

**Efford Cemetery,
Plymouth, Devon, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3101 CORPORAL

S. A. MOGER M.M.

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

3RD NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 22

In Memory Of

The Dearly Loved Son Of

Mr & Mrs Moger

Sidney Albert MOGER

Sidney Albert Horace Moger was born at North Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria on 2nd August, 1896 to parents Horace Albert & Eveline Moger (nee Saxton). Sydney (spelling as listed in Baptism Register) Albert Horace Moger was baptised on 29th November, 1896 in St. Peter's Church, Eastern Hill, Victoria. The family lived at 36 Harold (?) Street & Horace Moger was listed as a Waiter.

Sidney Albert Moger attended Canterbury State School, Victoria.

Sidney Albert Moger was a 19 year old, single, Clerk when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 30th November, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3101 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Horace Moger, 34 Warburton Road, Canterbury, Victoria. Sidney Albert Moger stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with 26th Engineers & had been discharged to enlist in Expeditionary Forces.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was posted to 2nd & 3rd Reinforcements on 30th November, 1914 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Field Artillery Brigade Reinforcements on 16th December, 1914.

Gunner Sydney (spelling as per Embarkation Roll) Albert Moger embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Borda* (A30) on 22nd December, 1914 with the 1st Field Artillery Brigade – 1st Reinforcements.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was transferred to Divisional Ammunition Column on 11th March, 1915 as supernumerary. He was transferred from Supernumerary list to 1st F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) Ammunition Column on 16th March, 1915

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 4th April, 1915.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger embarked from Alexandria on H.T. *Themistocles* on 14th November, 1915 for Gallipoli Peninsula. He was transferred to 1st Battery & joined the Unit on 21st November, 1915 at Gallipoli Peninsula.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger disembarked at Alexandria ex *Caledonia* on 22nd December, 1915 (after evacuation of Gallipoli).

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger embarked from Alexandria on 21st March, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th March, 1916.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was awarded 4 days Field Punishment 2 on 3rd May, 1916 while posted in France for Disobedience of Orders.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger rejoined his Unit (1st Field Artillery Brigade) on 6th October, 1916 from School of Instruction.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger reported sick on 26th January, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance for dental treatment & was discharged to duty on 27th January, 1917. He rejoined his Unit on 27th January, 1917.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was awarded 7 days Field Punishment No. 2 on 23rd March, 1917 for Refusing to obey an Order.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger proceeded on Leave on 18th April, 1917 & rejoined from Leave on 3rd May, 1917.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was wounded in action in Belgium on 10th August, 1917. He was admitted to 55th Field Ambulance on 11th August, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) Left Knee then transferred & admitted to 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Gunner Moger was transferred to Ambulance Train 5 on 12th August, 1917 & admitted to 57th General Hospital on 13th August, 1917. He was discharged to Base Depot on 19th September, 1917.

Mr H. Moger, 34 Warburton Rd, Canterbury, Victoria, father of Gunner Sidney Albert Moger, was advised by Base Records on 24th August, 1917 that Gunner S. A. Moger had been wounded.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was posted to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) in France on 24th September, 1917. He rejoined his Unit from wounded on 1st October, 1917.

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was awarded the Military Medal on 19th October, 1917 (A.I.F. List 247) (London Gazette – 18 October, 1917 & Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 14 February, 1918).

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour - the reason Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was awarded Military Medal: "*M.M. won for conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty while repairing telephone lines at forward areas at Ypres. During the night a heavy enemy barrage came down covering the men between the Battery & Group Headquarters. Gunner Moger & another man went out on the line as soon as communication went & restored it after mending numerous breaks with no delay although under heavy fire. He was wounded in the leg but carried out the job before returning when he was evacuated by the Medical Officer. His conduct was quite characteristic of him further it was very important that the battery should not be out of touch with Group Headquarters.*"

Military Medal

The Military Medal (MM) was a military decoration awarded to personnel of the British Army and other arms of the armed forces, and to personnel of other Commonwealth countries, below commissioned rank, for bravery in battle on land. The award was established in 1916, with retrospective application to 1914, and was awarded to other ranks for "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire". (*Wikipedia*)



Military Medal (MM)

Gunner Sidney Albert Moger was promoted to Temporary Bombardier on 20th October, 1917 vice McMaster promoted.

Temporary Bombardier Sidney Albert Moger was promoted to Bombardier on 11th November, 1917 vice Bracken promoted.

Bombardier Sidney Albert Moger was promoted to Temporary Corporal on 17th January, 1918 vice Meevan promoted.

Temporary Corporal Sidney Albert Moger proceeded on Leave on 17th February, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from Leave on 5th March, 1918.

Temporary Corporal Sidney Albert Moger reverted to the substantive rank of Bombardier vice King reverted.

Bombardier Sidney Albert Moger was promoted to Temporary Corporal on 19th March, 1918 vice Hopkins promoted.

Temporary Corporal Sidney Albert Moger embarked at Havre, France on 13th October, 1918 for Australia. He was listed as part of "B" Draft & disembarked at Southampton, England on 14th October, 1918. Temporary Corporal Moger was marched into St. Budeaux ready for Return to Australia – Special 1914 Leave.

Temporary Corporal Sidney Albert Moger was admitted to 4th Southern General Hospital, Devonport, England on 18th October, 1918 with Influenza.

Corporal Sidney Albert Moger died at 02.30 am on 3rd November, 1918 at 4th Southern General Hospital – Ford House Section, Devonport, England from Influenza & Septic Pneumonia.

A death for Sidney A. Moger, aged 22, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Devonport, Devon, England.

Corporal Sidney Albert Moger was buried on 7th November, 1918 in Efford Cemetery, Parish of Eggbuckland, Plymouth, England – Grave No 7539 Class C. This is now recorded by Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England – Plot number Church C. 7539 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

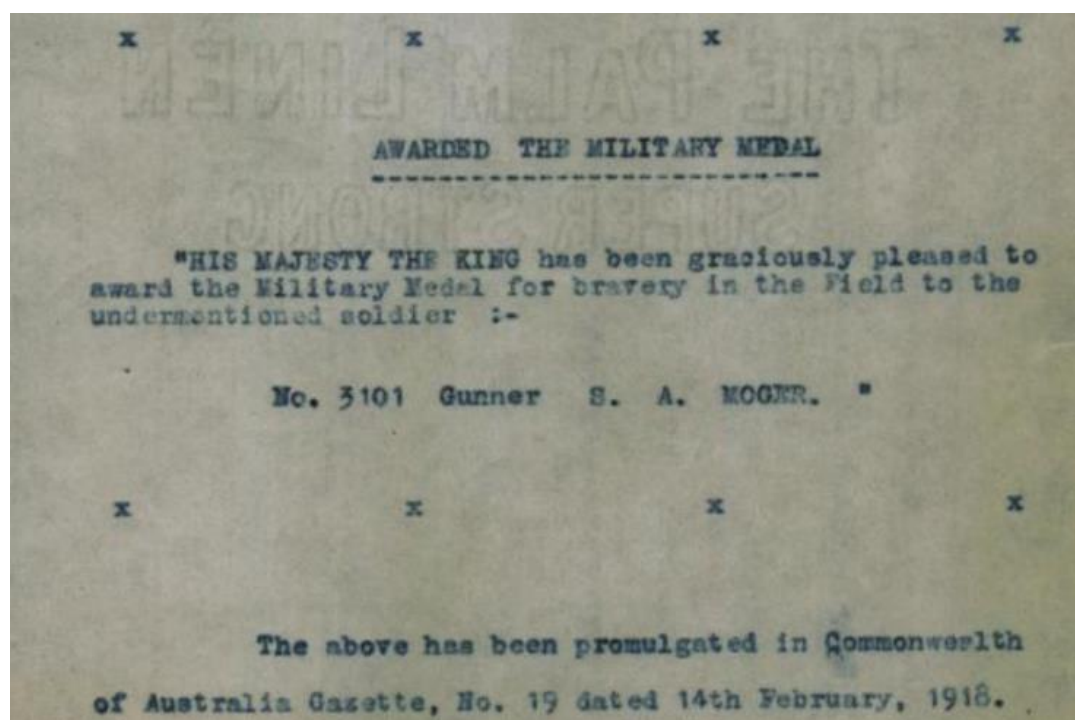
From the burial report of Corporal Sidney Albert Moger - *Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military Funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and conveyed to the graveside where the "Last Post" was sounded. Rev S. C. Woods, conducted the burial service. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives & Friends present at the Funeral – Brother from the Australian Imperial Forces.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Corporal Sidney Albert Moger contains a letter on behalf of the Matron, 4th Southern General Hospital Devonport, as a result of a request from his mother for any particulars of his illness & death, which reads: "*Re No 3101. Pte S. A. Moger. He was admitted into this Hospital suffering from Influenza followed by Pneumonia, The Sister tells me that he fought very hard for his life but he passed away at 2.30 am on 3-11-18. He was buried at Eggbuckland Cemetery (near Plymouth). His personal effects were forwarded to Officer i/c A.I.F. Kit Stores, 110 Greyhound Road, Hammersmith, London, W.6.*"

Sidney Albert Moger requested in his Will dated 10th July, 1917 that all his real & personal estate be bequeathed to Mrs Eveline Moger, 84 Canterbury Road, Victoria.

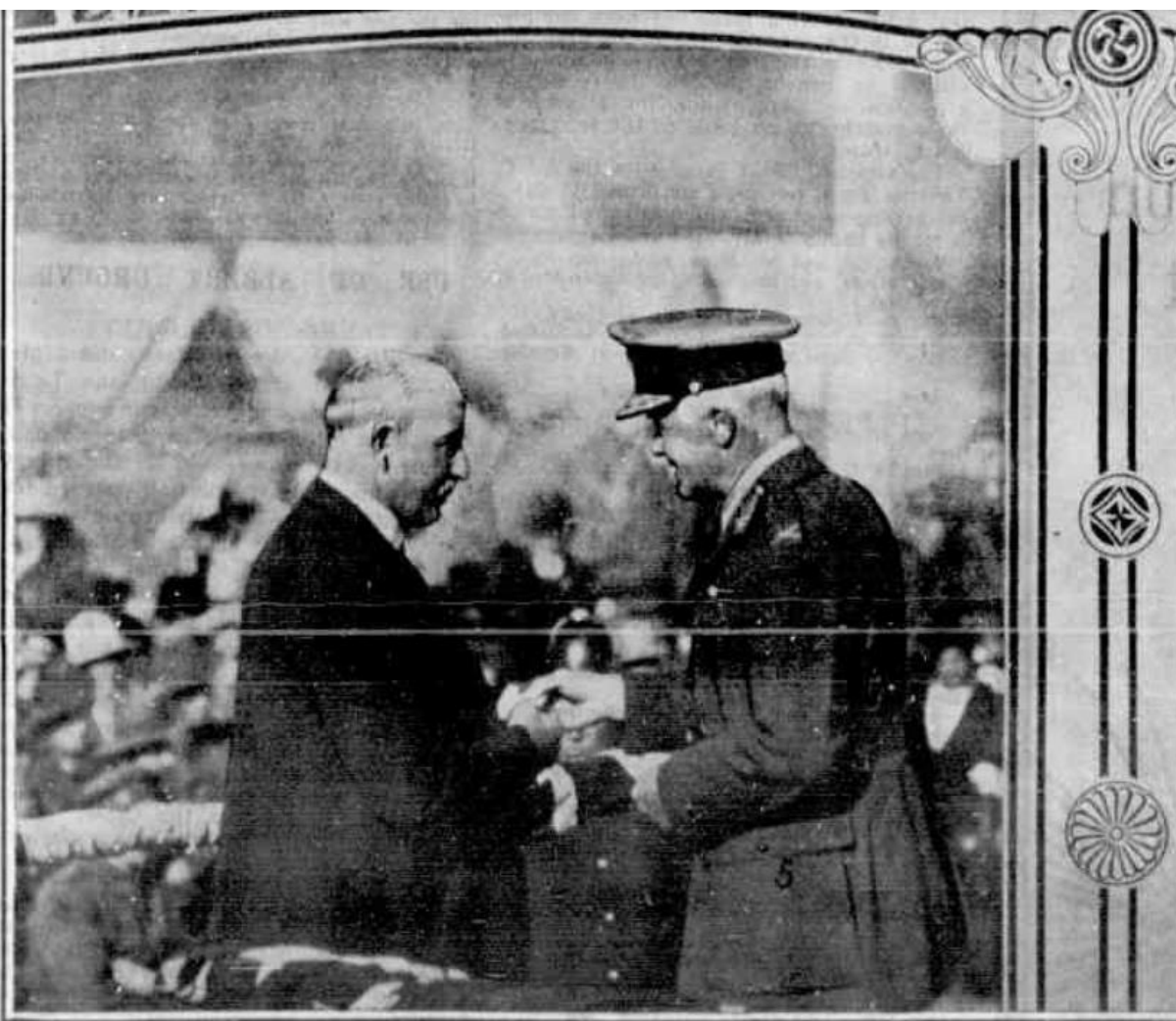
Base Records wrote to Mr H. Moger, 34 Warburton Rd, Canterbury, Victoria, father of Corporal Sidney Albert Moger, on 22nd February, 1918 with the following: "I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement No. 30340 to the London Gazette dated 16th October, 1917, relating to the conspicuous service rendered by your son, No. 3101 Gunner S. A Moger, 1st Field Artillery Brigade.



Base Records wrote to Mr H. Moger, 34 Warburton Rd, Canterbury, Victoria, father of Corporal Sidney Albert Moger, on 10th April, 1919 with the following: *"I am in receipt of the Military Medal which was awarded to the late No. 3101 Corporal S. A. Moger, M.M., 1st Field Art. Brigade, and shall be glad to learn at YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE whether you desire this decoration to be handed to you publicly on the first suitable occasion, or whether you would prefer it to be transmitted to you direct from this office. The public presentation could possibly be arranged to fit in with some local function in your district, as the Department cannot be responsible for any expenses in connexion with travelling to Melbourne or other large centre..."*

Mr H. Moger replied to Base Records on 14th April, 1919 to advise *"...I would prefer it to be handed to me publicly on the first suitable occasion."*

Base Records wrote to Commandant, 3rd Military District, Melbourne, Victoria on 17th April, 1919 to advise a list of decorations to be publicly presented for deceased members of the A.I.F. Corporal S. A. Moger's name was included in the list.



MILITARY MEDALS WON ON ACTIVE SERVICE AND PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AT THE DOMAIN CAMP, MELBOURNE, ON MAY 1.

5. Mr H. A. Moger receiving The Military Model won by the late Corporal S. A. Moger.

(The Australasian, Melbourne, Victoria – 10 May, 1919)

Corporal Sidney Albert Moger was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Moger's father – Mr H. Moger, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922 but was returned then resent May, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Sidney Albert Moger – service number 3101, aged 22, of 1st Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Horace Albert & Eveline Moger, of 34 Warburton Rd., Canterbury, Victoria, Australia. Awarded Military Medal.

Corporal S. A. Moger is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 11.



Roll of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

S. A. Moger is remembered on the Camberwell City RSL Memorial, located on Camberwell Road, Camberwell, Victoria.





Camberwell City RSL Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)

S. A. Moger is remembered on the Canterbury RSL Memorial Units Honour Roll for World War 1, located in Camberwell City RSL, 403 Camberwell Road, Camberwell, Victoria. (Its last known location was the Canterbury Memorial Home Units - as listed by Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

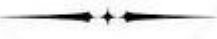
S. Moger is remembered on the Canterbury State School Honour Roll, located Canterbury State Primary School, Molesworth Street, Canterbury, Victoria. (as listed by Victorian War Heritage Inventory)



Canterbury State Primary School, Victoria

(61 pages of Corporal Sidney Albert Moger'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



[Connected to Corporal Sidney Albert Moger:](#)

Younger brother – Reginald Moger – Enlisted 30th June, 1916 as an 18 year old Blacksmith from Canterbury, Victoria. Embarked on 19th February, 1917 from Melbourne on HMAT *Ballarat* with 8th Infantry Battalion, 24th Reinforcements as Private 7268.

He was returned to Australia for Change on 26th September, 1917 due to Synovitis left knee.

Medically discharged from Australian Imperial Force on 22nd December, 1917.





Corporal Sidney Albert Moger



Corporal Sidney Albert Moger (left)



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

336th and 337th CASUALTY LISTS

WOUNDED

Cpl S. A. Moger, Canterbury

(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 11 September, 1917)

HONOURS FOR AUSTRALIANS

The supplement to the London "Gazette", dated October 18 contains the names of Australian soldiers who have been awarded the following military decorations:-

MILITARY MEDAL

...3101 Gnr S. A. Moger, Fd. Arty;.....

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 December, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

MOGER – Officially reported died of influenza and pneumonia at the 4th Southern General Hospital, England, on the 3rd November, 1918, Corporal Sidney A. Moger, M.M., 1st Div, Australian Field Artillery, dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Moger, of Canterbury, after nearly four years' service, aged 22 years.

"His duty nobly done."

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 November, 1918) & (The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 November, 1918)

MEDAL WINNERS GIVE LIFE

3101, Corporal Sidney A. Moger, M.M., 1st Divisional Field Artillery, who is reported to have died of Influenza and pneumonia in England on November 3, is a son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Moger, of Canterbury. He enlisted at the age of 18, and left Australia in December, 1914, serving in Gallipoli and France. As gunner, he was awarded the Military Medal on October 18 of last year for bravery in repairing telephone lines under heavy shell fire. He was wounded at the time, but later returned to the firing-line. Before enlisting he was employed by the Tarrant Motor Company.

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 November, 1918)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

448th and 449th CASUALTY LISTS

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Cpl S. A. Moger, M.M., Canterbury

(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 2 December, 1918)

HONOR WINNERS SUFFER

PERSONAL DETAILS GIVEN

Among the names published in the casualty lists Nos. 448 and 449 are those of several who have won honor on the battlefield.

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No. 3101 Gunner S. A. MOGER, M.M.

1st Field Artillery Brigade (N.S.W.) died of influenza and pneumonia at the 4th General Hospital, England, on November 3, at the age of 22 years, after nearly 4 years' service. The Military Medal was awarded to him for repairing damaged telephone lines under heavy shell-fire. He was wounded, but returned to duty. A son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Moger, of Canterbury, he enlisted in 1914, being then only 18 years of age, and served through Gallipoli, and in most of the engagements in France. Before his enlistment he was employed by the Tarrant Motor Company.

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 December, 1918)

MEDALS GIVEN NEXT-OF-KIN OF DECEASED SOLDIERS

Among those presented this afternoon by the Governor-General with medals won in the war were the next-of-kin of officers and men who had been killed in action or died on service....

The following Military Medal winners who have been killed were represented by their next-of-kin:-

...Cpl. S. A. Moger, 1st Field Artillery Brigade;....

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 May, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MOGER – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, NO. 3101 Corporal Sidney A. Moger, M.M., who died of influenza and pneumonia at Plymouth, England, 3rd November, 1918, when on his way home, after four years' active service, Gallipoli and France.

“An Anzac”

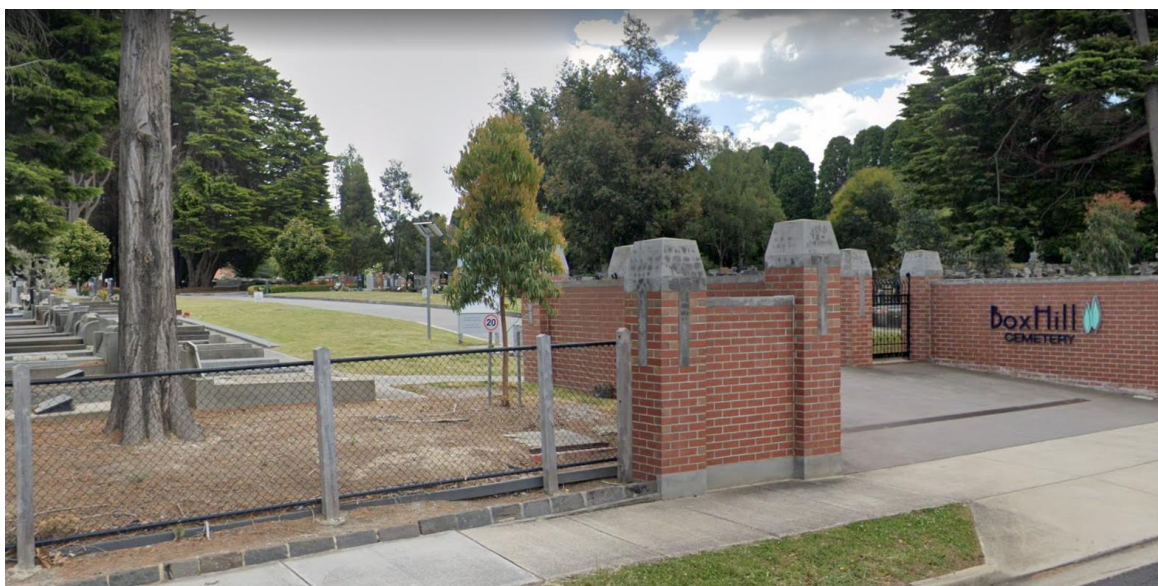
“Loved by all who knew him.”

-(Inserted by his loving parents, sister, and brother.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 November, 1919)

**Notices were also placed in the Newspapers in 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 & 1927

Sidney Moger is remembered on his parents' headstone in Box Hill Cemetery, Victoria.



Moger Family Headstone (Photos from Find a Grave – Kez)



Also Their Dear Son

Sidney

Died In England

On Active Service

3 – 11 – 1918 Aged 22 Yrs



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)

Corporal S. A. Moger does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

In Memory Of The Dearly Loved Son Of Mr & Mrs Moger

Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England

During the First World War, Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse contained between them the Royal Dockyard, Royal Naval Barracks (known as H.M.S. Vivid), the Royal Marine Barracks of the Plymouth Division, and naval and military hospitals. For the duration of the war, Devonport was made headquarters of the Auxiliary Patrol Area. Plymouth was a naval station second only to Portsmouth during the Second World War. Devonport was also an important military station and there was a R.A.F station at Mount Batten, opposite Plymouth. PLYMOUTH (EFFORD) CEMETERY contains 338 scattered burials of the First World War. The 109 Second World War burials, including 5 unidentified, are also scattered apart from a small group in Section C, in a plot set aside for service burials that was actually little used. The Commission also maintains five non-war burials within the cemetery and 12 war graves of other nationalities, most of them Greek merchant seamen. PLYMOUTH CITY CREMATORIUM is situated in Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery and 61 servicemen and women of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there are commemorated on a screen wall set into a recess in the hedge behind the Cross of Sacrifice.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo from CWGC)*



War Graves in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo from CWGC)*



Scattered War Graves in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photos courtesy of Rebecca Smith)*

Photo of Corporal S. A. Moger's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Chris Goddard)