

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



**7731 PRIVATE**

**A. F. JONES**

**2ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**20TH MARCH, 1918 AGE 19**

*Dearly Beloved Son Of*

*S. W. & E. A. Jones*

*Of Forbes, N.S.W.*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte A. F. Jones is located in  
Grave Plot # 328. D. 18. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Albury Fullerton JONES

Albury Fullerton Jones was born at Laggan (district of Crookwell), NSW in 1898 to parents Sydney William & Emily Adeline Jones (nee Ritchie). He was a 19 year old, single, Legal Clerk from Forbes, NSW when he enlisted at Forbes, NSW on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1917 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 7731 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – S. W. Jones of Johnson Street, Forbes, NSW. Mr & Mrs Jones both signed their consent for their son - Albury Fullerton Jones to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, as he was under the age of 21 years.

Private Albury Fullerton Jones embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Ulysses (A38)* on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1917 & disembarked at the port of Suez on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1918. He re-embarked from Port Said on *Leasowe Castle* on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1918 & disembarked at Taranto, Italy on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1918. Pte Jones entrained from Taranto on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 & detrained at Cherbourg, France on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 then embarked from Cherbourg for England the same day. Pte Jones disembarked at Southampton, England on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1918.

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 Albury Fullerton Jones was marched in to 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire from Australia on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1918.

Private Albury Fullerton Jones was sent sick to Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1918 & then admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1918, cause – not yet determined.

Private Albury Fullerton Jones died on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Thrombosis of Mesenteric Veins.

A death for Albury F. Jones, aged 19, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Pte A. F. Jones contains a letter from The Matron of Military Hospital, Sutton Veny which reads:

*“Pte Jones was only admitted here one night and died the next day after an operation. He never spoke much after the operation or took much notice of anyone. The sister of the Ward did write to his mother. He died of Thrombosis of the Mesenteric (?) Veins, and was buried at Sutton Veny in the churchyard which surrounds the Church. Date of death 20.3.18. 5.30 p.m.”*

Private Albury Fullerton Jones was buried on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 328. From the burial report of Pte Jones - *Coffin was good polished wood. – The full band of the 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion preceded the procession to the churchyard. The firing party, 12 in number were from the comrades of the deceased soldier, and a number of personal friends marched to the graveside. Full burial honours were paid to the deceased soldier, and a number of beautiful wreaths, presented by his comrades were placed on the grave. The deceased was very popular with his comrades and officers, and his loss keenly felt by officers and men alike.*

Pte Albury Fullerton Jones requested in his Will dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1917 that all his Estate be left to his mother – Emily Adeline Jones, whom he also appointed as Executor of his Will.

Pte Albury Fullerton Jones 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 Pte Jones's father – Mr S. W. Jones, Forbes (sent July, 1921 & October, 1922).

Private A. F. Jones is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 33.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. F. Jones is also remembered on the Forbes Cenotaph located in Victoria Park, Newell Highway & Harold Street, Forbes, NSW.



Forbes Cenotaph (Photos from Monument Australia – Glen Yeomans)



The CWGC lists Private Albury Fullerton Jones, 7731, of 2nd Battalion Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Sydney William and Emily Adeline Jones of Johnson St., Forbes, NSW. Born at Lagan.

(63 pages of Pte Albury Fullerton Jones' 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.*



\*\*Connected to Pte Albury Fullerton Jones –

No. 184 Pte A. L. R. Ridley (Cousin) Killed in Action 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1917. Buried in Beaumetz Cross Roads Cemetery, Beaumetz-Les-Cambrai, France.

No. 6249 Pte Tom Jones (Uncle) Killed in Action 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1917. From Forbes, NSW. Remembered on Villers-Bretonneuz Memorial, France.



## **Newspaper Reports**

### **388<sup>th</sup> CASUALTY LIST**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

DIED, CAUSE NOT STATED

Pte ALBURY FULLERTON JONES, Forbes, 20/3/18.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Tuesday 9 April, 1918)*

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#### **PERSONAL**

Mrs S. W. Jones, of North Hill, this week received a letter from her son, the late Private Albury Jones, whose death occurred in England some time after the letter was posted. The letter is dated February 21. Of the trip over, Private Jones wrote that they went to Suez, Port Said, and Toronto (Italy), and France. He met a chap by the name of Kelly on one of the hospital boats in Egypt. Young Kelly knew a good many people around Bogan Gate, Cowra and Forbes. A lad he met in England was named Cheadle, and was formerly on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales at Forbes. Private Jones mentioned that he was well at the time of writing, and his letter showed that he was in the best of spirits.

*(Forbes Times, NSW – Friday 19 April, 1918)*

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## THE LATE ALBURY JONES

Mrs. S. W. Jones, of Forbes, has received the following letter in connection with the recent death in England, of her son, Pte. Albury Fullerton Jones :—"It is very hard for me to write down what I want to say. I can't put in words my appreciation of your late son. On the way over, Albury, myself and Ernie Noble (his other mate) were always together, and I can tell you, Mrs. Jones, that not once did I hear a bad word, or thought, pass Albury's lips. He was liked by all his comrades, and we went to his funeral. Poor Albury, we buried him in a little church in Sutton Vimy. Officers, N.C.O.'s, each put their wreaths on the poor boy's grave. The funeral took place on Friday, 23/3/18. Albury had two lovely verses in his autograph book. He let me copy them one day, and I'm going to be like Albury and try and remember them each day. There will be a happy meeting for us all one of these days, and God's will be done, and not ours. Yours sincerely,

Corporal G. Breeze.

The verses referred to are:

Count life a stage upon the way  
And follow conscience, come what may.  
Alike with heaven and earth sincere  
With hand and brow and bosom clear  
Fear God, and know no other fear.  
In this world of care and trouble  
Two things stand like stone.  
Kindness in another's trouble  
Courage in your own."

(*Forbes Times*, NSW – Friday 10 May, 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 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 A. F. Jones does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Dearly Beloved Son Of S. W. & E. A. Jones Of Forbes, N.S.W.*

Photo of Private A. F. Jones' 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)*

