

**Christchurch Churchyard,
Cadley, Wiltshire
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2057 CORPORAL

L. A. MANDERSON

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

12TH MARCH, 1917 Age 36

Laurie Alexander MANDERSON

Laurie Alexander Manderson was born on 7th June, 1881 (Baptismal Register records date of birth as 6th June, 1881) in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia to parents James & Lillias Manderson (nee Pringle). He was baptised on 19th November, 1882 at parish Church at Savernake, Wiltshire, England. James Manderson, father of Laurie Manderson, was listed as a Cooper.

Lillias Manderson, mother of Laurie Alexander Manderson, died 6th October, 1881 in Queensland, Australia. (Buried South Brisbane General Cemetery)

The 1891 England Census recorded Laurie Alexander Manderson as a 9 year old Scholar, living with his grandparents at Park Farm, South Savernake, Wiltshire. His grandparents were listed as Thomas Pringle (Farmer, aged 78, born Scotland) & Catherine Pringle (aged 76, born Scotland). Also listed was James Pringle – son of Thomas & Catherine Pringle (Farmer's son, aged 41, born Scotland) & Thomas & Catherine Pringle's granddaughter – Catherine Manderson - Laurie's sister (Domestic help, aged 19, born Queensland).

James Manderson, father of Laurie Alexander Manderson, died on 25th May, 1891 in Queensland, Australia. (Buried South Brisbane General Cemetery)

The 1901 England Census recorded Laurie A. Manderson as a 19 year old, Twine Spinner's Clerk, living with his grandparents at Park Farm, South Savernake, Wiltshire. His grandparents were listed as Thomas Pringle (Farmer, aged 88) & Catherine Pringle (aged 86). Also listed was Grace Knight Cox – married daughter of Thomas & Catherine Pringle (aged 59) & Thomas & Catherine Pringle's granddaughter – Catherine Manderson - Laurie's sister (aged 29).

The 1911 England Census recorded Laurie Alexander Manderson as a 29 year old, Clerk (Rope & Twine trade) living as head of the house with his Aunt – Anne Bryden Pringle (aged 71) (Listed as on the Census as "Housekeeper to above" but then crossed out). Laurie & his Aunt were living at 5 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire on a 10 roomed dwelling.

Laurie Alexander Manderson enlisted at Swindon, Wiltshire with the Royal Army Medical Corps. His service number was 2057. Laurie Manderson's residence was listed as Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Royal Army Medical Corps

The Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) is a specialist corps of the British Army, set up to provide medical services to all British Army personnel. The Medical Services official history reveals that 66,139 men had been obtained for the RAMC by the 31st December 1915 (excluding Territorial Force). Many men would have been in the home hospital reserve, serving in hospitals in the United Kingdom so would not have served abroad.

Corporal Laurie Alexander Manderson died on 12th March, 1917 at Isolation Hospital, Ipswich, Suffolk, England from Cerebro-spinal meningitis

A death for Laure A. Manderson, aged 35, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Ipswich, Suffolk, England.

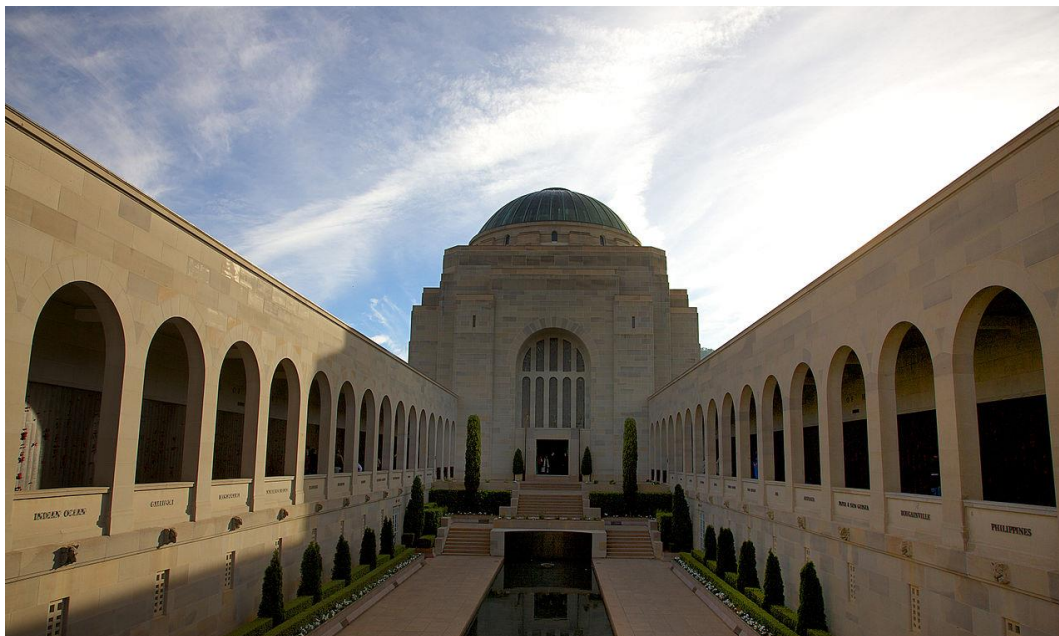
Corporal Laurie Alexander Manderson was buried in Cadley (Christchurch) Churchyard, Wiltshire, England – south of Church and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects record Acting Corporal Laurie A. Manderson, of 327th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps died in Hospital on Meningitis. His Aunt & Executrix was Anne Bryden Pringle.

Probate details: Manderson, Laurie Alexander of 5 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, Corporal Royal Army Medical Corps, died 12 March, 1917 at the Isolation Hospital, Ipswich. Probate London 12 May to Anne Bryden Pringle, spinster. Effects £288 15s. 7d.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Laurie Alexander Manderson – service number 2057, aged 36, of Royal Army Medical Corps. He was the son of James and Lillias Manderson.

Corporal Laurie Alexander Manderson is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (*Capital Photographer*)

Corporal Laurie Alexander Manderson is remembered in the Golden Book One (page 399). The Golden Book One record the names of Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Army Medical Corps who gave their lives for their country in the years 1914-1919. There are 743 Officers and 6,130 other ranks listed in the Golden Book 1914-1918.

*The Royal Army Medical Corps
Book of Remembrance*



Golden Book One 1914-1918

Corporal Laurie Alexander Manderson - 12 Mar 1917

Cadley Churchyard, Wiltshire

Cadley Churchyard, Wiltshire contains 3 Commonwealth War Graves – two from 1914 & one from 1917.



(Photos by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)



Photo of Corporal L. A. Manderson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Cadley (Christchurch) Churchyard, Wiltshire, England.



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The surrounds of Corporal Laurie Manderson's grave contain the inscriptions of his sister – Catherine Sprawson (nee Manderson) & his aunt – Anne Pringle who are both buried in the grave.