

# Codford War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I

75251 PRIVATE

**Z. E. I. PILKINGTON**

NEW ZEALAND REINFORCEMENT

12TH SEPTEMBER, 1918 Age 20



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte Z. E. I. Pilkington is located in Last Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 93 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

*(CWGC Reference - Grave # 120)*

Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1897 at Auckland, New Zealand, the son of William Andrew & Dorothea Elizabeth Pilkington (nee Anderson). He was aged 19 years & 11 months, single, and a Clerk from Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand when he enlisted on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 75251 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William Andrew Pilkington of 1 Grey Street, Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand. At the time of enlisting Zell Pilkington was serving with 3<sup>rd</sup> Auckland Regiment.

Private Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington embarked with 40<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements Specialist Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (107) *Tahiti* on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1918. He disembarked at London, England on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

Pte Pilkington was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 – cause not yet determined.

Private Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington died at midnight on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Pneumonia.

A death for Zell R. I. Pilkington, aged 19, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford at 2.30 p.m. on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

Private Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington 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 Pilkington's father – Mr W. A. Pilkington, Devonport, Auckland (June, 1921 & February, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington, 75251, as the son of Mr W. A. and Mrs E. D. B. Pilkington of 1 Grey St, Devonport, Auckland.

Pte Ivon Pilkington is remembered at the Pukekohe School First World War Memorial.





(Photos by J. Halpin)

Z. E. J. Pilkington is also remembered on the Roll of Honour board located inside Holy Trinity Church, Devonport.



**Holy Trinity Church, Devonport** (Photos from Cenotaph Database – J. Halpin)

(20 pages of Pte Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington'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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**Pte Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington**

## Newspaper Reports

### **CASUALTY LIST**

#### **Died of Sickness**

Pilkington, Z. E. I., Devonport

*(Waikato Times, Volume 89, Issue 13866, 18 September, 1918)*

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Private Zell Eric Ivon Pilkington has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription.

Photos of Private Z. E. I. Pilkington's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery , Wiltshire.



*(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)*

