

**London Road Cemetery,
Salisbury, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



CAPTAIN

C. C. BURTON

TRANSPORT SECTION, A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS

14TH DECEMBER, 1918

Clerke Colquhoun BURTON

Clerke Colquhoun Burton was born at Albury, New South Wales on 6th November, 1883 (listed on his father's headstone as 7th November, 1883) to parents Francis Charles and Mary M. Burton.

Clerke Colquhoun Burton attended University High School & Carlton College (according to information supplied by his father for the Roll of Honour.)

Clerke Colquhoun Burton was the "son of Capt F. C. Burton who commanded the Glasgow Shipping Coys Ship "Loch Katrine" which traded between England & Australia in 1869. Capt. C. C. Burton was for 2 years Secty of Melbourne Horticultural Society" according to information supplied by his father for the Roll of Honour.

The 1909 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kooyong, subdivision of Camberwell, Victoria, listed Clerke Colquhoun Burton, Clerk, from Lorne Gr., His parents Francis Charles Burton, Independent Means & Mary McKechnie Burton, Teacher, were both listed as Lorne Gr.

From The Victorian Police Gazette for April 21, 1910:

MOTOR DRIVERS' LICENCES

Name and Address

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Burton, Clerke C., Tower House, Sandringham

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kooyong, subdivision of Auburn, Victoria, listed Clerke Colquhoun Burton, no occupation, from Goodall Street, Auburn. His parents Francis Charles Burton, Independent Means & Mary Mackechnie Burton, Teacher, were both listed at Goodall Street, Auburn.

The 1914 & 1919 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Henty, subdivision of Sandringham, Victoria, listed Clerke Colquhoun Burton, Adjuster, from Tynong, Bay Rd., Sandringham. His parents Francis Charles Burton, Sea Captain & Mary MacKechnie Burton, Home Duties, were both listed at Tynong, Bay Rd., Sandringham.

Clerke Colquhoun Burton was a 31 year old, single, Fire Loss Adjustor when he enlisted on 23rd April, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Captain F. C. Burton, of "Tynong," Bay Rd., Sandringham, Melbourne, Victoria. Clerke Burton stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with School Cadets.

From the Commonwealth of Australian Gazette – 8 May, 1915:

Department of Defence,

Melbourne, 3rd May, 1915.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, ETC.

His Excellency the Governor-General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following appointments, promotions, &c., being made in the Australian Imperial Force, to date from 23rd April, 1915, except where otherwise stated:-

To be 2nd Lieutenants -

Sergeant CLERKE COLQUHOUN BURTON, Australian Imperial Force

Clerke Colquhoun Burton applied for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 20th May, 1915. He stated he had attended College Cadets & 4th Officers Training School.

Second Lieutenant Clarke Colquhoun Burton (name as per Embarkation Roll) embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Wandilla* (A62) on 17th June, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 6th Reinforcements & arrived at Suez on 18th July, 1915.

Second Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton had been promoted to Lieutenant on 1st June, 1915 while posted with 7th Battalion.

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 26th August, 1915. He joined his Battalion at Gallipoli Peninsula on 3rd September, 1915.

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was transferred from 7th Battalion on 14th October, 1915 to 9th Battalion "B" Company at Gallipoli Peninsula.

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton rejoined Reinforcement Camp from Shrapnel Gully, Gallipoli Peninsula on 30th October, 1915.

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was sent to Hospital at Reinforcement Camp on 10th November, 1915 from Shrapnel Gully, Gallipoli Peninsula. He was admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance on 10th November, 1915 with Enteric then transferred & admitted to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station at Anzac, Gallipoli Peninsula on 10th November, 1915. Lieutenant Burton was transferred & admitted to Hospital Ship *Neuralia* from Anzac on 10th November, 1915 with Enteritis. He disembarked at Alexandria on 16th November, 1915 & transferred to train for Cairo. Lieutenant Burton was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Cairo on 18th November, 1915. (as per Page 1 the Casualty Form – Active Service (14/76 in Service Record file), however, Page 2 of the Casualty Form – Active Service (15/76 in Service Record file), recorded he was admitted on 13th November, 1915. This entry recorded "*Probably be discharged in 3 weeks.*")

From the Record of Service form – "*Ten weeks service at Anzac. Left Peninsula on 10-11-15*"

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was transferred from 1st Australian General Hospital to Convalescent Camp at Helouan on 11th December, 1915. He was discharged to his Unit on 6th January, 1916.

Captain F. C. Burton, of "Tynong," Bay Rd., Sandringham, Victoria was advised on 15th February, 1916 that his son Lieutenant Clerke C. Burton had been admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital Ghezireh on 8th February with Dysentery – mild.

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital at Cairo on 8th February, 1916 with Dysentery. He was discharged to Overseas Base on 16th February, 1916.

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was transferred to A.I.F. Canteens from 13th March, 1916 – A.I.F. Orders List 4.

Captain F. C. Burton, of "Tynong," Bay Rd., Sandringham, Victoria was advised on 17th March, 1916 by Base Records that "*Lieutenant C. C. Burton, appears on a Nominal Roll of Sick and Wounded undated, as having been discharged to Overseas Base, Giza, 6/1/16.*"

Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was to be Honorary Lieutenant, A.I.F. Headquarters from 27th March, 1916 – A.I.F. Order.

Honorary Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton embarked from Alexandria for overseas on 30th March, 1916 on *Huntsgreen*.

Honorary Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was attached for duty with Inspection Branch, A.I.F. Canteens, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from 11th June, 1916 to 30th August, 1918.

Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton, A. I.F. Canteens, Salisbury advised Commandant A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, London on 11th July, 1917 that he had "*already made a properly drawn up will and same is deposited with my Solicitor, Mr Geo. Loughery, Chancery Lane, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.*"

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Honorary Lieutenant Clerke Colquhoun Burton was to be Honorary Captain from 11th January, 1918 – A.I.F. List 283.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 30th August, 1918. He was marched in to A.M.L.O. at Boulogne, France on 30th August, 1918 & marched out to his Unit the same day.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was taken on strength of Australian Corps Headquarters, France from A.I.F. Headquarters (London) from 2nd September, 1918.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was detached for duty from Tidworth on 24th September, 1918 & marched out to France – A.I.F. Canteens.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was transferred to A.I.F. Headquarters, London from Australian Corps Headquarters, France on 14th October, 1918.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was attached for duty ex France (Canteens) on 19th October, 1918.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was attached for duty in London ex France on 26th October, 1918.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was transferred to Transport Section ex Canteens on 30th October, 1918.

Honorary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was transferred to General List from A.I.F. Canteens on 1st November, 1918 & granted the Temporary rank of Captain whilst employed with Transport Section.

Temporary Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was attached to Repatriation & Demobilisation at London for duty from 2nd December, 1918.

Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton died on 14th December, 1918 at “Crosby” Brampton Grove, Hendon, London, England from Influenza & Septic Pneumonia. (Note: Some forms in the Service Record file show the date of death as 13th December, 1918). The Death Certificate recorded that date of death as 14th December, 1918 & that Louis E. Aulognier, Occupier, “Crosby”, Brampton Grove, Hendon was present at the death. Clerke Colquhoun Burton (spelling as listed on Death Certificate) was listed as Captain, A.I.F. Headquarter Staff, London (Fire Loss Assessor).

A death for Clerke C. Burton, aged 34, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Hendon, Middlesex, England.

Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was buried at 3 pm on 18th December, 1918 in London Road Cemetery, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England – Plot number K. 88 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton - *Coffin was Elm with brass mounts. The late Captain Burton was buried with full Military honours, the coffin draped with the Australian Flag, being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun-carriage preceded by a Firing Party of 200 Rank and file and the band of the 12th and 14th Training Battalions A.I.F. Six Brother Officers (personal friends of the deceased) supported the Pallbearers. The funeral was very largely attended. Many Officers and Men of the A.I.F., the members of the Elias de Durham Lodge and many personal friends followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Numerous wreaths and floral tributes were placed on the grave after the “Last Post” had been sounded. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom and Administrative Headquarters A.I.F were represented at the funeral.*

Chaplain W. S. Bath, from No. 4 Command Depot, A.I.F. Hurdcott officiated at the Funeral.

Names of Relatives and Friends present at the Funeral – (Uncle) Andrew Brown and cousin; (Friend) Mr G. Kington, Salisbury, (Friend) Mr Gulangier, Salisbury & (Friend) Major Lewis, A.I.F.

Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton is listed on the Australian War Memorial website under Honours and Awards (Recommendation) – by Commanding Officer George Wall dated 28th December, 1918: “*Special ability displayed in and untiring devotion to duty in organizing canteens and supervising the supply of foodstuffs.*” The recommendation

form also listed that Captain Burton had served overseas & in Theatres of War for three years & eight months with Home Service in Egypt for 1 month; France for 3 months & England for 1 year & 5 months.

It was brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War, in regards to Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton, for valuable services rendered – War Office List 24th March, 1919.

Loughrey & Douglas, Barristers & Solicitors, 472 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, wrote to Base Records on 21st February, 1920 stating that the Insurance Company had asked them to furnish a record of Captain C. C. Burton's movements when abroad. Base Records replied on 1st March, 1920 & sent through the list of the late Captain C. C. Burton's movements from 17th June, 1915 until his death which was listed as 13th December, 1918.

Miss Amy Stringer, 3 Park Street, South Melbourne, Victoria had requested 2 copies of photographs of grave of the late Captain C. C. Burton in March, 1920.

Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Captain Burton's father – Captain F. C. Burton, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1923).

A note in the Service Record file of the late Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton from F. Cutcliffe, "Tynong", 94 Bay Rd, Sandringham advised that "*both Captain F. C. Burton and Mrs Burton are both deceased. Captain Burton died at "Tynong" some years ago and Mrs Burton died in England recently.*"

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton, of H.Q. Transport Section, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Francis Charles and Mary M. Burton, of "Tynowg," Bay Rd., Sandringham, Victoria.

Captain C. C. Burton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 2.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

C. Colquhoun Burton was remembered with a tree on the Sandringham Avenue of Honour. The Sandringham Avenue of Honour was a series of red flowering gums planted in August 1917, with the first tree planted by on Bay Rd. It continued up Bay Rd then on to Fernhill Rd before ending just before Royal Ave. There were once 171 trees representing Sandringham's lost soldiers and nurses, but only 32 now remain.

The avenue no longer exists but was replaced in 1992 with a Memorial Grove and Plaque.



Newspaper item – Brighton Southern Cross, Victoria – 1 September, 1917:

Avenue of Honour

SANDRINGHAM

The following is a List of the Sandringham Soldiers whose names have been commemorated on the Trees Planted recently to form a Local Avenue of Honor:-

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FERNHILL ROAD

Sapper S. M. Callaghan

Lieut. C. Colquhoun-Burton

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(76 pages of Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton'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



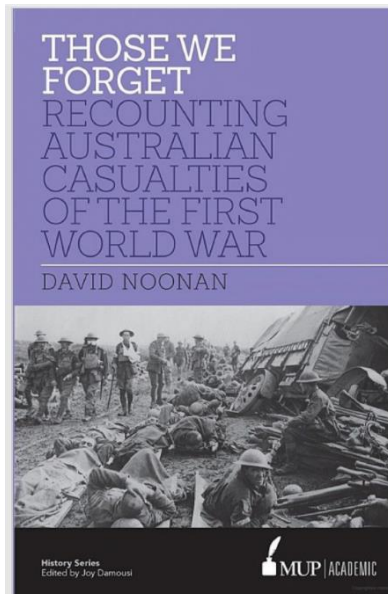


Clerke Colquhoun Burton

(Photo from Discovering Anzacs)



Extract from “Those We Forget” by David Noonan:



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An attempt was made to quantify the impact of the Spanish Flu pandemic on the AIF. This was practically constrained owing to the lack of diagnosis noted in the records of this highly infectious, deadly and fast-acting influenza. Butler identified some statistics of the condition in the official medical services history but the incidence in the AIF appears to be quite low. A conservative approach is adopted here in accounting for a death resulting from the contraction of Spanish Flu. It is counted as such if the soldier's papers record a diagnosis of bronchitis or pleurisy, rapidly developing into pneumonia, followed by death in a matter of days. The outbreaks occurred in the French base at Etaples in 1916 and in England and France in mid to late 1918 and early 1919. A case in point is that of Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton, who enlisted on 8 February 1915. He was thirty-one years of age and his previous military experience only consisted of a period of time spent in the school cadets. In his civilian career he was a fire loss adjuster and he did not survive the war. He was appointed Second Lieutenant and joined his battalion on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 3 September 1915. Nine weeks later he was evacuated with enteric fever, and then discharged in early January 1916 only to be readmitted one month later with dysentery. He was promoted to captain and transferred first to England, then to France, and then back to England for service in the canteens and catering for the AIF Headquarters for two and a quarter years. On 2 December 1918, he was attached to the Repatriation and Demobilisation Department in London. The specific date of his admission to hospital was not recorded but he suddenly died of illness in less than two weeks. His death certificate listed influenza followed by septic pneumonia, which quickly led to his death on 14 December 1918. As was common, he was unceremoniously struck off strength that day but he was accorded full military honours at his funeral. The data entry for this soldier is for two illnesses, battle related; and death from Spanish Flu.

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Newspaper Notices

Horticulture

The annual daffodil show of the Royal Horticultural Society will be held in the Melbourne Town Hall on September 4, and, in conjunction, the Wattle Day League will hold its annual demonstration in the evening, assisted by the Women's choir. Entries close on Monday, September 2. Entry forms and schedules can be obtained by application to the secretary, Mr C. C. Burton, 19 Queen street, Melbourne.

(*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 August, 1912)

Horticulture

The prize-list of the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria, for the annual autumn show, which takes place in the Melbourne Town Hall on April 23 and 24, has been issued. Copies may be obtained on application to the secretary (Mr C. C. Burton) 19 Queen street, Melbourne. The Government of Victoria has donated £10/10 as a grand champion prize for fruit suitable for export.

(*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 February, 1913)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ALLOTMENT OF OFFICERS

The following allotment of officers to the Expeditionary Force are announced in military orders. The majority of the allotments deal with Australia's newest brigades:-

SIXTH REINFORCEMENTS

2nd Inf. Brig.....7th Batt., 2nd Lieut. C. C. Burton....

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 May, 1915)



SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION – ZEITOUN. FOURTH OFFICERS' COURSE, AUGUST, 1915

Top Row.....

Fifth Row – H. O Ground, C. C. Burton.....

(*Punch*, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 November, 1915)

OFFICERS APPOINTED

LONG LIST APPROVED

MANY PROMOTIONS GAINED

Appointments, promotions, and other changes in the Australian Imperial Force were made as follows at a meeting of the Federal Executive Council, presided over by the Governor-General, at the Commonwealth Offices today:-

PROMOTIONS

To be Lieutenants – 2nd Lieuts..... C. C. Burton.....

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 June, 1915)

AUSTRALIA'S ROLL OF HONOR

173rd LIST

RETURNED TO DUTY

Victoria

..... Lieut. C. C. Burton.....

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 June, 1916)

CAPTAIN C. C. BURTON DEAD

HE ROSE FROM RANKS

Relatives of Captain Clerk C. Burton, of the Headquarters Staff, and late 7th Battalion Infantry, have been informed by the Defence Department of his death from pneumonia, at Hendon, England, on December 13.



Capt. C. C. BURTON

Captain Clerk Burton enlisted for active service in January, 1915, as a private, and gained his commission as second lieutenant at Broadmeadows camp, prior to embarking was promoted first lieutenant. After serving in Gallipoli with the battalion, he was invalided to Egypt suffering from enteric fever, on recovering from which he was transferred to Headquarters Staff.

Captain Burton was the only son of Captain F. C. Burton, late of Port Phillip pilot service.

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 December, 1918)

AUSTRALIANS ON SERVICE

DIED OF PNEUMONIA

BURTON.—Captain Francis Charles Burton, Tynong, Bay road, Brighton, has received word that his only son, Captain Clarke Colquhoun Burton, Headquarters Staff (late 7th Battalion), A.I.F., died at Brampton road, Hendon (England), on the 15th inst., from pneumonia. Captain C. C. Burton was educated at the University High School, and later at Carlton College. He was on the staff of the South British Insurance Co., and enlisted in December 1914. Having attained his lieutenantcy, he left for Egypt in 1915, where he attended an officer's course at the school of instruction, and he obtained a special certificate, which entitled him to commission rank in the British Army. In Gallipoli he was attached to the 7th Battalion, and led many sniping parties. Upon recovering from an attack of enteric fever he was appointed quarter-master to the 1st Australian Division, and was later was attached to the headquarters staff at Cairo. Upon attaining his captaincy he was engaged in special mission work in England and France. The captain took a great interest in athletic sports when in Melbourne, and was secretary to the Camberwell Tennis Club, also secretary to the Royal Horticultural Society for a time.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 December, 1918)

DEATHS

BURTON – On the 13th December, at Brampton road, Hendon, England, (of pneumonia), Captain Clerke Colquhoun, H.Q.S., late 7th Battalion, A.I.F., dearly loved only son of Captain Francis Charles and Mary Burton, “Tynong,” Bay road, Sandringham, and devoted brother of Rines Mary, Lycett, aged 35 years.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 January, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOR

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Capt C. C. BURTON, Sandringham, 14/12/18, illness (P.R. died of illness)

(Weekly Times, Melbourne, Victoria – 17 May, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – Captain Clerke Colquhoun, of pneumonia, in London, December 13, 1918, dearly loved only son of Captain and Mrs Burton, “Tynong,” Bay road, Sandringham, devoted brother of Rines Lycett.

“These we love never die.”

BURTON – A tribute to the memory of Captain Clerke C. Burton, who passed away in England on the 14th December, 1918.

Ever remembered.

BURTON – In longing memory of a dear friend, Captain Clerke C. Burton, who died in England, December 13, 1918. (Inserted by E.J.L.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 13 December, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – A tribute to the memory of Captain Clerke C. Burton, who passed away 14th December, 1918, at Hendon, England.

Every remembered.

BURTON – In sad remembrance of my friend, Capt. C. C. (Clerke), who died while on active service, 14th December, 1920. (Inserted by Mr and Mrs J. Mortenson, 26 Wentworth avenue, Canterbury.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 December, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – A tribute to the memory of Captain Clerke C. Burton, who passed away 14th December, 1918, at Hendon, England.

Ever remembered.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 December, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – A tribute to the memory of Captain Clerke C. Burton, who passed to the higher life, 14th December, 1918, while on active service.

Ever remembered.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 December, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – On the 14th December, 1918, Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton, passed to the higher life.

Ever remembered.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 13 December, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – On the 14th December, 1918, Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton, passed to the higher life.

Ever remembered.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 December, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – On the 14th December, 1918, Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton, passed to the higher life.

Ever remembered.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 13 December, 1924)

Clerke Colquhoun Burton is remembered on his father's headstone in Brighton General Cemetery, Victoria.

In Loving Memory

Of My Dear Husband

FRANCIS CHARLES

BURTON

Born Aug 24-1842 Died Oct 23-1922

Also My Son

CLERKE COLQUHOUN

Capt. (A.I.F.)

Born Nov 7-1883 Died Dec 23-1918



Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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.

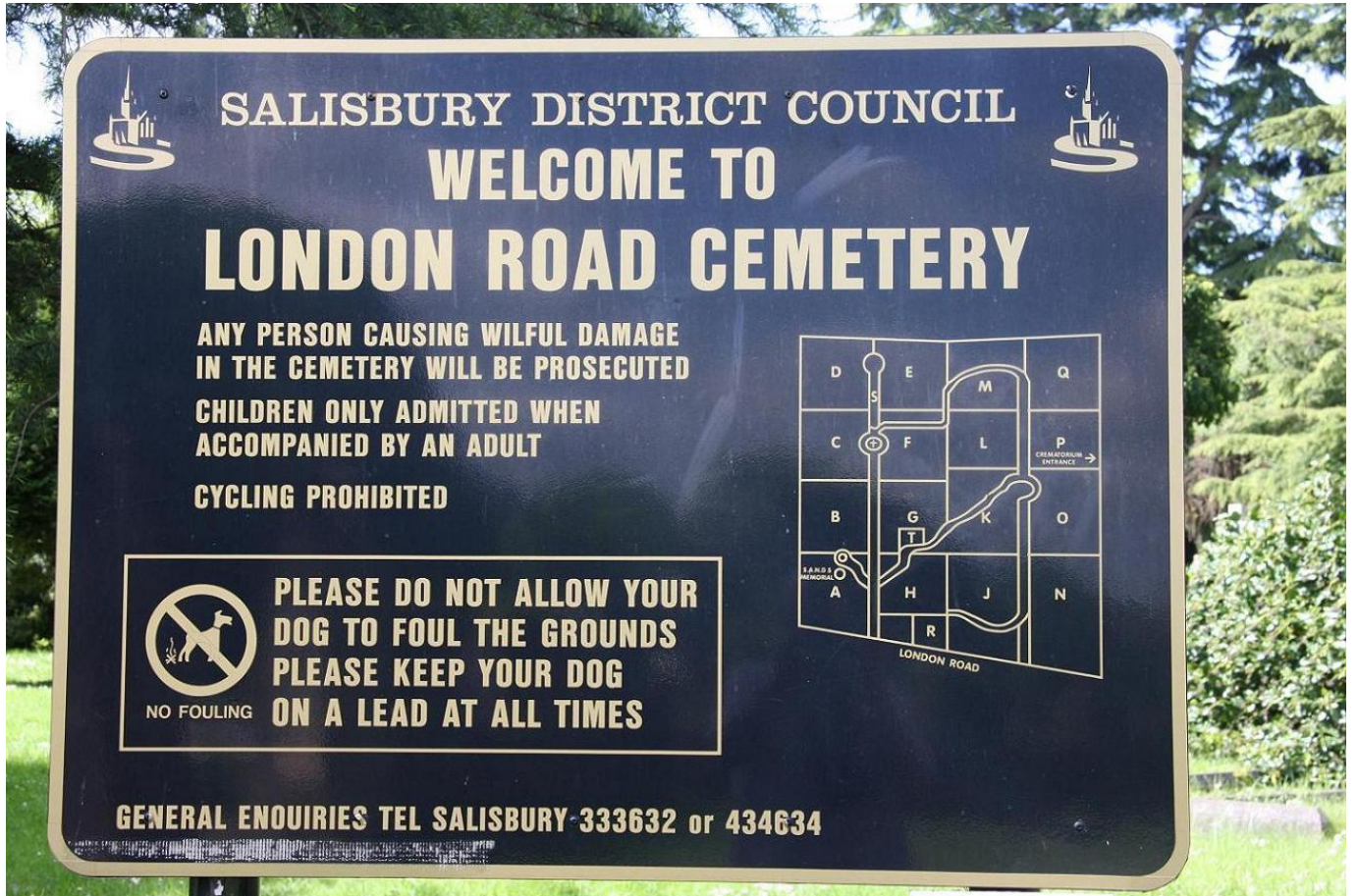
Captain Clerke Colquhoun Burton has a Private Headstone.

London Road Cemetery, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England

London Road Cemetery, Salisbury contains 52 World War 1 burials & 52 World War 2 burials. There are 9 Australian WW1 War Graves & 1 WW2 Australian War Grave in this Cemetery.



(Photos by julia&keld – Find a Grave)



(Photos from CWGC)

Photo of Captain C. C. Burton's Private Headstone in London Road Cemetery, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England.



(Photos courtesy of Helen Roberts)



Clerke Colquhoun Burton

Captain, A.I.F.

Gallipoli, Egypt, France

England

Died Dec 14TH 1918



(Photo courtesy of Helen Roberts)



(Photo courtesy of Helen Roberts)

