

**Bournemouth East Cemetery,
Bournemouth, Dorset
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



59104 SAPPER

C. FEBEY

TUNNELLING COY., NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERS.

13TH FEBRUARY, 1918 Age 27

Charles FEBEY

Charles Thomas Febey was born on 31st January, 1893 at Sheffield, Tasmania to parents James Frederick and Priscilla "Christina" Febey (nee Morgan). (Note: the date of birth of Charles Febey's New Zealand Service Record is 31st January, 1892).

Charles Febey was a 25 year old Bushman from Taihape, New Zealand when he enlisted on 26th May, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 59104 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his niece – Miss F. Febey, Claude Road, Sheffield, Tasmania, Australia.

Charles Febey, Bushman, care of J. Symes, Tangiwai, Waimarino was listed on the New Zealand WW Reserve Roll for 1916-17 in 1st Division – Wanganui.

James Frederick Febey, father of Charles Febey, died on 27th June, 1916 at Claude Road, Sheffield, Tasmania.

Private Charles Febey was posted to H Company 29th Battalion on 26th June, 1917 for recruit training. He was transferred to Tunnelling Corps on 22nd August, 1917 with the rank of Sapper.

Sapper Charles Febey was written up for an Offence while posted at Trentham with New Zealand Tunnellers – Absent without Leave from 19th September, 1917 to 27th September, 1917. He was awarded 14 days confined to Barracks & forfeited 8 days' pay.

Sapper Charles Febey embarked from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT *Maunganui* (96) on 21st November, 1917 with the New Zealand Engineers & disembarked at Liverpool, England on 8th January, 1918.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England.

Sapper Charles Febey was marched in to Sling & was attached to Brigade Headquarters on 8th January, 1918.

Sapper Charles Febey was marched in to New Zealand Engineers Depot on 12th January, 1918 at Boscombe, England.

Sapper Charles Febey was admitted to Craighead Military Hospital, Bournemouth, Dorset, England on 6th February, 1918. He was reported as dangerously ill on 11th February, 1918.

Sapper Charles Febey died on 13th February, 1918 at Craighead Military Hospital, Bournemouth, Dorset, England from Measles.

A death for Charles Febey, aged 25, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Christchurch, Hampshire, England.

Sapper Charles Febey was buried on 16th February, 1918 in Bournemouth East Cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, England (Casualty Form – Active Service records the Cemetery as Boscombe Cemetery) – Plot number R.I. 144 and has a Private Headstone which was erected by his Comrades. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Sapper Charles Febey nominated Miss Elsie Chappell as the sole beneficiary & Executrix of his Will date 20th November, 1917.

Sapper Charles Febey was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. The Medal was awarded to Miss Elsie Chappell, c/o Mr T. W. Chappel, Waireka, Papaiti via Wanganui, New Zealand. The legal next of kin was recorded on the Service Record file as Mrs C. Coston (remarried mother) from Stoodley, Tasmania, however she was given an unfavourable Police Report.

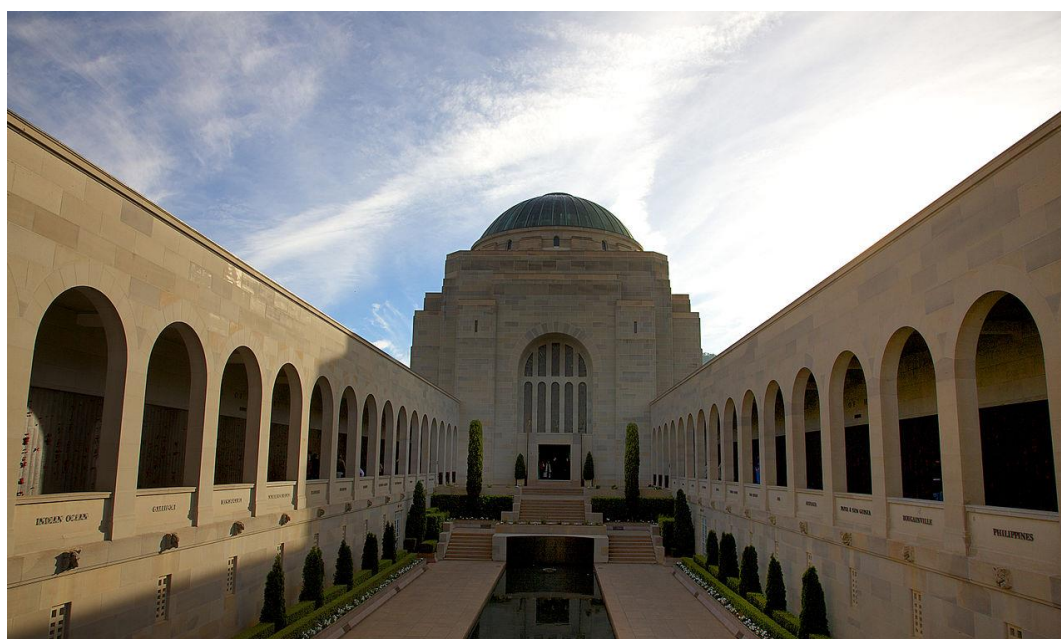
A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were awarded to his remarried mother – Mrs C. Coston (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent February, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sapper Charles Febey— service number 59104, aged 27, of Tunnelling Coy., New Zealand Engineers. He was the son of Christina Costin (formerly Febey), of Goodley, Tasmania, and the late James Febey.

Sapper Charles Febey is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



Commemorative Roll Book at The Australian War Memorial *(Photo from AWM)*



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial *(Capital Photographer)*

C. Febey is remembered on the Sheffield War Memorial, located at Sheffield Road & Henry Street, Sheffield, Tasmania.



Sheffield War Memorial (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



C. Febey is remembered on the Municipality of Kentish – The Unreturned Honour Board, located in the Old Town Hall, 66 High Street, Sheffield, Tasmania.



Municipality of Kentish – The Unreturned Honour Board (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

Charles Febey is remembered on New Zealand's Online Cenotaph.



Sapper Charles Febey is remembered in New Zealand Army WW1 Roll of Honour for 1914-1919.

59104, Sapper, Febey, Charles, N.Z.E. (Res), Died of disease, U.K., 13/2/18

(9 pages of Sapper Charles Febey's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial & National Archives NZ

Newspaper Notices

N.Z. CASUALTIES HOSPITAL AND PROGRESS REPORT

WELLINGTON, February 16

Dangerously ill – C. Febey.

(*Wanganui Chronicle*, New Zealand – 18 February, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

Died of sickness – Sapper C. Febey

(*Hawera & Normanby Star*, New Zealand – 19 February, 1918)

PERSONAL

Mr James Febey, of Claude road, had received the sad news through the Rev. W. Best, of Sheffield, that his brother, Charlie Febey, who enlisted in New Zealand, and sailed three weeks before Xmas, died in hospital at Bournemouth, England.

(*The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times*, Tasmania – 26 February, 1918)

CLAUDE ROAD

On Wednesday afternoon the planting of eight memorial trees in remembrance of the Claude Road men who have fallen took place in the Methodist Churchyard. At the same time a number of willing workers, armed with spades, fern hooks, forks, etc., made a determined attack on the rubbish that had been accumulating for years, with the pleasing result that a great improvement was effected in the appearance of the ground. The trees were kindly donated by Mr James Braid, of Kentish. The Rev. B. L. Semmens took charge of the tree planting. A portion of a suitable hymn was sung, and an appropriate verse of Scripture read as each tree was carefully planted in its place by loving hands. The trees were planted as follows : **Private Charles Febey, by Alf. Febey (brother) and Miss Francis Febey (niece)**; Private Victor Hetherington, Mrs Hetherington (widow); Private Stanley Bishop, Miss Cox; Private Clifford Bramich, Mr R. Bramich (brother) and Miss Grace Febey ; Sergeant Blacklow, Mrs Blacklow (widow) ; Private Claude Rouse, Mrs Jones; Private Ernest Reed, Miss Gladys Reed (sister); Corporal W. Whiley, Miss Ivy Whiley (sister). After the ceremony afternoon tea was provided by the ladies. Subsequently a congregational meeting was held at the church, and it was resolved to try and raise enough money, about £15, to pay for the erection of a good fence round the church and graveyard. This matter was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. Bramich, Waters, and Lockett,

(*Daily Telegraph*, Launceston, Tasmania – 5 October, 1918)

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.

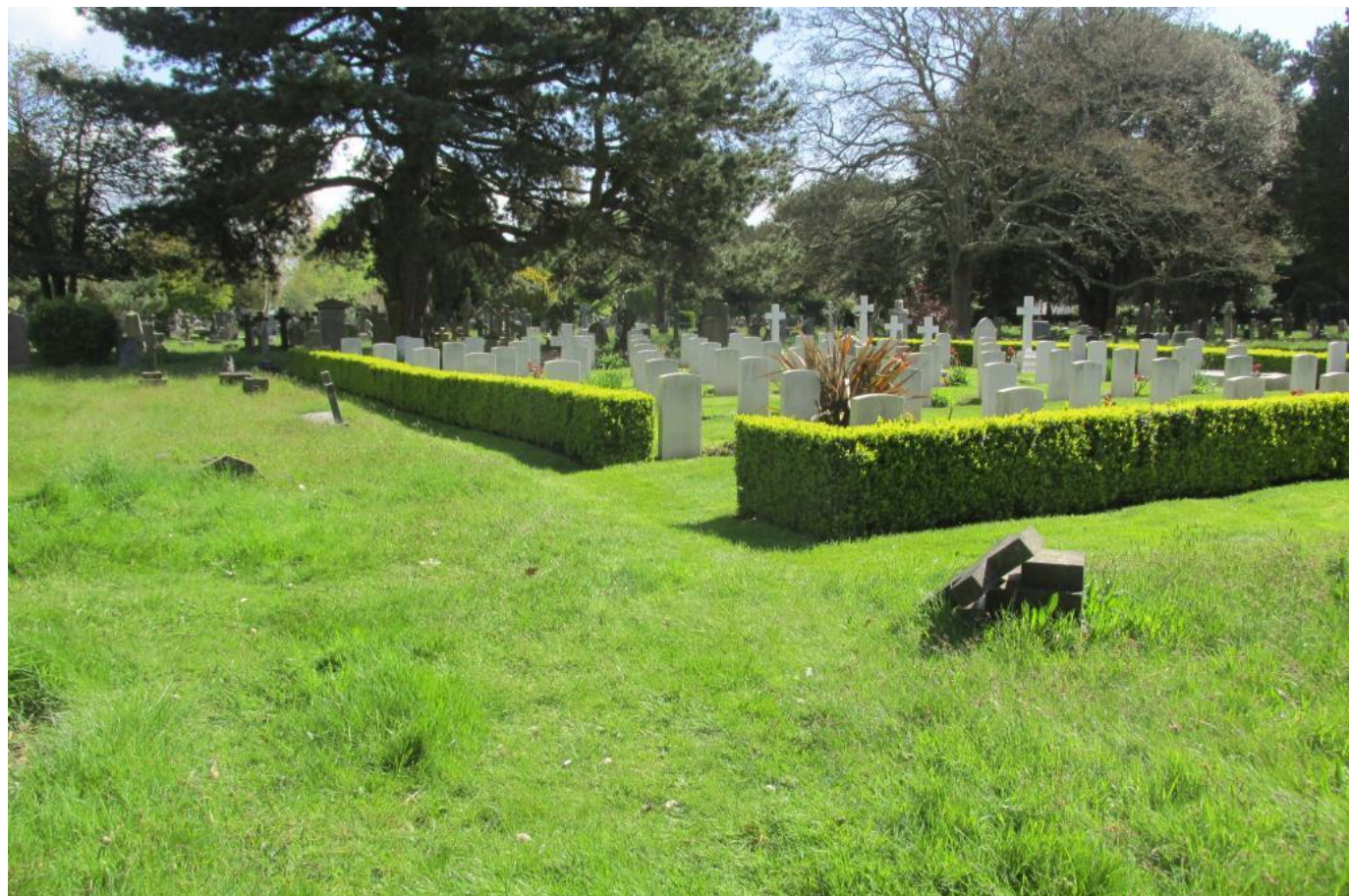
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Bournemouth East Cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, England

Some of the 120 First World War burials in this cemetery are those of soldiers who died in Bournemouth's auxiliary and private hospitals. 75 of these graves are in a special plot on the main path and include a Special Memorial to 2 soldiers drowned off Bournemouth in January 1915, whose bodies were not recovered. The plot also contains 7 of the 68 Second World War burials, the rest being scattered throughout the cemetery. One of the First World War burials is unidentified. There are 4 Foreign National war burials here.

The war plot is enclosed by a hedge, and the War Cross is on the West side of it. It was at one time called Boscombe Cemetery.

(Information from CWGC)



Bournemouth East Cemetery *(Photo from CWGC)*



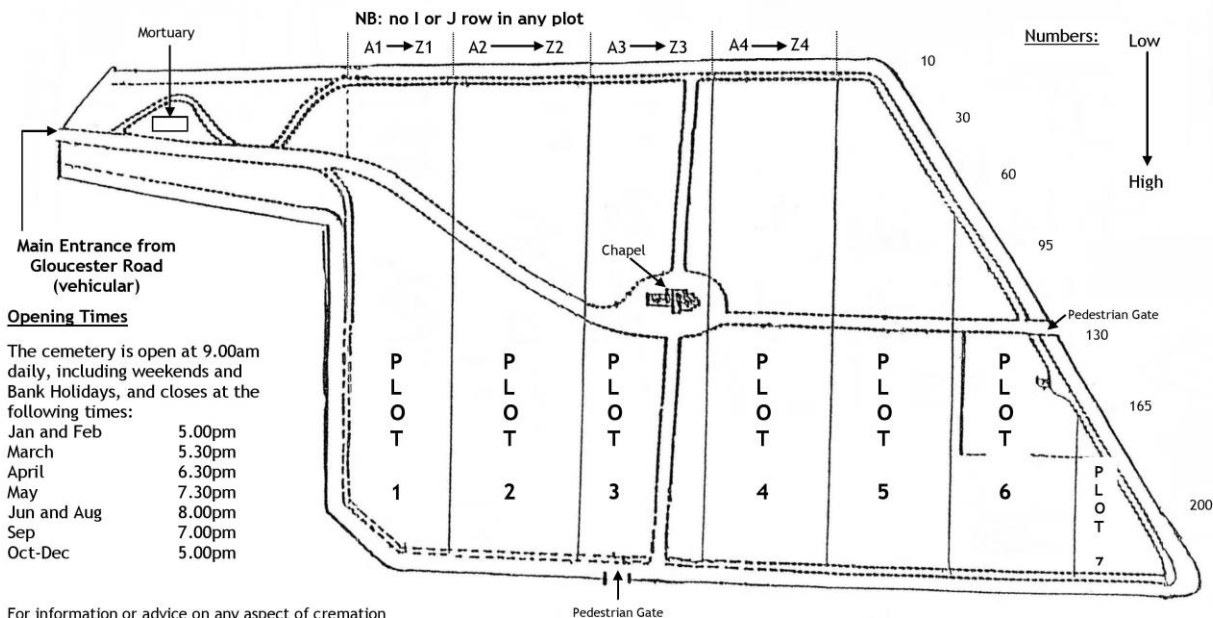
Bournemouth East Cemetery (*Photos from CWGC*)



Photo of Sapper C. Febey's Private Headstone in Bournemouth East Cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, England



East Cemetery, Gloucester Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH7 6JB



Opening Times

The cemetery is open at 9.00am daily, including weekends and Bank Holidays, and closes at the following times:

Jan and Feb	5.00pm
March	5.30pm
April	6.30pm
May	7.30pm
Jun and Aug	8.00pm
Sep	7.00pm
Oct-Dec	5.00pm

For information or advice on any aspect of cremation or burial please contact:

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