

**Sutton Veny,
Wiltshire, England**

War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



2898 PRIVATE

W. B. WAKEFIELD

40TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

7TH NOVEMBER, 1918 AGE 24

His Duty Nobly Done

William Bertram WAKEFIELD

William Bertram Wakefield was born at Lachlan, Tasmania on 29th August, 1894 to parents William & Annie Eliza Wakefield (nee Cordwell). He was baptised on 24th October, 1894 at New Norfolk, Tasmania.

Eliza Ann Wakefield, mother of William Bertram Wakefield, died on 26th August, 1909 at Lachlan, Tasmania, aged 34. She died the day her son Maurice Bevis Richard Wakefield was born.

William Bertram Wakefield was a 22 year old, single, Farm Hand from New Norfolk, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 16th October, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Methodist & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William Wakefield of New Norfolk, Tasmania. William Bertram Wakefield had served with Senior Cadets for 2 years.

Private William Bertram Wakefield, Service number 2898, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Orsova* (A67) on 6th December, 1916 with the 40th Infantry Battalion, 6th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 17th February, 1917. Private Wakefield had been admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea from 10th to 18th January, 1917 for Observation.

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 William Bertram Wakefield was marched in to 14th Training Battalion on 18th February, 1917. He was marched in to Camp Details at Sutton Mandeville, Wiltshire from 14th Training Battalion on 7th March, 1917. Private Wakefield was marched out to Durrington, Wiltshire on 23rd April, 1917.

Private William Bertram Wakefield proceeded Overseas to France from No. 12 Camp, Durrington on 23rd July, 1917 via Southampton. He was marched in to 3rd Australian Division Base Depot at Havre, France on 24th July, 1917. Private Wakefield was taken on strength with 40th Battalion from Reinforcements from 3rd Australian Division Base Depot at Havre, France on 10th August, 1917.

Private William Bertram Wakefield proceeded on Leave to Paris on 14th March, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from Leave on 22nd March, 1918.

Private William Bertram Wakefield was wounded in action on 31st August, 1918. He was admitted to 37th Casualty Clearing Station then transferred to 11th Stationary Hospital at Rouen, France on 1st September, 1918. Private Wakefield was invalided to UK on 4th September, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Marguerita*.

Private William Bertram Wakefield was admitted to Boscombe Military Hospital at Bournemouth, Hampshire, England on 5th September, 1918 with a gunshot wound to neck. He was discharged to Furlo on 8th October, 1918.

Private William Bertram Wakefield was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire from furlo on 22nd October, 1918 & medically classified as B1 A2 (fit for Overseas Training Camp in three to four weeks).

Private William Bertram Wakefield was sent sick to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny on 4th November, 1918 with Influenza & then transferred & admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 5th November, 1918 seriously ill with Pneumonia.

Private William Bertram Wakefield died at 13.30 hrs on 7th November, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Pneumonia.

A death for William B. Wakefield, aged 24, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private William Bertram Wakefield was buried at 3 pm on 11th November, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England - Grave no. 27.

From the burial report of Private Wakefield - Coffin was polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the body being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party and Band from No. 1 Australian Command Depot. Six comrades of deceased supported the Pall. 3 Officers and about 30 N.C.O.'s and Men from No. 1 Command Depot followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. A floral wreath from Miss N. Abbott was laced on the grave. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral. Also in attendance at the funeral were Mrs & Miss Abbott (Friends) of 25 Capstone Rd. Bournemouth & Mrs Penfold (Friend) (address as above).

Private William Bertram Wakefield requested in his Will, dated 17th July, 1917, that he bequeathed his personal estate to his father – William Wakefield of Lachlan, New Norfolk, Tasmania.

Private William Bertram Wakefield was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Wakefield's father – Mr W. Wakefield (Scroll sent December, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

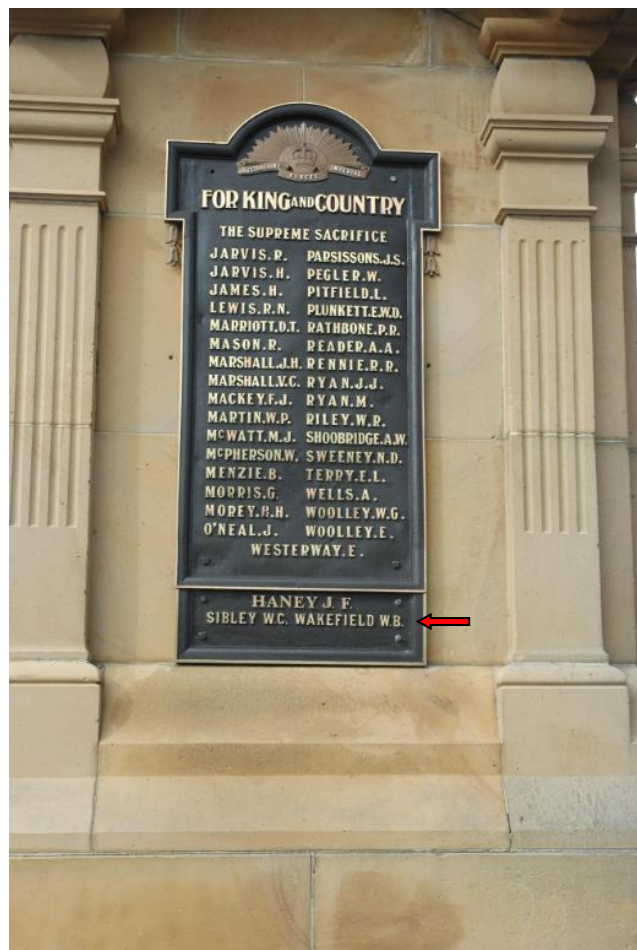
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Bertram Wakefield, 2898, of 40th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of William and Annie Eliza Wakefield, of Lachlan, Tasmania.

Private W. B. Wakefield is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 133.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

W. B. Wakefield is remembered on the New Norfolk Cenotaph, located at Circle & High Streets, New Norfolk, Tasmania.



New Norfolk Cenotaph (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)

W. Wakefield is remembered on the New Norfolk Honour Roll located in the RSL Club, 30 George Street, New Norfolk, Tasmania.



New Norfolk Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

W. B. Wakefield is remembered on the Bushy Park Avenue of Honour, Gordon River Road, Bushy Park, Tasmania. The Soldiers Memorial Avenue commemorates those who served in World War One. Over 70 trees were planted on the main road in 1919 to commemorate those who served.



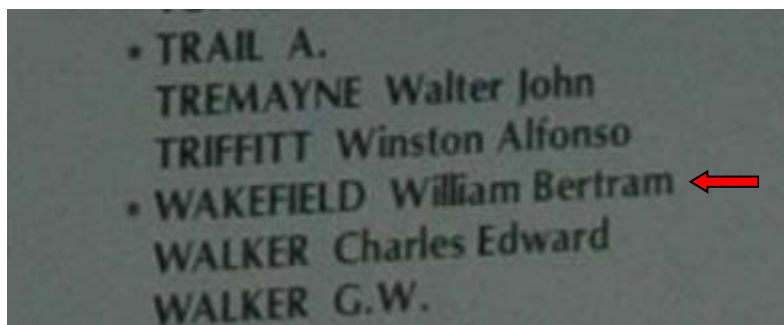
Bushy Park Avenue of Honour (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



William Bertram Wakefield is remembered on the Glenora Wall of Honour, located on Gordon River Road, Glenora, Tasmania.



Glenora Wall of Honour (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



WORLD WAR I

- AHEARNE Cyril Michael
- AHEARNE Thomas Andre
- AIREY W.
- ANDERSON B.
- ANDREWS Steven John Patrick
- ATKINS Arthur Shoobridge
- BANNISTER George William John
- BARNETT W.
- BENTLEY Darrell Vernon
- BERRY J.
- BINNS Percy
- BLACKWELL A.
- BLACKWELL V.
- BOUTCHARD Henry
- BOWDEN Robert
- BOWDEN Thomas
- BOYES F.
- BRITTEN L.
- BRODIE R.
- BROWN Arthur Henry
- BROWN Clyde
- BROWN Donald A.H.E.
- BROWN Edward
- BROWN Frank Carter
- BUMFORD Clarence George
- BUMFORD Harold
- BUMFORD Leo Norman
- BURGESS Vernon
- BURKE Frank
- BURN Walter Toogood
- BURNLEY Benjamin
- BURRILL Ralph Cornelius
- BUTLER Joseph Charles
- BUTLER Roy
- BUTLER Sydney
- CANNING R.H.
- CANTRILL C.
- CAPSTICK Victor
- CARR W.
- CHAFFEY George William
- CHALMERS Albert
- CHALMERS Lionel Eric
- CHAPLIN George
- CHISHOLM James Duncan Walter
- CLARK C.
- CLARK H.
- CLARK William John
- CLARKE Matthew
- CLIFFORD Edwin
- CLIFFORD John
- CLIFFORD Leslie
- CLIFFORD William James
- COCKERILL Charles Cahill
- COCKERILL Francis Douglas
- COGHLAN O.
- COLLINS Archibald Claude
- COOLEY Frederick James
- COOPER R.
- CORBETT L.
- CORDWELL George Richard Day
- COSSOM John Wesley
- COSSOM Oscar William
- COWIE Walter
- CUNNINGHAM Douglas Lewis
- DALEY Lionel Fleetwood
- DANN George Maxwell
- DANN Walter Robert
- DE JERSEY Lewis Henry
- DILLON Patrick Sydney
- DILLON Tennyson Bernard
- DIXON Frank
- DOUGLAS B.
- DOWDIE Keith Glenelg
- DOWDIE William Vivian Terry
- ELLIOT J.
- ELLIS George
- EVANS Edward John
- EVANS Edward John, senior
- EVANS Gilbert Roy
- FARRRELL Frederick
- FAWK G.
- FAZACKERLEY Nicholas Charles
- FENTON Charles James
- FENTON George Alex
- FENTON V.
- FERRAR Thomas Moore
- FOSTER W.
- FREEMAN H.
- FYSH Harold Fleet
- FYSH Phillip O. Jr.
- GARLICK George Clarence
- GARTH Leonard George Joseph
- GEARD Everett Stanley
- GILL Lynnwood Lawrence
- GITTUS Claude
- GITTUS Harold
- GITTUS Kenneth James
- GITTUS Leslie Albert
- GITTUS William Henry Albert
- GLANN Edward
- GLANN Robert Jones
- GLOVER Sydney Walter
- GOULD Arthur
- GRAHAM Roland David
- GRAINGER Leslie Herbert
- GRANT G.
- GRAY Oberin Herbert
- GREEN A.
- GREEN Leslie Matthew John
- GWILLIAM Cyril
- HACK Albert Ernest
- HACK Frederick Joseph
- HACK Harry Alfred
- HACK Robert
- HACK William Frederick
- HALL Charles Edward
- HARDWICK George
- HARREX Alfred Ernest
- HARREX Percy Charles
- HARRIS Harold Norman
- HARRIS R.
- HARRIS William Henry
- HASTIE William
- HATHAWAY Alfred Robert
- HATHAWAY William John
- HAWKES Harold Aaron
- HAY J.
- HAY R.E.
- HEATH Cecil Lambert
- HEATH Wilfred James
- HEFFERNAN Thomas George
- HENDERSON J.
- HIGGINS Richard Robert
- HILL Alexander
- HILL Arthur Roy
- HILL Bert
- HILL Frederick
- HILL George Henry
- HILL Harold
- HILL Robert Bertram
- HILL Thomas
- HILL Vincent William
- HOFTO T.C.
- HOLDER Walter
- HOPE Adrian Frederick
- HOPE Edward Somerville
- HORNE Alfred
- HORNE Arthur James
- HORNE George
- HUNT George
- HUNT William
- JACKSON G.
- JACKSON James Edward
- JACOBSON Albert
- JAMES G.C.
- JAMES Henry Osbourne
- JARVIS Alfred Edward
- JARVIS Henry Thomas
- JARVIS Richard George
- JARVIS Roy William
- JENKINS Albert Ernest
- JENKINS Frederick William
- JENKINS Harry John
- JENKINS Leonard
- JEPHSON C.
- JOHNSTON L.
- JONES Arthur George
- JOYCE W.
- KELB Lloyd Allan
- KELLEHER Oliver Walter
- KELLEHER Victor Edward
- KERR Lewis George
- KRUSHKA O.
- LANGDON Henry George
- LANGLEY Thomas
- LANGRIDGE Leonard
- LANGRIDGE Thomas
- LANSKY J.
- LARSON Albert Victor
- LEAMAN Frank
- LEE Charles James
- LESTER Leonard Geoffrey
- LEWIS James Clyde
- LEWIS Robert Mervyn
- LEWIS Robert Nelson
- LIGHTNER Albert
- LOCKE Cecil Aubrey
- LOVELESS William Alfred
- MACKAY Francis Joseph
- MADDOX Abel
- MADDOX James
- MADDOX Walter Erskine
- MANSER Arthur Vernon
- MANSFIELD Eric
- MANSFIELD Harold Ellis
- MARRIOTT Dudley T.
- MARRIOTT Thomas
- MARSHALL Daniel
- MARSHALL David Basil
- MARSHALL Douglas
- MARSHALL Dudley Robert
- MARSHALL John Herbert
- MARSHALL Lloyd
- MARSHALL Percy Charles
- MARSHALL Thomas James
- MARSHALL Vere Claude
- MARTIN Walter Patrick
- MARTYN Raymond Ernest
- MASON Robert Angus
- MASON Roy St Clair
- MATHEWSON W.
- MATTHEWS Lewis Cecil
- MCCLEGGAN L.
- MCCLEGGAN L.
- MCDIAMID O.C.
- MCGINLEY Walter
- MCGINLEY William
- MCGURK L.
- MCLEOD T.B.
- MCMANUS Charles
- MCMASTER Hollis Roy
- MCNALLY Clarence Charles
- MCPARTLAN Thomas Patrick
- MCPHERSON Charles Joseph Donald
- MCPHERSON William
- MCQUEENY M.C.
- MCWATT Malcolm James
- MEGAN M.
- MENZIE P.R.
- MOLLER Carl Gustaf
- MOORE Ernest
- MOORE Percy
- MOREY Harry Havelock
- MORGAN Russell Thomas
- MORGAN William
- MORRIS George
- MORRIS Gerald
- MORRIS Joseph
- MUDGE Walter Lennon
- MURTAGH Claude Thomas Reece
- MURTAGH James Thomas
- MURTAGH Walter Ray
- NATION T.
- NEILSON M.
- NEWMAN Clarence
- NICHOLS George
- NICHOLS James Jarrett
- NICHOLS Joseph
- NICHOLSON Kathleen W
- NORRIS John
- NUNN James
- NUNN Joshua Elias
- NUNN L.
- NUNN M.
- OAKES Frank
- OAKES Walter
- O'NEAL Henry
- O'NEAL J.
- O'NEAL John Tasman Andrew
- OZANNE Eric
- PARKIN Mary Esther
- PARSISSONS James Sydney John
- PARSONS George
- PEACOCK J.
- PEARCE Leslie
- PEGLER William
- PETERS J.W.
- PETERS Rupert John
- PIERDE S.
- PITFIELD L.
- PILOWMAN S.
- PLUNKETT Edward William Duncan
- PLUNKETT H.B.
- PLUNKETT Ronald W
- PORTER Roy Edward
- PURCELL Edward
- PURCELL J.
- PURCELL M.
- PURDON M.
- PURDON S.
- RAINBIRD Cyril Derwent Lewis
- RANSLEY George Arthur
- RANSLEY Vere Strathmore
- RATHBONE Hubert Rigam
- RATHBONE Percy Rigard
- RAYNER Robert Landen
- READER Albert Arthur
- READER Alfred Charles
- READER Edward Charles
- READER Leonard Lawrence
- READING A.
- REEVES T.
- REID L.J.
- RENNE Robert Richard
- RILEY James Edward
- RILEY Joseph
- RILEY Walter Robert
- RILEY William
- ROBERTS Desmond
- ROBERTS George
- ROBERTS Hamlet Edward
- ROBERTS Stanley
- RUSSELL Edgar William
- RYAN John Joseph
- RYAN Maurice Patrick
- RYE Edward
- SALIER Albert Ernest
- SALIER Gordon Alexander
- SALTER J.
- SELERY Ronald
- SELERY Roy
- SHADWICK Edney
- SHADWICK Oscar Stanley
- SHADWICK Tasman George
- SHARP J.
- SHAW William Alfred
- SHEA Bernard Francis
- SHEA James
- SHONE H.B.
- SHOORBRIDGE Athelstan William
- SHOORBRIDGE Charlotte Mabel
- SHOORBRIDGE Douglas Marlon
- SHOORBRIDGE Eric John Richard
- SHOORBRIDGE Marcus Robert
- SHOORBRIDGE Max Giblin
- SHOORBRIDGE Rupert Oakley
- SIBLEY William Cecil
- SLADE Charles
- SLADE George
- STATON Percy Clyde
- STEVENSON S.
- STEWART C.
- STIRLING R.
- SULLINGS Stephen John
- SWAN Ronald
- SWEENEY Michael
- SWEENEY Norman Daniel
- SWEENEY Oscar William
- SWEENEY Trevor
- TERRY Edward Gadesden
- TERRY Eustace Ernest
- TERRY Keith Ralph
- TERRY Lachlan Ethelbert
- TERRY William Garrad
- TILLACK Robert Henry
- TIMBS Harold Roy James
- TONKS Clarence Russell
- TONKS Clyde
- TONKS Tasman
- TRAIL A.
- TREHAYNE Walter John
- TRIFFITT Winston Alfonso
- WAKEFIELD William Bertram
- WALKER Charles Edward
- WALKER G.W.
- WALTERS John Thomas
- WELLS Alfred Justen
- WELLS Arthur
- WELLS Charles Wallace
- WELLS Edward Vincent
- WESTERWAY Edgar
- WESTERWAY Norman Wilfred
- WESTERWAY William Linden
- WILLIAMS Cecil Charles
- WILLIAMS William George
- WILSON Walter
- WISE R.
- WOODLEY C.
- WOODLEY W.
- WOOLEY Edward
- WOOLEY James Nathaniel
- WOOLEY William George Edward
- WRIGHT Barry Ralph Augusta
- WRIGHT George Joseph
- YOUNG William Joseph

* Died on Service



(46 pages of Private William Bertram Wakefield'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.



Newspaper Reports

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr W. Wakefield, of the Lachlan, has received advice from the Base Records Office that his son, Private W. B. Wakefield, has been wounded, and admitted to Boscombe Military Hospital, Bournemouth, England. He is suffering from a gunshot wound in the neck, but it was not stated if the wound was serious.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – Monday 14 October, 1918)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. W. Wakefield, of Lachlan has received official information that his son, Private William Bertram Wakefield has died of pneumonia in Sutton Veny Military Hospital. He enlisted in October, 1916, and saw much fighting in France, where he was wounded in September last. An in memoriam service is to be conducted in the Lachlan State-school on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. H. M. Knuckey.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – Friday 29 November, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

WAKEFIELD – Died in Sutton Veny Military Hospital, England, on 7th November, 1918, with pneumonia. Private W. B. Wakefield, 40th Battalion, A.I.F., eldest son of William Wakefield, of Lachlan, in the 24th year of his age. R.I.P.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – Friday 29 November, 1918)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

LIST No. 450

DIED

Pte W. B. Wakefield, Lachlan – 7/11/18, illness

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – Saturday 7 December, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

(Died on Active Service.)

WAKEFIELD - A tribute of sincere memory to William Bertram (Bert) Wakefield (late A.I.F.), died in England of illness, November 7, 1918.

How his life was sped we know not,
What the last word, look, or thought;
Only that he did his duty,
Died as bravely as he fought.

From memory's leaves we will never blot
Those little words, forget-me-not.

-Inserted by his sincere little friend, Eddy Townsend, Lachlan.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – Friday 7 November, 1919)



Private William Bertram Wakefield



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 William Bertram Wakefield does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

His Duty Noble Done



Original Cross marker for Private William Bertram Wakefield in Churchyard at Sutton Veny

St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards. The 26th Division was concentrated at Sutton Veny in April 1915 and No 1 Australian Command was there from the end of 1916 to October 1919. There was also a hutted military hospital of more than 1200 beds at Sutton Veny for much of the war and No 1 Australian General Hospital was stationed there after the Armistice. Sutton Veny (St John) Churchyard contains 168 First World War burials, 167 of them in a plot at the north west corner of the church. Of these, 143 are Australian. There is only one Second World War burial in the churchyard.

(Information & colour photos from CWGC)





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War Graves at Sutton Veny (Photos from CWGC)

Photo of Private W. B. Wakefield's Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)