

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

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



53834 GUNNER

W. S. ZUCKER

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

20TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 19

William Stanley (Stan) ZUCKER

William Stanley Zucker was born at Redfern, Sydney, New South Wales on 22nd April, 1899 to parents Ernest John and Lavinia Harriet Zucker (nee Hume)

William Stanley Zucker attended West Marrickville & Cleveland St S.P. Schools, New South Wales.

William Stanley Zucker was a 19 year old, single, Clerk from Marrickville, New South Wales when he enlisted on 4th April, 1918 in Sydney, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr E. J. Zucker, 16th Smith Street, Marrickville, NSW. William Zucker stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets for 4 years & with 35th Infantry for 1 year & was still serving. It was marked on the Medical Examination Section of the Attestation Papers that his *“teeth require attention.”*

As William Stanley Zucker was under the age of 21 his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. A letter was signed on 8th March, 1918 by E. Zucker & L. Zucker, of 16 South Street, Marrickville which reads: *“My son Stanley has my full permission to enlist & do his bit for his country. His mother also consents.”*

William Stanley Zucker was posted to Recruit M & D Depot at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 4th April, 1918 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Infantry Depot Battalion “C” Company on 9th May, 1918 as Private.

Private William Stanley Zucker, Service number 53834, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on SS *Field Marshal* on 19th June, 1918 with the 4th N. (New South Wales General Service) Reinforcements & disembarked at London, England on 26th August, 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 William Stanley Zucker was marched in to 14th Training Battalion in England on 26th August, 1918 from Australia. He was allotted to Reinforcements of 13th Battalion (as per Casualty Form – Active Service, however the Statement of Service form recorded he was allotted to Reinforcements of 30th Battalion) at 14th Training Battalion on the same day.

Private William Stanley Zucker was admitted sick to Brigade Clearing Hospital, Codford, Wiltshire on 28th August, 1918 with Bronchitis. He was discharged & marched in to 14th Training Battalion on 31st August, 1918.

Private William Stanley Zucker was transferred to Artillery Details on 10th October, 1918 & was marched out to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Heytesbury, Wiltshire.

Private William Stanley Zucker was taken on strength from 3rd Brigade at Hurdcott, Wiltshire & mustered as Gunner on 11th October, 1918 with R.B.A.A.

Gunner William Stanley Zucker was sent sick to Sutton Veny Hospital, Wiltshire on 14th October, 1918 with Influenza. He was transferred to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 17th October, 1918.

A Cable was prepared advising that 53834 William Stanley Zucker, 13th Battalion had been admitted on 17th October, 1918 to Fargo Military Hospital with Purulent Bronchitis. The Hospital Admissions form recorded he was admitted on 16th October, 1918 & was suffering from Pneumonia (Double). The Remarks section recorded: *“Admitted on 16/10/18 Broncho-Pneumonia. Temp 104.6 Pulse 110 Respiration 40. Cough purulent..... 17/10/18 Cyanosed Delirium.... 18/10/18 No change. Temp 103.4 Pulse 124 Resp 42.....”*

Gunner William Stanley Zucker died at 15.20 hrs on 20th October, 1918 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Pneumonia. A Post Mortem was conducted on 22nd October, 1918. Finding – *“Acute inflammation of the right & left lower lobes of the lung, rupture of the lung & pleura at the helium, emphysema of mediastina, Pneumothorax & general Emphysema of thoracic contents extending to superficial tissues of thorax, neck & face. Old pleural adhesions present.”*

A death for William S. Zucker, aged 19, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

Gunner William Stanley Zucker was buried at 11.30 am on 24th October, 1918 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 185A and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Private William Stanley Zucker (rank as per Burial Report) - *Coffin was good. Polished Elm. Brass Mounts. Deceased was buried with full Military honours the coffin draped with the Australian flag was conveyed to the graveside on a Gun-Carriage preceded by a Firing Party and Band from the Australian Machine Gun Training Depot. Six Australians from the Machine Gun Depot supported the Pall. Two Officers and 50 N.C.O.'s and Men attended as mourners. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.* The Burial Report listed Emily L. Macey, 40 Morris Road, Southampton. (Friend).

Private William Stanley Zucker requested in his Will, lodged with the Officer in Charge Base Records upon embarkation for Active Service abroad, that in the event of his death the whole of his Estate (both real and personal) be bequeathed to his mother Mrs Lavina Zucker, of 16 South St, Marrickville, NSW & Mrs Lavina Zucker to be appointed as Executor.

Gunner William Stanley Zucker 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 Gunner Zucker's father – Mr E. J. Zucker, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner William Stanley Zucker – service number 53834, aged 19, of Australian Field Artillery Details. He was the son of Ernest J. and Lavie Zucker, of 16 South St., Marrickville, New South Wales.

Gunner W. S. Zucker is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 22.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

W. S. Zucker is remembered on the Marrickville Soldiers Memorial, located outside Marrickville Town Hall, Marrickville Road, Marrickville, Sydney, New South Wales.



Marrickville Soldiers Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Peter F. Williams)



(48 pages of Gunner William Stanley Zucker'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



Gunner William Stanley Zucker

Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

ZUCKER – Died of pneumonia in England, prior to embarkation for France, Pte William Stanley Zucker, 13th Battalion, late N4 General Service Reinforcements, second son of Mr and Mrs E. J. Zucker, 16 South-street, Marrickville, aged 19 ½ years. Sadly missed by all at home.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 2 November, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ZUCKER – A tribute to the memory of our dear chum, Pte W. S. (Stan) Zucker, who died of pneumonia in England, 20th Oct., 1918, aged 19 ½ years.

“Greater love hath no man than this
That he lay down his life for his friends.”

Inserted by his sincere friends, Ben Wilcox, Jack Jones, Ron Witcome, and Privates Frank Hole and Bert Swan.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 16 November, 1918)

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ZUCKER – Our dear chum, Private W. S. (Stan) Zucker, died of pneumonia in England, October 20, 1918, aged 19 ½ years.

Greater love hath no man than this
That he lay down his life for his friends.

A tribute to his memory

Inserted by his sincere friends, Ben Wilcox, Jack Jones, Ron Witcome, and Privates Frank Hole and Bert Swan.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 November, 1918)

447th CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Dvr WM STANLEY ZUCKER, Marrickville (illness)

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 28 November, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

ZUCKER – In loving memory of William Stanley (Stan), who died at Fargo Military Hospital, England, October 20, 1918, aged 19 ½ years, dearly loved son and brother of Mr and Mrs E. J. Zucker and family, 15 South-street, Marrickville.

So sadly missed.

ZUCKER – In loving memory of my dear friend, Pte Stan. Zucker, who died of illness in England, October 20, 1918. He died as he lived – loved by all. Inserted by Bert. Swan, Marrickville.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW –20 October, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ZUCKER – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Stan, who passed away at Fargo Hospital, England, 20th October, 1918, aged 19 years. Sadly missed.

ZUCKER – A tribute to the memory of our dear chum, Private W. S. (Stan) Zucker, who died of pneumonia in England on October 20th, 1918.

Greater love hath no man than this
That he lay down his life for his friends.

Inserted by Ben Wilcox, Jack Jones, Ron Witcombe, and Frank Hole.

(*The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW – 20 October, 1920) & (*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW –20 October, 1920)

**Notices were placed in newspapers in 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941

Watches and Jewellery Reported Stolen, Missing, Etc.

Date	Owner's Name and Address	Description
16 Oct. 1924	Gerald Zucker, 16 South-street, Marrickville	Gent's gold Elgin wristlet watch, luminous dial, "Presented to W. S. Zucker, on his departure with the A.I.F. 1918," theron

(*New South Wales Police Gazette and Weekly Record of Crime*, Sydney, NSW – 5 November, 1924)

The next of kin of deceased WW1 Australian Soldiers were sent a folder containing a photograph of the grave with the original cross marker. In cases where these are located in the Service Record file of a soldier usually indicates that the next of kin could not be located (either moved address or was deceased) so the folder was placed in the Service Record File.

Name and Address of Correspondent to whom
Photograph sent.

(Name) Mr. E.J. Zucker,

(Address) 16, Smith Street,
Marriekville,
Sydney.


Communications respecting this Photograph or the
grave of the deceased Soldier should
be addressed to—

The Officer i/c Records,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road,
London, S.W. 1.

or

The Officer i/c Base Records,
Department of Defence,
Melbourne,
Victoria.

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Headquarters, London.

**PHOTOGRAPH OF THE GRAVE
OF LATE**


(Name) William Stanley ZUCKER,

(No.) 53824 (Rank) Private,

(Unit) 80th Battalion, Died. 20.10.18. at
Military Hospital, Fango, Gallipoli.

Buried Military Cemetery, Tidworth,
24.10.18. Grave No. 185.A. Sect. C.

Nearest Railway Station Tidworth.



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)

Gunner W. S. Zucker does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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.



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 Gunner W. S. Zucker's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England



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