

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



63346 PRIVATE

J. D.VINCENT

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH JANUARY, 1919 AGE 32

The Lord Gave

And The Lord Hath Taken Away

*CWGC Headstone for Pte J. D. Vincent is located in
Grave Plot # 45. E. 23. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

John David VINCENT

John David Vincent was born at Brighton, Tasmania on 25th October, 1886 (Attestation Papers have year of birth as 1887) to parents David and Margaret Susannah J. Vincent (nee Wells).

John David Vincent married Amy Lester in Tasmania in 1905.

Marriage Notice: *VINCENT-LESTER – On February 23, 1905, by the Rev. Isaac H. Palfreyman, John David Vincent, son of David and Margaret Vincent, of Sandfly, to Annie Lester, daughter of Richard and Ellen Lester, now of Sandfly, formerly of the Upper Huon, by license, at the residence of the officiating minister, Andrew and Arthur Streets. (The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – Friday 21 April, 1905)*

John David & Amy Louisa Vincent had the following children – Amy Eileen Vincent (born 22nd July, 1905), Richard John Vincent (born 18th November, 1907), Alfred Roy Vincent (born 24th August, 1909), Harold Edward Vincent (born 12th December, 1910) & Lyla Pearl Jean Vincent (born 21st July, 1917).

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the district of Franklin, subdistrict of Kingborough, Tasmania listed John David Vincent, Farmer, & Amy Louisa Vincent, domestic duties, of Sandfly.

John David Vincent was a 31 year old, married (with 6 children under 16 years) Farmer and Coal Miner from Sandfly, Tasmania when he enlisted at Hobart, Tasmania on 17th June, 1918 with the 3rd (T) Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 63346 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Amy Louisa Vincent of Sandfly, Tasmania.

Private John David Vincent embarked from Melbourne on SS *Zealandic* on 5th October, 1918. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea on 30th October, 1918 & discharged on 13th November, 1918. Private Vincent disembarked at London, England on 5th December, 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.

Private Vincent was marched in to 1st Training Battalion & allotted to Reinforcements of 12th Battalion on 5th December, 1918.

Private John David Vincent was sent sick to Hospital on 4th January, 1919 & admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 5th January, 1919 with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin).

Private John David Vincent was reported dangerously ill with Broncho pneumonia on 26th January, 1919.

Private John David Vincent died at 11 am on 30th January, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of broncho pneumonia.

A death for J. D. Vincent, aged 32, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private John David Vincent was buried at 3 pm on 5th February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 45. From the burial report of Pte Vincent - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage, preceeded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Command Depot. Six Australians acted as Pall bearers. The "Last Post" was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. A number of N.C.O.'s and Men followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Private John David Vincent requested in his Will dated 1st October, 1918, that all his property & effects be left to his wife – Mrs Amy Louisa Vincent of Sandfly, Tasmania.

Private John David Vincent 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 Vincent's widow – Mrs A. L. Vincent (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private John David Vincent, 63346, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of David and Margaret Vincent; husband of A. L. Vincent, of Pelterata, Tasmania.

Private J. D. Vincent is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 67.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. D. Vincent is remembered on the Port Cygnet Roll of Honour located in the Cygnet RSL Club at Mary Street & Guys Road, Cygnet, Tasmania.

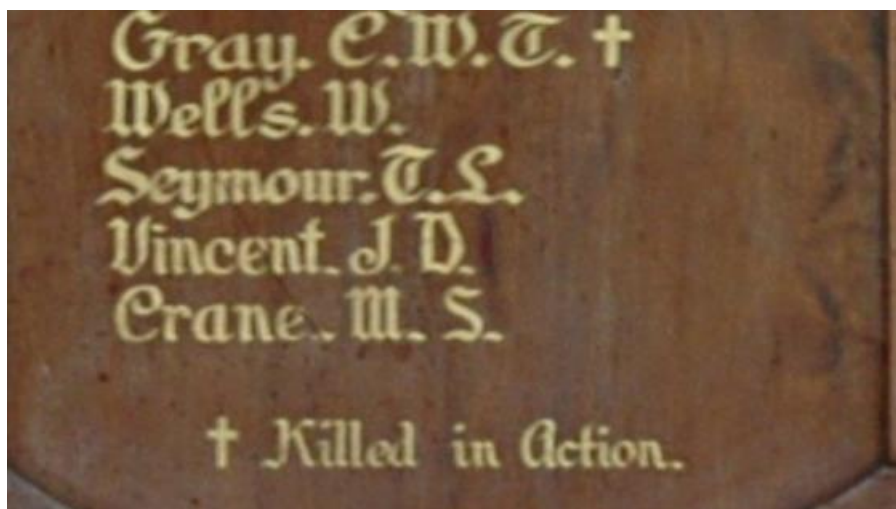


Port Cygnet Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

J. D. Vincent is remembered on the Longley Ward Honour Roll located in Sandfly Hall, Sandfly Road, Sandfly, Tasmania.



Longley Ward Honour Roll (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



J. D. Vincent is remembered on the Kingsborough Municipality Roll of Honor, located at Channel Highway, Kingston, Tasmania.



Kingsborough Municipality Roll of Honor (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



John David Vincent is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever."



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

6059	Pte	Moody	Ernest Charles	07.01.1919	23	12th Inf Bn	Sisters Creek	
2229	Tpr	Murdoch	George Alexander	09.04.1919	37	4th Lt Horse Regt	Lefroy	
15878	Dvr	O'Doherty	Joseph Frederick	09.02.1919	22	ANZAC Div Train	Battery Point	
63316	Pte	Oliver	Walter Sebastian	27.01.1919	21	12th Inf Bn	Mangana	
257	Gnr	Parkar	Reginald Richard	25.10.1919	28	13AGA Fl Nelson	Glenorchy	
2370	Pte	Parkes	Arthur Leslie	05.02.1919	28	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
45037	2nd Lt	Pauling	Frank William	16.02.1919	25	NZEF Rfl Bde	Tas Native	
2138	Pte	Pennington	Frederick	11.02.1919	46	40th Inf Bn	Devonport	
22431	Dvr	Pickal	Osbourne Vincent	12.02.1919	26	8th Fd Army Bde	Deloraine	
6038	Pte	Purton	John David H	11.01.1919	20	12th Inf Bn	Ulverstone	
2427	Pte	Quinn	Trevor	18.04.1919	25	2nd Pioneer Bn	St Marys	
6084	Pte	Reynolds	Albert	08.10.1919	20	12th Inf Bn	Zeehan	
335	AM II	Richardson	Ivan Morton R	09.04.1919	22	4 Sqn AFC	Dunorlan	
4948A	Pte	Riva	Jack Eugene	27.05.1919	20	7th Inf Bn	Launceston	
2069	Pte	Ridd	Henry Osbourne	27.10.1919	44	18th Inf Bn	Hagley	ANZAC
1435	Pte	Ryan	James	02.04.1919	31	1st AusCasClnHosp	Launceston	ANZAC
927	Pte	Sharing	Thomas Edwin	26.11.1919	25	AAMC	Bagdad	
487	Pte	Sheppard	Frank	22.02.1919	25	51st Inf Bn	Ranelagh	
63334	Pte	Sheppard	Alfred Edward	09.01.1919	20	12th Inf Bn	Ellist	
2232	Pte	Smith	Augustus Eugene	19.12.1919	25	26th Inf Bn	Cygnel	ANZAC
6047	Spr	Strickland	Lionel Victor	06.11.1919	22	12th Fd Coy Engr	Hobart	
335	Spr	Taylor (3005)	Herbert Stephen	09.05.1919	27	HMAS Yarra	Hobart	
4802	Pte	Tiffin	Claude	19.05.1919	34	49th Inf Bn	Derby	
2872	Pte	Troon	John James	13.04.1919	36	47th Inf Bn	Launceston	
2400	Pte	Tyrell	Edward James	04.01.1919	24	41st Inf Bn	Hobart	
53346	Pte	Vincent	John David	30.01.1919	32	12th Inf Bn	Sandy	
14462	Spr	Ward	Albert Edward W	13.02.1919	36	2nd Fd Coy Engrs	Walsborough	
2014	QMS	Webb	Albert Henry	27.12.1919	45	53rd Inf Bn	Launceston	
2903	Pte	Webb	Thomas Henry W	08.12.1919	26	40th Inf Bn	Deloraine	
20742	Pte	Webster	William Iverick	30.09.1919	39	AAMC	Hobart	
1105	Pte	Whelan	John Joseph	10.04.1919	28	40th Inf Bn	Claremont	
63372	Pte	Wilkes	Ernest Henry	12.02.1919	19	12th Inf Bn	Sand Hill South	

(43 pages of Private John David Vincent'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.



Private John David Vincent
(Photo courtesy of Karen & Jarrod Gibson)



Newspaper Reports

RECRUITING

ENTERED CAMP

HOBART, Friday

The following men entered Claremont camp on Wednesday and Thursday :-..... J. D. Vincent, farmer and coalminer;

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – Saturday 6 July, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

VINCENT – On January 26, at First Australian General Hospital, France, Private J. D. Vincent, beloved husband of Amy Vincent, Sandfly, leaving a wife and six young children to mourn their loss.

(*Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania – Wednesday 19 February, 1919)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

LIST No. 460

Died of Illness

Pte J. D. Vincent, Sandfly, 30/1/19

(*Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania – Thursday 6 March, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

(Died on Active Service)

VINCENT – In loving memory of our dear uncle, Private J. D Vincent, who died of illness in England, January 30, 1919.

“Gone, but not forgotten”

-Inserted by his loving nieces and nephews, sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Lester and family.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Saturday 31 January, 1920)

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)

Private John David Vincent does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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



Photo of Private J. D. Vincent's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)