

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



**426 B DRIVER**

**W. N. QUIHAMPTON**

**AUST. MACHINE GUN CORPS**

**28TH JANUARY, 1919 AGE 24**

*In Memory Of  
The Loved Son Of  
Mr & Mrs Quihampton  
Of Daysdale, N.S.W.*

*CWGC Headstone for Driver W. N. Quihampton is located in  
Grave Plot # 40. G. 11. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## William Norman QUIHAMPTON

William Norman Quihampton was born at Birchip, Victoria in 1894 to parents John Wyborn Quihampton and Mary Ann Quihampton (nee McIntyre). He was a 22 year old, single Farmer from Daysdale, NSW when he enlisted at Melbourne on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1916 with the 6<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 426 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr John W. Quihampton of Daysdale, via Corowa, NSW.

Private William Norman Quihampton embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Port Lincoln (A17)* on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 & was transferred to *Ulysses (A38)* at Sierra Leone on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1916. He finally disembarked at Devonport, England on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 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 Quihampton was marched in from Overseas to Australian Details at Perham Downs on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

Private Quihampton was transferred to 3rd Division Machine Gun Company at Perham Downs on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 & taken on strength the same day with 6<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company.

Private Quihampton was written up for an Offence on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1917 – he had been absent without leave from Tattoo to 10.55 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1917. The offence was admonished by Capt. Algie.

Pte Quihampton was appointed to the rank of Driver on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1917.

Driver Quihampton proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1917.

Driver Quihampton was reallocated his Regiment Number to contain the letter "B" – it was now 426B.

Driver Quihampton was sent to 11<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1917 with a dislocated right knee. He was transferred to 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Casualty Clearing Station the same day & then transferred to 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian General Hospital at Abbeville on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1917. Driver Quihampton was transferred sick to 5<sup>th</sup> Convalescent Depot at Cayeaux on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1917. He was discharged to Base on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1917.

Driver Quihampton was marched in to Base at Camiers on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1917 & marched out to his Unit on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1917. Driver Quihampton rejoined his Unit in the field on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1917.

Driver Quihampton proceeded on leave from 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 & rejoined from leave on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1918.

Driver Quihampton was wounded in action on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1918. He was taken to 1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance with a gunshot wound to buttock & transferred to 53<sup>rd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Driver Quihampton was transferred to 11<sup>th</sup> Sty. Hospital at Rouen on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 & invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Carisbrook Castle* on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1918.

Driver Quihampton was admitted to Alexandria Hospital at Cosham on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1918 with a gunshot wound to right leg & buttock – severe. He was transferred to 3<sup>rd</sup> Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1918 for convalescence.

Driver Quihampton was on furlo from 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1918 & was to report to No. 2 Command Depot on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1919.

Driver Quihampton was absent without leave on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1919. Driver Quihampton was due to report to Headquarters & he was advised to report to Headquarters on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 1919. His lateness was excused & he was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1919.

Driver William Norman Quihampton was admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1919 with Bronchial pneumonia. He was reported as dangerously ill on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1919.

Driver William Norman Quihampton died at 11.30 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1919 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza & Broncho - Pneumonia.

A death for William Quihampton, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Driver William Norman Quihampton was buried at 3 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no.40. From the burial report of Driver Quihampton - *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 No. 1 Command Depot. Six Australians supported the Pall. The “Last Post” was sounded and three volleys fired over the grave. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Driver William Norman Quihampton requested in his Will dated 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1917 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his mother – Mary Ann Quihampton & that she also be appointed executrix of the Will.

Driver William Norman Quihampton was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Quihampton's father – Mr J. W. Quihampton (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Driver William Norman Quihampton, 426B, of 3rd Battalion, Australian Machine Gun Corps, A.I.F., as the son of John Wyborn Quihampton and Mary Ann Quihampton of “Karyie”. Daysdale, New South Wales. Born at Birchip, Victoria.

Private W. N. Quihampton is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 176.



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

W. N. Quihampton is remembered on the Corowa War Memorial located at Honour Ave and Sanger St, Corowa, NSW.



**Corowa War Memorial**

*(Photos from Way Memorials Register NSW – Martin Butterfield and Peter Levarre-Waters)*

(63 pages of Driver William Norman Quihampton'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**

### **VICTORIAN CASUALTIES**

#### **WOUNDED**

W. N. Quihampton, Daysdale, NSW

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Tuesday 19 November, 1918)*

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### **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **Corowa**

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Quihampton, of Daysdale, were recently advised per, the Rev. Canon Thomas, that their son, Pte William Norman Quihampton, had died of pneumonia in one of the London hospitals on January 28, aged 24 years. Only quite recently the parents received a letter from their son in which he said that he was

getting better and hoped soon to be on his way home to Australia. He was wounded whilst in action, and was under treatment when he contracted the deadly ailment which carried him off. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family in their great loss.

*(Albury Banner and Wodonga Express, NSW – Friday 21 February, 1919)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **On Active Service**

QUIHAMPTON – In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, William Norman Quihampton, who died on January 28, 1919, after three years' service.

Beloved by all.

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Wednesday 28 January, 1920)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **On Active Service**

QUIHAMPTON – In loving memory of our beloved brother, William Norman, died January 28, 1919, from influenza, England

Everlasting memories

- (Inserted by his loved ones).

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 28 January, 1922)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **On Active Service**

QUIHAMPTON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, William, who died January 28, 1919.

Tenderly on earth we loved him,  
And we dearly love him still;  
With remembrance still we mourn him,  
While we bow to God's own will.

- Inserted by his parents, brothers and sisters.

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Monday 28 January, 1923)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **On Active Service**

QUIHAMPTON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, William Norman, who passed away on January 28, 1919, in England.

Upright and honourable.

- (Inserted by his parents, sisters and brothers, Corowa, N.S.W.).

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Wednesday 28 January, 1925)*

## IN MEMORIAM

### On Active Service

QUIHAMPTON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Driver W. N., died 1919, in England.

His kindly ways will always be remembered

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – Thursday 28 January, 1926)

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## IN MEMORIAM

### On Active Service

QUIHAMPTON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Will, who died in England on January 28, 1919.

Ever remembered

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – Friday 28 January, 1927)

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**Driver William Norman Quihampton**



### 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 William Norman Quihampton does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*In Memory Of The Loved Son Of Mr & Mrs Quihampton Of Daysdale, N.S.W.*



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



Photo of Driver W. N. Quihampton's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



*(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)*