

# Codford War Graves

## World War I



**8/4057 PRIVATE A. A. WISHART**

**N.Z. OTAGO REGT.**

**10TH JULY, 1917 Age 21**

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte A. A. Wishart is located in Front Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 15 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 78)

Andrew Anderson Wishart's birth was registered in 1896 to parents George Blyth Wishart & Agnes Helen Murray Wishart (nee Anderson). Andrew Anderson Wishart stated on his Attestation Papers that he was born on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1895 at Wyndham, New Zealand.

Andrew stated he was a 20 year old, single, Sawmiller from North Arm, Stewards Island, New Zealand when he enlisted on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1915 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 8/4057 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr George Wishart of Makarewa, Southland, New Zealand. At the time of enlisting, Andrew Wishart had been serving with Senior Cadets for 12 months. Pte Wishart was admitted to Hospital on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1915 with Gonorrhoea while stationed at Trentham Camp. He was discharged on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1916.

Private Wishart embarked with 11<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements Details (to make up shortages in 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements) Canterbury Infantry Battalion, C Company from Wellington, New Zealand on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1916. Two ships embarked that day - HMNZT (49) *Maunganui* & HMNZT (50) *Tahiti* carrying a total of 2,222 men. He disembarked at Suez on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1916.

He embarked from Alexandria for Marseilles, France on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1916. He was attached on strength at Etaples, France on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 & joined his Battalion in the field on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1916.

Andrew was wounded in action on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1916 (left thigh) & admitted to XV Corps Collecting Station on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1916. He was then admitted to 36<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station & finally admitted to 8<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Rouen on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1916.

Private Andrew Anderson Wishart embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Panama* on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1916. He was admitted to No. 1 N.Z. General Hospital at Brockenhurst, Hampshire on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1916.

Andrew was attached on strength to Base Depot at Codford Army Camp, Wiltshire on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

He was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 with Bronchitis (slight). He was transferred to the Venereal Section of the Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1917 & then on 4<sup>th</sup> April transferred back to General Hospital with Pleurisy.

He was reported seriously ill on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1917. His condition improved before being reported as dangerously ill with Jaundice on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1917. Pte Wishart was still dangerously ill on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1917.

Private Andrew Anderson Wishart died on 10th July, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Atrophy of Liver.

A death was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

He was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1917.

Andrew was last attached to Otago Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. He had served in the

Private Andrew Anderson Wishart was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal as he had entered a Theatre of War – Western European 1916. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Wishart's mother – Mrs A. Wishart of Makarewa (August, 1921 & March, 1922). Pte Andrew Wishart's father had died in 1918, aged 60 years.

The CWGC lists Private Andrew Anderson Wishart, 814057, as the son of George Blyth Wishart and Agnes H. M. Wishart of Makarewa, Invercargill.

A. A. Wishart is remembered on the Invercargill Cenotaph.

### Invercargill Cenotaph (Photos from NZ History – Jock Phillips and Chris Maclean & Bruce Cavanagh)



(21 pages of Pte Andrew Anderson Wishart'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.

### Newspaper Reports

#### ROLL OF HONOUR

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Private A. Wishart

(*Wairarapa Daily Times*, Volume LXX, Issue 146085, 12 October, 1916)

#### ROLL OF HONOUR

##### CASUALTY LIST

##### DIED OF SICKNESS

July 10 - Wishart, Andrew (Makarewa)

(*Timaru Herald*, Volume CVI, Issue 16287, 14 July, 1917)

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

Photo of Private A. A. Wishart's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.

(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

