

# Codford War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I

61006 PRIVATE

**J. WADE**

N.Z. CANTERBURY REGT.

23RD AUGUST, 1918 Age 34



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte J. Wade is located in Last Row (Left Hand Side)*

*Grave Plot # 96 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

*(CWGC Reference - Grave # 117)*

John Wade was born on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1884 in New Zealand, the son of John Edward & Catherine Wade. (Both his parents had been born in Ireland). He was a 32 year old, single, Farmer from Upper Waitohi, New Zealand when he enlisted on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 61006 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. E. Wade of Winchester Road, Temuka, New Zealand.

Private John Wade embarked with 30<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, F Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (93) *Corinthic* on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1917. He disembarked at Liverpool, England on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1917.

Private John Wade was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1917 & posted to 4<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion, Canterbury Infantry Regiment.

Private John Wade was admitted to the Military Hospital at Tidworth on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1918 with Rubella & transferred the same day to Quarantine Camp at Perham. He was re-admitted to the Military Hospital at Tidworth on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 & placed on the seriously ill list on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1918 while still at Tidworth.

Private John Wade was transferred to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1918. He was reported still seriously ill on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1918 & again on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1918. Pte Wade was reported dangerously ill on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1918 & now diagnosed with Tubercle lung. He was reported still dangerously ill on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1918 (weaker), 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1918, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 & 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1918.

Private John Wade died on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of T. B. Lung.

A death for James Wade, aged 34, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

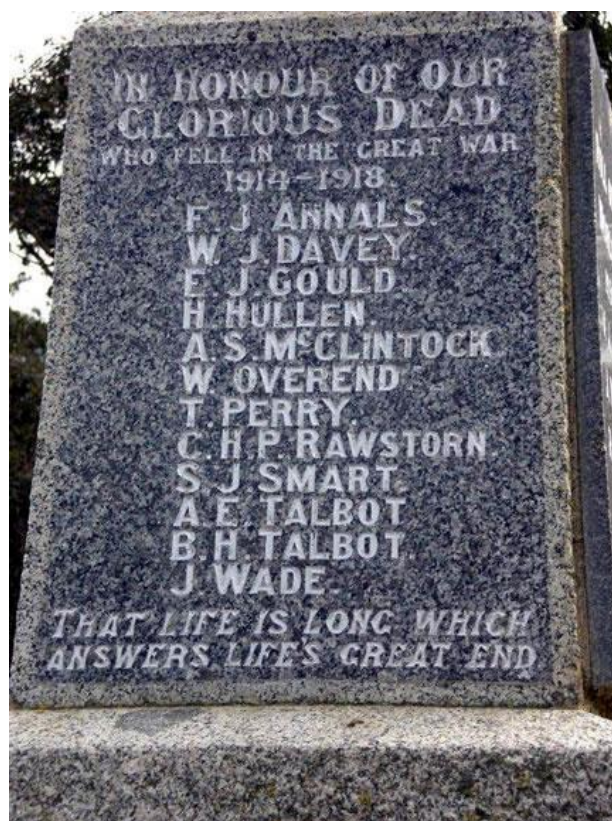
Private John Wade was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1918.

Private John Wade left in his Will, dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1917, all his real and personal estate to be divided equally among his three sisters – Jane Gerrity, Marie Gibson & Lena Wade.

Private John Wade 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 Wade's father – Mr J. E. Wade ( August, 1921 & November, 1921).

The CWGC lists Private John Wade, 61006, as the son of John E. and C. Wade of Winchester Road, Temuka, Canterbury.

J. Wade is remembered on the Lower Waitohi War Memorial.



**Lower Waitohi War Memorial** (Photos from NZ History – Margaret Todd)

(15 pages of Pte John Wade'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**

#### **CASUALTY LIST**

##### **Canterbury Military District**

##### **DIED OF SICKNESS**

Private J. Wade, Temuka

(*Grey River Argus*, 29 August, 1918)

## ROLL OF HONOUR

WADE – Died at Codford Military Hospital, England, on August 23<sup>rd</sup> John Wade, second and dearly beloved son of J. E. and B. Wade, Winchester Raod, Temuka; aged 34 years. Deeple regretted.

“He died for his Country.”

*(Timaru Herald, Volume CVII, Issue 16625, 2 September, 1918)*

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

Photo of Private J. Wade’s Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery (below)



*(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)*