

**Netley Military Cemetery,  
Hampshire, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1145 PRIVATE**

**V. C. MARSHALL**

**26TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**26TH SEPTEMBER, 1915**

## Vere Claude MARSHALL

Vere Claude Marshall was born at Macquarie Plains, Tasmania on 8th May, 1896 to parents Robert Warren Marshall & Frances Marshall (nee Koslowski).

Vere Claude Marshall attended Glenora School, Tasmania.

Vere Claude Marshall was a 19 year old, single, Shop Assistant from Macquarie Plains, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 22nd April, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1145 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Robert Marshall, Macquarie Plains, Tasmania. Vere Marshall stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served in Cadets for 4 years. As Vere Marshall was under the age of 21 years, his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Robert Marshall signed his consent for his son to join the Expeditionary Forces on 10th April, 1915.

Private Vere Claude Marshall embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Aeneas (A60)* on 29th June, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 26th Infantry Battalion "D" Company with his older brother Private John Herbert Marshall, 1216, 7th Infantry Brigade, 26th Infantry Battalion "D" Company.

### 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. It left Australia in July, and, after training in Egypt, landed at Gallipoli on 12 September. At Gallipoli, the 26th played a purely defensive role and at various times was responsible for the defence of Courtney's and Steele's Posts, and Russell's Top. It withdrew from the peninsula on 12 December.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Vere Claude Marshall was severely wounded at Anzac on 14th September, 1915. He was admitted to 16th Casualty Clearing Station at Anzac on 14th September, 1915 with shrapnel wounds to back. He was transferred from 16th Casualty Clearing Station to Hospital Ship *Aquitania* the same day with bullet wounds to Spinal column.

### War Diary – 26th Battalion

*12th September, 1915:*

*Anzac - 3 am – Landed on the beach and was conducted to a valley. Received instructions we were held in reserve.*

*13th September, 1915:*

*Taylor's Hollow - 9 am – Received instructions that the Bn would do fatigue duty under the Engineer officers.*

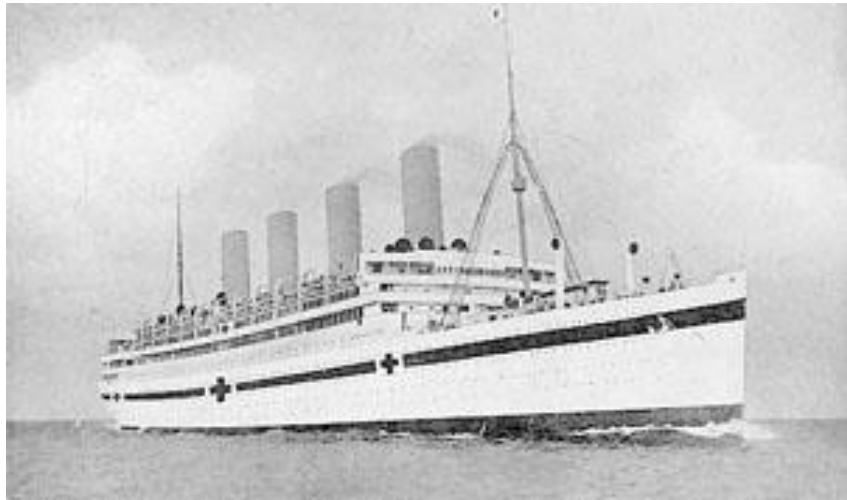
*14th September, 1915:*

*Taylor's Hollow - 6 pm – Three men of fatigue parties wounded today. "C" Coy No. 974 Pte W. J. Turner; "D" Coy No. 1145 Pte V. C. Marshall, No. 1228 Pte H. Roberts.*

*The 18 pounder Field Batt. had a premature burst & wounded four of our men slightly. We are camped in the line of fire from the gun.*

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

Private Vere Claude Marshall died on 26th September, 1915 on Hospital Ship *Aquitania* from wounds received in action at Gallipoli.



**Hospital Ship *Aquitania***

A death for Victor C. Marshall, aged 20, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of Southampton, Hampshire, England.

Private Vere Claude Marshall was buried on 29th September, 1915 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C. E. 1727 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Vere Claude Marshall – *“A Gun-carriage was provided and the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. A party of men of the Royal Army Medical Corps attended as bearers, and the High Commissioner of the Commonwealth was represented by Lieut-Colonel H. W. Lee of the Australian Imperial Force. The burial was in accordance with the ritual of the Church of England, after which the “Last Post” was sounded. The grave is No. 1727 in the cemetery of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, a beautiful quiet spot surrounded by trees.”*

Private Vere Claude Marshall was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Marshall's father - Mr R. Marshall, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private V. C. Marshall – service number 1145, of 26th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private V. C. Marshall & his brother Sergeant J. H. Marshall are both commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 108.



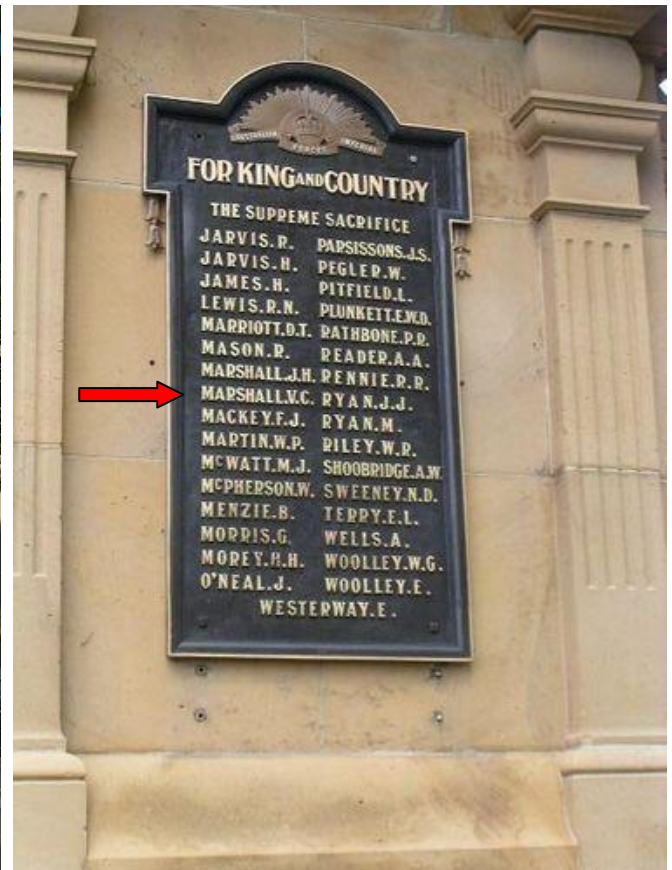
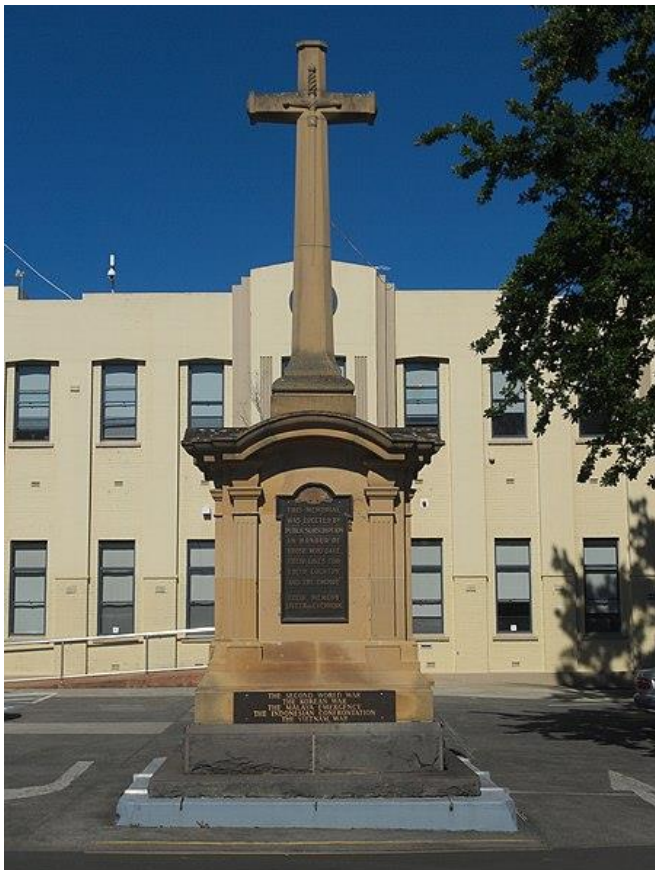
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

Vere C. Marshall & his brother John H. Marshall are both remembered on the New Norfolk Honour Roll, located in New Norfolk RSL Club, 30 George Street, New Norfolk, Tasmania.



**New Norfolk Honour Roll** (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

V. C. Marshall & his brother J. H. Marshall are both remembered on the New Norfolk Cenotaph, located at Circle & High Streets, New Norfolk, Tasmania.



**New Norfolk Cenotaph** (Photo on left by Gary Houston; on right Monument Australia)



Vere Claude Marshall and his brothers – John Herbert & Percy Charles are remembered on the Wall of Honour, located at Bushy Park Memorial Pool, 601 Gordon River Road, Glenora, Tasmania.



Wall of Honour at Bushy Park Memorial Pool (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)



V. C. Marshall & his brother J. H. Marshall are both remembered on the Soldiers Memorial Avenue, Gordon River Road, Bushy Park, Tasmania. A memorial avenue commemorates those who served in World War One. Over 70 trees were planted on the main road in 1919 to commemorate those who served. Five of the trees were removed in 1941 during the construction of the bridge over the Styx River.



**Soldiers Memorial Avenue, Bushy Park** (Photos from Monument Australia - Arthur Garland)



Vere Claude Marshall is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance located at 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. "*



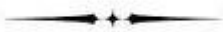


Tasmania Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

NUMBER	RANK	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	DOB	AGE	UNIT	TOWN	ANZAC
248	Pte	Evans	Leslie	25.04.1915	22	12th Inf Bn	Lyddale	ANZAC
1223	Pte	Clyck	Harry	25.04.1915	25	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
443	Ovr	Cyons	Arthur	15.08.1915	25	3rd CI Horse Regt	Westbury	ANZAC
554	Pte	Mackay	Kenneth Scott	28.08.1915	22	8th Inf Bn	Devonport	ANZAC
2256	Pte	Mackay	Colin Patrick	10.08.1915	23	3rd Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
1072	Cpl	Mahua	Clarence William	27.05.1915	22	12th Inf Bn	Zeehan	ANZAC
1228	Pte	Manning	George William	25.04.1915	23	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
	Pte	Mansfield	Eric	14.10.1915	23	Depot 663 (Aust)	McQuarrie Plains	
1066	Pte	Mansfield	Albert Douglas	18.05.1915	25	12th Inf Bn	Devonport	ANZAC
1218	Pte	Murkham	Horace	05.08.1915	18	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
1460	Cpl	Mirrah	Alan Lindsay	05.08.1915	20	1st Aus/Cas/Ctr Hosp	Howden	ANZAC
1145	Pte	Mirrah	Wes Claude	28.08.1915	19	20th Inf Bn	New Norfolk	ANZAC
2074	Pte	Murth	George Alfred	06.08.1915	20	12th Inf Bn	Fordster	ANZAC
164	Pte	Murth	Edgar Rupert	30.04.1915	24	12th Inf Bn	Gormanston	ANZAC
1070	Pte	Matheson	William Thomas	05.05.1915	19	12th Inf Bn	Dundas	ANZAC
1214	Pte	Matheson	Nell	20.05.1915	31	12th Inf Bn	Strahan	ANZAC
1845	Pte	McField	Charles Ernest	10.08.1915	27	12th Inf Bn	Cascade	ANZAC
2294	Pte	Mayfield	Edward Lewis	05.08.1915	23	12th Inf Bn	Phillips Island	ANZAC
251	Pte	McIntosh	John Thompson	25.04.1915	21	12th Inf Bn	Portland	ANZAC
233	Pte	McCabe	Harry	14.03.1915	22	3rd FG Amb Coy	Hobart	
1863	Pte	McCullough	Charles	15.07.1915	39	6th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
1411	Pte	McNitt	James	18.05.1915	24	4th Inf Bn	Battery Point	ANZAC
558	Thr	McNoble	Ernest John	04.08.1915	25	2nd CI Horse Regt	Sandy Bay	ANZAC
892	Pte	McKay	John	25.04.1915	25	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
149	LCpl	McKendrick MO	John Thomas	17.08.1915	29	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
1458	Sgt	McKenzle	Matthew Stanley	08.12.1915	24	1st Aus/Cas/Ctr Hosp	Launceston	ANZAC
2418	Ovr	McLeod	Sydney Duncan	15.08.1915	25	12th Coy AAGO	Pennine	ANZAC
2491	Pte	McMicheal	Castle William	28.11.1915	20	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
8959	Thr	McMicheal	John J	02.08.1915	0	NZEF OMN	Hobart	ANZAC
1303	Pte	McLob	John	02.05.1915	22	14th Inf Bn	Bumle	ANZAC
1624	Pte	McPherson	William	11.05.1915	32	12th Inf Bn	New Norfolk	ANZAC
870	Pte	McPhane	Alfred	08.08.1915	20	1st Inf Bn	Lafry	ANZAC
1440	Pte	McVea	Jack	30.05.1915	20	1st Inf Bn	Ingham	ANZAC
1003	Pte	McWert	Harold James	10.05.1915	37	8th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
101616	LCpl	Maitre	Clarence	05.08.1915	21	NZEF Wld	Launceston	ANZAC
101615	Pte	Maitre	Killar Foster	05.08.1915	33	NZEF Wld	Launceston	ANZAC
254	Pte	Mairns	Stephen Francis	27.05.1915	29	3rd FG Amb Coy	Peebles	ANZAC
1217	Pte	Milbourne	Jack Drake	05.05.1915	19	12th Inf Bn	Devonport	ANZAC
1065	Pte	Miles	Charles John	01.08.1915	23	12th Inf Bn	Rainbow Bell	ANZAC
1227	Pte	Milly	John William	25.04.1915	27	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
1212	Pte	Milhouse	Hector Charles	01.08.1915	27	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
257	Pte	Milly	William Douglas	25.04.1915	27	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
1	Sgt	Milne	William Clouston	01.05.1915	27	2nd FG Amb Coy	Launceston	ANZAC
1102	Pte	Montgomery	William Douglas	18.05.1915	24	12th Inf Bn	Strathgordon	ANZAC
1003	Pte	Moore	Edwin Alfred	19.05.1915	21	3rd Inf Bn	Mole Creek	ANZAC
165	Pte	Moore	Frederick William	05.05.1915	23	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
2411	Pte	Moxy	James Clarence	25.11.1915	22	12th Inf Bn	Sandy Bay	ANZAC
2300	Pte	Morgan	David	03.08.1915	23	12th Inf Bn	Glenorchy	ANZAC
930	Pte	Morris	John Cyril Adams	22.08.1915	19	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
1629	Pte	Morraby	Percy Frank	05.05.1915	20	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
1222	Pte	Nelson	Gordon Ernest	05.05.1915	19	12th Inf Bn	Longford	ANZAC
1210	Pte	Nelson	Ernest Walter	02.08.1915	21	12th Inf Bn	Stallfield	ANZAC
1224	Pte	Niles	Wilfred John	01.05.1915	18	12th Inf Bn	Strahan	ANZAC
368	Pte	Oakley	William Henry	25.04.1915	20	12th Inf Bn	Warratah	ANZAC
1654	Pte	Ober	Malcolm Bruce	05.08.1915	19	12th Inf Bn	Zeehan	ANZAC
2297	Pte	Ozine	Leslie John	01.08.1915	24	12th Inf Bn	Peebles	ANZAC
10421	Pte	Oulley	Thomas Claude	01.08.1915	0	NZEF Wld	Colabaie	ANZAC
278	Pte	Patterson	John William	25.04.1915	27	12th Inf Bn	Strahan	ANZAC
1227	LCpl	Palmer	Edwin Stuart	04.08.1915	23	12th Inf Bn	St M Cunneen	ANZAC
1224	Pte	Palmer	Charles Frederick	25.05.1915	23	12th Inf Bn	Brimstone	ANZAC

(29 pages of Private Vere Claude Marshall'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*



**Connected to Private Vere Claude Marshall:**

Older brother Sergeant John Herbert Marshall – 1216, 26th Battalion. Enlisted 6th May, 1915. Embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Aeneas* (A60) on 29th June, 1915 with his brother Pte Vere Claude Marshall. Killed in action 5th August, 1916, aged 26. Remembered on Villers-Bretonneux Memorial.

Younger brother Private Percy Charles Marshall - 380, 4th Machine Gun Company. Enlisted 17th July, 1916, Bank Clerk, aged 18. Embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on 19th September, 1916 on HMAT Commonwealth (A73). Awarded the Military Medal at Wethoek Ridge, near Ypres on 20th September, 1917, though wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel, he fired his gun in heavy shell fire as the the gun companies were depleted by casualties. He was evacuated immediately after. Returned to Australia 31st March, 1919. Died 21st June, 1948.



**Vere Claude Marshall & John Herbert Marshall**





## **Newspaper Notices**

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

#### **TASMANIAN NAMES**

#### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

Private V. C. Marshall, 26th Battalion, Macquarie Plains

*(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – 15 October, 1915)*

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

MARSHALL – In loving memory of our dear son and Brother, Private Vere Claude Marshall, died September 26, 1915, of wounds received at Gallipoli.

Sweet to our memory, dear to our hearts,  
Love for his memory ne'er shall depart;  
Sadly we miss him and try not to grieve;  
He fought for his country, and died as the brave.  
He sought the Lord ere he answered the call,  
To Christ and the Empire devoted;  
A soldier brave, beloved by all,  
To heaven has been promoted.

Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 26 September, 1916)*

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

MARSHALL – In loving memory of our dear Vere, who died of wound received at Gallipoli September 26, 1915; also dear Jack killed in action in France August 5, 1916.

They died for their country that others may live  
They laid down their lives, they had no more to give.  
They sacrificed all, eager to go  
To meet and to fight our Empire's vile foe.  
Beloved by all.

Inserted by their loving parents, sisters and brothers.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 26 September, 1917)*

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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)*

Private V. C. Marshall does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

### **Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England**

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

*(Information & photos from CWGC)*



**Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire**





### NETLEY MILITARY CEMETERY

This cemetery was used for many years for military burials from the Royal Victoria Hospital. The graves include those of 721 casualties from the First World War and 36 of the Second World War, comprising servicemen and women from the following countries:

United Kingdom	558	Undivided India	5
Australia	49	Belgium	15
Canada	42	Poland	1
New Zealand	12	Austria	1
South Africa	6	Germany	68

The Cross of Sacrifice alongside this plot was erected after the First World War.

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OF THESE GRAVES

**Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire** (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)





Photo of Private V. C. Marshall's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.







**Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery**