

**St. John's Catholic Churchyard,
Powerstown, County Tipperary,
Republic of Ireland**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1673 PRIVATE

J. P. DARMODY

26TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

24TH AUGUST, 1916

John Parnell DARMODY

John Parnell Darmody was born at Normanton, Queensland on 26th April, 1891 to parents John and Catherine (Kate) Darmody (nee Long).

Catherine Teresa Darmody, mother of John Parnell Darmody died on 9th March, 1898 at Croydon, Queensland.

John Parnell Darmody attended Christian Brothers at Maryborough, Queensland.

The 1915 Australian Electoral Roll for the district of Rosewood, division of Marburg, Queensland listed John Parnell Darmody, Railway Employee of Walloon.

The 1916 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Moreton, subdivision of Marburg, Queensland listed John Parnell Darmody, Railway Employee of Walloon.

John Parnell Darmody was a 24 year old, single, Railway Employee from Walloon, near Ipswich, Queensland when he enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 23rd May, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1673 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr John Darmody, Walloon, near Ipswich, Queensland.

Private John Parnell Darmody was posted to 2nd Reinforcements, 26th Battalion, A.I.F. for recruit training.

Private John Parnell Darmody embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Shropshire (A9)* on 17th August, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 26th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements.

Private John Parnell Darmody was taken on strength of 26th Battalion on 11th January, 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir.

Private John Parnell Darmody proceeded to join the B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 15th March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 21st March, 1916.

Private John Parnell Darmody was wounded in action in France on 5th August, 1916. He was admitted to 4th Field Ambulance & transferred to Casualty Clearing Station on 6th August, 1916. Private Darmody was transferred & admitted to 13th Stationary Hospital at Boulogne, France on 8th August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to legs & shoulder (severe). Pte Darmody was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Cambria* on 10th August, 1916.

26th Battalion

The 26th Battalion was raised at Enoggera, Queensland, in April 1915 from recruits enlisted in Queensland and Tasmania, and formed part of the 7th Brigade. After a stint in Egypt, the 7th Brigade proceeded to France as part of the 2nd Australian Division in March 1916. In concert with the 28th Battalion, the 26th mounted the first trench raid undertaken by Australian troops on the Western Front on 6 June. The Battalion fought in its first major battle around Pozieres between 28 July and 7 August.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 26th Battalion (Appendix)

Counter Attack – On the morning of 5/8/16 about 4 O'clock the enemy came out in strong force to counter attack and about 100 of them managed to get in on our right flank where the trench had not been connected up for about 200 yards. He got close enough to throw a few bombs but as we had a Lewis gun in position to sweep the open space we were soon able to drive him off. Our men at the same time rose to the occasion splendidly with their rifles and a good many of the enemy were left dead and wounded when they retired. Shortly after being beaten back about 10 Germans gave themselves up. Our casualties at that Sector during the counter attack were about 6.

(Extract of War Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private John Parnell Darmody was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England on 10th August, 1916. He was reported as dangerously ill.

Private John Parnell Darmody died on 24th August, 1916 at 1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England from wounds received in action in France - shrapnel wounds to left leg & left shoulder.

A death for John P. Darmody, aged 25, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.

The body of the late Private John Parnell Darmody was removed to relatives (Miss M. A. Darmody) at Ballanvcher Powerstown, Clonmell, Ireland for burial. Private John Parnell Darmody was buried on 28th August, 1916 in St John's Catholic Churchyard, Powerstown, County Tipperary, now County Waterford, Republic of Ireland in the Family Burial Ground (east of Church, near East Boundary) & is included on the Darmody Family Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Private John Parnell Darmody was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Darmody's father – Mr J. Darmody, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private John Parnell Darmody – service number 1673, of 26th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of John and Catherine Darmody, of Walloon, Ipswich, Queensland.

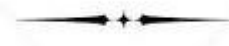
Private J. P. Darmody is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 107.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(38 pages of Private John Parnell Darmody's 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

MILITARY NOTICES

Mr J. Darmody, of Colton, Maryborough has received the sad news that his son, Private J. P. Darmody, died of shrapnel wounds in the leg and shoulder, received in action in France. Private Darmody enlisted at Brisbane, and left in August of 1915. After being in Egypt for some time he left with the first contingent to France, and had been in the trenches continuously up to the time of receiving his wounds, He was then taken to the first southern hospital, Dudley road, Birminhgam, and cabled him that he had been wounded and was doing well. Private Darmody's name is another to add to the ever increasing Roll of Honour. He was a fine young fellow, and his death is greatly to be deplored.

(*Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 9 September, 1916*)

The Roll of Honour

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

211th List

Queensland

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte J. P. Darmody, Walloon; 24/8/16

(*The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 23 September, 1916*)

The Roll of Honour

QUEENSLAND CASUALTIES AT THE FRONT



The Roll of Honour.

QUEENSLAND CASUALTIES AT THE FRONT.



PTE. J. P. DARMODY,
Died of wounds.

PTE. F. BOSTOCK,
Killed in action.

PTE. F. J. HIGGINS,
Wounded.



(*The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 14 October, 1916*)

IN MEMORIAM

DARMODY – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, John P. Darmody, who departed this life on the 24th August, 1916, from wounds received in France.

“May his soul rest in peace.”

(Inserted by his loving Father, Sisters and Brothers.)

(*Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 24 August, 1917*)



Private John Parnell Darmody



St John's Catholic Churchyard, Powerstown, County Tipperary, now County Waterford, Republic of Ireland

St John's Catholic Churchyard, Powerstown contains only one Commonwealth War Grave.



St John's Catholic Churchyard, Powerstown (Photo from CWGC)

Private John Parnell Darmody's Family Headstone (marked by red arrow)



Photo of Private John Parnell Darmody's Private Family Headstone in St John's Catholic Churchyard, Powerstown, Count Tipperary, now County Waterford, Republic of Ireland.



Erected By

John Darmody

Of Queensland

In Memory Of His Son

JOHN DARMODY

Who Died From Wounds

Received In France 24TH Aug. 1916,

Aged 25 Years

His Father JOHN DARMODY

Died April, 1903, Aged 84 Years

His Mother MARGARET

Died June 1ST 1895, Aged 68 Years

His Aunt ANNE

Died Oct 20Th 1893, Aged 79 Years

His Brother WILLIAM

Died April 2ND 1897, Aged 27 Years

His Brother THOMAS

Died March 30TH 192_, Aged 60 Years

His Son PATRICK

Died Sept 18TH 1927, Aged 32 Years

R. I. P.