

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

6/2173 PRIVATE

J. JEFFERIES

N.Z. CANTERBURY REGT.

12TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 27



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private J. Jefferies is located in Second Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 36 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 36)

Job Jefferies was born 12th October, 1889 at Timaru, New Zealand, the son of William & Ada Jefferies (nee Cullimore). He was a 25 year old, single, Labourer from Kongahu, New Zealand when he enlisted on 12th February, 1915 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 6/2173 & his religion was Salvation Army. His next of kin was listed as his father – William Jefferies of Kongahu, Westport, New Zealand.

Private Job Jefferies embarked with Canterbury Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (25) *Tahiti* on 12th June, 1915, destination Egypt.

Pte Jefferies joined his Battalion on 9th August, 1915 at the Dardanelles. On 5th September, 1915 Pte Jefferies was admitted to No. 16 C.C. Station at Anzac & then transferred to St David's Hospital in Malta on 10th September, 1915. He embarked for England on 15th September, 1915 on *Dover Castle* & was admitted to 2nd Western General Hospital in Manchester on 23rd September, 1915.

Pte Jefferies left England on 12th May, 1916 to join his Unit in the Field in France. He joined 1st Battalion, Canterbury Infantry Regiment at Armentieres, France on 7th July, 1916.

Pte Jefferies was Wounded in Action on 16th July, 1916 & admitted to No. 14 Stat. Hospital at Boulogne on 17th July, 1916.

Pte Jefferies embarked for England on Hospital Ship on 20th July, 1916.

Pte Jefferies was admitted to 2nd London General Hospital at Chelsea on 20th July, 1916. He was transferred to No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst on 4th August, 1916 & then transferred to New Zealand Convalescent Hospital at Hornchurch on 29th September, 1916.

Pte Jefferies proceeded on leave on 17th November, 1916 & then was taken on strength at Codford, Wiltshire on 2nd December, 1916.

Pte Jefferies was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital on 12th February, 1917 with pneumonia.

Private Job Jefferies died on 12th February, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Lobar Pneumonia.

A death for Job Jeffries, aged 27, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Job Jefferies was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Codford on 14th February, 1917.

Private Job Jefferies, 6/2173 was last attached to Canterbury Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, 2nd Company. He had served in the Egyptian – 1915, Balkan - 1915 & Western European -1916 War Fronts.

Private Job Jefferies was entitled to 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Jefferies father – Mr W. Jefferies of Kongahu, Karamea, New Zealand (June, 1921 & January, 1922)

(21 pages of Private Job Jefferies' 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 Job Jefferies

oooOOOooo

Older Brother – Private Charles Henry Jefferies 6/2172 embarked 17th April, 1915.

Brother – Private William Jefferies 8/1267 embarked 14th December, 1914 was Killed in Action at Gallipoli, Turkey, aged 30. He was originally reported as missing between 01/05/1915 & 23/05/1915. Remembered on Lone Pine Memorial, Lone Pine Cemetery, Anzac, Turkey – Panel Ref: 75

Newspaper Reports

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

DIED OF DISEASE

CANTERBURY INFANTRY BATT.

Jefferies, J., 6/2173 (W. Jeffries, Karamea, f); 12th January, 1917

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCIII, Issue 40, 15 February, 1917)

*** Note – errors in the above newspaper report – Father's surname should be Jefferies & month of death should be February*

JEFFERIES – Private J. JEFFERIES, 6/2173, South Canterbury Regt., New Zealand Forces, died at 3rd N.Z. General Hospital, Codford, Feb. 12, 1917, aged 27 years. E.M.

(Manchester Evening News, Great Manchester, England, 14 February, 1917)

PERSONAL

Mrs Jefferies, of Kongahu (Karamea) has received information (says the “Westport Times”) that her son, Private Job Jefferies, died in Codford Hospital, England on February 12th, of pneumonia. Private Jefferies left Westport with the Fifth Reinforcements. He saw service in Gallipoli and in France, where he was wounded last June. Mrs Jefferies lost her eldest son at the landing at Gallipoli. Another son, Harry, has returned to France, having just recovered from wounds received at Gallipoli. Her fourth son has been drawn in the ballot and has been granted three months’ leave.

(Colonist, Volume LVIII, Issue 14342, 19 February, 1917)

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



ANZAC Cemetery - New Zealand Soldiers section (Photo by Romy Wyeth spring 2013)

Photo of Private J. Jefferies' Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)