

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

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1313 PRIVATE**

**H. POVEY**

**EAST SURREY REGIMENT**

**19TH MARCH, 1918 Age 50**

*Rest In Peace*

## Henry POVEY

Henry Povey was born at Poplar, Middlesex, England in 1867 to parents William Henry and Emily Sophia Povey (nee Harrison).

The 1871 England Census recorded Henry Povey as a 3 year old, living with his family at No 11 Warrington Place, Poplar, London, Middlesex, England. His parents were listed as William Povey (Engine Fitter, aged 32, born Marylebone) & Emily Povey (aged 29, born Marylebone). Henry was one of four children listed on this Census (all born Poplar) – William Povey (aged 8), Thomas Povey (aged 5) then Henry & Edward Povey (aged 1).

[Possible entry for the 1881 England Census – surname listed as “Pavey”: Henry Povey, Scholar, aged 13, was listed at 4 Edenham Street, Kensington, London, Middlesex, England along with his mother – Emily Povey (married, Ironer, aged 39) & younger sister Emily (scholar, aged 9, born Poplar, Middlesex).]

The 1901 England Census recorded Henry Povey’s parents - William H. Povey (Marine Engine Fitter, aged 62) & Emily S. Povey (aged 59) living at 22 St Georges Rd, Kensington in a one room. The dwelling was shared by 5 different households.

Henry Povey married Sarah Brind around 1904.

A birth was registered in September quarter, 1905 in the district of Fulham, London, England for Herbert Victor Povey. Mother’s maiden name was Brind.

Emily Sophia Povey, aged 65, mother of Henry Povey, died in 1907 in the district of Kensington, London, England.

A birth was registered in March quarter, 1908 in the district of Paddington, London, England for Frederick Povey. Mother’s maiden name was Brind.

A birth was registered in March quarter, 1910 in the district of Paddington, London, England for Jack Povey.

The 1911 England Census recorded Henry Povey as a 39 year old married man who was out of employment living at 45 Hampden Street, Harrow Road, Paddington, London West, England which was a 2 roomed dwelling. His wife was listed as Sarah Povey (Painter’s Labourer, aged 44, born Hillingdon). Henry & Sarah Povey had been married for 7 years & had 3 children. The children were listed on this Census (no place of birth listed for any of the children) – Bert Povey (aged 5 9/12), Fred Povey (aged 3 3/12) & Jack Povey (aged 1 3/12).

A death was registered in September quarter, 1911 in the district of Paddington, London, England for Jack Povey.

Henry Povey enlisted with the British Army at Shepherd’s Bush, Middlesex. He was posted to East Surrey Regiment with a service number of 1313.

*[Note: It appears that the Service Record File for Private Henry Povey is unable to be located. Around 60% of WW1 Soldiers’ Records were damaged or completely lost as a result of enemy bombing in England in 1940 during World War 2 ]*

Private Henry Povey’s Medal Index Card recorded that he first entered a Theatre of War on 7th October, 1915 in France.

Private Henry Povey was transferred to Labour Corps – Northern Command Labour Centre & was issued with a new service number – 400542.

Private Henry Povey died on 19th March, 1918 at Brighton, Sussex, England from illness.

A death for Henry Povey, aged 51, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Brighton, Sussex, England.

Private Henry Povey was buried in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England – Plot number ZGV. 19 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Henry Povey was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Henry Povey – service number 1313, aged 50, of 3rd Bn., East Surrey Regiment; transferred to (400542) Northern Command Labour Centre, Labour Corps. He was the son of William and Emily Povey; husband of Sarah Povey, of The Nest, Baldry St., Chatswood, Sydney, Australia.

Private Henry Povey is remembered on the Online Memorial for London's fallen in the First World War. He is listed as residing at Notting Hill, London.



Private Henry Povey 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.

*(Note: It appears that Private Henry Povey's name is included on the Commemorative Roll in error & was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.)*

*\*\*Mrs Sarah Povey, 53 year old Housewife & her 2 children Herbert V. Povey, aged 14 & Frederick Povey, aged 12 were passengers on the Euripides which departed from the port of London, England on 25th September, 1920 bound for Australia. The Ship arrived at the port of Sydney, NSW on 15th November, 1920.*



**Commemorative Roll Book at The Australian War Memorial** (Photo from AWM)



**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll)*



### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private H. Povey has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone & his personal inscription on his headstone reads:

*Rest In Peace*

## 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 Private H. Povey's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England.



*(Photo by Terry Denham)*