Botley Cemetery,

Botley, Oxfordshire, England

War Graves

Lest We Forget

World War 1

4240   LANCE CPL.

T. L. LOTTON

6TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

25TH SEPTEMBER, 1916   Age 30

In God's Keeping

Loving Memories

Thomas Leslie (Les) LOTTON

Thomas Leslie Lotton was born at Briagolong, Victoria in 1886 to parents William Andrew and Christina Lotton (nee McSween).

Thomas Leslie Lotton attended Korumburra State School, Victoria.

William Andrew Lotton, father of Thomas Leslie Lotton, died at Korumburra on 20th July, 1899.

The 1909 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Flinders, subdivision of Korumburra, Victoria recorded Thomas Leslie Lotton, Labourer from Korumburra.

The 1912 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Flinders, subdivision of Korumburra, Victoria recorded Thomas Leslie Lotton, Butter-Maker from Korumburra.

Thomas Leslie Lotton was a 27 year old, single, Buttermaker from Bena Road, Korumburra, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 15th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Baptist & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs C. Lotton, of Bena Road, Korumburra, Victoria.

Private Thomas Leslie Lotton was posted to "N" Company on 12th August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to "D" Company, 11th Battalion on 20th August, 1915 then transferred to "C" Company, 10th Battalion on 4th November, 1915. Private Lotton was transferred to "A" Company, 10th Battalion at Show Grounds, Ascot Vale (no date recorded). He was transferred to 13th Reinforcements of 6th Battalion on 25th November, 1915.

Private Thomas Leslie Lotton, Service number 4240, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Demosthenes (A64)* on 29th December, 1915 with the 6th Infantry Battalion, 13th Reinforcements.

Private Thomas Leslie Lotton joined his Unit from Reinforcements at Serapeum on 17th March, 1916.

Private Thomas Leslie Lotton proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 26th March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 2nd April, 1916.

Private Thomas Leslie Lotton was appointed Lance Corporal on 5th June, 1916 with 6th Battalion while in France

Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton was admitted to No. 1 Australian Field Ambulance on 3rd August, 1916 with Influenza.

Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton was wounded in action in France on 20th August, 1916 (date as recorded on Casualty Form – Active Service). He was admitted to 13th Field Ambulance on 19th August, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Thigh & Shoulder then transferred the same day to No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station. Lance Corporal Lotton was admitted to No. 26 General Hospital at Etaples, France on 20th August, 1916. He embarked from Calais for England on Hospital *Ship Newhaven* on 25th August, 1916.

6th Battalion

The 6th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 5th, 7th and 8th Battalions, it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade. ………
In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion was heavily involved in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. After Pozieres the battalion fought near Ypres, in Flanders, returning to the Somme for winter.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

<u>War Diary – 6th Battalion</u>

Pozieres – 18th August, 1916

19th August, 1916 – The whole of C Coy. remained & occupied their new trench. Enemy's shelling exceptionally quiet all day. Our new positions were over the ridge & looked down on COUCELETTE & PYS.
All trenches improved during the night.

20th August, 1916 – Very quiet day but men very tired & fatigued.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton was admitted to 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford, England on 26th August, 1916 with G.S.W. to shoulder & arm (slight).

Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton died on 25th September, 1916 at 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford, England from wounds received in action – GSW to thigh & Tetanus.

A death for Thomas Lotton, aged 28, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Oxford, Oxfordshire, England.

Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton was buried on 28th September, 1916 in Botley Cemetery, Botley, Oxfordshire, England – Plot number I1. 59 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Christina Lotton, of Korumburra, widowed mother of the late Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 7th December, 1916.

Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Corporal Lotton's widowed mother – Mrs C. Lotton, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton – service number 4240, aged 30, of 6th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Christina Lotton, of Korumburra, Victoria.

Lance Corporal T. L. Lotton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 47.

Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

T. L. Lotton is remembered on the Korumburra War Memorial, located in Coleman Park, Queen Street, Korumburra, Victoria.

Korumburra War Memorial *(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson)*
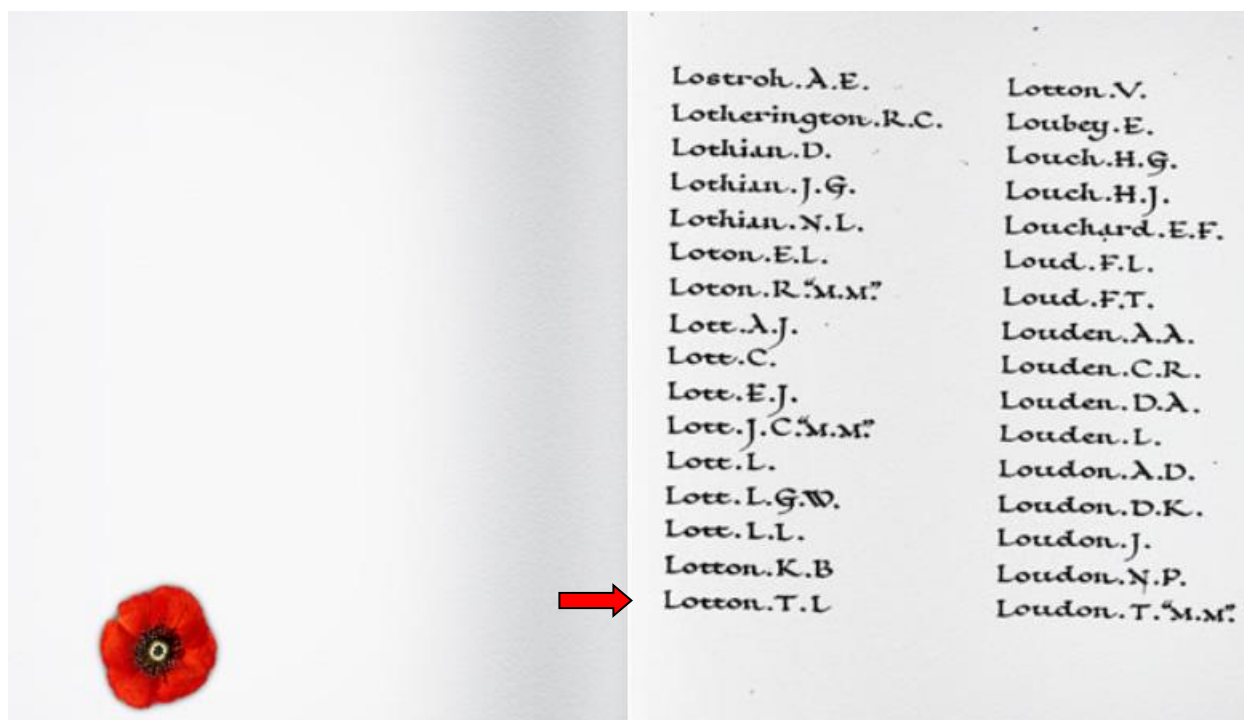
L. Lotton is remembered on the Briagolong War Memorial, located in Anzac Park, Avon Street, Briagolong, Victoria.

Briagolong War Memorial *(Photos from Monument Australia)*

T. L. Lotton is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.

Lostroh. A. E.	Lotton. V.
Lotherington. R. C.	Loubey. E.
Lothian. D.	Louch. H. G.
Lothian. J. G.	Louch. H. J.
Lothian. N. L.	Louchard. E. F.
Loton. E. L.	Loud. F. L.
Loton. R. M.M.	Loud. F. T.
Lott. A. J.	Louden. A. A.
Lott. C.	Louden. C. R.
Lott. E. J.	Louden. D. A.
Lott. J. C. M.M.	Louden. L.
Lott. L.	Loudon. A. D.
Lott. L. G. W.	Loudon. D. K.
Lott. L. L.	Loudon. J.
Lotton. K. B	Loudon. N. P.
→ Lotton. T. L	Loudon. T. M.M.

(28 pages of Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Lotton'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

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Newspaper Notices

THE 222nd CASUALTY LIST

WOUNDED

L-Corporal T. L. Lotton, Korumburra

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 30 September, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

LOTTON – To the cherished memory of L.-Corp. T. L. Lotton (Les), of Korumburra, who died September 25, 1916, from wounds received in France. (E., F., E., and H. T., Glenferrie).

LOTTON – A loving tribute to the memory of Les Lotton, who died on 25th September from wounds received in France. (A. Brook).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 October, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

LOTTON – A tribute to our old comrade, Lance-Corporal Leslie Lotton, who died at General Hospital, London, on 25th September, 1916, from wounds received in France. (Inserted by employees Korumburra Butter Factory)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 October, 1916)

AUSTRALIA'S ROLL OF HONOR

236th CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Victoria

Lotton, L.Cpl T. L. Korumburra

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 October, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

LOTTON – In loving memory of my dear son and our beloved brother, Leslie, who died at Oxford Hospital on September 25, 1916, from wounds received in France.

Peace, perfect peace.

-(Inserted by mother, brothers, and sisters, Korumburra.)

LOTTON – A tribute to the memory of our friend, Lance-Corporal T. L. Lotton (Les), who died 25th September, 1916, of wounds received at Pozieres.

He gave his all for his country.

-(Inserted by his friend, J. and K. Witham, Korumburra.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

LOTTON – In loving memory of my dear son and brother, T. L. Lotton (Les), who died at Oxford Hospital, September 25, 1916, of wounds received at Pozieres, also his cousins, Robert, Cecil, Angus Whitelaw, and Angus O'Nial, all fell in action. (Inserted by his mother, brothers, and sisters, Korumburra.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 September, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

LOTTON – In loving memory of T. L. Lotton (Les), late 6th Batt., who died at Oxford, 25th September, 1916, of wounds received in France.

(Inserted by mother, brothers, and sisters, Korumburra.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 September, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

WHITELAW-O'NIAL – LOTTON – In loving memory of Angie Whitelaw, killed in action, August 25, 1916; his cousin, Angus O'Nial, killed August 24, 1917; also his cousin, Leslie Lotton, died of wounds September 25, 1916.

Loving memories of heroes gone west.

-(Mother and aunt).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 August, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

WHITELAW-O'NIAL – LOTTON – In proud and ever loving memory of Private Angus McS. Whitelaw, killed in action on the 25th August, 1916, sixth son of R. and A. Whitelaw, Brianolong, also his cousin, Leslie Lotton, died of wounds on the 25th September, 1916, and Angus O'Nial, killed in action on the 24th August, 1917.

> Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
> Lest we forget, lest we forget.

-(Mother and aunt).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 August, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

WHITELAW- LOTTON – O'NIAL – In loving memory of Private A. McS. Whitelaw (Angie), kille din action Mouquet Farm, August 25, 1916, also his cousins, Leslie Lotton, September 25, 1916, Angus O'Nial, August 24, 1917.

At the setting of the sun, and in the morning
we will remember them.

(Mother, Briagolong)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 26 August, 1924)

<u>Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones</u>

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)

Lance Corporal T. L. Lotton does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

In God's Keeping   Loving Memories

Botley Cemetery, Botley, Oxfordshire, England

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

During the First World War, the 3rd Southern General Hospital (an Oxfordshire Territorial Unit) was housed in the Examination Schools and a number of other buildings in Oxford. Oxford (Botley) Cemetery contains 156 burials from the First World War, all in the war graves plot in section I/1. The cemetery was designated a Royal Air Force regional cemetery during the Second World War and was used by RAF stations in Berkshire and neighbouring counties. Practically all of the 516 Second World War burials (one of them unidentified) are in the war graves plot, which was extended from the section used during the First World War. The architectural features of the plot were designed by Edward Maufe, ARA. In addition to the Commonwealth war graves, Oxford (Botley) Cemetery contains almost 70 war graves of other nationalities.

There are eight Australian World War 1 War Graves.   *(Information from CWGC)*

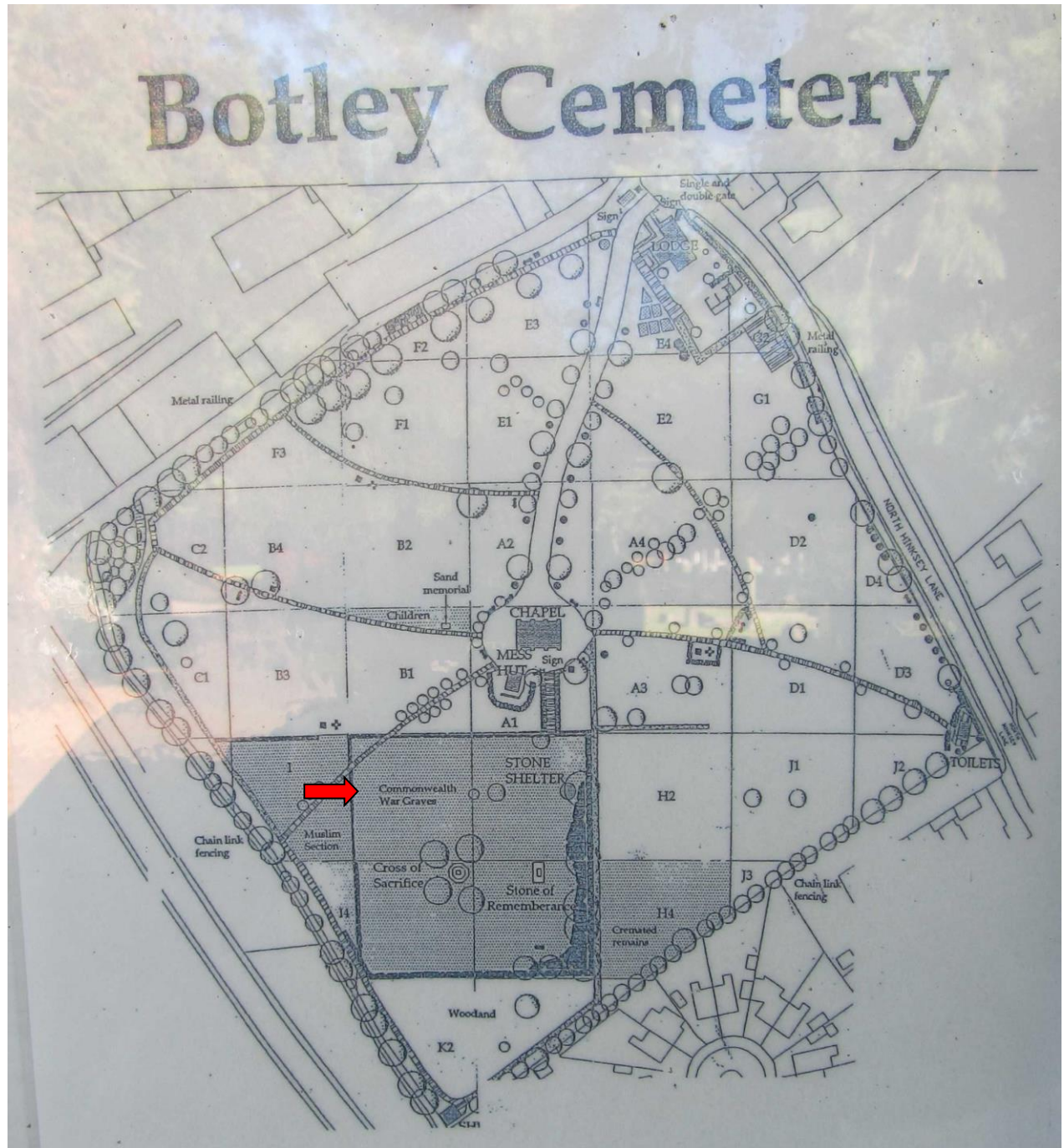*(Photo by Stephen Potts – Find a Grave)*

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Botley Cemetery *(Photos from CWGC)*

Photo of Lance Corporal T. L. Lotton's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Botley Cemetery, Botley, Oxfordshire, England.
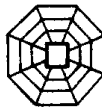

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(Maps by Kevin Smith – Find a Grave)

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STONE OF
REMEMBERANCE

PLOT H. 3

178
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200
195
183
171
159
147
135
123
111
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143
131
119
107
95
83

88
76

253
242
231
220
209
198
188
178
168
158
148
138 A
129 A
120 A
111 A
102 B
94 B
87 B

80
72
63
54
45
37
29
19
8

209 A
198 A
188 A
178 A
169
159
149
139
130
121
112
103
95
88
81
73
65
56
47
38
30
22
12
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243
232
221

CROSS OF
SACRIFICE

PLOT I. 2

252
245
235
228
221
214
207
201
192
182

246 A
238
230
223
216
209
202
194
185
175

SHELTER

REGISTER
BOX

PLOT H. 1

1914-1918
WAR
BURIALS

230 229 228 227 226
221   216
210   205
199 A   195
189 A   185
178   174
167   163
156 A   153
146   143
135   132
124 A   122
114   112
103   101
92   91
82   81

93
83
73
63   62
54   53
45   44
35   34
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PLOT I.1

95
85
75
64   63
GERMAN   53   52
BURIALS 40   39
29   28
18   17
8   7

72   71 ITALIAN   68   67
62   61 BURIALS   58   57   56

GERMAN
BURIALS
16   13   11

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ENTRANCE

OXFORD (BOTLEY) CEMETERY

WAR GRAVES PLOT

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