

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

8/2084 PRIVATE

J. McLEOD

N.Z. OTAGO REGT.

28TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 23



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte J. McLeod is located in Second Row (Left Hand Side)
Grave Plot # 43 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 29)

James McLeod was born on 15th April, 1893 at Dunedin, New Zealand, the son of Samuel Bingham McLeod & Catherine McLeod (nee Scott). (This date was recorded on the Army History Sheet in Pte James McLeod's Service Record file, however a search of New Zealand Births records that James Alexander McLeod's birth was registered in 1892 – registration No. 8257, to parents Catherine & Samuel Bingham McLeod.)

James McLeod was a 21 year old, single, French Polisher from 1 Atkinson Street, South Dunedin, New Zealand when he enlisted on 23rd January, 1915 at Trentham with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 8/2084 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his brother – Mr G. McLeod of 53 Calder Street, St. Kilda, Dunedin, New Zealand. James McLeod had previously served with & was still serving with the Coast Defence.

Pte McLeod was posted to Camp with Otago Infantry on 23rd January, 1915 & promoted to Lance Corporal on 1st May, 1915.

Lance Corporal James McLeod embarked with 5th Reinforcements, Otago Infantry Battalion from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (24) *Maunganui* on 13th June, 1915.

Lance Corporal McLeod reverted back to the rank of Private on 9th August, 1915 when he joined 1st Battalion Otago Regiment at Anzac.

Pte McLeod was admitted New Zealand – Australian Convalescent Hospital at Helonan on 19th August, 1915 then transferred to 1st Australian General Hospital on 22nd August, 1915 at Cairo with a bullet wound to his finger. Pte McLeod was discharged to duty on 7th September, 1915.

Pte McLeod embarked for Dardanelles from Alexandria on 7th November, 1915 on H. T. *Royal George*. He was attached on strength at Mundros on 18th November, 1915 at the Anzac Advance Base. Pte McLeod rejoined his Unit at the Dardanelles on 7th December, 1915. Pte McLeod disembarked at Alexandria on 27th December, 1915.

Pte McLeod embarked for France from Egypt on 6th April, 1916.

Pte McLeod was reported wounded in action (second occasion) on 14th July, 1916 in France. He was admitted to 2nd Field Ambulance (N.Z.) then transferred to 8th Casualty Clearing Station. Pte McLeod was transferred to 3 Can. Stn at Outreau then transported to England on 17th July, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Cambria*. Pte McLeod was admitted to 2nd London General Hospital at Chelsea then taken on strength at Hornchurch on 14th August, 1916. He was taken on strength at New Zealand Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 16th September, 1916 where he was on leave until 1st October, 1916.

Private James McLeod was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 25th December, 1916 with Pleurisy (slight).

Private James McLeod died on 28th December, 1916 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Pneumonia.

A death for James McLeod, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private James McLeod was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 1st January, 1917.

Private James McLeod, 8/2084 was last attached to Otago Infantry Regiment.

Private James McLeod was entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal as he had entered a Theatre of War. Pte McLeod had served in the following Theatres of War – Gallipol & Mudros 1915; Egyptian 1915-16; & Western European 1916. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Mr S. B. McLeod, father of late Pte McLeod, of 209 Vivian Street, Wellington (sent July, 1921 & February, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private James McLeod, 8/2084, as the son of Samuel McLeod of Papatahi, Featherston, Wellington.

James Alexander McLeod, French Polisher of Dunedin, who died 28th December, 1916 died Intestate.

(17 pages of Private James McLeod'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

ROLL OF HONOUR

DIED OF DISEASE

McLeod, James, Otago Infantry, Dec. 28 – G. McLeod, St. Kilda, Dunedin (brother)

(New Zealand Herald, Volume LIV, Issue 16429, 4 January, 1917)

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

Photos of Private J. McLeod's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

