

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

73523 PRIVATE

J. G. SAVILLE

NEW ZEALAND REINFORCEMENT

15TH SEPTEMBER, 1918 Age 30



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private J. G. Saville is located in Last Row
Grave Plot # 90 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)
(CWGC Reference - Grave # 123)*

John George Saville was born on 27th December, 1887 in England. He was a 29 year old, single, Ploughman from Timaru, New Zealand when he enlisted on 5th May, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 73523 & his religion was Church of England. From the details on his Attestation Papers, John Saville did not know the names of his parents as he had been adopted. He did know that both his parents had been born in England. John Saville had been resident in New Zealand for 5 years when he enlisted in May, 1917.

John George Saville married Hannah Jane Wills on 27th May, 1918 at Timaru, New Zealand.

Private John George Saville embarked with New Zealand Expeditionary Force. 40th Reinforcements, E Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (107) *Tahiti* on 10th July, 1918, destination England. He disembarked at London, England on 9th September, 1918.

Pte Saville was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital, Codford, Wiltshire on 11th September, 1918. He was reported as Dangerously Ill on 12th September, 1918 with acute bronchitis.

Private John George Saville died on 15th September, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Purulent Bronchitis.

A death for John G. Saville, aged 31, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private John George Saville was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Codford on 17th September, 1918.

Private John George Saville, 73523 was last attached to New Zealand Infantry – 40th Reinforcements.

Private John George Saville 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 Saville's wife – Mrs H. J. Saville c/o Mr D Willis 13 Craighead St, Timaru (June, 1921 & December, 1921)

Details obtained on Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) show that Pte John George Saville was the son of Frank & Sarah Saville & he was born in Durham, England.

(23 pages of Private John George Saville'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

HOSPITAL REPORT

CANTERBURY MILITARY DISTRICT

Dangerously Ill

Saville, J. G. (Timaru)

(*Press*, Volume LIV, Issue 16321, 19 September, 1918)

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

CANTERBURY DISTRICT

DIED OF SICKNESS

Saville, John George (Timaru)

(*Ashburton Guardian*, Volume XXXIX, Issue 9404, 20 September, 1918)

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

Photo of Private J. G. Saville's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery (below)



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)