

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



7482 DRIVER

**H. H. WORSELDINE**

**AUST. ARMY SERVICE CORPS**

**10TH FEBRUARY, 1919 AGE 32**

*The Lord Gave  
And The Lord Hath Taken Away*

*CWGC Headstone for Driver H. H. Worseldine is located in  
Grave Plot # 59. B. 23. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Harold Henry WORSELDINE

Harold Henry Worseldine was born at St. Kilda, Victoria in mid 1886 to parents Frederick George & Margaret Currie Love Worseldine (nee Stewart).

The 1909, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 & 1919 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Balaclava, subdivision of St. Kilda West, Victoria listed Harold Henry Worseldine, Stationer, of 54 Fawkner St, St. Kilda. Also listed at the same address were – Herbert Leonard Worseldine – Clerk in 1909, Accountant in 1912 & 1913, not listed in 1914, 1915 or 1916 but listed in 1917 & 1919 as Accountant; Margaret Worseldine – Home Duties & Margaret Reeves Worseldine – Teacher.

Harold Henry Worseldine was a 29 year old, single, Salesman from 54 Fawkner Street, St. Kilda, Victoria when he enlisted at Melbourne, Victoria on 6th July, 1915 with the Divisional Train, 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 7482 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. Worseldine of 54 Fawkner Street, St. Kilda, Victoria (Father deceased).

Private Harold Henry Worseldine embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Ascanius (A11)* on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1915.

Pte Worseldine was taken on strength with 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy. A. A.S.C. (Australian Army Service Corps) at Matruh.

Private Harold Henry Worseldine was appointed Driver on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1915 while serving with Western Frontier Force Egypt.

Driver Worseldine proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Cairo on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1916 & embarked from Alexandria on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1916 & joined 3<sup>rd</sup> A.A.S.C. at Steenje on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1916

Driver Worseldine was temporarily detached to 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion while in France on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1917 & rejoined his Unit on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1917.

Driver Worseldine proceeded on leave to U.K. on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1917 & rejoined from leave on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1917.

Driver Worseldine was reported still with his Unit on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1918.

Driver Worseldine proceeded on leave to U.K. on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 & rejoined from leave on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1918.

Driver Worseldine was sent to 230<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 & admitted with Influenza. He was transferred to 47<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 & discharged to his Unit on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1918. Driver Worseldine rejoined his Unit on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

Driver Worseldine was detached to Headquarters 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from detachment on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1918.

Driver Worseldine was marched out ready for return to Australia on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1919. He was marched out from Havre on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919.

Driver Worseldine was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire, England on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1919.

Driver Harold Henry Worseldine was admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1919 with Pleurisy. He was reported as dangerously ill with Broncho Pneumonia later that day.

Driver Harold Henry Worseldine died at 10.20 am on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1919 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Pleurisy & Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for H. H. Worseldine, aged 33, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Driver Harold Henry Worseldine was buried on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 59. From the burial report of Pte Worseldine - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being 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 late Unit comrades supported the Pall. The "Last Post" was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. A number of Australians followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Driver H. H. Worseldine is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 182.



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

Driver Harold Henry Worseldine was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Worseldine's mother – Mrs M. C. Worseldine (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Driver Harold Henry Worseldine, 7482 of 1st Div. Train, Australian Army Service Corps, A.I.F., as the son of Margaret Curry Worseldine of 54 Fawkner St, St. Kilda, Victoria, and the late Frederick George Worseldine.

(52 pages of Driver Harold Henry Worseldine'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.*



## Newspaper Reports

### **Bereavement Cards**

Mrs M.C. Worseldine and Family desire to express their heartfelt THANKS for all telegrams, cards, letters and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

54 Fawkner Street, St. Kilda.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Vic – Saturday 5 April, 1919)

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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*)

Driver Harold Henry Worseldine does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Driver H. H. Worseldine'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)*