



Codford War Graves

World War I

8/3001 LANCE CPL. A. J. MALEY

N.Z. OTAGO REGT.

15TH FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 24

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Lance Cpl. A. J. Maley is located in Last Row

Grave Plot # 80 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 133)

Archibald was born on 24th May, 1894 at Matura, New Zealand, the son of Martin & Mary Maley (nee Williams). He was a 21 year old, single, Glazier from Invercargill, New Zealand when he enlisted on 12th June, 1915 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 8/3001 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Martin Maley of Matura, New Zealand. At the time of enlistment, Archibald Maley was with 8th (Southland) Regiment.

Private Archibald James Maley was posted to D Company, 7th Reinforcements, Otago Infantry Battalion. He was promoted to Corporal on 26th August, 1915.

Corporal Maley embarked with Otago Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (34) *Warrimoo* on 9th October, 1915, destination Egypt. He disembarked at Suez, Egypt on 18th November, 1915.

He joined Unit & was posted to 8th Company at Moascar, Egypt on 9th January, 1916. And then promoted to Lance Corporal (unpaid) on 4th March, 1916 with 8th Company, Otago Infantry Battalion.

Archibald embarked for France from Egypt on 6th April, 1916.

Lance Cpl. Maley was sent to Hospital in the Field on 13th September, 1916 with a Gunshot wound to his left arm. He was admitted to No. 9 General Hospital at Rouen, France on 15th September, 1916 & then transferred to England on 17th September, 1916.

Lance Cpl. Maley was admitted to Brockenhurst Hospital at Hampshire on 18th September, 1916 with a slight shrapnel wound to his left arm. He was transferred to Hornchurch Convalescent Hospital on 13th October, 1916 & discharged on leave on 7th December, 1916, to report to Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 21st December, 1916.

He was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 31st July, 1918 with scabies. Lance Cpl. Maley was attached on strength to New Zealand Command Depot at Codford on 5th August, 1918.

Archibald married Maud Heaven in the Parish Church at Codford on 24th August, 1918. They had a daughter, Joyce Hazel, born 4th December, 1918 at Romford, Essex, England.

He was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 7th February, 1919 with influenza & reported to be dangerously ill with pneumonia on 15th February, 1919.

Sadly he died on 15th February, 1919 at 5.45 p.m. at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Pneumonia. A death for Archibald J. Maley, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

He was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Codford on 18th February, 1919.

Lance Corporal Archibald James Maley left in his Will, dated 8th April, 1918, all his estate to his mother – Mary Williams Maley. He also appointed his mother as Executor – as noted in his Service Record File.

He was last attached to Otago Regiment. He had served in Egypt – 1915 & 1916 & Western European – 1916 War Fronts.

He was entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Cpl. Maley's wife – Mrs M. Maley of 9 Cromer Rd, Romford, Essex, England (July, 1921 & July, 1923)

(29 pages of Lance Corporal Archibald James Maley's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand website).

Information obtained from the Archives New Zealand, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Commonwealth War Graves Commission & PapersPast, National Library of New Zealand.

Newspaper Reports
SICK AND WOUNDED
OTAGO DISTRICT
Dangerously Ill
Maley, A. J., 8/3001,
(*Evening Post*, Volume XCVII, Issue 43, 21 February, 1919)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR
NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES
OTAGO MILITARY DISTRICT
Died from Sickness
OATGO INFANTRY REGIMENT
Maley, A. J., Lance-corporal (Mrs Maley, England, wife)
(*Otago Daily Times*, Issue 17557, 24 February, 1919)

Lance Corporal A. J. Maley has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription.

Photo of Lance Corporal A. J. Maley's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery (below)

(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

