

**Greenwich Cemetery,
London, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



380 SERGEANT

A. C. BURBURY

3RD AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE

30TH APRIL, 1919

Beloved Son Of

Arthur & Fanny Burbury

New Town, Hobart, Tasmania

Alan Cecil BURBURY

Alan Cecil Burbury was born at Oatlands, Tasmania on 13th March, 1894 to parents Arthur Henry & Fanny Rowell Burbury (nee Hood).

Alan Cecil Burbury attended Queen's College, Hobart & Scotch College, Launceston, Tasmania.

Alan Cecil Burbury was a 20 year old, single, Farmer from Charlton, Ross, Tasmania when he enlisted at Pontville, Tasmania on 26th August, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 380 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr A. H. Burbury, Charlton, Ross, Tasmania. Alan Burbury stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 2 ½ years with Light Horse & was still serving.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was posted to 3rd Light Horse Regiment "C" Squadron on 26th August, 1914.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury embarked from Hobart, Tasmania on HMAT *Geelong (A2)* on 20th October, 1914 with the 3rd Light Horse Regiment "C" Squadron.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli on 9th May, 1915.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury reported sick on 3rd September, 1915. He was admitted to Hospital at Malta on 10th September, 1915 with Gastritis (as per handwritten version of the Casualty Form – Active Service, however the typed version of Casualty Form – Active Service recorded he had Neuralgia). Sergeant Burbury embarked from Malta on 16th October, 1915 for England on Hospital Ship *Carisbrook Castle* with Gastritis.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England on 23rd October, 1915 with Dysentery.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was transferred to Supernumerary List of N.C.O.'s with 3rd Light Horse Regiment on 28th December, 1915.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was returned from England with No. 17 Draft (no date recorded).

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was taken on strength of 1st L.H.R.R. (Light Horse Reserve Regiment) on 1st March, 1916 at Heliopolis.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was transferred to Anzac Police Corps Headquarters on 4th April, 1916. He was to be attached to HQ. Police (M.M.P.) at Tel-el-Kebir from 17th April, 1916.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was transferred to 3rd Light Horse Unit Details at Moascar on 2nd December, 1916 from Police Headquarters.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was transferred to 3rd Light Horse Regiment on 7th December, 1916. He was taken on strength of 3rd Light Horse Regiment on 18th December, 1916 at El Arish from Details.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was wounded in action on 9th January, 1917 at Battle of Rafa. He was transferred to Supernumerary List of N.C.O.'s on 9th January, 1917 on being evacuated wounded. Sergeant Burbury was admitted to 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance on 12th January, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Chest then transferred to Hospital Train. Sergeant Burbury was admitted to 24th Stationary Hospital on 12th January, 1917 then transferred to 31st General Hospital at Port Said on 13th January, 1917 with G.S.W. to back.

3rd Light Horse Regiment

The 3rd Light Horse Regiment was raised in Adelaide on 17 August 1914. Although most of its recruits were enlisted in South Australia, one of the regiment's three squadrons was composed of Tasmanians and was raised and trained in Hobart. The two components sailed from their home ports in late October 1914 and arrived in Egypt in the second week of December. Here, they joined the 1st and 2nd Regiments to form the 1st Light Horse Brigade.

The 1st Light Horse Brigade deployed to Gallipoli without its horses and landed there on 12 May 1915, joining the New Zealand and Australian Division. The 3rd Light Horse played a defensive role throughout the campaign and was in reserve when its sister regiments attacked as part of the August offensive. It left Gallipoli on 14 December 1915.

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The 3rd Light Horse rejoined the Allied advance across the Sinai in November and was subsequently involved in the fighting to secure the Turkish outposts on the Palestine frontier - Maghdaba on 23 December 1916 and Rafa on 9 January 1917. A stint of protective duty along the line of communications through the Sinai followed.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 3rd Light Horse Regiment

8th January, 1917:

The Regiment formed up with the Brigade at 1525 and moved off at 1600 (?) with the Division en route to SHEIKH ZOWAID, arriving there at 2300. A halt was made here and the horses fed at 2215 the Brigade moved off and marched via 210, 250 to KARM IBU MUSLEH arriving at 0500. At 1030 the Regiment received orders to advance to the attack on the left of 1st L.H. Regiment and support them in an attack on C3.2. & 1. (Tracing Map) trenches opposite Trig 255. On receiving this order the Regiment moved to the attack mounted in line of Squadron Columns extended down a long slope to within 1760 yards of enemies Trenches. The dismounted behind a low bank, and the horses were sent back out of range with only a loss of two wounded. The Regiment was then formed up in line of half Squadron Column and the Squadron Leaders were called up and each allocated a sector and the objective and situation explained to each. An advance was then made in line of half Squadron Column with 150 yards distance between lines to a low ridge within 700 yards of the enemies trench. This advance was down a gradual slope with no cover and in full view. The enemies fire was scattered (but heavy) and no check was made, and only 4 men hit during the advance.....

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

The Medical Case Sheet for Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury dated 13th January, 1917 at 31st General Hospital recorded his "disease" as "G.S.W. Spine & Chest Left side (Injury to Cord)." "Wounded at Rafa Jan 11th. Admitted Jan 13th. On Admission Wound of entry. R side of Back at level of 9th rib in line with angle of scapula. Wound of Exit. 1" below and external to L nipple. Wounds small and clean. Haemothorax on L side – dullness to level of 3rd rib. Retention of Urine – Bead of pus noticed at uretas. Catheter passed – zxx urine evacuated. Incontinence of Faeces. Patient complains of abdominal pain and difficulty in breathing. Paralysis of lower part of body and of lower limbs. Band of Hyperaesthesia above l__it of complete paralysis."

The Medical Case Sheet for Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury for 8th August, 1917 reads: "Since the last entry patient has remained in same condition. The haemothorax gradually cleared up and the chest became resonant all over. The abdominal pain has continued throughout and is referred sometimes to one situation and sometimes to others. It is very severe and necessitates the administration of Morphia – patient has up to gr 3 ½ in gr ¼ doses during 24 hrs. The lower bowel is washed out twice daily from which relief is obtained. Retention of urine continues, and catheter is passed three times in 24 hours. Urine contains pus cells. Patient has had ___ urotropine throughout and bladder washed out with warm boracic lotion each time catheter is passed. The Bed sore over the sacrum presents the same appearance as it did 6 months ago. It has been treated with Hot formentations Eusol dressings and the ointment. Paralysis of lower limbs as on admission. Diet has been light throughout consisting mainly of milk, broths of various kinds, eggs, chicken (boiled), fish. Patient often vomits after food. Occasionally patient has a rise of temperature lasting two or three days. No obvious cause otherwise his temperature is normal."

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was reported to be still dangerously ill at 31st General Hospital at Port Said on 1st September, 1917. He was transferred to Hospital Ship *Khyber* for passage to England on 1st September, 1917 & sailed on 3rd September, 1917.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was admitted to a Private Nursing Home at 223 Westcombe Hill, near Wembley Hill, Blackheath, England on 19th December, 1917. He was listed as dangerously ill.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was still in Hospital on 25th October, 1918. "No action till patient is fit to move."

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury died on 30th April, 1919 at the residence of Mrs Thurling, 51 Charlton Road, Blackheath, London, England from Septic Poisoning of the Spine (after wounds received in action).

A death for Alan C, Burbury, aged 25, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Greenwich, Greater London, England.

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Registration District. Greenwich

1919 Death in the Sub-district of Greenwich East in the County of London

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When and where Died.	Name and Surname	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
Thirtieth April 1919 51 Charlton Road	Alan Cecil Burbury	Male	25 Years	Sergeant Third Tasmanian Light Horse No 280 of Ross Charlton Tasmania	Gunshot wound of Spine - Spinal Cord severed (8th Dorsal) (1) Paralysis Cystitis 2 years 3 months 19 days (2) Septic Nephritis Suppression of urine Acute Toxaemia certified by M. G. Tresedder M.B.E.S.	F. M. Thurling Present at the Death 51 Charlton Road	Fifth May 1919	p. G. Harris Registrar.

I, Henry Charles Vates Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-district of Greenwich East, in the County of London do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 35 in the Register Book of Deaths for the said Sub-district, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

WITNESS MY HAND this 5th day of May, 1919.

Act 3 & 4 Geo. V., cap. 27, section 3, enacts that "FORGERY of the following documents, if committed with intent to defraud or deceive, shall be and punishable with Penal Servitude for any term not exceeding fourteen years:- Any register or record of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Deaths, which now is, or hereafter may be, by law authorised or required to be kept in the United Kingdom, relating to any Birth, Marriage, Death, Burial, or any part of any such Register, or any Certified Copy of any such Register, or of any part thereof."

H. C. Vates
Registrar of Births and Deaths.

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Date of death - 30th April, 1919 at 51 Charlton Road; Alan Cecil Burbury; Male; 25 years; Sergeant Third Tasmanian Light Horse No 280 of Ross Charlton Tasmania; Cause of death – Gunshot wound of Spine – Spinal cord severed (8th Dorsal) (1) Paralysis Cystitis 2 years 3 months 19 days (2) Septic Nephritis Suppression of urine Acute Toxaemia.

Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury was buried on 2nd May, 1919 in Greenwich Cemetery, Shooters Hill, London, England – Plot number 3 "C". Z. 60 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury - Coffin was good, brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag, and conveyed to the graveside, surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from Sister Burbury, Cpl Burbury, Mrs & Miss Thurling, Col. & Mrs Egan, Major & Mrs C. S. W. Thomas, Mr & Mrs Fowler, Mr M. Tresedder, Mr A. H. Matthews, Mr H. J. Dodge, and Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men from the R.A.S.C. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and Chap Harper, officiated. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. A.I.F. Headquarters, London were represented at the funeral.

Names of Relatives or Friend present at Funeral – Cousins. Sister M. G. Burbury & Cpl Burbury. Sister Thurling, Mrs T. Thurling, Sir John McCall, Mrs L. White, Miss Egan, Mrs Quay, Mr Culbury, Mr H. J. Dodge, and Mrs C. Egan.

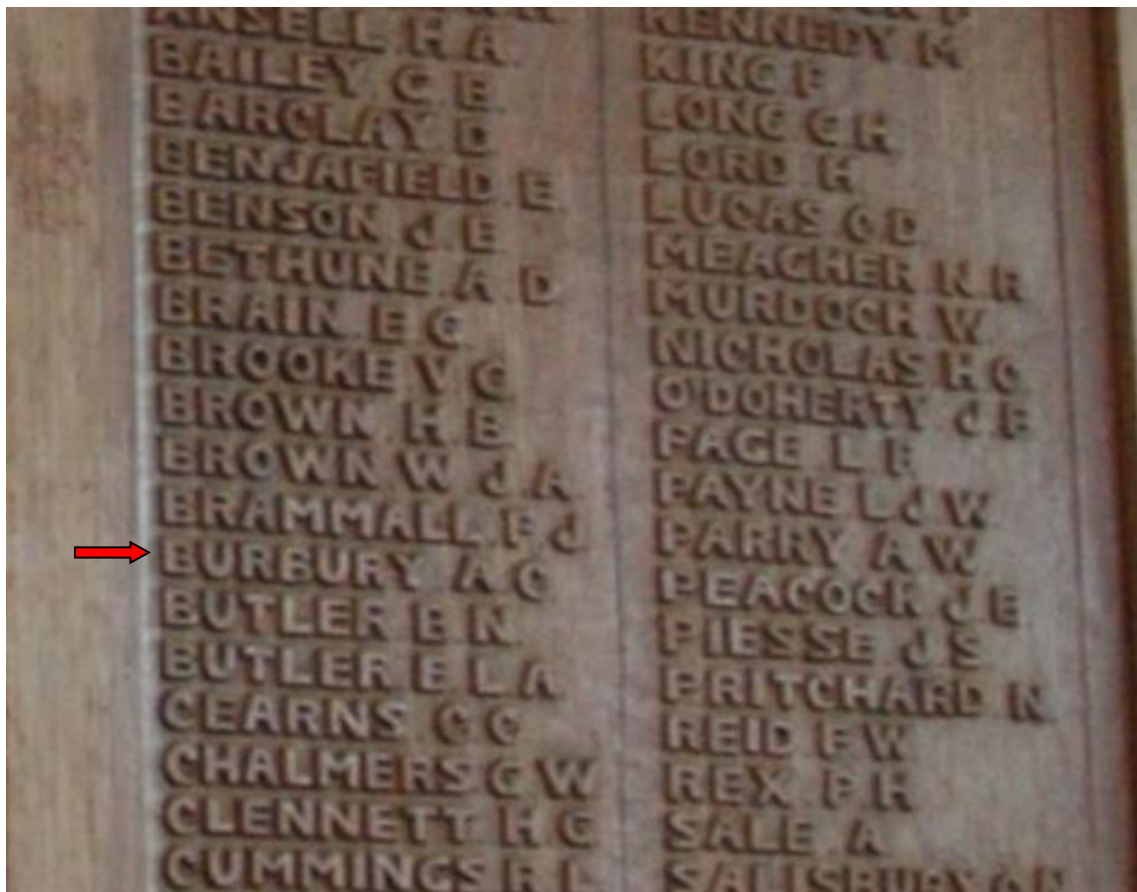
The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury contains several brief reports into his condition. Following are some of the main updates – some sent to his sister – Sister Burbury in England:

- Report received from Port Said – 19th March, 1917: "He is still very ill indeed. He may linger for some time, but there is very little hope. He asked for a friend who was at Ismalia, Staff Sgt Ironside & he is up here now & has been admitted to the 31st General Hosp. as a patient so everything possible is being done for him."
- Report from cable from Alexandria - 17th April, 1917: "Weaker 6-4-17"
- Report from cable from Alexandria – 30th August, 1917: "Condition unchanged – now awaiting transfer to England."

A. C. Burbury is remembered on the Hutchins School Roll of Honour, located at Nelson Road, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.



Hutchins School Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



A. Burbury is remembered on the Scotch Oakburn College Memorial Chapel Honour Roll, located in Scotch Oakburn College, 85 Penquite Road, Launceston, Tasmania.



Scotch Oakburn College Memorial Chapel Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)



Alan C. Burbury is remembered on the Ross War Memorial, located at Church Street, Ross, Tasmania.



Ross War Memorial (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Steve Robinson)



A. Burbury is remembered on the Municipality of Ross Roll of Honour, located in Memorial Library, Church Street (next to Wool Centre), Ross, Tasmania.



Municipality of Ross Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

A. C. Burbury is remembered on St. John's Church Roll of Honour, located in St John's Anglican Church, Church & Badajos Streets, Ross, Tasmania.



St. John's Church Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

Alan Burbury is remembered on St. John The Baptist Roll of Honour, located in St. John The Baptist Church, Grosvenor Street, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.



St. John The Baptist Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

A. C. Burbury is remembered on the Hobart Roll of Honour, located in Town Hall Foyer, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.



Hobart Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



Alan Cecil Burbury is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

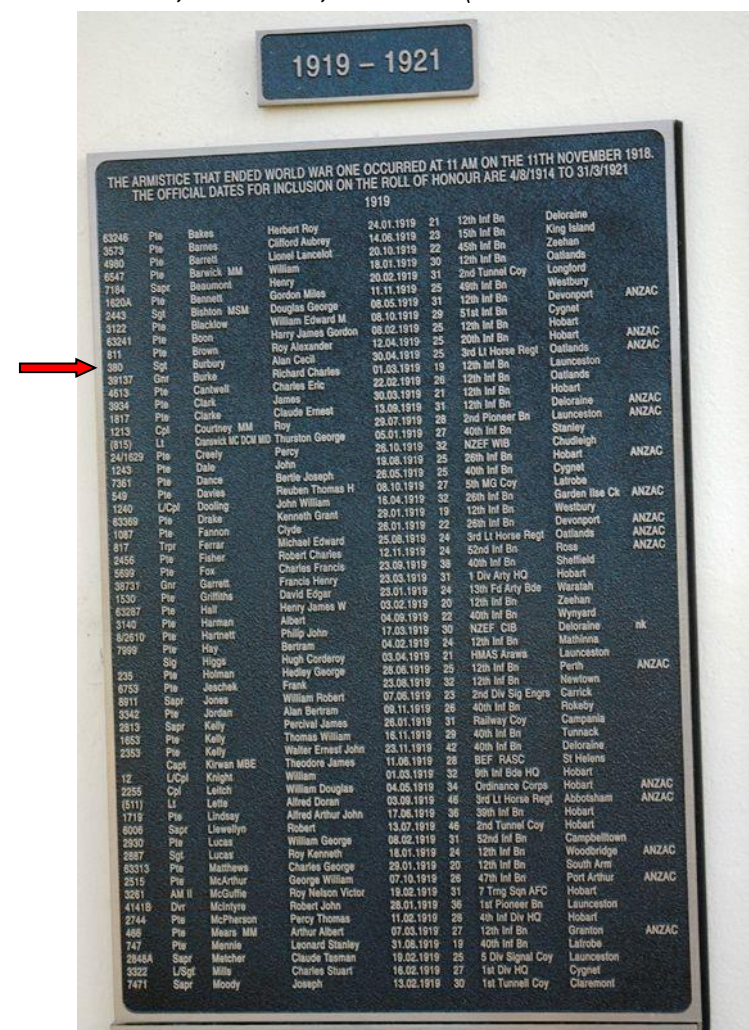
Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever."



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



Sergeant A. C. Burbury is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 3.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

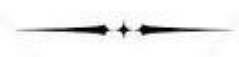
(56 pages of Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives





Sergeant Alan Cecil Burbury



Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOR

LATEST LIST OF CASUALTIES

TASMANIA

ILL, DISEMBARKED AT MALTA

Sgt. A. C. Burbury, Charlton, 3rd L.H.

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 16 October, 1915)

Roll of Honour

Tasmanian Casualties

The 108th and 109th Lists

EMBARKED FOR ENGLAND

Sergeant A. C. BURBURY, 3rd L.H. (Ross), previously reported ill.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 November, 1915)

TASMANIA

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

SOME PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burbury, of Charlton, received a wire from the Minister of Defence stating that their son, Sergeant A. C. Burbury, was in the Australian Stationary Hospital, Egypt, wounded and dangerously ill. They have since the arrival of the above received a cable from their son, stating "Injured, doing well." Miss B. Bean, of Williamwood, has received a cable gram from her brother, Sergeant Arnold Bean, saying:-"Jack Cook and I well. Allan Burbury wounded."

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 26 January, 1917)

Roll of Honour

Casualty List – No. 269

Tasmanian Casualties

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Sergeant A. C. Burbury, Ross, and dangerously ill

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 30 January, 1917)

PERSONAL

The late Sergt. Alan Cecil Burbury, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burbury, whose death at London, England, has just been announced, was well known in the Midlands, where he was engaged in pastoral pursuits. He was a member of the 26th Light Horse Regiment at the outbreak of the war, and was one of the first in his district to offer his services with the A.I.F., the date of his joining up being 20th of August, 1914. He left by H.M.T. Geelong in 1914, and proceeded to Gallipoli on the 9th of May, 1915, having volunteered to serve there with the Infantry Division. He was twice wounded there, and later, after recovering from enteric fever, he rejoined his old regiment, 3rd Light Horse, in Egypt. One month later he received serious spinal wounds, at the battle of El Rafa on the 9th of January, 1917. This resulted in a painful and lingering illness, extending over two years, which terminated with his death on the 3rd inst.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 May, 1919)

PERSONAL MENTION

At the New Town Council meeting last evening official intimation was received of the death in London of Sergeant A. C. Burbury, of the 3rd Light Horse. A vote of condolence with deceased's relatives, who are resident of New Town, was carried in silence, councillors standing.

(World, Hobart, Tasmania – 20 May, 1919)

Roll of Honour

CASUALTY LIST NO 465

DIED OF ILLNESS

Sgt A. C. BURBURY, Ross, 30/4/19 (P.R.W.)

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 27 May, 1919)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

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)

Sergeant A. C. Burbury does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Beloved Son Of Arthur & Fanny Burbury

New Town, Hobart, Tasmania

Greenwich Cemetery, London, England

Greenwich Cemetery contains 561 First World War burials. More than half of these graves are scattered throughout the cemetery, but 263 form a large war graves plot known as 'Heroes' Corner'. Here, two curved screen walls bear the names of casualties buried both in the plot and in unmarked graves in the cemetery.

The Second World War plot adjoins and contains 75 graves. An additional screen wall commemorates casualties buried in this plot and ten others buried in unmarked graves elsewhere in the cemetery. In all, the cemetery contains 124 Second World War burials, 3 of which are unidentified British soldiers.

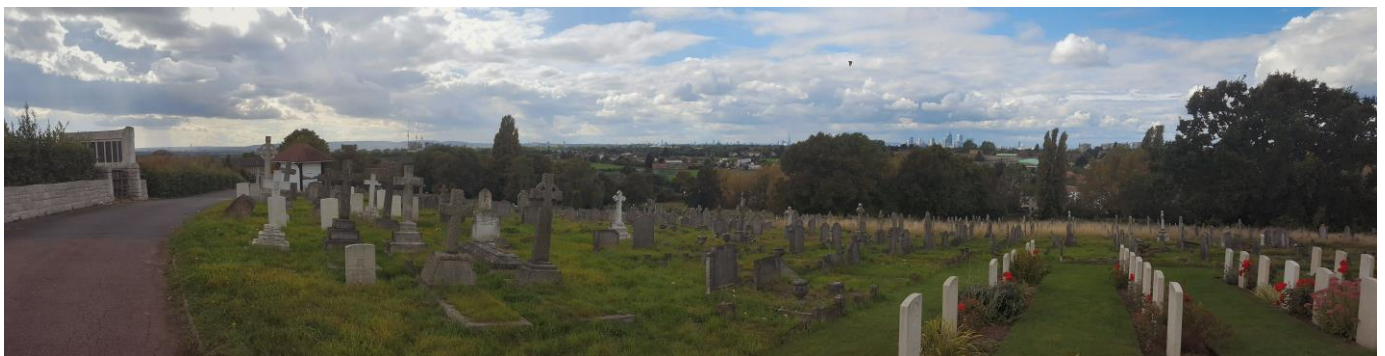
Section E contains a plot of 30 Norwegian service graves from the Second World War.

There are 11 Australian WW1 War Graves in Greenwich Cemetery.

(Information from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Walls *(Photo by Mike Ganly – Find a Grave)*



Greenwich Cemetery *(Photo by Steve Johnson – Find a Grave)*



War Graves in Greenwich Cemetery *(Photos by Marathon)*



Photo of Sergeant A. C. Burbury's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Greenwich Cemetery, London, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave - js)



War Graves in Greenwich Cemetery *(Photo by Marathon)*