

**St John The Divine Churchyard,  
Horninglow, Staffordshire, England**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**3029 SERJEANT**

**W. WALKADEN**

**WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT**

**27TH JULY, 1916 Age 38**

*The Lord's Will Be Done*

## William WALKADEN

William Walkaden was born at Lye, Worcestershire/ Staffordshire, England in 1878 to parents John & Eliza Walkaden (nee Dalton). His birth was registered in Stourbridge, Worcestershire, England in June quarter, 1878. (Lye being parish within the registration district of Stourbridge)

The 1881 England Census recorded William Walkaden as a 3 year old, living with his family at Deeley's Yard, Lye, Worcestershire, England. His parents were listed as John Walkaden (Iron Plate Worker, aged 32, born Wolverhampton) & Eliza Walkaden (aged 29, born Wolverhampton). William was one of four children listed on this Census – Emma Walkaden (Scholar, aged 5, born Wolverhampton), Annie Walkaden (Scholar, aged 4, born Wolverhampton) then William (aged 3, born Lye, Worcestershire) & Mary Ann Walkaden (aged 1 born Lye, Worcestershire).

The 1891 England Census recorded William Walkaden as a 13 year old, living with his family at 51 Prince Albert Street, Dudley, Worcestershire, England. His parents were listed as John Walkaden (Iron Plate Worker, aged 42) & Eliza Walkaden (aged 38) William was one of three children listed on this Census – Emma Walkaden (aged 15), then William & Clara Walkaden (aged 3, born Dudley, Worcestershire).

William Walkaden married Mary Louisa Wyatt in 1906. Their marriage was registered in June quarter, 1906 in the district of Dudley, Staffordshire, England.

A daughter – Naomi Ethe; Walkaden was born to William & Mary Walkaden. Her birth was registered in September quarter, 1906 in the district of Dudley, Staffordshire, England.

The 1911 England Census recorded William Walkaden as a 33 year old, married, Iron Plate Worker living with his wife & daughter in a 3 roomed dwelling at 10 Waterloo Street, Dudley, Worcestershire. His wife was listed as Mary Louise Walkaden (aged 31) & his daughter was listed as Naomi Ethel Walkaden (aged 4). William & Mary Louise had been married for 5 years & had only one child.

A son – William Frederick Walkaden was born to William & Mary Walkaden on 27th September, 1911 at Dudley, Staffordshire, England.

William Walkaden enlisted in the British Army. (no date as it appears that his Service Record file has not survived)

Private William Walkaden was issued a Service number of 3029.

Sergeant William Walkaden, of 7th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment, died on 27th July, 1916 at 67 Balfour Street, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, England.

A death for William Walkaden, aged 38, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, England.

Death Notice in *Burton Observer and Chronicle*, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, England – 10 August, 1916:

### DEATHS

*Registered During the Week Ended 5th August 1916*

*WALKADEN – On 27th July, at 67, Balfour Street, William Walkaden, aged 38.*

Sergeant William Walkaden was buried in St. John the Divine Churchyard, Horninglow, Staffordshire, England – Plot number 222 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. According to Horninglow St John the Divine Graveyard Survey - Sergeant Walkaden is buried in Area E1 Grave no. 444.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Serjeant W. Walkaden – service number 3029, of 7th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. He was the husband of Mrs Walkaden, of 5 Market Square, Wollongong, South Coast, New South Wales.

Sergeant W. Walkaden is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

*\*\*\*\*Note: It appears that Sergeant W. Walkaden's name on the Commemorative Roll was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.*

*Mary L. Walkaden, widow of the late Sergeant W. Walkaden, & her 2 children – Naomi E. Walkaden (aged 13) & William F. Walkaden (aged 8), were passengers on Beltana which had departed from the port of London on 3rd June, 1925 bound for Australia. The Walkaden family of 3 had listed that Australia was their country of intended future permanent residence.*

*The 1936 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Warringah, subdivision of Manly, NSW recorded Mary Louise Walkaden, Home Duties, of 30 Smith Street.*

*The 1958 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Werriwa, subdivision of Liverpool, NSW recorded Mary Louise Walkaden, Home Duties, of 1 Hinkler Avenue.*



**Commemorative Roll** (Photo from AWM)





**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)

W. Walkaden is remembered on Burton Upon Trent Roll of Honour, located at the entrance of the Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, England.



**Burton Upon Trent Roll of Honour** (*Photo from Military Images.Net*)



*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll) & National Archives Australia*



### 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.

Serjeant W. Walkaden has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone with the following inscription:

*The Lord's Will Be Done*



## **St. John the Divine Churchyard, Horninglow, Staffordshire, 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. Horninglow (St John) Churchyard contains 12 First World War burials and 6 from the Second World War.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**St. John the Divine, Horninglow** *(Photo by Allan Murray-Rust)*



Photo of Serjeant W. Walkaden's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. John the Divine Churchyard, Horninglow, Staffordshire, England.

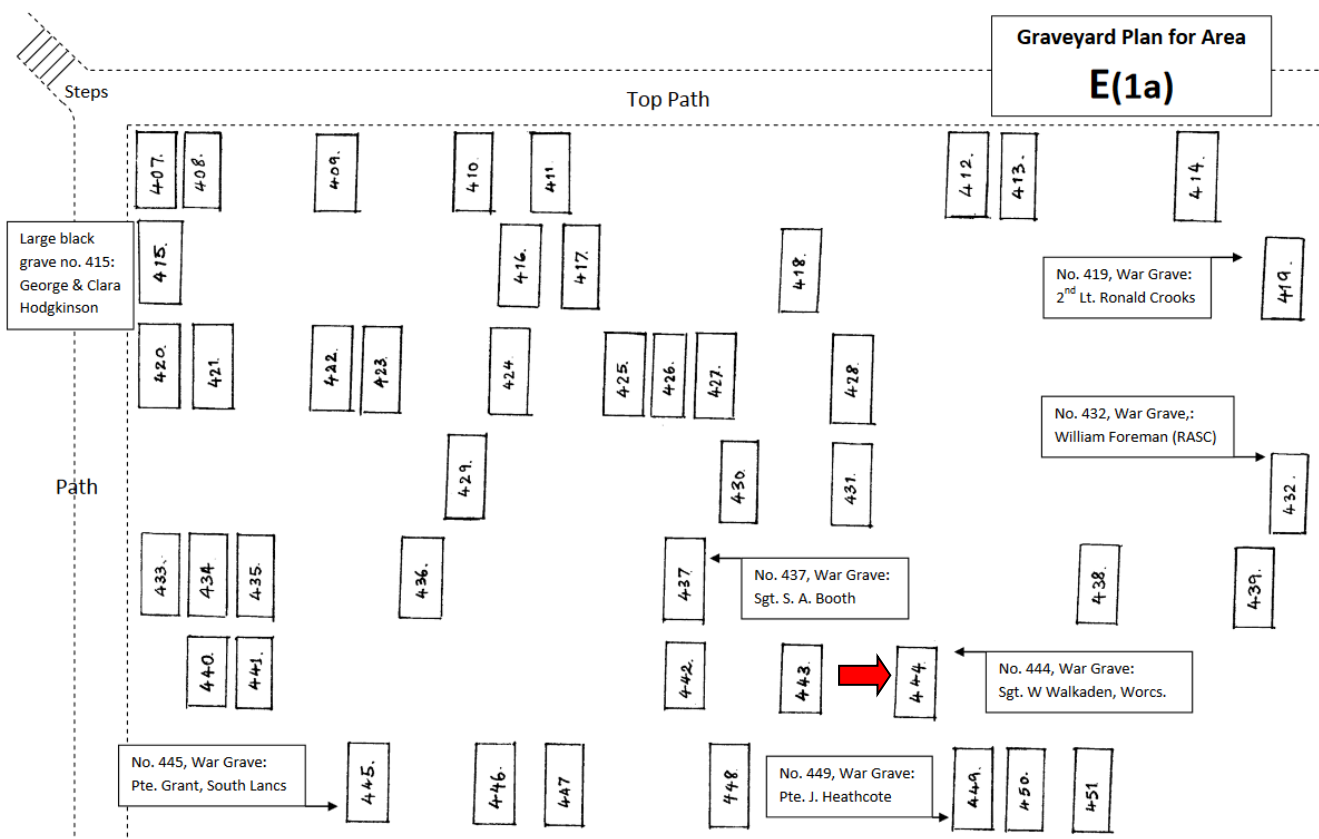


*(Photo from Find a Grave – Lee Austin 2021)*





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**Red arrow marking Sergeant W. Walkaden's grave**