

Durrington

Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War II



GUNNER 860047

G. A. L. EGAN

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8TH NOVEMBER, 1945 AGE 23

*Our Dear Son And Brother,
Each Day Silently Remembered.*

Mum, Dad, Doug, Pat, Den.

George Alfred Leonard Egan

George Alfred Leonard Egan's birth was registered in the March quarter, 1922 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire. His mother's maiden name was recorded as Wicks. John P. Egan married Kathleen M. M. Weeks in 1920 at the Salisbury Register Office, Wiltshire. Their marriage was registered in the September quarter, 1920 in the district of Salisbury.

George Alfred Leonard Egan enlisted with the Royal Artillery. He was given the rank of Gunner & a service number of 860047. His records show that at the time of his death he was attached to 96 (Royal 1st Devon Yeomanry) Field Regiment of Royal Artillery. Theatre of War - Malaya.

George died on 8th November, 1945, aged 23 years. The GRO War Deaths - Army Other Ranks 1939-1948 lists Egan, George A. L., Gnr., 860047, R.A., 1945 (Volume 13, page 330).

The Royal Artillery Casualty Card for Gunner George Alfred Leonard Egan, 860047, who resided at Bulford, Wiltshire, lists the cause of death as Amoebiasis and place of death as Malaya.

George was buried in Kuala Lumpur (Cheras Road) Civil Cemetery, Malaysia - Grave reference 861. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The CWGC lists Gunner George Alfred Leonard Egan, 860047, as the son of John Patrick and Kathleen M. Egan, of Bulford, Wiltshire.

Kuala Lumpur (Cheras Road) Civil Cemetery, Malaysia

At the time of the Japanese invasion of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur was the headquarters of the 3rd Indian Corps. Early in 1941 part of the recently raised 8th Division of the Australian Infantry Force was assigned to Malaya, a territory of strategic importance to Australia. The headquarters divisional staff arrived on February 18th in advance of the main force, which numbered some 6,000 men, and the divisional headquarters and attached units were posted at Kuala Lumpur. As the Japanese moved successfully down the peninsula a temporary prisoner-of-war camp was established at Pudu jail, to which United Kingdom and Commonwealth servicemen were taken before being sent to Changi Camp on Singapore Island. Some of them died, of wounds or sickness, while in this camp and were buried in the Cheras Road Cemetery.

There are 156 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-1945 war here. In addition, there are over 600 non world war burials of servicemen and dependants here, 5 being unidentified children of Gurkha soldiers.



Kuala Lumpur (Cheras Road) Civil Cemetery *(Photo & information from CWGC)*



Photo showing CWGC graves in the background (Photo from [Thrifty Traveller](#))



Gunner G. A. L. Egan's Headstone (Photo courtesy of [British War Graves](#))

Gunner G. A. L. Egan is remembered on the Durrington War Memorial, Wiltshire.



Durrington War Memorial
(Photo courtesy of Ian King 2010)