

**Arnos Vale Cemetery,
Bristol, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



12003 DRIVER

P. C. STEWART

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

15TH APRIL, 1917 Age 19

Pentzlyn/Pentzlyn Charles (Charlie) STEWART

[Note: the different spellings of the Christian name – listed as Pentzlyn by CWGC, Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour & Australian Red Cross Wounded & Missing file; listed as Pentzlyn by Australian War Memorial Embarkation Roll & by information provided for the Roll of Honour by next of kin (?) & Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force completed & signed by Pentzlyn Charles Stewart]

APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

To the Recruiting Officer _____
at Geelong

I, Pentzlyn Charles Stewart
hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service
Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by
Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS. 32 Fyans St
South Geelong

Signature Pentzlyn Charles Stewart
Occupation Butcher
Date 23/8/15

(OFFICIAL STAMP)

Pentzlyn Charles George Manley Stewart (name as listed on 1897/1898 Births in the district of Hobart) was born on 1st February, 1897 at Foster Street, New Town, Hobart, Tasmania to parents George Allan & Ethel Anne Stewart (nee McGuire).

George Allan Stewart, father of Pentzlyn Charles Stewart, died on 12th May, 1898 in Hobart, Tasmania of Typhoid.

Pentzlyn Charles Stewart attended the State School, Glenorchy, Tasmania.

Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was an 18 year old, single, Butcher from 32 Fyans Street, South Geelong, Victoria when he enlisted at Geelong, Victoria on 25th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 12003 & his religion was Church of England (as per Embarkation Roll, however Church of Christ was listed on his Attestation Papers). His next of kin was listed as his widowed mother – Mrs E. A. Stewart, 32 Fyans Street, South Geelong, Victoria. Pentzlyn Stewart stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with 69th Battalion, Senior Cadets.

As Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was under the age of 21 years – his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Ethel Ann Stewart signed her consent.

Private Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was posted to "G" Company at Geelong on 1st September, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to "C" Company at Geelong on 15th September, 1915. Private Stewart was transferred to 1st D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) 14th Reinforcements on 17th November, 1915 as Gunner.

Gunner Pentzlyn Charles Stewart embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Themistocles* (A32) on 28th January, 1916 with the 1st Divisional Ammunition Column, 14th Reinforcements.

Gunner Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was taken on strength of D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) from Reinforcements on 29th February, 1916 at Cairo & was posted to No. 2 Section.

Gunner Pentzlyn Charles Stewart embarked from Alexandria on 29th March, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 4th April, 1916.

Gunner Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was admitted to No. 26 General Hospital at Havre, France on 15th April, 1916 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined) – eyes. He was discharged & joined Base Depot at Etaples on 27th April, 1916.

Gunner Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was taken on strength of D.A.C. & posted to No. 4 Section on 4th June, 1916.

Gunner Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was transferred to 2nd F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) on 16th June, 1916 & was taken on strength of 102 Battery, 2nd F.A.B. on the same day.

Mrs Ethel Ann Stewart, widowed mother of Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart, advised Base Records on 28th September, 1916 that her new address would be "The Rest" Chelsworth Road, Ivanhoe, Victoria (previously 22 Fyans Street, South Geelong, Victoria).

Gunner Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was mustered as Driver in the Field on 2nd October, 1916.

Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was sent sick to Hospital on 17th December, 1916 & admitted to 8th Australia Field Ambulance with Ashigmatation (?). He was transferred to Divisional Rest Station on 17th December, 1916 with sore Feet. Driver Stewart was transferred & admitted to New Zealand Stationary Hospital at Amiens, France on 27th December, 1916 with Nasal Catarrh. He was transferred & admitted to 6th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 6th January, 1917 with Max. Sen. C (?). Driver Stewart was transferred to England from Rouen on 28th January, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Western Australia* with L. Max Mictral sinusiten (?).

Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was admitted to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England on 29th January, 1917. He was reported as seriously ill on 13th April, 1917.

Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart died at 11.35 pm on 15th April, 1917 at Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England from Chronic Nasal Multisinatis, Necrosis Cribiform Plate, Left Cerebral Frontal Abscess & Septic Meningitis.

A death for Charles P. Stewart, aged 18, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was buried at 11 am on 20th April, 1917 in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. His name is remembered on the CWGC Screen Wall & he has a flat Memorial Stone. Cemetery/Memorial reference Screen Wall 6. 706. From the burial report of Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart - *Coffin was polished oak. Gun Carriage and Coffin Bearers provided by Bristol Garrison. Last Post sounded. An impressive Burial Ceremony was held in Temple Church Bristol by Rev H Brookman Church of England. Floral wreath was sent by Sisters Nurses and Comrades of the Ward. A Cross and Wreath of Laurels by the Australian Somrades Inmates of the Hospital. Thirty Australian Soldiers were present and all the Patients of the Ward were present at the Funeral. No relatives were present. Mrs and Miss Shrimpton of 17 Seneca Street Bristol were present. The lad was a great favourite with the Nurses and Soldiers of the Hospital and I was asked to convey many messages of Sympathy to the bereaved Mother.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart contains a letter from H. Cavanagh, Assistant Matron, Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England which reads: "*Re 12003 Dvr. P. C. Stewart. 2nd F.A.B. He was admitted here 29-1-17 from France, very thin and ill, and complained of severe headaches and nasal discharge. During the few weeks following he seemed to pick up a little and made friends in the neighbourhood and went out on pass. He was a great favourite in the ward with the other patients and was most anxious to help Sisters and Nurses with any little ward duty. The headaches became more severe and symptoms of abscess in frontal sinus developed. It was decided to operate on March 23rd, but he did not improve and on April 6th another operation was found necessary, but patient however became worse (gradually), Meningitis supervened, and he died April 15th. He was total unconscious from April 14th, Saturday Morning till Sunday afternoon, when he became semi-conscious, but never quite clear, and gradually became unconscious again until he passed away at 11 pm Sunday. The funeral took place at Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, in the soldiers' corner, the service being held first at Temple Church. As many patients as possible attended the funeral, including a number of Australians who had known him some time, and two of the Sisters represent the nursing staff. There were two wreaths, one from the Australian patients in the hospital, and the other from the nursing staff and patients of his ward. It was a Military funeral. A letter was written a few days*

before his death to his Mother, by the Sister in Charge of the ward, and another some days later, giving particulars of his death and enclosing his badge and numerals. Letters have been received from Mrs Stewart, the last one answered about April, so I think she has received a large amount of details about her dear son, but we quite understand how the Mother's long for any news of their dear ones."

Mrs Ethel Ann Stewart, widowed mother of the late Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart, advised Base Records on 24th April, 1917 that her new address would be 30 Power Street, Nth Williamstown, Victoria.

Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart requested in his Will, dated 25th February, 1916, that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects be given to his mother – Mrs Ethel Ann Stewart.

A War Pension was granted to Ethel Ann Stewart, of Power Street, Nth Williamstown, widowed mother of the late Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart, in the sum of 43/ per fortnight from 20th June, 1917.

Base Records forwarded on to Mrs E. Stewart, 27 Chatham Street, Prahran, Victoria, widowed mother of the late Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart, on 20th July, 1923, 25th September, 1924 & 30th July, 1925, a photograph depicting the Cross erected in the soldiers' corner of the Arnos Vale Cemetery, where her son was interred, along with a Memorial Card & press cutting of the ceremony. The items had been sent from Mr Robert Bush, Bishop's Knoll, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, England. (see photos below).

Base Records forwarded on to Mrs E. Stewart, 27 Chatham Street, Prahran, Victoria, widowed mother of the late Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart, on 12th August, 1930, a copy of the "*Western Daily Press*" containing an article referring to the Anzac Day Pilgrimage and Memorial Service held at Arnos Vale Cemetery, where the remains of her late son were interred. The Newspaper items had been sent from Mr Robert Bush, Bishop's Knoll, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, England. The envelope was marked "*unknown by Postmen Prahran.*"

Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Stewart's widowed mother – Mrs E. Stewart, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

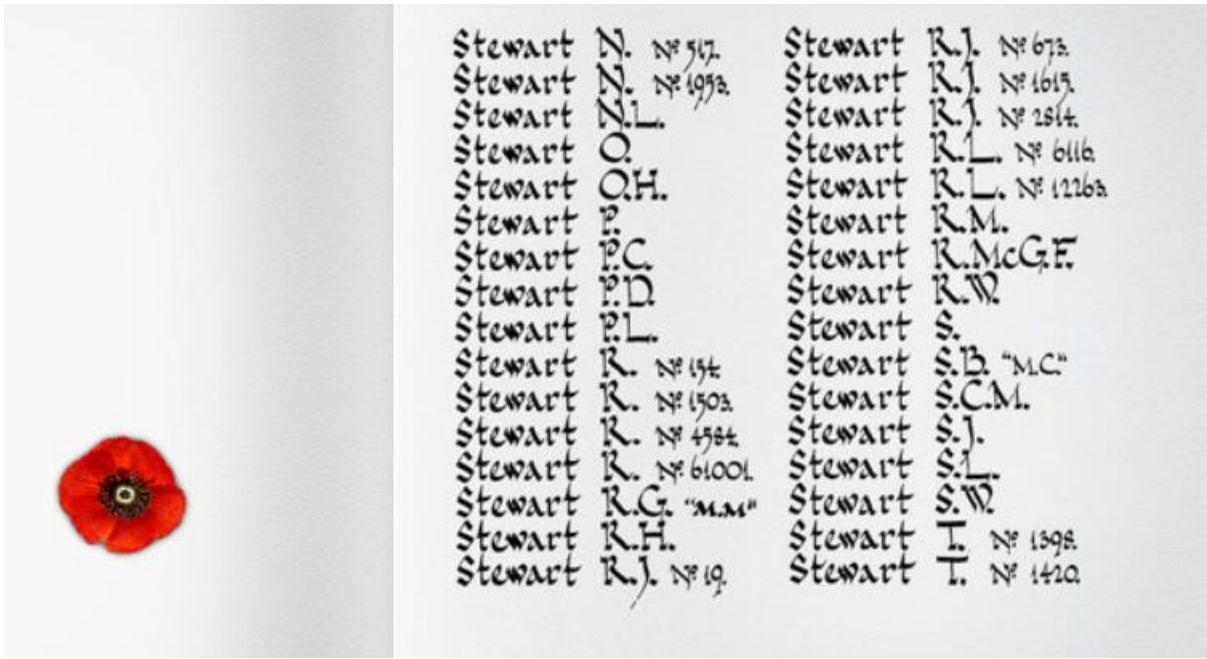
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Pentzlyn Charles Stewart – service number 12003, aged 19, of 2 Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Ethel Ann Stewart, of 27 Chatham St., Prahran, Victoria, and the late George Allan Stewart.

Driver P. C. Stewart is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 12. (Name listed as Pentzlyn Charles Stewart for the Roll of Honour)



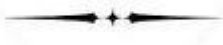
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

P. C. Stewart is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.

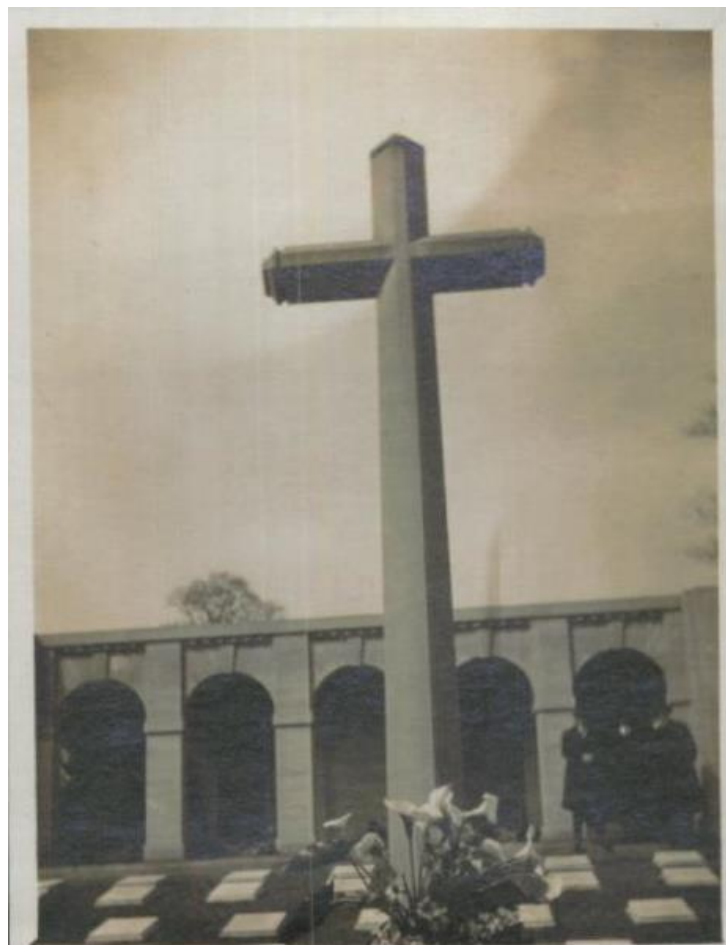


(82 pages of Driver Pentyllyn Charles Stewart's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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




The following photos were located in the Service Record file of the late Private Walter Barton Bamford, 1st Battalion Australian Infantry who died on 8th September, 1918 & was buried in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, England. Similar items would have been sent to Mr A. H. Crawford, brother of the late Gunner Bertram Lindsay Crawford (as described previously)



Private W. B. Bamford. 1st Batt.

Anzac Day


APRIL 25TH, 1925.



ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

TO
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS' AND
SAILORS' GRAVES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM

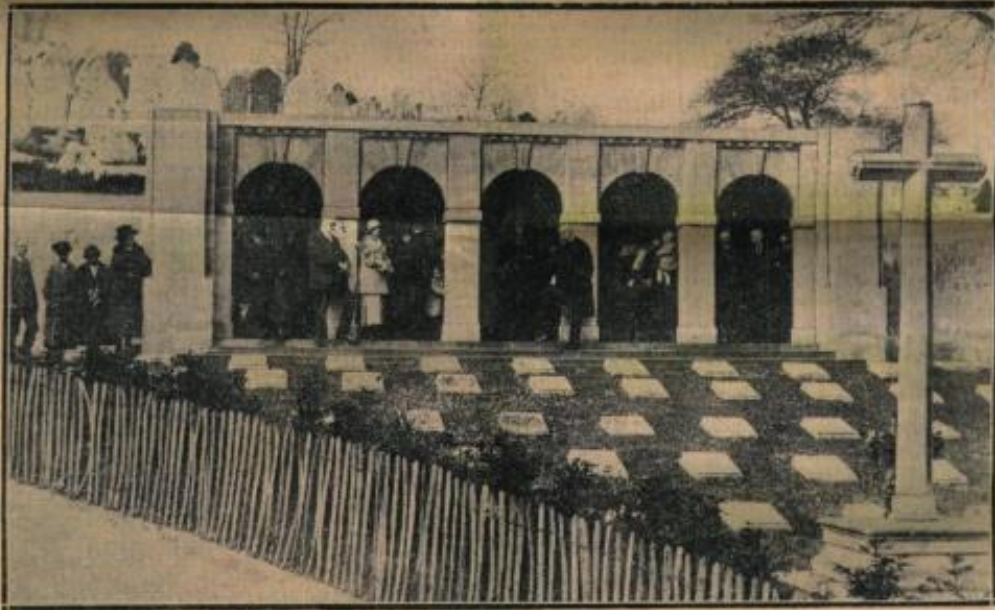
In grateful remembrance
of the brave sons of Australia and New Zealand who fought
and suffered, died and conquered, on many battlefields.



This is their epitaph. "Traveller south or west
Go, say at home we heard the trumpet call,
And answered. Now in the 'Old Home' we rest.
Our end was happy if our country thrives.
Much was demanded. Lo! our store was small—
That which we had, we gave—it was our lives."
L.L.

Y. APRIL 27, 1925.

GALLIPOLI DAY COMMEMORATION



THE SOLDIERS' CORNER, ARNO'S VALE.

Each year, on the 26th of April, a service of remembrance is held for those who died in Bristol of war wounds, and are buried in Soldiers' Corner, Arno's Vale. On Saturday, in the beautiful sunshine of a typical English spring morning, there assembled many who were associated with hospital work in Bristol for overseas troops. Bishop's Knoll, which, as most people know, was given over as a war hospital from 1914 to 1919, was represented by Mr R. E. Bush (Commandant), Mr and Miss Philp, Mrs Herapath, the Misses Nora and Doris Burt, Miss Vera Savile, Miss Goldsmith, Miss Stafford Jones, Miss Ennis, the Misses Spofforth, Miss Thornleigh, Mr E. C. Philp, and Mr A. G. Powell. Mrs R. E. Bush was away from Bristol, and Miss Hall-Houghton and others were unavoidably absent. Miss Laing, another devoted worker at Bishop's Knoll, took a wreath to the one Australian soldier who was buried at Greenbank Cemetery.

Most of those present brought flowers. Mr R. E. Bush placed a very beautiful emblem—the work of one of the Bishop's Knoll sisters—at the foot of the cross in the "Corner," and Mr Philp contributed a wreath of daffodils. Spring flowers there were in plenty, a postman in uniform contributing a bunch of wallflowers, and other sympathetic folk adding their tender tribute.

Bishop Clifford, in his short address, said: "We are gathered here on this 10th anniversary of Gallipoli day to reverently and affectionately commemorate our brethren from various parts of the British Empire who, after having valiantly fought and honourably suffered in the Great War, were brought to this city of Bristol and here breathed their last breath. We laid their bodies in the earth at this spot, and here they rest in hope till the Day of Resurrection. We gratefully cherish their memory. We renew it to-day, and will never allow it to pass from our mind and heart. God's mercy and peace be with them, so is our affectionate regard, and may that great cause for which they gave their lives be ever upheld and prosper and ever honoured among men of goodwill."

Prayer was said, and this simple service which will so greatly comfort the relatives was over.



MR. E. C. PHILP AND MR. R. E. BUSH PLACING WREATHS ON THE CROSS.

Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

STEWART – Died of illness at Beaufort Hospital, England, April 15, 1917. Driver P. C. (Charlie), dearly loved only son of Nrs E. and the late G. Stewart, and loved brother of Florrie, 30 Power-street, North Williamstown, Victoria, also loving grandson of G. and E. McGuire, Glenorchy, after 18 month's active service.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 3 May, 1917)

THIS WEEK'S CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Private P. C. Stewart, Ivanhoe.

(Preston Leader, Victoria – 5 May, 1917)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

MRS E. STEWART and Her DAUGHTER desire to THANKS their numerous friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in letters, telegrams, and cards received in their recent sad bereavement through the death of their only son and brother, Driver P. C. Stewart. Please kindly accept this, as they are unable to answer all personally.

30 Power-street, North Williamstown

(Geelong Advertiser, Victoria – 9 May, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

STEWART – In sad and loving memory of my dear and only son, Driver P. C. (Charlie), and dearly loved brother of Florrie, who died of illness, Beaufort War Hospital, England, April 15th, 1917.

Oh for a touch of the vanished hand
And the sound of the voice that is still.

-Inserted by his sorrowing mother and sister.

STEWART – In loving memory of Driver P. C. Stewart (Charlie), who died of illness, Beaufort Hospital, England, April 15th, 1917.

His actions speak, though his voice is still,
Forget Him ! No, we never will;
Memories of his upright ways
Will linger with us all our days.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs G. Jarvis, McKillop-street.

(Geelong Advertiser, Victoria – 15 April, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

STEWART – In sad and loving memory of Driver P. C. (Charlie) dearly loved only son of Ethel and the late G. Stewart, loving brother of Florrie, died of illness, Bristol, England 15th April, 1917, after 18 months active service. Late of 32 Evans-street, South Geelong.

Time may heal the broken-hearted,
Time may make the wound less sore,
But time can never stop the longing
For our loved one gone before.

Mother

STEWART – In loving memory of Driver P. C. Stewart (Charlie) who died of illness Beaufort Hospital, England, April 15th, 1917.

The winds of Heaven blow softly
O'er that far off lonely spot,
But midst the changing scenes of life
Dear Charlie, you are not forgot.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs G. Jarvis, McKillop-street

(Geelong Advertiser, Victoria – 15 April, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

STEWART – In sad and loving memory of Driver P. C. (Charlie) dearly loved only son and brother of Mrs E. Stewart and Florrie who died of illness, Bristol, England 15th April, 1917. Late 2nd F.A.B.

There are griefs that cannot find comfort,
And a wound that can never be healed;
There are sorrows too deep in a mother's heart
That cannot be half revealed.

Mother

STEWART – In loving memory of Driver P. C. Stewart (Charlie) who died of illness Beaufort Hospital, England, April 15th, 1917.

Long after a beautiful life has passed
To a higher Home on high,
It leaves behind a lingering light
For the light of a true life cannot die.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs G. Jarvis, McKillop-street.

(Geelong Advertiser, Victoria – 15 April, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

STEWART – In sad and loving memory of my dear and only son, Driver P. C. (Charlie), died of illness, Bristol, England, April 15th, 1917.

Sadly Missed

I seem to see his dear sweet face,
Through a mist of anxious tears;
But a mother's part is a broken heart
And a burden of lonely years.

Mother

STEWART – In loving memory of Driver P. C. Stewart (Charlie) who died of illness Beaufort Hospital, England, April 15th, 1917.

Another year has passed away,
And still we think of thee;
Sweet memories like the ivy cling,
Wherever we may be.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs Jarvis, McKillop-street, East.

(Geelong Advertiser, Victoria – 15 April, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

STEWART – In sad and loving memory of my dear and only son, Driver P. C. (Charlie), 2nd F.A.B., who passed away Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England, April 15th, 1917.

As long as my heart is beating,
As long as my eyes shed tears,
I will carry your memory with me
Through all the passing years.

Inserted by his lonely mother.

STEWART – In loving memory of Driver P. C. Stewart (Charlie) who died of illness Beaufort Hospital, England, April 15th, 1917.

Lead Kindly Light.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs Jarvis, McKillop-street.

(Geelong Advertiser, Victoria – 15 April, 1922)

**Memorial Notices were placed in the Newspaper in 1923, 1924, 1925 & 1926

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.

Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

The cemetery was established in 1837. During both wars, there were a number of military hospitals at Bristol and the city was the depot of the Gloucestershire Regiment. During the Second World War there were also a number of Royal Air Force stations and prisoner of war camps in the area. ARNOS VALE CEMETERY contains burials of both wars. Most of the 356 First World War burials were of men who died at the local hospitals, particularly the 2nd Southern General and the Beaufort, many of whom were landed at Avonmouth from hospital ships from the Mediterranean. Their graves can be found in the 'Soldiers Corner', a plot established by the British Red Cross, near the main entrance. The 238 casualties buried here are commemorated on a memorial at the rear of the plot. The rest of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery. There are also special memorials to one casualty buried in the cemetery whose grave could not be located and another commemorating a casualty buried in Bedminster Church Cemetery whose grave could not be maintained. There are 149 burials from the Second World War, some forming a small plot in an area in the upper part of the cemetery set aside for burials from the Naval Hospital at Barrow Gurney; the rest are scattered. Those whose graves are not marked by headstones are named on a Screen Wall Memorial. BRISTOL (ARNOS VALE) CREMATORIUM stands within the cemetery. A memorial in front of the crematorium commemorates 68 servicemen and women of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

(Information from CWGC)



Arnos Vale Cemetery - Main Entrance on Bath Road *(Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave)*



(Photo from CWGC)



(Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave)



Soldiers' Corner – Arnos Vale Cemetery (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2017)



New Memorial Stones (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave November, 2018)

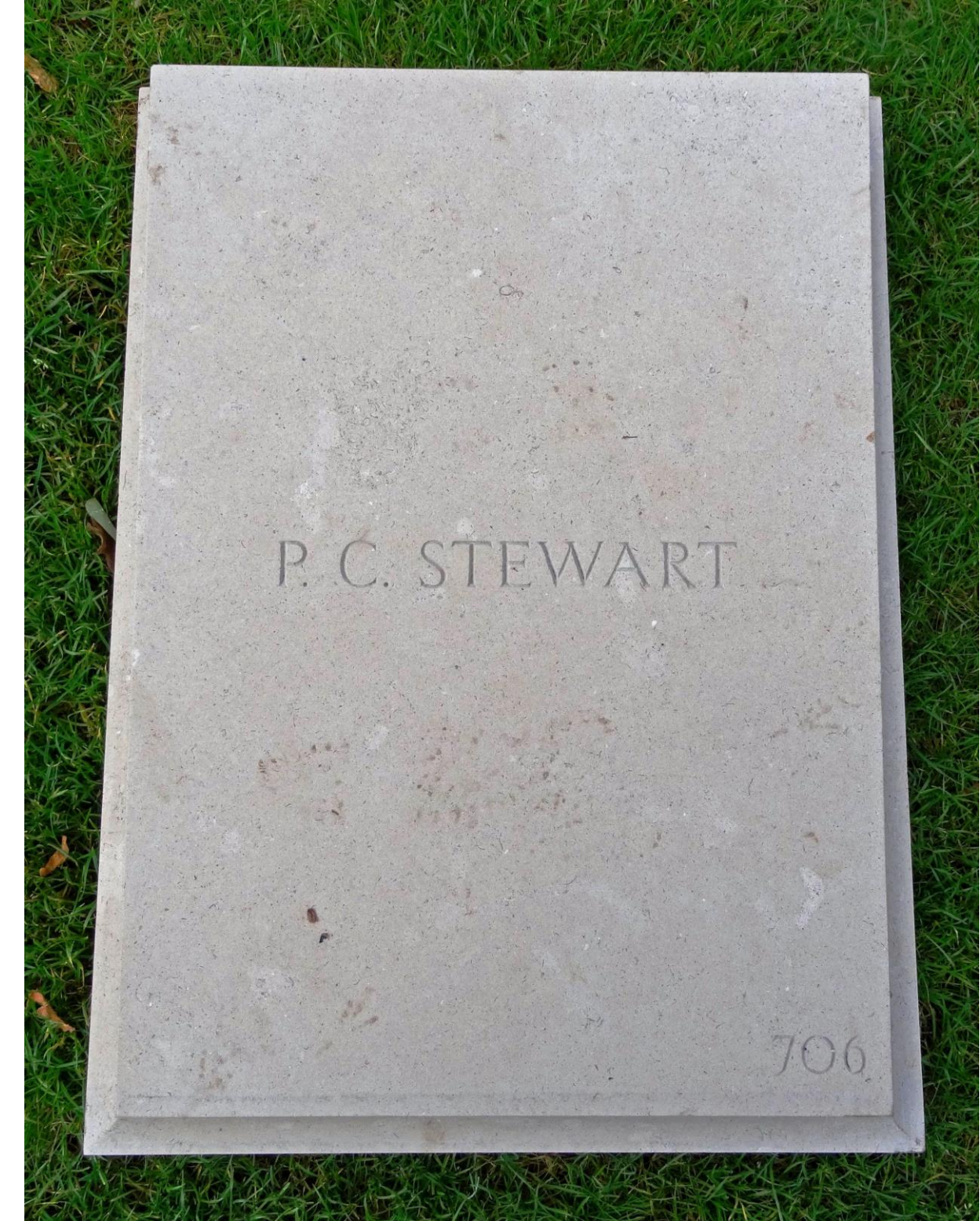
Photo of Driver P. Charles Stewart's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England & his Memorial Stone in Soldiers' Corner.

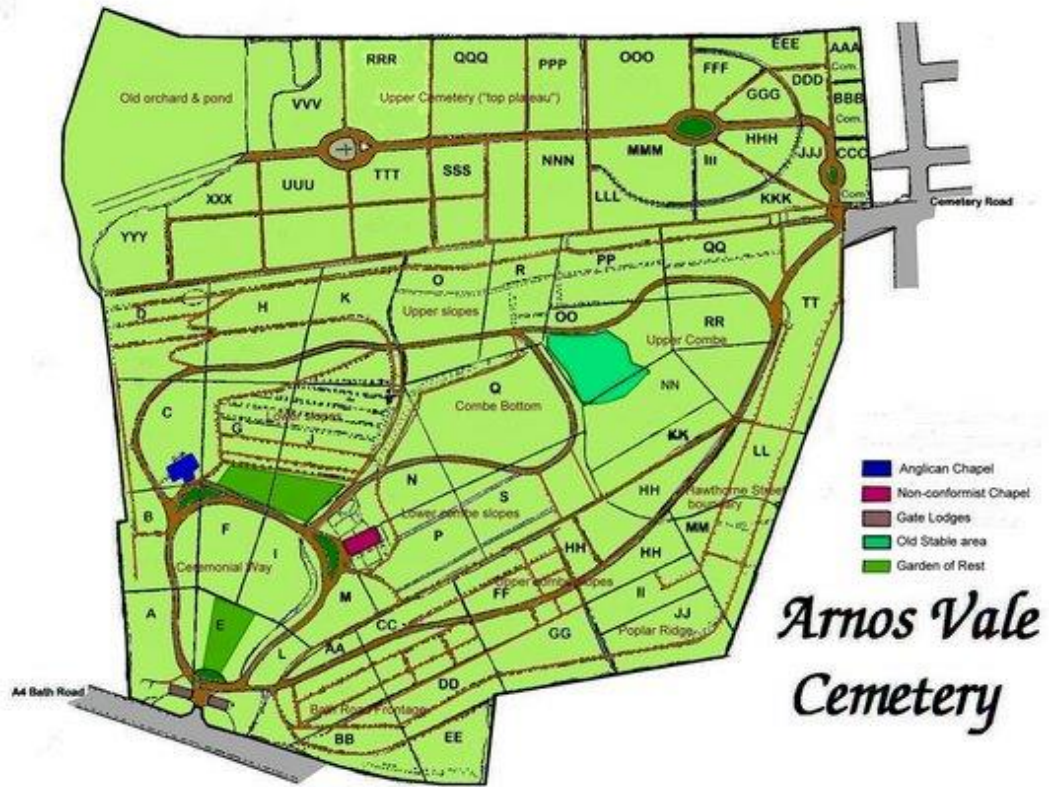


(Photos by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2019)

PTE. THOMAS G. ROWLANDS
PTE. FREDERICK GEORGE ROBINSON
PTE. JOHN JAMES SIMPSON
DRVR. P. CHARLES STEWART
PTE. WILLIAM WALKER

5TH M.G.B.
4TH M.G.BN.
48TH BATTN.
60TH BATTN.
2ND F.A.B.
6TH BATTN.





(Photo by Debra Polly – Find a Grave)