



HOWARD, CHARLES CLIFFORD

Driver in the Royal Horse Artillery "G" Battery. 4th Brigade.

Age: 28 Date of Death: 23/10/1916

Service No: 56811

The RHA was responsible for light, mobile guns that provided firepower in support of the cavalry. It is the senior arm of the artillery. In 1914 the establishment was one battery to each Brigade of Cavalry. A battery had six 13-pounder field guns, and included 5 officers and 200 men. The battery had in addition 228 horses. The original BEF included only one Division of Cavalry, of 4 Brigades, and thus it had four batteries RHA, which were organised into two Brigades. Originally "G" Battery RHA was based at Ipswich. "G" moved to 3rd Cavalry Division in November 1914. The Division took part in most of the major actions where cavalry were used as a mounted mobile force, and also many where the troops were dismounted and effectively served as infantry. However, at the time of his death his brigade was not involved as cavalry.

He was born in Colchester and the son of Joseph and the late Elizabeth Howard. Native of Elmstead, Colchester. He enlisted at Colchester. The 1901 Census has Charles Howard aged 8 born & living in Colchester.



He was awarded the 1914-20 War Medal & the 1914-19 Victory

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
HOWARD Charles	R.H.A. R.H.A.	Driver	56811
Enlist.	Disch.	Page	Remarks
Tenure	R.H.A. 6.56		
Disch.	do - do		
Final			
<small>Statute of War first served in his (if entry therein)</small>			

Medal

Commonwealth War Dead Grave/Memorial Reference: VIII. C. 4A.

Cemetery: ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY



During the First World War, the area around Etaples was the scene of immense concentrations of Commonwealth reinforcement camps and hospitals. It was remote from attack, except from aircraft, and accessible by railway from both the northern or the southern battlefields. In 1917, 100,000 troops were camped among the sand dunes and the hospitals, which included eleven general, one stationary, four Red Cross hospitals and a convalescent depot, could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick. In September 1919, ten months after the Armistice, three hospitals and the Q.M.A.A.C. convalescent depot remained. The cemetery contains 10,769 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, the earliest dating from May 1915. Hospitals were again stationed at Etaples during the Second World War and the cemetery was used for burials from January 1940 until the evacuation at the end of May 1940. After the war, a number of graves were brought into the cemetery from other French burial grounds. Of the 119 Second World War burials, 38 are unidentified. Etaples Military Cemetery also contains 658 German burials and a few war graves of other nationalities. The cemetery, the largest Commission cemetery in France, was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. No. of Identified Casualties: 11480

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