



## Alexander William KEMP

Lance Corporal. 56<sup>th</sup> Bn. Australian Infantry A I F

### At KES:

Alexander came to KES in 1906. His occupation was House. And so when he left in 1910 his skills meant that he went into domestic service as a House Boy/Page in an artist's house in Cheyne Row, Chelsea. On leaving there was a comment that he had "very little brain"(contrast with obituary below). However despite this remark he went to Australia and lived in a suburb of Sydney, Warwick Farm, and worked as a labourer. He enlisted in September 1915 and within two years was promoted to Lance Corporal.

**Date of Death: 19<sup>th</sup> August 1918**

**Place: France**

**Buried: Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery, Somme**

Alexander was wounded twice, July 1916 and October 1917. It was whilst his Battalion was engaged in fighting in the Second battle of the Somme. His unit had retaken the village of Cerisy-Gailly in August, the month that he was killed in action aged 23.

## Obituary

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..served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Batt.1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade of the Australian Forces and was killed in action in August 1918. Kemp was a good lad at School and grew to be a fine young man. He was a House Boy at School and represented his Dormitory in most of the sports' competitions. We extend our sympathy to his brother Alfred (1908-12) and the family.