

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



**4601 PRIVATE**

**R. QUICK**

**39TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**27TH APRIL, 1919 AGE 30**

*In Loving Memory Of*

*My Dear Brother*

*Dearly Loved*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte R. Quick is located in  
Grave Plot # 86. L. 6. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Robert QUICK

Robert Quick was born at Richmond, Victoria around 1888 to parents Thomas and Grace Quick.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for 1914 & 1919 for division of Flinders, subdivision of Loch listed Robert Quick, farm labourer, of Jeetho.

Robert Quick was a 28 year old, single Blacksmith (according to Roll of Honour), (Labourer – according to Attestation Papers) from Loch, Gippsland, Victoria when he enlisted at Melbourne, Victoria on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1916 with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 4601 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs Elsie Amy Barns of 11 Service Crescent, Albert Park, Victoria.

Private Robert Quick embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic (A7)* on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 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 Robert Quick was marched in to 8<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

Private Robert Quick proceeded overseas to France from 8<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion via Folkestone on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1917.

Private Robert Quick was marched in to 5 A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Le Havre, France from England on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1917. He was marched out to 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1917 & taken on strength on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1917.

Private Robert Quick was wounded in action in France on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1917. He was taken to 9<sup>th</sup> Australia Field Ambulance on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1917 (note the discrepancy with the date – details are taken from Pte Quick's Service & Casualty form). Pte Quick was transferred to 53<sup>rd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station with abrasion to shoulder then transferred on Ambulance Train to Wimereux where he was admitted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian General Hospital on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1917. Pte Quick was invalided to England on Hospital Ship St. David on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1917 & admitted to Royal Victorian Hospital at Netley on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1917 with a gunshot wound to left leg. He was discharged on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 & transferred to No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 & discharged on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1918.

Pte Quick was marched in to No. 4 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1918.

Pte Quick was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1918.

Pte Quick was admitted to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1918 until 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 with a broken down wound to left knee.

Pte Quick proceeded overseas to France from Longbridge Deverill via Folkestone on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 & was marched in to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1918. He was marched out to his Unit on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 & rejoined his Battalion in the field on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1918.

Pte Quick was sent to 10<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 with a septic left knee and was transferred the same day to No. 3 Australian General Hospital at Abbeville. Pte Quick was transferred to No. 1 Australian Con. Depot at Havre on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1918 & admitted with Furniculosis (spelt as written). He was discharged to A.I. B. D. at Havre on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1918.

Pte Quick was marched in to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1918.

Pte Quick was marched out to his Unit on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1919 & rejoined his Unit in the field on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1919.

Pte Quick was marched out from the field on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1919, ready for return to Australia. He embarked for England from Havre on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1919 & disembarked at Weymouth on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1919.

Pte Quick was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1919.

Private Robert Quick was admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1919 with Pneumonia.

Private Robert Quick died at 9.30 am on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1919 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Pleurisy & Pneumonia.

A death for Robert Quick, aged 35, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Robert Quick was buried on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 86. From the burial report of Pte Quick - *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 from 1st Australian Training Brigade Sutton Veny. Six of Deceased's late Unit comrades supported the Pall. A large 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.*

Pte Robert Quick requested in his Will dated 21st July, 1917 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his only sister – Mrs Elsie Amy Barnes.

Pte Robert Quick was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Quick's sister – Mrs Elsie Barnes (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Robert Quick, 4601, of 39th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Thomas and Grace Quick. Born at Richmond, Victoria.

Private R. Quick is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 131.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

R. Quick is remembered on the Loch Memorial Gates at the Loch Sports Ground, Loch-Poowong Road, Loch, Victoria. (Name listed on Memorial as R. Quirk instead of R. Quick).



Loch Memorial Gates

(66 pages of Pte Robert Quick'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

### DEATHS

#### On Active Service

QUICK – On the 27<sup>th</sup> April, Private Robert Quick, NO. 4601, 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion, died from pleurisy and pneumonia at the military hospital, Wiltshire, England, after two years and 4 months; loving brother of the late Cecilia, also loving brother-in-law of the late W. C. Barns, late of 11 Service Crescent, Albert Park.

Far away from those who loved him,  
Soldiers gently laid him to rest;  
In a soldier's grave he is sleeping,  
One of Australia's best.

-Inserted by his loving sister Elsie Barns, Present address: 50 Neptune Street, Richmond.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Vic – Saturday 10 May, 1919)

### 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 Robert Quick does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*In Loving Memory Of My Dear Brother Dearly Loved*



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



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



*(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)*