

**St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard,  
Birchanger, Essex  
War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**3511 GUNNER**

**H. B. LUCKEY**

**AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY**

**5TH JANUARY, 1918 Age 29**

## Harry Bartrop LUCKEY

Harry Bartrop Luckey was born on 16th September, 1888 at Birchanger, Essex, England to parents William & Lydia Luckey (nee Bartrop). He was baptised in St. Mary's Church, Birchanger, Essex, England on 6th January, 1889.

The 1891 England Census recorded Harry Lucky as a 2 year old, living with his family at Cambridge Road, Birchanger, Essex, England. His parents were recorded as William Lucky (Labourer, aged 44, born Stansted, Essex) & Lydia Lucky (aged 41, born Hatfield Bd Oak, Essex). Harry was one of five children listed on this Census – Ernest (Scholar, aged 7, born Stansted, Essex), William (Scholar, aged 9, born Stansted, Essex), Thomas (Scholar, aged 4, born Birchanger, Essex) then Harry & Annie (aged 1 month, born Birchanger, Essex).

The 1901 England Census recorded Harry Lucky as a 12 year old Scholar, living with his family at Cambridge Road Cottage, Birchanger, Essex, England. His parents were recorded as William Lucky (Woodman's Labourer, aged 53) & Lydia Lucky (aged 51). Harry was one of four children listed on this Census – William (Bricklayer, aged 19), Thomas (General Labourer, aged 14) then Harry & Annie (Scholar, aged 10).

Harry B. Luckey, Labourer, was listed as a passenger on *Omrah*, which departed from London, England on 22nd July, 1910 bound for Australia.

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Swan, subdivision of Williams, Western Australia listed Harry Luckey, Farm Hand, of "Grassmore", East Narrogin.

Harry Luckey, Labourer, aged 25, was a passenger on *Orama* & had embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia & arrived at the port of London, England on 29th August, 1914.

Harry Luckey, Farmer, aged 26, was a passenger on *Orsova* which had departed from the port of London on 15th January, 1915 bound for Australia. Harry Luckey had contracted to land at Fremantle, Western Australia.

Harry Luckey was a 26 year old, single, Farm Labourer when he enlisted on 7th August, 1915 at Black Boy Hill, Western Australia with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3511 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. Luckey, near Sion House, Stansted, Essex, England. Harry Luckey stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected for His Majesty's Service for Varicose Seal.

Private Harry Luckey was posted to 21st Depot on 7th August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Depot Battalion on 23rd August, 1915 then transferred to 11th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion on 27th September, 1915.

Private Harry Luckey embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 1st November, 1915 with the 16th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements.

Private Harry Luckey was admitted to No. 1 General Hospital at Cairo, Egypt on 1st March, 1916 with Enteric. He was transferred to No. 1 Australian General Hospital at Zeitoun on 5th March, 1916 & admitted with Influenza. He was discharged to duty on 14th March, 1916.

Private Harry Luckey was marched in to Garrison at Zeitoun on 14th March, 1916.

Private Harry Luckey was transferred to 5th Divisional Artillery on 1st April, 1916 & taken on strength of 25th Howitzer Brigade at Moascar on 1st April, 1916 & posted as Gunner to 113th Battery.

Gunner Harry Luckey was sent to Hospital at Ferry Post on 17th April, 1916 with Debility. He was transferred & admitted to No. 3 Australian General Hospital at Abbassia on 20th April, 1916 with Debility.

A Medical Report was completed on Gunner Harry Luckey, 3511, 113th Battery, Australian Field Artillery, on 3rd May, 1916 while at 3rd Australian General Hospital Abassia, Egypt. His disability was listed as Diabetes Mellitus which originated in middle of February, 1916 while posted at Zeitoun. Gunner Luckey had been operated on a year before enlisting & had recovered but in February he had pains in left groin which ran down his leg. He also had difficulty swallowing & had Influenza symptoms. He had previously been sent to 1st Australian General Hospital for 14 days. He was discharged to his Unit at Tel-el-Kebir but was weak & could not walk so was sent to Field

Ambulance & then admitted to 2nd Australian Stationary Hospital for 2 days then transferred & admitted to 3rd Australian General Hospital. Gunner Luckey's present condition was described as very weak muscularly (weight on enlistment -12 stone 2lb; weight at present - 8 stone 8lb) with marked wasting & absence of subcutaneous fat. His skin was dry in places; severe headaches & photophobia & breathless on exertion. Gunner Luckey's disability was reported to be caused from active service & the effects of stress of active service. The Medical Officer in charge of the case recommended that Gunner Luckey be discharged as permanently unfit. The recommendation was approved by Headquarters D.M.S., A.I.F. in 8th May, 1916.

Gunner Harry Luckey embarked from Suez on H.T. *Kanowna* on 11th May, 1916 for discharge in Australia.

Harry Luckey was admitted to No. 8 Australian General Hospital, Fremantle, Western Australia on 8th June, 1916 from *Kanowna* with Diabetes Mellitus. He was discharged on 9th December, 1916 & referred to S.O.J. for discharge.

Gunner Harry Luckey was discharged from Australian Imperial Force - 5th Military District on 9th December, 1916 due to Incapacity.

Harry Luckey was admitted to No. 8 Australian General Hospital, Fremantle, Western Australia on 10th December, 1916 with Diabetes. He was discharged on 30th March, 1917 to proceed to England on Hospital Ship *Kanowna* as an "Indulgence Passenger."

Harry Luckey, listed as Private, 3511 of 11th Reinforcements, 16th Battalion was awarded a pension for incapacity of £3 per fortnight commencing 29th March, 1917 & to be reviewed on 7th June, 1917.

Harry Luckey, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, listed as Private, 3511 of 16th Battalion was awarded a pension for incapacity of £3 per fortnight from 7th June, 1917 with a revision on 6th December, 1917.

Harry Lucky, listed as Private, 3511 of 11th Reinforcements, 16th Battalion was awarded a pension for incapacity of £3 per fortnight from 6th December, 1917 with a review on 6th June, 1918.

Gunner Harry Luckey died on 5th January, 1918.

Newspaper item - *Essex Newsman*- 26 January, 1918:

### **ESSEX ROLL OF HONOUR**

*Harry Bartrop Luckey, of Birchanger, has died in Guy's Hospital, of diabetes, contracted while serving in Egypt.*

A death for Harry B. Luckey, aged 29, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Southwark, London, England.

Gunner Harry Bartrop Luckey was buried on 9th January, 1918 in St. Mary's Churchyard, Birchanger, Essex, England and is included on his parents' private headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Incapacity Pension for Harry Luckey, near Sion House, Stansted, ceased on 16th January, 1918 as pensioner had died on 5th January, 1918.

A War Pension was granted to Lydia Luckey, near Sion House, Stansted, mother of the late Harry Luckey, 5th Div. Art., in the sum of 8/- per fortnight from 6th January, 1918.

An application for a War Pension for William Luckey, near Sion House, Stansted, Essex, father of the late Harry Luckey, 5th Div. Art., was rejected as "dependence only sufficient to grant Mother a pension."

Base Records contacted Mr W. Luckey, Near Sion House, Stansted in January, 1925, father of the late Gunner Harry Luckey, asking if Gunner Luckey, who had died since his discharge from the A.I.F. was married & if he had children in order to dispose of the War Medals. The "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. Annie B. Luckey, sister of the late Gunner H. Luckey, replied on behalf of her aged mother, stating that her brother died unmarried. Her father had since died so her *"mother would be very pleased to receive my brother's War Medals."*

Gunner Harry Bartrop Luckey was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Harry Bartrop Luckey – service number 3511, aged 29, of 5th Div., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of the late Mr and Mrs William Luckey, of Birchanger.

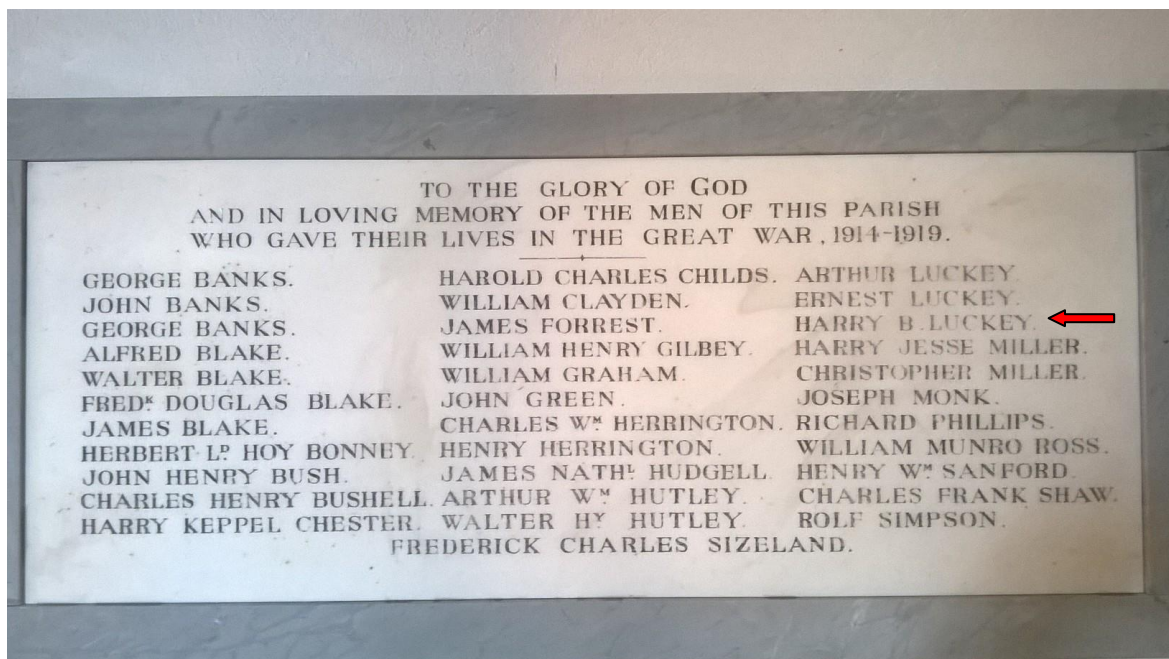
Harry Luckey is remembered on the Birchanger War Memorial, located outside St. Mary the Virgin Church, Birchanger Lane, Birchanger, Essex, England.



**Birchanger War Memorial** (Photos courtesy of Edward Finch)



Harry B. Luckey is remembered on the Men who gave their Lives Plaque located in St. Mary the Virgin Church, Birchanger Lane, Birchanger, Essex, England.



**St. Mary the Virgin Church, Birchanger – Men who gave their Lives** (Photo courtesy of Edward Finch)

Gunner H. B. Luckey is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 19.

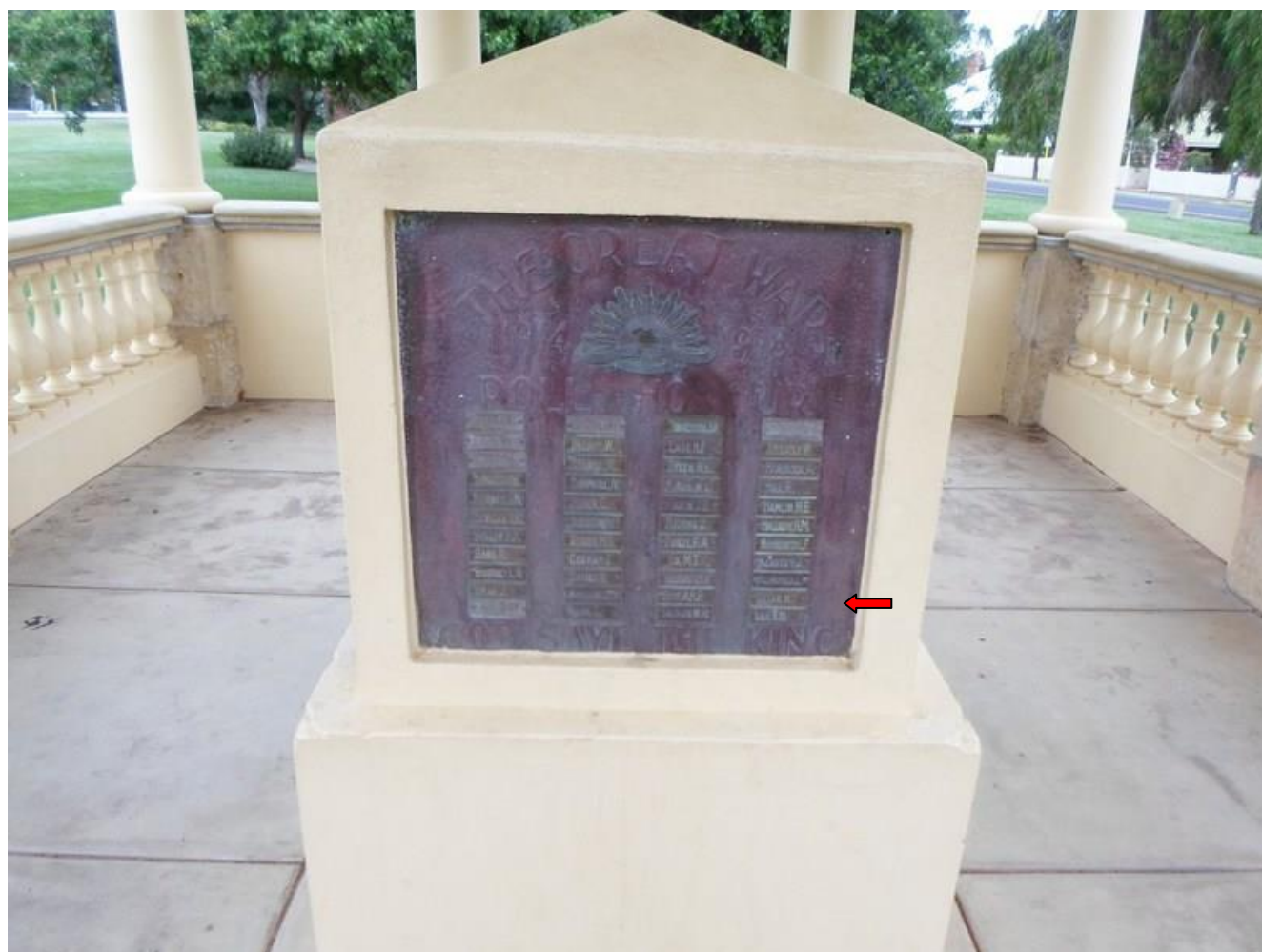


*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

H. Lucky is remembered on the Narrogin War Memorial, located on Williams Road, Narrogin, Western Australia. (Eastern Side - 4th column, 2nd from bottom)



**Narrogin War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia)



(52 pages of Gunner Harry Bartrop Luckey'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**

### **RECRUITING**

From July 23rd to the end of August, Dr D. W. H. Mackie examined 50 volunteers 42 of whom were passed. The following is a list of the accepted recruits:....Harry Luckey.....

*(Great Southern Leader, Pingelly, Western Australia – 3 September, 1915)*

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### **District Roll of Honor**

The following is a list of the soldiers enlisted from the Narrogin Williams Electorate:-

.....Luckey, H. ....

*(Great Southern Leader, Pingelly, Western Australia – 22 October, 1915)*

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### **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

#### **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

##### **167th CASUALTY LIST**

##### **WOUNDED AND ILL**

H. Luckey (England), ill. second occasion

*(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 8 May, 1916)*

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### **ANOTHER HOSPITAL SHIP**

#### **DUE SHORTLY**

#### **THE MEN RETURNING**

Nominal roll of sick and wounded returning to Australia, due to arrive at Fremantle at an early date.....

Private H. Luckey, 118th Byt, F.A.

*(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia – 7 June, 1916)*

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### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Gunner Harry Bartrop Luckey has a Private Headstone (included on his parents' headstone).

### **St. Mary's Churchyard, Birchanger, Essex, England**

St. Mary's Churchyard, Birchanger has 4 Commonwealth War Graves – 2 from World War 1 & 2 from World War 2.



*(Photo courtesy of Edward Finch)*

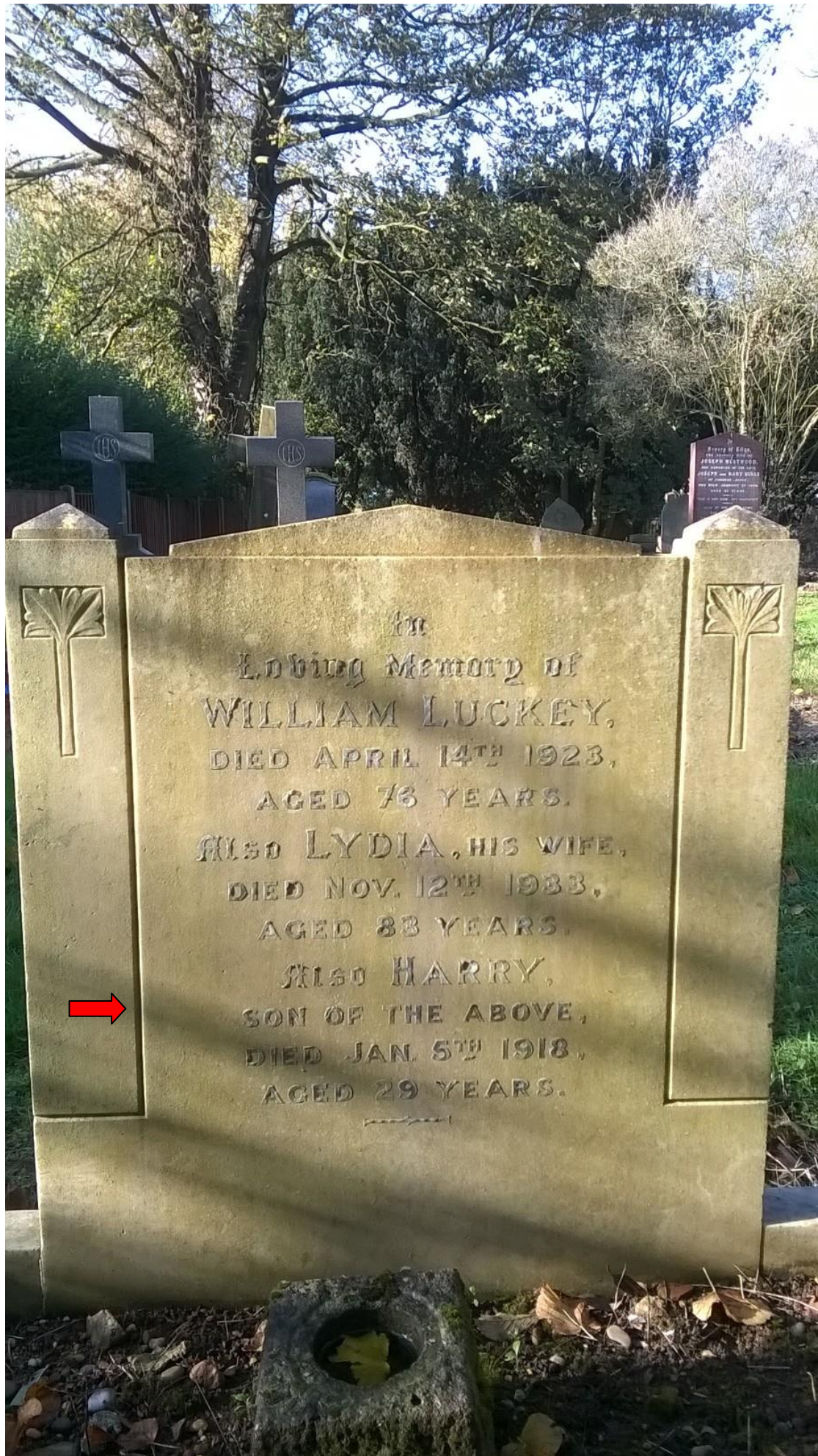


Photo of Gunner Harry Bartrop Luckey's Private Headstone in St. Mary's Churchyard, Birchanger, Essex, England.



*(Headstone photos courtesy of Edward Finch)*





In  
Loving Memory of  
WILLIAM LUCKEY,  
DIED APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 1923,  
AGED 76 YEARS.

Also LYDIA, HIS WIFE,  
DIED NOV. 12<sup>TH</sup> 1933,  
AGED 83 YEARS.

Also HARRY,  
SON OF THE ABOVE,  
DIED JAN. 5<sup>TH</sup> 1918,  
AGED 29 YEARS.





(Photo by Geoffrey Gillon – Find a Grave)