

**All Souls Cemetery,  
Kensal Green, London, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER**

**J. A. SHUTER**

**H.M.S. VICTORY**

**ROYAL NAVY**

**16TH SEPTEMBER, 1915 Age 39**

## Joseph Armand SHUTER

Joseph Armand Shuter was born on 27th May, 1876 at Essendon, Victoria, Australia to parents Charles & Amelia Elizabeth Shuter (nee Lord). He was baptised on 12th November, 1876 at St. Thomas's Church, Essendon, Victoria, Australia

Joseph Armand Shuter attended Melbourne Grammar School, Victoria.

Joseph Armand Shuter entered service with the Royal Navy on 15th January, 1891 as a Naval Cadet with Training Ship H.M.S. *Britannia*.

The 1891 England Census recorded Joseph A. Shuter, Naval Cadet, aged 14, Training for H. M. Navy. He was listed as "Not on Board" H.M.S. *Britannia*, a 1st Class Training Ship for Naval Cadets which was in Dartmouth Harbour, England on the night of April 5th, 1891.

The 1891 England Census recorded Joseph A. Shuter, Cadet, H.M.S. *Britannia*, aged 14, at Ufton Court, Ufton Nervet, Berkshire, England on the night of the Census. The Head of the house was listed as Henry Cyril Sharp (Living on own means, aged 50). Also listed was Annie M. Sharp – sister of Henry Cyril Sharp (Living on own means, aged 56), Elsimore M. Shuter – sister of Joseph Shuter (Living on own means, aged 20), Annie P. Harris – Servant (Parlour Maid, aged 20), Julia A. Archer - Servant (Cook, aged 26) & Lilly L. Smith – Servant (Housemaid, aged 18).

Joseph Armand Shuter was promoted to Midshipman on 5th May, 1893.

Midshipman Joseph Armand Shuter was promoted to Acting Sub-Lieutenant on 15th November, 1896.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Joseph Armand Shuter was commissioned as Lieutenant on 30th June, 1899.

From *The London Gazette* – May 12, 1905:

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order*

*St James's Palace, May 12, 1905.*

*The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's cruise in the Mediterranean, to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order, to take effect from the dates noted:-*

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*To be Members of the Fourth Class:*

*28th April, 1905, Lieutenant-Commander Joseph Armand Shuter, R.N., commanding His Majesty's ship "Foyle".*



*Star of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (M.V.O.)*

The 1911 England Census recorded Joseph Armand Shuter as a 34 year old, single Royal Navy Lieutenant & Commander boarding at 80 St. George's Square, Portsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England in a 7 roomed dwelling. The Head of the house was Mrs Ann Barlow, Boarding House Keeper (Widow, aged 54) & Mary Buckley was listed as a Servant (aged 23).

Lieutenant Joseph Armand Shuter was promoted to Commander on 31st December, 1913.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter attended Signal & War Courses from 9th February, 1914 to 19th June, 1914 & obtained 2nd Class.

On 2nd November, 1914, Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter was discharged to Hospital Queensferry – functional heart disease – 1 month.

On 16th December, 1914 Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter was admitted to Chatham Hospital with disease of the liver – 3 weeks. He was discharged on 12th January, 1914 to unemployed time Resurvey.

On 9th February, 1915 Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter was reported as unfit – 6 weeks unemployed & treatment at his own expense. He was to be resurveyed on 23rd June, 1915 but was not able to attend & was to be resurveyed when he was fit to travel.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter died on 16th September, 1915 at 41 Manchester Street, Manchester Square from Liver cirrhosis.

(Note: One of the Royal Naval Officers sheet for Joseph Armand Shuter records his date of death as 17th September, 1915 as does the First World War – War Services Old Melbournians – Our Honoured Dead.)

A death for Joseph A. Shuter, aged 39, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of St. Marylebone, London, England.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter was buried in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Plot number – Square 188, Grave 44828.

Newspaper item – *Hampshire Telegraph*, Hampshire, England – 24 September, 1915:

#### **NAVAL COMMANDER'S DEATH**

*Commander Joseph Armand Shuter, R.N., M.V.O., whose death has taken place in London from illness contracted on active service, entered the Royal Navy in 1891, and first saw active service during the Samoan operations in 1899, at which time he was serving in H.M.S. Porpoise. Later, as Lieutenant-Commander of H.M.S. Foyle, during the Mediterranean tour of their majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra in 1905, his destroyer was detailed for duty in attendance on the Royal yacht, his services on that occasion being recognised by King Edward, who bestowed upon him the Royal Victorian Order. He afterwards served in the suppression of the slave and arms traffic, Persian Gulf, 1908-1910. At the time of his death he was on sick leave, having been invalided from the North Sea Fleet, where he had been in command of a flotilla of torpedo-destroyers.*

Newspaper item – *Ballan Times*, Victoria, Australia – 23 September, 1915:

#### **Obituary**

*Commander Joseph Armand Shuter has died in London, from an illness he contracted when in command of a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers in the North Sea. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Charles Shuter, P.M., formerly of Greendale. Born in 1876, he was educated at the Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, and entered the navy in 1891. He saw active service in the Samoan rebellion in 1899. A brother, Capt. Reginald Shuter, is in the British army and has been wounded in the present war. He served with the Irish Fusiliers in the South African war, where he gained the D.S.O. Another brother, Dr R. K. Shuter, is in charge of the Harefield (London) hospital for Australian wounded.*

Newspaper item – *The Daily News*, Perth, Western Australia – 4 November, 1915:

**Mainly about People**

*Military personalities from English papers:-.....*

*Commander Joseph Armand Shuter, M.V.O., Royal Navy, died in London on September 16. He was invalided home from the North Sea, where he commanded a flotilla of torpedo destroyers, a few months ago, suffering from pleurisy and heart failure, from which he never recovered. He was 39 years old, the youngest son of the late Charles Shuter, of Melbourne, and had previously seen service in Samoa and the Persian Gulf.*

Obituary Notice – *War Services Old Melbournians* – Melbourne Grammar School, Victoria, Australia – 1918:

**JOSEPH ARMAND SHUTER** - who died on 17th September 1915 in London after having been invalided home from the North Sea was the sixth son of the late Mr. Charles Shuter. He was born in 1876 and was at school in 1889 and 1890. On leaving School he entered the Navy, and was awarded the M.V.O. in the Mediterranean for services rendered to King Edward VII on his visit there. When war broke out he was a Lieutenant, and subsequently was appointed Commander in command of H.M. T-B Destroyer "Antelope". He was on service with her in the North Sea when he was invalided sick to London. He died from pleurisy and pericarditis.

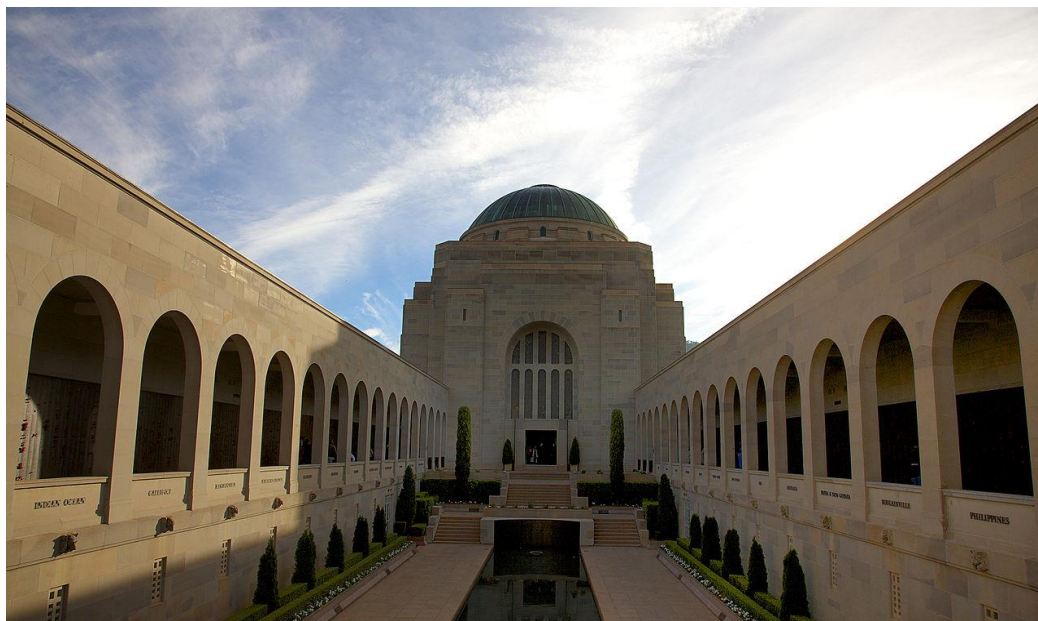
Probate details:

SHUTER, Joseph Armand of 96 Piccadilly and 26 Charing Cross, both in Middlesex, died 16 September, 1915 at 41 Manchester Street, Middlesex. Probate London 8 October to Reginald Gauntlett Shuter, Major, H. M. Army. Effects £239 16d. 1d.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter was entitled to 1914 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter, aged 39, of Royal Navy. He was the son of Charles Shuter of Melbourne, Australia. Awarded M.V.O.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter 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 Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)

J. A. Shuter is remembered on the Melbourne Grammar School Honour Roll, located in Melbourne Grammar School, Domain Road, Melbourne, Victoria.



Melbourne Grammar School Honour Roll (Photos by Chris McLaughlin)





**Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **DEATHS**

SHUTER – On the 17th September, Commander Joseph Armand, M.V.O., Royal Navy, seventh son of the late Charles Shuter and Mrs Shuter, of Wykeham Lodge, Malvern, and La Cote, Greendale, in England, invalided home for the North Sea. (By cable).

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 21st September, 1915)*

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### **PERSONAL**

Commander Joseph Armand Shuter has died in London, states a message from our correspondent, from an illness he contracted when in command of a flotilla of torpedo-boat destroyers in the North Sea. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Charles Shuter, formerly a police magistrate in Melbourne.

*(The Australasian, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 September, 1915)*

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## All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green contains burials of both wars - 538. Half of the 482 First World War graves form a plot in the south-west section of the cemetery, the rest form small groups or are scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 5s Second World War graves are scattered. There are also 2 non war burials here. A screen wall in the First World War plot (Sect. 213) records the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. Also recorded on the wall are the names of five servicemen whose remains were cremated in Kensal Green Crematorium.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** *(Photo by Rodney Burton)*



**Cross of Sacrifice - All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** *(Photo by Chris Doran)*

Photo of Lieutenant Commander Joseph Armand Shuter's Private Headstone in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



*(Headstone photos courtesy of British War Graves – Mick McCann)*





*In Loving Memory Of*  
*JOSEPH ARMAND SHUTER, M.V.O.,*  
*Commander, Royal Navy*  
*Born 27th May, 1876*  
*Died 16th September. 1915*