

**Burngreave Cemetery,  
Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1921 SERGEANT**

**A. S. BISHOP**

**60TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**9TH DECEMBER, 1916**

*My Presence Shall Go With Thee,  
And I Will Give Thee Rest*

## Alan Stephen BISHOP

Alan Stephen Bishop was born at Brighton, Victoria on 23rd July, 1895 to parents John & Jemima Gibson Bishop (nee Macvean. Listed as Mackan on Victorian BDM for birth of Alan Stephen Bishop).

Alan Stephen Bishop attended school at Brighton Grammar & then attended Scotch College from 1913 to 1914.

Alan Stephen Bishop was a 19 year old from 27 Carpenter Street, Middle Brighton, Victoria who had left school when he enlisted on 14th January, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1921 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs J. G. Bishop, 27 Carpenter Street, Middle Brighton, Victoria. Alan Bishop stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with Citizen Forces, Melbourne University Rifles & also with Senior Cadets.

As Alan Stephen Bishop was under the age of 21 years – his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Mr John Bishop, father of Alan Stephen Bishop wrote a letter dated 11th January, 1915 stating his son was offering himself for enlistment in the Australian Expeditionary Force with his “full knowledge & approval.”

Alan Stephen Bishop was posted to Depot on 14th January, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 5th Reinforcements of 8th Battalion on 1st March, 1915.

Private Alan Stephen Bishop was promoted to Acting Corporal - no date recorded.

Acting Corporal Alan Stephen Bishop embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Hororata* (A20) on 17th April, 1915 with the 8th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements.

Corporal Alan Stephen Bishop joined 8th Battalion at “Anzac” on 17th July, 1915. He disembarked from *Empress of Britain* at Alexandria on 7th January, 1916 (after evacuation of Gallipoli).

Corporal Alan Stephen Bishop was transferred to 60th Battalion from 8th Battalion & was taken on strength of 60th Battalion at Serapeum on 24th February, 1916.

Private Alan Stephen Bishop embarked from Alexandria on *Kinfauns Castle* on 18th June, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th June, 1916.

Corporal Alan Stephen Bishop was promoted to Sergeant on 25th March, 1916.

Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop was reported wounded in action in France on 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to 13th Stationary Hospital on 20th July, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to face, hand & knee (multiple). Private Bishop embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Cambria* on 26th July, 1916 from Boulogne, France.

### 60th Battalion

The 60th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 8th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. The majority of both groups were Victorians. The new battalion formed part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

Having only arrived in France on 28 June, the 60th became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front on 19 July, without the benefit of an introduction to the trenches in a "quiet" sector. The battle of Fromelles was a disaster for the battalion. In a single day, it was virtually wiped out, suffering 757 casualties. These losses meant the battalion saw little further offensive action in 1916.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

#### War Diary – 60th Battalion

*Trenches on Fromelles Front – 19th July, 1916:*

*Coy Cmdrs and all other available officers received final instructions re assault at Batn. Hdqtrs at 10 a.m.*

*Zero time 11 a.m. Head of battalion moved past Brigade Hqtrs at 1.30 and marched via V.C. Sap to front line trenches under heavy enemy artillery bombardment. Friendly artillery very heavily bombarding enemy trenches.*

*Battalion established in front line trench by 4.30. Lewis Gun excepted, a few casualties having occurred, some serious. Battalion scaled parapet and advanced in four waves, the first wave leaving at 6.45, the last at 7. Each wave advanced under very heavy artillery machine gun and rifle fire, suffering very heavy casualties. Advance continued to within 90 yards of enemy trenches. The attack was held up although it is believed some few of the battalion entered enemy trenches. During the night 19/20 a few stragglers, wounded and unwounded, returned to our trenches.*

According to The Scotch Collegian, 1917 – Sergeant Bishop “*was initially wounded in the knee while calling his men forward. A second wound reportedly brought him down, after which he lay in No Man’s Land, unable to move until dusk because of enemy fire. A few minutes before it would have been safe to move, a shell landed some 10 metres from him, throwing him into the air and inflicting another 10 wounds, including a compound fracture of the arm and the loss of an eye.*’ He still managed to crawl towards the trenches, covering the necessary 50 metres in two hours.”

Mrs J. G. Bishop, 27 Carpenter Street, Middle Brighton, Victoria, mother of Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop, was advised by Base Records on 11th August, 1916 that Sergeant A. S. Bishop has been admitted to 13th Stationary Hospital, France on 20th July, 1916, suffering from gunshot wounds to face, head & knee – severe.

Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop died at 3.15 pm on 9th December, 1916 at 3rd Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, England from wounds received in action in France - G.S.W. (gunshot wounds) to head, arm & leg & general Septicaemia. A telegram to Administrative Headquarters from the Hospital at Sheffield advised that relatives were present at the time of death.

A death for Alan S. Bishop, aged 21, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Ecclesall Bierlow, Yorkshire West Riding, England.

Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop was buried in Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England – Plot number JJ. “C” 3655 and has a Private Headstone.

Newspaper item - The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 26 January, 1917:

### **GALLANT SOLDIER DIES FROM SHRAPNEL WOUNDS**

#### **SERGT. A. S. BISHOP MOURNED**

#### **WHEN LONG STRUGGLE ENDS**

*(FROM OUR LONDON OFFICE.)*

*92 Fleet street, December 14*

*After making a gallant fight for his life, Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop, son of Mr John Bishop, F.C.P.A., of Melbourne, died from wounds in the Third Northern Military Hospital, Sheffield.*

*While fighting in France last July he had received nine shrapnel wounds. Even his buoyant disposition and fine constitution, aided by the best medical and surgical skill in Britain, were not able to save him, though the struggle lasted for six months.*

*Mrs John Bishop, who arrived by the R.M.S. Medina, and reached Sheffield on Saturday, was just in time to be with her brave son at the last.*

*The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was attended by a number of relatives, and some of the many friends made by Sergeant Bishop while in the hospital. Those present included Mr James Bishop, his uncle (of Coleraine, Ireland); Mrs Gorman and Miss MacVean aunts; Colonel A. M. Connell (the hospital commandant); Lieut.-Colonel W. T. Reay (Inspector-General of the London Metropolitan Special Constabulary), representing, the directors of "The Herald" and "Weekly Times" Ltd. with which proprietary Mr John Bishop is connected as auditor; Mr and Mrs Cooper, and Mrs Chambers.*

*Of his own immediate comrades there was no representative, for they were all engaged on the Empire's business, on the Western front.*

*The coffin was covered by the Union Jack, over which were laid many beautiful wreaths. So numerous were the flowers that a special coach was laden with those for which no place could be found on the coffin or in the gun-*

*carriage. In addition to the detachment of Field Artillery (mounted) in charge of the gun-carriage, a detachment of the Royal Army Medical Corps paraded.*

*The funeral procession passed through the streets of Sheffield to the Burngreave Cemetery, amid manifestations of public respect along the whole route. Senior Chaplain-Captain Cooper, assisted by Captain Soden opened a short service, in the church at the cemetery, and completed it at the graveside, to which the coffin was carried on the shoulders of sorrowing British comrades.*

*There was no firing party— in war time these are seldom available, for home funerals, but the Last Post was blown by the Artillery bugler, while all stood at the salute.*

*Sergeant Bishop's body lies in a grave on the highest point of a hill which overlooks the whole of surrounding beautiful landscape. It is far from his Australian home and kindred, but is in the kindly embrace of the British earth from which his people came.*

Base Records contacted Mrs J. G. Bishop, 27 Carpenter Street, Middle Brighton, Victoria, mother of the late Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop in August, 1920, stating that she was registered as the next of kin of the late Sergeant A. S. Bishop but requested to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was 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. G. Bishop replied that her late son's father was alive & his address was the same as hers.

Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sergeant Bishop's father – Mr J. Bishop, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop - service number 1921, of 60th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of John and J. G. Bishop, of Brighton, Victoria, Australia.

Sergeant A. S. Bishop is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 169.



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

A. S. Bishop is remembered on the Brighton Roll of Honour, located in Brighton Town Hall, Carpenter & Wilson Streets, Brighton, Victoria.



Brighton Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)



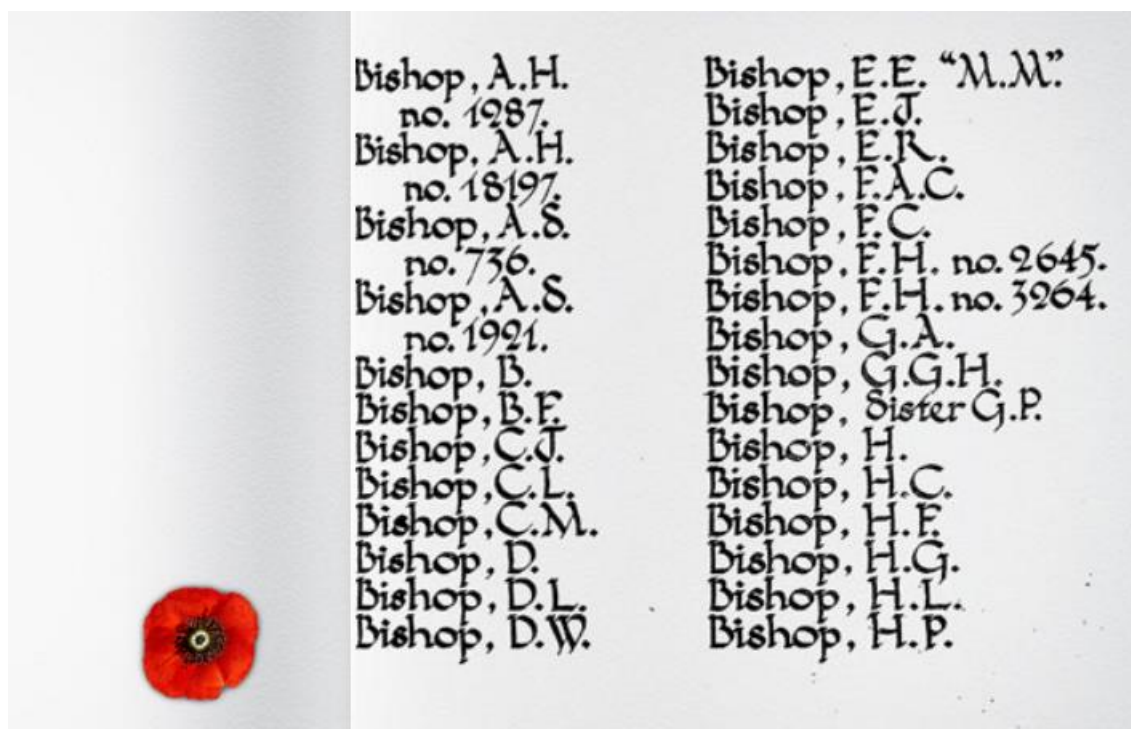
Sergeant A. S. Bishop is remembered on the City of Brighton Avenue of Honour Memorial, located at Hurlingham Park, Nepean Highway, Brighton East, Victoria.



City of Brighton Avenue of Honour Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)



A. S. Bishop is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



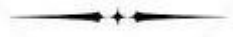
(52 pages of Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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





**Alan Stephen Bishop**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES**

#### **255th CASUALTY LIST**

VICTORIA

WOUNDED

Sgt. A. S. Bishop, Brighton

*(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 18 August, 1916)*

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### **DEATHS**

#### **On Active Service**

BISHOP – Alan Stephen, elder son of John and Jemima Bishop, of Lybater, Middle Brighton, on the 9th inst., at the 3rd Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, the result of wounds received in France on 19th July. (By cable)

*(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 December, 1916)*

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## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

### 255th CASUALTY LIST

VICTORIA

DIED FROM WOUNDS

Sgt. A. S. BISHOP, Middle Brighton, 9/12/16

*(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 25 December, 1916)*

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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.

Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop has a Private Headstone.

### **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)*



**Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield** (Photo by Paula Lloyd – Find a Grave)



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

Photo of Sergeant Alan Stephen Bishop's Private Headstone in Burngreave Cemetery, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Wayne Bywater)*



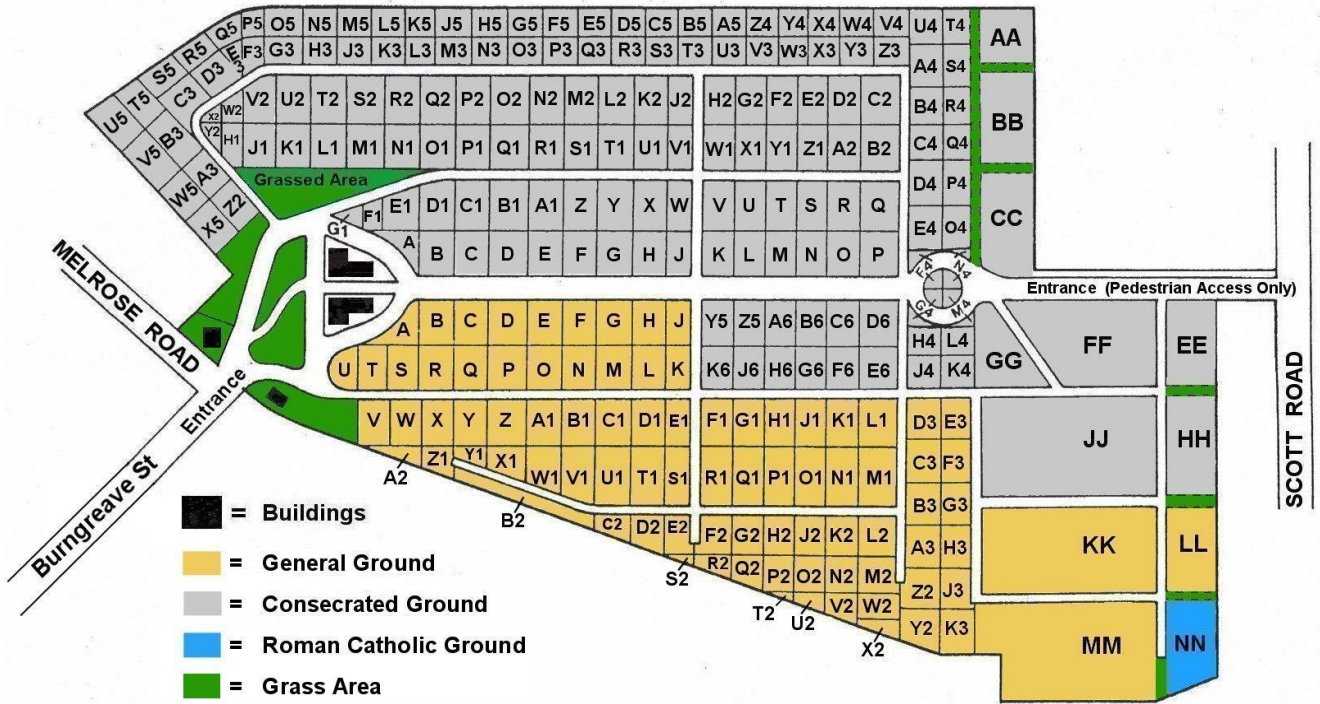
*Sacred to the Memory of  
ALAN STEPHEN BISHOP  
Of The 8th Battalion Australian  
Infantry Force.  
Beloved Eldest Son Of  
John & Jemima Bishop  
Of Melbourne, Australia  
Who Died on December 9TH 1916,  
From Wounds Received In Action At  
Armentieres, France, On July 19TH 1916.  
Aged 21 Years  
"My Presence Shall Go With Thee  
And I Will Give Thee Rest."*



*(Photos courtesy of Wayne Bywater)*



# Burngreave Cemetery



(Photo from Meersbrook – Find a Grave)