

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



**66227 PRIVATE**

**E. S. JONES**

**57TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**4TH FEBRUARY, 1919\* AGE 19**

*Always Fondly Remembered*

*By Father And Mother*

*Brothers And Sisters*

**\* Correct date of death as per Service Records – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919**

*CWGC Headstone for Pte E. S. Jones is located in  
Grave Plot # 46. E. 24. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Edward Stamford JONES

Edward Stamford Jones was born at Merewether, Newcastle on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1899 to parents Charles & Elizabeth Annie (nee Cooke). He was a 19 year old, single, Iron Worker from Merewether, NSW when he enlisted at Newcastle, NSW on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1918 with the 20<sup>th</sup> (N) Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 66227 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr C. Jones of Morgan Street, Merewether, NSW. Edward Jones had served with 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry C. F. for 1 year & 4 years with Senior Cadets.

Private Edward Jones was Absent without Leave while stationed at Liverpool from 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1918 to 6 a.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1918. He was fined £1.

Private Edward Stamford Jones embarked from Melbourne on SS *Zealandic* on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 & disembarked at London, England on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Edward Stamford Jones was marched in to 14<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1918 & allotted to Reinforcements of 57<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Pte Jones was sent sick to 1<sup>st</sup> A.D.H. (Australian Dermatological Hospital for the treatment of VD) at Bulford, Wiltshire on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1918. He was transferred to Parkhouse for Convalescence from 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1918 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1919 & marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on same day.

Private Edward Stamford Jones was admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1919 with Influenza. He was reported dangerously ill on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919.

Private Edward Stamford Jones died at 7.15 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Broncho Pneumonia as per "Report of Death" form completed by Medical Officer Registrar. (Note – Some of Pte Jones' Service Record forms have date of death as 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1919. Other forms have been amended to show the date of death as 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919. His CWGC Headstone has date of death as 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1919).

A death for C. S. Jones, aged 20, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Edward Stamford Jones was buried at 3 p.m. on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 46. From the burial report of Pte Jones - *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 preceded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Command Depot. Six Australians supported the Pall. The "Last Post" was sounded and three volleys fired over the grave. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom was represented at the funeral.*

Pte Edward Stamford Jones requested in his Will dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1918 that all his property & effects to be left to his mother – Elizabeth Annie Jones of Merewether, NSW.

Pte Edward Stamford Jones 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 Pte Jones's father – Mr C. Jones. Mrs Jones, mother of late Pte Edward Stamford Jones, applied for the Victory Medal for her son in 1924. Her application was declined as the criteria for the Victory Medal was "issued only to those who served on the strength of a unit in a theatre of war on, or prior to, the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1918. Pte Jones was not eligible for the Victory Medal.

Private E. S. Jones is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 164.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

E. S. Jones is also remembered on the Mitchell Park, Memorial Gates at Merewether, NSW.



**Mitchell Park, Memorial Gates at Merewether, NSW**

*(Photo from Register of War Memorials in NSW – Mr Robert McLardy)*

The CWGC lists Private Edward Stamford Jones, 66227, of 57th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Annie Jones of 53 Morgan Street, Merewether, Newcastle, NSW.

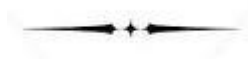
(51 pages of Pte Edward Stamford Jones' Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives.*





**Pte Edward Stamford Jones**



## **Newspaper Reports**

### **MEREWETHER**

Mr and Mrs C. Jones, of Morgan Street, Merewether, have received word that their son, Private E. S. (Ted) Jones died in England from broncho-pneumonia on February 4. Private Jones, who left Sydney on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1918, was 19 years of age.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – Monday 17 February, 1919)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

JONES - A tribute of love to the memory of our dear uncle and brother, Private Edward Stamford Jones, who died of illness 3rd February, 1919; aged 19 years.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his sister and nephew, Mildred and George Ruddy, Merewether.

JONES - In loving memory of our dear brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, Private Edward Stamford Jones, who died of illness 3rd February, 1919.

A life nobly ended.

Inserted by his brother and sister-in-law, Will and Lizzie, and nephews and nieces, Sydney.

JONES - In fond and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Edward Stanford Jones, died in 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919, of pneumonia; aged 19 years.

Not mine, O Lord, but Thy will be done.

Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brother, C. and E. A. Jones and Ern.

JONES - In loving memory of our dear brother and brother-in-law, Private Edward Stanford Jones, who died of illness 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919: aged 19 years.

He gave his life, his best, his all.

Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Private Jack and Agnes Jones.

JONES - In loving memory of our dear brother, brother-in-law, and uncle, Private Edward Stanford (Ted) Jones, who died of illness 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919 ; aged 19 years.

"Called to a higher service."

Inserted by his sister, Doris, and brother-in-law, Robert M. Hunt, on active service, and niece Patty.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – Saturday 8 March, 1919)*

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#### 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)*

Pte Edward Stamford Jones does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Always Fondly Remembered By Father And Mother Brothers And Sisters*

\*\*Note – Date of death engraved on the headstone is incorrect. The correct date of death is 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1919.



Photo of Private E. S. Jones' CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



*(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)*





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

