

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



63246 PRIVATE

H. R. BAKES

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

24TH JANUARY, 1919 Age 21

Our Hero Lies Here

Sadly Missed

Deeply Mourned

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte H. R. Bakes is located in
Grave Plot # 39. G. 10. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Herbert Roy BAKES

Herbert Roy Bakes was born on 30th April, 1897 at Quamby Brook, Deloraine, Tasmania to parents Arthur Henry & Elizabeth Bakes. He was a 21 year old, single, Farm Labourer from Quamby Brook, Tasmania when he enlisted at Quamby Brook on 22nd May, 1918 with the 3rd Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 63246 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Arthur Bakes of Quamby Brook, Tasmania. On his Attestation Papers, Herbert Bakes answered “Exempt, Area 91” to the question “Do you belong to or have you ever served in His Majesty’s Army, the Marines, the Militia...”

Pte Herbert Roy Bakes embarked from Melbourne on SS *Zealandic* on 5th October, 1918. He was admitted to Ship’s Hospital on 15th November, & discharged on 30th November, 1918. Pte Bakes disembarked at London, England on 5th December, 1918

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 Herbert Roy Bakes was marched in & allotted to 12th Battalion Reinforcements on 5th December, 1918 & marched into 1st Training Battalion, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. He was marched in from Group Clearing Station on 9th January, 1919.

Private Herbert Roy Bakes was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 22nd January, 1919 with Bronchitis. He was reported dangerously ill with Pneumonia.

Private Herbert Roy Bakes died at 5.45 p.m. on 24th January, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for Herbert R. Bakes, aged 21, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Herbert Roy Bakes was buried at 3 p.m. on 28th January, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 39. From the burial report of Pte Herbert Roy Bakes - *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. Firing Party and pall bearers from the Overseas Training Brigade were in attendance. The “Last Post” was sound and three volleys fired over the grave. One Officer and about 50 N.C.O.’s and men of the Depot attended the funeral. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Pte Herbert Roy Bakes requested in his Will, dated 27th September, 1918, that all his property & effects be given to his mother – Eliza Bakes.

Private H. R. Bakes is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 64.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. R. Bakes is remembered on the Roll of Honour for Deloraine District at Deloraine Ex-Services Club.



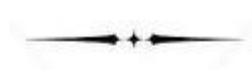
Deloraine Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)

Pte Herbert Roy Bakes 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 Bakes' father – Mr A. Bakes (May, 1922 & November, 1922)

The CWGC lists Private Herbert Roy Bakes, 63246, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Arthur Henry & Elizabeth Bakes of Quamby Brook, Deloraine, Tasmania.

(46 pages of Pte Herbert Roy Bakes' 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

DELORAINÉ

Several recruits have enlisted, including F. C. Parry (a local lad), C. C. Broomhall, H. R. Bakes (for active service) and J. Emmerson (for Home Service)

(*Daily Telegraph*, Launceston, Tasmania – Saturday 25 May 1918)

PERSONAL

Mr A. H. Bakes, of Quamby Brook, received word from the Records Office that his son, Private Roy Bakes, had died in England from influenza. Private Bakes, who was only 21, had tried to enlist for some time past, had only been in England some few months, having gone with reinforcements for the 12th Battalion.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – Monday 10 February 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Tasmanian Casualties

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte H. R. Bakes, Quamby Brook, 24/1/19

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – Wednesday 19 February 1919)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr and Mrs A. Bakes and family, of Quamby Brook, wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for their letters, cards and personal visits during their recent sad bereavement.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – Wednesday 5 March 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)

Herbert Roy Bakes does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Pte H. R. Bakes' Headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



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

