

**Greenock Cemetery,
Greenock, Inverclyde, Scotland
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



T/392415 DRIVER

W. C. STEWART

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS

18TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 35

He Gave Up His Own Life

That Others Might Live

In Freedom

William C. STEWART

William Charles Stewart was born on 26th August, 1884 in Sydney, New South Wales to parents Simon Edward & Adelaide Stewart (nee Pickett).

[Note: UK Soldiers Died in the Great War – recorded William C. Stewart was born in Brisbane, Australia]

William Charles Stewart, aged 22 years, married Ann Jane McGowan, aged 22 years, on 2nd January, 1906 at 57 Newton Street, Greenock, Renfrew, Scotland. William was recorded as a Sugarhouse Labourer & his parents were listed as Edward Stewart (Hotel Cook, deceased) & Adelaide Stewart (nee Pickett, deceased). Ann J. McGowan was listed as a Spinster. Her parents were recorded as Alexander McGowan (Licensed Broker, deceased) & Ann McGowan (nee Ramsay). William Stewart & Ann McGowan both listed their address as 48 Shaw Street, Greenock. They had 2 sons – Alexander Stewart (born 17 September, 1909) & William Charles Stewart (born 13th May, 1911).

William C. Stewart joined The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. He was issued a Service number of 6234 & was attached to 2/9th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

William C. Stewart was transferred to Royal Army Service Corps. He was issued a Service number of T/392415.

Royal Army Service Corps

In the Great War, the vast majority of the supply, maintaining a vast army on many fronts, was supplied from Britain. Using horsed and motor vehicles, railways and waterways, the ASC performed prodigious feats of logistics and were one of the great strengths of organisation by which the war was won.

At peak, the ASC numbered an incredible 10,547 officers and 315,334 men.

Service numbers commencing with a "T" with Army Service Corps denoted "Horsed Transport".

Although the British Army was the most mechanised of all in the Great War, it still relied largely on horse power for the transportation of supplies, guns, ammunition and men. The ASC Horse Transport Companies were of different types.

(Information on R.A.S.C. from The Long, Long Trail)

Driver William Charles Stewart died on 18th October, 1918 from Influenza & Pneumonia contracted on Active Service.

- The UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects (1901-1929) recorded that Pte William Charles Stewart, T/392415, 504th Coy, A.S.C. died at Bovington Camp on 8th October, 1918.

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorised	Amount Authorised			
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	£	s.			d.	Account and Date	£	s.
808426	687574	Stewart William Charles	A.S.C. Pte T/392415 504th Coy	Bovington Camp 18.10.18	12/8	4	2	4				15.3.19	W. C. Stewart	4	2	4
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A. F. W. 0370 SENT
DATE 15/7/19

WAR GRATUITY
Effects 10/10/19
Transfer 6/10/19
Wegd Paper 2/10/19
Serial No. 31036

Bovington Camp

The camps at Bovington and Lulworth, Dorset, England were originally established in 1899 as an infantry training area and ranges. In 1916, they became training camps for the Heavy Branch of the Machine Gun Corps which relocated from Norfolk. The Heavy Branch was responsible for the operation of the tank in the British Army. In 1917 the Heavy Branch split from the Machine Gun Corps to become the Tank Corps, with the Depot and Central Schools being based at Bovington.

(Information from Wikipedia)

A death for William C. Stewart, aged 36, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Wareham, Dorset, England.

Driver William C. Stewart was buried in Greenock Cemetery, Inverclyde, Scotland – Plot number LLL. 413 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The UK Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914 – 1919 recorded Driver William C. Stewart, died on Home Service. He was born in Brisbane, Australia & was serving with Army Service Corps, T/392415. Enlistment Place – Greenock. Theatre of War - Home Formerly 6234, 2/9 Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders.

The UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 recorded Driver William Charles Stewart, T 392415, Royal Army Service Corps. Military Service Region – Scotland. Widow – Ann Jane Stewart. Another record in UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 recorded the same details as above but the widow was listed as Annie McGowan Stewart. A further record in UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 recorded Driver William Charles Stewart, 3T/392415, Royal Army Service Corps, died on 18th October, 1918. His widow was listed as Ann Stewart & his sons as Alexander Stewart & William Charles Stewart.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver W. C. Stewart – service number T/392415, aged 35, of 504th Coy., Army Service Corps. He was the husband of Ann Jane Stewart, of 60 Vennel, Greenock. Born at Sydney, New South Wales.

Driver William C. Stewart is remembered in the Roll of Honour books held in the Hall of Honour inside The Scottish National War Memorial. The north side of the Hall of Honour is divided by columns into bays, each dedicated to a different regiment and enhanced with battle honours and consecrated colours. On the broad shelf in front of each of the bays, the names of the dead are listed in leather-bound books.

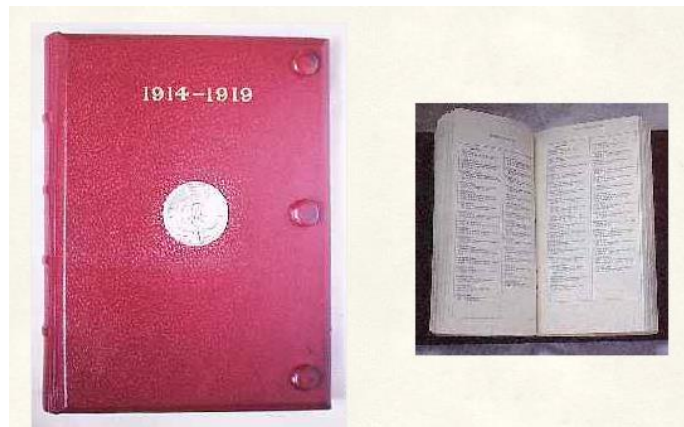


The Scottish National War Memorial & the Hall of Honour



The Roll of Honour books.

(Photos from The Scottish National War Memorial)



Driver William C. Stewart 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 *(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

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.

Driver W. C. Stewart has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone with the following inscription:

*He Gave Up His Own Life
That Others Might Live In Freedom*

Greenock Cemetery, Inverclyde, Scotland

Greenock Cemetery is a large site situated close to the centre of the town, which lies on the River Clyde. There are several entrances but the main cemetery entrance is directly on the A78 Inverkip Road which can be reached from the A770, which runs parallel to the river.

The War graves which are of both Wars are scattered and a Cross of Sacrifice erected beside the main cemetery road.

There are 100 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war, 1 being an unidentified British soldier. There are a further 170 of the 1939-45 war, 2 being unidentified seamen of the Merchant Navy and 2 being unidentified sailors of the Royal Navy. There are 5 Foreign National war burials here.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photos from Find a Grave – Adrienne)





Greenock Cemetery, Scotland *(Photos from CWGC)*





(Photo from CWGC)



View from newer section of Cemetery (Photo from Find a Grave - IC and TC, Renfrewshire, Scotland)

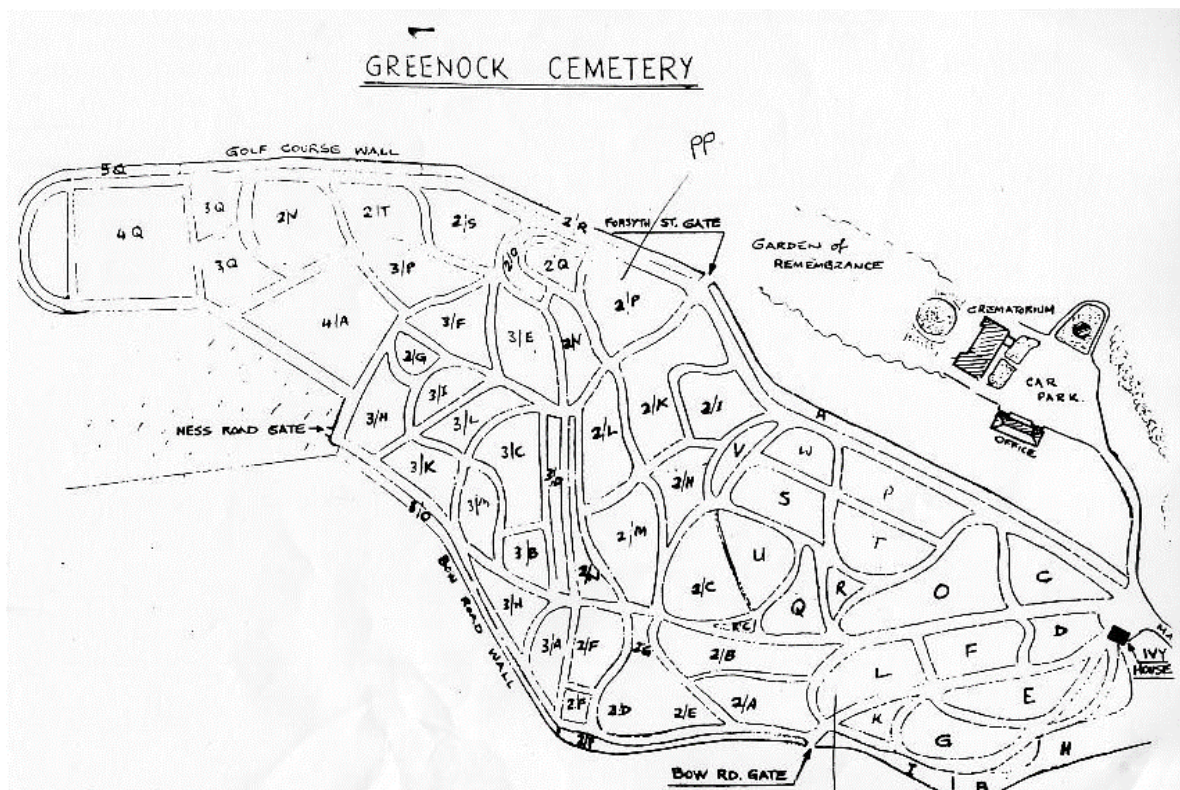
Photo of Driver W. C. Stewart's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Greenock Cemetery, Inverclyde, Scotland.



(Photo from Find a Grave - IC and TC, Renfrewshire, Scotland)



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(Find a Grave – Stephen Hawtree)