

**Hove Old Cemetery,
Hove, East Sussex
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1910 CORPORAL

J. V. STANDEN

39TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 29

John Vincent STANDEN

John Vincent Standen was born at Birregurra, Victoria in 1889 to parents William & Jessie Standen (nee Wilson).

John Vincent Standen attended school at Macarthur Street, Ballarat, Victoria.

The 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Ballarat, subdivision of Ballarat East, Victoria, recorded John Vincent Standen, Grocer, of 212 Humffray Street, Ballarat East. Also listed at the same address – William Standen, Grocer & Jessie Standen, Home Duties.

John Vincent Standen was a 26 year old, single, Dairyman from 212 Humffray Street, Ballarat, Victoria when he enlisted on 10th March, 1916 with the 39th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1910 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William Standen, of 212 Humffray Street, Ballarat, Victoria. John Vincent Standen stated on his Attestation Papers dated 10th April, 1916 that he had served with 7th A.I.R. for 3 ½ years and with the A.I.F. for 8 days. He had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to Varicocele.

Private John Vincent Standen was posted to "B" Company of 14th Depot Battalion at Ballarat on 10th April, 1916. He was transferred to 2nd Reinforcements of 39th Battalion on 1st June, 1916.

Private John Vincent Standen embarked from Melbourne on RMS *Orontes* on 16th August, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 2nd October, 1916. Private John Vincent Standen was promoted to Corporal for the Voyage only.

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.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was marched in to 10th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 2nd October, 1916 & his rank reverted to Private.

Private John Vincent Standen was appointed E.D.P. (Extra Duty Pay) Corporal on 3rd October, 1916.

E.D.P. Corporal John Vincent Standen was transferred to 8th Training Battalion on 13th October, 1916. His rank reverted to Private on 11th November, 1916.

Private John Vincent Standen proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 4th February, 1917 on S.S. *Invicta* from Infantry Draft Depot.

Private John Vincent Standen was marched in from England to 3rd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 4th February, 1917. He was marched out to his Unit on 6th February, 1917 & Taken on strength with his Unit in the field on 7th February, 1917.

Private John Vincent Standen was wounded in action on 7th June, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance with gunshot wounds to left heel then transferred to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Pte Standen was admitted to 26th General Hospital at Etaples on 8th June, 1917. He was transferred to No. 6 Convalescent Depot at Etaples on 17th June, 1917 then transferred to No. 5 Convalescent Depot at Cayeux on 21st June, 1917. Pte Standen was discharged to Base Depot on 16th July, 1917 & marched in from Hospital to 3rd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 17th July, 1917.

War Diary – 39th Battalion

6th June, 1917 – Ploegsteert – Battalion moved up into line for MAGNUM OPUS at 11.42 pm. Enemy shelled all roads & PLOGSTEERT WOOD with gas shells. Casualties unknown at present.

7th June, 1917 – MAGNUM OPUS ZERO HOUR 3.10 am Attacked enemy & gained all objectives although badly gassed.

8th June, 1917 - Bn consolidating, casualties heavy in wounded (Killed light) 14 Officers wounded, 285 OR 24 Killed OR 145 Missing.

(War Diary information from The Australian War Memorial)

Private John Vincent Standen was marched out to his Unit on 3rd August, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion from Hospital on 4th August 1917.

Private John Vincent Standen was appointed to Lance Corporal on 10th August, 1917.

Lance Corporal John Vincent Standen was promoted to Corporal on 27th October, 1917, vice Cpl. Cook promoted.



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Neuve Eglise, Belgium. 23 January 1918. Group portrait of the NCOs of the 39th Battalion at Neuve Eglise.

Left to right, back row: 1251 Sergeant (Sgt) W. C. Cook; 761 Corporal (Cpl) A. C. Collyer; 407 Sgt G. H. Bicknell; 201 Cpl J. R. Palmer; **1910 Cpl J. V. Standen**; 2393 T/Sergeant L. Waters; 495 Cpl J. Kelly; 1249 Sgt E. C. Culliver; 111 Acting Cpl V. H. Gard; 67 Lance Corporal (LCpl) C. G. Clayton; 1649 Sergeant) F. T. A. Edwards MM; 2763 LCpl E. A. Brown; 2120 Cpl I. McDonald; 41866 Cpl W. J. Nicholls; 51331 Cpl J. A. Lewis; 6390A Cpl L. Clarke MM; 1200 Cpl J. Thomlinson; 2198 LCpl Waddington; 2423 LSgt W. L. Neville; 3171 Cpl L. Mann; 2573 Cpl R. L. Harrison; 2574 Sgt H. C. Ironmonger; 874 Cpl E. Engbritsen; 2153 Sgt F. A. Stevens; 1002 Acting Cpl H. Toohey; 416 Sgt S. O. Chambers MM.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was granted leave to England on 2nd February, 1918 & rejoined his Battalion from Leave on 17th February, 1918.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was sent to Hospital sick on 23rd May, 1918. He was taken to 11th Australian Field Ambulance then transferred & admitted to 5th Casualty Clearing Station with Influenza. Corporal Standen was

transferred to Ambulance Train No.10 on 27th May, 1918 & admitted to 2nd Canadian General Hospital at Treport, France on 27th May, 1918. He was discharged to Base Depot on 27th June, 1918.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was marched in to A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Rouelles on 28th June, 1918.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was marched out from A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) on 28th August, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 29th August, 1918.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was wounded in action (2nd occasion) on 29th September, 1918. He was taken to 106th Field Ambulance then transferred to 20th Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wounds to right thigh. Corporal Standen was transferred by Ambulance Train No. 4 on 30th September, 1918 & admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 1st October, 1918. Corporal Standen was marked for transfer to England on 3rd October, 1918 & embarked from Rouen on 4th October, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Guildford Castle*.

39th Battalion

The 39th Battalion was formed on 21 February 1916 at the Ballarat Showgrounds in Victoria and drew most of its recruits from the state's Western District. It became part of the 10th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. Sailing from Melbourne on 27 May, the battalion arrived in Britain on 18 July and commenced four months of training. It crossed to France in late November and moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 9 December, just in time for the onset of the terrible winter of 1916-17.

The 39th fought in its first major battle at Messines, in Belgium, between 7-9 June 1917. During its march to the start-line for this operation the battalion suffered heavily from a German gas bombardment and less than a third of the troops earmarked to attack actually did so. The battalion, however, captured all of its objectives. The 39th fought in another two major attacks in this sector - the carefully planned and executed battle of Broodseinde on 4 October, and the disastrous battle of Passchendaele on 12 October.

Belgium remained the focus of the 39th Battalion's activities for the next five months as it was rotated between service in the rear areas and the front line. When the German Army launched its last great offensive in the spring of 1918, the battalion was rushed south to France and played a role in turning the German drive aimed at the vital railway junction of Amiens.

The Allies launched their own offensive on 8 August 1918, but the 10th Brigade was the 3rd Division's reserve on this day so the 39th did not play an active role. It was involved, however, in an ill-conceived attack that failed to capture the village of Proyart on 10 August. Not daunted by this experience, the battalion continued to play an active role throughout August and early September in the 3rd Division's advance along the Somme Valley.

The 39th participated in its last major action of the war between 29 September and 2 October 1918 as part of the Australian-American operation that breached the formidable defences of the Hindenburg Line along the St Quentin Canal. Along with much of the A.I.F., the 39th was resting out of the line when the war ended in November. It was disbanded in March 1919.

(Battalion Information from The Australian War Memorial)

Corporal John Vincent Standen was admitted to 2nd East General Hospital. Brighton, Sussex, England on 5th October, 1918 with Gunshot wounds to thigh & a fractured femur.

Corporal John Vincent Standen died at 09.45 am on 6th November, 1918 at 2nd East General Hospital. Brighton, Sussex, England from wounds received in action - GSW thigh, fractured femur & Haemorrhage following operation.

A death for John V. Standen, aged 29, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Steyning, Sussex, England.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was buried on 11th November, 1918 in Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex, England – Plot number E. 152 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Corporal Standen - *Coffin was good quality, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by beautiful flowers went from Uncle and Aunt, and Staff and Patients of 2nd Eastern Hospital, Brighton. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the burial service conducted by the Rev. J. B. Grimshaw of Brighton. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Relatives in attendance at the funeral – Aunt and Uncle – Mr and Mrs Jackson of 185 Lloyd Street, Moss Side, Manchester.*

John Vincent Standen requested in his Will dated 1st August, 1917 that all his real Estate & personal estate be bequeathed to his mother – Mrs Jessie Standen, Ballarat, Victoria.

Corporal John Vincent Standen was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Cpl. Standen's father - Mr W. Standen, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal John Vincent Standen – service number 1910, aged 29, of 39th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Jessie Standen, of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

Corporal J. V. Standen is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 131.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Vincent J. Standen is remembered on the Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda located at Sturt Street and Learmonth Avenue, Ballarat, Victoria.



Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda (Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

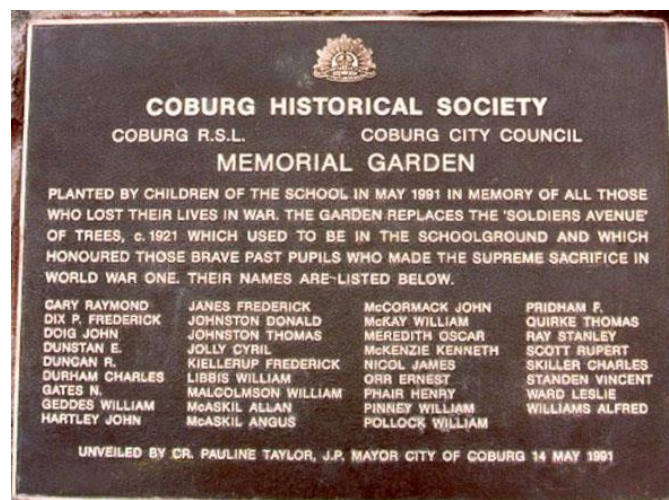
V. J. Standen is also remembered on the Ballarat Avenue of Honour (1917-1919) where almost 4,000 trees were planted to represent the number of men and women from the Ballarat district who served in World War 1. The trees were planted at intervals of 12 metres along 22 kms of the Ballarat-Burrembeet Road. Tree number 2714 was planted in honour of Victor John Standen by Miss J. Shaw on 17th August, 1918.



Ballarat Avenue of Honour (Photos from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

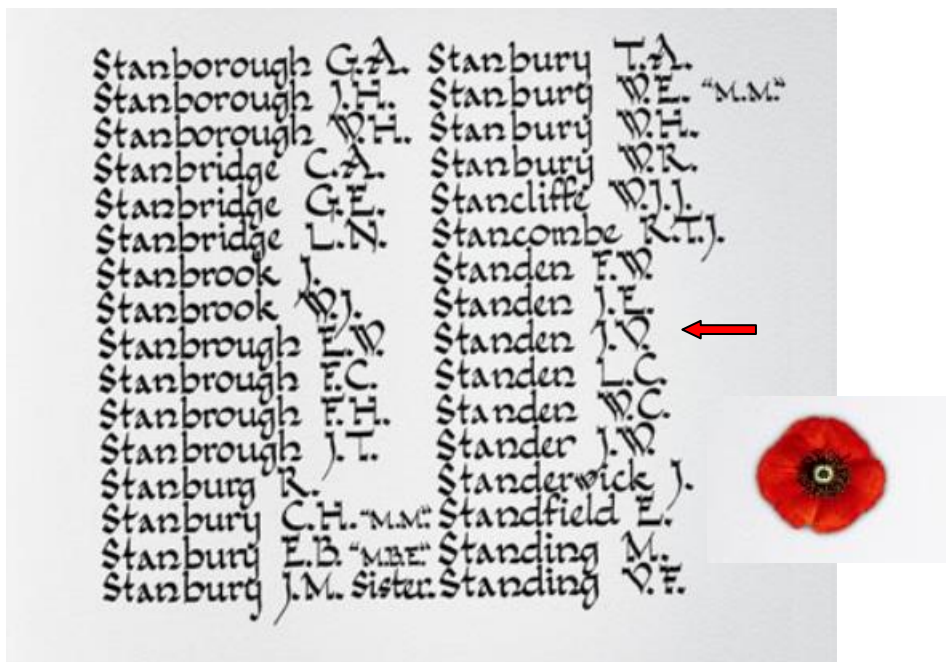


Vincent Standen was remembered with a tree at the Memorial Avenue of Trees which was located behind Coburg State Infant School, Bell Street, Coburg. 35 past pupils were honoured with trees & Vincent Standen was honoured with tree number 32. The trees are longer in existence but a Memorial Plaque was included in the Memorial Garden in the School in 1991.



Coburg School Memorial Plaque

J. V. Standen is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



(65 pages of Corporal John Vincent Standen'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





Corporal John Vincent Standen

(Photo with permission from Amanda Bentley – Facebook page [“Ballarat & District in the Great War”](#))



Newspaper Notices

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT MEN

PRIVATE J. V. STANDEN

Mr Standen, dairyman, of Humffray street, Ballarat East, has received a cable message from his son, Pte J. V. Standen, in which the latter states that he has been wounded in the left foot, but is doing well. Pte Standen has been at the Front for some time. He has had some narrow escapes. On one occasion a shell burst amongst a group of which he was one. One man was killed and three wounded, He was also with Pte Ross when the latter won the Military Cross.

(The Ballarat Courier, Victoria – 26 June, 1917)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT MEN

CORPORAL J. V. STANDEN

On Monday evening word was conveyed by Canon Davies to Mr and Mrs Standen, 212 Humffray street, that their son, Cpl J. V. Standen, 39th Battalion, had died on 6th inst. in the Eastern Hospital and enquiries were being made as to the cause of death. He was admitted to No. 2 Brighton Hospital suffering from gunshot wound in the thigh and fractured femur, on 5th October. He received his military training in the old 7th, and at the outbreak of the war went to Queenscliff from where he enlisted, but was rejected on the eve of sailing. He again enlisted in 1916 and left with the 2nd reinforcements to the 39th. He was wounded and gassed at Messines, and in September last had an attack of trench fever. He was educated at Coburg and Macarthur street.

(The Ballarat Courier, Victoria – 13 November, 1918)

AUSTRALIA'S HEROES

CASUALTY LISTS No. 448 & 449

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT

DIED OF ILLNESS

Cpl J. V. Standen, Ballarat

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 2 December, 1918)

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)

Corporal J. V. Standen does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex, England

Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex contains 103 Commonwealth War Graves – 86 relate to World War 1 & 17 from World War 2.

Hove Cemetery consists of two parts, the original section south of Old Shoreham Road that was first consecrated in 1882 and a second to the north of the road that opened in 1923 as an extension. The northern section is divided further by a public footpath that links the A270 to Elm Drive.



Cross of Sacrifice in Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex *(Photo by Simon Carey)*

Photo of Corporal J. V. Standen's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Hove Old Cemetery, Hove, Sussex, England.



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