

# Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England

## War Graves

### World War 1



*Lest We Forget*



**66227 PRIVATE**

**E. S. JONES**

**57TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**4TH FEBRUARY, 1919\* AGE 19**

*Always Fondly Remembered*

*By Father And Mother*

*Brothers And Sisters*

\* Correct date of death as per Service Records – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919

## Edward Stanford (Ted) JONES

Edward Stanford Jones was born at Merewether, Newcastle on 23rd June, 1899 to parents Charles & Elizabeth Annie (nee Cooke).

Edward Stanford Jones was a 19 year old, single, Iron Worker from Merewether, NSW when he enlisted at Newcastle, NSW on 13th May, 1918 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Methodist & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr C. Jones of Morgan Street, Merewether, NSW. Edward Jones had served with 16th Infantry Citizens Forces for 1 year & 4 years with Senior Cadets.

(Note: His middle name was listed as "Stanford" on Embarkation Roll)

Private Edward Jones was posted to Recruits Depot on 15th May, 1918. He was transferred to 1st Infantry Depot Battalion "H" Company at Liverpool, New South Wales on 14th June, 1918. Private Jones was Absent without Leave while stationed at Liverpool from 23rd September, 1918 to 6 a.m. on 25th September, 1918 & was fined £1. He was transferred to Milson Island on 8th July, 1918 (with VD) & transferred back to Liverpool Camp on 2nd September, 1918. Private Jones was transferred to "A" Company of Composite Battalion on 3rd September, 1918.

Private Edward Stanford Jones, Service number 66227, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on SS *Zealandic* on 5th October, 1918 with the 20th (N) (New South Wales) Reinforcements & 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 Edward Stanford Jones was marched in to 14th Training Battalion on 5th December, 1918 & allotted to Reinforcements of 57th Battalion.

Private Edward Stanford Jones was sent sick to 1st A.D.H. (Australian Dermatological Hospital) for the treatment of VD at Bulford, Wiltshire on 7th December, 1918. He was transferred to Parkhouse for Convalescence from 16th December, 1918 to 3rd January, 1919 & marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on same day.

Private Edward Stanford Jones was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 27th January, 1919 with Influenza. He was reported dangerously ill on 3rd February, 1919.

Private Edward S. Jones died at 7.15 p.m. on 3rd February, 1919 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England from Broncho Pneumonia as per "Report of Death" form completed by Medical Officer Registrar. (Note – Some of Private Jones' Service Record forms have date of death as 4th February, 1919. Other forms have been amended to show the date of death as 3rd February, 1919. His CWGC Headstone has date of death as 4th February, 1919).

REPORT OF DEATH.							
Regtl. No.	Rank.	Name & Corps.	Age.	Religion	Disease.	Time and place of death.	Period after which interment may take place.
66227	Pte.	Jones, E.S. 57th Battalion.	20	Meth.	Influenza. Br. Pneumonia	7.15 pm. 3.2.19	7.219

To: A.I.F. HQ London.

24/19/19 Bucknoll Maj. Registrar  
Medical Officer in Charge.

A death for C. S. Jones, aged 20, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Edward Stanford Jones was buried at 3 p.m. on 6th February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England - Grave no. 46.

From the burial report of Private Jones - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Command Depot. Six Australians supported the Pall. The “Last Post” was sounded and three volleys fired over the grave. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom was represented at the funeral.*

Private Edward Stamford Jones requested in his Will dated 5th July, 1918 that all his property & effects to be left to his mother – Elizabeth Annie Jones of Merewether, NSW.

Private Edward Stanford Jones 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 Private Jones's father – Mr C. Jones.

Mrs Jones, mother of late Private Edward S. Jones, applied for the Victory Medal for her son in 1924. Her application was declined as the criteria for the Victory Medal was “*issued only to those who served on the strength of a unit in a theatre of war on, or prior to, the 11th November, 1918.*” Private Jones was not eligible for the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Edward Stamford Jones, 66227, of 57th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F. He was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Annie Jones of 53 Morgan Street, Merewether, Newcastle, NSW.

E. S. Jones is also remembered on the Mitchell Park, Memorial Gates at Merewether, NSW.



(Photos from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)



Mitchell Park, Memorial Gates at Merewether, NSW

Private E. S. Jones is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 164.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

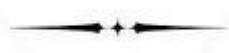
(51 pages of Private Edward Stamford Jones' Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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





**Private Edward Stanford Jones**



### **Newspaper Reports**

#### **MEREWETHER**

Mr and Mrs C. Jones, of Morgan Street, Merewether, have received word that their son, Private E. S. (Ted) Jones died in England from broncho-pneumonia on February 4. Private Jones, who left Sydney on the 3rd October, 1918, was 19 years of age.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – Monday 17 February, 1919)*

## THE FALLEN BRAVE



**PTE. TED JONES**

The Merewether soldier who died from pneumonia in England on February 4, 1919. He was 19 years of age. He had been absent only four months, and prior to his enlistment he was employed in the Railway Department. He was the son of Mr and Mrs C. Jones, or Morgan-street, Merewether.

*(Newcastle Sun, NSW – 24 February, 1919)*

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

JONES - A tribute of love to the memory of our dear uncle and brother, Private Edward Stanford Jones, who died of illness 3rd February, 1919; aged 19 years.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his sister and nephew, Mildred and George Ruddy, Merewether.

JONES - In loving memory of our dear brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, Private Edward Stanford Jones, who died of illness 3rd February, 1919.

A life nobly ended.

Inserted by his brother and sister-in-law, Will and Lizzie, and nephews and nieces, Sydney.

JONES - In fond and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Edward Stanford Jones, died in 1st Australian General Hospital 3rd February, 1919, of pneumonia; aged 19 years.

Not mine, O Lord, but Thy will be done.

Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brother, C. and E. A. Jones and Ern.

JONES - In loving memory of our dear brother and brother-in-law, Private Edward Stanford Jones, who died of illness 3rd February, 1919: aged 19 years.

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He gave his life, his best, his all.

Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Private Jack and Agnes Jones.

JONES - In loving memory of our dear brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, Private Edward Stanford (Ted) Jones, who died of illness 3rd February, 1919 ; aged 19 years.

"Called to a higher service."

Inserted by his sister, Doris, and brother-in-law, Robert M. Hunt, on active service, and niece Patty.

(*Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate*, NSW – Saturday 8 March, 1919)

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## **SOLDIERS' GRAVES**

### **Anzac Day Pilgrimage**

#### **BRITISH MEMORIAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, of Morgan-street, Merewether, have received notification from Mr. A. T. Sharp, organiser of the Anzac Day pilgrimage, of the Immigration Department, London, in relation to the death of their son, Private Edward Stanford Jones, of the 67th Battalion, who died in 1919, and was buried in Sutton Veny, Wilts., England.

The letter states that on Anzac Day, 1920, the graves of the 144 Australian soldiers buried at Sutton Veny, Wilts., were specially visited, and on each was placed floral tributes, to which were attached copies of a memorial card, bearing the inscription: —

Anzac Day Pilgrimage, April 25, 1920, to Australian and New Zealand soldiers' graves in the United Kingdom (initiated in 1918 by the London branch of the Australian Natives' Association), in grateful remembrance of the gallant sons of Australasia who fought and died for the Empire during the war. Their name liveth for ever more.

Mr. Sharp adds that throughout the United Kingdom, as in 1918 and 1919, great interest was taken in the pilgrimage to remember in the way the memory of the brave lads who gave their lives. The rector of Sutton Veny, the Rev. Arthur Sewell, conducted an impressive service, and the school children placed flowers and cards on the graves. Special prayers were offered.

(*Newcastle Sun*, NSW – 28 August, 1920)

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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*)

Private Edward Stanford Jones does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Always Fondly Remembered By Father And Mother Brothers And Sisters*



## St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards. The 26th Division was concentrated at Sutton Veny in April 1915 and No 1 Australian Command was there from the end of 1916 to October 1919. There was also a hutted military hospital of more than 1200 beds at Sutton Veny for much of the war and No 1 Australian General Hospital was stationed there after the Armistice. Sutton Veny (St John) Churchyard contains 168 First World War burials, 167 of them in a plot at the north west corner of the church. Of these, 143 are Australian. There is only one Second World War burial in the churchyard.

*(Information & colour photos from CWGC)*





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Photo of Private E. S. Jones' Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England.

*\*\*Note – Date of death engraved on the headstone is incorrect. The correct date of death is 3rd February, 1919.*



*(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)*