

**Christ Church Churchyard,  
Tilstock, Shropshire,  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1130 CORPORAL**

**A. MORGAN**

**AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS**

**10TH FEBRUARY, 1918 Age 31**

*Son Of The Late*

*Jenkin & Margaret Morgan*

*Formerly Of South Wales*

## Albert MORGAN

Albert Morgan was born at Ballarat, Victoria in July, 1886 to parents Jenkin & Margaret Morgan (nee Walters).

Jenkin Morgan, father of Albert Morgan, died on 29th December, 1898, aged 58 years.

The 1909 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Ballarat, subdivision of Ballarat East, Victoria recorded Albert Morgan, Carpenter, of 38 Rowe St, Ballarat East. His mother – Margaret Morgan, Home Duties, was also recorded at the same address.

The 1914 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Ballarat, subdivision of Ballarat East, Victoria recorded Albert Morgan, Carpenter, of 38 Rowe St, Ballarat East.

Margaret Morgan, mother of Albert Morgan, died on 12th August, 1916, aged 69 years.

Albert Morgan was a 30 year old, single, Carpenter from Ballarat when he enlisted on 27th September, 1916 of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1130 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his cousin – J. Morgan of Port Talbot, South Wales, England. Albert Morgan stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 6 years in the 7th Australian Imperial Reserve Volunteers 1901.

Private Albert Morgan was posted to 21st Depot Battalion, A.I.F. at Royal Park in October, 1916. He was transferred to 22nd Depot Battalion at Royal Park on 30th November, 1916.

Private Albert Morgan was admitted to No. 5 Australian General Hospital on 12th November, 1916 due to inflammation from vaccinations. He was transferred to No. 11 Australian General Hospital on 23rd November, 1916. Private Albert Morgan was discharged on 18th December, 1916 & fit for duty.

Private Albert Morgan was transferred to 1st Depot Battalion at Royal Park on 18th December, 1916.

Private Albert Morgan was transferred to Australian Flying Corps on 4th January, 1917.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Albert Morgan embarked from Melbourne on RMS *Omrah* on 17th January, 1917 with the Australian Flying Corps, No. 4 Squadron, 2nd Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 27th March, 1917.

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.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Albert Morgan was marched in from Australia to A.F.C. Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 27th March, 1917.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Albert Morgan was on command at School of Technical Training at Reading, Berkshire from 27th April, 1917.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Albert Morgan was marched in to 29th Training Squadron at Shawbury on 20th June, 1917 from School of Instruction at Reading. He was marched out to Tern Hill – 29th Wing the same day.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Albert Morgan was appointed Air Mechanic 1st Class on 27th August, 1917 with 5th Training Squadron, A.F.C.

Air Mechanic 1st Class Albert Morgan was appointed Acting Corporal on 28th September, 1917 with 5th Training Squadron, A.F.C.

Acting Corporal Albert Morgan was admitted to Military Hospital, Prees Heath, Salop on 2nd October, 1917. He was marched in from Hospital to 29th Training Squadron at Shawbury on 24th October, 1917.

Acting Corporal Albert Morgan was promoted to Corporal on 1st December, 1917 with 5th Training Squadron, A.F.C.

Corporal Albert Morgan was sent sick to Military Hospital, Prees Heath on 23rd December, 1917 suffering from Gastritis. He was marched in from Hospital to 5th Training Squadron on 14th January, 1918.

Corporal Albert Morgan died on morning of 10th February, 1918 from a perforated Duodenal Ulcer. He was brought to Military Hospital, Prees Heath already deceased.

A death for Albert Morgan, aged 30, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Whitchurch, Shropshire, England.

Corporal Albert Morgan was buried at 2 pm on 13th February, 1918 in Christ Church Churchyard Extension, Tilstock, Shropshire, England – Plot number 32 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Corporal Morgan - Coffin was *good polished Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack Flag. Several beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin by Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 5th Training Squadron, A.F.C. and by the Cousins. About 20 N.C.O.'s and men of the 5th Training Squadron, A.F.C. stationed near Whitchurch followed the remains to the Cemetery. Prior to the interment a service was held in Tilstock Parish Church by Chaplain Lindsay Smith, C.F. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. The names of relatives present at the funeral – Cousin Mr J. Morgan, 36 Pentyla Aberwon, Port Albert; Cousin – Mr J. Fowler, 6 Somerset Road, Cwmaron, Port Albert and Cousin – Mr E. F. Fowler, 6 Somerset Road, Cwmaron, Port Albert.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Corporal Albert Morgan 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 Corporal Albert Morgan. A letter from O.C. Commanding No. 5 (T) Squadron, A.F.C. Minchinhampton near Chalford, Gloucestershire reads: "*Re No 1130 Cpl. A. Morgan, A.F.C. I have been in communication with an intimate friend of his, Sergt. T. P. Cronin of the squadron, who states that Cpl. A. Morgan was first taken ill in December and was sent to Prees Heath Military Hospital and was a patient there for about three weeks, After he had been discharged a fortnight he was taken ill again two days before he died. He reported to the Medical Officer on 9th February, and was detained in the Camp Hospital for observation and was sent to Prees heath Hospital on the morning of the 10th February at 7.30 o'clock and he died on the way there.*

*Sergt. Cronin states that the Doctor told him he died as the result of perforation of the bowels.*

*The funeral took place on 13th February and as many members of the Squadron as could be spared were present, He was given full military honours and was buried in the Australian Section of the Cemetery at Prees Heath. His next of kin (cousin) Mr Jenkin Morgan was present."*

A letter from C.O., Military Hospital Prees Heath, Salop reads: "*Re No 1130 Cpl. A. Morgan. This N.C.O. was brought to Hospital dead on 10-2-18. A post mortem was held and death was found due to a perforated duodenal ulcer.*

*He was buried in Tilstock, nr Whitchurch, on the 13-2-18. The number of the grave is 32.*

*It is regretted that further particulars cannot be given as Cpl. Morgan was not a patient in this Hospital."*

The personal effects of the late Corporal Albert Morgan were sent to Ballarat Trustees Executors & Agency Co. Ltd who were administering the estate of the late Corporal Albert Morgan.

Corporal Albert Morgan was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Albert Morgan's cousin – Mr J. Morgan in England, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque both issued in England).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Albert Morgan – service number 1130, aged 31, of Australian Flying Corps. He was the son of the late Jenken and Margaret Morgan. Born at Ballarat, Victoria.

A. Morgan is remembered on the Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda located at Sturt Street and Learmonth Avenue, Ballarat, Victoria.



The Arch of Victory was built as an entrance to the Avenue of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia)



**Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda** (Photo from Carol's Headstone Photos)



Albert Morgan is also remembered on the Ballarat Avenue of Honour (1917-1919) where almost 4,000 trees were planted to represent the number of men and women from the Ballarat district who served in World War 1. The trees were planted at intervals of 12 metres along 22 kms of the Ballarat-Burrenbeet Road. Tree number 2510 was planted in memory of Albert Morgan on 20th July, 1918 by G. Darling.



**Ballarat Avenue of Honour** (Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

Corporal A. Morgan is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 187.



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

(69 pages of Corporal Albert Morgan'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**

### **THE 385th CASUALTY LIST**

The Victorian names are:-

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Corpl. A. Morgan, England

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 23 March, 1918)

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### **DEATHS**

#### **On Active Service**

MORGAN – Killed in action on 10th February, 1130 Corporal Albert Morgan, of Australian Flying Corps; loving son of the late Jenkin and Margaret Morgan, of 39 Rowe-street.

A noble life, crowned with sacrifice.

-Inserted by his sorrowing pals, Chas. Tonkin (Northcote) and Perce Bryant.

(*The Ballarat Courier*, Victoria – 13 April, 1918) & (*The Ballarat Star*, Victoria – 13 April, 1918)

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### **DEATHS**

#### **On Active Service**

MORGAN – Officially reported died of illness (suddenly), on the 10th February, in England, No. 1130, Private Albert Morgan, 4th Australian Flying Squadron, beloved son of the late Margaret and the late Jenkin Morgan, late 38 Rose-street, Ballarat.

One of the best.

-Inserted by his cousin, Mrs C. S. Bray, "Vermont", Butler-street, Northcote.

MORGAN – Killed in action on 10th February, 1130, Corporal Albert Morgan, of Australian Flying Corps; loving son of the late Jenkin and Margaret Morgan, of 39 Rowe-street, Ballarat.

One of the best.

-Inserted by his sorrowing pals, Perce Bryant (Ballarat), Chas. Tonkin (Northcote).

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 April, 1918)

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## THE ROLL OF HONOUR

### PRIVATE ALBERT MORGAN



Pte Albert Morgan, who is reported to have been killed, on the 10th February, was the, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Jenkin Morgan of Rowe street Ballarat East. He enlisted some months ago, and on application was transferred to the Australian Flying Corps, and saw service on the French Front. The deceased left no relatives, but before enlisting he gave instructions to the Ballarat Trustees Company as to the administration of his estate in the event of his being called to make the supreme sacrifice. Under the conditions of his will certain legacies are bequeathed to friends who ministered to his late mother. It is understood that apart from the substantial bequests made to the Ballarat District Hospital, Benevolent Asylum, and Orphanage that the Ladies Clothing Society ,Benale Home, St Joseph's Home, Town Mission and Ballarat branch of the Worn-out Miners Fund will also participate in the estate. The deceased was almost 26 years of age and before enlisting resided with Mrs Williams of 17 Morris Street, Ballarat East.

*(The Ballarat Courier, Victoria – 24 April, 1918)*

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## DEATHS

### On Active Service

MORGAN - Corporal Albert Morgan, Australian Flying Corps, died (suddenly) at Shawbury, England, 10th February, late Rowe-street, Ballarat East, devoted son to a long suffering mother, aged 31 years.

Duty nobly done

-Inserted by his loving cousin, M. Cam, Lang Lang.

*(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 April, 1918)*

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Tribute to Fallen Soldiers – The flags at the City and Town Halls were flown at the half-mast yesterday, to mark a civic tribute of respect to the memory of Ballarat soldiers whose deaths, on active service, were recorded during the week. The names of the fallen are:- Lieutenant D. L. Thomas, Sergeant W. S. O'Shea, Corporals Reginald Archer, A. A. Loudon and M. A. Thistlethwaite, Lance-Corporal A. A. Howard, Private Albert Morgan and Private Leo Dwyer (who died in Ballarat).

(*The Ballarat Star*, Victoria – 29 April, 1918)

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#### 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 A. Morgan does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Son Of The Late Jenkin & Margaret Morgan*

*Formerly Of South Wales*

#### **Christ Church Churchyard Extension, Tilstock, Shropshire, England**

There are 22 Commonwealth burials of World War 1 in the churchyard. There are a further 23 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the Extension. The Extension is 100 metres from the Churchyard and across the road. It was opened in 1917.



**Christ Church, Tilstock, Shropshire** (Photo from CWGC)





**Christ Church Churchyard Extension, Tilstock, Shropshire**

Photo of Corporal A. Morgan's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Christ Church Churchyard Extension, Tilstock, Shropshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of S. J. Clark)*



Cpl. Albert Morgan is also remembered on the family headstone located in the Ballarat Old Cemetery, Ballarat, Victoria.



**CPL. ALBERT MORGAN, A.F.C.**

**DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

**FEBY. 16<sup>TH</sup> 1918 AGED 32 YEARS.**

*(Note wrong date of death on headstone – should be 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1918)*







