

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

17708 RIFLEMAN

W. GARLICK

N.Z. RIFLE BRIGADE

13TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 29



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Rifleman W. Garlick is located in Second Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 44 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 28)

William Garlick's birth was registered in 1888 as William Tapsell. He was born on 10th October, 1888 at Opotiki, New Zealand. His mother was Maria Dorothy Tapsell & his father's name was not recorded at the time of his birth. Maria Dorothea Tapsell later married Charles Garlick in 1890.

William Garlick was a 28 year old, single, and a Farmer from Taikape, New Zealand when he enlisted with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on 22nd March, 1916. His service number was 17708 & his religion was Anglican. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Miss Mary Garlick of Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand.

Rifleman William Garlick embarked with 11th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion, F Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (64) *Devon* on 25th September, 1916. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 21st November, 1916.

Rifleman William Garlick was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 21st November, 1916.

Rifleman William Garlick was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital, Codford, Wiltshire on 6th December, 1916 with Pleurisy (slight) & reported as dangerously ill on 9th December, 1916.

Rifleman William Garlick died on 13th December, 1916 in No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital Codford, Wiltshire at the age of 29 years of Pneumonia.

A death for William Garlick, aged 29, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Rifleman William Garlick was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 16th December, 1916.

Rifleman William Garlick, 17708 was last attached to New Zealand Rifle Brigade (Reserve).

Rifleman William Garlick 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 Mr Charles Garlick of Taneatua, Bay of Plenty – (June, 1921 & Feb, 1922).

The CWGC lists Rifleman William Garlick as the son of Charles and Maria Dorothy Garlick of Taneatua, Bay of Plenty.

(27 pages of Rifleman William Garlick's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand website).

Information obtained from Auckland War Memorial Museum, Commonwealth War Graves Commission & PapersPast, National Library of New Zealand.

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William Garlick was the eldest of 4 brothers that enlisted with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces

- Trooper Richard Garlick 13/342
- Trooper Thomas Garlick 13/343
- Trooper James Garlick 13/3122

Richard, Thomas & James survived the war.

W. Garlick is remembered on the Whakatane Hospital Roll.



Whakatane Hospital Roll (Photo from NZ History)

Newspaper Reports

SICK AND WOUNDED

DANGEROUSLY ILL

Garlick, W., 17708, Whakatane

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCII, Issue 142, 13th December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

DIED OF DISEASE

N.Z. RIFLE BRIGADE

Garlick, W., 17708, (Miss M. Garlick, Whakatane, sis Dec 13).

(*Dominion*, Volume 10, Issue 2995, 19th December, 1916)

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

Photo of Rifleman W. Garlick's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)