

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

16/536 PRIVATE

H. HAPE

N.Z. MAORI BATTALION

11TH APRIL, 1919 Age 26



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private H. Hape is located in Fourth Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 72 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 141)

Hona Hape was born 4th September, 1893 at Mahia, New Zealand, the son of Hope and Hera Inumia. He was a 21 year old, single, Labourer from Mahia, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand when he enlisted on 16th January, 1915 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 16/536 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Hera Inumia of Opoutama, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.

Private Hona Hape embarked with 1st Maori Contingent, B Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (20) *Warrimoo* on 10th February, 1915, destination Suez, Egypt. He disembarked at Egypt on 25th March, 1915.

Pte Hape embarked for Dardanelles on 30th June, 1915.

Pte Hape disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt on 27th December, 1915. He embarked for France from Port Said on 9th April, 1916 with Pioneer Battalion.

Pte Hape was on duty with his unit on 3rd August, 1917 then proceeded on leave from 22nd August, 1917 & rejoined his unit on 5th September, 1917.

Pte Hape proceeded to Paris on leave on 4th March, 1918 & returned from leave on 14th March, 1918. On 6th August, 1918 Pte Hape was detached to Army Rest Camp & rejoined his Battalion on 21st August, 1918.

Pte Hona Hape received special Mention in despatches in London Gazette by Commander in Chief British Armies in France dated 5th November, 1918 – “for distinguished & gallant service & devotion to duty during the period 25 Feb 1918 to midnight 16/17 Sept. 1918.”

On 26th September, 1918 Pte Hape proceeded to UK on leave & returned on 15th October, 1918.

On 16th October, 1918 Pte Hape was sick & admitted to Field Ambulance Hospital. He was discharged to duty on 23rd October, 1918 where he rejoined Pioneer Battalion.

Pte Hona Hape was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 10th February, 1919 with influenza. He was reported seriously ill on 5th March, 1919 at Fargo Hospital, Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire with influenza – pneumonia.

On 11th March, 1919 Pte Hape was transferred to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford with Pulmonary Tuberculosis. He was reported still seriously ill on 17th March, 1919. Pte Hape was reported to be still seriously ill on 24th March, 1919 & then reported as dangerously ill on 4th April, 1919.

Pte Hona Hape died on 11th April, 1919 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Phthisis.

A death for Hona Hape, aged 22, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Pte Hona Hape was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Codford on 14th April, 1919.

Pte Hona Hape, 16/536 was last attached to Pioneer Battalion. He had served in Balkans – 1915, Egypt – 1915-16 & Western European War Fronts – 1916-17-18.

Pte Hona Hape was entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Hape's parents (June, 1921 & January, 1922)

(28 pages of Hona Hape'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.

oooOOOooo

Pte Hona Hape is remembered in *The Maoris in the Great War* - a complete list of fatal casualties in the Maori Contingent, Gallipoli, 1915, and the Maori Pioneer Battalion, France and Flanders, 1916-1918, together with other deaths (accidental and disease) on active service. The details are from the Defence Department's official list of total deaths in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force during the War.

oooOOOooo

Newspaper Reports

SICK AND WOUNDED

WELLINGTON DISTRICT - Still Seriously Ill

Hape, H., 16/536, Mahia, H.B.

(Evening Post, Volume XCVII, Issue 81, 7 April, 1919)

SICK AND WOUNDED

WELLINGTON DISTRICT - Dangerously Ill

Hape, H., 16/536, Mahia, H.B.

(Evening Post, Volume XCVII, Issue 83, 9 April, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

DIED OF SICKNESS

Hape, H., 16/536 (Mrs H. Tnumia, Mahia, H.B., m), 11th April

(Evening Post, Volume XCVII, Issue 89, 16 April, 1919)

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

Photo of Private H. Hape's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)