

# Codford War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I

64558 PRIVATE

**F. K. MORRIS**

N.Z. OTAGO REGT.

20TH APRIL, 1918 Age 32



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte F. K. Morris is located in Third Row (Left Hand Side)  
Grave Plot # 65 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

*(CWGC Reference - Grave # 106 )*

Frank Kemp Morris was born on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1884 at Auckland, New Zealand, the son of William Nicholas & Fanny Morris. (His father had been born in New Zealand & his mother had been born in England).

Francis Kemp Morris married Lavinia Caroline Edwards on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 1910 at the Registrar. They had 3 children – Albert Kemp Morris (born Auckland 3 Oct, 1910), Ivy Kathleen Morris (born Auckland 11 Nov, 1912) & Mavis Evelyn Morris (born Auckland 12 Nov, 1914). Henry F. Holbrook was guardian of Pte Morris' 3 children – St. Mary's Industrial School, Auckland.

A death for Lavinia Caroline Morris, aged 26, was registered in 1916.

Frank Kemp Morris stated he was a 33 year old, married, Engineer from Auckland, New Zealand when he enlisted on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 64558 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his friend – E. Biddle of 47 Sale Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

Pte Frank Kemp Morris was admitted to Hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1917 while stationed at Featherstone Camp. He was treated for a tertiary ulcer & discharged on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1917. Pte Morris was again admitted to Hospital on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1917 & treated for Tertiary Syphilis. He was discharged on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1917.

Private Frank Kemp Morris embarked with 32<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements, Otago Infantry Regiment, D Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (96) *Maunganui* on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1917. He disembarked at Liverpool, England on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1918.

Private Frank Kemp Morris was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1918.

Private Frank Kemp Morris was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 with Hypertrophy of Tonsils. He was transferred to Venereal Section of No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital, Codford on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1918. He was reported seriously ill on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 with Bronchitis.

Private Frank Kemp Morris died on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Bronchitis.

A death for Frank K. Morris, aged 35, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Frank Kemp Morris was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 24th April, 1918.

Private Frank Kemp Morris 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 Local Deputy of the Public Trustee to be held in trust until his son became of age – Albert Kemp Morris (October, 1921 & January, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Frank Kemp Morris, 64558, of the Otago Regiment, N.Z.E.F. No family details are listed.

(18 pages of Pte Frank Kemp Morris's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand website).

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**Pte Frank Kemp Morris**

## Newspaper Reports

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **AUCKLAND DISTRICT**

#### **DIED OF SICKNESS**

Morris, Frank K., O.I., April 20 – E. Biddle, 47 Sale Street, Auckland

(*New Zealand Herald*, Volume LV, Issue 16834, 26 April, 1918)

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

Photos of Private F. K. Morris' Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



*(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)*

