

# Durrington War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I



5219 PRIVATE

**J. F. V. SCHEIBEL**

4TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

12TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 22

*Sweet Jesus*

*Have Mercy On His Soul*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte J. F. V. Scheibel is located in Grave Plot # 152  
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## John Francis Vaughan SCHEIBEL

John Francis Vaughan Scheibel was born at Windeyer, near Mudgee, New South Wales, in 1893 to parents Francis & Ellen Elizabeth Scheibel (nee Hensley). He was a 23 year old, single, Telephonist from 11 High Street, Manly, New South Wales when he enlisted on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1915 with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 5219 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr F. Scheibel – Police Station, Mount Victoria, NSW.

Pte John Francis Vaughan Scheibel embarked from Sydney on SS *Makarini* on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1916 & disembarked at Suez, Egypt on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1916.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 at Tel-el Kebir, Egypt, Pte John Scheibel was Absent without Leave on Patrol Duty & punished with 7 days Confined to Barracks.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire. No record has been made as to how & when Pte John Scheibel arrived in England.

Private John Scheibel was transferred to School of Signalling at Bulford, Wiltshire on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1916 then taken on strength at Artillery Training Depot from 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1916.

Private John Scheibel was marched out to Weymouth Signalling School on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 & admitted to Hospital at Perham Downs, England on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1916.

Private John Scheibel was marched in from Tidworth Hospital to Larkhill, Wiltshire on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

Lance Corporal John Scheibel was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital with Influenza on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1917. He was reported seriously ill with Pneumonia on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

Lance Corporal John Francis Vaughan Scheibel died at 11.30 a.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for John Scheibel, aged 23, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Lance Corporal John Francis Vaughan Scheibel was buried on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 152 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Lance Corporal John Francis Vaughan Scheibel was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to L./Cpl. Scheibel's father – Mr F. Scheibel (both sent December, 1921)

Lance Corporal J. F. V. Scheibel is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 42.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

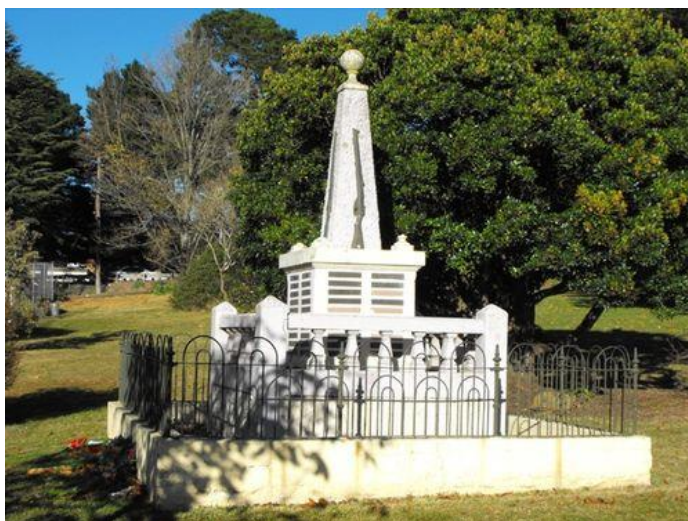
Lance Corporal J. F. V. Scheibel is also remembered on the North Sydney War Memorial located at the top of Walker Street in St. Leonards Park, North Sydney, NSW.



**North Sydney War Memorial**

*(Photos from Register of War Memorials in NSW –David Roden and Andrew Howell)*

Lance Corporal J. F. V. Scheibel is also remembered on the Mt. Victoria First World War Memorial located in Memorial Park, Great Western Highway, Mt. Victoria.



**Mt Victoria War World War One Memorial**

*(Photo from Monument Australia – Peter F. Williams)*

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private John Francis Vaughan Scheibel – service number 5219 as being 22 years old & served with 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Francis and Ellen Elizabeth Scheibel of 53 Hayberry St, Crow’s Nest, North Sydney. Born at Mudgee, New South Wales.

(60 pages of L./Cpl John Francis Vaughan Scheibel’s Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives*

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\*\* The Service Record file for John Francis Vaughan Scheibel shows his rank as Private for some records & Lance Corporal for other records. However his headstone is inscribed as Private.



**Pte John Francis Vaughan Scheibel**

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## Newspaper Reports

### THROWN FROM A TRANSPORT

Sergeant Schiebel, of the Mt Victoria Police Station, has received, from Recruiting-Sergeant J. Hedley, of Busselton, W.A., a letter in a bottle, thrown from a transport by Signaller J. F. Schiebel, with the request that the note be forwarded to his father.

Sergeant Hedley remarked, "I think it was a very lucky old bottle to work its way through all those reefs near the Leeuwin,"

*(Singleton Argus, NSW – Thursday 25 May, 1916)*

## LATEST CASUALTIES

### 266TH AND 267TH LISTS

#### DIED OF ILLNESS

L. Cpl. J. F. V. Scheibel, Mt. Victoria

(*The Land*, Sydney – Friday 26 January, 1917)

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#### IN MEMORIAM

SCHIEBEL – In memory of Lance-corporal J. F. Scheibel, died of pneumonia at Fargo Military Hospital, on January 12, 1917.

Sadly missed.

Inserted by his father, mother, sister and brother.

SCHIEBEL – In loving memory of my dear friend Jack F. V. Scheibel, who died from pneumonia in Fargo Military Hospital, England, January 12, 1917.

He died as he lived – nobly.

Inserted by his loving friend, Petta Puig.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – Saturday 12 January, 1918)

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#### 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 Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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*)

Pte J. F. V. Scheibel does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Sweet Jesus Have Mercy On His Soul*

Photo of (Lance Corporal) Pte J. F. V. Scheibel's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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Pte J. F. V. Scheibel is also remembered on the Red Granite Obelisk Memorial to Men of 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion A.I.F. which is located in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)



(Photos by Ian King 2010)





**Memorial to 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion A.I.F. at Durrington Cemetery**