

**St. Nicholas' Churchyard,  
Standish, Gloucestershire, England**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2885 PRIVATE**

**J. D. MANNERS SCALES**

**9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**9TH JANUARY, 1917**

# John Daniel SCALES-MANNERS

**(also known as John Manners Scales; Jack Daniel Manners)**

“John Manners Scales” was born in London, England on 3rd June, 1881 to parents Daniel Scales & Charlotte Octavia Scales (nee Spindler).

Four of the Scales children were baptised together on the same day – Ascension Day - 10th May, 1888 at St. Margaret’s Church, Lothbury, London, England – Daisy Charlotte Octavia Spindler Scales (born 2 September, 1879); Daniel John Spindler Scales (born 3rd June, 1881); James Thomas Spindler Scales (born 6th July, 1883) & Violet Belinda Spindler Scales (born 25th December, 1886). The family were living at 2 Frith Street, Leytonstone, Essex at the time of the baptisms & their father was listed as a Traveller.

Daniel Scales, father of the four children, died in 1888 at Essex, England. A death was registered in June quarter, 1888 in the district of West Ham, Essex for Daniel Scales, aged 34.

Charlotte Octavia Scales remarried & had the following children – Violet Manners (born 1887) & Elsie Manners (born 1893).

Daniel Scales (born 3rd June, 1881) was listed as a student at St. John’s Boys School, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England. He was admitted on 1st October, 1888 with his father listed as Daniel Scales, Clerk, of 56 Stirling Street. Daniel Scales left to attend a Private School on 28th March, 1890.

A “John Scales” (born Layton, London) joined Dragoons of the Line on 17th April, 1900 in London, England. He was a 20 year old, single, Billiard Maker & his next-of-kin was listed as his mother – Charlotte Scales, 31 Medora Road, Brixton.

John Scales was posted with 5th Dragoon Guards with a Service number of 5059 at Aldershot on 19th April, 1900. He was recorded as “Deserted” on 17th November, 1900.

The 1901 England Census recorded John Manners as a 20 year old Marine Boiler \_\_\_\_\_, living with his family at 76 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England. His widowed mother was listed as Charlotte Manners (Dressmaker, aged 39, born Aldershot, Suffolk). John was one of four children listed on this Census (all born Layton, Essex) – Daisy Manners (aged 21) then John, Violet (aged 14) & Elsie Manners (aged 8).

John Daniel S. Manners married Edith Wood on 5th September, 1907 in St. Peter’s Church, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England. Their marriage was registered in September, quarter, 1907 in the district of Grimsby, Lincolnshire. They had 3 children – Jack Scales Manners (born 1908); Mary Scales-Manners (born 1910) & Clement Henry Scales Manners (born 1912).

Charlotte Octavia Scales, now Manners, died in July, 1910 in Lincolnshire, England.

John Manners Scales came to Australia in October, 1911 having obtained employment in the Government Service at Rockhampton as Engineer on a tug.

Jack Daniel Manners married Kathleen Daly on 7th January, 1912 at Southport, Queensland. A son – Alan Daly Manners was born on 27th September, 1912 to parents John & Kathleen Manners (nee Daly).

John Manners Scales stated he was a 34 year old, single, Engineer when he enlisted in Brisbane, Queensland on 16th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2885 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. Scales, 41 Fairview Avenue, Cleethorpes, England. John Manners Scales stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served for 7 years with R.N.R. (Royal Naval Reserve) in England as Lieutenant Engineer & had retired.

Private John Manners Scales was posted to 9th Reinforcements of 9th Battalion on 16th August, 1915 for recruit training.

Private John Manners Scales (name as per Embarkation Roll) embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33) on 1st September, 1915 with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements.

Private John Manners Scales joined 9th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 7th January, 1916.

Mrs K. Scales, Boys High School, Southport, wrote to Base Records on 7th February, 1916 "*Could you be kind enough to let me know the whereabouts of my husband John Manners Scales who is on active service with the 9th reinforcement of the 9th Battalion, he left here in August last & I have had little news of him since.*"

Base Records replied to Mrs K. Scales on 15th February, 1916 advising that no report to any effect had been received regarding Private J. M. Scales. The letter continues with "*This soldier enlisted as a single man, and next-of-kin is shown as mother, resident in England, but if you wish your name to be recorded as wife, it will be necessary to forward your marriage certificate in support of your claim, and if same is in order the alteration will be affected.*"

Private John Manners Scales proceeded from Alexandria on 27th March, 1916 on Troopship *Saxonia* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 3rd April, 1916.

Mrs J. D. Scales, c/o General Post Office Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 21st May, 1916 asking for any information on J. M. Scales No 2885 9th Reinforcements of 9th Battalion as she had only heard from him twice since he left in August.

Base Records replied to Mrs J. D. Scales, c/o General Post Office Brisbane, stating that no official report to any effect had been received regarding No. 2885 Private J. M. Scales & "*it is presumed he is with his unit which is now in France.... Next-of-kin, shown as mother, resident in England, will be notified through the War Office, London, should this soldier be reported a casualty.*"

Private John Manners Scales was wounded in action in France on 23rd July, 1916. He was admitted to 6th General Hospital, Rouen, France on 25th July, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Foot. Private Scales was transferred to Havre on 25th July, 1916 & embarked from there on 26th July, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Asturius* for England.

## **9th Battalion**

The 9th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Queensland, and with the 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.....

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. It was split to help form the 49th Battalion and bought up to strength with reinforcements. In March 1916 the battalion sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley. The 9th Battalion attacked on the extreme right of the line and it was during this action that Private John Leak won, with the bayonet, the battalion's only Victoria Cross.

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

Private John Manners Scales was admitted wounded to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England on 27th July, 1916. He was discharged on 20th December, 1916.

Mrs K. Scales, Pacific Hotel, Southport, wrote to Base Records on 2nd September, 1916 asking for any information on "*Private J. M. Scales No. 2885 9th Reinforcements 9th Battalion who left Egypt for France. No body has yet heard from him since he left not even home so far....P.S. if wounded or killed would you please state me particulars and oblige.*"

Base Records replied to Mrs K. Scales, Pacific Hotel, Southport, Queensland on 16th September, 1916 advising that "*a cable message has been received, dated 11/8/16, briefly intimating that this soldiers has been wounded. He is not reported as seriously wounded and in the absence of further particulars favourable progress may be assumed, it being the practice of the overseas Authorities to notify this Department of any serious change in condition. It is regretted that the name of the hospital to which he was admitted is not at present known here..... Next-of-kin shown as mother, resident in England will be promptly advised of any later information.*"

Edith Manners, first wife of John Daniel Manners, remarried in September quarter, 1916 to John W. Fox in the district of Camberwell, Surrey.

Private John Manners Scales was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire, England on 20th December, 1916.

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 & also in Dorset. Later Training & Convalescing Units were combined under the one Command Depot.

A Telegram was sent to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London at 11 am on 9th January, 1917 from Beaufort War Hospital advising that 2885 Private Scales late 9th Battalion "reported by Auxiliary Hospital, Stonehouse, seriously ill AAA re-admitted there 2nd inst. while on furlough."

Private John Manners Scales died at 11.15 am on 9th January, 1917 at Standish House Hospital, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for John M. Scales, aged 35, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wheatenhurst, Gloucestershire, England.

A Telegram was sent to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London at 8 pm on 9th January, 1917 from Beaufort War Hospital advising that 2885 Private Scales had died & should Funeral proceed locally "... Commandant Stonehouse asked if sum allowed might be exceeded also as no troops stationed locally shall he arrange private Funeral please wire reply."

A Telegram was sent to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London on 10th January, 1917 from Beaufort War Hospital advising that the "Funeral of late 2885 Pte JOHN SCALES to take place from Standish Church, Stonehouse, Glos., at 2.30 pm on Friday 12th Inst."

Private John Manners Scales was buried on 12th January, 1917 in Standish Churchyard, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. (Note: The Casualty Form – Active Service & Burial Report recorded Private Scales was buried in Stonehouse Churchyard) Private John Manners Scales is now recorded by the CWGC to be buried in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Standish, Gloucestershire, England & has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Burial Register for the parish Church at Standish, Gloucestershire recorded John Manners Scales, Australian Expeditionary Force, aged 35, was buried on 12th January, 1917 by Alex. Nash, Vicar. His "Abode" was listed as Standish Red Cross Hospital.

John Manners Scales. No. 7 Australian Exped. Force	Standish Red Cross Hospital.	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	35 years	Alex. Nash Vicar.	1917
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From the burial report of Private John Manners Scales – "Buried Jan 12th 1917 at Standish Churchyard by Cannon Nash Vicar of the Parish and Chaplain to this Hospital. The Funeral was a Military one and Firing Party and the Last Post was sounded. Gun Carriage. All the inmates of the Hospital Australian and British who were able attended and many Australian inmates of other Hospitals. The Pall Bearers were Australia inmates of the Hospital. The Grave is in the extreme East Corner of the Church Yard and is now marked by a monument. A Cross erected by the Patients and Staff of this Hospital."

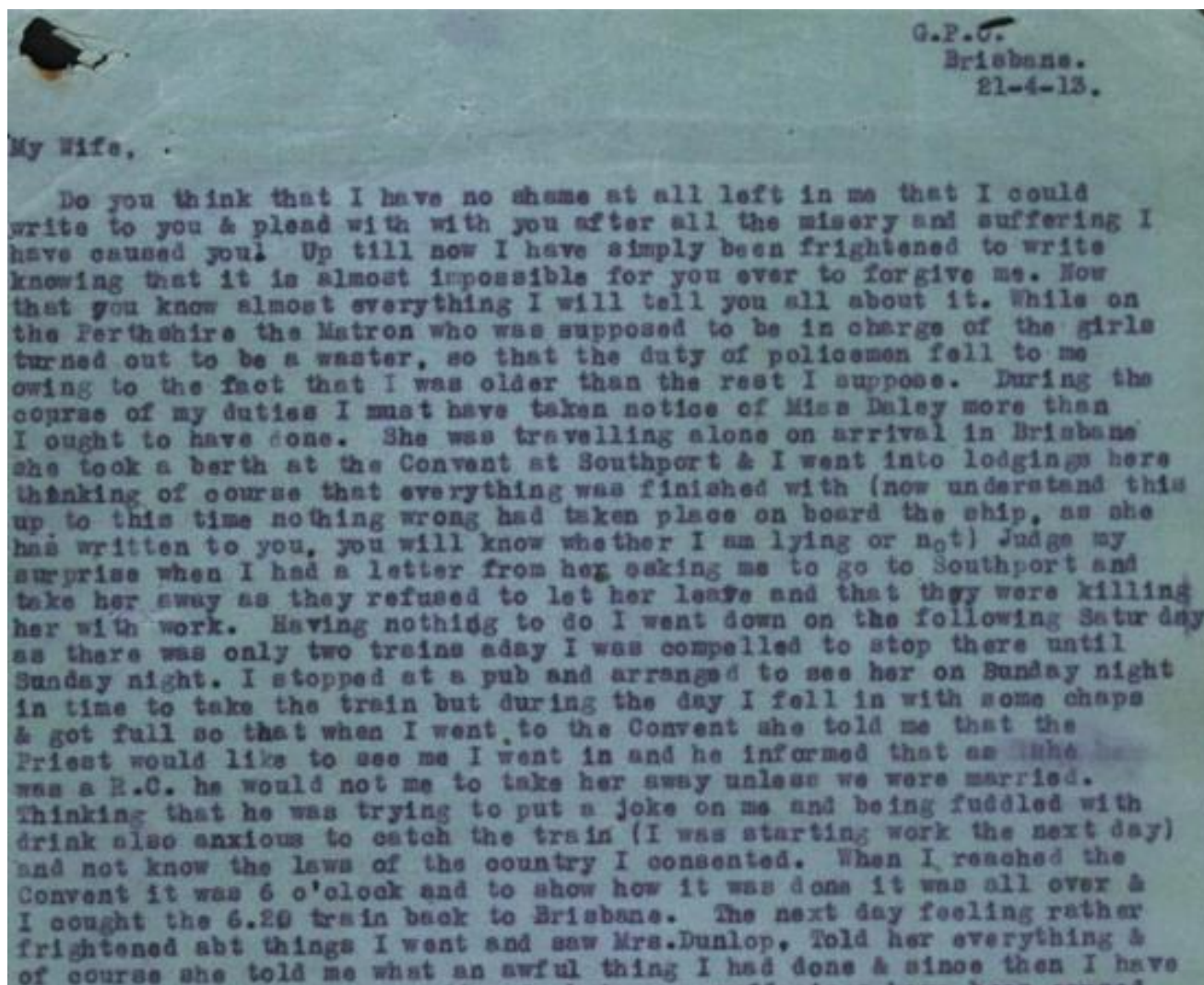
A Telegram was sent from Office in Charge, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne on 26th January, 1917 to Mrs K. Scales, Tewantin, requesting the address of the next-of-kin of Private J. M. Scales, 2885.

Base Records wrote to Mrs K. Scales, Pacific Hotel, Southport, Queensland on 24th May, 1917 "With reference to several communications to you from this office concerning the case of No. 2885 Private J. M. Scales, 9th Battalion, I shall be obliged if you can let me know the full name and correct address of this soldier's next-of-kin. His mother, residing in England, was so recorded but efforts to trace her so far, proved unavailing."

Mrs K. Scales, c/o Jubilee Hotel, Leichhardt Street, Valley, Brisbane replied to Base Records on 13th June, 1917 with "...I have to inform you that the address of his next of kin so far as I know is (his wife) No 9 St. Peters Avenue Cleethorpes Grimsley England which the subject I am enclosing my marriage certificate dated 14/12/12 married on the 7th Jan No 7669 showing Scales married me under the name of Jack Daniel Manners whereas his name was also known as Scales of which I was not aware of at the time...." The letter continues with money that was cabled & a letter from Anglo Egyptian Bank, Cairo showing that the money was unclaimed & should be returned to her. "...I am not entitled (?) to receive any money which is due to his first wife (if she exists) (or children) but to get back my money which I cabled. As he left me homeless and penniless to \_\_\_ my child in a strange country; if it is not proved that he was previously married I beg to claim all rights due to me as it would help me pay the debts I owe and I trust that you will kindly help me in the matter. When I was married Manners told me that his Mother was dead but I had not the slightest idea that his wife and children existed as you will see in marriage cert that he showed himself as a widower. I left him when I found out but he still kept coming to see me till he enlisted as I thought he was friends a with his wife again...."

The following 2 pages are of a letter written by "Jack" to his wife in England from Brisbane on 21st April, 1913. They are located in his Service Record file just before the letter (above) dated 13th June, 1917.

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G.P.O.  
Brisbane.  
21-4-13.

My Wife,

Do you think that I have no shame at all left in me that I could write to you & plead with you after all the misery and suffering I have caused you! Up till now I have simply been frightened to write knowing that it is almost impossible for you ever to forgive me. Now that you know almost everything I will tell you all about it. While on the Perthshire the Matron who was supposed to be in charge of the girls turned out to be a waster, so that the duty of policemen fell to me owing to the fact that I was older than the rest I suppose. During the course of my duties I must have taken notice of Miss Daley more than I ought to have done. She was travelling alone on arrival in Brisbane she took a berth at the Convent at Southport & I went into lodgings here thinking of course that everything was finished with (now understand this up to this time nothing wrong had taken place on board the ship, as she has written to you, you will know whether I am lying or not) Judge my surprise when I had a letter from her asking me to go to Southport and take her away as they refused to let her leave and that they were killing her with work. Having nothing to do I went down on the following Saturday as there was only two trains aday I was compelled to stop there until Sunday night. I stopped at a pub and arranged to see her on Sunday night in time to take the train but during the day I fell in with some chaps & got full so that when I went to the Convent she told me that the Priest would like to see me I went in and he informed that as Miss Daley was a R.C. he would not me to take her away unless we were married. Thinking that he was trying to put a joke on me and being fuddled with drink also anxious to catch the train (I was starting work the next day) and not know the laws of the country I consented. When I reached the Convent it was 6 o'clock and to show how it was done it was all over & I caught the 6.20 train back to Brisbane. The next day feeling rather frightened abt things I went and saw Mrs. Dunlop, Told her everything & of course she told me what an awful thing I had done & since then I have

been in hell. You have suffered, but your sufferings have been caused by me, but mine are of mine own making. You will say that I could easily have got out of it by saying that I was married, but I was on the articles as a single man and when I said I was married she would not believe me until it was too late (now understand this Miss Daley knew long before she wrote to you that I was married she only wrote to you when the teas were after me. We had made all arrangements for you to come out here she knew I was trying my hardest to get you out & was willing to disappear so you would never have know the depths to which I had fallen. Since leaving Rocky, which after all was unnecessary, I dont know what I have done, I have been in a maze the whole of the time but your letter has brought me back again and if you will only forgive me and lets try and start afresh, start as if I had only just come out here I will spend the rest of my life trying to make amends for what I have done, I know you can never have the same feelings towards me again but for the sake of the happy times we have spent together and for the sake of the kiddies come to me. I think I have told you everything that I can & no doubt you will be able to check what I have written by what she has. Now as regards the future take the last letter I wrote you and the same applies now with this dif that I have got to get the money again things are rather quite here just now owing to the elections coming off next month, I am only earning labour money but am starting in the sugar fields at the end of next month. This is the record season for them, and they will not be able to get enough men. It is all contract work and you can make a pile in a good season like this in fact there are plenty of men that work and do nothing the rest of the year. A boy of seventeen we brought out here was working there last year (it was a poor season) and he got 71 pounds for 15 weeks so that I should be able to get at least sufficient to get you out at least & this I promise that I will send you your papers and 20 pounds withing 3 months from when I start or will come back to England but not to G.Y. After the season is over Capt. MacKay has promised me that as they are getting a new pilot boat he will give me the old one. He sent me to Rocky and of course has been sore with me for leaving but since I have seen your last letter I have felt that life is worth living and have

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been rooting round so I went and saw him, told him everything & he is going to take me back in the service again in fact offered me a job as leading fireman (2nd Eng) right away but I have thought that I can get you out quicker by taking sugar on. You see it is not only a few pounds that will fetch you thats the worry. It is this that I want to bring to comfort and freedom from debt, so that when you arrive I can take you to a home thats paid for and is our own. Have written to Rocky for your letters and expect them next week. This has been an awful letter to write to you must look over all its imperfections and try and think as lightly as you can of me somehow I feel along cleaner since writing it though I shall never be able to look you square in the face again, but before I dry up let me tell you that you and the kiddies are with me day and night and though I have thought of you as lost to me up till now I seem to feel that there is at least a hope of my redeeming myself. It is getting dark now so will finish this next week dont write until you here from me again as I may not get it. Kiss the kiddies for me. I only wish that I could come with this if only for an hour. I have those photos of you all the only things I have got to care for. This from your still loving husband.

Jack.

I have left all out of this but must tell you this that no matter what I have done you are the same to me as ever and will prove it when you come out here.

Mrs K. Scales, c/o Jubilee Hotel, Constance Street, Valley, wrote to Base Records on 18th October, 1917 requesting information concerning Private J. M. Scales No. 2885 "you wrote to me for the correct address of his next of kin signed his mother told you that he told me his mother was dead but I tried to give you as near as I could of his wife address to which I enclosed my marriage certificate and also 3 cables and a letter to the Anglo Egyptian Bank

concerning a draft cable for the sum of £2.10 sent to him which he never got as it is 5 months since I heard anything. I am just writing a few lines to let me no as I am about to leave my situation in a months time."

Base Records replied to Mrs K. Scales, c/o Jubilee Hotel, Constance Street, Valley, on 7th November, 1917 stating that the question regarding the next-of-kin of the late No. 2885 Private J. M. Scales had been referred to the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, London. The letter continued with "I am returning herewith your marriage certificate and the cablegrams referred to, and advise you to interview the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, Q'ld., placing the whole case before him. Regarding the sum of money you think is still unclaimed at the Anglo-Egyptian Bank, I have written to the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, Cairo, and on receipt of a reply will further communicate with you."

Base Records wrote to The Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, Cairo, Egypt on 7th November, 1917 explaining that Mrs K. Scales had sent money to the Anglo-Egyptian Bank for Private Scales but the money had apparently not been collected & asked that the necessary enquires be made. The letter continued with "this soldier gave as his next-of-kin, his mother – Mrs M. Scales, 41 Fairview Avenue, Cleethorpe, England. Mrs Scales, above referred to, states he was a married man when she, unwittingly, married him at Brisbane on 14/12/12, and that his wife's address is No. 9 St. Peters Avenue, Cleethorpes, Grimsby, England...In the event of this man's first wife having been dead at the date of her marriage, the writer above referred to would be his legal next-of-kin...."

The Staff Paymaster, Cairo, replied to Base Records on 16th February, 1918 stating that the Anglo-Egyptian Bank had returned the draft in question to London for transmission to the sender. Base Records forward the information on to Mrs K. Scales c/o Jubilee Hotel, Constance Street, Valley, on 24th April, 1918.

Documentary evidence was produced to the Australian Imperial Force on 5th March, 1918 showing the correct & true name to be John Daniel Scales-Manners.

One of the Attestation Papers for the Private John Manners Scales was marked in red with "Marriage Cert produced showing he was married as Jack Daniel Manners at Southport Queensland 14.12.12."

EG/DW 4a

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Qk.472/1/8

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "ADINAUST, LONDON."

CABLE ADDRESS: "ADINAUST, LONDON."

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8860 (10 LINES)

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,

130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

15  
7th June 1918

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Melbourne.

BASE RECORDS  
24 AUG 18M  
RECEIVED

2885 Private John David Scales-Manners, 9th Battalion,  
A.I.F. - Deceased. (enlisted as John Manners-Scales)

A parcel containing the personal effects of the above-named late soldier was shipped to you from the A.I.F. Kit Store, London, in Case No. 621, per H.M.T. "A.37" on the 16th October 1917. The documents accompanying this parcel indicated that it was to be transmitted to Mrs K. Scales, c/o Jubilee Hospital, Leichardt Street, The Valley, Brisbane who, as advised in your communication No. 81029 of the 22nd June 1917, had produced a marriage certificate and evidence to show that she married the deceased in 1912.

It has since been proved that the late Private J.D. Scales-Manners also married an Edith Wood on the 5th September 1907, at St. Peters Church, Cleethorpes, Lincoln, England who is, therefore, the lawful widow of the late soldier.

It would be appreciated if you would endeavour to obtain the belongings referred to above and forward them at the first opportunity to the A.I.F. Kit Store, 110 Grayhound Road, Hammersmith, London, W.6 for transmission to the lawful widow of deceased who states that she is now Mrs Edith Fox and resides at 41 Wiltshire Road, Brixton, London, S.W.9.

BR 23/5/18

John Manners 24/6

Brigadier General.  
Commandant.

Private “John Daniel Scales-Manners” was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal . A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to his first wife (remarried) – Mrs. E. Fox, (address originally listed as 41 Wiltshire Rd, Brixton then altered to 105 Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, London) as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England -Scroll in November, 1922; Plaque issued in January, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private J. M. Scales – service number 2885, of 9th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private J. D. Scales-Manners is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 57.



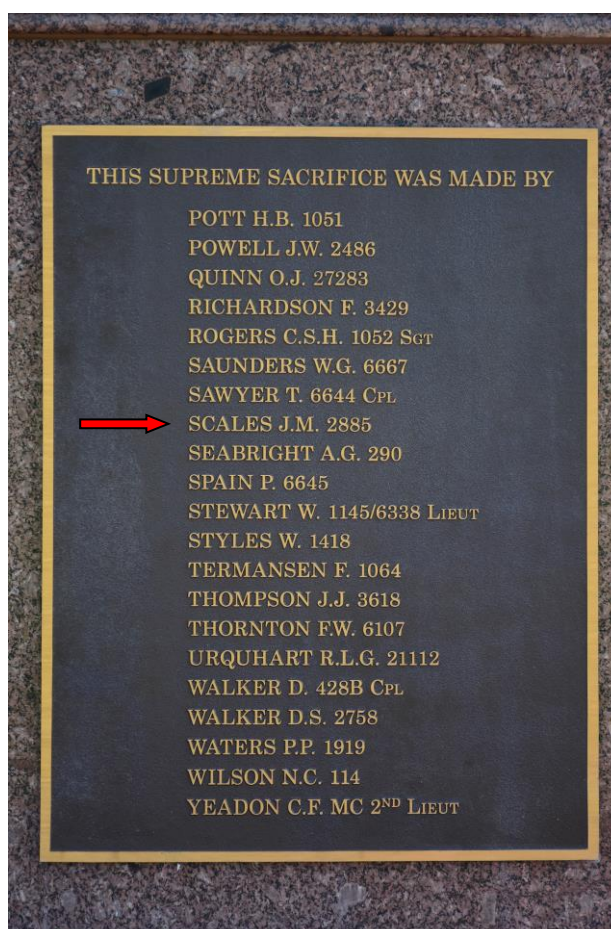
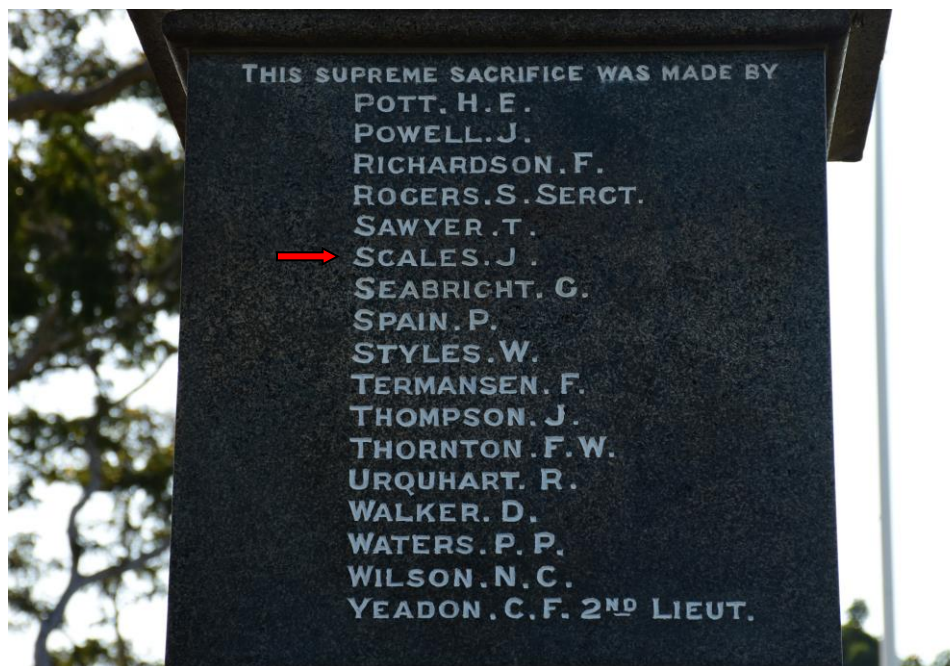
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

The Darwin Cenotaph, located at Esplanade, Darwin City, Northern Territory, lists J. Scales & J. M. Scales 2885.



**Darwin Cenotaph** (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)





(65 pages of Private John Daniel Scales-Manners' 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*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **Roll of Honour**

The 201st casualty list also was issued on Monday....

#### **WOUNDED**

Pte J. M. Scales, England

(*The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 1 September, 1916)

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### **STROUD AND DISTRICT**

#### **MILITARY FUNERAL AT STANDISH**

##### **A BRAVE ANZAC**

On Friday afternoon the body of Private John Manners Scales was interred at Standish with military honours. The deceased passed away at Standish House Red Cross Hospital on Tuesday, the cause of death being a severe attack of pneumonia. He was a member of the Second Division of the Australian Expeditionary Force, and was 34 years of age. After service in Egypt he was transferred to France, and sustained a wound in the foot at the battle of the Somme. He made a good recovery, and was given leave at Christmas, but while away he caught a chill, upon which double pneumonia supervened, and he was re-admitted to the hospital, where he was given unremitting attention, but unfortunately without avail. This was the first death which had occurred at the hospital, and it caused untold sorrow among the nursing staff and patients.

The service was of an impressive character, and it was feelingly conducted by the Rev. Cannon Nash. The funeral procession was headed by a firing party of the V.T.C. from Stroud, and the coffin, which was enveloped in the Union Jack and bore the deceased's cap, was of unpolished elm, with brass fittings, the breastplate bearing the inscription: "Pte J. M. Scales, died Jan. 9, 1917, aged 34 years." The coffin was conveyed on a wheel-bier, and Australian soldiers acted as pallbearers. Then followed the Nursing Staff, under Miss King (the Commandant) and about fifty wounded comrade heroes, Mr E. Jenner Davies and Mr S. B. Darke being among the general public in attendance. During the service the hymns rendered were "O God our help in ages past" and "Peace, perfect peace." Mr E. Jenner Davies playing the organ accompaniments. He also played the Dead March in "Saul." Anzacs lowered the coffin into the grave, the firing party fired the usual three volleys, and a wounded soldier, accompanied by two Boy Scouts sounded "The Last Post." The firing party, under the direction of Company Commander Frank Ford, was composed as follows:- Adjutant J. J. Stone, Quartermaster T. H. Blanch, Sergts. F. Appleby, W. M. Revell, and M. G. Cartwright, and Ptes H. E. Trinder, Kitchen and W. Webb.

A number of beautiful floral tributes, placed on the coffin, were inscribed:- A token of gratitude to Australia for standing by the Empire; In memory of one of our brave Australians, from Mrs. E.D. Farran and Mr. E. Jenner Davies; From Sister Hunter and the Nurses in Ward 2, with deepest regret and sorrow; From the Boys at Standish Red Cross Hospital; Mrs. John W. Awdrey, Kings Hall; With deepest sympathy, from his sweetheart, Daisy; From Miss King (Commandant); In deepest sympathy, from two of the maids of Hawards-end, A. Preston and J. Parnell.

(*Gloucestershire Echo*, England – 13 January, 1917)

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## THE ROLL OF HONOUR

### TWO FURTHER CASUALTY LISTS

Casualty Lists 266 and 267 released from the Censor's Office yesterday.....

#### QUEENSLAND

##### DIE DOF ILLNESS

J. M. Scales, England; 9/1/17 (prev. rep. w'ded)

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – 23 January, 1917)

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#### Our Boys at the Front

A private letter has been received by H.E. Carey, Esq., from a young lady in England, giving details of the death at Standish Red Cross Hospital, near Bristol, on January 9th, of Pte. John Manners Scales, who was formerly in the Government employ, in Darwin, and was among the first to volunteer for service at the front. The story as told in this letter is a rather sad one. The writer mentions, among other things: "Mr. Scales "talked" to me very much about a "friend" he was very, intimate with in Australia." I only know his Christian name (Jim). He was killed at the front, and Mr. Scales felt the loss of his friend very much, as he "had worked under him at business." This allusion is interesting, because the "Jim" referred, to was presumably the late Jim Cain, who was killed on the Western front about a year ago. Pte. J. M. Scales was a member of the Second Div. of the A.I.F., and was 34 years of age. After service in Egypt he was transferred to France and was wounded in the foot at the battle of the Somme. He made a good recovery, and was given leave at Christmas. But whilst away he caught a chill, double pneumonia supervened, he was readmitted to the Hospital, where he died a few days later. He was accorded a military funeral, of which the local paper published a long account under the heading "A Brave Anzac". The service was of an impressive character. The funeral procession was headed by a firing party of V.T.C. from Stroud. The coffin was enveloped in the Union Jack and bore the deceased's cap. Australian soldiers acted as pall bearers. The funeral procession comprised the nursing staff, wounded Anzac comrades, and a numerous attendance of the general public. A firing party fired the usual three volleys and a wounded soldier, accompanied by two boy scouts, sounded "The Last Post". The coffin bore a number of beautiful floral tributes inscribed: A token of gratitude to Australia for standing by the Empire; In memory of one of our brave Australians, from Mrs. E.D. Farran and Mr. E. Jenner Davies; from Sister Hunter and the Nurses in Ward 2, with deepest regret and sorrow; From the Boys at Standish Red Cross Hospital; from Mrs. John W. Audrey, Kings Hall; With deepest sympathy, from his sweetheart, Daisy; From Miss King (Commandant); In deepest sympathy, from two of the maids of Hawards-end, A. Preston and J. Parnell. The nurses and soldiers collected among themselves sufficient money to erect a stone over the grave. The deceased was buried in a beautiful little Churchyard at Standish, two miles from the hospital. In conclusion we quote the following from the private letter above referred to "He was a beautiful character, and was respected by many, which was proved by the large gathering of friends at the church."

(*Northern Territory Times and Gazette*, Darwin, Northern Territory – 29 March, 1917)

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The following were members of the Australian Imperial Force whose effects or estate cannot be disposed of because insufficient addresses of the next-of-kin were registered by the late soldiers. Inquiries in this connection should be addressed to O.C., A.I.F. Kit Store, 110, Greyhound-road, Hammersmith:- .....2885 Pte J. D. Scales-Manners, 9Bn.....

(*The Northern Miner*, Charters Towers, Queensland – 2 December, 1919)

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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.

Private John Manners Scales has a Private Headstone

## **St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Standish, Gloucestershire, England**

St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Standish contains 3 Commonwealth War Graves – all relating to World War 1.



**St. Nicholas' Church** (Photo by Philip Pankhurst)

Photo of Private J. Manners Scales' Private Headstone in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Standish, Gloucestershire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Stephen Harrison)*

*Pte JOHN MANNERS SCALES*  
*9TH Battalion Australian Imperial Force*  
*From Darwin, N. Territory, Aust*  
*Died Jan 9TH 1917 At Standish V.A. Hospital*  
*Aged 35*

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*The Staff And Patients of Standish Hospital*  
*Have Placed This Stone In His Memory*

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**St. Nicholas' Church** (Photo by Philip Pankhurst)