

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



55422 PRIVATE

J. L. Mc LUCKIE

AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENT

17TH OCTOBER, 1918 AGE 35

Loved Husband OF Elsie

Eldest Son Of

R. McLuckie

Mayor Of Hamilton

CWGC Headstone for Pte J. L. McLuckie is located in
Grave Plot # 368. E. 20. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny

John Law McLUCKIE

John Law McLuckie was born at Hamilton, Victoria on 9th August, 1883 to parents Robert & Isabella McLuckie (nee Manson).

John Law McLuckie married Elsie Muriel May Jennings in 1907 in Victoria.

The 1909 Australian Electoral Roll for the Division of Wannon, subdivision of Hamilton listed John Law McLuckie, Law Clerk of Gray St, Hamilton. Elsie May McLuckie, Home Duties was listed at Clarke St, Hamilton. (Other McLuckie's listed at Gray St. Hamilton were – Alexander Manson Law – Articled Clerk; Isabella – Home Duties; Marion Law – Home Duties; Robert – Baker & William – Baker.)

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the Division of Wannon, subdivision of Hamilton listed John Law McLuckie, Baker of Gray St, Hamilton. Elsie May McLuckie, Home Duties was listed at Gray St, Hamilton. (Other McLuckie's listed at Hamilton were – Alexander Manson Law – Solicitor (Clarke St); Isabella – Home Duties (Gray St); Maggie Craig – Home Duties (Clarke St); Marion Law – Home Duties (Gray St); Robert – Baker (Gray St) & William – Baker (Gray St).

John Law McLuckie was a 34 year old, married Clerk from 13 Florence Street, Armadale, Victoria when he enlisted at Melbourne, Victoria on 2nd April, 1918 with the 6th (V) Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 55422 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Elsie McLuckie of 13 Florence Street, Armadale, Victoria. John & Elsie McLuckie had 4 children at the time he enlisted. (Robert John – born 1908; William Jennings – born 1909; Mary Isabel (Molly) – born 1911 & Allan).

Private John Law McLuckie embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Borda* (A30) on 17th July, 1918 & disembarked at London, England on 27th September, 1918. Pte McLuckie had been admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea from 6th – 7th August, 1918 with an abcess on groin.

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 John Law McLuckie was marched in to 1st Training Battalion at Fovant, Wiltshire on 27th September, 1918. He was allotted to Reinforcements of 6th Battalion while at 1st Training Battalion.

Private John Law McLuckie was admitted to the Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 12th October, 1918 with Broncho Pneumonia. He was transferred to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 16th October, 1918 with Influenza – Broncho Pneumonia.

Private John Law McLuckie died at 3.30 p.m. on 17th October, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza, Pneumonia.

A death for John L. McLuckie, aged 35, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private John Law McLuckie was buried at 3 p.m. on 23rd October, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 368. From the burial report of Pte McLuckie - *Coffin was good polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag was carried to the graveside on a Gun Carriage. The funeral was preceded by a Firing Party and Band from the First Australian Training Brigade. Six of deceased's Comrades acted as Pall bearers. 3 Officer's and about 50 N.C.O.'s and Men attended as mourners. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

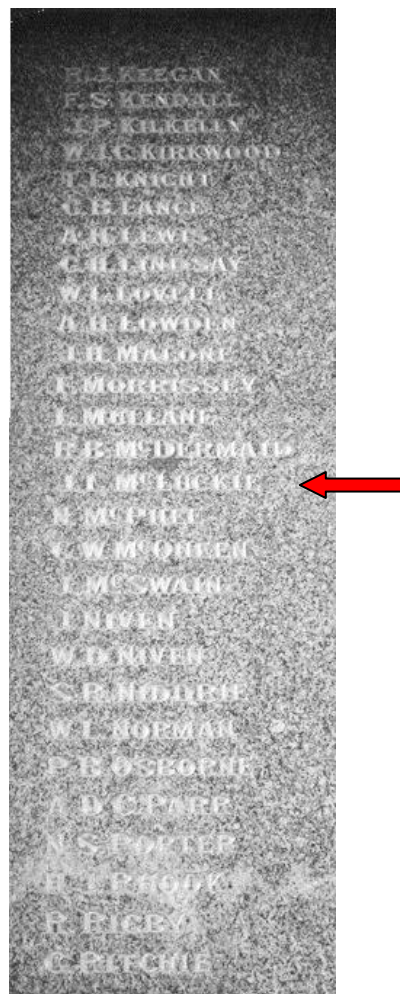
Pte John Law McLuckie requested in his Will dated 24th June, 1918 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his wife - Elsie Muriel May McLuckie.

Private J. L. McLuckie is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 47.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. L. McLuckie is also remembered on the Hamilton War Memorial located at Melville Oval, Lonsdale & Thompson Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.



Hamilton War Memorial (Photos from Victoria Heritage)

Pte John Law McLuckie 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 Pte McLuckie's widow – Mrs E. M. M. McLuckie (sent July, 1921 & November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private John Law McLuckie, 55422, of 6th Australian Reinforcement, A.I.F., as the son of Robert and Isabella McLuckie of Gray St, Hamilton, Victoria; husband of E. M. M. McLuckie.

(57 pages of Pte John Law McLuckie's 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.



Newspaper Reports

Private J. McLuckie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. McLuckie, of Hamilton, has died in England of pneumonia.

(The Horsham Times, Victoria – Tuesday 29 October, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

McLUCKIE – Died of pneumonia in London on 17th October, 1918, Private John Law (Jack), A.I.F., eldest son of Robert and Isabella McLuckie, of Gray Street, Hamilton, husband of Elsie (nee Jennings), father of Bob, Billie, Molly and Allan (Hamilton) and brother of Alex. and Marion L. Pitt.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Thursday 31 October, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

McLUCKIE – At Sutton Veny, on the 17th October, 1918, Private J. L. McLuckie, of the 6th Reinforcements General Service, A.I.F., late of Metropolitan Gas Company.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 18 October, 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 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)

Pte John Law McLuckie does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Loved Husband Of Elsie Eldest Son of R. McLuckie Mayor Of Hamilton

Photo of Private J. L. McLuckie's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photos from CWGC)*

