

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War 1



4585 PRIVATE

J. SAMPSON

58TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH FEBRUARY, 1919 AGE 21

Simply To Thy Cross I Cling

*CWGC Headstone for Pte J. Sampson is located in
Grave Plot # 44. F. 11 of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Joseph SAMPSON

Joseph Sampson was born at Ballarat East, Victoria to parents Joseph and Elizabeth Sampson (nee Rowe). He was an 18 year old, single, Bootmaker from 11 Chamberlain Street, Ballarat East, Victoria when he enlisted at Ballarat on 22nd July, 1915 with the 8th Infantry Battalion, 14th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 4585 & his religion was Baptist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. Sampson of 11 Chamberlain Street, Ballarat East, Victoria. Joseph Sampson had previously served with senior cadets.

Private Joseph Sampson embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Themistocles* (A32) on 28th January, 1916 according to Embarkation Roll listed by Australian War memorial, however Pte Sampson's Service & Casualty form states he embarked from Australia on 23rd December, 1915 on HMAT *Themistocles* (A32). Pte Sampson disembarked at Suez on 28th February, 1916.

Pte Sampson was taken on strength with 28th Battalion from 2nd Training Battalion at Ferry Post on 1st April, 1916.

Pte Sampson was sent to Hospital sick on 31st May, 1916. He was transferred from 15th Field Ambulance to Australian Casualty Clearing Station P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). He was transferred to No. 1 Australian Stationary Hospital at Ismailia on 2nd June, 1916 with Tonsillitis.

Pte Sampson rejoined his Unit at Moascar on 8th June, 1916.

Pte Sampson embarked from Alexandria on 17th June, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) on Troop Ship Transylvania & disembarked at Marseilles on 23rd June, 1916.

Pte Sampson was detached for duty as Batman with 5th Divisional School of Instruction on 14th January, 1917.

Pte Sampson was sent to Hospital sick on 25th February, 1917. He was taken to 8th Australian Field Ambulance with Mumps then transferred to 38th Casualty Clearing Station & discharged to duty on the same day.

Pte Sampson rejoined 5th Divisional School of Instruction from Hospital on 27th February, 1917.

Pte Sampson was detached to 1st Anzac Corps School of Instruction on 1st May, 1917 then transferred & taken on strength with 1st Anzac Corps School of Instruction.

Pte Sampson proceeded on leave from 3rd August, 1917 & returned from leave on 17th August, 1917.

Pte Sampson was attached to Aust. Cps. School on 1st March, 1918 then marched in to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot at Havre, France on 2nd March, 1918 for reclassification.

Pte Sampson was marched out to his Unit on 27th March, 1918 & transferred from Aust. Cps. School to 58th Battalion in the field on 29th April, 1918. He was taken on strength with 58th Battalion at Nucleus Camp.

Pte Sampson was sent sick to Hospital on 9th August, 1918. He was taken to 15th Australian Field Ambulance on 10th August, 1918 then transferred to 18th General Hospital at Camiers, France on 11th August, 1918. Pte Sampson was invalided to England from France on 18th August, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Cambria*. Pte Sampson was admitted to Essex County Hospital, Colchester, Essex on 19th August, 1918 with an abscess on his right heel (slight). He was transferred to 1st Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield on 5th September, 1918.

Pte Sampson was on furlo from 7th September, 1918 until 21st September, 1918.

Pte Sampson was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 21st September, 1918 & was medically classified as B1 A2 (Fit for Overseas Training Camp in 3 to 4 weeks).

Pte Sampson was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 28th November, 1918.

Pte Sampson was written up for an Offence – Absent without leave from 23.59 hrs on 31st December, 1918 to 10.50 hrs on 3rd January, 1919. He was awarded 3 days field punishment NO.2 & forfeited a total of 6 days pay.

Private Joseph Sampson was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 30th January, 1919 with Influenza.

Private Joseph Sampson died at 3 am on 6th February, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Broncho pneumonia (Report of death form states cause of death from Influenza).

A death for J. Sampson, aged 21, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Joseph Sampson was buried on 10th February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 44. From the burial report of Pte Sampson - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party from the Australian Overseas Training Brigade. Comrades of the deceased supported the Pall. A number of Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men from deceased's late Unit followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U. K. were represented at the funeral. Also in attendance at the funeral was Mr L. Rowe (cousin) of 63 Percy Street, Chibwell, Geelong, Victoria.*

Pte Joseph Sampson requested in his Will dated 16th July, 1917 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his mother – Elizabeth Sampson of Ballarat.

Pte Joseph Sampson was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Sampson's father – Mr J. Sampson (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

Private J. Sampson is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 166.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. Sampson is remembered on the Ballarat Memorial Rotunda located at Sturt Street and Learmonth Avenue, Ballarat, Victoria.



Ballarat Memorial Rotunda (Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

Joseph Sampson is also remembered on the Ballarat Avenue of Honour (1917-1919) where almost 4,000 trees were planted to represent the number of men and women from the Ballarat district who served in World War 1. The trees were planted at intervals of 12 metres along 22 kms of the Ballarat-Burrembeet Road.



Ballarat Avenue of Honour (Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

The CWGC lists Private Joseph Sampson, 4585, of 58th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Sampson of 11 Chamberlain St., Ballarat East, Victoria.

(57 pages of Pte Joseph Sampson'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.



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 Joseph Sampson does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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



Photo of Private J. Sampson's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



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