

**Doune Cemetery,
Girvan, Scotland
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



SECOND LIEUTENANT

R. H. GROVE

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

19TH AUGUST, 1918 Age 26

The Pain Has Been

The Glory Is

Raymond Hinton GROVE

Raymond Hinton Grove was born in 1892 at Yarraville, Melbourne, Victoria to parents Joseph & Margaret Ann Grove (nee Lodwick).

Raymond Hinton Grove married Myra Irene Price on 24th July, 1915 at Parkside, South Australia.

Raymond Hinton Grove was a 23 year old, married, Engineering Surveyor from "Myora," Wattle Street, Malvern, South Australia when he enlisted at Keswick, South Australia on 4th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3131 & his religion was Baptist. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Myra Irene Grove, of "Myora" Wattle Street, Malvern, South Australia.

Acting Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove was posted to "A" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 4th August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 27th Battalion on 16th September, 1915.

A birth was registered in 1916 for Eileen Margaret Grove, daughter of Myra Irene & Raymond Hinton Grove.

Acting Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMT *Medic (A7)* on 12th January, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 27th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements.

Acting Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove embarked from Alexandria on HMT *Orana* on 21st March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 27th March, 1916.

Acting Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove was written up for failing to comply with an order on 28th March, 1916 while posted at 2nd Australian Divisional Base Depot at Etaples, France & reverted to ranks.

Private Raymond Hinton Grove was taken on strength of 27th Battalion in France on 2nd May, 1916.

Private Raymond Hinton Grove was attached to 7th Brigade Machine Gun Company on 22nd July, 1916. He was transferred to 7th Australian Machine Gun Company on 14th November, 1916

Private Raymond Hinton Grove was transferred to 1st Anzac Light Railway Unit with the rank of Sapper on 3rd February 1917.

Private Raymond Hinton Grove was transferred to 17th Anzac Light Railway Operating Company on 22nd June, 1917.

Sapper Raymond Hinton Grove was appointed Temporary Corporal on 11th August, 1917 with 17th Railway Company – vice 1235 Cpl. Hansford on Supernumerary List.

Temporary Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove was detached for duty to Brotonne on 14th August, 1917.

Temporary Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove was appointed Corporal on 1st October, 1917 to complete Establishment.

Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove was transferred to A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) Details on 27th October, 1917.

Corporal Raymond Hinton Grove joined No. 1 R.F.C. (Royal Flying Corps) School of Aeronautics at Reading on 2nd November, 1917 & appointed Cadet.

Cadet Raymond Hinton Grove was marched in to 5th Training Squadron for Elementary Instruction in Aviation on 15th January, 1918. He was attached from 17th Anzac L.R.O. Coy.

Cadet Raymond Hinton Grove was detached to 34th Training Squadron, R.F.C., Tern Hill for Higher Instruction in Aviation on 4th March, 1918.

Cadet Raymond Hinton Grove, having graduated as Flying Officer (Pilot) was to be Second Lieutenant in A.I.F. from 26th June, 1918.

Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove was piloting a Sopwith Camel B. 9212 on 19th August, 1918 from No. 1 Fighting School, Turnberry Scotland for the purpose of Gunnery practice.

Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove was presumed killed on 19th August, 1918 as a result of an aeroplane accident when the aeroplane nose-dived into the sea. His body was not recovered at the time of the accident. Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove's body was recovered at Turnberry on 28th August, 1918.

The Royal Air Force report on the incident records that the accident occurred at 11.30 am on 19th August, 1918. The aeroplane crashed into the sea, 2 miles south of Turnberry Aerodrome. The report stated "*After completing dive at target the pilot commenced the climb steeply. The Engine cut out and the machine stalled and spun into the sea. Body not yet recovered.*"

A Court of Enquiry was held at Turnberry, Ayrshire, Scotland on 20th August, 1918 by order of Lieut. Col. L. W. B. Rees, VC., MC., Commandant No. 1 Fighting School, for the purpose of investigating the circumstances attending the accident of Sopwith Camel B 9212 on 19th August, 1918 as a result of which 2/Lieutenant R. H. Groves was missing and presumed dead.

Evidence:

1st. Witness. Lieut.:. H.T.J. JAGGER. R.A.F. states:-

" I flew Sopwith Camel No. 9212. for about an hour on 17th. August, 1918. The engine and machine were then in perfect order. "

(sgd). Herbert. T.J. Jagger. Lt. R.A.F.

2nd. Witness. 2/Lt. T.C. COX. A.F.C. states:-

" On August 19th.. I was doing gunnery practice on a Sopwith Camel along with 2/Lt. Grove, diving on Raft No.3. I had just completed a dive, and was watching 2/Lt. Grove diving in his turn. 2/Lt. Grove dived down on to the target to within about 200 feet of the sea and then flattened out. He appeared to have some difficulty in getting his engine again, but nevertheless he did a climbing turn to the left apparently without his engine, and stalled the machine which spun into the sea.

(sgd). 2/Lt. T.C. Cox. A.F.C.

3rd. Witness. Captain. A.D.C. BROWN. R.A.F. states:-

" On August 19th. 1918. I sent 2/Lt. Grove up on Camel B.9212. to do gunnery practice. This machine was inspected on the morning of the 19th. August, and was in perfect order.

This machine was flown by 2/Lt. Jagger on August 17th., and since that day had only been flown by 2/Lt. Grove.

(sgd). A.D.C. Brown. Capt. R.A. F.

4th. Witness. 41578. 1st. A.M. ENTWHISTIE. R.A.F. states:-

" I was the rigger in chage of Sopwith Camel, B.9212. I examined the machine before it was flown by 2/Lt Grove. on August 19th., and found it in perfect order."

(sgd). 41578. 1/AM. Entwhistle. H.

5th. Witness. 58419. 1st. A.M. WOOLGAR. G.F. R.A.F. states:-

" I was the fitter on Sopwith Camel. B.9212. I examined the engine before it was flown by 2/Lt.Grove on August 19th., and found it in perfect order.

(sgd). 58419. 1/AM. Woolgar. G.F.

Finding:

"The Court having considered the evidence are of the opinion that the accident to Sopwith Camel B. 9212 was due to an error of judgment on the part of the pilot, 2/Lt. Grove."

Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove was buried at 2 pm on 30th August, 1918 in Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland – Plot number M. 11. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove - *Coffin was good polished Oak. The deceased Officer was accorded a Military funeral, Firing Party, Buglers and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the "Union Jack" and surmounted by a beautiful wreath presented by Officers of the School. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Gibson, and during the ceremony three "Camel planes" driven by comrades of deceased circled round the last resting place. The "Last Post" was sounded by Buglers in attendance. An oak cross will be erected on the grave. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Several letters of correspondence between Base Records & Mrs M. I. Grove, widow of the late Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove, occurred between March & June, 1919 regarding several packages of the personal effects of the late Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove. It appears that they had been sent to Wattle Street, South Australia & to Mrs M. I. Grove c/o Mr P. Grove, Berri, South Australia prior to receiving notice that Mrs Grove's new address was 21 James Street, St. Peters, Adelaide, South Australia.

Second Lieutenant R. H. Grove is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 187.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

R. H. Grove is remembered on the Unley Memorial Arch, located in Memorial Gardens, Unley Road & Thomas Street, Unley, South Australia.



Unley Memorial Arch (Photos from Monument Australia)



R. H. Grove is remembered on the Unley City Honour Roll, located in the Town Hall, Unley Road & Oxford Terrace, Unley, South Australia.



Unley City Honour Roll

R. H. Grove 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.



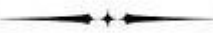
National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Second Lieutenant Grove's widow - Mrs M. I. Grove, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 re-despatched January, 1922 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove, aged 26, of Australian Flying Corps. He was the son of Joseph and Margaret Ann Grove; husband of M. I. Grove, of 21 James St., St. Peters, Adelaide, Australia. Born at Yarraville, Victoria.

(102 pages of Second Lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove'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



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

430th Casualty List

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Second-lieutenant Raymond Hinton Grove, Malvern, August 19.

(*Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW – 26 September, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

GROVE – In loving memory of 2nd Lieutenant R. H. Grove, Australian Flying Corp, accidentally killed, August 19, 1918. –Inserted by his loving parents, J. and M. Grove. His duty noble done.

GROVE – In proud and loving memory of 2nd Lieutenant R. H. Grove, Australian Flying Corp, killed August 19, 1918. –Inserted by his loving wife, M. I. Grove, So fondly loved, so sadly missed.

GROVE – A tribute of love and honor to the memory of Lieutenant R. H. Grove, Australian Flying Corps, killed whilst flying at Tunberry, Scotland, on August 19, 1918, after 3 ½ years' active service. –Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, P.L. and L. H. Grove.

(*The Advertiser*, South Australia – 19 August, 1919)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

GROVE – In loving memory of Lieutenant Ray Grove, accidentally killed Turnbury, Scotland, August 19, 1918. The pain has been – the glory is. – Inserted by his loving wife and parents.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 August, 1920)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

GROVE – In grateful and loving memory of Lieutenant R. H. Grove, A.F.C., killed in Scotland, August 19, 1918. – Inserted by his brother and sister-in-law, P. and L. Grove.

GROVE-PARKES – In proud and loving memory of Lieutenant Ray Grove, A.F.C., killed whilst flying, August 19, 1918; and of his beloved pal Lieutenant Will Parkes, of Creswick, Victoria, A.F.C., killed whilst flying September 1, 1918.

In death they were not divided.

-Inserted by parents, wife and child.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 August, 1921)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

GROVE-PARKES – In proud and loving memory of Lieutenant Ray Grove, A.F.C., killed whilst flying, August 19, 1918; and of his beloved pal Lieutenant Will Parkes, of Creswick, Victoria, A.F.C., killed whilst flying September 1, 1918. -Inserted by wife, child and parents.

GROVE – In proud and grateful memory of Lieutenant R. H. Grove, killed whilst flying in Scotland, August 19, 1918. – Inserted by P. and L. Grove.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 19 August, 1922) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 August, 1922)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

GROVE-PARKES – In proud and loving memory of Lieutenant Ray Grove, A.I.F., killed August 19, 1918; and of his beloved friend Lieutenant Will Parkes, of Creswick, Victoria, A. I.F., killed whilst flying September 1, 1918. -Inserted by his wife and parents.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 August, 1923)

Raymond Grove is remembered on his parents' headstone in Mitcham General Cemetery, South Australia.



(Photo by thebrayz)



Grove Family Headstone in Mitcham General Cemetery, South Australia (Photo courtesy of Kym – [Deadsearch](#))

In Loving Memory Of

LIEUT. RAYMOND GROVE

The Beloved Son Of JOSEPH & MARGARET GROVE

Who Gave His Life For His Country

In 1ST Great World War On 19TH August 1918

The Pain Was, The Glory Is.

Also JOSEPH

The Beloved Husband Of MARGARET GROVE

Who Passed Peacefully Away On 7th July 1949

At Rest.

Also MARGARET ANN

Died 10th July 1950 Aged 87 Years.

ANNIE LODWICK

1ST Sept. 1922

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)

Second Lieutenant R. H. Grove does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Doone Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland

Doone Cemetery, Girvan contains twenty one (21) Commonwealth burials of World War 1 and twenty (20) from World War 2, two of which are unidentified. There are also four Foreign National burials.



(Photo by Billy McCrorie)

Photo of Second Lieutenant R. H. Grove's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Doune Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland.



(Photo courtesy of Geoffrey Gillon)



Doone Cemetery, Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland *(Photo from CWGC)*