

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

57070 RIFLEMAN

W. G. GUTHRIE

N.Z. RIFLE BRIGADE

29TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 40



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Rifleman W. G. Guthrie is located in Last Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 88 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 125)

William George Guthrie was born on 18th August, 1878 at Havelock North, New Zealand, the son of William & Jane Guthrie (nee Finlayson). (His father had been born at Eyre, Scotland & his mother had been born in Glasgow, Scotland). He was a 39 year old, single, Orchardist from Havelock North, New Zealand when he enlisted on 29th March, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 57070 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Jane Guthrie of Havelock North, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. William George Guthrie, according to his Attestation Papers, had served with Hasting Rifles for 4 years.

Pte Guthrie was admitted to Hospital at Featherston Camp on 14th June, 1917 with Adenitis. He was discharged on 5th July, 1917.

Rifleman William George Guthrie embarked with New Zealand Rifle Brigade, Reinforcements, J Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (90) *Ulimaroa* on 26th July, 1917. He disembarked at Plymouth, England on 24th September, 1917.

Rifleman William George Guthrie was marched in to Brocton Army Camp, Staffordshire on 27th September, 1917.

Rifleman William George Guthrie left for France & was marched in to Camp at Etaples on 9th December, 1917.

Rifleman William George Guthrie was marched out to Hospital at Etaples on 27th December, 1917 with Scabies & was attached on strength to Base Depot at Etaples on 1st January, 1918. He was marched out to his Division on 25th January, 1918 & rejoined his Battalion on 26th January, 1918.

Rifleman William George Guthrie was admitted sick to Hospital on 9th April, 1918 at Etaples with Trench feet.

Rifleman William George Guthrie embarked for U.K. from Rouen on 12th April, 1918 & admitted to No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst, Hampshire on 16th April, 1918. Rifleman Guthrie was transferred to Hornchurch Convalescent Hospital on 21st June, 1918.

Rifleman William George Guthrie was discharged to Codford, Wiltshire on 24th August, 1918. He was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 19th October, 1918 with Influenza. He was placed on the Seriously Ill list on 25th October, 1918 with Pneumonia.

Rifleman William George Guthrie died on 29th October, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Pneumonia.

A death for William Guthrie, aged 40, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Rifleman William George Guthrie was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on .

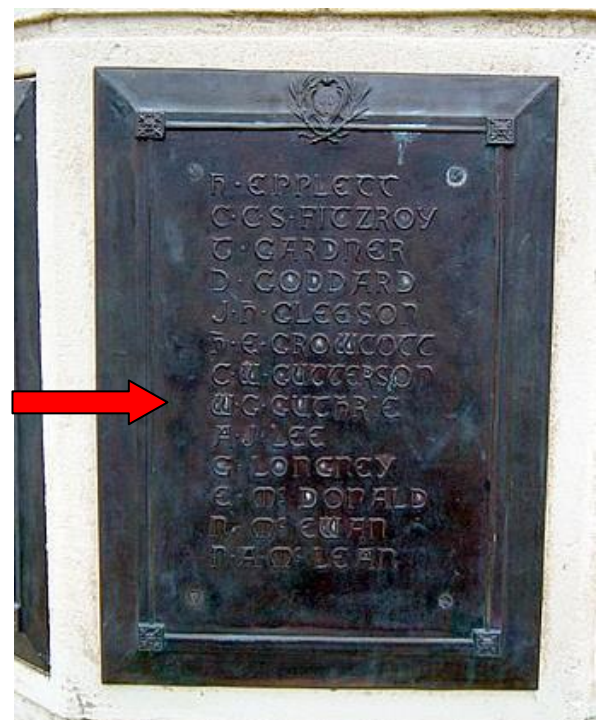
Rifleman William George Guthrie was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal as he had entered a Theatre of War – Western European 1917 & 1918. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Rifleman Guthrie's mother – Mrs Jane Guthrie (July, 1921 & November, 1921).

The CWGC lists William George Guthrie, 57070, as the son of William and Jane Guthrie of Havelock North, Napier.

W. G. Guthrie is remembered on the Havelock North First World War Memorial.



Havelock North War Memorial (Photos from NZ History – Glennis Austin)



(16 pages of Rifleman William George Guthrie'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

ROLL OF HONOUR

WELLINGTON DISTRICT
DIED OF SICKNESS
NEW ZEALAND RIFLE BRIGADE

Guthrie, W. G. (J. Guthrie, Havelock N., m. Oct 29)

(Dominion, Volume 12, Issue 35, 5 November, 1918)

Rifleman William George Guthrie has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription.

Photo of Rifleman W. G. Guthrie's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.





(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)