

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War 1



7763 PRIVATE

N. G. PEUT

2ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH MARCH, 1918 AGE 29

*CWGC Headstone for Pte N. G. Peut is located in
Grave Plot # 326. D. 16. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Norman George PEUT

Norman George Peut was born at Normanton, North Queensland on 15th January, 1888 to parents Peter & Ellen Peut (nee Von-Dohen). He was a 29 year old, single, Labourer from Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at Recruiting Depot, Royal Naval House, Grosvenor Street, Sydney on 16th November, 1917 with the 2nd Infantry Battalion, 26th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 7763 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Ellen Peut, Post Office, Ingham, Queensland.

Private Norman George Peut embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Ulysses (A38)* on 19th December, 1917 & disembarked at Port Suez on 16th January, 1918. He re-embarked at Port Said on 24th January, 1918 on *Leasowe Castle* & disembarked at Taranto, Italy on 2nd February, 1918. Pte Peut then entrained from Taranto on 5th February, 1918 to Cherbourg, France, arriving on 12th February, 1918. He embarked from Cherbourg on 12th February aboard HMT *Antrim* & disembarked at Southampton, England on 13th February, 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 Norman George Peut was marched in from Australia to 1st Training Battalion at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 13th February, 1918.

Private Norman George Peut was sent sick to Sutton Veny Hospital with Influenza on 3rd March, 1918 & admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 4th March, 1918.

Private Norman George Peut died on 9th March, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of “New growth. Malignant left bronchus”. Cause of death was verified by Post Mortem.

A death for Norman G. Puet, aged 30, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Norman George Peut was buried on 13th March, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 326. From the burial report of Pte Peut - *Coffin was good condition, polished wood – The full band of the 1st Training Battalion preceded the funeral party, which consisted of a firing party of 12 men, and a number of personal friends of the deceased. A very fine wreath presented by the comrades of the late Pte Peut, N. G. was placed on the grave. The deceased soldier was popular with both officers and men in this battalion.*

Pte Norman George Peut requested in his Will dated 8th December, 1917 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his mother – Ellen Peut.

A cousin – Miss Kate Bopf of Hill Street, Taringa, Brisbane, had written to Base Records on 13th April, 1918 enquiring into the death of her cousin, Pte Peut. She was advised of the details of her cousin's death.

A package containing the personal effects of Pte Peut were sent to his mother in October, 1918 & in February, 1919 two photographs of Pte Peut's grave were sent to his mother.

Pte Norman George Peut was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a theatre of war. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also to be sent to Pte Peut's closest next-of-kin – his father. Base Records had written to Mrs Peut in June, 1921 asking if Pte Peut's father was still living as he would be the next-of-kin eligible to receive the medal. The letter was not answered & Base records again wrote to Mrs Peut in May, 1923, at the same address, asking if the address was correct before sending out the mementos. Pte Peut's War Medal & Memorial Scroll & Plaque were sent to Untraceables section in November, 1922.

In November, 1923 Base Records made an enquiry to Dept. of Repatriation to see if any pension was being paid on account of late Pte Norman George Peut. No claim had been made for the War Gratuity in the case of Pte Peut & no War Pension was being paid.

Private N. G. Peut is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 34.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The CWGC lists Private Norman George Peut, 7763, of 2nd Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Peter Jacob and Ellen Magdalene Peut. Born at Normanton, Queensland.

(49 pages of Pte Norman George Peut'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

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

List No. 390

Casualty List No. 390 was issued tonight. It contains 160 Queensland names including....

Pte N. G. Peut, Ingham, died of illness

(*Cairns Post*, Qld – Thursday 18 April, 1918)

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)

A letter was sent from Base Records to Mrs Peut, dated 27th July, 1921, advising that a communication from the Defence Department concerning an inscription that could be placed on her son's Headstone in the Churchyard of Sutton Veny had not yet been replied to. The letter advised that if no reply was received within 21 days, it would be taken as indicating that no further action was required.

Pte Norman George Peut does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.



War Graves at Sutton Veny (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private N. G. Peut's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)