

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**3318 DRIVER**

**G. T. FULWOOD**

**50TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**9TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 31**

## George Thomas FULWOOD

George Thomas Fulwood was born at Snowtown, South Australia on 4th May, 1884 to parents Richard and Elizabeth Fulwood (nee Langford).

George Thomas Fulwood attended Bute Public School, South Australia.

George Thomas Fulwood was a 31 year old, single, Farmer when he enlisted on 12th July, 1915 at Keswick, South Australia with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3318 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Fulwood, Bute, South Australia. George Fulwood stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with the Kulpara Rifle Club for 3 years. He had also been previously rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service with A.I.F. due to bad teeth.

Private George Thomas Fulwood was posted to O Group Exhibition on 26th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to "A" Company, 3rd Depot Battalion on 16th August, 1915 then transferred to 11th Reinforcements of 10th Infantry Battalion on 1st September, 1915.

Private George Thomas Fulwood embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 27th October, 1915.

Private George Thomas Fulwood was allotted to and proceeded to join 50th Battalion from 3rd Training Battalion at Zeitoun on 29th February, 1916 (Statement of Service form records he was transferred on 26th February, 1916). He was taken on strength of 50th Battalion on 29th February, 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir.

Private George Thomas Fulwood was posted to Transport Section of 50th Battalion at Railhead on 6th May, 1916.

Private George Thomas Fulwood was appointed Driver on 7th May, 1916.

Driver George Thomas Fulwood proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 5th June, 1916 on H.M.T. *Arcadian*. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 12th June, 1916.

Driver George Thomas Fulwood was admitted to 3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 1st December, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to leg. He embarked for England on 2nd December, 1916 on Hospital Ship *St. Andrew* with shrapnel wounds to both legs.

### 50th Battalion

The 50th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 26 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were veterans from the 10th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 10th, the 50th was predominantly composed of men from South Australia. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division and was dubbed "Hurcombe's Hungry Half Hundred", after its first CO, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Hurcombe.

After arriving in France on 11 June 1916, the 50th fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm between 13 and 15 August and suffered heavily. It took part in another assault launched there on 3 September. The battalion saw out the rest of the year alternating between front-line duty, and training and labouring behind the line. This routine continued through the bleak winter of 1916-'17.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Driver George Thomas Fulwood was admitted to Military Hospital, Boscombe, Hampshire, England on 3rd December, 1916 with gunshot wounds to right thigh, right leg, right foot & left ankle. His condition was reported as dangerously ill.

Driver George Thomas Fulwood died on afternoon of 9th December, 1916 at Military Hospital, Boscombe, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds of right thigh and leg (serious compound fracture) & other injuries.

A death for Thomas G. Fulwood, aged 32, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Christchurch, Hampshire, England.

Driver George Thomas Fulwood was buried on 13th December, 1916 in Bournemouth East Cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, England – Plot number P.I.148 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Driver George Thomas Fulwood was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Fulwood's father – Mr R. Fulwood, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver George Thomas Fulwood – service number 3318, aged 31, of 50th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Fulwood, of Bute, South Australia.

Driver G. T. Fulwood is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 150.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

G. T. Fulwood is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



**National War Memorial – Adelaide** (Photos by Bilby)



G. T. Fulwood is remembered on the Bute Public School Roll of Honour, located at Third Street, Bute, South Australia.



**Bute Public School Roll of Honour** (Photo from *Virtual War Memorial Australia*)

G. Fulwood is remembered on the Bute District Council Roll of Honour, located in the foyer of Bute Town Hall, High Street, Bute, South Australia.



**Bute District Council Roll of Honour** (Photo from *Virtual War Memorial Australia*)



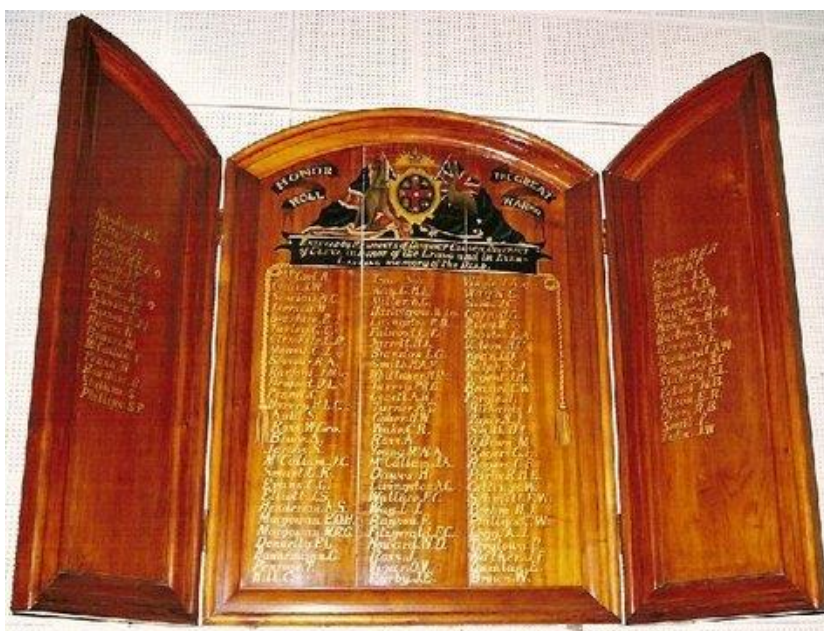


G. T. Fulwood is remembered on the Cleve War Memorial, located at Fourth & Main Streets, Cleve, South Australia.



**Cleve War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia)

G. T. Fulwood is remembered on the Cleve Honour Board, located in the Town Hall, Main Street, Cleve, South Australia.



**Cleve Honour Board** (Photo from Virtual War Memorial Australia)



(36 pages of Driver George Thomas Fulwood'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*



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## **Newspaper Notices**

### **FOR KING AND COUNTRY**

FULWOOD – On the 9th December, died of wounds, in hospital, England, George, second dearly beloved son of R. and E. Fulwood, Bute, aged 32 years and 7 months.

(*The Journal*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 December, 1916) & (*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 December, 1916) & (*The Express and Telegraph*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 December, 1916) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 23 December, 1916) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia - 23 December, 1916) & (*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 28 December, 1916)

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### **256TH CASUALTY LIST**

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

##### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

Dvr. G. T. FULWOOD, Bute (Dec. 9)

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 December, 1916)

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#### **Our Fallen Heroes**

The following deaths of members of the South Australian Forces are reported:-.....Dvr G. T. Fulwood, Bute (Dec. 9)

(*Southern Cross*, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 January, 1917)

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### **BIOGRAPHICAL**

#### **THE LATE DRIVER G. T. FULWOOD**

Mr and Mrs R. Fulwood, of Bute, have been officially notified of the death of their son, Driver George T. Fulwood, at Bosworth Hospital, Bournemouth, England, of gunshot wounds and a compound fracture of the leg and other



**Driver G. T. Fulwood**

injuries. He enlisted in July 1915, and left on the transport Benalla in October. He was six months in Egypt , and then was transferred to France, and there served seven months, for six weeks of which he was in the trenches. He then went back as driver. He was 32 years and seven months old at the time of his death. He was widely known and greatly esteemed as a good sportsman, and excelled in various games. Prior to his enlistment he took up land in Boothby, and there captained the West Coast team which toured the Bute district three years ago.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 6 January, 1917) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 January, 1917)

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

FULWOOD – As a tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of Driver George Fulwood, who died on December 9, 1916, from wounds received in France. – Inserted by his sincere friend Private T. Hutchinson, A.I.F. (abroad).

FULWOOD -In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Driver George T. Fulwod, who died of wounds in England on 9th December, 1916. His duty nobly done.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 December, 1917) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 December, 1917)

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### **IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE**

FULWOOD – In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Dvr. George T. Fulwood, who died of wounds in England on the 9th December, 1916. His duty nobly done. Inserted by his loving father and family.

THESE HEROES

ARE CALLING TO THE LIVING

TO FILL THEIR PLACES AND CARRY ON THE

CONFLICT AGAINST WRONG. IF YOU ARE FIT STEP INTO THE BREACH

(*The Journal*, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 December, 1917) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 December, 1917)

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Elizabeth Fulwood, mother of George Thomas Fulwood, died on 30th September, 1917 in Bute, South Australia. Driver Geo. T. Fulwood is remembered on his mother's headstone in Bute Cemetery, South Australia



(Photo from Find a Grave - Cemeteries in Australia)



### 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)*

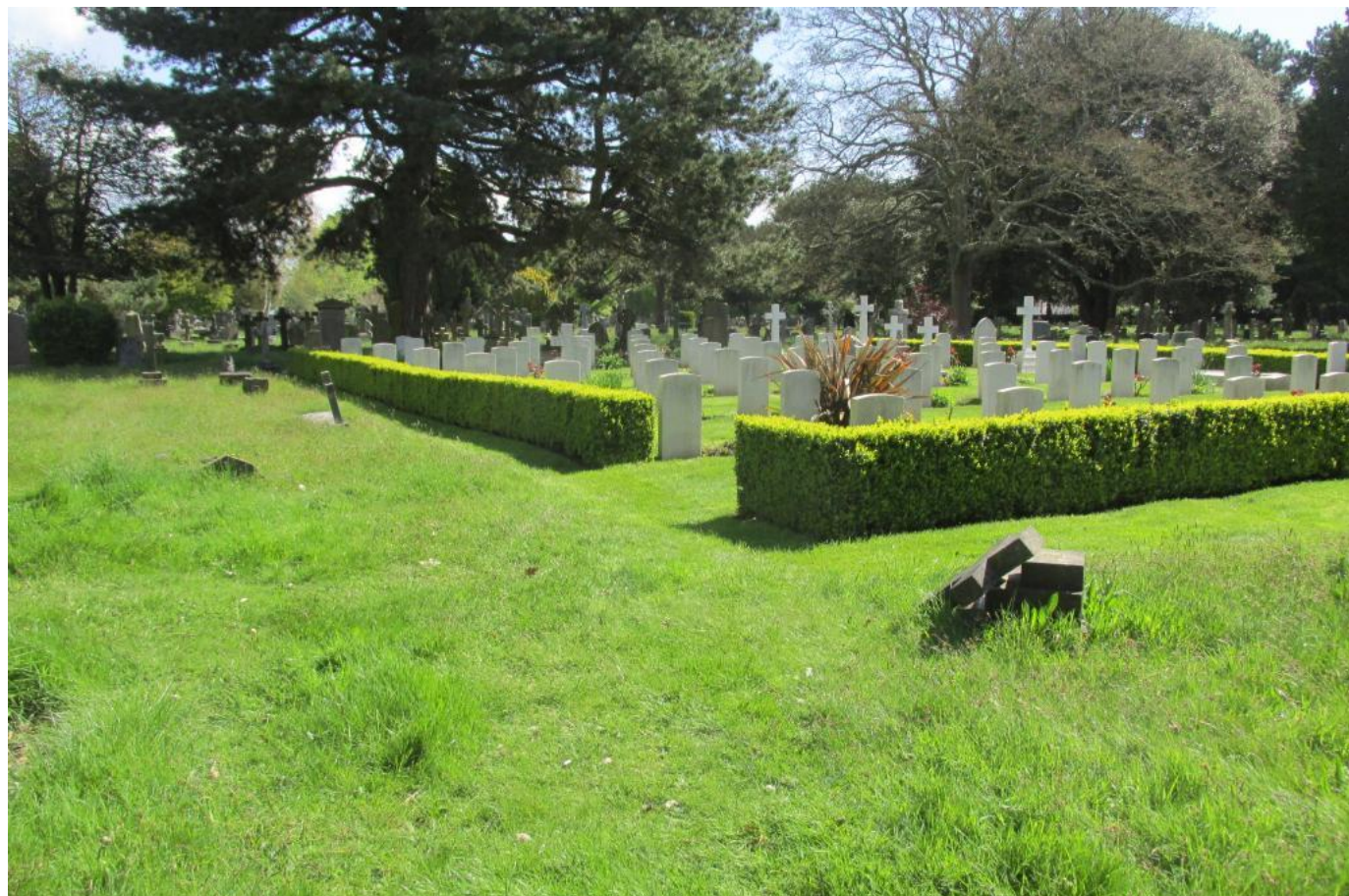
Driver G. T. Fulwood does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

### **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)*





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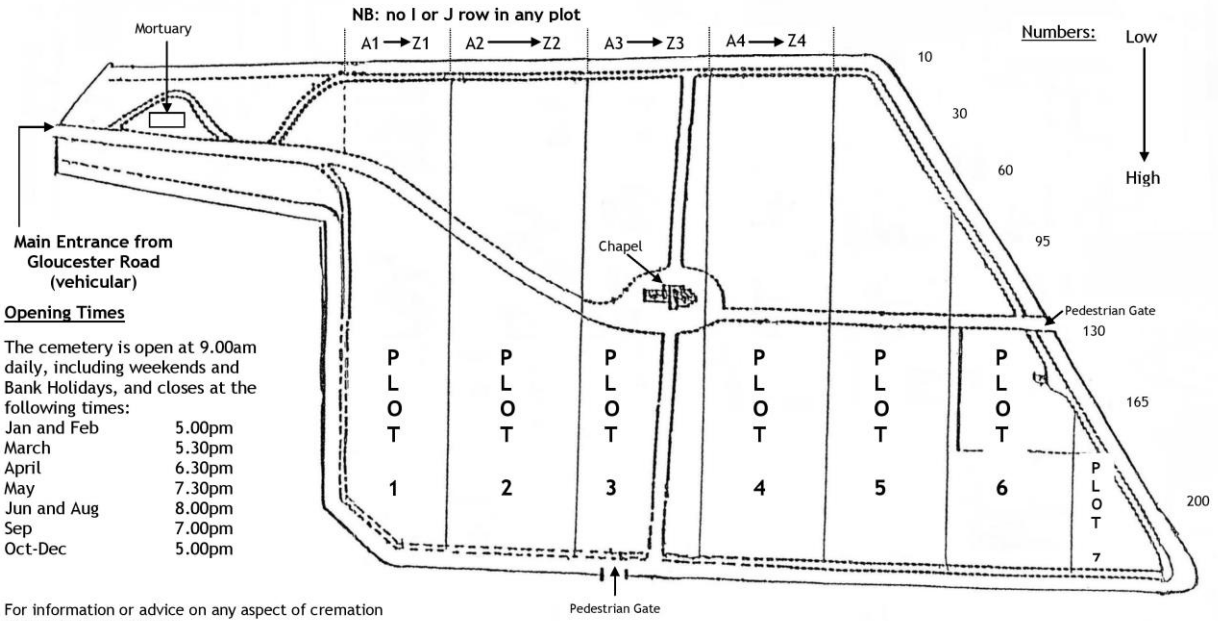
Photo of Driver G. T. Fulwood's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Bournemouth East Cemetery, Bournemouth, Dorset, England



*(Photo by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)*



**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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 Bournemouth Crematorium  
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