

**Compton Chamberlayne
War Graves Cemetery,
Wiltshire, England**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4900 LANCE CPL.

A.G. PAIRMAN

59TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

26TH NOVEMBER, 1916 Age 31

*NAY NOT DEAD
BUT PASSED TO
HIGHER SERVICE STILL*

Alexander George PAIRMAN

Alexander George Pairman was born at Kyneton, Victoria on 28th November, 1885 to parents Alexander & Isabella Pairman.

Alexander George Pairman was a 29 year old, single, Butter maker from Box Hill, Victoria when he enlisted on 16th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4900 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr A Pairman of Cambridge Street, Box Hill, Victoria. Alexander George Pairman had served with the 6th Infantry Brigade for 2 ½ years before he enlisted with the A.I.F in 1915.

Private Alexander George Pairman embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Wiltshire (A18)* on 7th March, 1916 with the 5th Infantry Battalion, 15th Reinforcements & disembarked at Suez, Egypt.

On 6th January, 1916, Private Alexander George Pairman was promoted to Acting Sergeant. On 20th April, 1916, his rank reverted back to Private. On 30th May, 1916 Private Pairman was appointed Lance Corporal whilst with the 59th Battalion.

On 3rd June, 1916 Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman was admitted to 15th Field Ambulance with Scarlet Fever then transferred to the Hospital at Moascar, Egypt. He was discharged in July, 1916 & embarked from Alexandria to Marseille, France on 8th August, 1916. He was transferred back to England on 21st August, 1916 with 15th Training Battalion.

On 22nd October, 1916 Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman was admitted to Codford Group Clearance Hospital for 2 days suffering from influenza. He was then transferred to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny in Wiltshire until 7th November, 1916 with bronchitis.

On 20th November, 1916, Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant with Bronchitis.

Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman died at 12.30 p.m. on 26th November, 1916 of bronchitis at the Military Hospital, Fovant.

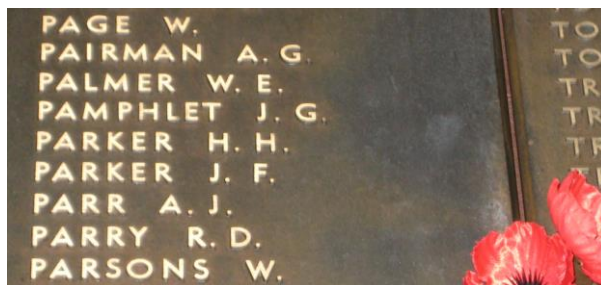
A death for Alexander G. Pairman, aged 31 years, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman was buried on 28th November, 1916 in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Front Row, Grave Plot # 8.

Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman was entitled to British War Medal only as he did not enter a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (December, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (June, 1923) were sent to Lance Corporal A. G. Pairman's father – Mr Alexander Pairman at Box Hill, Victoria.

Isabel Pairman of 6 Cambridge St, Box Hill, mother of deceased Lance Corporal Pairman was granted a War Pension of £1 per fortnight.

Lance Corporal A. G. Pairman is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 168.



(Photo by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. G. Pairman is also remembered on the Box Hill War Memorial in the suburb of Melbourne, Victoria. The War Memorial is located on Whitehorse Road and Station Street. The memorial is a marble statue of a World War I bugler on a polished grey granite pedestal on a granite plinth on a 3-stepped granite base. The memorial was dedicated on 19 February 1922. L/Cpl A G Pairman is remembered on the north face of the Memorial.

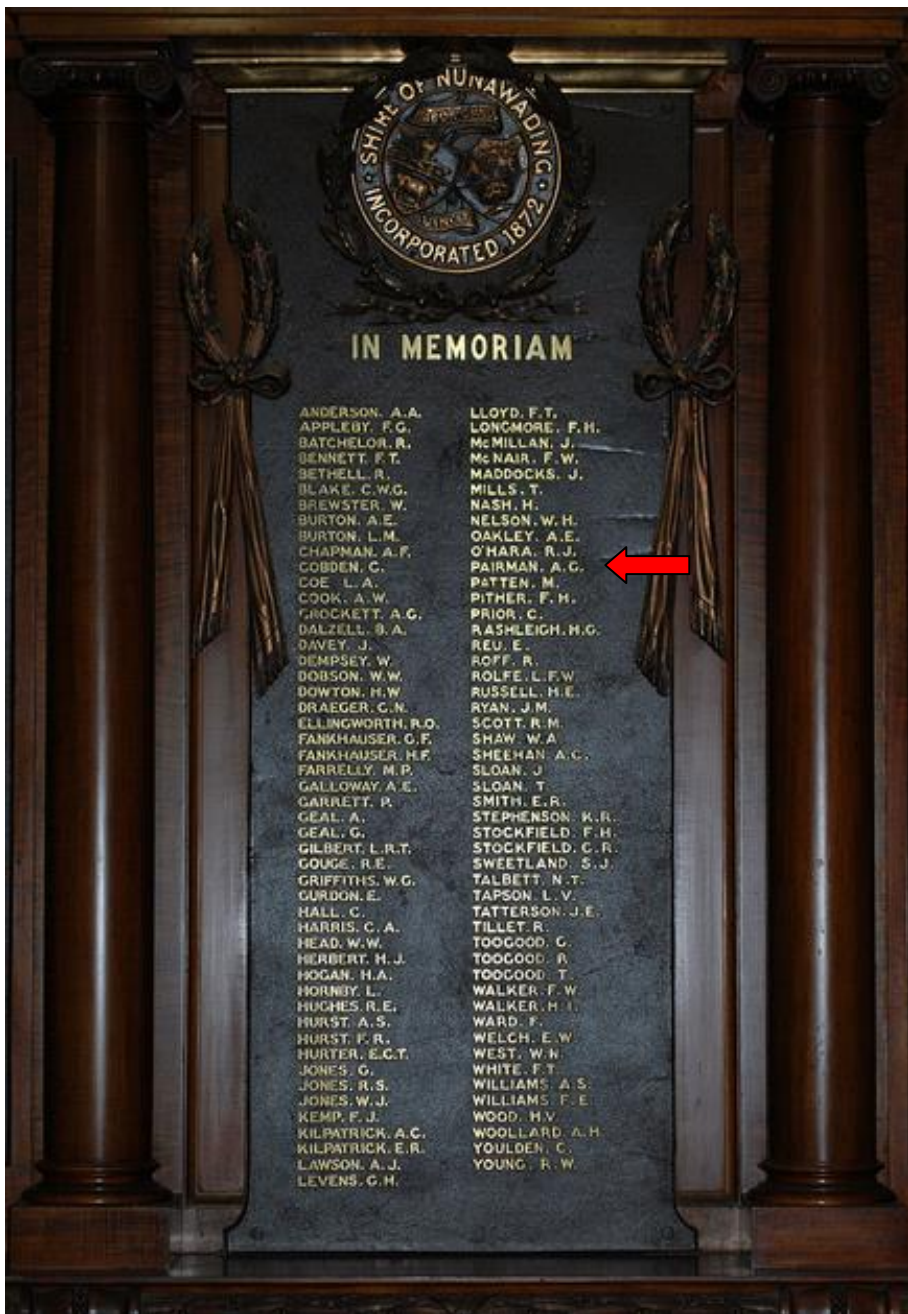


Box Hill War Memorial

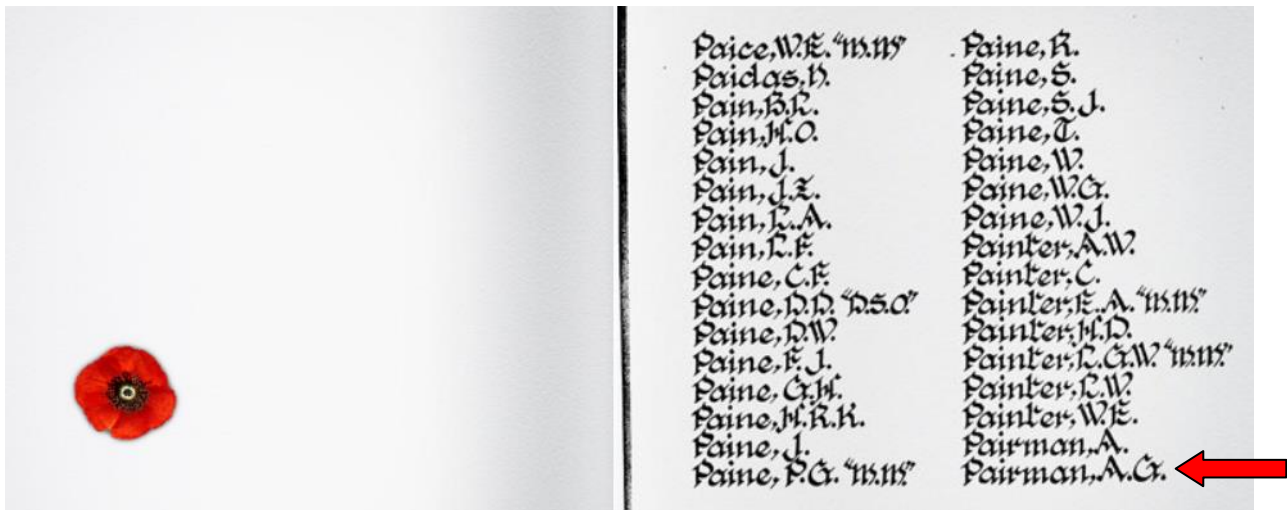
L.Cpl Pairman is also remembered on the Roll of Honour board for the shire of Nunawading, Victoria (Centre panel) held in foyer of old Box Hill Town Hall.



Shire of Nunawading Roll of Honour (Photos used with permission from [phunnyfotos via Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/phunnyfotos/))

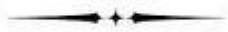


A. G. Pairman is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



(41 pages of Lance Corporal A. G. Pairman's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



*** Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman was one of 4 brothers that enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.)

- Lance Corporal Alexander George Pairman – No. 4900 (enlisted 16/7/1915)
- Gunner Robert Buchanan Pairman – No. 19816 of 8 F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) (enlisted 10/12/1915)
- Gunner Richard William Pairman - No. 19817 of 8 F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) (enlisted 1/2/1916)
- Driver Albert Pairman – No. 5443 of 8 F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) (enlisted 29/2/1916)



Newspaper Reports

DEATH

PAIRMAN – On the 26th November, died of illness in England, Lance- Corporal Alexander George Pairman of the A.I.F., beloved eldest son of Mr and Mrs Pairman, Cambridge Street, Box Hill, aged 31.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – Monday 11 December, 1916 & *Reporter*, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 15 December, 1916)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

MR and MRS PAIRMAN and FAMILY desire to return THANKS to their many kind friends for expressions of sympathy in telegrams, letters, cards and visits in their recent sad bereavement – Cambridge Street, Box Hill.

(*Reporter*, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 15 December, 1916)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

List No. 251 Issued Died of Illness – Victoria

PAIRMAN, L.Cpl. A. G., Box Hill, 28/11/16

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria - Saturday 16 December, 1916)

BOX HILL SOLDIER DIES IN ENGLAND

Much regret was expressed in Box Hill and district on receipt of the news that Lance-Corporal Alexander George Pairman, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Pairman, Cambridge Street, had died in England of illness on November 26. Deceased was a very popular young man, and made hosts of friends wherever he went. Sympathy from all parts has been extended to the bereaved parents for their sad loss. Lance-Corporal Pairman volunteered about 16 months ago, and after being in various Victorian camps for nine months, sailed for Egypt on March 7 last as a sergeant, he having quickly rose in the ranks. Whilst in Egypt he had a severe attack of fever, and, in the meantime his battalion had left. On his recovery he was transferred to the reinforcements, thus reducing him in rank, when he proceeded to England, and went into camp at Salisbury Plains, subsequently going to Codford camp, where he had 36 men in training under him. Early in October he was ordered away to France, but although straining every nerve to get to the front from the time he enlisted, was doomed not to do so, for he again suddenly took ill with bronchitis, to which he was always subject, and had evidently had only been laid up for a few weeks when he passed away as stated in a military hospital. His three brothers, who are also on active service, namely Gunner Richard W, Bombardier R. B. and Private A Pairman were all in camp in England at the time, and were able to attend the funeral of their late brother, who was buried on his 31st birthday.

(*Reporter*, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 15 December, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

PAIRMAN – In Loving remembrance of Lance-Corporal A. G. Pairman, dearly loved son of Alexander and Isabel Pairman, who died in Fovant Hospital, England, 26th November, 1916, brother of Gunners R. W. Pairman and Albert Pairman, Bombadier, R. B. Pairman (on active service), and Mrs Williams.

Nay, not dead, but passed to higher service still,

And we who loved him her below

Must Bow to the great Commander's will.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Monday 26 November, 1917)

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BOX HILL

On Sunday afternoon, February 17, a memorial service was held at the band rotunda, White Horse Road, Box Hill, to perpetuate the memory of 57 brave soldiers from the shire of Nunawading who had fallen in battle since the war began. There was a crowded attendance numbering several hundred people from all parts of the surrounding district, and the service was a most impressive one, all present fully realising the great sacrifice made by those noble men in paying the full penalty in the defence of their country overseas. Laurel wreaths were placed on the South African fountain memorial by the Box Hill Baptist "Do your bit" club, to show that not only were they mindful of those who had fallen in the present war, but also the soldiers who had laid down their lives in the Boer War.....the roll of honour was read, but unfortunately through some omission only 54 names appeared thereon, those of the brothers T. S. And Geoffrey Jones of Tunstall, and F. White, of Vermont, having since been added, and the full list appears below. Those assembled stood with bowed heads while the roll was being read.....

PAIRMAN, A.G (34th name on the list)

(Reporter, Box Hill, Victoria – Friday 22 February 1918)

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 at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. 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)

Lance Corporal A. G. Pairman does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery contains 34 Commonwealth War Graves all from World War 1. Of these 28 are of Australian Soldiers.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)



Compton Chamberlayne War Graves *(Photo from CWGC)*



Left & right of Cemetery with central Plinth (Photos courtesy of Andrew Stacey 2012)



Photo taken from back of Cemetery looking towards the Entrance (Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)

Photo of Lance Corporal A. G. Pairman's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)



(Photo taken c March, 1919)

Graves of Australian soldiers in the cemetery at Compton-Chamberlyne, each marked by a cross.

Back row, left to right: 55821 Private (Pte) Alfred Alwin Dreckow, 32nd Battalion (Bn), died 19 October 1918; 3712 Pte Thomas Cass, 10th Bn, died 17 August 1918; 3764 Pte William Joseph Arnold, 31st Bn, died 2 July 1918; Captain Roy Allan Sillar, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 30 June 1918; 1993A Pte Sydney Ross, 18th Bn, died 31 May 1918.

Front row: 1666 Sergeant Percy Robert Knowles, 9th Australian Light TM Battery, died 30 January 1918; 1995 Pte Thomas James Skipper, 51st Bn, died Fovant Military Hospital 7 January 1918; 687 Pte John Thomas Wehrmann, 32nd Bn, died 3 November 1917; 3462 Pte William Joseph Park, 60th Bn, died 23rd September 1917; 1725 Pte William Ernest Riley, 60th Bn, died 22 May 1917.

Compton Chamberlayne War Grave Locations








































British Soldier



Irish Soldier



Australian Soldier

Front Row	Grave		Middle Row	Grave		Back Row	Grave
	Public	1	 Oliver	1			1
	Public	2	 Knowles	2		Public	2
	Haywood	3	 Skipper	3		Turner	3
	Gilbert	4	 Wehrmann	4		Evans	4
	Le Tisser	5	 Park	5		Dreckow	5
	Jones	6	 Riley	6		Cass	6
	Cook	7	 Turnbull	7		Arnold	7
	Pairman	8	 White	8		Sillar	8
		9	 Howard	9		Ross	9
	Norris	10	 Tull	10		Finn	10
	Lintott	11	 Snell	11		McCarthy	11
	Redman	12	 Ferrow	12		Trengove	12
	Public		 Public				13
	Public		Public				14
	Public					Walsh	15
							16
						Hooper	17
							18
						Larkin	19