

# Codford War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I

39307 PRIVATE

**T. P. PERWICK**

N.Z. OTAGO REGT.

4TH MAY, 1918 Age 28



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte T. P. Perwick is located in Third Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 66 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

*(CWGC Reference - Grave # 109)*

Thomas Patrick Perwick was born on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1889 at Balfour, New Zealand, the son of Alfred & Catherine Perwick. (His father had been born in Australia & his mother had been born in Ireland). He was a 27 year old, single, Farmer from Wendenside, New Zealand when he enlisted on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 39307 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Catherine Perwick of Balfour, New Zealand. (A death was registered in 1918 for Catherine Perwick, aged 60).

Private Thomas Patrick Perwick embarked with 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements, Otago Infantry Regiment, D Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (76) *Aparima* on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1917. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1917.

Private Thomas Patrick Perwick was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1917.

Pte Perwick left for France on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1917 & was attached on strength at Etaples on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1917. He joined his Battalion & was posted to 14<sup>th</sup> Company on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1917.

Private Thomas Patrick Perwick was wounded in action on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1917 with a gunshot wound to arm & head. He was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand Field Ambulance & transferred to 11<sup>th</sup> General Hospital.

Pte Perwick embarked for England on the *Kalyan* on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1917. He was admitted to No. 1 N.Z. General Hospital at Brockenhurst, Hampshire on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1917.

Pte Perwick was attached to N.Z. Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1917 & then transferred back to Sling Army Camp with the 4<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion, Otago Regiment on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1917.

Pte Perwick was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1917 & discharged to duty on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1918.

Private Thomas Patrick Perwick was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital, Codford on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1918 with Influenza. He was placed on the seriously ill list on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1918 & transferred to the dangerously ill list on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1918.

Private Thomas Patrick Perwick died on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of T. B. Lung.

A death for Thomas P. Perwick, aged 28, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Thomas Patrick Perwick was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 7th May, 1918.

Private Thomas Patrick Perwick was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal as he had entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Perwick's father – Mr Alfred Perwick of Balfour, Southland (November, 1921 & February, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Thomas Patrick Perwick, 39307, as the son of Alfred and Catherine Perwick of St. Patrick's, Balfour, Southland.

T. P. Perwick is remembered on the Balfour RSA War Memorial plaques situated on the wall of the Balfour Bowling Club/RSA building.



**Balfour RSA War Memorial plaques** (Photos from NZ History – Bruce Cavanagh)



(26 pages of Pte Thomas Patrick Perwick'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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## Newspaper Reports

### **OTAGO DISTRICT**

#### **STILL DANGEROUSLY ILL**

Perwick, T. P., 39307, Balfour

*(Evening Post, Volume XCV, Issue 90, 16 April, 1918)*

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### **OTAGO DISTRICT**

#### **DIED OF SICKNESS**

Perwick, T. P., O.I., May 4, Balfour

*(Auckland Star, Volume XLIV, Issue 110, 9 May, 1918)*

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

Photo of Private T. P. Perwick's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



*(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)*