

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



996 PRIVATE

P. C. VOWLES

9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

2ND OCTOBER, 1915 Age 29

*In Memory
Of The Dearly Loved Son
Of Mr & Mrs Vowles
Bristol*

Philip Charles VOWLES

Philip Charles Vowles was born at Winford, Somerset, England in 1886 to parents Charles and Eliza Jane Vowles (nee Reed).

The 1891 England Census recorded Philip C. Vowles as a 4 year old, living with his family at Bridgewater Road, Winford, Somerset, England. His parents were listed as Charles Vowles (Mason, aged 30, born Winford, Somerset) & Eliza Jane Vowles (aged 31, born Hat Bourton, Somerset). Also listed was Philip's younger sister – Florence B. Vowles (aged 1, born Winford, Somerset).

Philip Charles Vowles attended school at Barrow Gurney, Somerset, England.

The 1901 England Census recoded Philip C. Vowles as a 14 year old, Stable Boy (Groom) living with his family at Barrow Court Lodge, Barrow Gurney, Somerset, England. His parents were listed as Charles Vowles (Mason, aged 40) & Eliza J. Vowles (aged 41). Philip was the eldest of three children listed on this Census – Philip, Florence B. Vowles (aged 11) & Herbert J. Vowles (aged 9).

The 1911 England Census recoded Philip Charles Vowles as a 24 year old, single House Painter, living with his family in a 6 roomed dwelling at 21 Steven's Crescent, Totterdown, Bristol, England. His parents were listed as Charles Vowles (Bricklayer, aged 50) & Eliza J. Vowles (aged 51). Charles & Eliza Jane Vowles had been married for 25 years & had 3 children – all still living at home in this Census – Philip then Florence Blanche Vowles (aged 21) & Herbert John Vowles (Assurance Clerk, aged 19). Also listed was a Visitor – Francis Ernest Rowland (Engine Fitter, aged 30).

Philip C. Vowles was a passenger on *Durham* which departed from port of London, England & arrived in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on 1st September, 1911.

Philip Charles Vowles joined the Queensland Police Force on 15th February, 1912 & was sworn into Queensland Police Force on 26th April, 1912 with a registered number of 1599.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Oxley, subdivision of Brisbane South, recorded Philip Vowles, Police Constable, of Grey Street.

The 1915 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Oxley, subdivision of Woolloongabba, recorded Philip Vowles, Police Constable, of Woolloongabba.

Philip Charles Vowles was a 28 year old, single Police Constable when he enlisted a Brisbane, Queensland on 20th August, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 996 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Charles Vowles, of 21 Stevens Crescent, Totterdown, Bristol, England. Philip Vowles stated on his Attestation Papers to the question "*have you ever served in His Majesty's Army, the Marines....*" to which Philip answered "*Deserter from 61st Gloucesters,*"

Private Philip Charles Vowles was posted to 9th Infantry Battalion "C" Company to Headquarters from 31st August, 1914 then transferred back to "C" Company on 18th September, 1914 for recruit training.

Private Philip Charles Vowles embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Omrah* (A5) on 24th September, 1914 with the 9th Infantry Battalion "C" Company.

Private Philip Charles Vowles was appointed Lance Corporal Prov. on 28th January, 1915 whilst employed as Regimental Police.

Lance Corporal Prov. Philip Charles Vowles was appointed as Lance Corporal on 12th July, 1915 (Casualty Form – Active Service form records date as 5th July, 1915) at Gallipoli Peninsula.

Lance Corporal Philip Charles Vowles was admitted to Hospital at Anzac on 8th September, 1915. He was admitted to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station with Influenza then transferred to Mudros. Lance Corporal Vowles was admitted to 25th Casualty Clearing Station at Imbos on 11th September, 1915 then transferred to Base on 15th September, 1915.

9th Australian Infantry 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.

The battalion was raised within weeks of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After preliminary training, the battalion sailed to Egypt, arriving in early December. The 3rd Brigade was the covering force for the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915, and so was the first ashore at around 4.30 am. The battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. It served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December 1915.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Philip Charles Vowles was admitted to the Netley Hospital, Hampshire, England on 26th September, 1915. He was reported to be seriously ill with Pneumonia on 27th September, 1915.

Private Philip Charles Vowles died on 2nd October, 1915 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from Dysentery and broncho-pneumonia contracted on active service.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

A death for Philip C. Vowles, aged 29, was registered in the December quarter, 1915 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

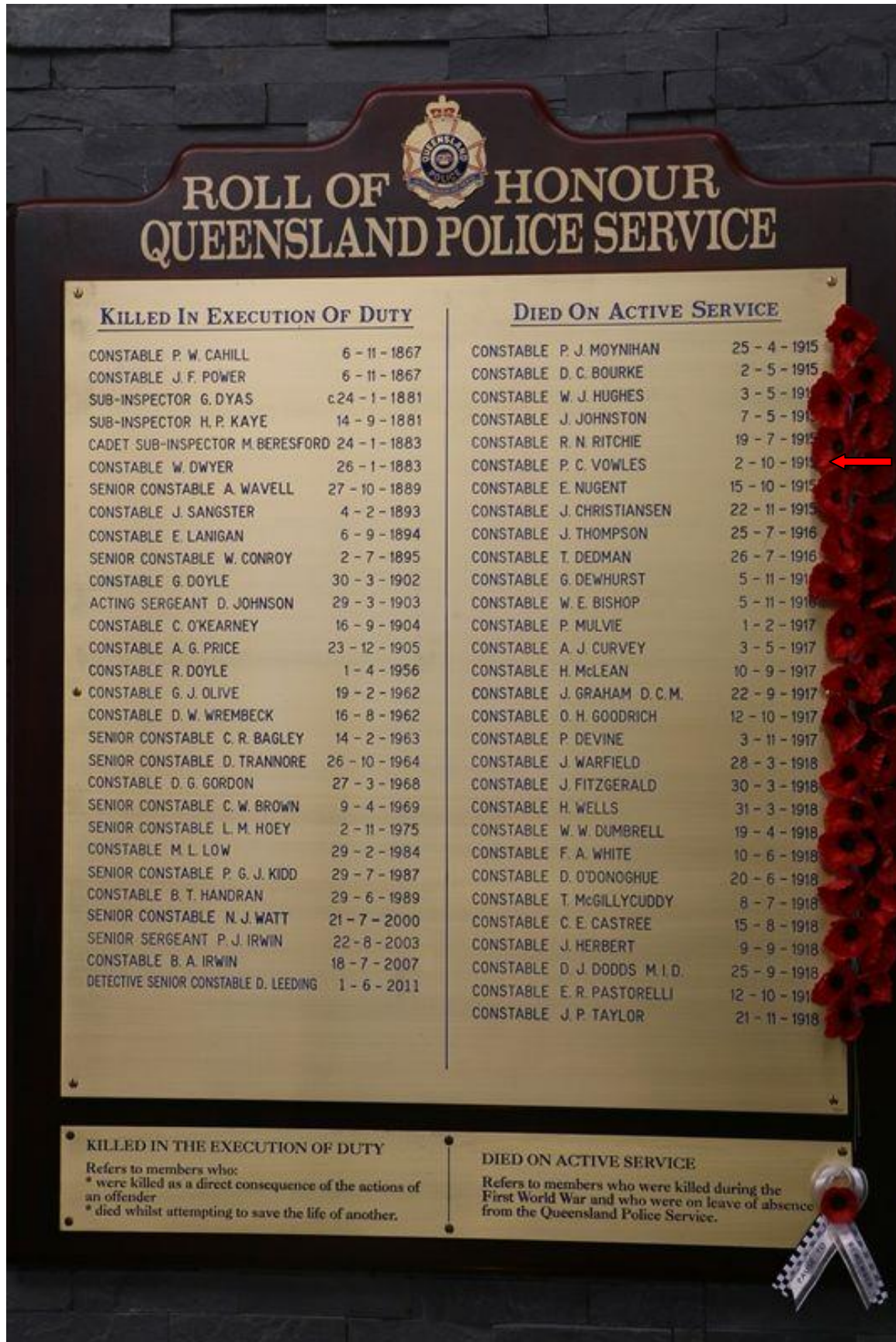
Private Philip Charles Vowles was buried on 5th October, 1915 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 1735 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Philip Charles Vowles was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Vowles' father – Mr C. Vowles, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent January, 1922 in England).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Phillip Charles Vowles – service number 996, aged 29, of 9th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Charles and Eliza Jane Vowles, of 21 Steven's Crescent, Totterdown, Bristol, England.

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Constable P. C. Vowles is remembered in the Roll of Honour – Queensland Police Service – Died on Active Service, located at Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane, Queensland.



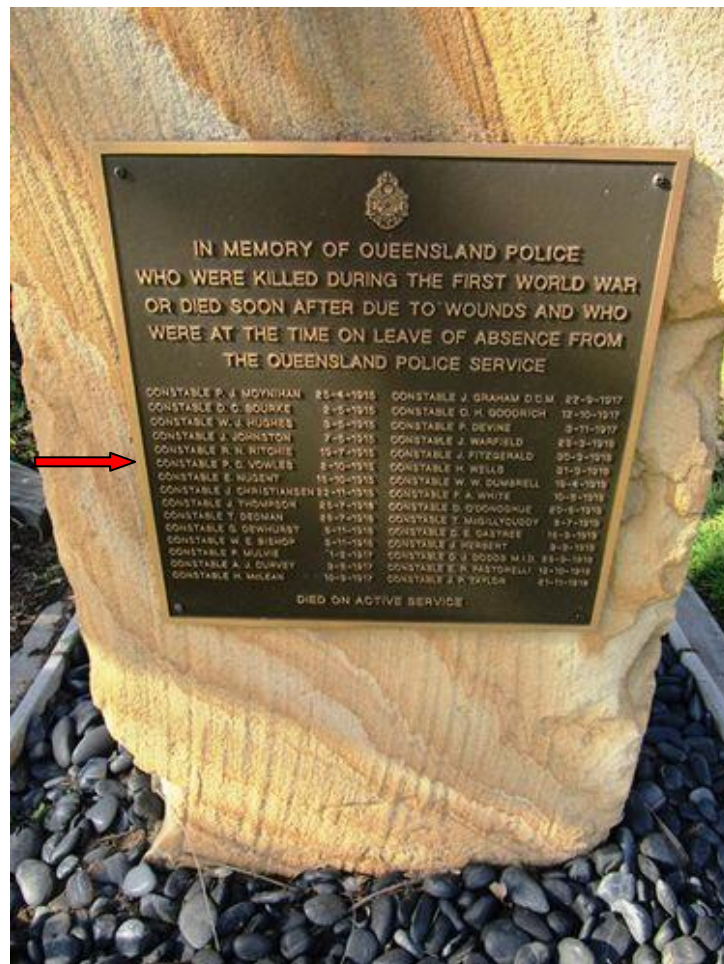
Roll of Honour – Queensland Police Service – Died on Active Service

(Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)

Constable P. C. Vowles is remembered on the Queensland Police Service Honour Roll, located at Queensland Police Academy, Rudd Street, Oxley, Queensland.

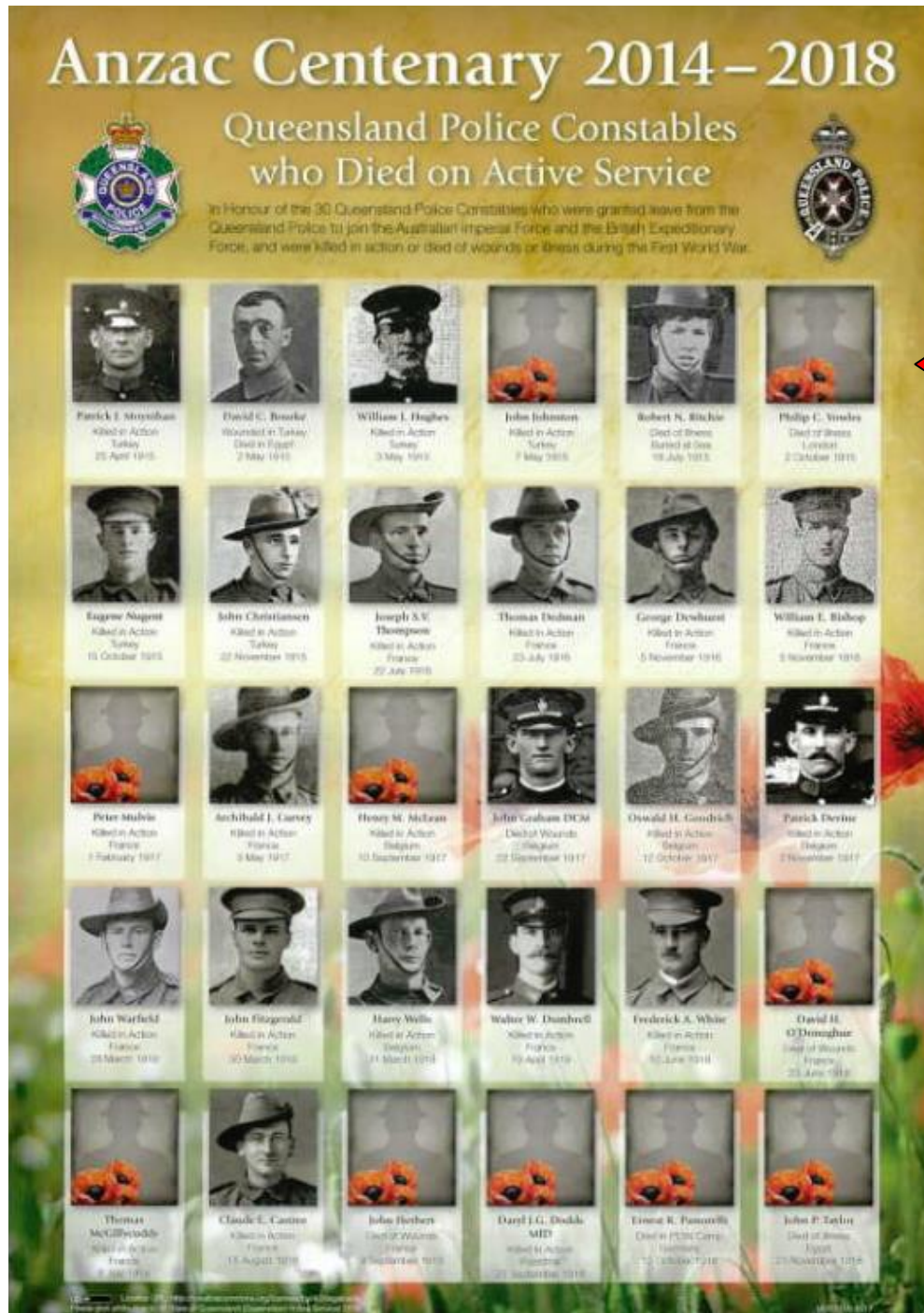


Queensland Police Service Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – John Huth)



Phillip Charles Vowles is remembered in the Queensland Police Book of Names 1864 – 1974.

Philip C. Vowles is remembered on the Anzac Centenary 2014-2018 Queensland Police Constables who died on Active Service.



Constable Phillip Charles Vowles is remembered on the Queensland Police Memorial, located in Botanic Gardens, Alice Street, Brisbane, Queensland. (Column 2 – left leg, Front, Row 3)



Queensland Police Memorial (Photo from Monument Australia – Rhys Wildman)





Philip Charles Vowles – Queensland Police

Constable Phillip Charles Vowles is remembered on the National Police Memorial, located in Kings Park, Wendouree Drive, Parkes, Canberra, ACT.



National Police Memorial, Canberra (Photos from Monument Australia)

Private P. C. Vowles 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

(33 pages of Private Philip Charles Vowles' 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

92nd CASUALTY LIST

QUEENSLAND

SERIOUSLY ILL

L. Cpl. C. P. Vowles

(Bendigo Advertiser, Bendigo, Victoria – 15 October, 1915)

AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

THE CASUALTY LISTS

QUEENSLAND

DIED OF ILLNESS

L.Cpl. C. P. VOWLES, England

(Bendigonian, Bendigo, Victoria – 4 November, 1915)

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)

Private P. C. Vowles does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

In Memory Of The Dearly Loved Son Of

Mr & Mrs Vowles Bristol

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Private P. C. Vowles' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.





Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery