

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

32149 RIFLEMAN

J. DELANEY

N.Z. RIFLE BRIGADE

17TH FEBRUARY, 1917



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Rifleman J. Delaney is located in Front Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 25 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 24)

John Delaney was born on 31st January, 1888 in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia. He was a 28 year old, single, Shepherd from Whatatutu, New Zealand when he enlisted on 17th July, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 32149 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his friend – Mr G. Garrett of Springbank, North Canterbury, New Zealand.

Pte John Delaney embarked with New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 13th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion, F Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (68) *Maunganui* on 15th November, 1916, destination England. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 29th January, 1917.

Pte John Delaney was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 29th January, 1917.

Pte John Delaney was due to be marched out from Sling Army Camp, headed for overseas on 11th February, 1917 but was instead admitted to 3rd New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 10th February, 1917 with influenza.

Pte John Delaney died on 17th February, 1917 at the No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Pneumonia.

A death for John Delaney, aged 29, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

John Delaney was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Codford on 20th February, 1917.

Rifleman John Delaney, 32149 was last attached to New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 3rd Battalion.

Rifleman John Delaney 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 Town Clerk, City Council, Launceston, Tasmania (both sent September, 1923)

(17 pages of Rifleman John Delaney'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

A Hospital and progress report issued last night stated (the place of residence of the next of kin is given in each instance) :-

NOT REPORTED AS SEVERE CASES

Delaney, J., 32149, Springbank

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCIII, Issue 44, 20th February, 1917)

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

DIED OF SICKNESS

New Zealand Rifle Brigade

Delaney, J., 32149 (-Garrett, Springbank); 17th February

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCIII, Issue 44, 20th February, 1917)

Rifleman J. Delaney has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription.

Photo of Rifleman J. Delaney's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery (below)



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)