Fort Pitt Military Cemetery,

Rochester, Kent

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



10/3805 PRIVATE

F. A. ALLEN

N. Z. WELLINGTON REGT.

19TH NOVEMBER, 1916 Age 21

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Frederick Arthur ALLEN

Frederick Arthur Allen was born on 7th August, 1891 in Sydney, NSW, Australia. (His father was listed as Mr A. E. Allen on New Zealand Military History Sheet for Private Frederick Arthur Allen).

Frederick Arthur Allen was a 23 year old, single, Farm Hand when he enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on 12th June, 1915 at Trentham. His last address was listed as c/o Gibson Porter, Tokoiti, Milton, New Zealand & his last employer was listed as Gibson Porter. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr A. E. Allen of Shipley Road, Blackheath, New South Wales, Australia & his religion was listed as Presbyterian. Frederick Allen stated on his Attestation Papers that he belonged to 14th (S.D.) Regiment & had done for 3 months.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was posted to Otago Infantry, 7th Reinforcements on 12th June, 1915 with a regimental number of 8/2832.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was admitted to hospital at Trentham on 4th July, 1915 with Influenza.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was posted to Wellington Infantry Battalion – "D" Company, 7th Reinforcements with a regimental number of 10/3464 He was transferred to "B" Company, 9th Reinforcements on 24th December, 1915. Pte Allen regimental number was changed to 10/3805.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen embarked from Wellington, New Zealand on 8th January, 1916 on HMNZT 37 – *Manganui* with 9th Reinforcements of Wellington Infantry Battalion – "B" Company & disembarked at Suez on 12th February, 1916.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen joined 2nd Battalion, Wellington Infantry Regiment at Moascar on 8th March, 1916.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen embarked for France from Alexandria on 9th April, 1916 on Llandasing Castle.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was written up for drunkenness on 29th May, 1916 while attached to 2nd Battalion, Wellington Infantry Regiment in France. He was given 28 days Field Punishment No. 2 & forfeited 28 days' pay.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was written up while attached to 2nd Battalion, Wellington Infantry Regiment at Armetieres for being absent without leave from 7 pm until 11 pm on 16th August, 1916 & for drunkenness. He was given 14 days Field Punishment No. 2 & forfeited 14 days' pay.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was written up on 29th August, 1916 for conduct quitted ranks without permission while attached to 2nd N.Z. Light Trench Mortar Battery. He was awarded 3 days Field Punishment No. 2.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was admitted to Hospital on 18th September, 1916.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was wounded in action in France on 29th October, 1916. Pte Allen was transferred to No. 13 General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 31st October, 1916. Pte Allen embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. Denis* on 2nd November, 1916.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was admitted to Military Hospital, Chatham, Kent, England on 3rd November, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to right shoulder & both buttocks. He was reported as seriously ill.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen died on 19th November, 1916 Military Hospital, Chatham, Kent, England from wounds received in action in France.

A death for Frederick A. Allen, aged 25, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Medway, Kent, England.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was buried in Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent, England – Plot number 1423 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Frederick Arthur Allen was listed under the New Zealand Notices of Deceased Estates for June, 1917. His residence was listed as Tokoiti, Milton, New Zealand & he died Testate.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Allen's next-of-kin – Mr A. E. Blockley, Abergeldie, Summer Hill, Sydney, NSW, Australia. (Scroll sent May, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick Arthur Allen – service number 10/3805, aged 24 of 2nd Bn., Wellington Regiment, N.Z.E.F. He was the son of Mr A. E. Blockely of "Abergeldie", Old Canterbury Rd., Summer Hill, Sydney, New South Wales.

Private Frederick Arthur Allen is remembered on the New Zealand Army WW1 Roll of Honour for 1914 – 1919.

Private F. Allen is remembered on the Milton War Memorial, in the Otago region, New Zealand.



Milton War Memorial (Photos from NZ History – Jock Phillips)



Private Frederick Arthur Allen 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)

Newspaper Notices

FALLEN NEW ZEALANDERS

LATEST CASUALTY AND HOSPITAL LISTES

A casualty list was issued yesterday, reporting:-

DIED OF WOUNDS

WELLINGTON BATTALION

(November 19th)

Allen, Frederick Arthur, 10/3805 Private

(A.E. Blockely, Shipley road, Blackheath, NSW, father)

(Evening Star, Issue 16282 – 27 November, 1916) & (New Zealand Times, Volume XLI, Issue 9518 – 28 November, 1916) &

Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent, England

Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent contains 289 identified Commonwealth War Graves.

During both wars there were naval and military establishments in the neighbourhood of Rochester, and some fishing and shipping at the port.

Fort Pitt Military Cemetery contains a plot of 266 First World War graves. The 25 Second World War graves (two of them unidentified) are north of the plot. All save two of them are together in a group.

(Information & photos from CWGC)





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Photo of Private F. A. Allen's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent, England.



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