

**Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery,
East Sussex, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2/2951 SECOND LIEUTENANT

H. B. GRAVE MM.

N.Z. FIELD ARTILLERY

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1918 Age 26

Howard Burton GRAVE

Howard Burton Grave was born at Ballarat, Victoria on 3rd February, 1891 to parents Henry Thomas Harrison Grave & Mary Jane Grave (nee Russell).

The 1914 New Zealand Electoral Roll for the division of Wellington East General Roll listed Howard Burton Grave, Insurance Inspector, of 81 Austin Street.

Howard Burton Grave was a 24 year old Insurance Inspector (for Standard Insurance Company at Wellington) from Hautana Square, Lower Hutt, New Zealand when he enlisted on 19th October, 1915 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 2/2951 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr H. T. H. Grave, C/o Standard Insurance Company, Auckland, New Zealand.

Gunner Howard Burton Grave was posted to 11th Artillery on 21st October, 1915. He was promoted to Temporary Corporal on the same day.

Temporary Corporal Howard Burton Grave was promoted to Corporal on 10th December, 1915 while posted at Trentham.

Sergeant (as per rank listed on Form E.F. 60) was admitted to Hospital at Trentham Camp on 22nd February, 1916 with suspected Measles. He was discharged on 23rd February, 1916.

Corporal Howard Burton Grave was promoted to Sergeant from 26th February, 1916 while posted at Trentham.

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave embarked from Wellington, New Zealand on 1st April, 1916 with HMNZT 49 *Tahiti* with 11th Reinforcements of New Zealand Field Artillery, No. 5 Field Battery of New Zealand Expeditionary Force. He disembarked at Suez, Egypt on 2nd May, 1916.

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave reverted to the rank of Bombardier on 4th May, 1916 at Base Details at Tel-el-Kebir.

Bombardier Howard Burton Grave was appointed as Temporary Sergeant on 4th May, 1916 while posted at Sling Camp.

Temporary Sergeant Howard Burton Grave embarked from Alexandria on 29th May, 1916 for England on H.T. *Nile*.

Temporary Sergeant Howard Burton Grave passed an advanced Class of Instruction at No. 3 Training School on 29th July, 1916.

Temporary Sergeant Howard Burton Grave's appointment was confirmed on 30th August, 1916.

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave was admitted to 3rd New Zealand General Hospital on 7th November, 1916 with Mumps (slight). He was transferred to V.D. Section at Codford, Wiltshire on 27th November, 1916.

Howard Burton Grave was admitted to 3rd New Zealand General Hospital – V.D. Section at Codford, Wiltshire on 6th December, 1916. He was discharged on 20th December, 1916 & posted to N.Z.E.F. (New Zealand Expeditionary Force) on 26th December, 1916.

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave left the New Zealand Command Depot on 18th January, 1917 & was taken on strength of Talavera Barracks, N.Z.F.A. (New Zealand Field Artillery) Depot at Aldershot the same day.

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave proceeded overseas to France from Aldershot on 10th February, 1917. He was marched into Camp at N.Z. Infantry & General Base Depot at Etaples, France on 12th February, 1917. He was marched out to Division on 25th February, 1917 & was posted to New Zealand D.A.C. (Divisional Artillery Column) on 1st March, 1917.

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave was awarded the Military Medal on 15th August, 1917 for an Act of Gallantry in the Field. (*London Gazette* 16th August, 1917).

"On 6th June 1917 along the Pouse Boyd Tramline in Ploegsteert Wood, when engaged in getting up ammunition to New Zealand Divisional Artillery Batteries in the vicinity this N.C.O. displayed great courage under heavy shellfire,

maintaining the supply under great difficulty, in the handling of mules and encouraging of men. Owing to the batteries ahead having lost much ammunition by explosion, the supply was urgent, and when the line was blown out in several places, after placing the personnel and animals in safety, he with Bombardier Turner returned to assist the maintenance gang in relaying same. This incident is only one of the many such which he has performed while on more or less continuous duty, supplying shell to batteries in the Southern System during the last three weeks."

The Military Medal (MM) was a military decoration awarded to personnel of the British Army and other arms of the armed forces, and to personnel of other Commonwealth countries, below commissioned rank, for bravery in battle on land. The award was established in 1916, with retrospective application to 1914, and was awarded to other ranks for "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire". (*Wikipedia*)



Military Medal (MM)

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave was nominated by G.O.C. for Training in England on 18th September, 1917 & was detached to England for training for Artillery Commission in N.Z.E.F. on 27th September, 1917. He proceeded to England via Boulogne, France on 27th September, 1917.

Sergeant Howard Burton Grave joined R.F.A. No. 1 Officers Cadet School at St. John's Wood, England on 26th October, 1917.

Howard Burton Grave was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant from 8th April, 1918 (*New Zealand Gazette* No. 96 – 4 July, 1918) & was taken on strength of New Zealand Field Artillery Depot at Ewshott, England on 29th April, 1918.

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave was admitted to Grove Military Hospital at Tooting on 4th May, 1918 with V.D.G. He was discharged to Headquarters on 11th July, 1918.

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave was marched in to New Zealand Field Artillery Reserve Depot at Ewshott, England on 12th July, 1918 for light duty.

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave was admitted to N.Z.C. H. (New Zealand Officer Convalescent Home) at Brighton, Sussex on 17th August, 1918 with Debility.

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave was transferred to 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, England on 29th August, 1918. He was placed on the dangerously ill list on 4th September, 1918 & again on 18th September, 1918 at 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, England.

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave died on 19th September, 1918 at 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England from Endocarditis.

A death for Howard B. Grave, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Newhaven, Sussex, England.

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave was buried in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England – Plot number ZHO.107 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Mrs Mary Jane Grave, mother of the late Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave, received the Military Medal awarded to her son on 28th November, 1919 at New Plymouth, New Zealand.

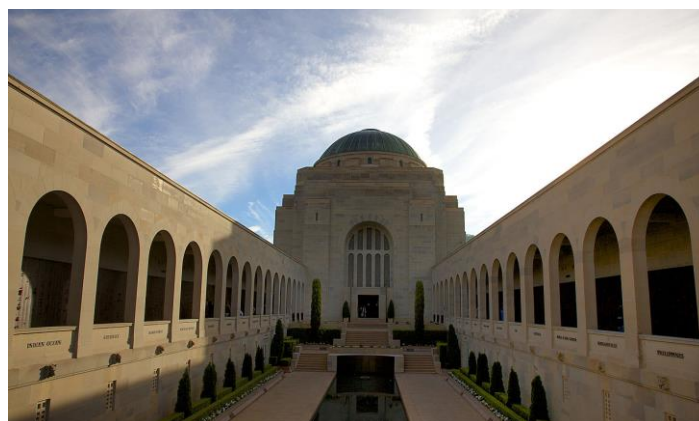
Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. They were awarded to Mrs Mary J. Grave – mother of the late Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave. (British War Medal sent December, 1921 & Victory Medal sent August, 1922). A Memorial Scroll & Plaque were awarded to Mr H. J. H. Grave, father of the late Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave. (Scroll despatched June, 1921 & Plaque despatched November, 1921).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave – service number 2/2951, aged 26, of New Zealand Field Artillery. He was the son of Mr H.T.H. and Mary J. Grave, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave 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)

H. B. Grave is remembered on a Plaque, located below three Stained Glass Windows which were erected as a Memorial to those men from the Church who fell in World War 1. Located inside Barkly Street Uniting Church, 14 – 18A Barkly Street, Ballarat East, Victoria.



A portion of Stained Glass Windows in Barkly Street Uniting Church, Ballarat East, Victoria
(Photos from VWMA)

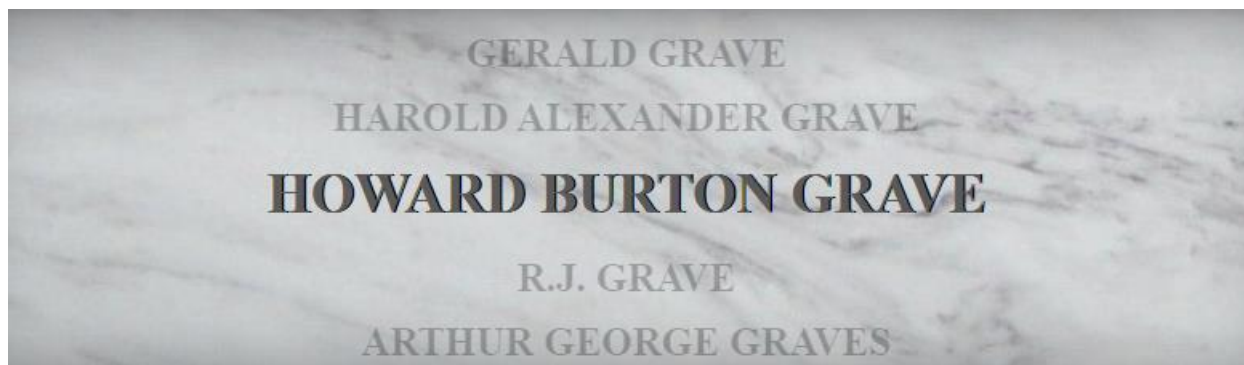


Stained Glass Windows in Barkly Street Uniting Church, Ballarat East, Victoria



Plaque below Stained Glass Windows in Barkly Street Uniting Church, Ballarat East, Victoria

Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave is remembered on the Online Cenotaph – Auckland War Memorial Museum.



Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave is remembered on the New Zealand Army WW1 Roll of Honour for 1914 – 1919 – page 113.

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Reg. No.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Particulars of Casualty.
11/1797	Spr.	Grantham, Frederick John	N.Z.E.	Killed in action, France, 7/9/18.
39513	Pte.	Grantham, William Walden	M.G.C.	Killed in action, France, 13/1/18.
6 3717	Sgt.	Grantley, Eric ..	C.I.R.	Died of wounds, France, 15/8/18.
14415	Pte.	Grassick, Norman ..	Ent. Bn.	Killed in action, France, 8/5/18.
→ 2/2951	2/Lt.	Grave, Howard Burton, M.M.	N.Z.F.A.	Died of disease, U.K., 19/9/18.

(45 pages of Second Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll) & Archives New Zealand



Newspaper Notices

MEN FOR THE FRONT

LATEST CITY RECRUITS

The following men have enlisted in Wellington:-

Howard Burton Grave, Lower Hutt.....

(*Dominion*, Volume 8, Issue 2503 – 2 July, 1915)

WHITELEY ROLL OF HONOUR

UNVEILING CEREMONY

The ceremony of unveiling a roll of honor bearing the names of those men connected with the Whitely Memorial Church and the other Methodist churches in the circuit who have enlisted with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, took place at a special service yesterday morning.....

THE ROLL

The following are the names appearing on the roll of honor:-

Main Body

.....

Eleventh Reinforcements - Sergeant Howard Burton Grave.....

(*Taranaki Daily News* – 4 June, 1917)

PERSONAL

A list of about 230 military decorations gained by New Zealand soldier's in France was issued by the Defence Department on Monday. It contained the names of the following Taranaki men: Military Medal,.....Sergeant Howard Burton Grave (Mr H. T. H. Grave, New Plymouth, father)

(Taranaki Herald, Volume LXV, Issue 145925 – 5 September, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

WELLINGTON MILITARY DISTRICT

Died from Sickness

ARTILLERY

(September 19)

GRAVE, HOWARD BURTON, Second Lieutenant, Military Medal (r H. Grave, New Plymouth, father)

(Otago Daily Times, Issue 17428 – 24 September, 1918)

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR

GRAVE – On the 19th September, 1918, at Brighton, England, Lieutenant Howard Burton Grave, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. T. H. Grave, now of New Plymouth; aged 26 years.

(Evening Post, Volume XCVI, Issue 74 - 24 September, 1918)

Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England

The cemetery is on the Lewes road. It was opened in 1857, and now covers 44 acres. It climbs the hill Eastward, crossing a public road. A War Cross stands in the cemetery.

There are 275 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and a further 102 of the 1939-1945 war commemorated in this site. The 1939-45 commemorations include 3 unidentified Merchant seamen and 1 unidentified British soldier. There are also 40 Foreign National war burials here and 4 non-war service burials.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photos by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





(Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Second Lieutenant H. B. Grave's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England.



(Photo by Terry Denham)