

**Mar's Wark Cemetery,  
Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1900 STAFF SERGEANT**

**W. McNAUGHTON**

**AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

**12TH FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 32**

## William McNAUGHTON

William McNaughton was born in Brisbane, Queensland on 13th October, 1886 to parents William and Jessie McNaughton (nee Jardine).

William McNaughton attended State School (& College in Beechworth, Victoria).

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Brisbane, subdivision of Toowong, Queensland listed William McNaughton, jun., Dentist, Aldridge St., Auchenflower. Also listed at Aldridge St – Jessie McNaughton, Housewife; John Jardine McNaughton, Tailor & William McNaughton, Traveller.

The 1917 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Brisbane, subdivision of Toowong, Queensland listed William McNaughton, Dentist, Aldridge St., Auchenflower. Also listed at Aldridge St – Jessie McNaughton, Housewife & William McNaughton, Assurance Agent.

The 1919 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Lilley, subdivision of North Pine, Queensland recorded William McNaughton, Agent, Redcliffe. His mother Jessie McNaughton, Home Duties, was also listed at Redcliffe.

William McNaughton was a 31 year old, single, Dental Mechanic from Redcliff (as listed on Embarkation Roll), Queensland when he joined on 6th July, 1918 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) for Active Service abroad. His service number was 19000 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. McNaughton, Redcliff, via Brisbane, Queensland. William McNaughton stated on his Attestation Papers that he had completed 2 years Home Service with A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) & had left to enlist in Active Service abroad.

William McNaughton was posted to A.M.C. (Army Medical Corp) – Dental on 6th July, 1918.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Borda* (A30) on 17th July, 1918 (as per Nominal Roll; Casualty Form – Active Service & Statement of Service form, however the Australian War Memorial Embarkation Roll has recorded the H.M.A.T. *Borda* embarked on 1st July, 1918) with the Dental Details & disembarked at London, England on 27th September, 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 & Dorset. Later Training & Convalescing Units were combined under the one Command Depot.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton was marched in to A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corp) Training Depot at Fovant, Wiltshire, England on 27th September, 1918.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire from Fovant & Classified as A3 (fit for Active Service).

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton was admitted to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire on 27th January, 1919 with VD42. He was discharged on 29th January, 1919 to Convalescent Training Depot. Total V.D. period – 3 days.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton was marched in to Convalescent Training Depot at Parkhouse on 29th January, 1919 from 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital, Bulford.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton reported ill to Hospital at Parkhouse on 5th February, 1919 then transferred & admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth on 9th February, 1919 with Pneumonia. He was reported as dangerously ill.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton died at 07.50 on 12th February, 1919 at Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Broncho Pneumonia. (The Statement of Service form & Report of death of a Soldier by the Registrar, Military Hospital, Tidworth both recorded he died from Influenza, Pneumonia.)

A death for William McNaughton, aged 32, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Andover, Hampshire, England.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton was buried on 15th February, 1919 in Grey Friars Churchyard, Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland – Section Mar Place; Grave no. 26. V (family grave) and is included on the Family Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Staff Sergeant William McNaughton - *Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was interred privately in Grey Friars Churchyard, Stirling, by relatives residing in Larbert, Stirlingshire. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

*Names & addresses of Relatives or Friends present at the Funeral – Uncles & Aunts, Mr & Mrs J.M. C. McNaughton, Mr & Mrs Ferguson, Mr & Miss Crawford, Mr Cummings.*

Addition information on reverse of Burial Report - Names & Addresses of Relatives or Friends in United Kingdom:

Aunt – Mrs Ferguson, 5 Stewartfield Place, Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

Grandmother – Mrs McNaughton, 5 Irvin Place, Stirling.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission now lists that Staff Sergeant William McNaughton is buried in Mar's Wark Cemetery, Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland – Plot number V. 26 and is included on a Family Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton requested in his Will, dated 12th July, 1918, that in the event of his death, the whole of his property & effects be given to his mother – Mrs Jessie McNaughton, Redcliffe near Brisbane, Queensland.

The Australian Mutual Provident Society, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 24th February, 1919 requesting a Certificate of Death for Staff Sergeant William McNaughton (deceased) "*who died, we understand, on the 12th or 13th instant.*"

Base Records replied to The Australian Mutual Provident Society on 13th May, 1919, enclosing a certificate of death of the late No. 19000, Staff Sergeant W. McNaughton, Dental Corps.

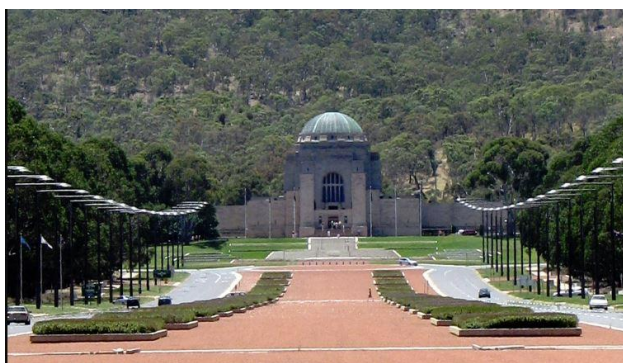
The Public Curator's Office, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 5th March, 1919 requesting a Certificate of Death for Staff Sergeant William McNaughton "*who, I understand, died on active service on 13th February, 1918.*"

Base Records replied to The Public Curator on 13th May, 1919, enclosing a certificate of death of the late No. 19000, Staff Sergeant W. McNaughton, Dental Corps.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton 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 Staff Sergeant McNaughton's father – Mr W. McNaughton, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent February, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Staff Sergeant William McNaughton – service number 19000, aged 32, of Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of William and Jessie McNaughton, of Redcliffe, Queensland.

Staff Sergeant W. McNaughton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 185.





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

(68 pages of Staff Sergeant William McNaughton'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **Personal Notes**

Mr and Mrs William McNaughton, of Redcliffe, have received the official information that their eldest son, Staff-sergeant William McNaughton, of the Dental Corps, died at the Tidworth Military Hospital on the 13th February, from influenza and pneumonia. He was buried in Stirling, Scotland.

*(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 8 March, 1919)*

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## **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

### **LIST No. 461**

Died for Other Causes

Sergeant W. McNaughton (Redcliffe)

*(Morning Bulletin, Rockhampton, Queensland – 19 March, 1919)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

McNAUGHTON – In loving memory of our eldest son, Staff-Sergt. William McNaughton, Dental Corps, A.A.M.C., died February 12, 1919, Tidworth Military Hospital, England, buried Grey Friars Churchyard, Stirling, Scotland.

“He answered his country’s call.”

(Inserted by father, mother, and brother, Redcliffe).

*(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 12 February, 1920)*

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*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 12 February, 1920)*

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McNAUGHTON – In affectionate remembrance of Staff Sergeant William McNaughton, who died at Tidworth Military Hospital, England, 13th February, 1919.

Inserted by Jessie and Harry.

McNAUGHTON – In sad and loving memory of my dear friend, Sergt. W. (Mac) McNaughton, of the Dental Corps, who died at the Tidworth Military Hospital, February 13, 1919, from influenza and pneumonia.

Sadly missed.

Inserted by his sorrowing friend Honor (Maryborough).

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 13 February, 1920)*

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## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Staff Sergeant William McNaughton has a Private Headstone.

## **Mar's Wark Cemetery, Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland**

Mar's Wark Cemetery (or Valley Cemetery), Stirling contains 48 Commonwealth War Graves – 39 relating to World War 1 & 9 relating to World War 2.

Mar's Wark is a sixteenth century mansion which belonged to John Erskine, first Earl of Mar, close to the church. "Wark" is a Scots word for a large, public building. Part of the garden was incorporated into the new burial ground in The Valley when laid out in 1858.

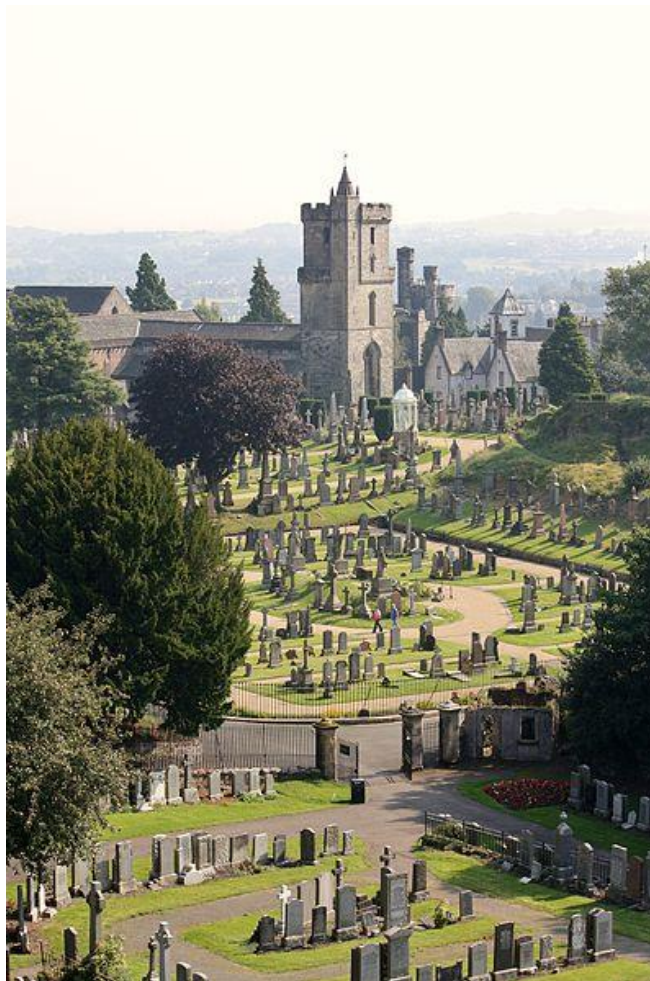
*With thanks to John G. Harrison, (for Stirling Local History Society)*



**Mar's Wark Cemetery, Stirling** (Photo Find a Grave – Jim)



**Mar's Wark Cemetery, Stirling** (Photo from CWGC)



**Mar's Wark Cemetery, Stirling** (Photo from Find a Grave – Diane Elsasser Snider)

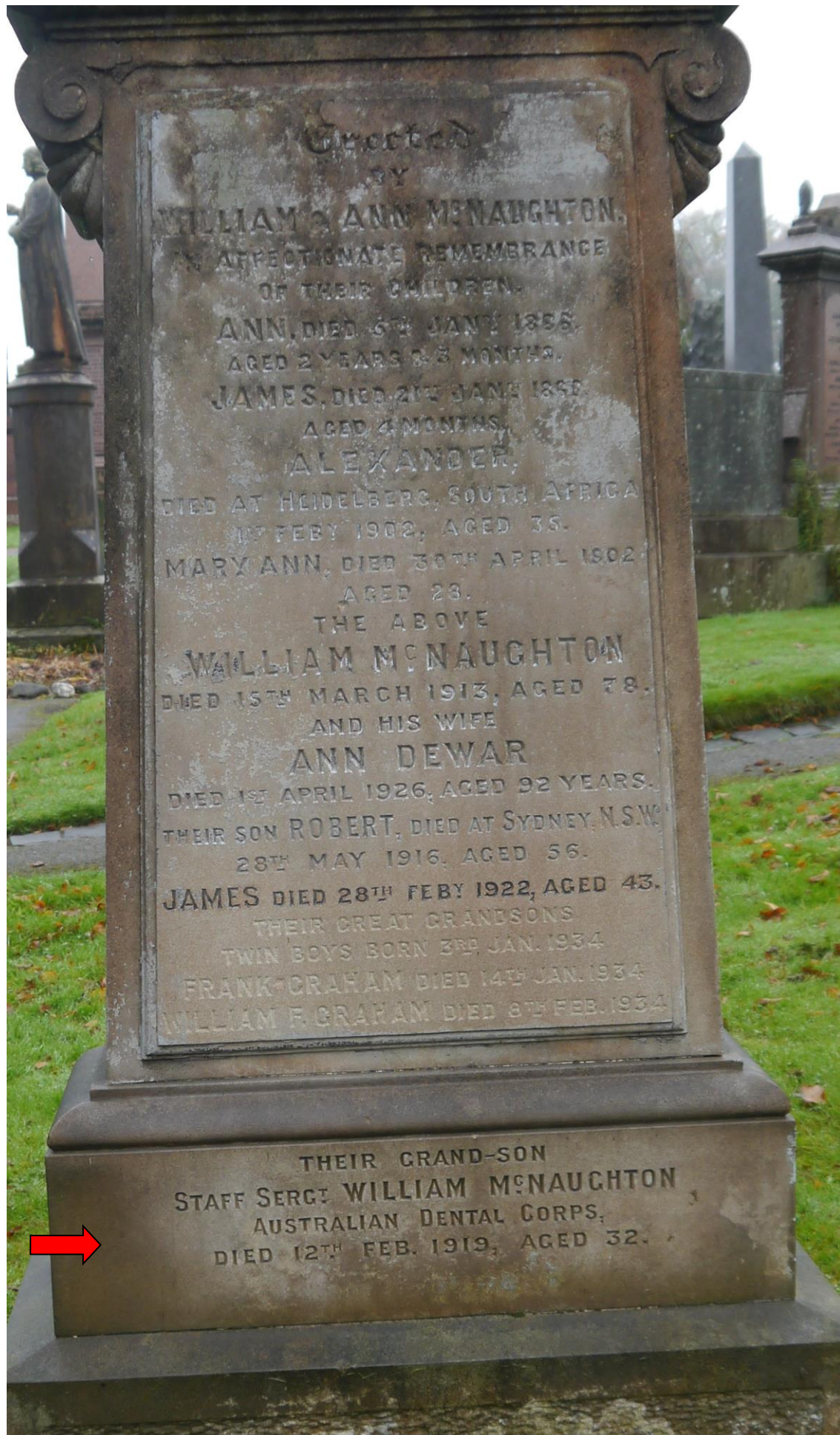
Photo of Staff Sergeant William McNaughton's section on Private Family Headstone in Mar's Wark Cemetery, Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland.



*(Photos courtesy of Peter Bennett)*







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