

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

10/3886 CORPORAL

W. GILMOUR

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS

7TH APRIL, 1919 Age 52



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Cpl. W. Gilmour is located in Fourth Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 73 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 139)

William Gilmour's birth was registered in 1868 in New Zealand to parents John & Isabella Gilmour.

William Gilmour stated he was a 44 year old, single, Miner from Stratford Stoke, New Zealand when he enlisted on 16th November, 1915 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His date of birth was listed as 11th November, 1871. His service number was 10/3886 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his brother – John Gilmore of Manaia, Taranaki, New Zealand.

Private William Gilmour embarked with 10th Reinforcements, Wellington Infantry Battalion, B Company from Wellington, New Zealand on 4th March, 1916. Two ships embarked that day carrying a total of 1,832 men - HMNZT (47) *Willochra* & on HMNZT (48) *Tofua*. He disembarked at Suez on 10th April, 1916.

Pte Gilmour embarked from Port Said, Egypt on 13th April, 1916 bound for France. He was attached on strength to N.Z. Base Depot at Etaples on 24th April, 1916. Pte Gilmour embarked on Hospital Ship *Brighton* for England from Etaples on 14th May, 1916 with a fractured left fibula which he received while charging at Training Camp. He was admitted to 2nd London General Hospital at Chelsea on 15th May, 1916 & later transferred to Convalescent Camp at Hornchurch on 4th August, 1916.

Pt William Gilmour was attached to New Zealand Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 14th September, 1916. He was admitted to No. 3 N.Z. General Hospital at Codford on 8th November, 1916 with Influenza.

Pte William Gilmour was appointed Temporary Corporal whilst in Quarter Masters Detachment at No. 3 N.Z. General Hospital, Codford on 27th December, 1917.

Temporary Corporal William Gilmour was transferred to New Zealand Medical Corps at Codford on 25th February, 1918, retaining his temporary rank of Corporal.

Temporary Corporal William Gilmour was promoted to the rank of Corporal on 9th December, 1918.

Corporal William Gilmour was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 29th March, 1919 with Influenza (& Broncho Pneumonia). He was reported dangerously ill with Influenza on 4th April, 1919.

Corporal William Gilmour died at 2.30 p.m. on 7th April, 1919 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Broncho Pneumonia & Influenza.

A death for William Gilmour, aged 50, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Corporal William Gilmour was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 11th April, 1919.

Corporal William Gilmour, 10/3886, was last attached to New Zealand Medical Corps.

Corporal William Gilmour was entitled to British War Medal only as he had entered a Theatre of War – Western European 1916. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Cpl. Gilmour's brother – John Gilmour of Queen St, Auckland (June, 1921 & December, 1922).

The CWGC lists Corporal William Gilmour, 10/3886, as the youngest son of the late John & Isabella Gilmour of New Plymouth.

(20 pages of Cpl. William Gilmour'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

SICK AND WOUNDED

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Dangerously Ill

Gilmour, W., 10/3886, Temp.-Cpl., Manaia,

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

ROLL OF HONOUR

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Died of Sickness

Auckland Infantry Regiment

Gilmour, T.-Cpl. W. (J. Gilmour, Manaia, April 7)

(Dominion, Volume 12, Issue 170, 12 April, 1919)

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

Photos of Corporal William Gilmour's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

