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BURGNEAY A.S

Private 262952 Archibald Stanley BURGNEAY. 8th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Formerly (Private 4850) 7th London Regiment. Died 25 February 1921 from the effects of gassing (T.B and Exhaustion) at Lewisham Hospital, South London aged 24 years. Born 14 April 1897 Beckenham, Kent. Son of Councillor Burgneay of 2 Blythe Hill, Catford, London (Kent in 1921). Buried Heroes Corner, Lewisham Cemetery (Ladywell), Lewisham, London. Grave reference – 3388 Plot D. The cemetery is now closed and is badly overgrown.

Commemorated on a Kent civic tribute - the South Eastern & Chatham Railway (SE&CR) Memorial which is located at the former Dover Marine Railway Station. His name also appears on the Victoria Station Memorial in London.

Educated Sandhurst Road L.C.C School, Catford. Before the outbreak of war Arhibald was working in the Locomotive Department of the South East & Chatham Railway (SE&CR) (Bricklayers Arms) as a Locomotive Fireman. It is understood that the Bricklayers Arms refers to a Battersea based depot.

Voluntarily Enlisted 25 May 1915 into the 7th Battalion, London Regiment. Landed France October 1914. Fought in the 1st Battle of Ypres 1915. Remained on Active Service for 3 years. During 2nd Ypres he was severely wounded in the arm. In 1917 during 3rd Ypres Archibald was severely wounded (gassing). He was recovered through the medical evacuation chain to the UK and was eventually admitted to the Huddersfield Hospital for urgent medical treatment. After receiving treatment at Huddersfield Archibald was tranfered to Lewisham Hospital in South London which enabled his family to visit him. On 17 April 1919 he was discharged from the Army Disabled and no longer fit for war service. He was awarded a Silver Badge number 9583 denoting his service in H.M Armed Forces and his discharge on the grounds of Disablement. He improved enough to be discharged and returned home to nearby Catford and briefly returned to his former

railway employment. At some stage poor Archibald relapsed and was once again admitted to Lewisham Hospital suffering from the effects of Gas! This is what eventually killed him and he finally expired.....whilst undergoing emergency treatment. His lungs had simply ceased to work anymore. He must have suffered terribly in those final months!

The Chaplain of Lewisham Hospital Rev Armstrong Smythe led the funeral. A large Union Flag (Union Jack) was draped over his coffin and surmounted by many wreaths. He was laid to rest at "Heroes Corner", Lewisham Cemetery, Lewisham in South London.

The following members of his family were in attendance –

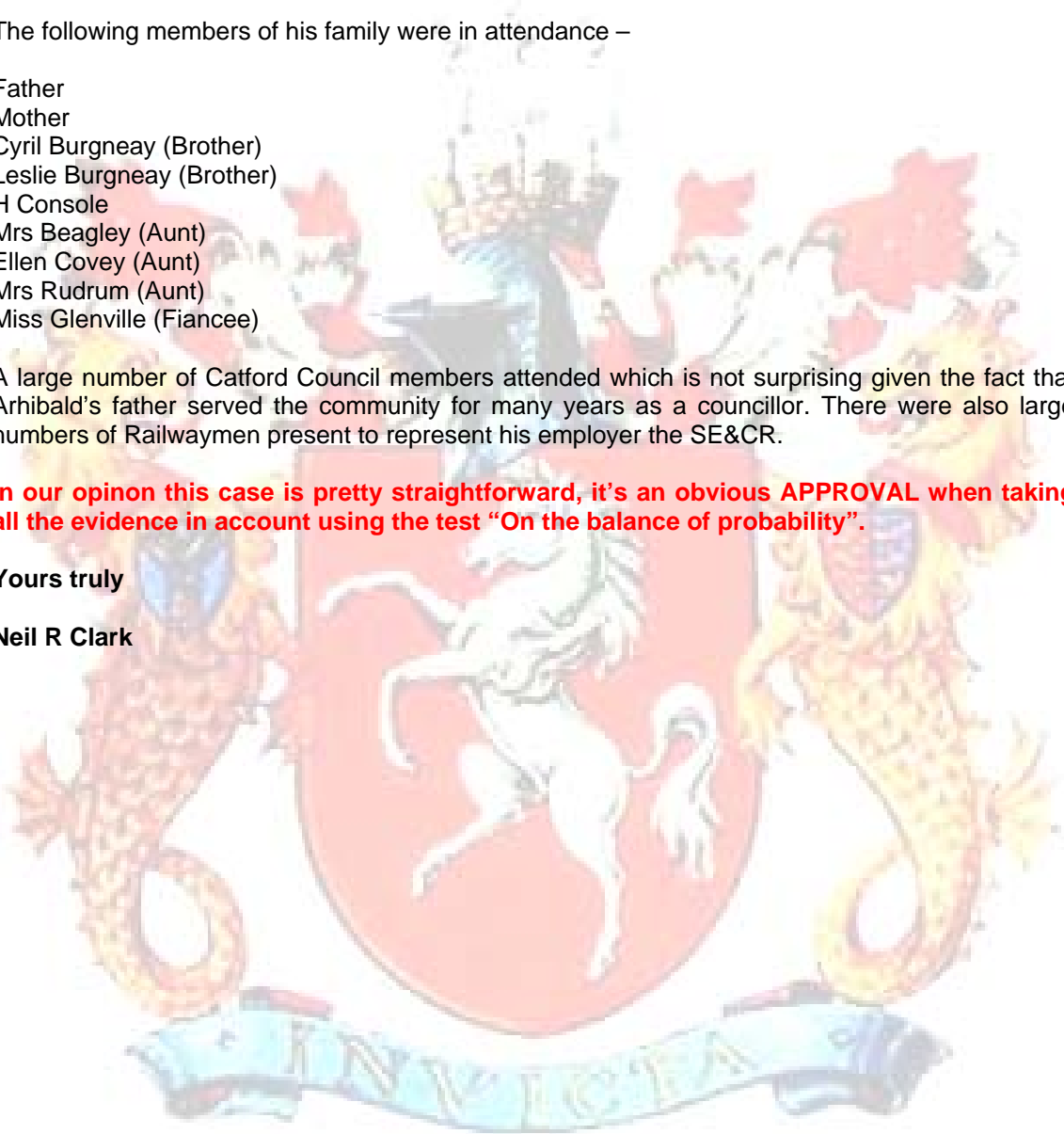
Father
Mother
Cyril Burgneay (Brother)
Leslie Burgneay (Brother)
H Console
Mrs Beagley (Aunt)
Ellen Covey (Aunt)
Mrs Rudrum (Aunt)
Miss Glenville (Fiancee)

A large number of Catford Council members attended which is not surprising given the fact that Arhibald's father served the community for many years as a councillor. There were also large numbers of Railwaymen present to represent his employer the SE&CR.

In our opinion this case is pretty straightforward, it's an obvious APPROVAL when taking all the evidence in account using the test "On the balance of probability".

Yours truly

Neil R Clark





A Brave and Gallant Man who gave his life for his country!

* 1/4 Lond R. 4850. Pte

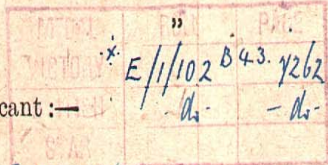
Name	Corps	Reg. No.	Rank	Date of Discharge	Cause of Discharge
BURGNEAY Archie	Middlesex Regiment Depot.	262 952	Pte	17-4-19 Enlistment	Para 392 XVI a K.R. W.

Date of application (a) Badge 9583. (b) Medal

No. of File

Address of applicant :-

Action taken *Lost. E/16/45/1*



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MEDAL INDEX CARD (MIC)

Born: 14/4/1897 in Beckenham

Died: 25/2/1921

Parents: George Burgneay and Alice Jane Burgneay (nee Lewer)

Siblings: 2 brothers and 2 sisters

Position: 2/5

Military/health history: (The following information is from a newspaper obituary)

- At outbreak of war enlisted in the 1/7th London "the Shiny Seventh"
- Was transferred to 1/8th Middlesex
- Early 1915 went to Front, served as private in 1st battle of Ypres
- On active service for nearly 3 years
- In second Battle of Ypres was wounded in arm and gassed
- For 6 months was in Huddersfield hospital
- Transferred to Lewisham Military hospital and stayed for 9 months
- Discharged and resumed work with SE and Chatham Railway
- After-effects of gassing caused return to hospital in August 1920
- Discharged Christmas 1920
- Returned to hospital 3 weeks before death

Extra information (slightly confused about how all this fits together since 2nd Battle Ypres was 1915)

- Document suggesting he was discharged from the Army in May 1919
Document showing he was discharged from Lewisham Military hospital on 17/4/1919
- Card dated 16/12/1917 from Major-General of 56th (London) Division saying that Private A Burgneay had distinguished himself by his conduct in the field
- Handwritten transcription from Kentish Mercury dated 29/9/1916 saying he had been wounded and was now in hospital in Rouen
- Medal Rolls Index Card
 - (regimental no 4850, 262952)
 - Date of enlistment 25/5/1915
 - Date of discharge 17/4/1919
 - Cause of discharge: Para 392XVIa KR W
(assuming the W is "wounded")

Work History

SE and Chatham Railway before and after war (described as locomotive fireman on death certificate)

Was a member of NUR (Rotherhithe Branch)

Death:

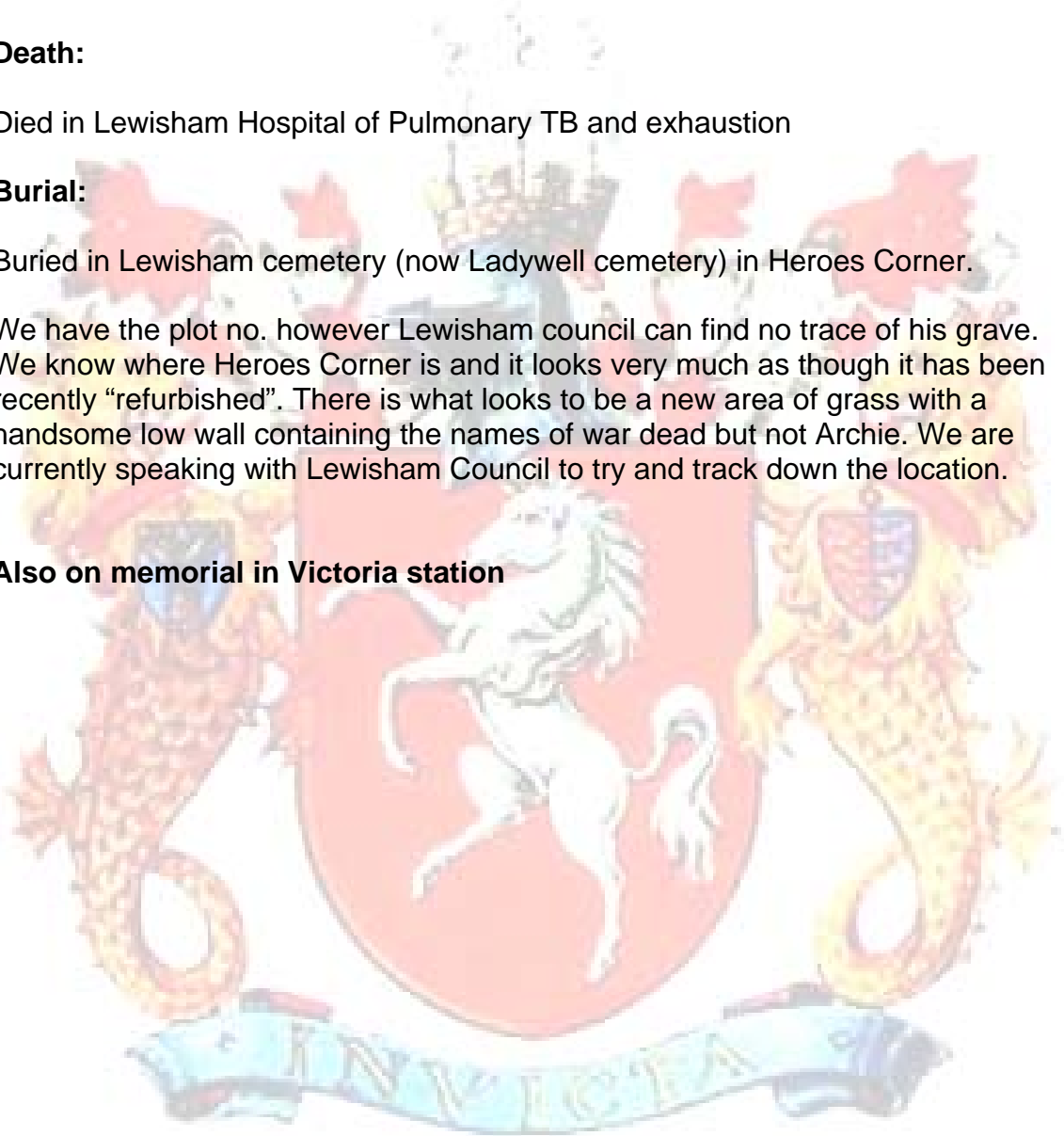
Died in Lewisham Hospital of Pulmonary TB and exhaustion

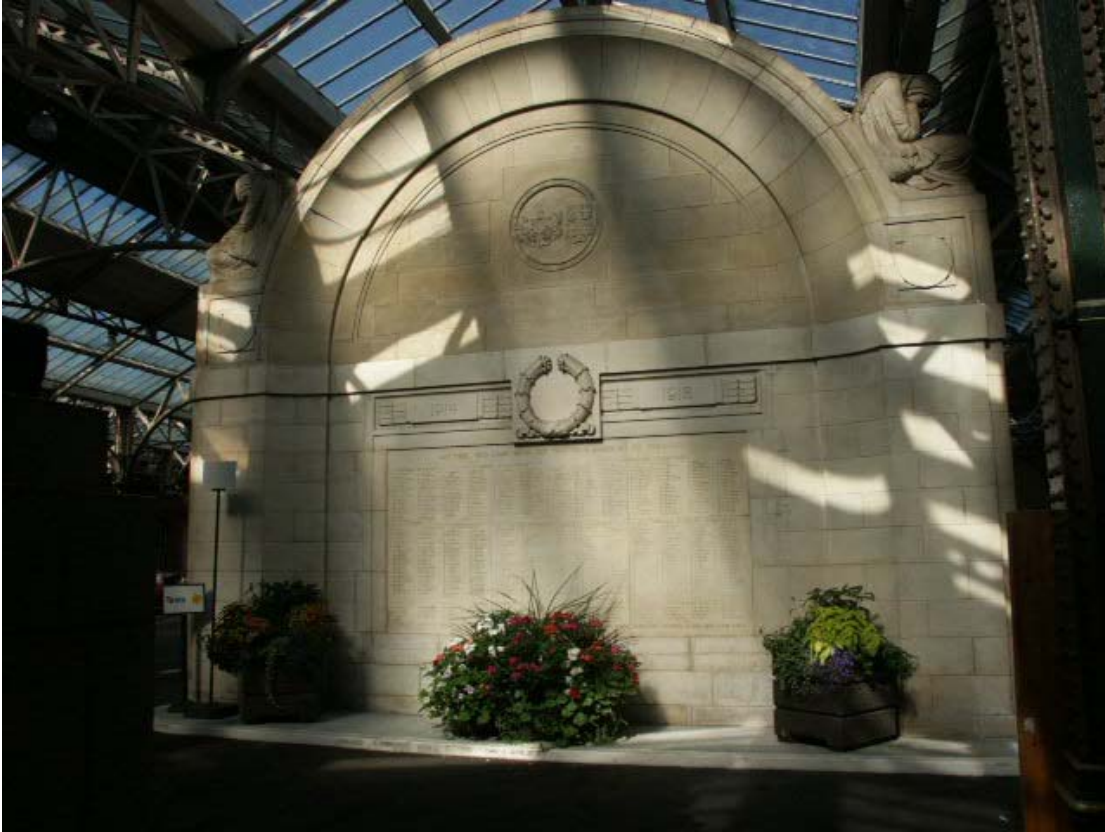
Burial:

Buried in Lewisham cemetery (now Ladywell cemetery) in Heroes Corner.

We have the plot no. however Lewisham council can find no trace of his grave. We know where Heroes Corner is and it looks very much as though it has been recently "refurbished". There is what looks to be a new area of grass with a handsome low wall containing the names of war dead but not Archie. We are currently speaking with Lewisham Council to try and track down the location.

Also on memorial in Victoria station





The large and impressive **Dover Marine Railway Memorial** in Dover, Kent where his name appears

