

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



**3709 CORPORAL**

**C. J. VANDERWOLF**

**AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY**

**12TH NOVEMBER, 1918 AGE 26**

*Greater Love Hath No Man*

*CWGC Headstone for Corporal C. J. Vanderwolf is located in  
Grave Plot # 24. I. 3. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Charles Jakeman VANDERWOLF

Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was born at Theebine, Kilkivan, Queensland on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1892 to parents Charles Rowe Vanderwolf & Ellen Julia Vanderwolf (nee Jakeman). He was a 23 year old, single, Farmer from Iris Villa, Polmailly, Mirian Vale Railway Station, Queensland when he enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1914 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 3709 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Charles Rowe Vanderwolf of Iris Villa, Polmailly, Mirian Vale Railway Station, Queensland.

Driver Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf embarked from Melbourne on SS *Hessen* (A45) on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1915 & disembarked at Egypt (date not recorded).

Driver Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1915.

Driver Vanderwolf was admitted to 15<sup>th</sup> General Hospital, Alexandria on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1915 – cause not yet determined. He was discharged to duty on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1915.

Driver Vanderwolf of 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade was admitted to Hospital on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1915 & transferred to All Saints Hospital at Malta on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1915 with synovitis of ankle. He embarked on Hospital Ship *Regina de Italia* for England on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1915. Driver Vanderwolf was admitted to Southern General Hospital at Bristol from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1915 with acute Rheumatism. He was transferred to the Military Convalescent Hospital at Epsom on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1915 with Rheumatic Fever & discharged on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1915.

Driver Vanderwolf was part of 21<sup>st</sup> Draft to join M.E.F. from Weymouth, England on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1916. He was taken on strength with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1916. Driver Vanderwolf was transferred to 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Brigade on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1916.

Driver Vanderwolf proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1916.

Driver Vanderwolf was taken on strength with 1<sup>st</sup> D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1916.

Driver Vanderwolf was transferred to No. 1 Section on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1917. He was still with the Unit on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1917.

Driver Vanderwolf was on leave from France from 6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1917.

Driver Vanderwolf was appointed Acting Bombardier on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1917 in France.

Acting Bombardier Vanderwolf was promoted to Bombardier on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 (to complete Establishment).

Bombardier Vanderwolf was on leave to England on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 & rejoined from leave on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1918.

Bombardier Vanderwolf was detached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Ambulance on Escort Duty from 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from detachment on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1918.

Bombardier Vanderwolf was promoted to Temporary Corporal on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 - vice 20953 Cpl. J. G. Hudson evacuated.

Temporary Corporal Vanderwolf reverted back to the rank of Bombardier on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1918 – vice 2728 T/Sgt. A. G. Boyd reverted to Corporal.

Bombardier Vanderwolf was detached to Rest Camp at Boulogne on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1918 & rejoined his Unit in the field on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1918.

Bombardier Vanderwolf promoted to Temporary Corporal on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1918 - vice 5872 Cpl. R. Godfrey promoted.

Temporary Corporal Vanderwolf reverted back to the rank of Driver – at his own request on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1918.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1918 with Influenza Pneumonia.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf died at 4 am (Time of 4 am recorded on Hospital Admissions form; Report of Death form states time as 0500) on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza & Pneumonia.

A death for Charles J. Vanderwolf, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was buried at 2 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 24. From the burial report of Cpl. Vanderwolf - *Coffin was polished 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. Firing Party and Band from the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Training Brigade were in attendance. Six of deceased's late Unit comrades supported the Pall. 3 Officers and about 100 N.C.O.'s and Men attended the funeral. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf requested in his Will dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1914 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his father – Charles Row Vanderwolf with the exception of his bah gelding which he bequeathed to Miss Ethel Ferguson.

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Cpl. Vanderwolf's father – Mr C. R. Vanderwolf (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

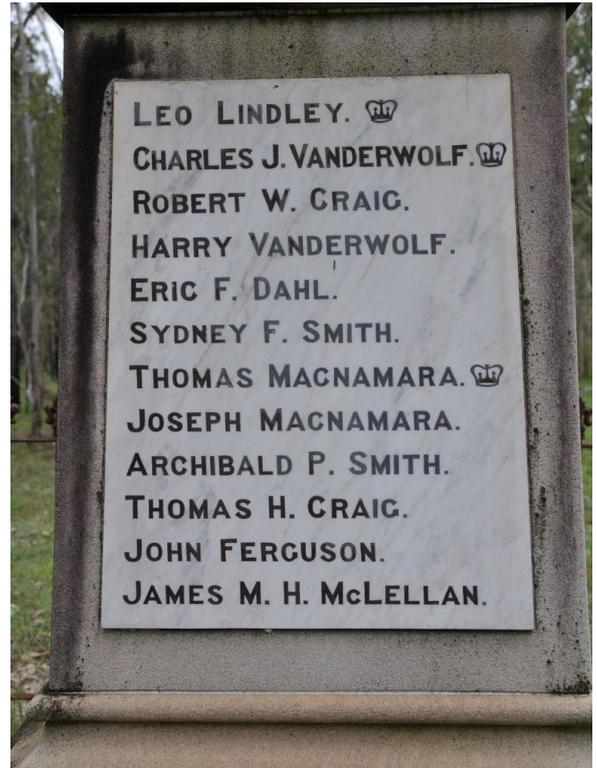
The CWGC lists Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf, 3709 of 1<sup>st</sup> Division Ammunition Column, Australian Field Artillery, A.I.F., as the son of Charles Row Vanderwolf and Ellen Julia Vanderwolf, of Iris Villa, Polmally., Miriam Vale, Queensland.

Corporal C. J. Vanderwolf is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



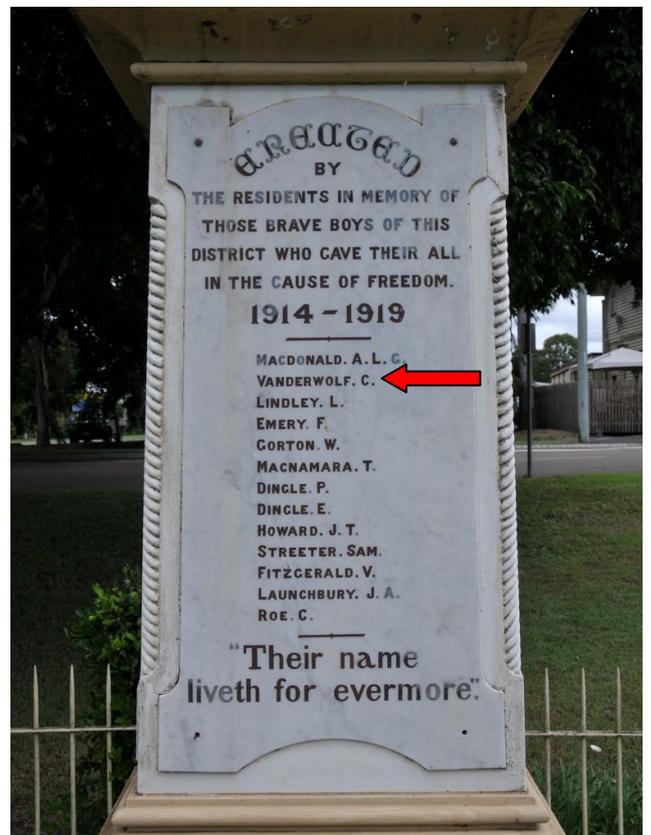
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Charles J. Vanderwolf, along with his brother Harry Vanderwolf, are remembered on the Pomaily (Polmailly) State School War memorial located at 664 Blackman's Gap Road, Miriam Vale, Queensland.



**Pomaily State School War Memorial** (Photos from Queensland War Memorials – Harry Gallaher)

C. Vanderwolf is remembered on the Miriam Vale War Memorial located at Bloomfield Street, Miriam Vale, Queensland.



**Miriam Vale War Memorial** (Photos from Queensland War Memorials – Harry Gallaher)

(79 pages of Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf'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.*



**Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf**

[Connected to Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf:](#)

Younger Brother – Pte Harry Vanderwolf, 2807, 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Enlisted 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1915, aged 21. Wounded in Action in Belgium 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1917 (Gunshot wound to right foot – severe). Discharged & returned to Australia on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1918. Entitled to 1914/5 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.



Headstone of Harry Vanderwolf located in Beaudesert Cemetery, Queensland

## **Newspaper Reports**

### **ROLL OF HEROES**

#### **EIGHTY-FIFTH CASUALTY LIST**

##### **QUEENSLAND – ILL**

Gunner C. J. Vanderwolf

*(Daily Herald, Adelaide, S.A. – Saturday 2 October, 1915)*

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#### **151<sup>st</sup> LIST**

##### **QUEENSLAND**

##### **RETURNED TO DUTY**

Driver C. J. Vanderwolf, 2/3 F.A. Bde., Miriam Vale, Q.

*(The Queenslander, Brisbane, Qld – Saturday 18 March, 1916)*

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#### **THE 450th CASUALTY LIST**

##### **Died, Other Causes**

##### **Queensland**

Cpl. (temp) C. J. Vanderwolf (Miriam Vale)

*(The Farmer and Settler, Sydney, NSW – Friday 27 December, 1918)*

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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)*

Corporal Charles Jakeman Vanderwolf does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Corporal C. J. Vanderwolf'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)

