

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



404 PRIVATE

S. V. VEALL

43RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

4TH SEPTEMBER, 1916

Samuel Vivian VEALL

Samuel Vivian Veall was born at Gawler, South Australia on 26th March, 1897 to parents Henry & Edith Veall (nee Wade).

Samuel Vivian Veall was an 18 year old, single, Gardener from Norton's Summit, South Australia when he enlisted on 7th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 404 & his religion was Baptist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Edith Veall, Norton's Summit, South Australia. Samuel Veall stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 4 years with Senior Cadets.

As Samuel Veall was under the age of 21 his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) for active service abroad. On 6th January, 1916 Henry Veall signed "*I have given my son S. V. Veal full consent to enlist.*"

Private Samuel Vivian Veall was posted to "E" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion in 17th January, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "B" Company, 1st Depot Battalion on 1st February, 1916 then transferred to "B" Company, 43rd Battalion on 7th March, 1916.

Private Samuel Vivian Veall embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 9th June, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Brigade, 43rd Infantry Battalion "B" Company & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 20th July, 1916.

43rd Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 43rd Battalion was South Australia's contribution to the strength of the division. Along with the 41st, 42nd, and 44th Battalions, plus support troops, it formed the 11th Brigade.

The battalion embarked in June 1916 and, after landing briefly in Egypt, went on to Britain for further training. The battalion arrived on the Western Front in late December....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 43rd Battalion

July 11, 1916 Suez – Arrived at Suez. 5 men landed to Hospital.

July 12, 1916 Pt Said – Arrived and 8 VD cases landed.

*July 13, 1916 Pt Said – Sailed with escort SS *Premsal* and Naval gun placed on board. Submarine lookout posted.*

July 20, 1916 Marseilles – Arrived, disembarked and entrained for Le Havre (8 men admitted to Hospital).

July 24 Larkhill – Arrived via Southampton and camped in Camp No 12, joining other Units of 11th Inf Bde and continued Bn, Bde & Div Training.

(War Diary information from The Australian War Memorial)

Private Samuel Vivian Veall was admitted to 11th Brigade Field Hospital on 18th August, 1916 with "? C.S.M." He was transferred & admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Hants (now Wiltshire) on 18th August, 1916 with Cerebro Spinal Fever. He was reported to be dangerously ill on 20th August, 1916.

Mrs E. Veall, Nortons Summit, South Australia was advised by Base Records on 29th August, 1916 that her son Private Samuel V. Veale was dangerously ill.

Private Samuel Vivian Veall died on 4th September, 1916 at Lucknow Isolation Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. (some forms recorded he died from Cerebro Spinal Fever). The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Died Sep 4. A very severe case.*"

A death for Samuel V. Veale, aged 19, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England.

Private Samuel Vivian Veall was buried in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 184 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

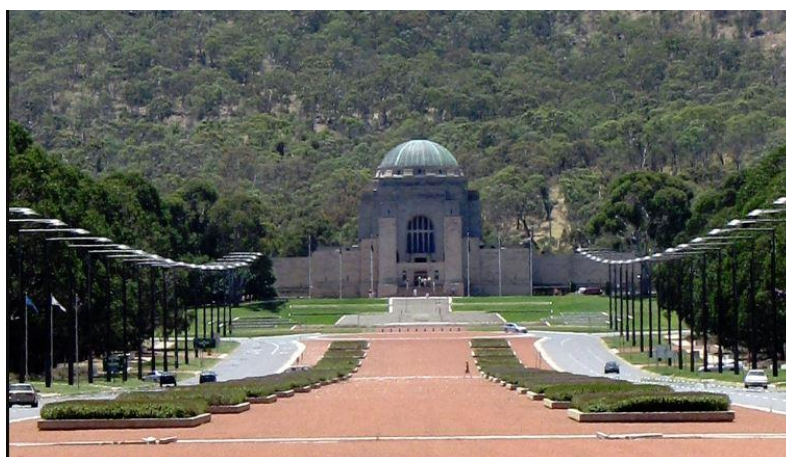
Private Samuel Vivian Veall was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Veall's father – Mr H. S. E. Veall, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Samuel Vivian Veall – service number 404, aged 18, of 43rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Henry & Edith Veall. His brother John Gretland Veall also fell.

Private S. V. Veall is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 137.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

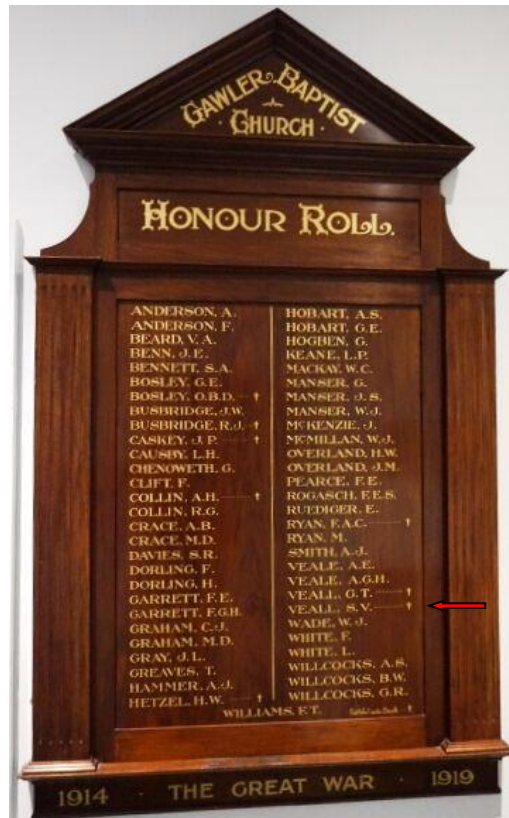


S. V. Veal & his brother J. G Veall are both remembered on the Norton Summit War Memorial, located at Colonial Drive & Debney's Road, Norton Summit, South Australia.



Norton Summit War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)

S. V. Veall is remembered on the Gawler Baptist Church Honour Roll, located in Gawler Town Hall Building, 89 Murray Street, Gawler, South Australia.



Gawler Baptist Church Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia)

S. V. Veale is remembered on the Gawler Soldiers Memorial Roll of Honour, located in the Foyer, Gawler Town Hall Building, 89 Murray Street, Gawler, South Australia.



Gawler Soldiers Memorial Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)



S. V. Veale is remembered on a Memorial Paver at the Pioneer Park War Memorial, located in Pioneer Park, Murray & Union Streets, Gawler, South Australia.



Pioneer Park War Memorial

(Photo above from Gawler Council; below courtesy of Beth Page)



S. V. Veall is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

(36 pages of Private Samuel Vivian Veall'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



Private Samuel Vivian Veall

Connected to Private Samuel Vivian Veall:

Older brother – John Gretland Veall: Enlisted on 30th August, 1915 as a 24 year old Moulder from Norton's Summit, South Australia. Embarked from Adelaide, South Australia as Private 4173 on 11th January, 1916 with 12th Infantry Battalion, 13th Reinforcements.

Killed in action 24th July, 1916 in France.

Buried Pozieres British Cemetery, France.

Private John Gretland Veall was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal.



Private John Gretland Veall



Newspaper Notices

Australian Casualties

The 220th and 221st casualty lists were issued tonight...

DIED OF ILLNESS

Private S. V. VEALL

(Port Pirie and North Western Mail, South Australia – 26 September, 1916)

THE AUSTRALIANS

220th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte S. V. VEALL, Norton's Summit (Sep 4)

(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 September, 1916)

LATE PTE S. V. VEALL

The news of death of Pte S. V. Veall was received at Norton's Summit with great regret, and much sympathy was felt for the parents, who reside in the district. Another son, Pte J. G. Veall was killed in action in France about two months ago. Pte S. V. Veall was 19 years old, and was highly respected. He died of cerebro-spinal meningitis in a hospital on September 4.



THE LATE PTE. S. V. VEALL.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 September, 1916) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 October, 1916)

THE LATE PRIVATE S. V. VEALL

Mr and Mrs Veall, of Norton's Summit, were notified last week of the death of their son, Private S. V. Veall. Another son, Private J. G. Veall was killed in action in France about two months ago. Private S. V. Veall was 19 years old, and was greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends. His death, which was due to cerebro-spinal meningitis, occurred at Lucknow Hospital, Tidworth, London, on September 4. Deep sympathy is felt throughout the Norton's Summit district for the bereaved parents.



Private S. V. Veall.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 October, 1916)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

VEALL – In loving memory of my dear son and brother, Private S. V. Veall (Sammie), who died in Tidsworth Hospital, England, on September 4, 1916.

Our darling boy, so young, so fair,
Who was my joy and pride;
I loved him, ah, perhaps too well,
For soon he slept and died.

-Inserted by his loving mother and father and family.

VEALL – In loving memory of my dear brother, Sammie, who died in Tidsworth Hospital, England, on September 4, 1916.

His warfare o'er, his battle fought,
His victory won, though dearly bought;
His fresh young life could not be saved,
He slumbers now in a soldier's grave.

-Inserted by his loving sister, Elsie.

VEALL – In loving memory of our dear brother, Sam, who died on the 4th September, at Tidsworth Hospital, England.

We who loved you sadly miss you
As is dawns another year,
And in lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of you are ever dear.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law.

VEALL – In loving memory of my dear brother, who died on the 4th September, in England.

Our dear Sammie has left us,
We think of him as of yore;
And now he sleeps in a soldier's grave
On far off England's shore.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Arlie and Alvina.

VEALL – In remembrance of our pal, Sam, who died on September 4, 1916 in England.

A gallant pal, true and brave,
Peacefully sleeps in a soldier's grave.

-Inserted by Ethel and Dulcie.

VEALL – In fond memory of my dear friend, Private Samuel Vivian Veall, who died of sickness in England, September 4, 1916.

At the heavenly gate he'll meet me,
With the same sweet, loving smile;
For we are only parted, Sammy,
Just for a little while.

-Inserted by true pal, Driver Stan. Rowe, 18th Battery, abroad.

VEALL – In loving memory of Private S. V. Veall (Sam), died in England, September 4, 1916.

As true a heart as ever beat

Has passed away from earth,

His memory lives within the hearts

Of those who knew his worth.

-Ever remembered by his sorrowing friend, Iris.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 September, 1917) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 September, 1917)

& (*The Express and Telegraph*, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 September, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

VEALL – In loving memory of my dear pal, Private S. V. Veall (Sammy), 43rd Battalion, who died of sickness in England on September 4, 1916.

I received a photo of your grave,

'Tis hard to think you will never return;

Your grave too far away to see,

But not to far to think of thee.

-Inserted by his loving pal, G. T. Bird (returned).

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 September, 1918) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 September, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

VEALL – A tribute to the memory of Private Samuel Vivian Veall (Sam), 43rd Battalion, died in England, September 4th, 1916. "One of God's noblest and best." – Ever remembered by Iris.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 September, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

VEALL – A tribute to the memory of Private Samuel Vivian Veall (Sam), 43rd Battalion, died in England, September 4th, 1916. "One of God's noblest and best." – Ever remembered by Iris.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 September, 1918)

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 S. V. Veall has a private headstone which was erected by his comrades of "B" Company, 43rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

(Information from CWGC)



Tidworth Military Cemetery *(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The AIF Tidworth cemetery under snow. – March 1919.

Identified graves marked by a cross and headstone in the foreground

Front row: 50727 Private Rowland James Dickson, Australian Machine Gun Corps, died 14 October 1918.

Second row, left to right: 18282 Driver John Thalma Jackson, Details Australian Engineers, died 30 October 1917; 17445 Pte Roland Travers Woodville, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 13 September 1917; 31712 Gunner John Alexander McDonald, 15th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, died 30 July 1917, aged 37, at Tidworth Military Hospital; 3062 Pte Even Thomas Kennedy, 3rd Australian Pioneers, died 7 August 1917.

Note Gunner McDonald has a large headstone which reads in part 'erected by his sorrowing comrades of the Australian Field Artillery. His duty done.'



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

D00481

Tidworth Military Cemetery – 12 June, 1919

A corner of the Australian cemetery. Front row, left to right: 5840 Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion died 3 June 1917; 7350 Private A. E. Campbell, 8th Battalion, died 2 August 1917; 1824 Driver A. C. Jones, 4th Company, Australian Machine Gun Corps, AADC, died 8 August 1917; 8009 Corporal W. J. Giles, Australian Tunnelling Company, died 17 March 1918.



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire (Photo courtesy of John Prestidge)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)*



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)

Photo of Private S. V. Veall's Private Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.

(Note: Headstone has been engraved with "Private S. V. Veale.")



(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)

