

In Memory of

ALLAN McPHERSON

Lance Corporal  
7/1641  
Field Troop, N.Z. Engineers

who died on  
Sunday 20 October 1918 . Age 32 .

Additional Information: Son of Norman McPherson and Janet McPherson.  
Born at Geraldine, New Zealand.

Cemetery: CAIRO WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY Egypt

Grave or Reference Panel Number: O. 344.

Location: This cemetery is within the Old Cairo cemetery area, which is situated approximately 5 kilometres south east of the centre of Cairo. The cemetery area is on the south side of the road Salah Salem, which runs west/east from the River Nile towards the green park area approximately 2 kilometres beyond and eventually towards the Citadel. The cemetery is surrounded by a high wall and the double entrance gates are along Sharia Abu Safein. This road is parallel with the railway line which runs south from Cairo main station and both railway and Sharia Abu Safein cross over the main road. Access up to Sharia Abu Safein is by using the northside ramp above the main road underpass, on the east side of the railway.

Visiting Information: Visitors can best reach the cemetery by private car. The cemetery gates have to be closed, although unlocked, during the gardeners working hours, Saturday to Thursday 07.30 to 14.30. Visitors are best advised to contact the Commission's local office which will advise the Head Gardener of the visit - Tel: 00 202 290 1247. Please note the office closes at 12.30 GMT.

Historical Information: At the outbreak of the First World War, Cairo was headquarters to the United Kingdom garrison in Egypt. With Alexandria, it became the main hospital centre for Gallipoli in 1915 and later dealt with the sick and wounded from operations in Egypt and Palestine. General Headquarters, Middle East Command, was set up in Cairo shortly before the Second World War, remaining there throughout the war years. In January 1941, a Royal Air Force Sector Headquarters for Fighter Defence Canal Zone was established. Cairo was again a significant hospital centre during the Second World War. Cairo War Memorial Cemetery was formerly part of the New British Protestant Cemetery, but plots B, D, F, H, K, M, O, P and Q were ceded to the Commission in 1920. Some graves were brought into these plots from elsewhere in the Protestant cemetery and later, 85 First World War graves were concentrated from Minia War Cemetery, 200 km south of Cairo, where maintenance could not be assured. One burial of

the Second World War was moved from Old Cairo Old Latin Cemetery for the same reason. There are now 2,056 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War and 340 from the Second World War buried or commemorated in the cemetery. A small number, known to have been buried in other civil cemeteries in Cairo but whose graves are now lost, are commemorated by special memorial. Burials in the following civil cemeteries are now alternatively commemorated in Cairo War Memorial Cemetery: Cairo (Basatin) Jewish Cemetery Old Cairo Jewish Cemetery Cairo Maronite Cemetery Cairo Civil International Cemetery Old Cairo New Latin Cemetery



DVR. A. MacPHERSON,  
of Nelson.  
Died of malarial fever.

