

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



63346 PRIVATE

**J. D. VINCENT**

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH JANUARY, 1919 AGE 32

*The Lord Gave*

*And The Lord Hath Taken Away*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte J. D. Vincent is located in  
Grave Plot # 45. E. 23. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## John David VINCENT

John David Vincent was born at Brighton, Tasmania on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1886 (Attestation Papers have year of birth as 1887) to parents David and Margaret Susannah J. Vincent (nee Wells).

John David Vincent married Amy Lester in Tasmania in 1905.

Marriage Notice: *VINCENT-LESTER – On February 23, 1905, by the Rev. Isaac H. Palfreyman, John David Vincent, son of David and Margaret Vincent, of Sandfly, to Annie Lester, daughter of Richard and Ellen Lester, now of Sandfly, formerly of the Upper Huon, by license, at the residence of the officiating minister, Andrew and Arthur Streets. (The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – Friday 21 April, 1905)*

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the district of Franklin, subdistrict of Kingborough, Tasmania listed John David Vincent, Farmer, & Amy Louisa Vincent, domestic duties, of Sandfly.

John David Vincent was a 31 year old, married (with 6 children under 16 years) Farmer and Coal Miner from Sandfly, Tasmania when he enlisted at Hobart, Tasmania on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1918 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> (T) Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 63346 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Amy Louisa Vincent of Sandfly, Tasmania.

Private John David Vincent embarked from Melbourne on SS *Zealandic* on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1918. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 & discharged on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1918. Pte Vincent disembarked at London, England on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 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 Vincent was marched in to 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion & allotted to Reinforcements of 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1918.

Private John David Vincent was sent sick to Hospital on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1919 & admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 5th January, 1919 with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin).

Private John David Vincent was reported dangerously ill with Broncho pneumonia on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1919.

Private John David Vincent died at 11 am on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1919 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of broncho pneumonia.

A death for I. D. Vincent, aged 32, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private John David Vincent was buried at 3 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 45. From the burial report of Pte Vincent - *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, preceeded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Command Depot. Six Australians acted as Pall bearers. The “Last Post” was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. A number of N.C.O.'s and Men followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Pte John David Vincent requested in his Will dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1918, that all his property & effects be left to his wife – Mrs Amy Louisa Vincent of Sandfly, Tasmania.

Pte John David Vincent 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 Vincent's widow – Mrs A. L. Vincent (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private John David Vincent, 63346, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of David and Margaret Vincent; husband of A. L. Vincent, of Pelverata, Tasmania.

Private J. D. Vincent is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 67.



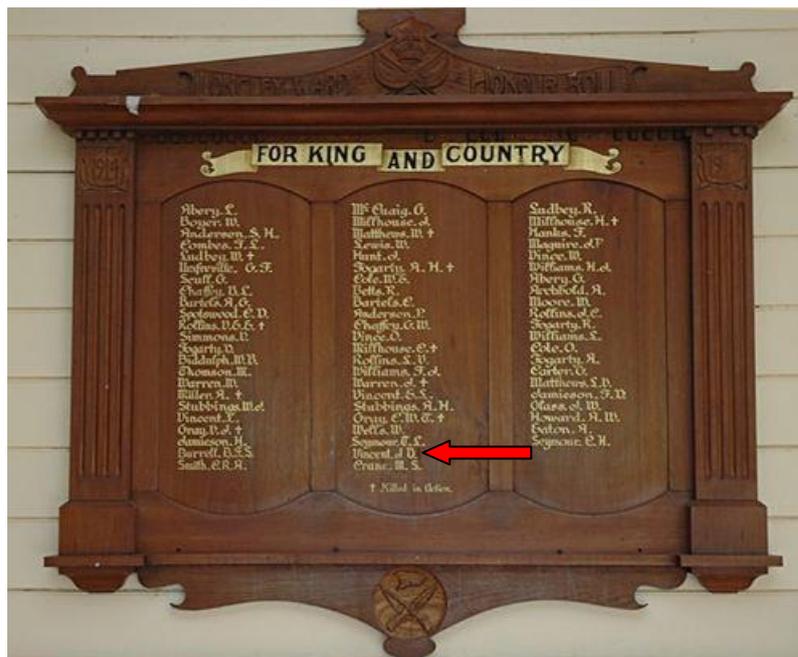
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

J. D. Vincent is remembered on the Port Cygnet Roll of Honour located in the Cygnet RSL Club at Mary Street & Guys Road, Cygnet, Tasmania.



**Port Cygnet Roll of Honour** (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

J. D. Vincent is remembered on the Longley Ward Honour Roll located in Sandfly Hall, Sandfly Road, Sandfly, Tasmania.



Longley Ward Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

(43 pages of Pte John David Vincent'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

### RECRUITING

### ENTERED CAMP

HOBART, Friday

The following men entered Claremont camp on Wednesday and Thursday :-..... J. D. Vincent, farmer and coalminer; .....

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – Saturday 6 July, 1918)

### ROLL OF HONOUR

VINCENT – On January 26, at First Australian General Hospital, France, Private J. D. Vincent, beloved husband of Amy Vincent, Sandfly, leaving a wife and six young children to mourn their loss.

(*Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania – Wednesday 19 February, 1919)

# TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

## LIST No. 460

### Died of Illness

Pte J. D. Vincent, Sandfly, 30/1/19

(*Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania – Thursday 6 March, 1919)

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## IN MEMORIAM

### (Died on Active Service)

VINCENT – In loving memory of our dear uncle, Private J. D Vincent, who died of illness in England, January 30, 1919.

“Gone, but not forgotten”

-Inserted by his loving nieces and nephews, sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Lester and family.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Saturday 31 January, 1920)

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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 John David Vincent does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*The Lord Gave And The Lord Hath Taken Away*



Photo of Pte J. D. Vincent'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)*