

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War II

2732759 LANCE SERJEANT

C. T. BROWN

WELSH GUARDS

8TH APRIL, 1942 Age 33

Always Remembered

By Doris, Warren and David



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Lance Serjeant C. T. Brown is located near Cross of Sacrifice, beneath a large Beech Tree, in Codford ANZAC - War Graves Cemetery.

Christopher Thomas Brown was born on 29th August, 1909, to parents William Telford & Elizabeth Brown. His birth was registered in the December quarter 1909, in the district of Teesdale, Durham.

The 1911 Census recorded Christopher Brown as a 1 year old, living with his family at Gainford, Darlington, Durham in a 2 roomed dwelling. Christopher's parents were recorded as William Brown (Mason's Labourer, aged 42, born Gainford) & Elizabeth Brown (aged 31, born Melsonby). William & Elizabeth had been married for 10 years, having had 6 children, with one children deceased. Five children were recorded in the Census – Edith May (aged 10, born Gainford), Jack (aged 8, born Gainford), Henry Telford (aged 6, born Gainford), Nora (aged 3, born Middlesbrough) & the last child listed was Christopher – born Gainford.

Christopher Brown enlisted at Middlesborough in 1928. From 1929-30 he served in Egypt & transferred to the Reserves 2 years later. He was recalled to regular service in 1939, promoted to Lance Corporal on 17th June, 1940 & to Lance Serjeant three months later. Christopher Brown served with 2nd Battalion of Welsh Guards & his service number was 2732759. The number block allocation for the Welsh Guards was between 2730001 – 2744000.

A marriage was registered in the September quarter of 1933, in the district of Marylebone, London between Christopher T. Brown & Elizabeth D. Warren.

The Welsh Guards Regiment was increased to three Battalions during the Second World War. The 2nd Battalion fought in Boulogne, France in 1940. The main body of the 2nd Battalion Welsh Guards moved to Codford in September, 1941 – April, 1943, along with the 6th Guards Amoured Brigade which consisted of 4th Grenadiers, 4th Coldstream & 3rd Scots Guards.

Lance Serjeant Christopher Brown was found dead of gunshot wounds to the head in the room adjoining the Serjeants' Mess on 8th April, 1942. His head was laid on a kit bag & there was a rifle by his side. According to the newspapers 'A witness stated that the deceased appeared in good spirits on the day of the incident. The Coroner recorded a verdict that the deceased was found with gunshot wounds from which he died.....' He left a widow, Elizabeth Doris & two sons.

A death for Christopher T Brown, aged 33, was registered in the June quarter, 1942 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Lance Serjeant Christopher Thomas Brown was buried at St. Mary's New Churchyard Cemetery (ANZAC Cemetery), Codford. He is the only soldier buried there from World War 2 of the 99 War Grave burials.

Lance Serjeant C. T. Brown's death was recognised by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission & as such has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. According to CWGC Lance Serjeant Christopher Thomas Brown was the son of William Telford Brown & Elizabeth Brown; husband of Elizabeth Doris Brown of Penberth, Cornwall.

Lance Serjeant Christopher Brown is remembered in the UK, Army Roll of Honour, 1939 – 1945.

Lance Serjeant Christopher T. Brown is remembered on the World War 2 section of St. Buryan's War Memorial in Cornwall.



St Buryan's Church, Cornwall with War Memorial in foreground.

(Photo by Derek Harper – 2005)

The St Buryan memorial is on the right hand side of the churchyard wall and sits in a recess with a Saxon Cross. The World War 1 inscriptions are to be found on a plaque at the foot of the cross and on the ledge is an additional plaque to those who died in World War 2.

(Photo by Elizabeth Scott - 2010)



Inscriptions on the St Buryan Memorial, Cornwall



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Photo of Lance Serjeant C. T. Brown's Headstone at St. Mary's New Churchyard (ANZAC) Cemetery, Codford. The inscription on his headstone reads "Always Remembered by Doris, Warren and David". Doris was Lance Serjeant's wife & Warren & David were his sons.



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)



(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth 2012)