

**St. Peter & St. Paul's Church Cemetery,  
West Clandon, Surrey**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1871 BOMBARDIER**

**A. A. M. GUNN**

**AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY**

**7TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 20**

*Till The Dawn*

*O Sacred Heart Of Jesus*

*Have Mercy On His Soul*

## Archibald Ambrose Matthew GUNN

Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was born at Cohuna, Victoria on 1st April, 1895 to parents Whitworth & Sarah Gunn (nee Bowles).

Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn attended State School at Cohuna, Victoria.

Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was a 20 year old, single, Clerk (in Stock & Station Agents Office; also trained in Surveying) from Surat, Queensland when he enlisted at Toowoomba, Queensland on 20th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1871 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mrs Whitworth Gunn, of Surat, Queensland. As Archibald Gunn was under the age of 21 years his parents both signed their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service abroad.

Private Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was posted to 13th Reinforcements, 2nd Light Horse Regiment on 20th September, 1915 for recruit training.

Private Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Boonah* (A36) on 22nd January, 1916 with the 1st Light Horse Brigade, 2nd Light Horse Regiment, 13th Reinforcements.

Private Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was transferred & taken on strength of 1st Light Horse Reserve at Heliopolis on 6th March, 1916.

Private Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was transferred to 4th Div. Artillery at Serapeum on 16th April, 1916.

Private Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was taken on strength of 11th Field Artillery Brigade as Gunner & posted to 41st Battery on 21st April, 1916.

Gunner Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on *Haverford* on 1st June, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 10th June, 1916.

Gunner Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was to be Temporary Bombardier from 2nd November, 1916, vice Temp Bombardier McIntyre evacuated sick.

Temporary Bombardier Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was wounded in action on 31st January, 1917. He was admitted to 45th Casualty Clearing Station on 31st January, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to buttock. Temporary Bombardier Gunn was transferred to Ambulance Train 15 on 2nd February, 1917 & admitted to 3rd Stationary Hospital at Rouen, France on 3rd February, 1917. Temporary Bombardier Gunn was transferred to England on 4th February, 1917.

Temporary Bombardier Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was admitted to Clandon Park Hospital, Surrey, England with gunshot wounds to both buttocks. (Note: The date on the Statement of Service form & Casualty Form – Active Service both have the date of admission as 5th December, 1916 – date should be 5th February, 1917).



Bombardier Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn died on 7th February, 1917 at Clandon Park Hospital, Surrey, England from gunshot wounds & bronchitis (some forms record that he died of broncho-pneumonia).

A death for Archibald Gunn, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Guildford, Surrey, England.

Bombardier Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was buried on 10th February, 1917 in St. Peter & St. Paul Church Cemetery, West Clandon and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Bombardier Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Bombardier Gunn's father - Mr W. Gunn, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Bombardier Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn – service number 1871, aged 20, of 4th Div. Artillery G.Q., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Whitworth & Sarah Gunn, of Richmond, North Queensland, Australia.

A. Gunn is remembered on the Cohuna Memorial Hall Honour Roll, located at corner King Edward Street and Market Street, Cohuna, Victoria.



Cohuna Memorial Hall Honour Roll (Photo from Victorian Heritage Database)



A. Gunn is remembered on the Cohuna State School Honour Roll last known to be located in the Cohuna & District Historical Society Museum.

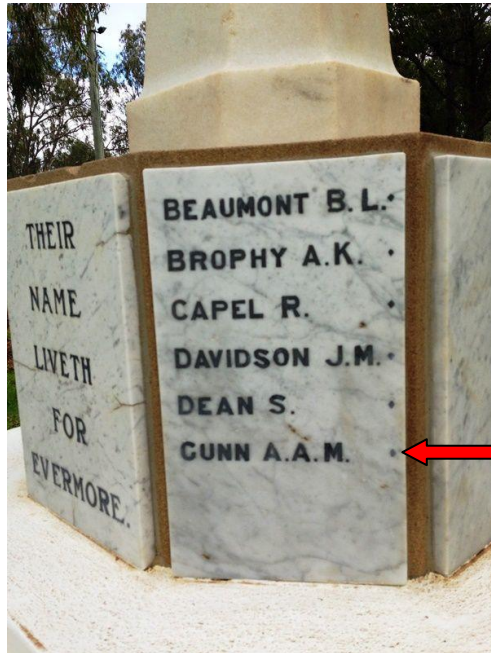


**Cohuna State School Honour Roll** (Photo from Victorian Heritage Database)

A. A. M. Gunn is remembered on the Surat War Memorial, located in Memorial Park, Marcus & Charlotte Streets, Surat, Queensland.



**Surat War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia – Judith Nissen)



Bombardier A. A. M. Gunn is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 16.



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

(40 pages of Bombardier Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*





**Private Archibald Ambrose Matthew Gunn**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **THE CALL**

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ARCHIBALD AMBROSE MATTHEW GUNN, Surat

*(Darling Downs Gazette, Queensland – 21 September, 1915)*

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## **ROLL of HONOUR**

Casualty list No. 273 was released.....

### **QUEENSLAND**

### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

Bdr. A. A. M. Gunn, Surat, 7/2/17

*(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 19 February, 1917)*



### 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)*

Bombardier A. A. M. Gunn does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Till The Dawn O Sacred Heart Of Jesus Have Mercy On His Soul*

### **St. Peter & St. Paul Church Cemetery, West Clandon, Surrey, England**

St. Peter & St. Paul Church Cemetery, West Clandon contains 11 Commonwealth War Graves – 10 from World War 1 & 1 from World War 2.



**St. Peter & St. Paul Church, West Clandon, Surrey** *(Photo by Anthony Bysouth)*





**St. Peter & St. Paul Church Cemetery, West Clandon, Surrey** (Photo by Magicfingers)



**Bombardier A. A. M. Gunn's C.W.G.C. Headstone in St. Peter & St. Paul Church Cemetery, West Clandon,**  
(Photo by Magicfingers)



Photo of Bombardier A. A. M. Gunn's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Peter & St. Paul Church Cemetery, West Clandon, Surrey, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*



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