

**Turriff Cemetery,  
Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**21748 PRIVATE**

**G. F. GRANT**

**AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

**25TH FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 24**

*In Memory Of*

*The Beloved Son Of*

*Mr & Mrs G. Grant, Brisbane*

## George Ferguson GRANT

George Ferguson Pearman Grant was born at Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland on 20th July, 1894 to parents George and Annabella Ferguson Grant.

The 1901 Scotland Census recorded George F. P. Grant as a 6 year old Scholar, living with his parents at 165 Gt. George St, Govan, Lanarkshire. His parents were listed as George Grant (Grocer's Assistant, aged 31, born King Edward Parish, New Blyth) & Annabella Grant (aged 33, born England). Also listed with the family was a Lodger – Lawrence J. D. Gibson (Civil Engineer, aged 21, born Dysart, Fifeshire).

George Ferguson Grant, aged 8 years, was listed as a passenger on *Wyandra* which departed from London, England & arrived at the port of Townsville, Queensland, Australia on 24th November, 1902. Also listed were his parents - George Grant (aged 32) & Mrs A. Grant (aged 34).

George Ferguson Grant gained a scholarship to attend Townsville Grammar School. He attended Townsville Grammar School from 1908 to 1913 as a District Scholar then as a Continuation Scholar. George Grant was a prefect for 2 years. George Grant was awarded a Queensland Open University Scholarship & attended Queensland University for 2 years & matriculated on 18th March, 1914 in Science. He transferred to Melbourne University to study Medicine. He was admitted to 2nd Year Medicine, having completed 2 years Science at University of Queensland.

Name <i>Grant, George Ferguson Pearman</i> Address <i>Club House, 110, St. James St., Brisbane</i>		ENROLLMENT No. <b>160309</b>	
Preliminary Examination <i>Aland S.P. Eng. Mar. 14 French Latin Nov 1913</i>		Matriculated	Comp. Subj.
<i>Alg. Geom. Trig. Mech. Chem. Nov. 1913</i>		Date <i>18/3/16</i>	<i>M.B.</i>
No. <i>345</i>			
1st Year or Division <i>M.B.</i> Course	2nd Year or Division <i>M.B.</i> Course	Year or Division Course	Year or Division Course
<i>Maths</i>	<i>Passed Anat. incl. Histology</i>		
<i>Physics</i>	<i>Aland's Physiology</i>		
<i>Chem.</i>	<i>Anat. incl. Histology</i>		
<i>H. Anat. P.</i>	<i>Histology</i>		
<i>Biology I</i>	<i>P. (2nd year work only)</i>		
Single Subj.			
Comp. Subj.			
Pract. Work			
Lectures <i>M.B. 1916</i>	<i>3 M.B. 1917</i>		
Year or Div. I Completed <i>Dec 1916</i>			
Fee Book Folio			

**Melbourne University Student Card for George Ferguson Pearman Grant**

(Photo kindly provided by Melbourne University Archives)

The 1917 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Lilley, subdivision of Windsor, Queensland recorded George Ferguson Pearman Grant, Student of Thorpe St., Eagle Junction.

George Ferguson Grant was a 24 year old, single, 3rd Year Medical Student from Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted at Melbourne on 10th October, 1917 with the Army Medical Corps, General Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 21748 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr George Grant of Park Road, Eagle Junction, Brisbane, Queensland. George Grant stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 1 year with Senior Cadets in Townsville & Citizen Forces at Melbourne University Rifles for 4 years.

Private George Ferguson Grant was posted to Recruiting Depot at Broadmeadows, Victoria on 22nd October, 1917. He was transferred to Army Medical Corp at Broadmeadows on 13th November, 1917.

Private George Ferguson Grant was posted to No. 5 Australian General Hospital on 5th February, 1918.

Private George Ferguson Grant was transferred to Clearing Hospital, Broadmeadows on 9th July, 1918.

Private George Ferguson Grant was posted to "SS Invalids 3rd M.D." on 22nd July, 1918.

Private George Ferguson Grant was posted to Clearing Hospital Broadmeadows on 29th July, 1918.

Private George Ferguson Grant embarked from Adelaide on SS *Gaika* on 6th August, 1918 & disembarked at London, England on 13th October, 1918. Pte Grant had been admitted to the Ship's Hospital on 4th October, 1918 & was discharged on 6th October, 1918.

Private George Ferguson Grant was marched in to DS A.M.C. T. Depot on 13th October, 1918.

Private George Ferguson Grant was reported as being Absent without Leave on 30th October, 1918. This was an error as he had been admitted to Hospital while on leave & later sent to Weymouth awaiting embarkation to Australia.

Private George Ferguson Grant was marched in from Australian Headquarters in London to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth, Dorset on 5th November, 1918. Pte Grant was examined by Medical Office at No. 2 Command Depot on 12th November, 1918 & medically classified as B1 A3 (fit for Overseas training camp in two to three weeks) as he was convalescing from Influenza.

Private George Ferguson Grant was sent sick to Hospital at Weymouth on 20th February, 1919. He was later admitted to Military Hospital with Influenza.

Private George Ferguson Grant was reported to be dangerously ill with Influenza on 22nd February, 1919.

Private George Ferguson Grant died on 25th February, 1919 at Burdon Military Hospital, Weymouth, Dorset, England from Pneumonia.

A death for George Grant, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Weymouth, Dorset, England.

Private George Ferguson Grant was buried on 1st March, 1919 in Turriff Cemetery, Aberdeenshire, Scotland – Plot number D. 188 (Family Grave) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte George Ferguson Grant - *The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Band, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance, supplied by the 5th Gordons Regiment. He was interred in a private family grave in Turriff Cemetery, by his Uncle residing in Scotland. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and Chap. Rev. H. Douglas Swan of Turriff officiated. Many beautiful wreaths were sent from:-*

*Uncles – William & Charles Grant,*

*Cousins – Cpl. Grant & Chas. Black,*

*Pte Drie and the hospital staff & Nurses.*

*A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Names of relatives & friends present at the Funeral – Uncles - William & Charles Grant. Cousins – Corporal Grant & Charles Black. Pte Drie of the A.I.F, Capt. Richie & many Imperial Soldiers.*

Pte George Grant requested in his Will, dated 29th July, 1918, that “*in the event of my death I give the whole of my property & effects to my mother Annabella Grant, of Park Rd, Eagle Junction, Brisbane, Queensland.*”

Annabella Grant wrote to Base Records in November, 1919 stating that she had only received one item of her late son's effects & she would like to find the whereabouts of his violin which he took away with him.

A violin in a case had been shipped to Mr G. Grant at Eagle Junction, Brisbane – no date recorded. Base Records advise Mrs Grant on 11th June, 1920 that the violin & case had been shortlanded at Melbourne ex *Booral* & efforts were being made through the Shipping Company to trace its whereabouts. Base Records advised that a claim had been made against the Shipping Company & that a Statutory Declaration, setting out the approximate value of the item should be completed.

Base Records wrote to Mrs Grant on 9th July, 1920 advising that the violin & case had been located & was being forwarded to the Senior Ordnance Officer, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne for transmission.

Pte George Ferguson Grant was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Grant's father – Mr G. Grant, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private George Ferguson Grant – service number 21748, aged 24, of Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of George and Annabella Ferguson Grant of Kent Rd., Wolloowin, Brisbane, Queensland. Born at Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Private G. F. Grant is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 182.



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

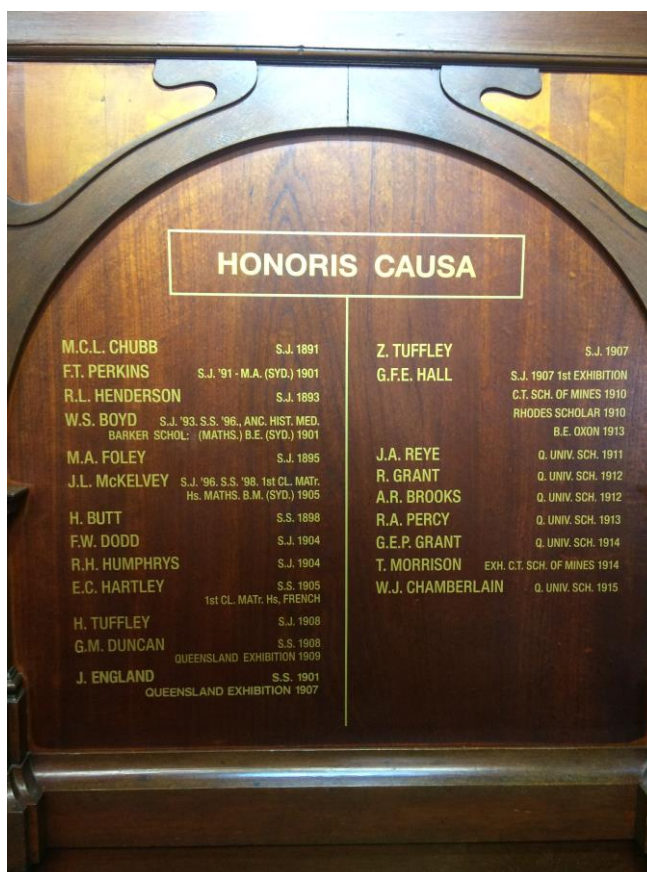


G. F. P. Grant is remembered on the Townsville Grammar School WW1 Honour Board located in reception area of Maurie Blank Administration Building, Paxton and Burke Street, North Ward, Townsville, Queensland.



**Townsville Grammar School WW1 Honour Board** (Photos with permission from TGS Archives)

G. F. P. Grant is remembered on the Townsville Grammar School's "Honoris Causa" Board.



(Photos with permission from TGS Archives)



G. F. P. Grant is remembered on the Townsville Grammar School Roll of Honour which is located on the western side of the School quadrangle & commemorates the names of “Past Grammarians Who Gave Their Lives In War”.



**Townsville Grammar School Roll of Honour** (Photo with permission from TGS Archives)

George Ferguson Pearman Grant is remembered on the University of Queensland Roll of Honour for 1914 – 1919, located in the entrance foyer of the J. D. Story Building, University Drive, St. Lucia Campus, Queensland.



**University of Queensland Roll of Honour for 1914 – 1919**

(Photo from Queensland War Memorial Register – Dennis Stocks)

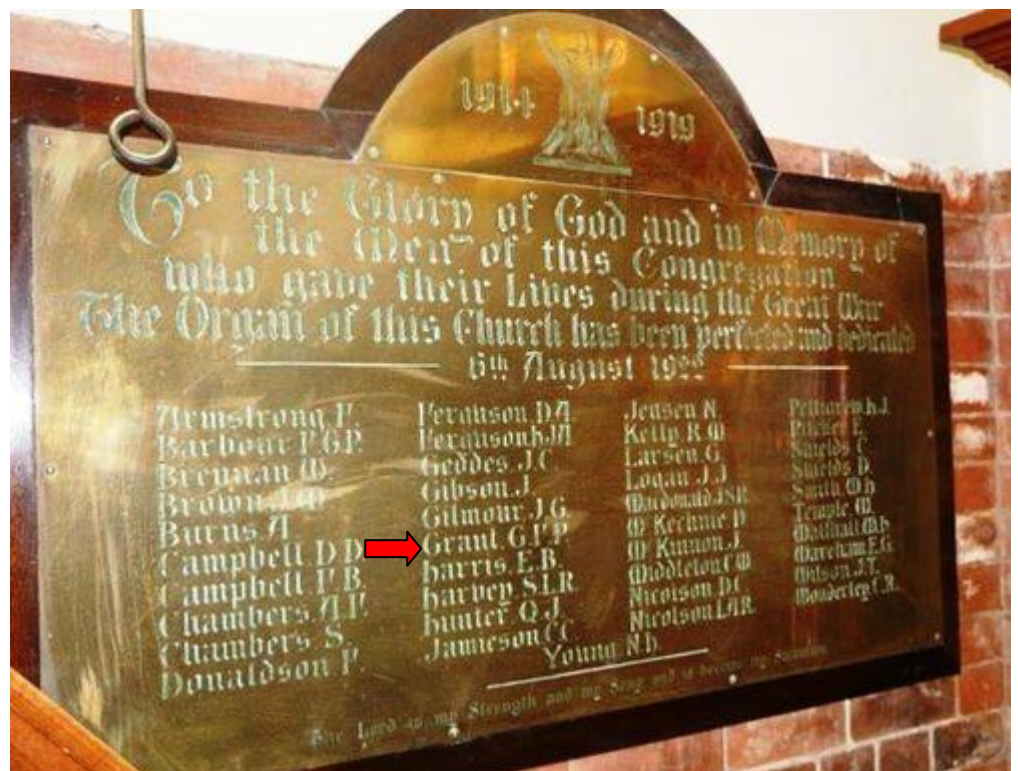


G. F. P. Grant is remembered on the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Organ Roll of Honour, located inside Merrington Memorial Peace Chapel, St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann & Creek Streets, Brisbane, Queensland. The organ of the church was altered and enlarged in 1922 and dedicated to members of the church congregation who died in service or were killed in action during World War One.

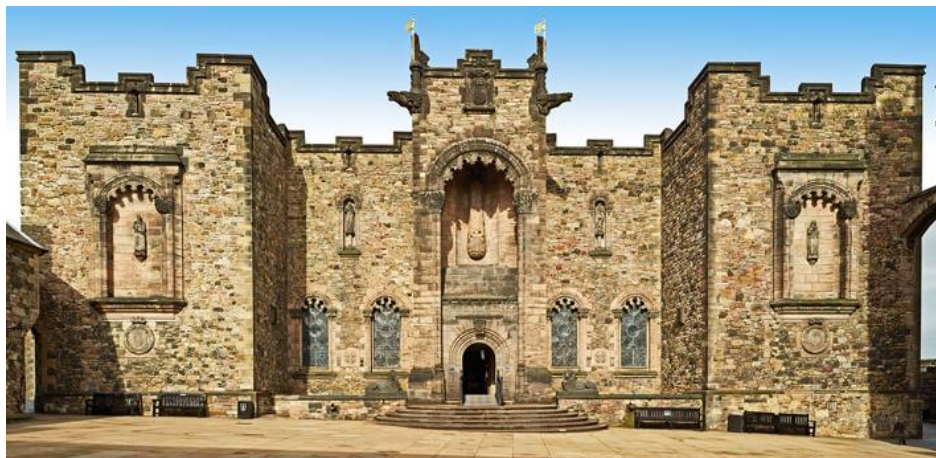


**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Organ Roll of Honour**

*(Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)*



George Ferguson Grant is remembered in the Roll of Honour Books held in the Hall of Honour inside The Scottish National War Memorial. The north side of the Hall of Honour is divided by columns into bays, each dedicated to a different regiment and enhanced with battle honours and consecrated colours. On the broad shelf in front of each of the bays, the names of the dead are listed in leather-bound books.



**The Scottish National War Memorial & the Hall of Honour & the Roll of Honour Books.**

*(Photos from The Scottish National War Memorial)*

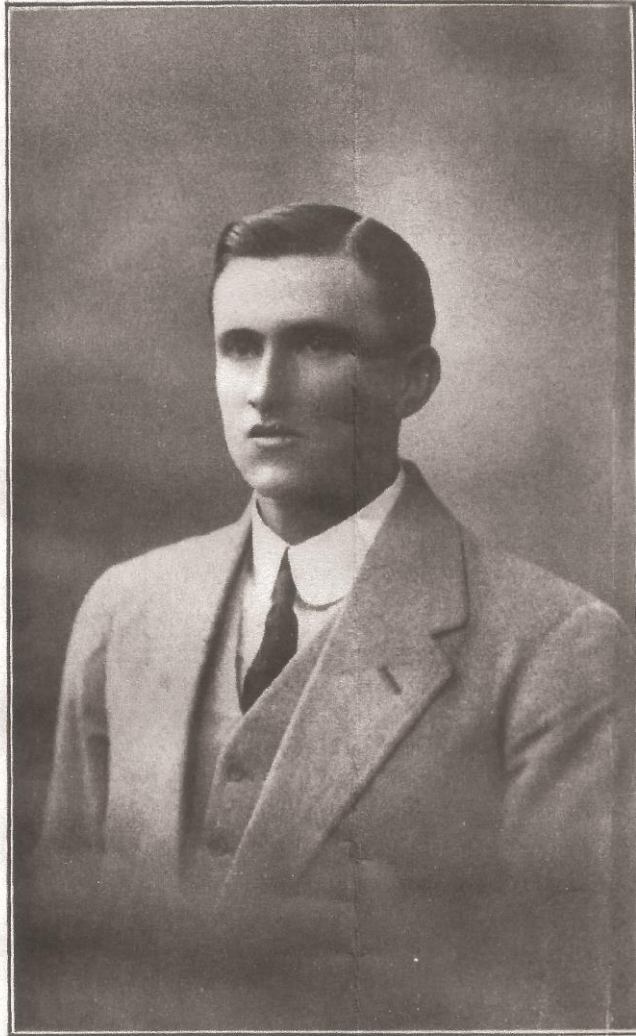


(65 pages of Pte George Ferguson Grant's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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



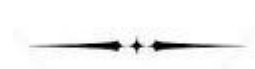




G. F. P. GRANT, Scholarship Winner University of Queensland.

**George Ferguson Pearman Grant**

*(Photo with permission from Townsville Grammar School Archives)*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **TURRIFF MILITARY FUNERAL**

The funeral of the late Pte G. F. Grant, Australian Army Medical Corps, only son of Mr George Grant, Brisbane, Australia, and grandson of the late Mr Grant, Market Hill, Turriff, took place to the New Cemetery, Turriff, on Saturday afternoon. The deceased was born in Turriff, and emigrated along with his parents to Australia some sixteen years ago. He was a brilliant medical student, and the profession held out bright prospects for him, having gained several scholarships in Townsville and Melbourne. He died at Burdon Hospital, Weymouth, of influenza and pneumonia, having been taken ill just immediately before he was expected to proceed home. The funeral was a military one, and there was a large muster of the local Volunteer force, together with discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors, as well as a large representation of the general community, under the command of Captain Ritchie. The procession was headed by two pipers of the Gordons, Pte McAllister and Pte McKenzie. Along the High Street, where the cortege passed, all the shops were closed and the blinds of private houses drawn. An impressive service was conducted at the grave by the Rev. Duncan McLaren, Parish Church. The chief mourners and pall bearers were Mr Wm. Grant, cutter, Aberdeen, and Mr Charles Grant, baker, Culter (uncles); Sapper Henry and Sapper James Grant, R.E., Aberdeen; Corpl. W. Grant, Turriff; and Mr Charles Black, Foylzie, King Edward (cousins); and Pte Frank Drill, a comrade of the deceased, who is also attached to the Australian Army Medical Corps.

*(Aberdeen Press and Journal, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland - 3 March, 1919)*

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### **TOLL OF WAR**

#### **ANOTHER CASUALTY LIST**

##### **Casualty List No. 462**

##### **DIED OTHER CAUSES**

Pte G. F. Grant, Eagle Junction, 25/2/19, illness.

*(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Qld – 1 April, 1919)*

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### **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)*

Pte G. F. Grant does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*In Memory Of The Beloved Son Of Mr & Mrs G. Grant, Brisbane*



Photo of Pte G. F. Grant's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Turriff Cemetery, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.



*(Photo courtesy of Martin Briscoe)*

**Turriff Cemetery, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland**

Turriff Cemetery contains 8 Commonwealth War Graves – 4 relating to World War 1 & 4 relating to World War 2.



**Entrance to Turriff Cemetery** *(Photo by J. Thomas)*