

**Earlham Road Cemetery,
Norwich, Norfolk
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6367 DRIVER

M. C. WHITE

AUST. ARMY SERVICE CORPS

29TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 27

In Loving Memory

Michael Charles (Mick) WHITE

Michael Charles White was born at Bunbury, Western Australia in 1889 to parents Joseph and Lavinia White (nee Woodley).

Michael Charles White attended State Schools at Greenbushes & Bunbury, Western Australia.

Lavinia White, mother of Michael Charles White, died in 1898.

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Swan, subdivision of Northam, Western Australia listed Michael Charles White, Labourer, of Kennedy & Stirling Streets, Northam.

The 1915, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Swan, subdivision of Bunbury, Western Australia listed Michael Charles White, Labourer, of Beach Road, Bunbury.

Michael Charles White was a 24 year old, single, Labourer from Bunbury, Western Australia when he enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia on 2nd March, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6367 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. White, of Northam, Western Australia.

Driver Michael Charles White was posted to No. 9 Depot Company on 2nd March, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 16th Company, A.A.S.C. (Australian Army Service Corps) on 16th March, 1915.

Driver Michael Charles White embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 22nd May, 1915 with the 6th Infantry Brigade Train, 16th Company, Army Service Corps.

Driver Michael Charles White proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 20th March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 28th March, 1916.

Driver Michael Charles White was temporarily attached to 21st Battalion in France from 21st June, 1916. He rejoined his Unit from detachment on 28th July, 1916 & was attached to 6th Field Company Engineers on the same day. Driver White rejoined his Unit from detachment on 3rd August, 1916.

Driver Michael Charles White was temporarily attached to 21st Battalion in France from 19th October, 1916 & rejoined his Unit from detachment on 26th October, 1916.

Driver Michael Charles White was admitted to 5th Field Ambulance in France on 29th December, 1916 then transferred to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station. He was transferred to Ambulance Train 23 & admitted to 5th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 31st December, 1916 with Nephritis. Driver White embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. George* on 8th January, 1917 with acute Nephritis.

Driver Michael Charles White was admitted to Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk, England on 10th January, 1917 with slight nephritis. He was reported as dangerously ill on 27th January, 1917.



Driver Michael Charles White died at 1.15 am on 29th January, 1917 at Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk, England from Nephritis & Double Pneumonia.

A death for Michael C. White, aged 26, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Blofield, Norfolk, England.

Driver Michael Charles White was buried on 2nd February, 1917 in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England – Section 25, Grave No. 244.

A letter was sent on 20th April, 1920 from Base Records to Mr J. White, Northam, Western Australia, father of the late Driver Michael Charles White, advising that *“now in receipt of further advice which shows that his remains have been exhumed from the former site, and re-interred in Grave No.698, Section 54, Norwich Cemetery, Norwich. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.”*

Driver Michael Charles White has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone

Driver Michael Charles White requested in his Will, dated 22nd April, 1916 that in the event of his death, the whole of his property & effects be given to Mrs Ross Jarvis, of Jarvis St, South Bunbury, Western Australia.

Driver Michael Charles White was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver White's father – Mr J. White, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Michael Charles White – service number 6367, aged 27, of 16th Coy., Australian Army Service Corps. He was the son of Joseph and Lavinia White, of 15 Gladstone St., Perth, Western Australia.

Driver M. C. White is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.

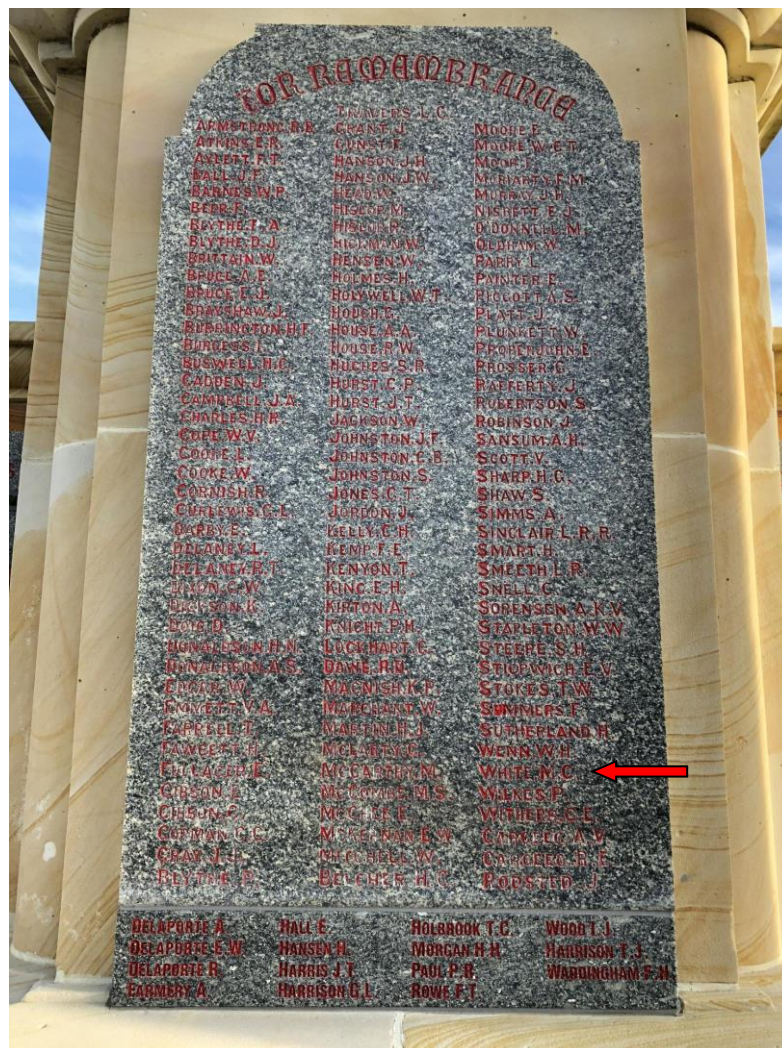


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

M. C. White is remembered on the Bunbury War Memorial, located in Anzac Park, Victoria & Stirling Streets, Bunbury, Western Australia.



Bunbury War Memorial (Photo above by Gordon Stuart; below by James Wills)



The Western Australia State War Memorial 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.

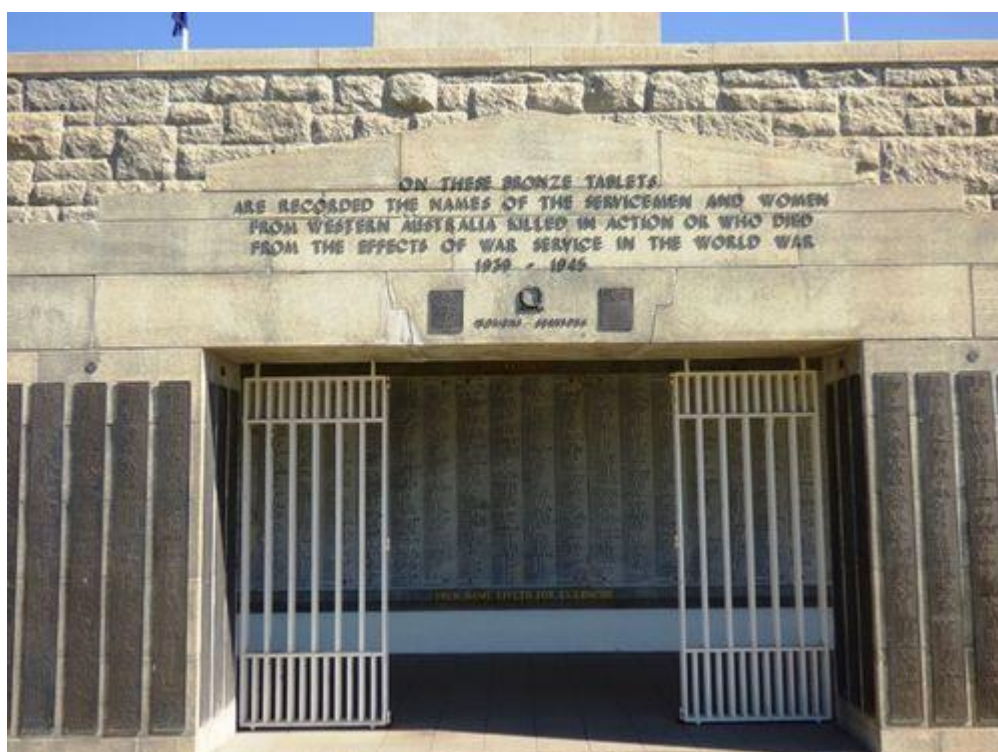
The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a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





(Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

(43 pages of Driver Michael Charles White'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) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

DEATH

WHITE – On January 29th, 1917, of pneumonia, in Norfolk Hospital, England, Michael Charles White, dearly loved nephew of Ross and Selina Jarvis. Aged 26 years and 4 months.

(South Western Times, Bunbury, Western Australia – 6 February, 1917)

PERSONAL

The recent casualty list contains the names of several soldiers from the Bunbury Area, Pte. W. M. Coonan, of Dardanup, who was previously returned as missing, is now officially reported to have been killed in action. **Driver M. C. White, of the Army Service Corps, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jarvis, died in an English military hospital at the end of January, after having seen two years of active service.** Amongst the wounded are Corporal H. J. Fowler, nephew of Mr. Simmons, of Bunbury, who has now been put out of action three times, and Pte. C. H. House. The name of Pte. C. H. Tompkinson, of Bunbury, is given in the 271st Casualty list among those reported ill. Beyond the brief official message no further particulars are yet obtainable in any of the instances referred to.

(Bunbury Herald, Western Australia – 10 February, 1917)

W. A. Casualties

At the Fighting Fronts

272nd CASUALTY LIST

5th MILITARY DISTRICT

DEATHS

DRIVER M. C. WHITE, Northam, died of illness, previously reported died, cause not stated.

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia – 15 February, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

WHITE – In loving memory of Michael Charles White, who died in hospital on January 29, 1917.

No one he loved was by his side

To hear his last faint sigh,

To whisper just a loving word,

Or even say good-bye.

His King and Country called him,

The call was not in vain;

On Britain's roll of honour

You will find our loved one's name.

(Inserted by his loving brothers, Drivers Joe, Mate and Percy White, and cousin Pte Ivan Jarvis (on active service).

WHITE – In affectionate remembrance of our dear nephew, Michael Charles White, who died in hospital in England, January 29, 1917.

He has gone to a land of beauty,
 'Midst its never-fading flowers,
Gone from sorrow, pain and trouble
 To a better land than ours.

(Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Ross and Selina Jarvis, Stephen-street, Bunbury.)

(*South Western Times*, Bunbury, Western Australia – 29 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

WHITE – In loving memory of Michael Charles White, who died in hospital on January 29, 1917.

No one he loved was by his side
 To hear his last faint sigh,
To whisper just a loving word,
 Or even say good-bye.
His King and Country called him,
 The call was not in vain;
On Britain's roll of honour
 You will find our loved one's name.

(Inserted by his loving brothers, Drivers Joe, Mate and Percy White, and cousin Pte Ivan Jarvis (on active service).

WHITE – In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Driver M. C. (Mick), of the 16th A.A.S.C., who died of illness in the Norfolk Hospital, Norwich, England, on January 29, 1917.

He never shunned his country's call,
He gladly gave his life, his all.
He died a hero brave and true
And wore the colours white and blue
 They miss you most who loved you best.

-Inserted by his loving sister Winnie and brother-in-law, Private O. W. Larsson, and little nephews Harold, Syd., Les, and Micky.

WHITE – In loving memory of my dear nephew and our dear cousin, Driver M. C. White, (Mick), A.A.S.C., who died at Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, January 29, 1917.

 His duty nobly done.

-Inserted by his loving aunt M. Bray and cousins.

WHITE - In loving memory of my nephew and cousin, Michael Charles White, who died in Norwich, England on January 29, 1917.

 He never shunned his country's call,

He gave his life, his all,
He died the helpless to defend
An Australian soldier's noble end.

-Inserted by his aunt, M. Ratke, and cousins and grandmother, Mrs E. White.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 29 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

WHITE – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Michael Charles White, driver, A.S.C., who died at Norwich Military Hospital, England, January 29, 1917.

His pains were great no tongue can tell
What he endured when he was ill.
The Lord in mercy thought it best
To take him to a place of rest.

-Inserted by his sorrowing father, mother, sisters and brothers, Northam.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 30 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

WHITE – In loving memory of Driver M. C. White, eldest son of Joseph White of Northam, who died in Norwich Military Hospital, England, on January 29, 1917.

Gone but not forgotten.

Inserted by his loving father, mother, brothers and sisters.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 29 January, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

WHITE – In loving memory of our dear brother, Michael Charles, 16th A.A.S.C., who died of illness, at Norwich Hospital, on January 29, 1917; aged 27 years.

Your picture hangs upon our wall,
The face we long to see,
And to the hearts, of those you loved
It ever dear shall be.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Winnie and Oll and nephews Harold, Syd., Les, and little Micky.

WHITE – In loving memory of our dear brother (Mick) who died of illness at Norwich War Hospital on January 29, 1917.

Time changes many things,
But memory like the ivy clings.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother Carrie and Joe White.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 29 January, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Hero

WHITE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Driver M. C. (Mick), who died of illness in the Norfolk Hospital on January 29, aged 27 years.

In our home you are fondly remembered,
Sweet thoughts ever cling round your name;
The hearts that always loved you
Still love you in death just the same.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Win and O. W. Larson, and nephews Harold, Syd., Les, and Micky.

WHITE – In loving memory of Michael Charles White, who died in Norfolk War Hospital, England, on January 29, 1917.

So sadly missed.

Inserted by his loving brother and sister, Percy and Nellie, Charles-street, Bunbury.

WHITE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Driver Mick White, who died of illness on January 29, 1917, while on active service.

Inserted by his loving brother Joe.

WHITE – In loving memory of Michael Charles White, who died in Norfolk War Hospital, England, on January 29, 1917.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Ross and Selina Jarvis, and cousins, Ivan and Florrie.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 29 January, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Hero

WHITE – In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Driver Michael Charles White, 16th A.A.S.C., who died in Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, England, on January 29, 1917.

Loved in life, cherished in memory

Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Percy White, Charles-street, Bunbury.

WHITE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Mick White, who died of illness in England, January 29, 1917.

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To memory ever dear

Inserted by brother Joe W. White.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 30 January, 1922)

Anzac Heroes

WHITE – In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Driver Michael Charles (Mick) White, 16th Company A.A.S.C., who died of illness, Norfolk Hospital, Norwich.

Like ivy round the withered oak,
When all things else decay,
Our love for him will ever last,
And never fade away.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Win and Oll, and nephews Harold, Syd., Les, and Micky, Bunbury.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 31 January, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

WHITE – In remembrance of 6367 Driver Michael Charles White, 16th A.A.S.C., 2nd Division, who died in Norfolk War Hospital, January 29, 1917.

Six years have passed us by to-day,
In memory still seems like yesterday,
Since you were taken away from us,
To God's own home of happiness.

Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Percy and Nell, Charles-street, Bunbury.

WHITE – In loving memory of M. C. (Mick) White, who died of illness in Norfolk Hospital, England, January 29, 1917 (16th Coy., A.A.S.C.), aged 27 years.

We miss you most who loved you best.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Win, Oll, and nephews Harold, Syd, Les, and Micky Larsson.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 29 January, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

WHITE – In loving remembrance of our dear nephew, Michael Charles White, who died in Norfolk War Hospital, January 29, 1917.

Just a token of loving remembrance.

(Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Ross and Selina Jarvis, Charles-street, Bunbury.)

(South Western Times, Bunbury, Western Australia – 30 January, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Hero

WHITE – In loving memory of my dear brother, M. C. (Mick) White, who died of illness at Norfolk Hospital, England, on January 29, 1917, 16th Company, A.A.S.C.

Time may pass and bring its changes,
Fresh with every coming year;
But your memory will be cherished
In the hearts that you loved dear.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Win and Oll, and nephews Harold, Syd, Les, Mick & Joe Larsson.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 29 January, 1924)

IN MEMORIAM

WHITE – In loving memory of our dear Nephew, No. 6369, Driver Michael Charles White, who died in Norfolk War Hospital on January 29th, 1917. "To memory ever dear."

Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Ross and Selina Jarvis, Charles Street, Bunbury.

(South Western Times, Bunbury, Western Australia – 29 January, 1925)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Hero

WHITE – In loving memory of 6367 Driver Michael Charles White, 16th A.A.S.C., who died in Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, on January 29, 1917.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his affectionate brother and sister-in-law, Percy and Nell White, and nieces, Lottie, Dorothy, and Jessie, Charles-street, Bunbury.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 29 January, 1926)

Anzac Hero

WHITE – In memory of Michael Charles White, 6th A.A.S.C., who died Norfolk Hospital, Norwich, England, January 29, 1917.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law and nieces, Percy, Nellie, Lottie, Dorothy, and Jessie White, Donnybrook.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 31 January, 1927)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Driver M. C. White does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

In Loving Memory

Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich contains 533 Commonwealth War Graves.

The cemetery was laid out in 1856 and casualties of the South African War were buried in the oldest part. Nearly half of the 1914-1918 burials are to be found in two military plots; one in the North-Eastern part and the other in the Western part of the burial ground. Ground immediately adjoining the latter was reserved for service burials of the 1939-1945 War and is now combined with it to form the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 War Graves Plot. The Cross of Sacrifice, which honours the servicemen of both Wars who are buried in the cemetery, stands in the plot, and carved upon two of the panels of its base are the dates 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. There are now nearly 350, 1914-1918 and nearly 200, 1939-1945 war casualties commemorated in this site. In addition, a special memorial is erected to one soldier buried among civilian air raid victims in a grave on which it was not possible to erect a headstone.

(Information & photo from CWGC)





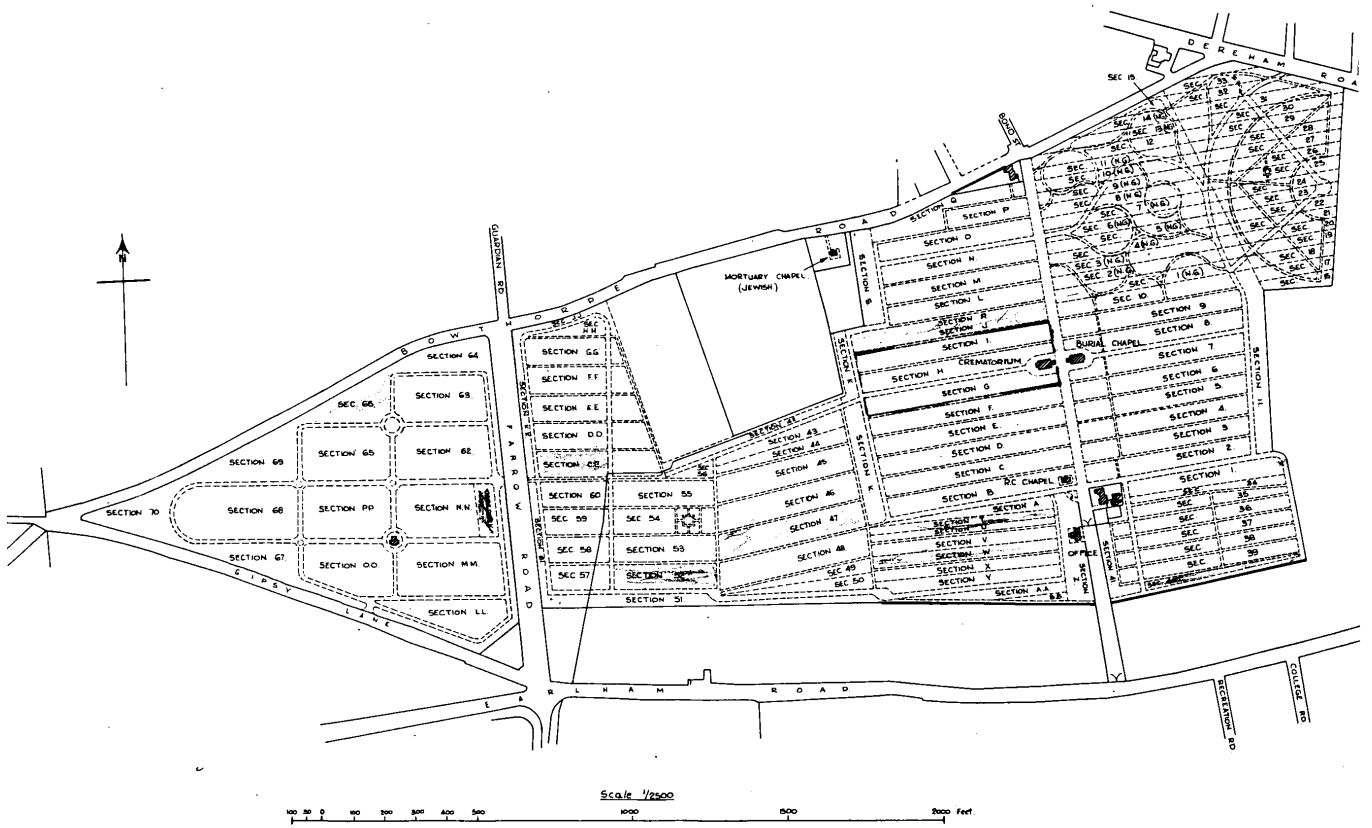
Earlham Road Cemetery (Photo above from CWGC; below by Adrian Pye)



Photo of Driver M. C. White's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England.



(Photo by Jennifer Hart – Find a Grave)



Map of Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

