

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



3812 PRIVATE

A. J. BORGMAYER

48TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

17TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 30

The Love We Had

For Him In Life

In Death

Seems Stronger Still

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte A. J. Borgmeyer is located in
Grave Plot # 367. E. 19. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny

Albert James BORGMEYER

Albert James Borgmeyer was born at Port Broughton, South Australia (Attestation Papers state born at Wanderah, South Australia). His birth was registered in the district of Clare in 1888 to parents Charles & Emma Borgmeyer (nee Trincks/Trinks). He was a 29 year old, single, Farmer from Port Pirie, South Australia when he enlisted at Adelaide, South Australia on 28th April, 1917 with the 5th Pioneer Battalion, 10th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 3812 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Emma Borgmeyer of Port Pirie, South Australia.

Pte Albert James Borgmeyer embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Aeneas (A60)* on 30th October, 1917. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital, while at sea from 4th to 16th November, 1917 with Mumps. Pte Borgmeyer disembarked at Devonport, England on 27th December, 1917.

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.

Private Albert James Borgmeyer was marched in from Australia to Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 27th December, 1917. He was transferred to 32nd Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 2nd January, 1918.

Pte Borgmeyer proceeded overseas to France from Codford to join Reinforcements 48th Battalion on 1st April, 1918. He joined the Depot at Calais & was marched out to his Unit on 4th April, 1918. Pte Borgmeyer was taken on strength in the field on 6th April, 1918.

Private Albert James Borgmeyer was wounded in action with a gunshot wound to his stomach on 8th August, 1918. He was sent to 13th Australian Field Ambulance then transferred to 32 Stat Hospital at Wimereux on 10th August, 1918. Pte Borgmeyer was transferred back to England on 14th August, 1918 & admitted to Hospital at Clacton on Sea on 14th August, 1918 with a bullet wound to abdominal wall – severe.

Harefield Hospital

Pte Borgmeyer was transferred to 1st Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield, England on 27th August, 1918.

Pte Borgmeyer was on furlo from 31st August to 14th September, 1918 & was to report to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny at the end of his furlo.

Pte Borgmeyer was marched in to Sutton Veny from Headquarters London & his convalescing classification was reported as B1 A2 on 20th September, 1918. B1 A2 classification meant that a soldier was fit for overseas training camp in three to four weeks.



Private Albert James Borgmeyer was admitted to the Group Clearing Hospital on 9th October, 1918 with diarrhoea. He was admitted to Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 12th October, 1918 seriously ill with Pneumonia.

Private Albert James Borgmeyer died at 7.40 a.m. on 17th October, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza & Pneumonia.

A death for Albert J. Borgmeyer, aged 31, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Pte Albert James Borgmeyer contains a letter from Major R.A.M.C., Registrar for Officer in Charge, Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, which reads:

"The late Pte Borgmeyer was admitted to this Hospital from the Group Clearing Hospital, Sutton Veny, on the 12th October, 1918, suffering from Influenza and Pneumonia, and was immediately placed on the "Dangerously Ill List." He died from the latter complication and was buried at Sutton Veny, Churchyard, the number of the Grave space being 367 Military Section."

Private Albert James Borgmeyer was buried at 3 p.m. on 21st October, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 367. From the burial report of Pte Borgmeyer - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – The deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag, was conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party and Band from No. 1 Australian Command Depot. Six of Deceased's unit comrades acted as Pall Bearers. The funeral was attended by 3 Officer's and about 70 N.C.O.'s and men of the No. 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Private A. J. Borgmeyer is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 145.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte Albert James Borgmeyer was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Borgmeyer's mother – Mrs E. Borgmeyer (sent July, 1921 & November, 1922)

The CWGC lists Private Albert James Borgmeyer, 3812, of 48th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Carl Henry and Emma Louise Borgmeyer, of Solomontown, Port Pirie. Born at Port Broughton.

(76 pages of Pte Albert James Borgmeyer'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives.





Pte Albert James Borgmeyer

(Photo from Pictorial Honour Roll of South Australians)



Newspaper Reports

AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

430th Casualty List

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

WOUNDED

Private A. J. Borgmeyer, Port Pirie

(Barrier Miner, Broken Hill, NSW – Thursday 26 September, 1918)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

BORGMEYER – Private A. J. Borgmeyer, 48th Battalion, died from pneumonia and influenza on October 17. SO sadly missed, and ever remembered by his loving brother and sister, Oscar and Clara.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, SA – Saturday 23 November, 1918)

447th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Private A. J. Borgmeyer, Port Pirie, 17/10/18, illness, p.r. wd.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, SA – Saturday 30 November, 1918)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

BORGMEYER.- On the 17th October, at the Sutton Veny Military Hospital, London, No. 3812, Private Albert J. Borgmeyer, 48th Battalion (late 5th Pioneers), Australian Imperial Forces, the second beloved son of Mrs. E. Borgmeyer, of Solomontown (late Yorke's Peninsula), from influenza and pneumonia, aged 31 years.

The blow, was sudden, the shock severe,
We little thought his death was near.
Only those who have lost can tell
The pain at heart at not saying farewell.
A painful shock, a blow severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.
No one he loved was by his side,
But with God in heaven he will abide.

— Inserted by his sorrowing mother.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, SA – Saturday 30 November, 1918)

RETURN THANKS

Mrs E. L. BORGMEYER and FAMILY, of Prince –street, Solomontown, Port Pirie, wish to sincerely THANK all kind friends for letters, cards, floral tributes, and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement of her dear son, Albert.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, SA – Friday 7 February, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

BORGMEYER – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, P.A.G. Borgmeyer.

How constantly we think of him,
With eyes and hearts that fill;
The love we had in life for him
In death seems stronger still.
I seem to see his dear, sweet face
Through a mist of falling tears; .
A mother's part is a broken heart
And a burden of lonely years.
—Inserted by his loving mother, sisters and brothers.

(Recorder, Port Pirie, SA – Friday 17 October, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

BORGMEYER – In loving memory of Private A. J. Borgmeyer, who died 17th October, 1918, at Sutton Veny Hospital.

'Tis had to part with those we love,
Still harder to forget;
And those who love him only know
How much we lost four years ago.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters, Solomontown, Port Pirie, South Australia.

(Recorder, Port Pirie, SA – Friday 20 October, 1922)

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

BORGMEYER.- Pte. A. J. Borgmeyer, of 48th Battalion, who died on the 17th October, 1918.

Ten years have passed, yet none can tell,
The one we lost and loved so well.

—Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, SA – Wednesday 17 October, 1928)

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*)

Pte Albert James Borgmeyer does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

The Love We Had For Him In Life In Death Seems Stronger Still



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

Photo of Pte A. J. Borgmeyer's Headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



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