

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



3709 CORPORAL

C. J. VANDERWOLF

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

12TH NOVEMBER, 1918 AGE 26

Greater Love Hath No Man

*CWGC Headstone for Corporal C. J. Vanderwolf is located in
Grave Plot # 24. I. 3. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Charles Jakeman VANDERWOLF

Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was born at Theebine, Kilkivan, Queensland on 25th June, 1892 to parents Charles Rowe Vanderwolf & Ellen Julia Vanderwolf (nee Jakeman). He was a 23 year old, single, Farmer from Iris Villa, Polmaily, Mirian Vale Railway Station, Queensland when he enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 8th December, 1914 with the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 3709 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Charles Rowe Vanderwolf of Iris Villa, Polmaily, Mirian Vale Railway Station, Queensland.

Driver Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf embarked from Melbourne on SS *Hessen* (A45) on 2nd February, 1915 & disembarked at Egypt (date not recorded).

Driver Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 30th April, 1915.

Driver Vanderwolf was admitted to 15th General Hospital, Alexandria on 17th April, 1915 – cause not yet determined. He was discharged to duty on 29th April, 1915.

Driver Vanderwolf of 3rd Field Artillery Brigade was admitted to Hospital on 21st August, 1915 & transferred to All Saints Hospital at Malta on 22nd August, 1915 with synovitis of ankle. He embarked on Hospital Ship *Regina de Italia* for England on 16th September, 1915. Driver Vanderwolf was admitted to Southern General Hospital at Bristol from 5th to 10th October, 1915 with acute Rheumatism. He was transferred to the Military Convalescent Hospital at Epsom on 7th October, 1915 with Rheumatic Fever & discharged on 1st November, 1915.

Driver Vanderwolf was part of 21st Draft to join M.E.F. from Weymouth, England on 16th February, 1916. He was taken on strength with 3rd Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 5th March, 1916. Driver Vanderwolf was transferred to 3rd Field Artillery Brigade on 7th March, 1916.

Driver Vanderwolf proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 23rd March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th March, 1916.

Driver Vanderwolf was taken on strength with 1st D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) on 15th May, 1916.

Driver Vanderwolf was transferred to No. 1 Section on 24th January, 1917. He was still with the Unit on 25th July, 1917.

Driver Vanderwolf was on leave from France from 6th to 17th May, 1917.

Driver Vanderwolf was appointed Acting Bombardier on 29th August, 1917 in France.

Acting Bombardier Vanderwolf was promoted to Bombardier on 20th February, 1918 (to complete Establishment).

Bombardier Vanderwolf was on leave to England on 25th February, 1918 & rejoined from leave on 12th March, 1918.

Bombardier Vanderwolf was detached to 2nd Field Ambulance on Escort Duty from 19th March, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from detachment on 26th March, 1918.

Bombardier Vanderwolf was promoted to Temporary Corporal on 15th April, 1918 - vice 20953 Cpl. J. G. Hudson evacuated.

Temporary Corporal Vanderwolf reverted back to the rank of Bombardier on 27th May, 1918 – vice 2728 T/Sgt. A. G. Boyd reverted to Corporal.

Bombardier Vanderwolf was detached to Rest Camp at Boulogne on 1st July, 1918 & rejoined his Unit in the field on 17th July, 1918.

Bombardier Vanderwolf promoted to Temporary Corporal on 23rd August, 1918 - vice 5872 Cpl. R. Godfrey promoted.

Temporary Corporal Vanderwolf reverted back to the rank of Driver – at his own request on 20th October, 1918.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 4th November, 1918 with Influenza Pneumonia.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf died at 4 am (Time of 4 am recorded on Hospital Admissions form; Report of Death form states time as 0500) on 12th November, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza & Pneumonia.

A death for Charles J. Vanderwolf, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was buried at 2 pm on 15th November, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 24. From the burial report of Cpl. Vanderwolf - *Coffin was polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun Carriage. Firing Party and Band from the 1st Australian Training Brigade were in attendance. Six of deceased's late Unit comrades supported the Pall. 3 Officers and about 100 N.C.O.'s and Men attended the funeral. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf requested in his Will dated 5th September, 1914 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his father – Charles Row Vanderwolf with the exception of his bah gelding which he bequeathed to Miss Ethel Ferguson.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Cpl. Vanderwolf's father – Mr C. R. Vanderwolf (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

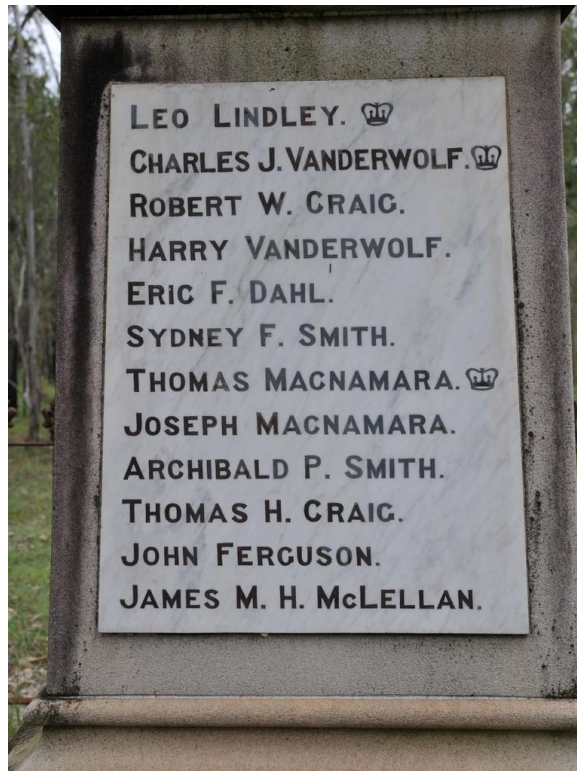
The CWGC lists Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf, 3709 of 1st Division Ammunition Column, Australian Field Artillery, A.I.F., as the son of Charles Row Vanderwolf and Ellen Julia Vanderwolf, of Iris Villa, Polmally., Miriam Vale, Queensland.

Corporal C. J. Vanderwolf is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Charles J. Vanderwolf, along with his brother Harry Vanderwolf, are remembered on the Pomaily (Polmaily) State School War memorial located at 664 Blackman's Gap Road, Miriam Vale, Queensland.



Pomaily State School War Memorial (Photos from Queensland War Memorials – Harry Gallaher)

C. Vanderwolf is remembered on the Miriam Vale War Memorial located at Bloomfield Street, Miriam Vale, Queensland.



Miriam Vale War Memorial (Photos from Queensland War Memorials – Harry Gallaher)

(79 pages of Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf'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.



Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf

[Connected to Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf:](#)

Younger Brother – Pte Harry Vanderwolf, 2807, 47th Battalion. Enlisted 11th August, 1915, aged 21. Wounded in Action in Belgium 12th October, 1917 (Gunshot wound to right foot – severe). Discharged & returned to Australia on 1st June, 1918. Entitled to 1914/5 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.



Headstone of Harry Vanderwolf located in Beaudesert Cemetery, Queensland

Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HEROES

EIGHTY-FIFTH CASUALTY LIST

QUEENSLAND – ILL

Gunner C. J. Vanderwolf

(Daily Herald, Adelaide, S.A. – Saturday 2 October, 1915)

151st LIST

QUEENSLAND

RETURNED TO DUTY

Driver C. J. Vanderwolf, 2/3 F.A. Bde., Miriam Vale, Q.

(The Queenslander, Brisbane, Qld – Saturday 18 March, 1916)

THE 450th CASUALTY LIST

Died, Other Causes

Queensland

Cpl. (temp) C. J. Vanderwolf (Miriam Vale)

(The Farmer and Settler, Sydney, NSW – Friday 27 December, 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 St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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)

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Corporal C. J. Vanderwolf's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photos from CWGC)*

