

**Burngreave Cemetery,  
Sheffield, South Yorkshire**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2866 SAPPER**

**W. T. TUCKEY**

**AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS**

**8TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 43**

## William Thomas (Tom) TUCKEY

William Thomas Tuckey was born at Goolwa, South Australia on 8th April, 1873 to parents William & Jane Tuckey (nee Jenkins).

William Thomas Tuckey was a 41 year old, single, Labourer from Hart Street, off Stanley Street, North Adelaide, South Australia when he enlisted on 8th June, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2866 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs J. Tuckey, Hart Street, off Stanley Street, North Adelaide, South Australia.

William Thomas Tuckey was posted to H Group Base Infantry on 8th June, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 9th Reinforcements of 10th Infantry Battalion on 1st July, 1915.

Private William Thomas Tuckey was written up while posted at Mitcham Camp on 20th August, 1915 for being "Absent with leave from 11 pm 18/8/15 to 11 pm 19/8/15 – 2 days." He forfeited 2 days pay.

Private William Thomas Tuckey embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Star of England (A15)* on 21st September, 1915 with the 10th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements.

Private William Thomas Tuckey was taken on strength of 10th Battalion from Reinforcements at Mudros on 25th November, 1915.

Private William Thomas Tuckey disembarked from *Seang Bee* at Alexandria on 29th December, 1915.

Private William Thomas Tuckey was transferred to Headquarters Staff at Tel-el-Kebir on 13th February, 1916.

Private William Thomas Tuckey was admitted to Division Details at Tel-el-Kebir from Hospital on 16th February, 1916.

Private William Thomas Tuckey was taken on strength of 6th Field Company Engineers at Moascar on 17th March, 1916 with the rank of Sapper.

Sapper William Thomas Tuckey proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 19th March, 1916 on *City of Edinburgh*. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 27th March, 1916.

Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was wounded in action in France on 29th July, 1916. He was admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital at Wimereux, France on 31st July, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to left arm and left leg & back. Sapper Tuckey was reported to be dangerously ill on 2nd August, 1916. He was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel* on 3rd August, 1916.

### **Australian Engineers in the First World War**

Engineers, also known as sappers, were essential to the running of the war. Without them, other branches of the Allied Forces would have found it difficult to cross the muddy and shell-ravaged ground of the Western Front. Their responsibilities included constructing the lines of defence, temporary bridges, tunnels and trenches, observation posts, roads, railways, communication lines, buildings of all kinds, showers and bathing facilities, and other material and mechanical solutions to the problems associated with fighting in all theatres.

*(Description of Engineers Information from The Australian War Memorial)*

#### War Diary - 6th Field Company Engineers

*Albert*

*28/29th July, 1916*

*Consolidated position taken by 23rd Battalion including Fire Trench from R34C44 to X4a68 (Map POZIERES 1/5000) together with M.G. Emplacements & Strong Points.*

*Casualties 28th Killed 2 o/r's Wounded 4 o/r's*

29/30th July, 1916

*Constructing Dressing Station at X9d68 (Map POZIERES 1/5000)*

*Casualties Wounded 6 p/r's Missing 2o/r's*

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was admitted to Northern General Hospital at Sheffield, England on 4th August, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to chest and arm.

Sapper William Thomas Tuckey died on 8th August, 1916 at Royal Infirmary, 3rd Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, England from wounds received in action in France - GSW to left arm, back & Cerebral Haemorrhage.

A death for W. T. Tuckey, aged 44, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Sheffield, Yorkshire West Riding, England.

Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was buried in Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England. Due to the number of deaths and lack of available space in some cemeteries, numerous burials took place in what are known as common or mass graves. Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was buried in a one of these common or mass graves. Behind the Cross of Sacrifice in plot JJ is a Screen Wall commemorating those First World War casualties whose graves could not be marked by headstones, most of them buried in the plot of ground immediately in front of it. A Granite Memorial Cross was erected by the Royal British Legion at the common grave site where Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was buried – Memorial F9 "C" 6. The names of those buried in this plot were engraved on the Granite Memorial however, the names on the Granite Memorial Cross are not included on the CWGC Screen Wall. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Mrs J. Tuckey, mother of Sapper William Thomas Tuckey, was advised by Base Records on 12th August, 1916 that her son was dangerously ill with gunshot wound to arm, back & leg.

Mary Jane Tuckey, married mother of the late Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was granted a pension of 30/- fortnightly from 8th October, 1916.

Private William Thomas Tuckey, later Sapper, requested in his Will that in the event of his death, the whole of his property & effects be given to his mother – Mrs Jane Tuckey, Hart Street, off Stanley Street, North Adelaide, South Australia.

Base Records contacted Mrs J. Tuckey, of Hart Street, off Stanley Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, mother of the late Sapper William Thomas Tuckey in June, 1920 stating that it was noted that she was registered as the next-of-kin of Sapper W. T. Tuckey & were enquiring if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically 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 J. Tuckey replied that his father was still alive - William Tuckey, was aged 80 years & lived at Hart Street, North Adelaide, South Australia.

Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sapper Tuckey's father – Mr W. Tuckey, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque received July, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sapper William Thomas Tuckey – service number 2866, aged 43, of 6th Field Coy., Australian Engineers. He was the son of William and Jane Tuckey, of Hart St., North Adelaide, South Australia.

Sapper W. T. Tuckey is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 25.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

W. T. Tuckey 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)

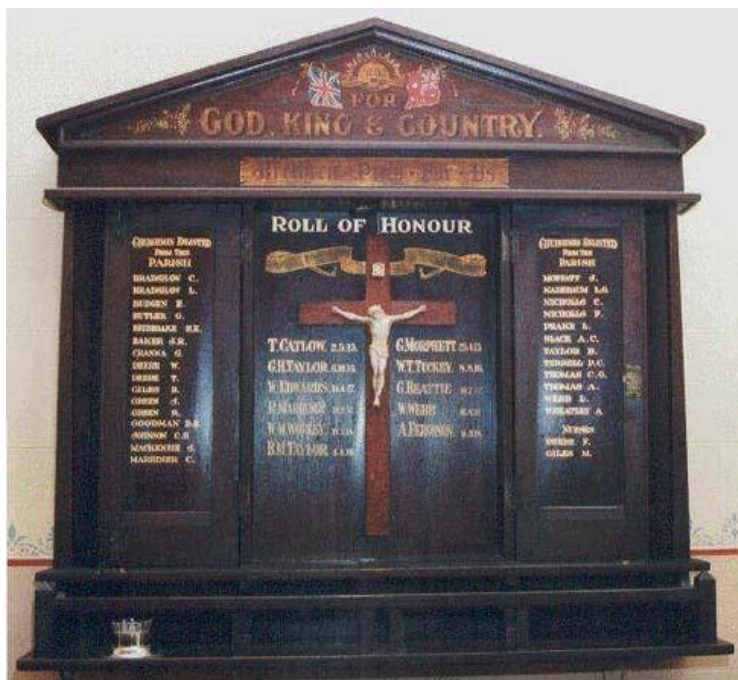
T. Tuckey is remembered on the Lower North Adelaide Soldiers Memorial, located in Soldiers Memorial Garden, Finnis Street & Mackinnon Parade, North Adelaide, South Australia.



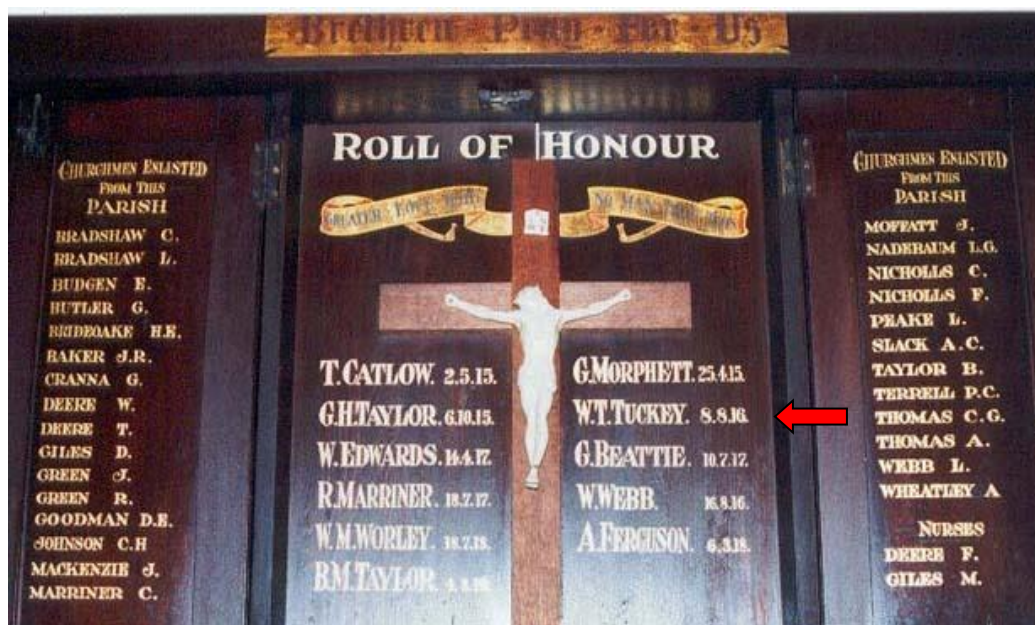
**Lower North Adelaide Soldiers Memorial** (Photos from WeekendNotes)



W. T. Tuckey is remembered on the St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Roll of Honour, located in St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia.



St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Roll of Honour (Photos from Virtual War Memorial Australia)



(47 pages of Sapper William Thomas Tuckey'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



**Sapper William Thomas Tuckey**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **FOR KING AND COUNTRY**

TUCKEY – Sapper William Thomas, eldest beloved son of William and Jane Tuckey, Hart street, North Adelaide, died on the 8th July, 1916, in England, of wounds received in action in France.

(*The Journal*, Adelaide, South Australia – 19 August, 1916) & (*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 19 August, 1916) & (*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 19 August, 1916) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 August, 1916) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 August, 1916)

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### **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **197th CASUALTY LIST**

##### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Wounded and Dangerously Ill

2866 Spr. W. T. TUCKEY, North Adelaide

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 22 August, 1916)

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## **200th CASUALTY LIST**

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

#### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

2866 Spr. W. T. TUCKEY, North Adelaide, died August 8, 1916.

*(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 29 August, 1916)*

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#### **BEREAVEMENT CARDS**

Mr and Mrs WILLIAM TUCKEY and FDAMILY wish to THANK all kind Friends for letters, cards, and expressions of sympathy in the loss of their son and brother, Sapper W. T. Tuckey, who died on the 8th August, 1916, from wounds received in France.

*(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 16 September, 1916)*

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

TUCKEY – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Sapper William Thomas (Tom), who passed away, August 8, 1916.

When the bugle sounded, he was there to its call,  
To go forward in battle, to conquer or fail;  
Yet no loved ones were there when lowered in his grave.  
As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.  
-Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

*(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 August, 1917) & (The Journal, Adelaide, South Australia – 9 August, 1917)*  
& *(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 9 August, 1917)*

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#### **THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE**

TUCKEY – Spr. W. T. Tuckey, 6th Field Company Engineers, who died of wounds on 8th August, 1916.

As long as life and memory lasts we will  
remember thee.

-Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

*(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 August, 1926)*

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*(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 August, 1927)*

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(*Saturday Journal*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 August, 1928)

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### 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.

Due to the number of deaths and lack of available space in some cemeteries, numerous burials took place in what are known as common or mass graves. Sapper William Thomas Tuckey was buried in a one of these common or mass graves. A Granite Memorial Cross was erected at the common grave by the Royal British Legion, on which the names of casualties who were buried there were engraved.

### **Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England**

During the First World War there were two substantial war hospitals in Sheffield, the Wharnccliffe, in the Wadsley Asylum, and the 3rd Northern General, housed in 15 separate buildings. The city, a centre for war industry during the Second World War, suffered heavy enemy air-raids during the Blitz with 600 people killed in a single raid in December 1940. Sheffield (Burngreave) Cemetery contains scattered war graves of both wars. Behind the Cross of Sacrifice in plot JJ is a Screen Wall commemorating those First World War casualties whose graves could not be marked by headstones, most of them buried in the plot of ground immediately in front of it. In front of the Screen Wall are a number of Special Memorial headstones for Second World War casualties buried elsewhere in the cemetery whose graves could not be marked. In all, the cemetery contains 235 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 57 from the Second. (*Information from CWGC*)



*(Photo by Paula Lloyd – Find a Grave)*



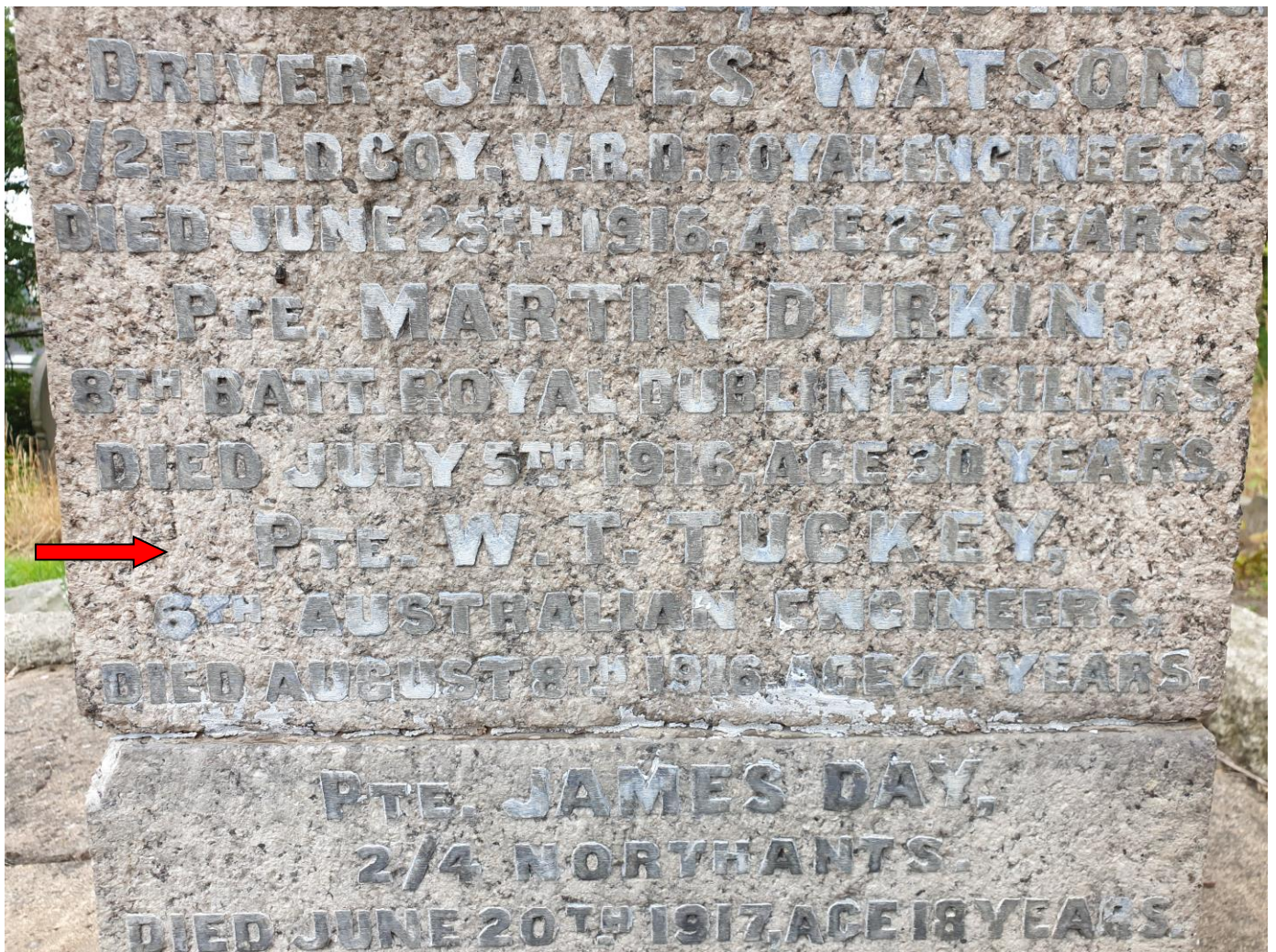
**Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Wall** *(Photo by Joaquin O’Ryan)*

Photo of Sapper William Thomas Tuckey's name on the Granite Memorial Cross in Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England.





**Granite Memorial Cross** (Photos courtesy of Christine Steers)



(Photo courtesy of Wayne Tyke)

*Pte W. T. TUCKEY*

*6TH AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS*

*Died August 8TH, 1916. Age 44 Years*



*(Photo courtesy of Wayne Tyke)*

The CWGC was advised at the time of researching (2019) that the Cross on the Memorial was not attached (see photo below). CWGC have advised: *“the cross will have been laid recumbent on the ground as a result of what is known as ‘topple testing’. This is a procedure undertaken by all local cemetery authorities in the UK, who regularly assess private memorials for safety. If any are viewed as possible health and safety hazards to the public, in that they could be pushed over and injure someone, then whether in the form of stone crosses, or any other privately owned memorial headstone of any shape or size, they are laid down recumbent on the graves. Today, we as the Commission are not responsible for the repair of the private memorials, such as the one concerned, however please be assured that this memorial will continue to be monitored during our scheduled 2-3 year inspection visits to ensure the legibility of the names.”*



**Granite Memorial Cross** (Photos courtesy of Wayne Tyke – taken 2019)

**Update – 24 April, 2022:** The following photos were taken of the Granite Memorial Cross which now has the Cross re-attached.



*(Photo courtesy of Wayne Bywater – 24 April, 2022)*



*(Photo courtesy of Wayne Bywater – 24 April, 2022)*

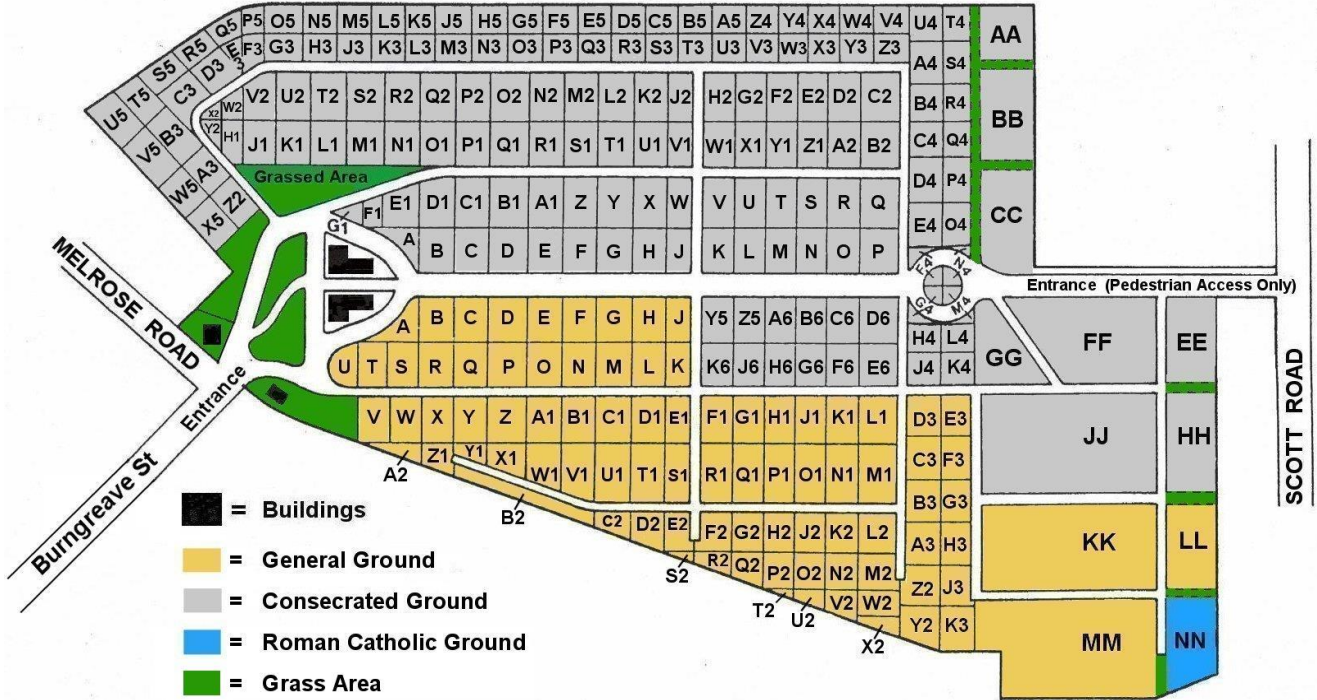


**Update – October, 2023:** I was advised by Neil Jennions that the Memorial had been cleaned earlier this year by CWGC – EOHO Project (Eyes On, Hands On – where volunteers clean up CWGC Headstones & Memorials on behalf of the CWGC).



*(Photo with permission from Neil Jennions – CWGC EOHO Volunteer for this section of the Cemetery)*

# Burngreave Cemetery



(Photo from Meersbrook – Find a Grave)