

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

16486 SAPPER

C. SALISBURY

N.Z. ENGINEERS

28TH MAY, 1917 Age 32



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Sapper C. Salisbury is located in First Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 14 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 79)

Charles Salisbury was born in June, 1885 in Helensville, New Zealand, the son of James & Sarah Salisbury (nee Holland).

Charles Salisbury married Norah Annie Fiori on 8th April, 1914 at Hamilton, New Zealand. (Norah Annie Gill had previously married Victor Fiori in 1909.) They had 2 adopted children – Pauline May (born Onehunga, 8 April, 1907) & Catherine Margaret (born Gisborne, 18 November, 1910). (It is unclear if these 2 children were from Norah's marriage to Victor Fiori).

Charles Salisbury was a 31 year old, married, Foreman, Linesman with Telegraph Dept, from Auckland, New Zealand when he enlisted in April, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 16486 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs C. Salisbury of 30 Princep Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

Sapper Charles Salisbury embarked with 15th Reinforcements Divisional Signallers from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (59) *Waitemata* on 25th July, 1916. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 3rd October, 1916.

Sapper Charles Salisbury was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 3rd October, 1916.

Sapper Charles Salisbury was posted to 4th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section at Codford, Wiltshire on 16th April, 1917. He was transferred to 4th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at Codford on 5th May, 1917.

Sapper Charles Salisbury was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital on 27th May, 1917 with a Cerebral Haemorrhage.

Sapper Charles Salisbury died on 28th May, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of a Cerebral Haemorrhage.

A death for Charles Salisbury, aged 31, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Sapper Charles Salisbury was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford.

Sapper Charles Salisbury left in his Will, dated 10th April, 1916, all his real & personal property to his wife Norah Annie Salisbury.

Sapper Charles Salisbury 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 Sapper Salisbury's widow – Mrs N. A. Salisbury of Auckland (June, 1921 & December, 1922). Upon her death (24th December, 1951 at Napier), the War Medal for Sapper Charles Salisbury was recommended to be awarded to Mrs Salisbury's brother in 1952– George Gill of Rotowaro, Huntly as the location of her 2 adopted children could not be located.

The CWGC lists Sapper Charles Salisbury, 16486, as the husband of Norah A. Salisbury of 18 Newton Rd, Auckland.

(20 pages of Sapper Charles Salisbury'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.

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Sapper Charles Salisbury

Newspaper Reports

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

FALLEN NEW ZEALANDERS

DIED OF SICKNESS

Salisbury, C. Sapper

(Wairarapa Daily Times, Volume 43, 1 June, 1917)

Sapper Charles Salisbury has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription.

Photos of Sapper C. Salisbury's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery (below)



(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

