary Lieutenants:-

Dated 17th June, 1915.

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, M.B.

The Medal Index Card for Lieutenant Oswald Clive Graeme Shields recorded that he first entered a Theatre of War in France on 17th August, 1915.

A daughter – Dorothy May Shields was born on 20th March, 1916 to Oswald Shields & Dorothy Grimston/Meyer.

The 1918 London, England, Electoral Registers listed Oswald Clive Graham Shields & Dorothy May Shields of 142 Church Lane, S.W. 17.

A son – Peter Shields was born on 23rd December, 1918 to Oswald Shields & Dorothy Grimston/Meyer.

The UK Absent Voters List for the Borough of Wandsworth, London, for 1918 & 1919 recorded Oswald Clive Graham, Shields, Major, Surgical Division of Church Lane, S.W. 17.

Captain Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, Royal Army Medical Corps, was awarded an M.B.E. (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for valuable services rendered in connection with the War in the 1919 Birthday Honours.

The 1919 Birthday Honours were appointments by King George V to various orders and honours to reward and highlight good works by citizens of the British Empire. The appointments were made to celebrate the official birthday of The King, and were published in The London Gazette from 3 June to 12 August. The vast majority of the awards were related to the recently ended War, and were divided by military campaigns. (Wikipedia)

Newspaper item – *The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 June, 1919:

Major Oswald Shields, R.A.M.C., formerly of Melbourne, has been made a Member of the British Empire (M.B.E.). Major Oswald Shields, who is the second son of the late Dr. Andrew Shields, was educated at Melbourne Grammar School and Scotch College, and graduated in 1897 at the Melbourne University. He practised at Yea, Victoria, for several years. In the beginning of 1915 he left for England, and joined the R.A.M.C, and was sent to France - first to No. 13 General Hospital, Boulogne-sur-mer, and later to No. 8 Stationary Hospital, Wimereux. In 1918 he was recalled to London, and appointed officer in charge of the surgical division at the Tooting Military Hospital for injuries to nerves and brain.

Captain Oswald Clive Graeme Shields was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal for his services in World War 1.

A daughter – Ethel May Shields was born on 18th January, 1920 to Oswald Shields & Dorothy Grimston/Meyer.

The 1920 UK & Ireland Medical Directory recorded Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, M.B.E., Major R.A.M.C. – M.B., Ch.B. Melb. 1897.

The 1920 London City Directory for Streatham and Norwood listed Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, M.B., Ch.B. Physician & Surgeon, Manhatten, 55 Mitcham Lane, S.

Julia Maude Shields, wife of Dr Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, died on 19th October, 1921 at Wellington, New Zealand.

The 1921 Electoral Registers for Wandsworth, London, England recorded Dr Oswald Shields & Dorothy Shields at 55 Mitcham Lane.

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields married Dorothy May Grimston/Meyer on 1st February, 1922. The marriage was registered in the March quarter, 1922 in the district of Wandsworth, London, England.

A daughter – Joan Elizabeth Shields was born on 27th July, 1922 to Oswald & Dorothy Shields.

The 1923 Electoral Registers for Westminster, St Marylebone, London, England recorded Dr Oswald Shields at 19 Bryanston Street.

The Medal Index Card for Major Oswald Clive Graeme Shields recorded that he retired on 7th November, 1923.

The 1924 & 1926 Electoral Registers for Westminster, Paddington, London, England recorded Oswald Shields & Dorothy Shields at 3a Palace Court.

The 1925 London City Directory for Paddington and Bayswater listed Oswald Clive Graeme Shields, M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B. 3a & 3b Palace Court. B.

Dr Oswald Clive Graeme Shields died on 9th September, 1927 in Woods at Richmond Hill, Petersham Wood, Surrey, England as a result of suicide.

A death for Oswald C. G. Shields, aged 56, was registered in the September quarter, 1927 in the district of Richmond, Surrey, England.

Dr Oswald Clive Graeme Shields was buried in Paddington Cemetery, Kilburn, Greater London, England – Plot number 1 M. 14331 (now referred to as Paddington Old Cemetery) and has a shared Private Family Headstone.

Newspaper item - *Advocate*, Bernie, Tasmania – 12 September, 1927:

TRAGEDY IN ENGLAND

Melbourne Doctor's End

BODY FOUND IN WOODS

London, Saturday – The body of Dr. Oswald Clive Shields of Melbourne, who has been practising at West End, London, was found in the woods at Richmond, Surrey, to-day. An artery in the groin had been severed, and surgical instruments were found near by. It is stated that for a long time the doctor had been overworked and refused to take a holiday. He acted during war time as an operating surgeon at the Boulogne surgery. His wife and five children are at present on a holiday.

Newspaper item - *The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 September, 1927:

Death of Dr. Shields

Much Overworked Man

London, Sept. 13

At the inquest concerning the death of Dr Oswald Clive Shields, formerly of Melbourne, who had been practising in the West End of London, and whose body was found in the woods near Richmond with an artery in the groin severed, Sir Douglas Shields, formerly lecturer in clinical surgery at Melbourne University, said that the only explanation he could offer of his brother's death was that he was an overworked man who had been working when he should not have been, and that his brain suddenly gave out. He had not taken a holiday since 1914 and had overworked himself persistently, week-ends included. He went without meals to see patients. Financially he was not worried. Recently he had bought Sir Thomas Parkinson's practice in Sloane street.

A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was recorded.

Probate – 1927

SHEILDS Oswald Clive Graham of 82 Sloane-street Middlesex died 9 September 1927 at Petersham-road, Petersham, Surrey. Administration London 11 November to Dorothy May Shields, widow. Effects £1430.

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields is not commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as he did not die during or as a result of War Service.

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields is not commemorated on the Roll of Honour (for those who served in Australian Forces) or the Commemorative Roll (for those who were Australian born but served in Forces other than Australian), located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia as he did not die during or as a result of War Service.



Biography of Oswald Clive Graeme Shields M.B.E.

(by Scotch College, Melbourne – World War 1 Honours and Awards Website)

Oswald Clive Graeme Shields was a medical practitioner at Yea at the outbreak of war. He sailed to England and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, rising to the rank of Major. At Boulogne he was an operating surgeon at the 13th General Hospital, and later at Wimereaux he was a surgeon specialist at the 8th Stationary Hospital. In 1919 he was awarded the 'Member of the Order of the British Empire' for his services. His Old Boy brother Douglas was also an outstanding medical officer. There is a dearth of information about Oswald.

Oswald commenced a medical practice in London after the war, and also worked at The Star and Garter Hospital for limbless servicemen at Petersham. When playing polo with the Prince of Wales the prince broke his collarbone and Oswald's medical attention earned him an invitation to accompany the prince to South Africa. Oswald politely rejected the offer as he was still then setting up his practice. In 1927 Oswald committed suicide at Petersham Woods near The Star and Garter Hospital. An inquest found that he had not had a holiday since the war, and that the practice he had recently bought in Sloane Street had several doctors away, leaving Oswald to do the work of two or three men during the holiday period. Oswald had married Julia Maude Hallett (d. 1921). In 1922 he married Dorothy May Kendal-Grimston. He was survived by a son and four daughters.



Dr Oswald Clive Graeme Shields



Newspaper Notices

At a meeting of the South Australian Medical Board held on Thursday, February 3, the following were registered as legally qualified medical practitioners in the colony:- Messrs.....Oswald Clive Graeme Shields (M.B., B.S., Melbourne, 1897).....

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 February, 1898)

THEATRICAL DIVORCE SUIT

MEYER V. MEYER

DR OSWALD SHIELDS CO-RESPONDENT

Melbourne, Monday Night. — Robert Alexander Meyer, theatrical manager, who had managed two of Oscar Asche's Australian tours, petitioned for a divorce from his wife, Dorothy May Meyer, on the grounds of repeated acts of misconduct with Dr. Oswald Shields, who was co-respondent.

Amongst the witnesses was Oscar Asche. It was alleged that while petitioner was absent from home, respondent, whose name in the theatrical world was Kendall, was frequently visited by the co-respondent.

A letter was tendered as evidence, in which respondent admitted misconduct.

Judge Cussen granted the decree, giving Plaintiff costs, and the custody of the children.

(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – 25 February, 1913)

DOCTOR FOUND DEAD

In Woods With Wound in Thigh

The body of a man, later identified as that of Dr Oswald Shields, aged 56, of Sloane-square, London, was found dead last evening in Petersham Woods near the Star and Garter Home, Richmond Hill.

Death appeared to have been due to bleeding from a deep wound in the thigh and a surgical instrument was lying close by.

Dr Shields left home on Thursday evening and was not seen again. It is stated that his friends had for some time past believed him to be suffering from strain due to overwork.

(Nottingham Journal, England – 10 September, 1927)

DOCTOR FOUND DEAD

The body of Dr Oswald Clive Shields, of Palace Court, London, was found last night in Petersham Wood, near Richmond Hill. During the war Dr Shields was operating surgeon at the 13th General Hospital, Boulogne, and surgeon specialist at the 8th Stationary Hospital at Wimereux. He was awarded the M.B.E.

(Aberdeen Press and Journal, Scotland - 10 September, 1917)

DEATH OF DR SHIELDS

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A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was recorded.

(The Australasian, Melbourne, Victoria – 17 September, 1927)

Paddington Old Cemetery, Kilburn, Greater London, England

There are 207 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war here. 130 of the burials are in a Service Plot (denoted in the entries as S.P.) and a Screen Wall memorial commemorates 50 whose graves, throughout the cemetery, are not marked by headstones. There are 4 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-1945 war and 43 non-war Service burials.

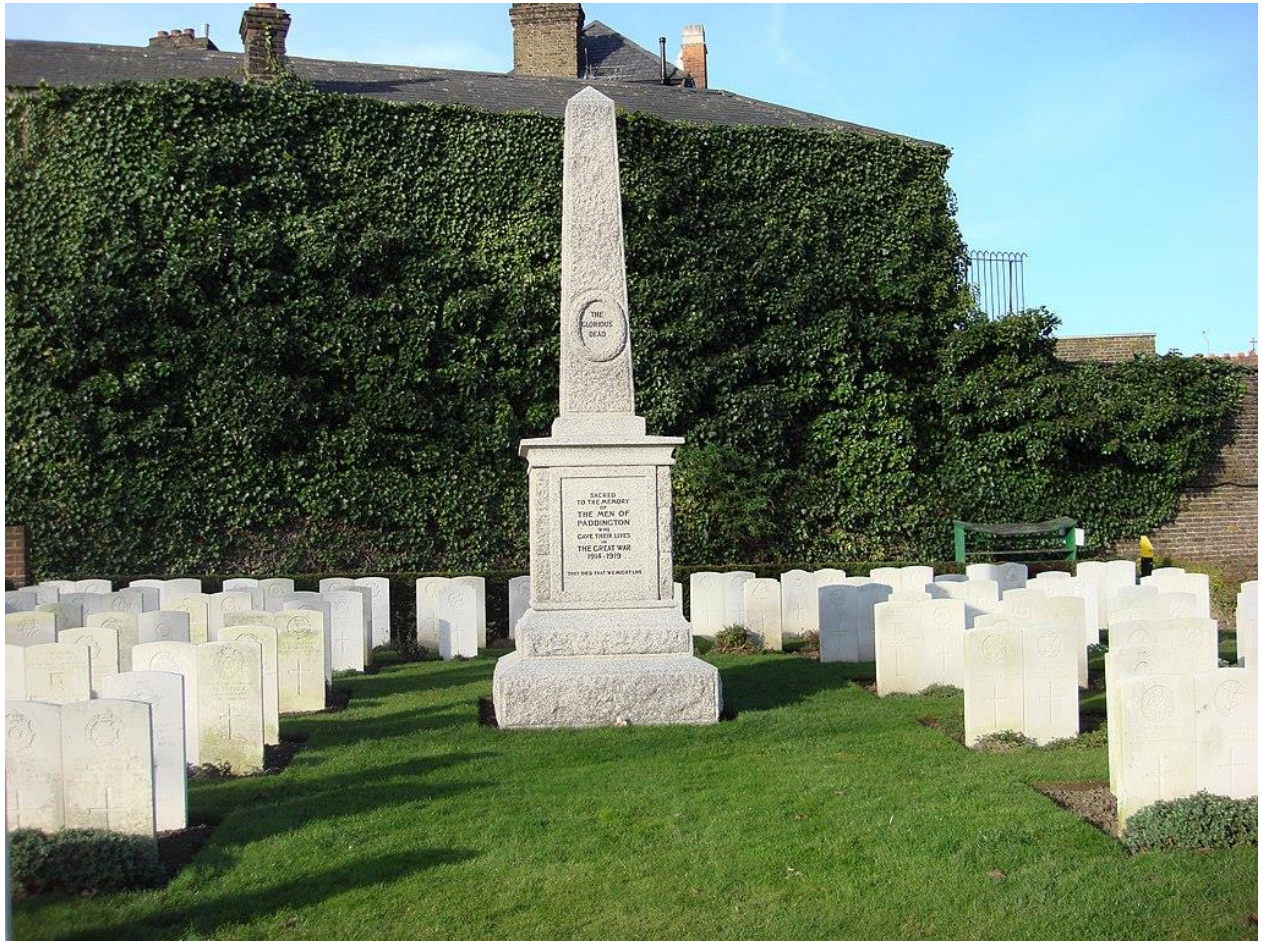
Visitors to the Screen Wall in Paddington Cemetery are advised that the war casualties are listed alphabetically by surname.

(Information from CWGC)

Paddington Old Cemetery is located in Willesden Lane, Kilburn. Also known as Paddington Cemetery or Willesden Lane Cemetery.



(Photo by Irid Escent)

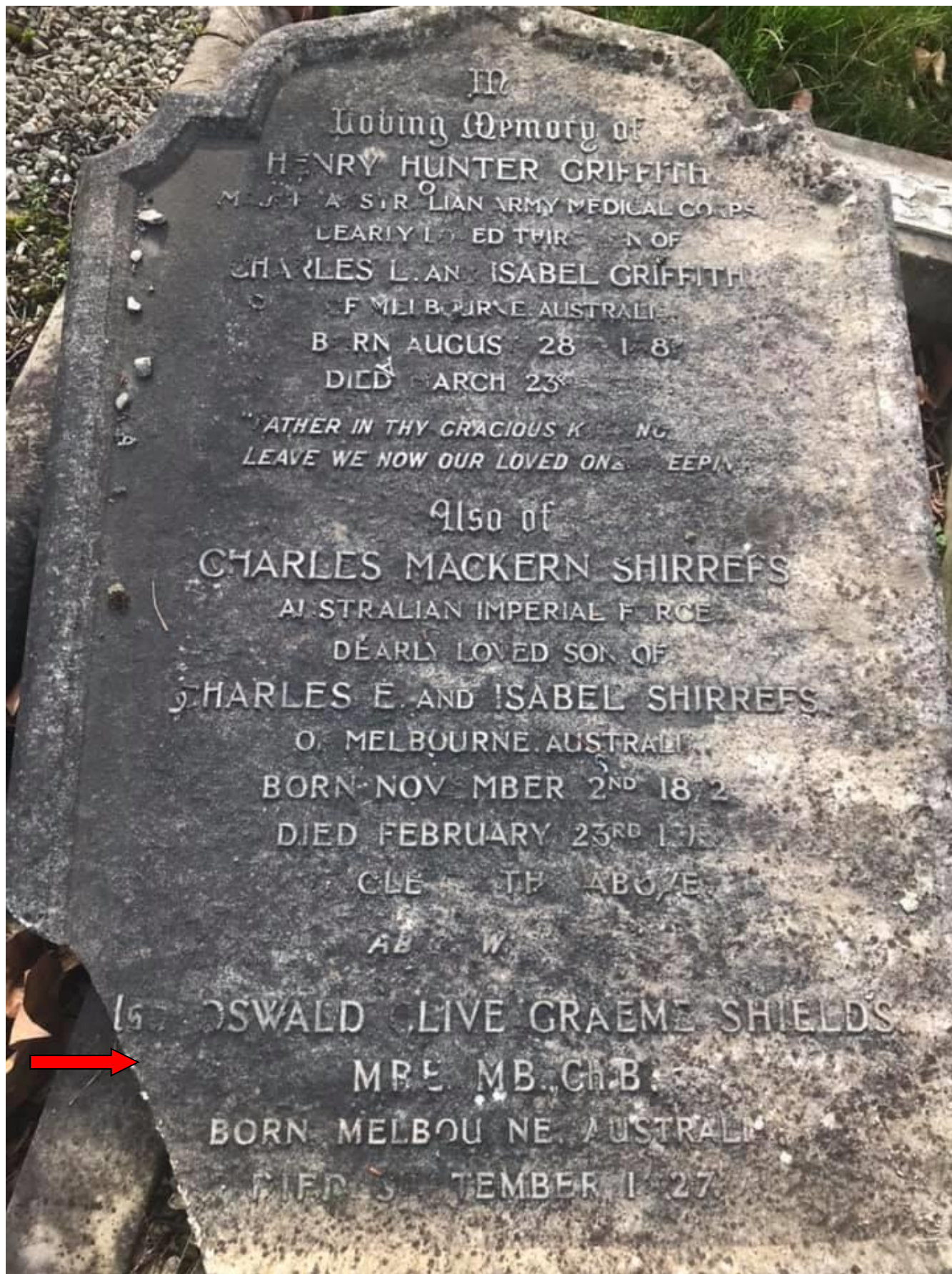


(Photo by Oxyman)



(Photo from Friends of Paddington Old Cemetery)

Photo of Oswald Clive Graeme Shields' shared Private Family Headstone in Paddington Old Cemetery, Kilburn, Greater London, England.



(Photo courtesy of Paul Owen – Friends of Paddington Old Cemetery)



Also OSWALD CLIVE GRAEME SHIELDS

MBE., MB., Ch. B.

Born Melbourne, Australia

Died 9th September, 1927



(Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)