

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



4900 LANCE CPL.

A.G. PAIRMAN

59th BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

26th NOVEMBER, 1916 Age 31

NAY NOT DEAD

BUT PASSED TO

HIGHER SERVICE STILL

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Lance Cpl. A G Pairman is located in Front Row Grave Plot # 8 of Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery

Alexander George Pairman was born at Kyneton, Victoria on 28th November, 1885, to parents Alexander & Isabella Pairman. He was a Butter maker, single & aged 29 years & 7 months from Box Hill, Victoria when he enlisted on 16th July, 1915 with the 5th Infantry Battalion, 15th Reinforcements of the Australian Army. His service number was 4900 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr A Pairman of Cambridge Street, Box Hill, Victoria. Alexander George Pairman had served with the 6th Infantry Brigade for 2 ½ years before he enlisted with the A.I.F in 1915.

Pte A G Pairman embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Wiltshire (A18)* on 7th March, 1916 & disembarked at Suez, Egypt.

On 6th January, 1916, Pte Pairman was promoted to Acting Sergeant. On 20th April, 1916, his rank reverted back to Private. On 30th May, 1916 Pte Pairman was appointed Lance Corporal whilst with the 59th Battalion.

On 3rd June, 1916 L/Cpl Pairman was admitted to 15th Field Ambulance with Scarlet Fever then transferred to the Hospital at Moascar, Egypt.

In July, 1916 L/Cpl Pairman was discharged & embarked from Alexandria to Marseille, France on 8th August, 1916. He was transferred back to England on 21st August, 1916 with 15th Training Battalion.

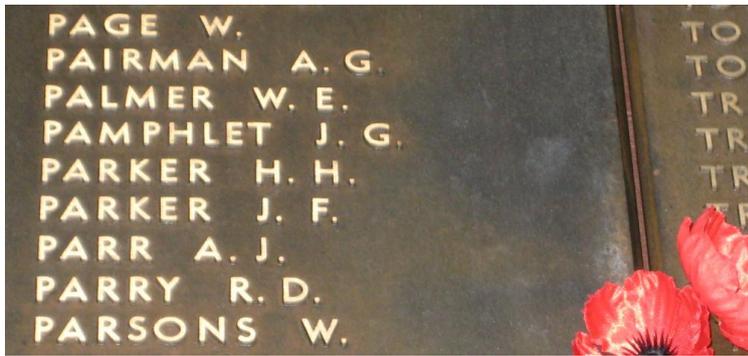
On 22nd October, 1916 L/Cpl Pairman was admitted to Codford Group Clearance Hospital for 2 days suffering from influenza. He was then transferred to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny in Wiltshire until 7th November, 1916 with bronchitis.

On 20th November, 1916, L/Cpl Pairman was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant with Bronchitis.

L.Cpl. "Alex" Pairman died at 12.30 p.m. on 26th November, 1916 of bronchitis at the Military Hospital, Fovant. A death for Alexander G Pairman, aged 31 years, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire. (Fovant was a parish in the district of Wilton).

Lance Cpl. Alexander George Pairman was buried on 28th November, 1916 at Compton Chamberlayne cemetery.

Lance Cpl. A G Pairman is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 168.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)

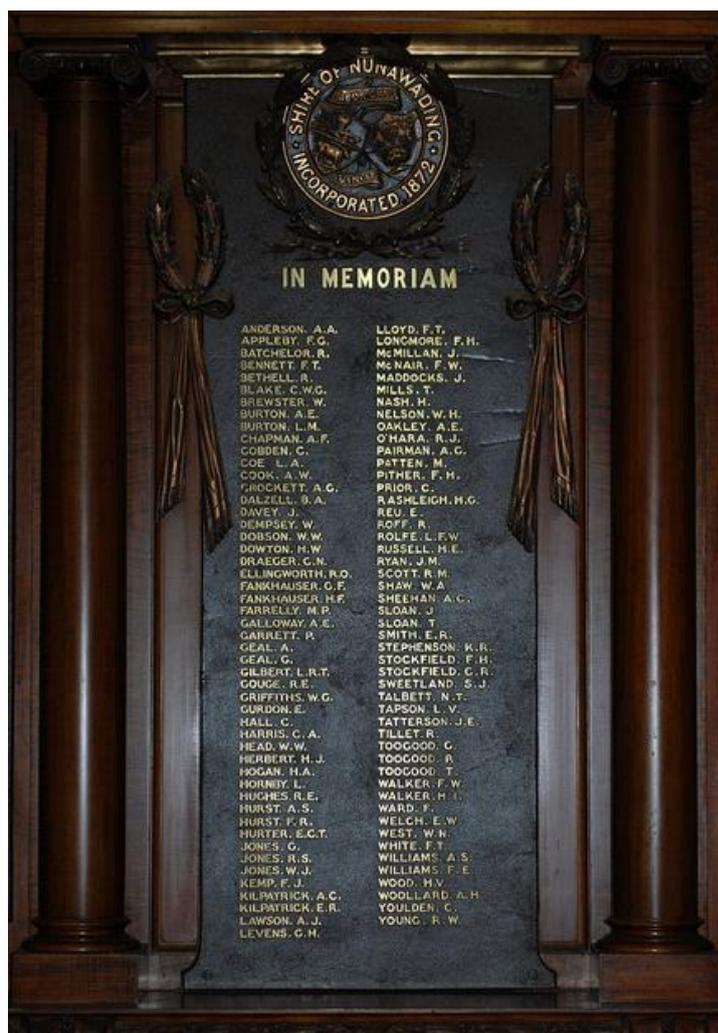


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

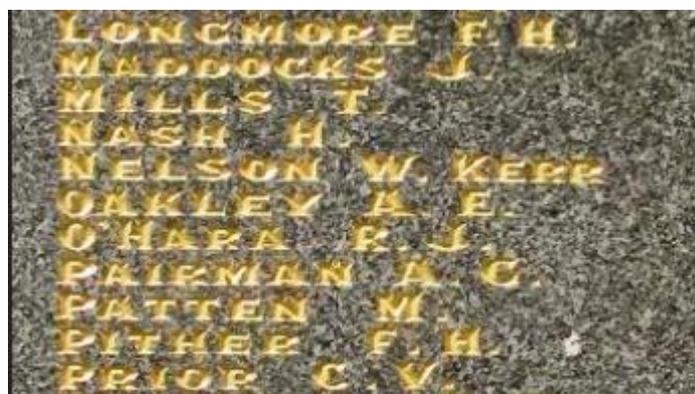
L.Cpl Pairman is also remembered on the Roll of Honour board for the shire of Nunawading, Victoria (Centre panel) held in foyer of old Box Hill Town Hall.



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L.Cpl Pairman is also remembered on the Box Hill War Memorial in the suburb of Melbourne, Victoria. The War Memorial is located on Whitehorse Road and Station Street. The memorial is a marble statue of a World War I bugler on a polished grey granite pedestal on a granite plinth on a 3-stepped granite base. The memorial was dedicated on 19 February 1922. L/Cpl A G Pairman is remembered on the north face of the Memorial.





Box Hill War Memorial

Lance Cpl. A G Pairman was entitled to British War Medal only as he did not enter a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (December, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (June, 1923) were sent to L/Cpl A G Pairman's father – Mr Alexander Pairman at Box Hill, Victoria.

(41 pages of Lance Cpl. A G Pairman's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives

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Isabel Pairman of 6 Cambridge St, Box Hill, mother of deceased Lce/Cpl. Pairman was granted £1 per fortnight War pension.

***L/Cpl Alexander George Pairman was one of 4 brothers that enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF)

- L/Cpl Alexander George Pairman – No 4900 (enlisted 16/7/1915)
- Gunner Robert Buchanan Pairman – No 19816 of 8 FAB (Field Artillery Brigade) (enlisted 10/12/1915)
- Gunner Richard William Pairman - N 19817 of 8 FAB (Field Artillery Brigade) (enlisted 1/2/1916)
- Driver Albert Pairman – No 5443 of 8 FAB (Field Artillery Brigade) (enlisted 29/2/1916)

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DEATH

PAIRMAN – On the 26th November, died of illness in England, Lance- Corporal Alexander George Pairman of the A.I.F., beloved eldest son of Mr and Mrs Pairman, Cambridge Street, Box Hill, aged 31.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Monday 11th December, 1916 & Reporter, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 15th December, 1916)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

MR and MRS PAIRMAN and FAMILY desire to return THANKS to their many kind friends for expressions of sympathy in telegrams, letters, cards and visits in their recent sad bereavement – Cambridge Street, Box Hill.

(Reporter, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 15th December, 1916)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

List No. 251 Issued Died of Illness – Victoria

PAIRMAN, L.Cpl. A. G., Box Hill, 28/11/16

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria - Saturday 16th December, 1916)

BOX HILL SOLDIER DIES IN ENGLAND

Much regret was expressed in Box Hill and district on receipt of the news that Lance-Corporal Alexander George Pairman, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Pairman, Cambridge Street, had died in England of illness on November 26. Deceased was a very popular young man, and made hosts of

friends wherever he went. Sympathy from all parts has been extended to the bereaved parents for their sad loss. Lance-Corporal Pairman volunteered about 16 months ago, and after being in various Victorian camps for nine months, sailed for Egypt on March 7 last as a sergeant, he having quickly rose in the ranks. Whilst in Egypt he had a severe attack of fever, and, in the meantime his battalion had left. On his recovery he was transferred to the reinforcements, thus reducing him in rank, when he proceeded to England, and went into camp at Salisbury Plains, subsequently going to Codford camp, where he had 36 men in training under him. Early in October he was ordered away to France, but although straining every nerve to get to the front from the time he enlisted, was doomed not to do so, for he again suddenly took ill with bronchitis, to which he was always subject, and had evidently had only been laid up for a few weeks when he passed away as stated in a military hospital. His three brothers, who are also on active service, namely Gunner Richard W, Bombardier R. B. And Private A Pairman were all in camp in England at the time, and were able to attend the funeral of their late brother, who was buried on his 31st birthday.

(Reporter, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 15th December, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

PAIRMAN – In Loving remembrance of Lance-Corporal A. G. Pairman, dearly loved son of Alexander and Isabel Pairman, who died in Fovant Hospital, England, 26th November, 1916, brother of Gunners R. W. Pairman and Albert Pairman, Bombadier, R. B. Pairman (on active service), and Mrs Williams.

*Nay, not dead, but passed to higher service still,
And we who loved him her below
Must Bow to the great Commander's will.*

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Monday 26th November, 1917)

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BOX HILL

On Sunday afternoon, February 17, a memorial service was held at the band rotunda, White Horse Road, Box Hill, to perpetuate the memory of 57 brave soldiers from the shire of Nunawading who had fallen in battle since the war began. There was a crowded attendance numbering several hundred people from all parts of the surrounding district, and the service was a most impressive one, all present fully realising the great sacrifice made by those noble men in paying the full penalty in the defence of their country overseas. Laurel wreaths were placed on the South African fountain memorial by the Box Hill Baptist "Do your bit" club, to show that not only were they mindful of those who had fallen in the present war, but also the soldiers who had

laid down their lives in the Boer War.....the roll of honour was read, but unfortunately through some omission only 54 names appeared thereon, those of the brothers T. S. And Geoffrey Jones of Tunstall, and F. White, of Vermont, having since been added, and the full list appears below. Those assembled stood with bowed heads while the roll was being read.....

PAIRMAN, A.G

(34th name on the list)

(Reporter, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 22nd February 1918)

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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 at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. 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)

Lance Cpl Pairman does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Lance Cpl. A G Pairman's Headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery



Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey