

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



**2732 PRIVATE**

**W. J. SIMS**

**49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**1ST JANUARY, 1917 AGE 23**

*In Memory Of*

*The Dearly Loved Son Of*

*Mr & Mrs Sims Of Atherton*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte W. J. Sims is located in  
Grave Plot # 280. C. 5. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## William Joseph SIMS

William Joseph Sims was born at Inglewood, near Bendigo, Victoria on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1893 to parents Mark and Eleanor Link Sims (nee Custance). He was a 22 year old, single, Farmer from Malanda, Queensland when he enlisted at Cairns, Queensland on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 with the 49<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 2732 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mark Sims of Malanda, Queensland.

Private William Joseph Sims embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Ceramic (A40)* on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1916.

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 William Joseph Sims was sent sick to Camp Isolation Hospital from 13<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion at Codford on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1916.

Private William Joseph Sims was marched in to 13<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion, Codford from Camp Hospital on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

Private William Joseph Sims was sent sick to No. 3 Camp Hospital on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1916.

Private William Joseph Sims died on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1917 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Pneumonia.

A death for William J. Sims, aged 23, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

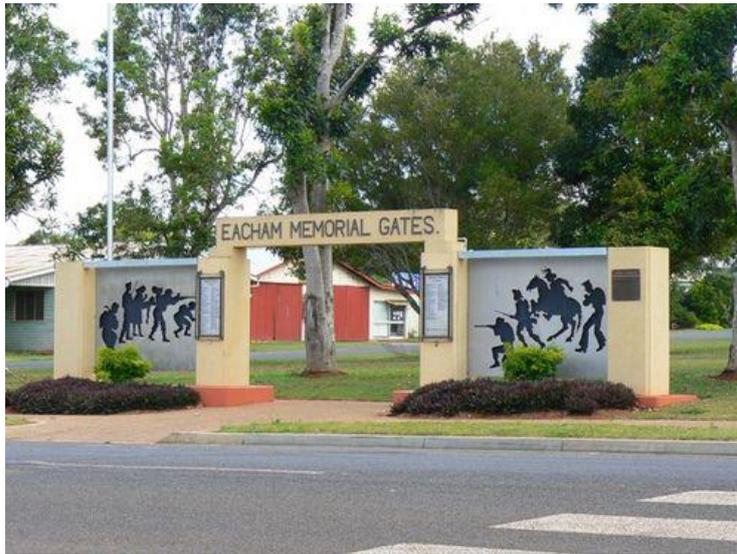
Private William Joseph Sims was buried on 5th January, 1917 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 280.

Private W. J. Sims is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 149.



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

W. Sims is remembered on the Malanda Eacham Memorial Gates located at Eachams Place and English Street, Malanda, Queensland.



ARCHER S.A.	JAMES D.
ASHFORD L.J.	KINGCOMBE H.
BALL A.	KNOX T.
BARDON G.	MAKEPEACE E.
BELSON W.C.	MALTYBY P.
BROMFIELD J.	NACLE J.
BROWN F.	O'CONNOR W.
BROWNJOHN J.	OST H.H.W.
BRUNNING A.	PALMER M.
GARR W. T.	PARKENHAM A.
COCKERILL C.	PRESSLEY L.
COLEMAN W. T.	PRESSLEY W.H.
DANN F.	REDPATH G.
EVERS O.L.	ROBERTSON R.M.
FARLOW F. G.	SIMMS W.
FARLOW H.H.	STOREY F.
FLEGLER H.	STOREY F.
FRASER G.	SWAIN F. C.
GAILLARD L.D.	WALLACE J. H.

**Malanda Eacham Memorial Gates**

*(Left - Photos from Monument Australia – Diane Watson & Right -Queensland War Memorials – Dennis Stocks)*

W. Sims is remembered on the Atherton War Memorial located at E. P. Hole Gardens, Kennedy Highway & Cook Street, Atherton, Queensland.



THIS MONUMENT IS DEDICATED TO THE GLORIOUS MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THE ATHERTON TABLELAND WHO FOUGHT AND PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN THE GREAT WAR

1914	1918
ARCHER S.A.	KINGCOMBE H.
ASHFORD L.J.	KNOX T.
BARDON G.	LARKIN S.G.
BELL H.	LEDLIE E.
BELSON W.C.	LEE T.
BLACKLEY T.	LINEDALE W.J.
BROMFIELD J.	LORD H.C.
BROWN F.	LYNCH B.
BROWNJOHN J.	MAKEPEACE E.
CAKEBREAD S.	MALTYBY P.
GARR W. T.	MARTIN J.
CASTLES E.J.	McSHARRY T.
COCKERILL C.	NAIRNE J.R.
COLEMAN W. L.	O'CONNOR W.
COOK S.	OST H.H.W.
DANN F.	PAKENHAM A.
EVERS O.L.	PRESSLEY L.
FARLOW F.G.	PRESSLEY W.H.
FARLOW H.H.	REDPATH G.
FLEGLER H.	ROBERTSON J.
FRASER G.	ROBERTSON R.M.
GAILLARD L.D.	ROBINSON C.S.H.
GRAU F.W.	SH S. W.
GREAR R.	STOREY F.
HALLORAN J.	SWAN F.C.
HALLOPAN T.	THOMSON H.
HANNAH R.	TURNER H.
HIDES J.	WALLACE L.H.
HUDSON F.	WHITE L.A.
HUNT S.W.	WILLIAMS H.
KEARNEY J.	WINTERFORD E.A.
HAWKINS W.	BRUNNING A.
BALL H. J.	FOX M.
LAMBERT M.	

UNVEILED  
25/4/24.

**Atherton War Memorial** *(Photos from Queensland War Memorials – Dennis Stocks & Doug Tanner)*

Pte William Joseph Sims 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 Sims' father – Mr M. Sims (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private William Joseph Sims, 2732, of 49th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Mark and Eleanor Link Sims, of Atherton, North Queensland.

(40 pages of Pte William Joseph Sims'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**

### **CASUALTIES**

#### **QUEENSLAND**

#### **DIED, OTHER CAUSES**

Pte W. J. Sims

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Tuesday 23 January, 1917)*

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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 William Joseph Sims does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*In Memory Of The Dearly Loved Son Of Mr & Mrs Sims OF Atherton*

Photo of Pte W. J. Sims'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)

