

**Airbles Cemetery,
Dalziel, Lanarkshire, Scotland
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



21369 BOMBARDIER

C. JORGENSEN

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

6TH NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 28

He Giveth All

Who Giveth Life

May Thy Soul Rest In Peace

Carl JORGENSEN

Carl Jorgensen was born in Helsingfors, Finland, Russia (possibly 21st December, 1887) to parents James and Helene Jorgensen.

According to information supplied by his wife for the Roll of Honour, Carl Jorgensen came to Australia when he was 13 years old.

Charles Jorgensen married Agnes McKinney in 1913 in Queensland.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kennedy, subdivision of Muttaborra, Queensland listed a "Carl Jorgensen", Labourer of Ambo Station, Longreach.

A birth was registered in 1915 for Edith Jorgensen – parents Charles & Agnes Jorgensen (nee McKinney). *(At the time of researching the range for birth searches was only up to 1916)*

Carl Jorgensen was a 26 year old, married, Stockman from Nogo, Longreach, Queensland when he enlisted at Rockhampton, Australia on 10th September, 1915 with the Brigade Ammunition Column, Field Artillery Brigade of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 21369 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs A. Jorgensen, of "Carola" Excelsior Parade, Marrickville, Sydney, NSW.

Gunner Carl Jorgensen was posted to "C" Company, 3rd Depot Battalion on 10th September, 1915. He was transferred to 3/15 Field Artillery Reinforcements on 31st December, 1915 then transferred to 3/17 Field Artillery Reinforcements on 2nd January, 1916.

Gunner Carl Jorgensen was posted as Acting Bombardier on 1st April, 1916 with 9th Brigade Ammunition Column

Gunner/Acting Bombardier Carl Jorgensen embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Argyllshire (A8)* on 11th May, 1916 & disembarked at Davenport, England on 10th July, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Acting Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was posted to 9th Field Artillery Brigade, 34th Battery on 24th July, 1916.

Acting Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was promoted to Provisional Bombardier on 18th August, 1916.

Provisional Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was promoted to Bombardier on 10th November, 1916

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen proceeded overseas to France via Southampton from 9th Field Artillery Brigade on 31st December, 1916.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was transferred & taken on strength from 9th Field Artillery Brigade with 3rd Division Artillery Details in France on 6th January, 1917.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was transferred to 12th Army F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) on 4th February, 1917 & taken on strength on 9th February, 1917 with 47th Battery.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was sent to Hospital sick on 3rd March, 1917. He was taken to 6th Australian Field Ambulance with an accident injury to his left foot. He was transferred to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 7th March, 1917 & discharged the same day. He rejoined his Unit on 9th March, 1917.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was on leave to UK from 29th September, 1917 & rejoined from leave on 13th October, 1917.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was promoted to Temporary Corporal vice 23099 L/Cpl. Vaughan sick on 9th November, 1917 while in Belgium.

Temporary Corporal Carl Jorgensen was promoted to Corporal on 9th February, 1918 vice 23099 Cpl. Vaughan evacuated.

Corporal Carl Jorgensen was detached to Australian Corps Gas School on 10th February, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 16th February, 1918.

Corporal Carl Jorgensen was wounded in action (Gas - mustard) in France on 20th February, 1918. He was taken to 4th Australian Field Ambulance then transferred to Divisional Rest Station. Corporal Jorgensen was transferred to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd February, 1918. Corporal Carl Jorgensen was discharged to Unit on 1st May, 1918.

Corporal Carl Jorgensen rejoined his Unit on 3rd May, 1918 after recovering from effects of gas.

Corporal Carl Jorgensen requested in a letter dated 16th July, 1918 that "*I make application to revert to the rank of Bdr. at my own request.*" Capt. Hallinan, O.C., 47th Battery, Australian Field Artillery "*forwarded and strongly recommended*" the request.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was on leave to UK from 26th October, 1918.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was admitted to Military Hospital, Hamilton, Scotland with Influenza on 1st November, 1918, whilst on leave.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen died at 9.30 pm on 6th November, 1918 at Military Hospital, Hamilton, Scotland from Pneumonia.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was buried on 11th November, 1918 in Airbles Cemetery, Dalziel, Lanarkshire, Scotland – Plot number B. 1337 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Bombardier Jorgensen - *Coffin was white pine, covered with black cloth & brass fittings. The deceased soldier was interred privately by relatives in Scotland. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Names of relatives & friends present at the funeral – Mrs McKinney, Mr & Mrs Law, Bridget, Mary and Lizzie McKinney, Mr and Mrs Henderson.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Bombardier Carl Jorgensen contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death & burial of Bombardier Jorgensen. A letter written from the O.C. Military Hospital, Hamilton reads: "*Jorgensen, Carl, 2169 – "Died 6-11-18" Re the above named soldier. Private Jorgensen was admitted to this Hospital on 1-11-18 and died on 6-11-18. His disease was Influenza and Pneumonia. He was buried in Airbles Cemetery, Motherwell. The number of the lair is 1337. B. The funeral was carried out to the instructions of his Mother-in-law – Mrs McKinney, 66 Watsonville, Motherwell.*"

Carl Jorgensen requested in his Will, dated 13th November, 1917, that all his personal estate he bequeathed to his wife – Mrs Agnes Jorgensen of 119 Bridge Street, Valley, Brisbane, Australia.

Bombardier Carl Jorgensen was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Bombardier Jorgensen's widow – Mrs Agnes Jorgensen, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent February, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Bombardier Carl Jorgensen – service number 21369, aged 28, of Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of James and Helene Jorgensen; husband of Agnes Jorgensen of Stevenson St., Rosalie, Queensland. Born in Finland.

C. Jorgensen is remembered on the Longreach War Memorial, located in ANZAC Memorial Park, Landsborough Highway & Galah Street, Longreach, Queensland.



Longreach War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Glen Yeomans/Roger Johnson)



Bombardier C. Jorgensen is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 17.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(65 pages of Bombardier Carl Jorgensen'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



Newspaper Notices

QUEENSLAND'S LOSSES

Casualty List No. 385

WOUNDED

Bdr. C. Jorgensen, Marrickville, NSW (Gas)

(*The Daily Mail*, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia – 19 March, 1918)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

LISTS Nos 448 AND 449

Died from Other Causes

C. Jorgensen (New South Wales – illness)

(*Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia – 3 December, 1918)

ANZAC DAY

At the request of the authorities in London the minister of Dalziel (the Rev. T. B. Stewart Thomson, B.D., M.C.) organised a party to visit the graves of two Australasian soldiers, buried in Motherwell, on "Anzac Day" (April 25), the anniversary of the first landing at Gallipoli. As a result between thirty and forty members of the Parish Church and other friends assembled at 4 pm at Airbles Cemetery. Captain Thomson said a few words on the reason for their presence, and offered a prayer, Thereafter many beautiful flowers were placed on the graves of Pte John Fredrick Paul Graham, 5th Bn. A.I.F., and Pte Charles Gorgenson, A.I.F. The proceeding terminated with the Benediction. Amongst those present was Mrs Graham, 45 Calder Street, mother of Pte Graham.

(Motherwell Times, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland – 2 May, 1919)

ANZAC DAY

Captain the Rev. T. B. Stewart Thomson, M.C., minister of Dalziel, has again been asked by the authorities in London to arrange for the celebration in Motherwell of "Anzac Day," the anniversary of the first landing at Gallipoli, which falls on Sunday, the 25th of the month. Two Anzac soldiers lie buried in Airbles Cemetery – Pte John F. P. Graham, 5th Batt., A.I.F., and Pte Charles Gorgenson, A.I.F. Any who would like to place a few simple flowers on their graves, in grateful remembrance of our Australian and New Zealand soldiers who died for the cause of freedom, are asked to meet at the Cemetery Gates at 3.30 pm on Sunday,

(Motherwell Times, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland - 23 April, 1920)

MOTHERWELL

Anzac Day

Anzac Day (April 25th), the anniversary of the landing on the peninsula of Gallipoli, falls on Monday of next week, and the Rev. T. B. Stewart Thomson, M.C., B.D., minister of Dalziel, had again been asked by the authorities in London to arrange for the annual pilgrimage to the graves of Australian and New Zealand soldiers buried in Motherwell. There are four such in Airbles Cemetery – 2 Australian and 1 New Zealand. Friends and all interested are invited to bring a little tribute in the way if a bunch of flowers, and it is understood that a party of the local company of the Royal Engineers, who took part in the landing, may also be present. Captain Stewart Thomson will meet the company at the gate of the cemetery at 3.30 pm prompt on Monday.

(Motherwell Times, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland - 22 April, 1921)

MOTHERWELL

“Anzac Day”

The Parish minister (Rev. T. B. Stewart Thomson) has again been asked by the Australian authorities to arrange for the observance of “Anzac Day,” which falls on Wednesday, 25th April, the anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Friends interested are asked to meet at the gate of Airbles Cemetery at 2.45 pm prompt. Thereafter flowers will be placed on the graves of the three Australian and New Zealand soldiers buried there. It is hoped that a detachment of the local Field Company, Royal Engineers (T.A.), who took part in the landing may be on parade.

(Motherwell Times, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland - 20 April, 1923)

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 C. Jorgensen does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Airbles Cemetery, Dalziel, Lanarkshire, Scotland

Airbles Cemetery, Dalziel contains 79 Commonwealth War Graves – 25 relating to World War 1 & 54 relating to World War 2.



Entrance to Airbles Cemetery, Dalziel *(Photo by Ross Watson)*

Photo of Bombardier C. Jorgensen's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Airbles Cemetery, Dalziel, Lanarkshire, Scotland



(Photo by David McNay - Scottish War Graves Project)



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