

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

28885 PRIVATE

F. A. HOLLAND

N.Z. AUCKLAND REGT.

6TH SEPTEMBER, 1917 Age 30



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte F. A. Holland is located in Front Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 17 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 76)

Francis Arthur Holland was born on 19th August, 1887 at Maryborough, Victoria, Australia, the son of Matthew and Elizabeth Holland. He was a 28 year old, single, Bushman from Taranaki, New Zealand when he enlisted on 29th June, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 28885 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Holland of Goldsmith Street, Maryborough, Victoria, Australia.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was admitted to Hospital while at Trentham Camp from 4th August to 7th August, 1916 suffering from Influenza. Private Holland was promoted to Lance Corporal on 22nd September, 1916. He reverted back to the rank of Private on 4th October, 1916.

Private Francis Arthur Holland embarked with 18th Reinforcements, J. Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (67) *Tofua* on 11th October, 1916. He disembarked at Plymouth, England on 29th December, 1916.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 29th December, 1916.

Private Francis Arthur Holland left for France on 1st February, 1917 & was attached on strength to Base Depot at Etaples, France on 5th February, 1917. He joined 1st Battalion, Auckland Infantry Regiment in the field on 2nd March, 1917.

Private Holland was evacuated sick on 7th May, 1917 to No. 1 N.Z. Field Ambulance, then transferred to N.Z. Field Ambulance No. 2. He was discharged to Reinforcements Camp on 15th May, 1917.

Private Holland was admitted to No. 3 N. Z. Field Ambulance on 18th June, 1917 with a “sprained ankle severe ??????”. His Casualty Form – Active Service states “no knowledge of how sprained ankle occurred.” Pte Holland was admitted to No. 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 21st June, 1917 & then transferred to No. 1 Can. General Hospital at Etaples on 23rd June, 1917. A report was made on 24th June, 1917 regarding Pte Holland’s sprained right ankle which was described as a “trivial” disability. A note was made in Pte Holland’s file regarding his injury which reads “He was evacuated on 7/5/17 with a sprained back. By some means he became a member of a musketry class at some school. They have heard indirectly that he sprained his ankle. He has not yet returned (?) to us since 7/5/17 & we do not know by whose authority he attended the musketry school.”

Private Francis Arthur Holland embarked for England from France on 25th June, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Brighton*. He was admitted the same day to No. 2 N. Z. General Hospital at Walton, England. On 3rd July, 1917 Pte Holland was transferred to New Zealand Convalescent Hospital at Hornchurch.

Pte Holland was attached on strength to New Zealand Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 20th July, 1917.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital on 24th August, 1917 with acute tonsillitis. He was reported seriously ill then placed on the dangerously ill list on 3rd September, 1917.

Private Francis Arthur Holland died on 6th September, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Endocarditis.

A death for Francis A. Holland, aged 30, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 9th September, 1917.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal as he had entered a Theatre of War – Western European - 1917. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Holland's mother – Mrs E. Holland, Maryborough, Victoria, Australia (June, 1921 & , 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Francis Arthur Holland, 28885, as the son of Matthew and Elizabeth Holland of High St., Maryborough, Victoria, Australia.

F. A. Holland is remembered on the Maryborough War Memorial.



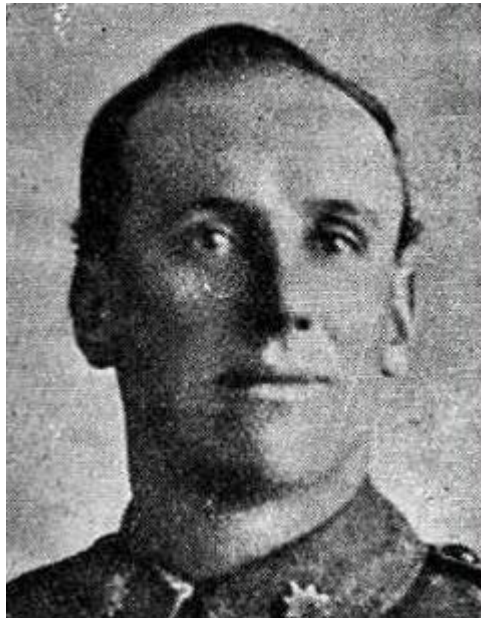
Maryborough War Memorial (Photos courtesy of Carol's [Headstones](#))



(21 pages of Pte Francis Arthur Holland'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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(Photo from Auckland Weekly News – listed as
“L. Corp. F. A. Holland of Komakorau. Died of endocarditis.”)

Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR

Hospital Report

Following reported seriously ill:-

Private F. A. Holland

(Nelson Evening Mail, Volume LI, Issue 175 , 5 September, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

DIED OF SICKNESS

Holland, F., 28885, A.I.R (Mrs E. Holland, Victoria), 6th September

(Evening Post, Volume XCIV, Issue 62, 11 September, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

HOLLAND.—On the 6th September, Private Francis Arthur Holland, N.Z. E.F., third son of late Matthew Holland, of St. Arnaud and Gippsland, and of Mrs. E. Holland, Goldsmith street, Maryborough, beloved brother of Lieutenant J. E. (S.A. war), W., L. A., G., Lieutenant H. C. (A.I.F., France), and R. A. Holland, aged 30 years.

A true Australian.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 22 September, 1917 & *The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 22 September, 1917)

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

Photos of Private F. A. Holland's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

