

Kemnay, Scotland

War Memorial



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5658 GUNNER

A. MORGAN

3RD BDE. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

17TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 26

Alexander MORGAN

Alexander Morgan was born at Lochshangie, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland on 14th March, 1891 to parents Archibald and Margaret Morgan (nee Clark).

The 1891 Scotland Census recorded Alexander Morgan as a 3 week old baby living with his family at Lochshangie, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. His parents were listed as Archibald Morgan (Stonedresser, aged 40, born Kemnay, Aberdeenshire) & Margaret Morgan (aged 32, born Inch, Aberdeenshire). Alexander was the youngest of three children listed on this Census – Jessie Morgan (aged 4, born Kemnay, Aberdeenshire), Hellen Morgan (aged 2, born Kemnay, Aberdeenshire) then Alexander. Also listed was Hellen Morgan (mother of Archibald Morgan, Living on Private Means, aged 74, born Kintore, Aberdeenshire) & Jane Duncan (General Domestic Servant, aged 12, born Kintor, Aberdeenshire).

Alexander Morgan attended Kemnay Higher Grade School, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

The 1901 Scotland Census recorded Alexander Morgan as a 10 year old Scholar, living with his family at Hillfold, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. His parents were listed as Archibald Morgan (Granite Settmaker, aged 50) & Maggie Morgan (aged 42). Alexander Morgan was one of six children listed on this Census (all born at Kemnay, Aberdeenshire) – Jessie Morgan (General Domestic Servant, aged 14), Hellen Morgan (Scholar, aged 12), Alexander, Archibald Morgan (Scholar, aged 7), Peter Morgan (aged 3) & Mary Morgan (aged 1). Also listed was Helen Morgan mother of Archibald Morgan, Living on Private Means, aged 84).

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour - Alexander Morgan came to Australia when he was 22 years old.

Alexandria Morgan was a 24 year old, single, Coachbuilder from Markwell Street, Auchenflower, Queensland when he enlisted on 5th July, 1915 with the 1st Divisional Ammunition Column, 11th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). No service number was listed & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. Morgan of Hilford Kenney, Aberdeen, Scotland. Alexandria Morgan stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 3 years with the Gordon Highlanders.

Gunner A. Morgan was posted to 11th Reinforcements of 1 D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) on 5th July, 1915.

Alexandria Morgan embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) on 11th October, 1915.

Gunner A. Morgan joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) & was taken on strength of 7th Batt. from 11th Reinforcements on 20th November, 1915 at Heliopolis.

Gunner A. Morgan proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 23rd March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th March, 1916.

Gunner A. Morgan was wounded in action in France on 18th November, 1916. He was admitted to 38th Casualty Clearing Station with shrapnel wounds to Hip & left leg. Gunner Morgan was transferred to No. 29 Ambulance Train with gunshot wounds to left hip & left heel. He was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 19th November, 1916.

Gunner Alexander Morgan died at 12.12 pm on 17th December, 1916 at No 1. Australian General Hospital, Rouen, France from wounds received in action.

Gunner Alexander Morgan was buried on 17th December, 1916 in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France – Plot number O. III. L. 6. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone..

Gunner Alexander Morgan was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Morgan's mother – Mrs A. Morgan (Scroll & Plaque sent August, 1922).

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The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Alexander Morgan – service number 5658, aged 26, of 3rd Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Archibald and Margaret Morgan, of Hillfold, Kemnay, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Gunner A. Morgan is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 13.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Alexander Morgan is remembered on the Kemnay Primary School Memorial Board, located in the Hall at Kemnay Primary School.



Gunner Alexander Morgan is remembered on the Kemnay War Memorial which is located on Station Road at the junction of Grove Road, Kemnay, Scotland.



Kemnay War Memorial (Photos by John Aldersey-Williams)

MAJOR FRANCIS R. DREGSON
L/CPL. JOHN IMLACH
PTE. GORDON INGRAM
 - - **WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE**
 - - **WILLIAM McDONALD**
 - - **JAMES McHARDY**
 - - **ANCUS McINNIS**
 - - **GEORGE MELVIN**
GUNN. ALEXANDER MORGAN

Gunner Alexander Morgan 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)



Brother Alexander Morgan is remembered on the St. Brydes Lodge of Freemasons No. 991.



(Photo by Bill Conn)

(36 pages of Gunner Alexander Morgan'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



Gunner Alexander Morgan

Newspaper Notices

NORTH OFFICERS AND MEN IN CASUALTY LISTS

KEMNAY

Wounded – Private A. Morgan, Australians, son of Mr and Mrs Morgan, Hillfold.

(Aberdeen Press and Journal, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland – 2 December, 1916) &

(Aberdeen Weekly Journal, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland – 8 December, 1916)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Gunner A. Morgan does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France

St Sever Cemetery and St. Sever Cemetery Extension are located within a large communal cemetery situated on the eastern edge of the southern Rouen suburbs of Le Grand Quevilly and Le Petit Quevilly.

During the First World War, Commonwealth camps and hospitals were stationed on the southern outskirts of Rouen. A base supply depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were also established in the city.

Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general, five stationary, one British Red Cross and one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever. In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension, where the last burial took place in April 1920.

During the Second World War, Rouen was again a hospital centre and the extension was used once more for the burial of Commonwealth servicemen, many of whom died as prisoners of war during the German occupation.

The cemetery extension contains 8,348 Commonwealth burials of the First World War (ten of them unidentified) and in Block "S" there are 328 from the Second World War (18 of them unidentified). There are also 8 Foreign National burials here.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen



