

**St. George's Churchyard,  
Fovant, Wiltshire  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2049 CORPORAL**

**J. E. ANDREWS**

**AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY**

**2ND FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 28**

*Peace Perfect Peace*

## John Edwin (Jock) ANDREWS

John Edwin Andrews was born on 20th October, 1890 at Wesgarth Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria to parents Thomas and Charity Jose Andrews (nee Willey).

John Edwin Andrews attended Lee Street School, North Carlton, Victoria.

Ordinary Seaman John Edwin Andrews signed on for a re-engagement of 5 years with Royal Navy from 2nd April, 1909. He was a Saddler, born at Fitzroy, Melbourne with an Official number of 1232 serving on the H.M.S. *Psyche*. He stated he had served for 12 months with Victorian Rifles (Volunteers). His description was 5ft 7 ¼ inches, fair hair, grey eyes & a fair complexion.

John Edwin Andrews married Elizabeth Burden in Victoria in 1912.

John Edwin Andrews was aged 23 years & 11 months when he enlisted on 1st October, 1914 with 14th Battalion, 1st Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). He was a Saddler & Toolmaker, living at 100 Fenwick Street, North Carlton, Victoria. John Edwin Andrews stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 3 years with 5th Australian Infantry Reserve & 2 years with Victorian Rifles. His service number was 946 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as wife Elizabeth Andrews. His description was 5 ft 8 inches, fair scanty hair, blue eyes and a florid complexion.

Private John Edwin Andrews was posted to 1st Reinforcements, 14th Battalion on 1st October, 1914. He was transferred to Reinforcements on 20th December, 1914.

John Edwin Andrews was a 24 year old, married, Saddler from 24 Peel Street, North Melbourne when he enlisted on 15th February, 1915 with the 2nd Field Ambulance, 5th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3003 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs E. Andrews, of 24 Peel Street, North Melbourne, Victoria. John Edwin Andrews stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 3 years with 5th Australian Infantry Reserve. His description was 5 ft 8 1/8 inches, fair hair, blue eyes & a fresh complexion.

Private John Edwin Andrews was posted to 6th Field Ambulance on 15th February, 1915. He was transferred to 2nd Field Ambulance on 15th April, 1915.

Private John Edwin Andrews embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Hororata* (A20) on 17th April, 1915.

Private John Edwin Andrews proceeded to reinforce M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli & joined his Unit at Anzac on 28th July, 1915.

Private John Edwin Andrews embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Asturias* from Malta on 18th August, 1915 with a scalded leg. He was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis on 5th September, 1915 then transferred to New Zealand & Australian Convalescent Hospital at Helouan on 28th September, 1915. Pte Andrews was discharged to Details on 5th October, 1915 for light duty in Egypt & proceeded to rejoin M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Zeitoun on 21st October, 1915.

Private John Edwin Andrews reported for duty at Anzac on 3rd November, 1915 & was attached to 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance (Temporary).

Private John Edwin Andrews disembarked at Alexandria from *Tunisian* on 3rd December, 1915 from Mudros.

Private John Edwin Andrews rejoined his Unit (2nd Field Ambulance) from Mudros on 16th December, 1915.

Private John Edwin Andrews was written up for being Absent without leave while on duty on 15th January, 1916 while posted at Tel-el-Kebir. He was awarded 3 days Field Punishment No. 2 from 17th January, 1916.

Private John Edwin Andrews written up for "Being drunk while on duty" on 22nd January, 1916 while posted at Tel-el-Kebir. He was awarded 14 days Field Punishment No. 2 from 24th January, 1916.

Private John Edwin Andrews was transferred to 14th Field Ambulance on 24th February, 1916. Pte Andrews was marched out from Serapeum to Tel-el-Kebir on 24th February, 1916 & taken on strength with 14th Field Ambulance at Tel-el-Kebir on 27th February, 1916.

Private John Edwin Andrews was transferred to 25th Howitzer Brigade as Gunner on 3rd May, 1916 at Ferry Post.

Gunner John Edwin Andrews was transferred to 5th D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column) & mustered as Driver on 25th May, 1916.

Driver John Edwin Andrews proceeded overseas to join B.E.F. on *Huntsend* from Alexandria on 20th June, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th June, 1916.

Driver John Edwin Andrews was appointed to Saddler Corporal with 5th Divisional Ammunition Column on 7th September, 1916.

Saddler Corporal John Edwin Andrews was on leave from the field in France for 10 days from 12th January, 1917 & rejoined his Unit from leave on 24th January, 1917.

Saddler Corporal John Edwin Andrews was on leave to UK from France from 12th February, 1918 & rejoined from leave on 28th February, 1918.

Saddler Corporal John Edwin Andrews was still with his Unit on 4th December, 1918.

Saddler Corporal John Edwin Andrews was struck off strength on march out on 28th December, 1918 ready for return to Australia.

Saddler Corporal John Edwin Andrews was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Havre, France on 31st December, 1918 from his Unit as part of 1915 Personnel to embark for England.

Saddler Corporal John Edwin Andrews disembarked at Southampton, England from France on 3rd January, 1919 & to report to Hurdcott, Wiltshire (No. 4 Command Depot) as part of 1915 Personnel – ready for return to Australia.

Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews was admitted to No. 2 Group Hospital at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 26th January, 1919 with Influenza (Bronchitis). He was transferred & admitted to Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire on 28th January, 1919 suffering from Influenza & Broncho Pneumonia.

Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews was reported seriously ill on 2nd February, 1919.

Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews died at 17.00 hrs on 2nd February, 1919 at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Influenza & Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for John E. Andrews, aged 28, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire, England.

Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews was buried on 7th February, 1919 in St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England – Plot number I. G. 6. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews - *Coffin was elm with brass mounts. Deceased was buried with full Military Honors. The coffin draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun-carriage preceded by a Firing Party from No. 4 Australia Command Depot, Hurdcott. Six of deceased's late Unit comrades supported the Pall. The "Last Post" was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. A number of Australian followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

District Headquarters wrote to Base Records on 15th February 1919 regarding Corporal J. E. Andrews, No. 2049, 5th Divisional Ammunition Column requesting that they "*please withhold the name of the above named soldier from publication as the next of kin is at present in ill-health.*"

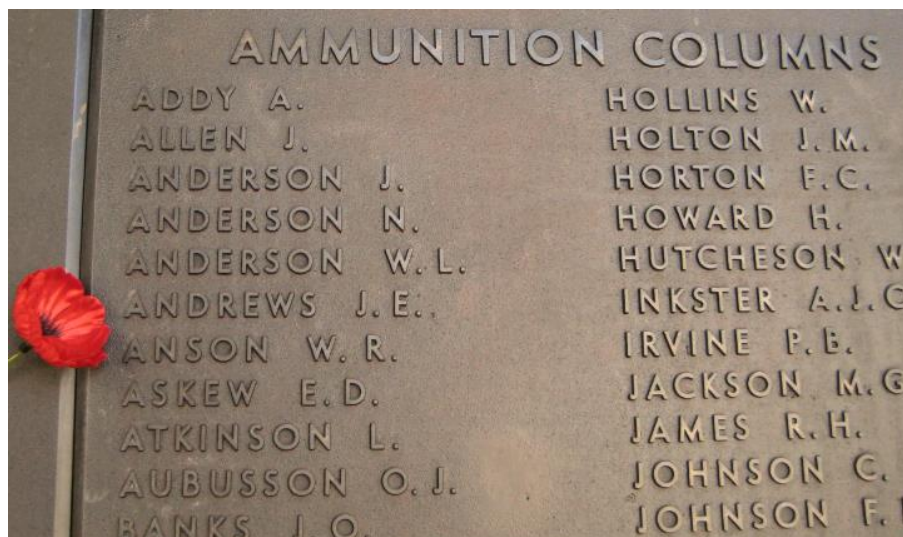
John Edwin Andrews requested in his Will, dated 23rd June, 1917 that all his real estate & personal estate be bequeathed to his wife – Mrs Elizabeth Andrews, of 65 Rennie St, Moreland, Victoria, Australia.

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Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Saddler Andrews' widow – Mrs E. Andrews, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews – service number 2049, aged 28, of 5th Div. Ammunition Col., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Thomas and Charity Jose Andrews; husband of Elizabeth Andrews, of 52 Seymour Rd., Elsternwick, Victoria. Born at Fitzroy, Victoria.

Saddler Corporal J. E. Andrews is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



(Photos Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(73 pages of Corporal Saddler John Edwin Andrews' Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **DIED ON SERVICE**

ANDREWS – On the 2nd February, 1919, at the Fovant Camp Military Hospital, from bronchial pneumonia, Corporal John Edwin, loving husband of Elizabeth, of Seymour road, Elsternwick, and father of Jean, Jack and Jim, after four years' service, aged 28 years.

“Greater love hath no man than this.”

ANDREWS – On the 2nd February, 1919, at the Fovant Camp Military Hospital, from bronchial pneumonia, Cpl. John Edwin, loving son of Charity and Thomas, of Collingwood; and brother of Jennie (Mrs Stiles), Clarrie and Tom, after four years' service, aged 28 years.

“ Deeply mourned.”

ANDREWS – A tribute of love to the memory of Cpl. John Edwin, loving son-in-law of Elizabeth Burden. “Thoresby,” Seymour road, Elsternwick, and brother-in-law of Nan, James, Peggy and Jean.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 February, 1919)

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### **DEATHS**

#### **On Active Service**

ANDREWS – A tribute of respect and esteem to our dear pal, John Edwin (Jock) Andrews, who died on the 2nd February at Fovant Camp Military Hospital from broncho-pneumonia, after four years' service, No better pal had any man.

-Inserted by E. Hogg, W. Lowrie, G. Searle and W. H. Manning, North Carlton.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 24 February, 1919)

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### **AUSTRALIA'S HEROES**

#### **VICTORIAN CASUALTIES**

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

Sad-Cpl. Andrews, J. E., Elsternwick

(*The Ballarat Star*, Victoria – 1 April, 1919)

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## IN MEMORIAM

### On Active Service

ANDREWS – In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear daddy, Corporal John Edwin, who died at Fovant Camp Military Hospital, England, on 2nd February, 1919, aged 28 years; after four years' service, aged 28 years.

The midnight stars are gleaming  
Upon a grave I cannot see,  
Where sleeping without dreaming  
Lies the one so dear to me.

-(Inserted by his loving wife and children, "Fargo" Moore street, Moreland.)

ANDREWS – In loving memory of my son-in-law and our brother-in-law, Corporal John Edwin, who died February 2, Fovant Camp Hospital, England.

Ever remembered.

-(Inserted by Mrs Burden and family.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 February, 1921)

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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. 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 J. E. Andrews does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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### **St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England**

There was a 600 bed hutted military hospital at Fovant during the First World War, and the concentration of Australian depots and training camps in the area is reflected in the 63 First World War burials in this churchyard. The war graves form two groups, one west of the church and the other at the east end. There is also one burial of the Second World War. There are 44 War Graves belonging to those who served with the Australian Imperial Force in World War 1.

(*Information from CWGC*)





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*(Photo c 1919)*







**St George's Churchyard, Fovant – War Graves at front & rear** *(Photos courtesy of Andrew Stacey)*





Photo of Corporal J. E. Andrews' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England.







**Cross of Sacrifice** (Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)