

**St. Lawrence Churchyard,
Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3628 PRIVATE

V. E. KUBANK

40TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

16TH JANUARY, 1918 Age 23

Greater Love Hath No Man

That He Lay Down His Life

For His Friends

Vernon Ernest KUBANK

Vernon Ernest Kubank was born at Forth, near Ulverstone, Tasmania on 21st August, 1894 to parents Thomas (Tom) Christian Kubank & Emma Kubank (nee Casboul).

Vernon Ernest Kubank married Josephine Agnes Billing at Smithton, Tasmania on 12th August, 1914.

A daughter – Ellen Violet Kubank was born on 13th August, 1914 at Smithton, Tasmania.

Vernon Ernest Kubank was a 23 year old, married (with 1 child), Carpenter from Smithton, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 18th September, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3628 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs J. Kubank, Smithton, Tasmania.

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank was posted to 1st Depot Battalion on 18th September, 1917 for recruit training. He was transferred to 9th Reinforcements of 40th Battalion on 13th October, 1917.

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Aeneas* (A60) on 30th October, 1917 with the 40th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 27th December, 1917.

40th Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 40th Battalion was Tasmania's contribution to the strength of the division and it joined the Victorian-raised 37th, 38th and 39th Battalions to form the 10th Brigade.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

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 Vernon Ernest Kubank was marched in to 10th Training Battalion at Sutton Mandeville, Wiltshire, on 27th December, 1917 from Australia.

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank was marched out to Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 15th January, 1918.

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank was admitted to Group Hospital, No. 3 Command Depot, Wiltshire on 15th January, 1918 with possible Influenza. The Hospital Admissions form recorded – Patient “*admitted at midday with temp of 102 & symptoms suggesting a moderate Influenza. Tonight temp is 106. Pt is delirious*” He was transferred & admitted to Salisbury Isolation Hospital, Wiltshire on 16th January, 1918. The Hospital Admissions form recorded – “*Very ill on admission, headache. Slight stiffness & kernig. Colour & pulse poor. C. Spinal fluid clear.....*”

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank died at 11.30 am on 16th January, 1918 at Isolation Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

A death for Vernon E. Keebank, aged 23, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire, England.

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank was buried on 19th January, 1918 in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England – Plot number 130 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank requested in his Will date 10th October, 1917 that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects be given to his wife – Josephine Agnes Kubank, of Smithton, Tasmania. His wife was also appointed as executrix

A War Pension was granted to Josephine Agnes Kubank, of Burnie, Tasmania, widow of the late Private Vernon Ernest Kubank, in the sum of 40/- per fortnight from 20th March, 1918. A Pension was also granted to Ellen Violet Kubank, daughter of Josephine & the late Private Vernon Ernest Kubank, in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 20th March, 1918.

Private Vernon Ernest Kubank 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 Kubank's widow – Mrs J. Kubank, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Vernon Ernest Kubank – service number 3628, aged 23, of 40th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Thomas Christian Kubank & Emma Kubank; husband of J. A. Kubank, of Smithton, Tasmania.

V. E. Kubank is remembered on the Municipality of Circular Head Honour Roll 1899 – 1973, located at Smithton RSL Club, 123 Nelson Street, Smithton, Tasmania.



Municipality of Circular Head Honour Roll 1899 – 1973 (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

Vernon E. Kubank is remembered on the Anzac Memorial Wall, located at Green Hills Road, Stanley, Tasmania.



Anzac Memorial Wall (Photos from *AWM Places of Pride* – Arthur Garland)

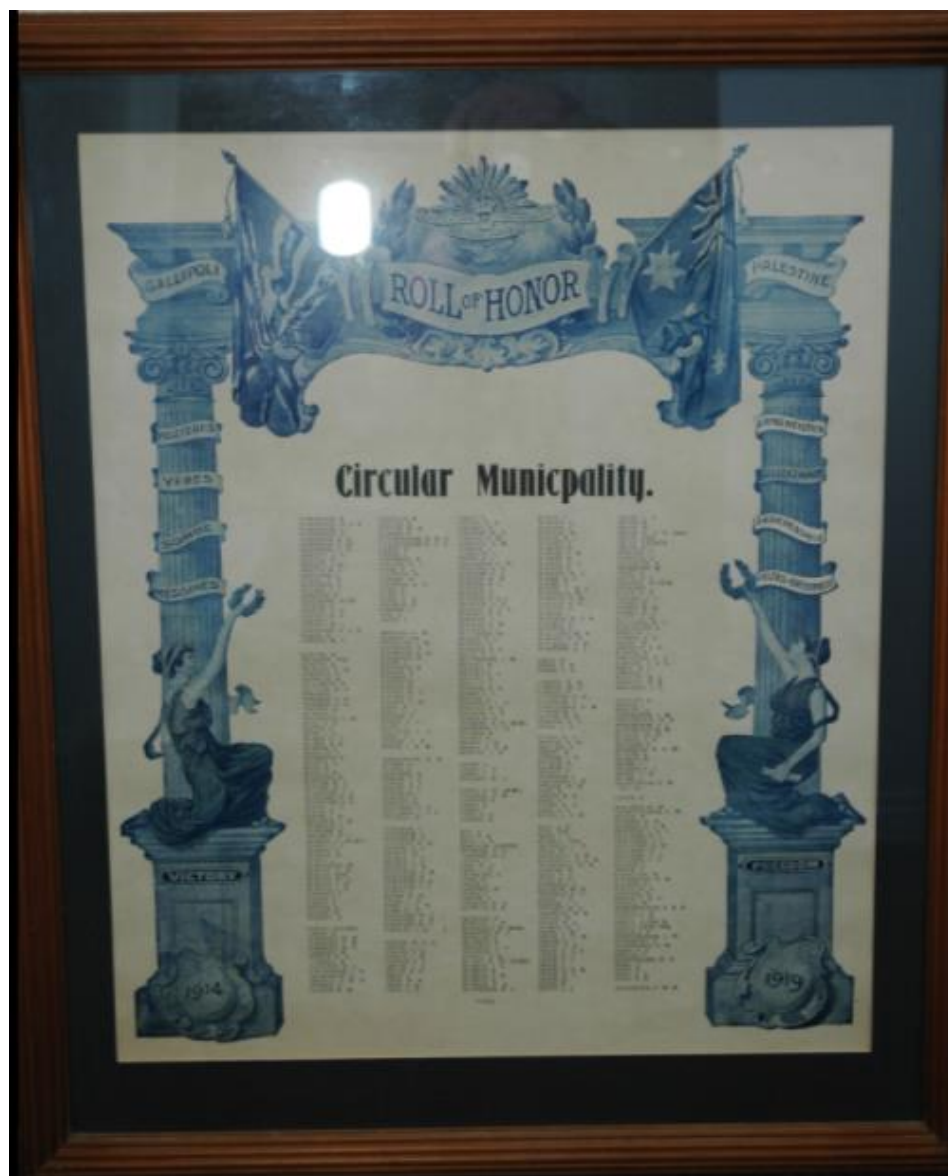




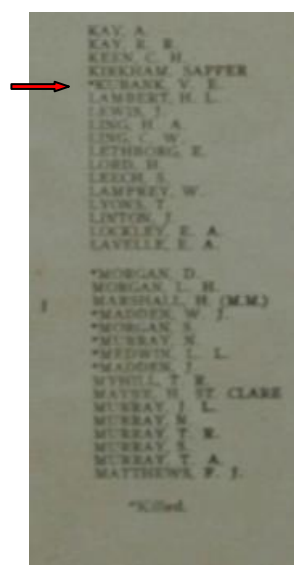
Anzac Memorial Wall



V. E. Kubank is remembered on the Circular Municipality Honour Roll, located in Stanley Town Hall, 10 Church Street, Stanley, Tasmania. A copy is also located at Smithton RSL Club, 123 Nelson Street, Smithton, Tasmania.



Circular Municipality Honour Roll (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



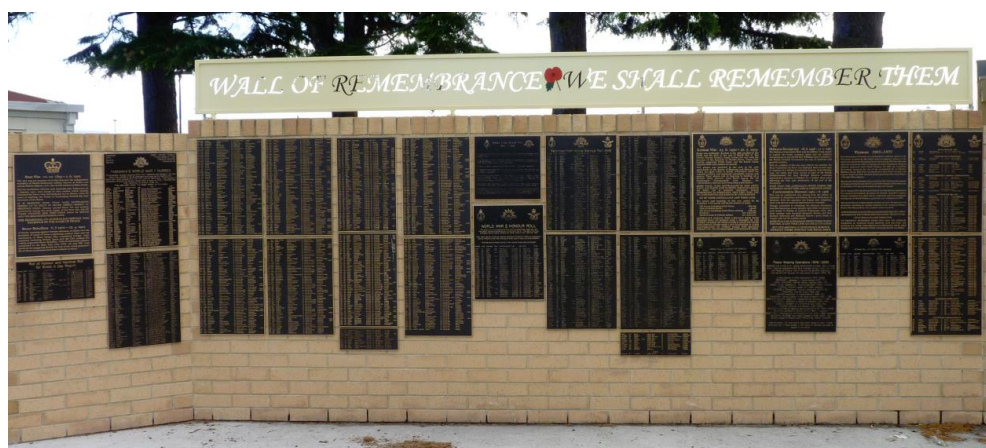
Private Vernon Ernest Kubank is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania`s World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever. "



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

NUMBER	RANK	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	DOD	AGE	UNIT	TOWN	ANZAC
5732	Pte	Jones	John Bariston	30.08.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Oatlands	
3451	Cpl	Joseph	Paul Hamilton M	03.05.1918	29	48th Inf Bn	Sorell	
760A	Pte	Joseph	Thomas Lynn	23.08.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Hoboken	ANZAC
1908	Pte	Kelly	Mervyn William	28.03.1918	25	40th Inf Bn	Longford	
	Capt	Kennedy	Malcolm Stuart	02.01.1918	24	1 Div HQ	Hobart	ANZAC
1676	Pte	Kennedy	Harold Horace	24.04.1918	40	51st Inf Bn	Newtown	
3158	Pte	Kanney	Albert Arthur	02.04.1918	28	Provost Corps	Devonport	
6883A	Pte	Kanney	Frank Gordon	07.08.1918	29	23rd Inf Bn	Hobart	
5127	Pte	Kidd	Marsay Macleod	15.04.1918	20	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	
5736	L/Cpl	Kiddle	Robert	28.03.1918	34	40th Inf Bn	Launceston	
533	Cpl	Killalea	Roger Joseph	24.04.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Westbury	ANZAC
7037	Pte	Kimberley	Charles Alfred	08.01.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Devonport	
457	Pte	King	Henry James	28.07.1918	28	12th Inf Bn	Penguin	
(1541)	Lt	King	Edmond Broxley	17.04.1918	25	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
1368	Pte	King	Henry Kirkham	24.04.1918	28	9th Inf Bn	North Hobart	ANZAC
8297	Pte	King	David Joseph	01.05.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Woodsdale	
8298	Pte	Kingston	Charles Eugene	11.08.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Sorell	
314	Cpl	Knoles	Frank David James	24.08.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Beulah	ANZAC
3428	Pte	Kubank	Vernon Ernest	18.01.1918	23	40th Inf Bn	Smithton	
354	L/Cpl	Kyle	James Dymon	08.08.1918	37	8th Lt Horse Regt	Newtown	ANZAC
39241	Gnr	Lakin	Frederick Henry	23.10.1918	27	7th Fd Arty Bde	Launceston	
2115	Pte	Lambert	Hedley Lloyd	08.05.1918	23	40th Inf Bn	Lydale	
	Lt	Lane	Frederick William	28.03.1918	28	47th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
5369	Pte	Larkins	Ernest William	23.08.1918	31	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
440	Pte	Larvan	Albert Victor	28.05.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Glenora	ANZAC
230	Dvr	Laughler	William	06.01.1918	26	13th Fd Amb Coy	Hobart	ANZAC
10667	Dvr	Lawson	Herbert	18.09.1918	20	6th Fd Arty Bde	Queenstown	
2429	Pte	Laycock	George Allan	28.04.1918	19	58th Inf Bn	Devonport	
359	Pte	Lizambly	Robert James B	08.08.1918	32	15th MD Coy	Sandford	
(781)	Lt	La Ferre MC	Stanley	30.08.1918	22	38th Inf Bn	Presnant	
2040	Cpl	Leaman	Edward Sidney	03.10.1918	29	18th Inf Bn	Hobart	
2543	Sdr	Leatham	Henry Francis	28.10.1918	23	HMAS Huon	Campbelltown	
8300	Pte	Leonard	Arthur George	03.05.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Bracknell	
2367	Cpl	Lewis	Robert Nelson	12.06.1918	21	40th Inf Bn	Hamilton	
12390	Gnr	Lewis	Roy Henry	09.08.1918	27	14th Fd Arty Bde	Burnie	
(19181)	Lt	Lewis	Owen Gower	12.04.1918	21	3 Sqn AFC	Launceston	
3776	Sgt	Lewis	George Young	05.12.1918	39	2nd Tunnel Coy	Subur Creek	
527	L/Cpl	Liddell	Ernest Edward	11.12.1918	29	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
1285	Pte	Umbriek	George Thomas A	15.08.1918	21	28th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
3916	Pte	Lindsay	Roy Yel	23.04.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Langford	
8135	Pte	Linton	Robert Francis	24.04.1918	23	52nd Inf Bn	Springfield	
8772	Pte	Lisson	Robert William	10.08.1918	38	5th Inf Bn	North Hobart	
3440	Pte	Littlechild MM	Algy Cyril	14.07.1918	19	60th Inf Bn	St Helens	
2113	Pte	Loane	Harold Claude	30.08.1918	34	40th Inf Bn	Evandale	
1974	Pte	Loon	George Henry	23.07.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Dunaway	
689	Sgt	Long DCM	Herbert Charles W	28.03.1918	23	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
7041	Pte	Lopez	Felix Edward	08.08.1918	28	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
84	Cpl	Lord	Hector Edward	25.08.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Newtown	ANZAC
	Capt	Lovell MID	Gilbert Thurgate	01.06.1918	28	8th Inf Bn	Newtown	
3352	Pte	Love	Walter James	31.08.1918	28	40th Inf Bn	Queenstown	
684	Pte	Lowry	John James	18.05.1918	32	8th Inf Bn	Westbury	
7393	Pte	Lucas	William Henry	02.05.1918	33	12th Inf Bn	Winnet	
6727	Sgt	Lydell	Alexander	30.08.1918	22	8th Fd Coy Engr	Hobart	
4198	Gnr	Mack	Warren Reimuth	09.08.1918	22	6th Fd Arty Bde	Launceston	
(8300)	2nd Lt	Mackin	Roland Frank C	18.09.1918	22	3 Sqn AFC	Queenstown	
4948	Gnr	Mackay	James Thomas M	18.09.1918	23	3rd Fd Arty Bde	Hobart	
867	Pte	Maier	Hugh John	09.09.1918	23	8th Inf Bn	Mathinna	ANZAC
	Lt	Mahoney	Timothy	30.08.1918	31	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
15026	Gnr	Main	Thomas	01.09.1918	23	14th Fd Arty Bde	Queenstown	
8304	Pte	Maitney	Charles Frederick C	18.08.1918	25	12th Inf Bn	Jarvis	
3355	Pte	Mason	Morris	01.11.1918	35	40th Inf Bn	Cape Barren Is.	
3088	Pte	Martner	Horace Alfred	08.07.1918	21	48th Inf Bn	Launceston	

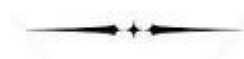
Private V. E. Kubank is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 132.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(45 pages of Private Vernon Ernest Kubank's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

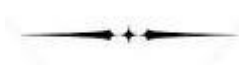
Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives





Private Vernon Ernest Kubank

(Photo from Tasmania Weekly Courier)



Newspaper Notices

SMITHTON AND DISTRICT

Final Leave – Last Wednesday night in the local town hall, a social and dance was given in honor of Private L. H. Morgan and **V. E. Kubank**, who were home on final leave. A pleasant time was spent in dancing & musical items. In the course of the evening, Mr W. Geale presented each of the soldiers with a wristlet watch as a token of esteem and appreciation of their commendable action from the people of Smithton. **Private Kubank** was also the recipient of a handsome pendant from the Brethren of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. Miss B. Hill and Miss D, Wensley kindly officiated at the piano.

(Circular Head Chronicle, Stanley, Tasmania – 3 October, 1917)

CASUALTY LIST No. 381

Died of Illness

Pte Vernon Ernest Kubank (Smithton) 16/1/18

(North-Eastern Advertiser, Scottsdale, Tasmania – 1 February, 1918)

Empire Day Celebrations

SMITHTON SCHOOL

“ Empire Day” was celebrated at Smithton State School on Friday, 23rd. The school was thrown open to visitors, and after the children had rendered some items everyone adjourned to the playground and saluted the flag, which was hoisted by Ila Boatwright and Sylvia Lovegrove. The honour roll, which was draped with the Union Jack, was then uncovered by Lena Inness and Hettie Ryan, who had both lost brothers in the war. The names were read by the Rev. W. Hooper. The names of those who had fallen were read out by the Rev. M. J. May, and the flag half-masted. After addresses by the head teacher (Mr. H. F. Priestly) and the Revs. W. Hooper and M. J. May, appropriate hymns and the National Anthem and “Our Splendid Men” were sung. Then an Honour Avenue was started, the first three trees being planted by Lena Inness, Hettie Ryan, and Doris Kubank, in honour of their brothers, Headquarters Scout Alex Innes, and Privates P. Ryan and **V. Kubank**. Sweets were distributed to the children. These were donated by the local storekeepers. There was a good attendance of parents and friends. The ceremony was well carried out and was most impressive.

(Circular Head Chronicle, Stanley, Tasmania – 4 June, 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. 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 from Base Records, dated 19th July, 1921, to Mrs J. Kubank, of Smithton, Tasmania, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her husband, the late Private V. E. Kubank, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private V. E. Kubank does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Greater Love Hath No Man That He Lay Down His Life For His Friends

St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, 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. Most of the 47 First World War burials in Stratford-sub-Castle (St Lawrence) Churchyard were made from the local hospital and more than half of them are of Australian servicemen who were based at the many Australian depots and training camps in the area. There are also two burials of the Second World War in the cemetery. *(Information from CWGC)*



St. Lawrence Church, Stratford-sub-Castle



Churchyard of St. Lawrence, Stratford-sub-Castle with CWGC Cross of Sacrifice



Original Grave Markers



(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)



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(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)

Photo of Private V. E. Kubank's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)

Stratford-sub-Castle War Graves

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	RAF	British Army			NZ	NZ	Rogers 3 AIF		Robson Nurse	NZ	
B			Nicol AFC	Mason 5 Aus Pioneer	Dundas 29 AIF	Thorsby 20 AIF	Walpole (Wilson) 3 AIF	O'Grady 10 AIF	Kubank 40 AIF 	NZ	
C	NZ	Jacob 31 AIF	Wood 9 AIF	Smith 55 AIF	British Army	British Army	Smith Aus ASC	O'Donnell 16 AIF	Knight 52 AIF	Lawrence 54 AIF	Edmonds 48 AIF
D		Lewis 30 AIF	British Army	Whitchurch 51 AIF	British Army	Dee 52 AIF	Greenslade 17 AIF	British Army	Thorburn 13 AIF	Knight 13 AIF	Hannabry 16 AIF
E					Adams 13 AIF	Crow Aus FA	British Army	Bolton 40 AIF	British Army	British Army	
F		British Army		British Army	British Army	British Army		Canada		British Army	

(Information for layout of graves – courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)