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51 PTE. B.F. WOOLCOCK

AUST. INF.

EFFORD CTY. PLYMOUTH.

DEVON.

GR. LOC: GENERAL. C. 3948.

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51 PTE. BERTIE FRANCIS WOOLCOCK
40th BN. AUST. INF. Died of sickness 29th AUG.
1916. AGE 21. Son of Richard and
Edith Ann Woolcock of 10. Douglas St.
Invermay, Launceston Tasmania. Native of
Waratah, Tasmania.
EFFORD CTY. PLYMOUTH. DEVON.

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AA/49084 P.T.O.

Ref:— FV/UK/3.22/48

To:—

DIRECTOR OF WORKS,
I.W.G.C.

Re. 51 Pte. B.F. WOOLCOCK,
40th Bn. Australian Inf
Date of Death: 29th August 1916.
3948 Gen. Grad.

Plot. — Row. — Grave. —
PLYMOUTH EFFORD CEMETERY.

PRIVATE MEMORIAL.

NO PERSONAL INSCRIPTION RECEIVED. AND "A"

The Headstone Inscription and Cemetery Register forms for this burial have been received from the next-of-kin (Father) W. R. Woolcock, 10 Douglas St, Invermay, Launceston, Tasmania. The "A" form is endorsed as follows: —
"Already inscribed on headstone erected by me"

together with the attached letter.

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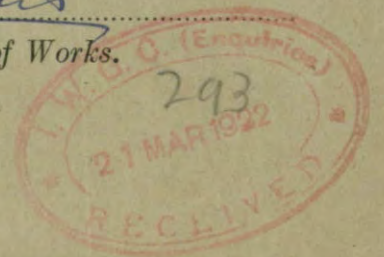


Date

ENQUIRIES BRANCH.

NOTED IN WORKS DEPT

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for Director of Works.



Date 21.3.22

FVD/27B.

BRITISH Grave

40th Bn A.I.F

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WOOLCOCK

PTE. B.F. 28.8.16 HEADSTONE
ERECTED

EFFORD Cemetery PLYMOUTH DEVON
Grave 3948. GEN. GROUND

22.3.22
M.D.

EHJ/WIC.
Reference 18/B35/306/W.

MR. CONYNGHAM GREENE.

B.F.	
ON	23-2-35
TO	
INITIALS	<i>EH</i>

Grave of Signaller B.F. Woolcock, A.I.F.
Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery, Devonshire.

This grave is marked by a marble headstone and kerbs which were apparently erected without any sort of foundation and are now falling about, making the grave very untidy.

The cost of placing a proper concrete foundation under the kerbs and headstone and re-erecting same, would be £3. 15. 6d, and it is, therefore, proposed to do away with the kerbs altogether and construct a proper concrete foundation for the headstone only. This would cost £1. 5. 0d. As the headstone is in good order this would be more economical than doing away with the memorial and replacing with a Commission headstone.

I shall be glad if you will write to Australia House, telling them of our proposal, and obtain their agreement to the discarding of the kerbs.

E. H. Jarvis
Op. DIRECTOR OF WORKS.

I.W.G.C.
LONDON.

18th February, 1935.

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~~A.S.F.~~

R:see. I think we may
like it for certain that
the relatives and Australian cause
agree to J.W.'s proposal.

If you will sanction the expenditure of
25/- I will ask J.W. to arrange
for the cuts to be kept to the
Com: authorities for 12 months in
case you is interested. pub

25 FEB 1935

8554C

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
FINANCE.

Pte.C.Flood, Grave C.3943.
Sig.B.F.Woolcock, Grave 3948.
PLYMOUTH (EFFORD) CEMETERY, DEVONSHIRE.

The graves of the two Australian soldiers named above are marked by private memorials which are badly out of plumb.

Private Flood's memorial is a marble headstone, 4' x 2'3" x 2", while that of Signaller Woolcock is a similar one and the grave is also enclosed by a marble kerb. To re-erect them securely upright it will be necessary to supply concrete foundations similar to those used for Commission headstones, and I have obtained an estimate for this work from Messrs. Sweet Sons & Davey of Plymouth. This firm ask 25/- for re-erecting Private Flood's headstone in this manner, and £3.15.6. for Signaller Woolcock's stone, the extra cost being due to the fact that the foundation would have to cover the whole surface of the grave in order to properly support the headstone and kerb.

In view of this high cost I have suggested that the kerb should be dispensed with altogether, and the stone re-erected in a similar foundation to that of Private Flood, in which case the cost would be 25/-, and this has been agreed to by Mr.Duffy of Australia House.

Accordingly, in view of the fact that unless these memorials are put in good order we shall have to incur the greater expense in due course of erecting Commission headstones, I recommend that Messrs.Sweet Sons & Davey's estimate be accepted, and shall be glad to have your authority to expend a sum not exceeding £2.10.0. upon the work.

E. H. Gamm
Dep. DIRECTOR OF WORKS.

22nd July, 1935.

c/o Tasmanian agent General

The Strand

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X London.

24 July 1960.

The Commissioner

Imperial War Graves Commission
Bucks.

Dear Sir

I recently had the privilege and pleasure of visiting my brother's grave at Efford cemetery, Plymouth (Grave no 3948), and am writing to ask for advice and help in the matter of maintenance and upkeep.

As my brother was a 1st World War soldier my parents paid for the erection of the headstone and kerbing, and I was surprised to see that the kerbs had been removed. To my knowledge we were not advised of this.

Please advise whose responsibility it is for the maintenance and cleaning of the headstone that is left. The roses planted I understand by your Commission were blooming and looked very attractive.

I would be very appreciative of your advice and help as all our family would like to feel that the grave is

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being kept in good repair.

Thanking you in anticipation
of an early reply.

I am

Yours truly

A. J. Woolcock
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A. J. WOOLCOCK.

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COMMISSION
RECEIVED
26 JUL 1960
No.....

28th July 1960

A.A.49084

Regional Director,
United Kingdom Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Wooburn Green,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Private B. F. Woolcock, A.I.F.
Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery,
Grave Location - C. 3948

Attached is the copy of a letter from the brother of the above named. The full story about the removal of the kerbs is on the original Enquiry File which I am passing to you.

May I have your comments about the other question raised please?

SGD. W. DRAKE

Director of External Relations
and Records (Enquiries).



28th July 1960

A.A.49084

Dear Mr. Woolcock,

Thank you for your letter of the 24th July. The questions you have raised about the grave of your brother the late Private Bertie Francis Woolcock in Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery, are receiving attention and a full reply will be sent to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

SGD. N. DEAN

Director-General

A. J. Woolcock Esq.,
c/o Tasmanian Agent General,
The Strand,
London, W.C.2

TELEPHONE: BOURNE END 594.
TELEGRAMS: ~~IMPERIAL~~ WOORBURN GREEN.



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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
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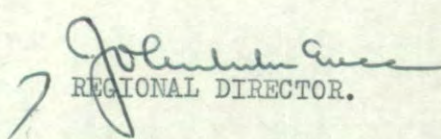
9th August 1960

DIRECTOR GENERAL (D.E.R & R)
(C.E.R.O)
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Wooburn House,
Wooburn Green,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery
Pte. B.F. Woolcock. A.I.F. C.3948.

With reference to your letter dated 28th July concerning
the above mentioned grave.

The grave is still marked by a private memorial and it
is included in an Agreement the Commission has with Plymouth
Corporation.


REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

IM/RK

A.A.

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Mr. Deem

Do you still wish your 2/1
for 10-8-60 to stand, please?

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12th August 1960

A.A.49084

Dear Mr. Woolcock,

Further to my letter of the 28th July, I am writing in reply to the questions you raised about the grave of the late Private Bertie Francis Woolcock in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth.

First of all I will give you the reason why you found that the kerbs had been removed from your brother's grave. In 1935 during an inspection of this grave, our representative reported that the private memorials consisting of a marble headstone and kerbs, were apparently erected without any sort of foundation and were standing awry making the grave very untidy.

The cost of placing a proper concrete foundation under the kerbs and headstone would have been quite considerable. As the headstone was in good order it was therefore suggested that it would be more economical to do away with the kerbs and construct a proper concrete foundation for the headstone only. The office of the High Commissioner for Australia was consulted in the matter and they agreed to this proposal which was then put into effect.

The Commission are responsible for the maintenance of the grave of Private Woolcock but I am afraid that they do not repair or maintain memorials that have been privately erected. There are, however, a large number of standard headstones in this cemetery which are frequently inspected by a member of the Commission's staff and the private memorial over your brother's grave would equally come under observation on these occasions. If, at any time it appeared that this memorial was in need of repair, you would promptly be informed and a course of action suggested.

Yours sincerely,

SGD. N. DEAN

Director-General

A. J. Woolcock Esq.,
c/o Tasmanian Agent General,
The Strand,
London, W. C. 2

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Mr. Dean

Sum P/r as requested.

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SECRETARY

c/o Miss J Ferguson
Walter St
Langholar.
16th August 1960

The Director General
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
High Wycombe.

Dear Sir.

Reference A.A. 490PH.

Thanks for your letter of
12th August commenting on the grave
of the late Pte. B.F. Woolcock.

The headstone of my brothers
grave requires cleaning, as it is
almost impossible to read the
lettering on the stone.

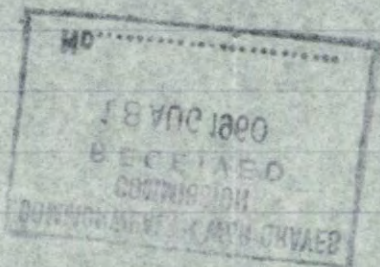
Does this small job come
within the Commission's scope of
maintenance?

Before I return to Tasmania early
in October I would like to be able to
tell other members of our family that
the grave is in good condition.

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I would appreciate your assistance
and advice

Yours sincerely
A J Woolcock



COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES
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18 AUG 1960
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19th August 1960

A.A.49084

Regional Director,
United Kingdom Region,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Wooburn Green,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

51 Private Bertie Francis Woolcock,
Australian Infantry, Date of death 29.8.1916.
Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, Grave
Location, General C.3948.

... Please refer to your UKA/8554 of the
9th August. Attached is a copy of a further
letter from Mr. Woolcock together with a copy
of my letter of the 12th August.

The question of cleaning private
memorials is referred to in the Director of Works
Instruction No.36, Reference MW.107. of the 18th
March, 1959. This matter has been discussed
with the C.E.R.O. who feels that, subject to your
agreement, we should give an assurance to Mr.
Woolcock that the stone will be washed periodically.

The graves on the 1914-1918 plan are not
numbered in any way, therefore, it is not possible
to say if this grave is in a row or plot of war
graves marked by Commission headstones, but the
location of the grave would seem to imply this.

/You

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You will observe that Mr. Woolcock
is returning to Tasmania early in October.

SGD. N. DEAN

Director of External Relations
and Records.

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Director General.
(D.E.R. & R)
(Enquiries)
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
Wooburn House, Wooburn Green,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Efford Cemetery, Plymouth

Grave C.3948 - Pte. B.F. Woolcock

29.8.1916.

Reference your A.A. 49084 of 19th August 1960.

2. It is agreed that this Private Memorial may be
washed periodically and I have advised the Area accordingly.

24th August 1960.
JMCC/MK


REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Dean

I have cancelled your B/i
for 2-9-60

Shaw 1 24/60



25th August 1960

A.A.49084

Dear Mr. Woolcock,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th August. Your remarks about the headstone erected on your brother's grave have been noted and as you are not resident in the United Kingdom it has been agreed that the private memorial shall be washed periodically and the necessary arrangements have been made for this to be done.

I am afraid I am unable to say when our Maintenance Team will be in Plymouth, but the washing of headstones is undertaken once in each year.

Yours sincerely,

SGD. N. DEAN

Director-General

A. J. Woolcock Esq.,
c/o Miss J. Ferguson,
Walter Street,
Langholm,
Dumfries-shire.

CWGC/8/1/4/1/1/160 (AA49084)

C/o Miss J Ferguson
Walter St
Langhorne.

29 Aug 1960.

The Director General,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
High Wycombe.
Bucks.

Dear Sir.

Reference A.A 49084.

Thank you for your letter of 25th Aug.
and I am pleased to learn that
your maintenance Team will clean the
headstone of my brother's grave, when
they are in the Plymouth district.

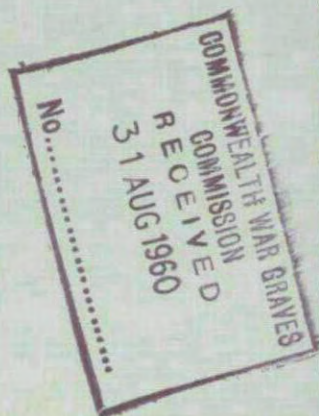
Your assistance is appreciated.

Yours sincerely
A. J. Woolcock.



The Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, London, W.1

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~~Inquiries~~

M. Mahony

31/8/60

P.A.
 INITIALS *AKC*
 DATE 31.8.60.

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference AA 49084

Mr. [Signature]

All we can do at present is to inform
Australian House of the position & offer if they or
the relatives request us, to do as D. W. suggests.
They are almost certain to ask for the curbs
to remain in place, & may prefer to do the
job themselves.

G.D.

26.2.35

Mr. [Signature]

Please see report to D. W. There is no
further objection.

G.D.

24.7.35

D. W.

Most thank you. I presume that you will

now go ahead.

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26/7

ENQUIRIES

I have instructed the contractor to proceed
with the work.

9.8.35.

[Signature]
DIRECTOR OF WORKS.

