

**Stourbridge Cemetery,
Stourbridge, West Midlands, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



27959 GUNNER

C. G. HOGBERG

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

19TH JUNE, 1918 Age 26

Until The Resurrection

Charles Gustavus HOGBERG

Charles Gustavus Hogberg was born on 22nd March, 1893 in Brisbane, Queensland to parents Charles Abraham and Mary Hogberg (nee Martin).

Charles Gustavus Hogberg attended State School – Petrie State, Brisbane, Queensland.

Charles Abraham Classon Hogberg, father of Charles Gustavus Hogberg, died on 25th April, 1903.

The 1915 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Moreton, Ipswich, Queensland recorded Charles Gustavus Hogberg, Clerk, of North Street.

[Note: There are various spellings of the middle name “Gustavus”... The Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial records the name as “Gustavos” as does the Attestation Papers while the Embarkation Roll has the name as “Gustavus” (as per Queensland Births, Deaths & Marriages). The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records the name as “Gustavos”]

Charles Gustavus Hogberg was a 24 year old, single, (Shipping) Clerk from North Street, North Ipswich, Queensland when he enlisted in Brisbane, Queensland on 24th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 27959 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. Hogberg, North Street, North Ipswich, Queensland. Charles Hogberg stated on his Attestation Papers that he served for 2 ½ years with Artillery No. 12 in Queensland.

Private Charles Hogberg was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 2nd February, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Australian Field Artillery on 25th March, 1916 then transferred to 35th Battery of 9th Field Artillery Brigade on 12th April, 1916. Gunner Hogberg was transferred to 3/18th F.A.R. on 16th May, 1916 then transferred to 3rd F.A.B. 20th Reinforcements. He was transferred to 9th Field Artillery Brigade, 5th Reinforcements on 21st September, 1916.

Gunner Charles Gustavus Hogberg embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Ascanius* (A11) on 25th October, 1916 with the 9th Field Artillery Brigade, 5th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 28th December, 1916.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was marched in to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) – Camp 21 at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 29th December, 1916.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was marched out to Swanage on 10th January, 1917 & was marched in to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 1st March, 1917.

Gunner Charles Hogberg proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 1st April, 1917 from R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) Camps 20 & 21 at Larkhill, Wiltshire. He was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 1st April, 1917.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was marched out from A.G.B.D. at Etaples on 11th April, 1917 & was taken on strength of 1st D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) on 14th April, 1917 & posted to No. 2 Section. He was transferred to B Echelon in France on 20th April, 1917.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was sent sick to 2nd Field Ambulance on 14th June, 1917 then admitted the next day with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). He was transferred & admitted to D.R.S. (3rd Field Ambulance) on 15th June, 1917. Gunner Hogberg was discharged to duty on 21st June, 1917 & rejoined his Unit on the same day.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was admitted to 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 17th August, 1917 with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin) then transferred to No. 124 Ambulance Train on 18th August, 1917. He was admitted to 22nd General Hospital at Cannes on 18th August, 1917. Gunner Hogberg embarked for England on *Princess Elizabeth* from France on 22nd August, 1917.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was admitted to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, England on 22nd August, 1917 with P.U.O. He was transferred & admitted to 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford on 4th September, 1917 & discharged to Depot at Weymouth on 10th September, 1917.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was marched in to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth on 10th September, 1917 from 3rd A.A. Hospital at Dartford. The Hospital Admissions form recorded he was suffering from Trench Fever.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was marched out to No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 20th September, 1917 from No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was medically classified as B1 A1 (fit for light duty only for 4 weeks) on 21st September, 1917 at No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire. He was medically classified on 28th September, 1917 as B1 A2 (fit for Overseas Training Camp in 3 – 4 weeks). Gunner Hogberg was medically classified as B1 A3 (fit for Overseas Training Camp in 2 – 3 weeks) & then medically classified as A3 (fit for Overseas Training Camp, to which transferred for hardening, prior to rejoining his unit overseas) on 8th November, 1917

Gunner Charles Hogberg was marched out to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 8th November, 1917 from Hurdcott.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was marched in to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Heytesbury, Wiltshire on 30th November, 1917 from Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was written up for an Offence on 4th December, 1917 while posted at Heytesbury – “A.W.L. (Absent without Leave) from 6.45 am – Stable Parade. He was awarded 7 days Confined to Barracks & forfeited 1 days’ pay.

Gunner Charles Hogberg proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 12th December, 1917 from Heytesbury. He was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 13th December, 1917 from England. Gunner Hogberg was marched out from A.G.B.D. on 24th December, 1917 to join his Unit. He rejoined 1st D.A.C. in the Field on 27th December, 1917.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was temporarily detached for duty to 2nd F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) as Working Party from 9th January, 1918. He was to rejoin his Unit from Detachment on 25th January, 1918.

A Field General Court Martial was held at Outtersteene, France on 12th February, 1918 with Gunner Charles Hogberg charged with “*While on Active Service, Absent without Leave from 6 pm on 11th January, 1918 till 7.30 am on 24th January, 1918.*”

A statement was made by Captain G. Hogan, Section I D.A.C.: “*The accused is a member of my section. I have known him several months. He is a man of excellent character & a thoroughly good _____. He is a good soldier having done good front line work in Flanders. His name was brought to my notice on several occasions for excellent work on shell _____ road. I have never had any trouble with accused.*”

“*Accused on investigation states:- I enlisted 24 January 1916. I have had 12 months service in France. I met some old friend & got drunk. When I recovered I reported back*”

The Finding was Guilty & he was sentenced to 42 days Field Punishment No. 2. Time awaiting Trial – 25th January to 11th February, 1918. Gunner Hogberg forfeited a total of 74 days’ Pay.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 17th February, 1918 with Pleurisy. He was transferred & admitted to 2nd Casualty Clearing Station on 18th February, 1918 then transferred the same day to No. 35 Ambulance Train. Gunner Hogberg was admitted to 7th Stationary Hospital at Boulogne, France on 18th February, 1918. He was transferred to England on Hospital Ship *St. David* on 26th March, 1918.

Gunner Charles Hogberg was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham on 26th March, 1918 with Pleurisy.

Mrs M. Hogberg, North Street, North Ipswich, Queensland was advised by Base Records on 12th April, 1918 that Private C. G. Hogberg had been admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, England suffering from Pleurisy.

Gunner Charles Gustavus Hogberg died at 8.40 pm on 19th June, 1918 at 1st Southern General Hospital – Stourbridge Section, Birmingham, England from Pleurisy Pericarditis.

A death for Charles G. Hogberg, aged 26, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, England.

Gunner Charles Gustavus Hogberg was buried at 2 pm on 24th June, 1918 in Stourbridge Cemetery, Stourbridge, West Midlands, England – Plot number 10 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Gunner Hogberg - *Coffin was good polished Elm. Brass Mountings. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack Flag and surmounted by beautiful floral tributes from Mrs Jones Mintre Inn, Lye and Mrs James Pitt, Woodfield, Worsley, Stourbridge. A large number of A.I.F. patients in hospital attended the funeral, also a number of Nurses. Prior to interment a service was held at the graveside by Chaplain the Rev. W. W. Pritchard of Stourbridge. Firing Party and Pallbearers were in attendance from the 1st Southern General Hospital, Stourbridge. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Private Charles Hogberg requested in his Will, dated 5th May, 1916, that his mother – Mary Hogberg be appointed as the sole Executrix & all his Estate both real and personal be bequeathed to his mother.

The Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co. Ltd wrote to Base Records on 29th July, 1918 to request the certificate of death along with identification particulars for "*C. G. C. Hogburg, No. 27959, 1st Divisional Amm. Colm.*"

Base Records replied on 12th September, 1918 enclosing the report of death of "*the late No. 27959, Gunner C. G. Holberg, 1st Divisional Ammunition Column, together with identification particulars.*"

Base Records contacted Mrs M. Hogberg, North Street, North Ipswich, Queensland, on 4th May, 1921 stating she was noted on the records of the late Gunner C. G. Hogberg as the registered next-of-kin but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was still alive due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Mrs Hogberg replied to Base Records on 12th May, 1921 to advise that she was the widowed mother of the late No. 27959 Gunner C. G. Hogberg.

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. Hogberg, North Street, North Ipswich, Queensland on 24th November, 1922 stating that the Memorial Plaque & Scroll in respect of the services of her son had been received at their office & they were inscribed with the name "*Charles Gustavus Hogberg*" but there was some doubt regarding the correct spelling of the second Christian name. The letter went on to say "*I should also be glad to learn in the event of the Plaque being incorrectly embossed if you are prepared to accept same in its present form. Otherwise it will be necessary to arrange for the provision of a fresh plaque, and I am afraid some considerable time must elapse before this can be obtained...*" There is no reply from Mrs Hogberg in the Service Record file.

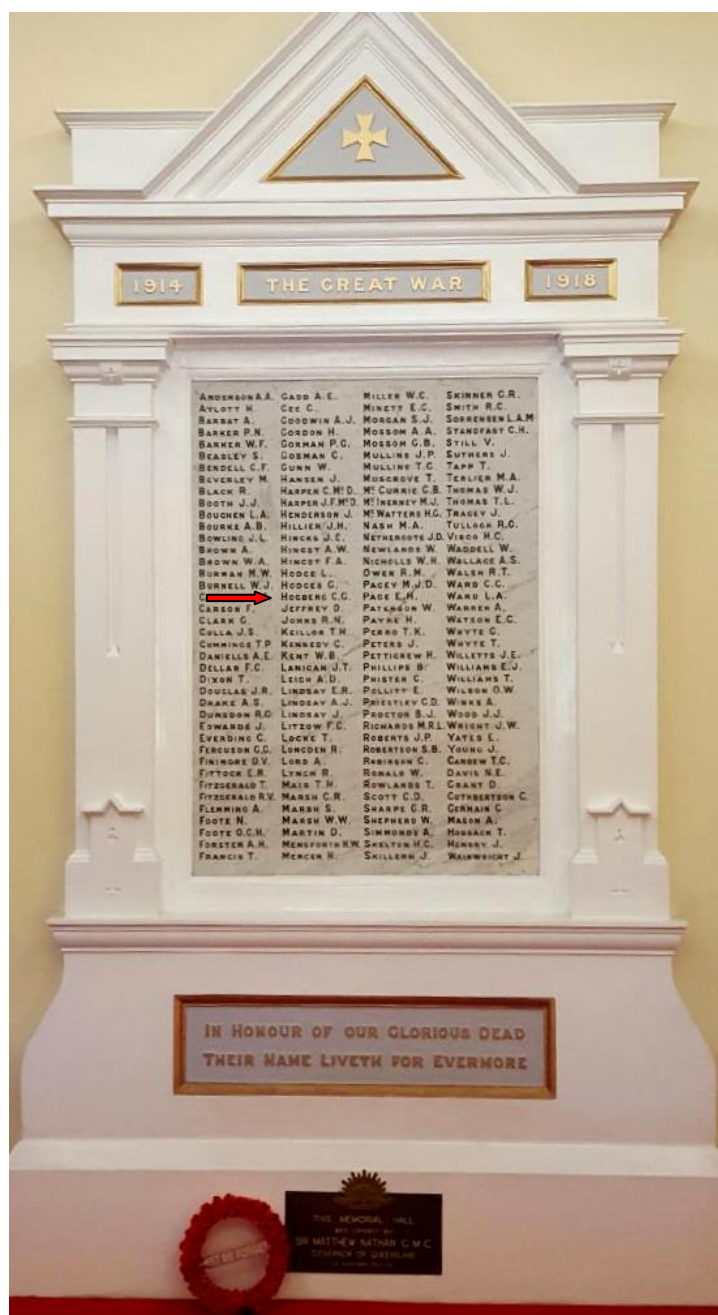
Gunner Charles Gustavus Hogberg was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Hogberg's mother – Mrs M. Hogberg, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1912 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. Hogberg, North Street, North Ipswich, Queensland on 20th June, 1924 with the following letter: "*I am in receipt of a communication from Mr L. M. Instone, 26 Lea Rd., Wolverhampton, England (formerly a member of the Australian Imperial Force), who on Anzac Day last visited the grave of your son, the late No. 27959 Gunner C. G. Hogberg, 1st Div. Amm. Col., and other Australian soldiers buried in the Stourbridge Cemetery. No doubt this action will be appreciated by you and it is thought you may desire to personally communicate with him.*"

Mrs M. Hogberg, North Street, North Ipswich, Queensland was sent the following letter on 4th June, 1925 by Base Records: “You will doubtless be interested to learn that in the occasion of the recent Anzac Day pilgrimage to the graves of Australian soldiers buried in the United Kingdom, the cemetery at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, wherein the remains of your son, the late No. 27959 Gnr C. G. Hogberg, 1st D.A.C., and other members of the Force are interred was again visited by Mr L. M. Instone, of “Elmdene”, Woodfield Avenue, Penn. Wolverhampton, England. The thanks of the Department have been conveyed to Mr Instone for this further evidence of his continued interest in and attention to the graves of our fallen soldiers, and it is thought you may desire to personally express your appreciation of his kindness.”

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Charles Gustavog Hogberg – service number 27959, aged 26, of 1st Div. Ammunition Col., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Charles Abraham and Mary Hogberg, of North St., Ipswich, Queensland.

C. G. Hogberg is remembered on the Ipswich Soldiers’ Memorial Hall Roll of Honour, located on 2nd Floor, Ipswich Soldiers’ Memorial Hall, 61 Nicholas Street, Ipswich, Queensland.



Ipswich Soldiers’ Memorial Hall Roll of Honour (Photo from Queensland War Memorial Register)

Gunner C. G. Hogberg is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(63 pages of Gunner Charles Gustavus Hogberg'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

CASUALTIES

THE 393RD LIST

ILL

C. G. Hogberg, N. Ipswich

(Daily Standard, Brisbane, Queensland – 25 April, 1918)

PERSONAL NOTES

The Mayor of Ipswich has received word that Private Charles Gustavus Hogberg, son of Mrs Hogberg, of North-street, North Ipswich, died on June 18. The message added that further inquiries were being made as to the cause of death.

(The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 29 June, 1918)

Roll of Honour

Casualty List 415

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Gnr. C. G. Hogberg, N. Ipswich, cause not stated, p.r.p.o.w., illness, 19/6/18

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 8 July, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HOGBERG – Died from pleurisy, June 18, at Stourbridge, England, Gunner Charles Gustavus, son of Mrs Hogberg, North Ipswich, and the late Charles A. Hogberg, Loco. Department, Brisbane.

(Queensland Times, Ipswich, Queensland – 13 July, 1918) & (The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 20 July, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HOGBERG – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Gunner C. G. Hogberg, who died on June 19, 1918, at 1st Southern General Hospital, Stourbridge, England.

(Inserted by his loving mother, sisters and brother.)

(Queensland Times, Ipswich, Queensland – 19 June, 1919) & (The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 19 June, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HOGBERG – Died in 1st Southern General Hospital, Stonebridge, England, on June 19, 1920, Charles Gustavus Hogberg, A.I.F.

Sadly mourned by mother, brother, and sisters.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 19 June, 1920)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HOGBERG – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Gunner C. G. Hogberg, 1st D.A.C., who died at Stourbridge, England, 19th June, 1918.

Inserted by his loving mother, sisters and brother.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 18 June, 1921)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HOGBERG – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, C. G. Hogberg, who died at Stourbridge, England, 19th June, 1918.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 19 June, 1922)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HOGBERG – In loving memory of Gunner E. G. Hogberg, 1st D.A.C., who died at Stourbridge Hospital, England, 19th June, 1918.

Inserted by his loving mother, sisters and brother.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 19 June, 1923)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HOGBERG – In loving memory of Gunner C. G. Hogberg, who died 19th June, 1918, at Stourbridge Hospital, Stourbridge, England.

Inserted by his loving mother, sisters and brother.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 19 June, 1926)

Gunner C. G. Hogberg is remembered on a headstone in South Brisbane Cemetery, also known as Dutton Park Cemetery, Annerley Road, Sutton Park, Brisbane, Queensland. Other family members included on the headstone: Jane Hogberg (died 10 November, 1888), Charles A. C. Hogberg (died 25 May 1903) & Mary Hogberg (died 15 June, 1946).





Hogberg Family Headstone (Photo from Billion Graves)

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)

Gunner C. G. Hogberg does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Until The Resurrection

Stourbridge Cemetery, Stourbridge, West Midlands, England

The cemetery contains 47 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war, (including those of 13 Australian soldiers, near which a Cenotaph is placed); and a War Cross is erected on the main roadway close to the entrance. The 1st Southern General Hospital had a Section in the Stourbridge Infirmary.

Most of the First World War burials are scattered but 17 form a small plot. The cemetery also contains 20 scattered burials of the Second World War and 1 Non World War burial here.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo by cookie – Find a Grave)



Australian Plot (Photo courtesy of Margaret Carter)

Stourbridge Cemetery Overseas Soldiers Sarcophagus

Adjacent to the Plot where the 13 Australian WW1 War Graves are located sits a Sarcophagus Memorial (listed by CWGC above as a Cenotaph) which reads:

*“In Grateful Memory Of Our Comrades From
Overseas Who Died In The Stourbridge Military
Hospital During The Great War 1914-19.”*

The names of the 13 Australians are listed on the Plaque along with a Soldier from Canadian Contingent & 2 Soldiers from U.S.A.



(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)



Stourbridge Cemetery Overseas Soldiers Sarcophagus/Memorial
(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)



Arrow showing the Plot where Australian WW1 War Graves are located *(Photo courtesy of Margaret Carter)*



Stourbridge Cemetery showing Australian WW1 War Graves *(Photos courtesy of Margaret Carter)*



Photo of Gunner C. G. Hogberg's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Stourbridge Cemetery, Stourbridge, West Midlands, England.



(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett – Private Collection)