

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

10/899 PRIVATE

H. E. TUCKER

N.Z. WELLINGTON REGT.

15TH JUNE, 1918 Age 26



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private H. E. Tucker is located in Third Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 69 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 112)

Harry Edward Tucker was born 6th October, 1892 at West Clive, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, the son of John & Victoria Tucker (nee Chur). He was a 22 year old, single, Labourer from Whakatu, New Zealand when he enlisted on 18th August, 1914 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 10/899 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – John Tucker of Pakowhai, New Zealand. From information on his Attestation Papers, Harry Tucker had served 3 years with Territorial Military Force & was currently with D Coy, 9th Hawkes Bay Regt.

Private Harry Edward Tucker embarked with Wellington Infantry Battalion from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (7) *Limerick* on 16th October, 1914, destination Egypt. He disembarked at Egypt on 4th December, 1914.

Pte Tucker embarked from Alexandria on 12th April, 1915 for the Dardanelles. He was sent to Hospital at Dardanelles on 6th August, 1915. Pte Tucker embarked on H.S. (Hospital Ship) *Ascaria* from Mudros on 19th August, 1915 & was admitted to St David's Hospital at Malta on 25th August, 1915.

Pte Tucker embarked on H.S. *Oxfordshire* from Malta on 18th September, 1915 for England. Pte Tucker was admitted to Royal Victoria Hospital/Netley Hospital near Southampton, Hampshire on 24th September, 1915 for 182 days. He was discharged on 23rd March, 1916 & had been suffering paratyphoid A.

Pte Tucker was admitted to Enteric Depot at Woldingham from 23rd March, 1916 for a period of 37 days, suffering from Enteric & discharged on 28th April, 1916.

Pte Tucker was attached on Strength to New Zealand Base Depot at Hornchurch on 2nd May, 1916. He left Hornchurch for Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 6th July, 1916 & posted to E Company, 1st Wellington Infantry Battalion.

On 12th October, 1916 Pte Tucker reported to Hornchurch for duty.

On 14th March, 1917 Pte Tucker was detailed "On Command" to 1st New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst, Hampshire. He was transferred from Hornchurch on 19th October, 1917 to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire.

Pte Tucker was marched out from Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire to "Res. Group" on 19th October, 1917 & attached to No. 7 Camp Details at Sling Army Camp on 6th November, 1917.

Pte Tucker was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital on 20th December, 1917 & then taken on strength again at Sling Army Camp on 9th February, 1918.

Private Harry Edward Tucker was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital on 12th March, 1918. He was reported seriously ill on 6th May, 1918 with Carcinoma testes & still seriously ill on 15th May, 1918. Pte Tucker was reported as dangerously ill on 18th May, 1918. Pte Tucker was still seriously ill – unfavourable on 10th June, 1918.

Private Harry Edward Tucker died on 15th June, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Carcinoma of testes.

A death for Harry E. Tucker, aged 25, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Harry Edward Tucker was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Codford on 18th June, 1918.

Private Harry Edward Tucker, 10/899 was last attached to Wellington Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion. He had served in the Egyptian – 1914-15 & Balkan – Gallipoli – 1915 War Fronts.

Private Harry Edward Tucker was entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Tucker's father – Mr J. Tucker of Weardale Orchard, Havelock North (July, 1921 & November, 1921)

(41 pages of Pte Harry Edward Tucker'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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Newspaper Reports

SICK AND WOUNDED

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

SERIOUSLY ILL

Tucker, H. E., 10/899, Pakowhai

(Evening Post, Volume XCV, Issue 111, 10 May, 1918)

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

DANGEROUSLY ILL

Tucker, H. E., 10/899, Pakowhai

(Evening Post, Volume XCV, Issue 123, 24 May, 1918)

SICK AND WOUNDED

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

STILL DANGEROUSLY ILL; Unfavourable

Tucker, H. E., 10/899, Pakowhai

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCV, Issue 130, 1 June, 1918 & *Evening Post*, Volume XCV, Issue 141, 14 June, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOR

DIED OF SICKNESS

Tucker, H. E., Private, Pakowhai

(*Hawera & Normanby Star*, Volume LXXVII, 20 June, 1918)

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

Photo of Private H. E. Tucker's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery (below)



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)