

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

63153 PRIVATE

D. HAYES

N.Z. OTAGO REGT.

31ST MARCH 1919 Age 24



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte D. Hayes is located in Last Row (Right Hand Side)
Grave Plot # 75 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 138)

Daniel Hayes was born on 29th June, 1894 at Woodside, Taieri, Otago, New Zealand, the son of John & Annie Hayes. (His parents had both been born in Ireland).

Daniel Hayes was a 24 year old, single, Grocer's Assistant from Dunedin, New Zealand when he enlisted on 13rd May, 1917 for General Service. His religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs A. Hayes of Outram, New Zealand (father deceased). On his Attestation Papers, Daniel Hayes stated that he was serving with B Company of the Coast Defence. He had suffered from Pleurisy & Pneumonia 13 months previous. Daniel Hayes was given a Pass (for Leave of Absence from 23rd May, 1917 until 21st August, 1917).

Private Daniel Hayes was promoted to Corporal on 2nd March, 1918 with A Company of 39th Reinforcements. He was promoted to Sergeant on 17th March, 1918 with A Company of 39th Reinforcements. Sergeant Daniel Hayes was altered to A Company of 38th Reinforcements on 27th April, 1918.

Daniel Hayes' Amended Attestation Papers for General Service with New Zealand Expeditionary Force was dated 10th May, 1918. He was a single, Grocer's Assistant from Outram, New Zealand. His service number was 63153. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs A. Hayes of Outram, New Zealand (father deceased). Daniel Hayes stated on this Attestation Paper that he had previously been registered for compulsory military training at Dunedin.

Sergeant Daniel Hayes was transferred to 42nd Reinforcements on 28th May, 1918, He was allocated to A Company of 42nd Reinforcements on 16th June, 1918 & then transferred to A Company of 43rd Reinforcements on 9th July, 1918. Sergeant Daniel Hayes was promoted to C.S.M. (Company Sergeant Major) on 21st August, 1918.

Private Daniel Hayes embarked with 43rd Reinforcements, A Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (111) *Matatua* on 2nd October, 1918. He disembarked at England.

C.S.M. Daniel Hayes was marched in & posted to 3rd Reserve Battalion Otago Regiment on 5th December, 1918 & his rank reverted to T/Sgt. On 17th December, 1918 T/Sgt. Hayes' rank relinquished to Private on arrival to U.K.

Private Daniel Hayes was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 21st March, 1919 with Influenza. He was reported seriously ill with Broncho-Pneumonia on 26th March, 1919 & dangerously ill on 29th March, 1919.

Private Daniel Hayes died at 10.45 a.m. on 31st March, 1919 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Broncho-Pneumonia.

A death for Daniel Hayes, aged 24, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Daniel Hayes was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 3rd April, 1919.

Private Daniel Hayes 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 Hayes' mother – Mrs A. Hayes of Outram, Otago (June, 1921 & January, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Daniel Hayes, 63153, as the son of Ann Hayes of Outram, Dunedin and the late John Hayes.

Sergt. Major Daniel Hayes is remembered on the West Taieri War Memorial.



West Taieri War Memorial (Photos from NZ History – Joe Enright)

(26 pages of Pte Daniel Hayes'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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Hayes, D. 63153, Sgt., O.I.R. (Mrs A. Hayes, Outram, m) 31st March

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCVII, Issue 83, 9 April, 1919)

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

DEATHS

HAYES – On March 31, 1919, at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital, Codford, England (of pneumonia), Daniel Hayes, dearly beloved fourth son of Mrs R. Hayes, Outram; aged 23 years. Deeply mourned.

(Otago Daily Times, Issue 17603, 19 April, 1919)

Private Daniel Hayes has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription.

Photo of Private D. Hayes' Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery (below)



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)