

# Codford War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I

62358 PRIVATE

**F. R. MOODY**

N.Z. CANTERBURY REGT.

22ND FEBRUARY, 1918 Age 31\*



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte F. R. Moody is located in Third Row (Left Hand Side)  
Grave Plot # 63 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

*(CWGC Reference - Grave # 106)*

Francis Robert Moody was born on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1876\* at Kihikihi, New Zealand, the son of Francis Rolfe Moody & Mary Moody (nee Curran). (His father had been born in England & his mother had been born in Ireland). He was a 40 year old, single, Carter from Kihikihi, New Zealand when he enlisted on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 62358 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Francis Rolfe Moody of Kihikihi, New Zealand.

[\* On his Attestation Papers, Francis Robert Moody stated his date of birth was 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1876 however only a birth can be located for a Francis Robert Moody – parents Mary & Francis Rolf Moody registered in 1887.]

Private Francis Robert Moody embarked with 30<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, Canterbury Infantry Regiment, C Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (93) *Corinthic* on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1917. He disembarked at Liverpool, England on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1917.

Private Francis Robert Moody was marched in to 4<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion, Canterbury Infantry Regiment at Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1917.

Private Francis Robert Moody was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital on 30th January, 1918 from Sling Army Camp with Bronchitis. He was reported seriously ill on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 & dangerously ill on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1918.

Private Francis Robert Moody died on 22nd February, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of T. B. Lung.

A death for Francis R. Moody, aged 30, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Francis Robert Moody was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1918.

Private Francis Robert Moody 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 Moody's father – Mr F. R. Moody (September, 1921 & February, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Francis Robert Moody, 62358, as the son of Francis Rolfe Moody & Mary Moody, of Kihikihi, Waikato.

F. R. Moody is remembered on the Kihikihi War Memorial for World War 1.



**Kihikihi First World War Memorial** (Photos from NZ History – Jan Kaluza)

(11 pages of Pte Francis Robert Moody'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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**Pte Francis Robert Moody**

## Newspaper Reports

### **SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL**

#### **THREE DANGEROUSLY ILL**

Dangerous: F. R. Moody, R. Paki,

Still Dangerous: G. R. Read

*(New Zealand Herald, Volume LV, Issue 16783, 25 February, 1918)*

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### **HOSPITAL REPORT**

#### **AUCKLAND DISTRICT**

#### **DIED OF SICKNESS**

Canterbury Infantry Regiment

Moody, F. R. C. (F.R. Moody, Kihikihi, Feb. 22)

*(Dominion, Volume 11, Issue 137, 27 February, 1918)*

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### **BEREAVEMENT NOTICES**

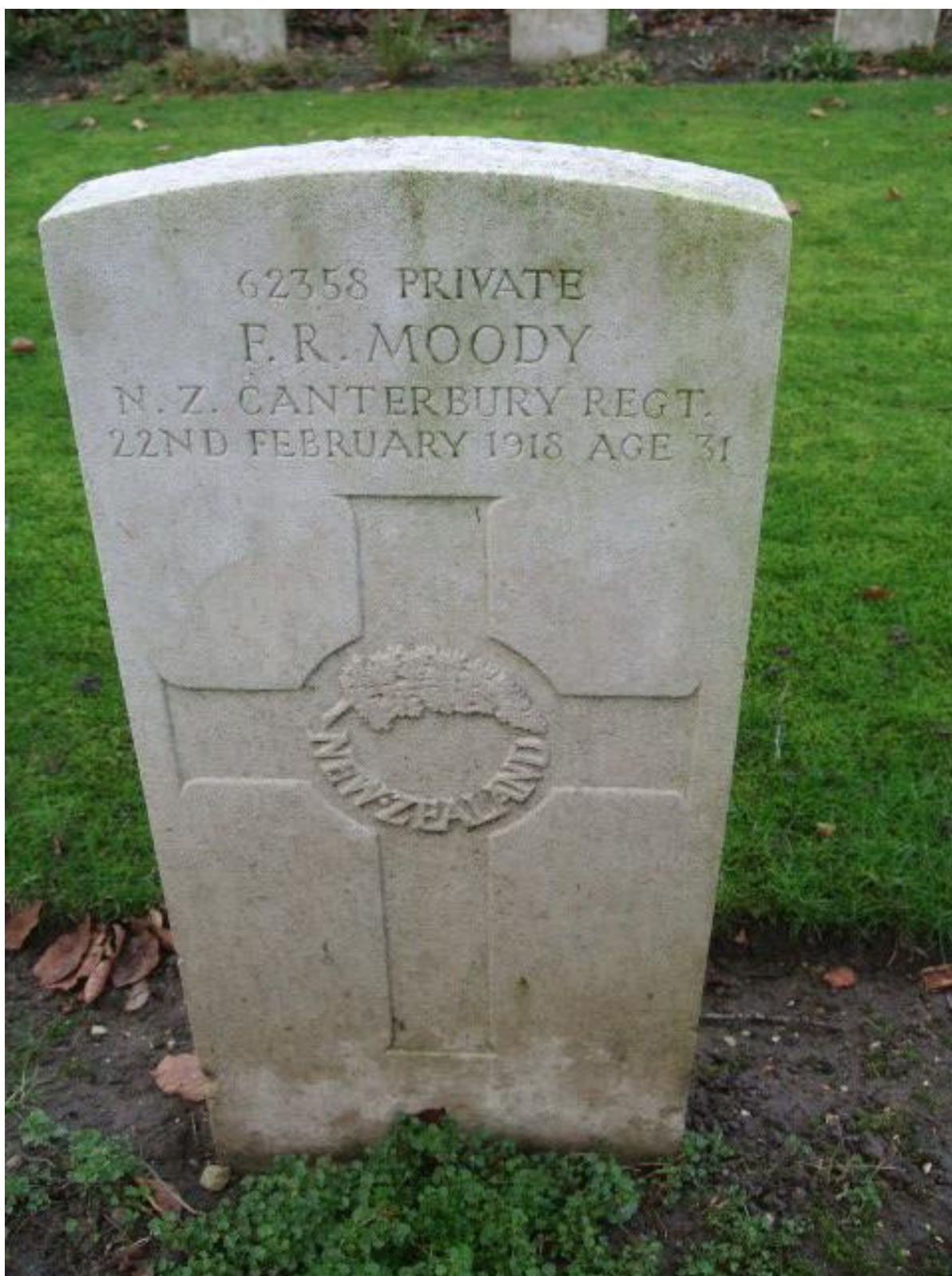
Mr and Mrs F. R. Moody and Family of Kihikihi, Waikato, wish to thank all kind friends who sympathised with them in the sad loss of their dear son and brother, Private Francis Robert Moody, who died of sickness in England on February 22. Also for letters, cards and telegrams received.

*(New Zealand Herald, Volume LV, Issue 16796, 12 March, 1918)*

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

Photo of Private F. R. Moody's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



*(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)*