

St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



32149 RIFLEMAN

J. DELANEY

N.Z. RIFLE BRIGADE

17TH FEBRUARY, 1917



John DELANEY

John Delaney was born on 31st January, 1888 in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia.

John Delaney was a 28 year old, single, Shepherd from Whatatutu, New Zealand when he enlisted on 17th July, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his friend – Mr G. Garrett of Springbank, North Canterbury, New Zealand.

Private John Delaney was posted to F Company, 19th Reinforcements of New Zealand Rifle Brigade on 17th July, 1916.

Private John Delaney, Service number 32149, embarked from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (68) *Maunganui* on 15th November, 1916 with New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 13th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion, F Company. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 29th January, 1917.

Rifleman John Delaney was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 29th January, 1917.

Rifleman John Delaney was due to be marched out from Sling Army Camp & headed for overseas on 11th February, 1917 but was instead admitted to 3rd New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 10th February, 1917 with influenza.

Rifleman John Delaney died on 17th February, 1917 at the No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire from Pneumonia.

A death for John Delaney, aged 29, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Rifleman John Delaney was buried on 20th February, 1917 in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England.

Rifleman John Delaney was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Town Clerk, City Council, Launceston, Tasmania as their were no known blood relatives (both sent September, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private J. Delaney, Service number 32149, of 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade. No family details are listed.

John Delaney is remembered on the Auckland Museum Online Cenotaph.



The screenshot shows the Auckland Museum Online Cenotaph interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Auckland Museum logo (AM) and five menu items: 'Toro Mai Visit', 'Tuhuratia Discover', 'Ako Learn', 'Paenga Hira War Memorial', and 'To Whare Taonga Your Museum'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image featuring a stained-glass window with a central figure and the text '25 YEARS ONLINE CENOTAPH' and 'Cenotaph record'. Below the banner is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / War Memorial / Online Cenotaph / Browse section'. Below the breadcrumb trail is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH RESULTS' and 'PREVIOUS RECORD NEXT RECORD'. Below the search bar is the record title 'Online Cenotaph John Delaney' and a language selector with 'TE REO MĀORI' and 'ENGLISH'. Below the record title is a search bar with the text 'Person search' and the record details 'Born 31 January 1888 - Died 17 February 1917'. Below the record details is a PDF icon.

John Delaney is not remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

(Note: John Delaney's name was submitted to Australian War Memorial for consideration in March, 2023)

(17 pages of Rifleman John Delaney'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.



Rifleman John Delaney

Newspaper Reports

SICK AND WOUNDED

A Hospital and progress report issued last night stated (the place of residence of the next of kin is given in each instance) :-

NOT REPORTED AS SEVERE CASES

Delaney, J., 32149, Springbank

(Evening Post, Volume XCIII, Issue 44, 20th February, 1917)

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

DIED OF SICKNESS

New Zealand Rifle Brigade

Delaney, J., 32149 (-Garrett, Springbank); 17th February

(Evening Post, Volume XCIII, Issue 44, 20th February, 1917)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

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

St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England

The New Zealand Command Depot was established at Codford in June 1916 and the No 3 New Zealand General Hospital followed in July. The New Churchyard was established by deed of gift as the "Military Burial Ground," with a small part reserved for future burials from the parish. The war graves plot contains 98 burials, mostly of New Zealand and Australian forces. There is only one burial of the Second World War in the New Churchyard.

(Information from CWGC)

There are 31 WW1 Australian War Graves & 66 WW1 New Zealand War Graves located here. There is one WW1 British Royal Army Medical Corp Grave & one WW2 Welsh Guards grave located in this Churchyard.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford (Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)





New Zealand Section of Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery *(Photos by Romy Wyeth 2013)*

Photos of Rifleman J. Delaney's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Headstone photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Rifleman J. Delaney is located in Front Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 25 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 24)

