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

War Graves

Lest We Forget

World War 1

In Loving Memory

- Of -

PTE. EDWIN BEATTIE

47TH BATTN. A.I.F.

WHO DIED JANUARY 1st, 1917

AGED 22 YEARS.

"Rest in Peace"

Edwin BEATTIE

Edwin Beattie was born in Coomera, Queensland on 14th March, 1894 to parents John & Mary Elizabeth Beattie (nee Harding).

Edwin Beattie attended Coomera State School, Queensland.

Edwin Beattie was a 22 year old, single, Farmer from Coomera, Queensland when he enlisted in Brisbane, Queensland on 28th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) His religion was Methodist & his next of kin was listed as his mother - Mrs Mary Elizabeth Beattie, Coomera, Queensland. Edwin's older brother George Beattie had enlisted the same day. He was aged 27 & also a farmer.

Private Edwin Beattie was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 19th April, 1916. He was transferred to 5th Reinforcements of 47th Battalion.

Private Edwin Beattie, Service number 2389, & his brother Private George Beattie, Service number 2388, both embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on the *Seang Choon (A49)* on 19th September, 1916 with the 47th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements. He was admitted to Isolation War of the Ship's Hospital on 1st December, 1916 with Parotites (Mumps) & was discharged on 9th December, 1916 when he disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th December, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plain & nearby areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Edwin Beattie was admitted to Devonport Hospital from HMAT *Seang Choon* on 9th December, 1916 – sick (slight) – mumps & was discharged on 11th December, 1916 for convalescing.

Private Edwin Beattie was posted to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 12th December, 1916 & medically classified "A" (fit for Active Service). He was marched out to Codford on 14th December, 1916 & marched in to No. 13 Camp at Codford, Wiltshire on 15th December, 1916.

Private Edwin Beattie reported sick on 22nd December, 1916 while with 12th Training Battalion, Codford. He was admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 23rd December, 1916 with the diagnosis of Influenza. He developed apparent signs of pneumonia on 24th December, 1916.

Private Edwin Beattie died at 7.55 p.m. on 1st January, 1917 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for Edwin Beattie, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Edwin Beattie was buried at 2 p.m. on 3rd January, 1917 in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England - Grave no 43.

Private Edwin Beattie 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 Private Beattie's father – John Beattie (May, 1922 & August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Edwin Beattie – service number 2389, aged 22, of 47th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of John & Mary Elizabeth Beattie, of Fernhill, Coomera, Queensland.

E. Beattie & his brother G. Beattie are both remembered on the Upper Coomera War Memorial, Oxenford & Tamborine Road, Upper Coomera, Queensland.

Upper Coomera War Memorial *(Photo by Diane Watson)*

E. Beattie & his brother G. Beattie are both remembered on the Coomera Shire Council Honour Board located in the Coomera CWA Memorial Hall.

Coomera Shire Council Honour Board *(Photo from Queensland War Memorials – Doug Tanner)*

Private E. Beattie & his brother G. Beattie are commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 143.

(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)

Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(43 pages of Private Edwin Beattie's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

(Queenslander Pictorial - 7 October, 1916)

Studio portrait of 2389 Private Edwin Beattie c 1916 (AWM)

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives

** Private Edwin Beattie's brother – George Beattie was killed in action on 28th March, 1918 in France, aged 29. He is remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France as he has no known grave.

Studio portrait of Private George Beattie c 1916 (AWM)

Newspaper Reports

QUEENSLAND

DIED OF ILLNESS

E. Beattie, Coomera 1/1/17

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland, Thursday 18th January, 1917)
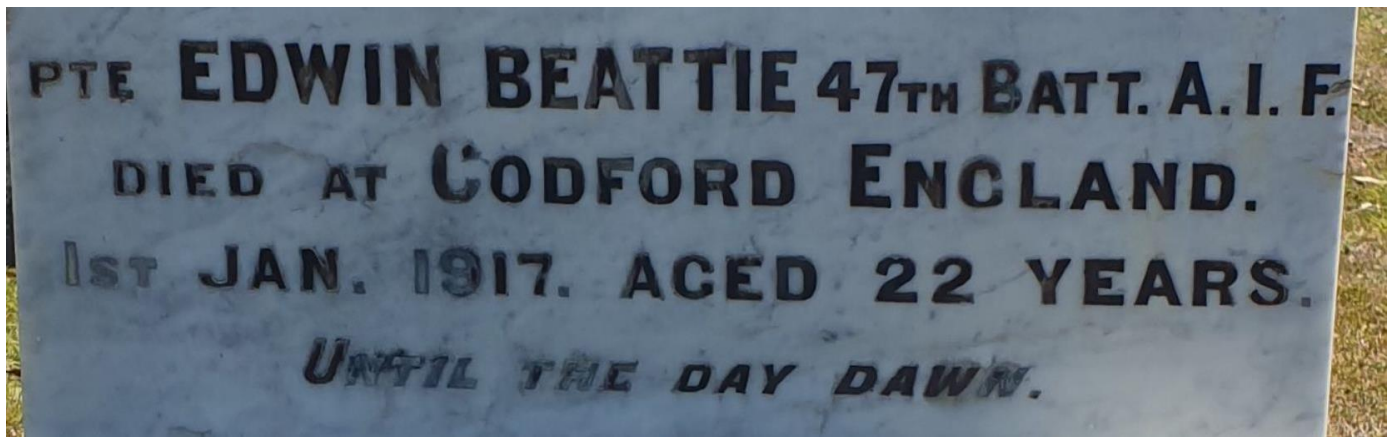
ROLL OF HONOUR

BEATTIE – On January 1st, 1917, at Military Hospital, Sutton, England, Edwin Beattie, aged 22 years, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Beattie, Coomera. (By cable).

(*The Queenslander*, Brisbane, Qld, Saturday 20th January, 1917)

Private Edwin Beattie & his brother, Private George Beattie are both remembered on their father's headstone located at Lower Coomera Cemetery, Queensland.

(Photo from Find a Grave – Stephen Christoffel)

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.

Private Edwin Beattie does not have a Commonwealth War Graves headstone. The inscription on his Private headstone reads "Rest in peace."

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.

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

New Zealand Section of Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery *(Photo by Romy Wyeth 2013)*
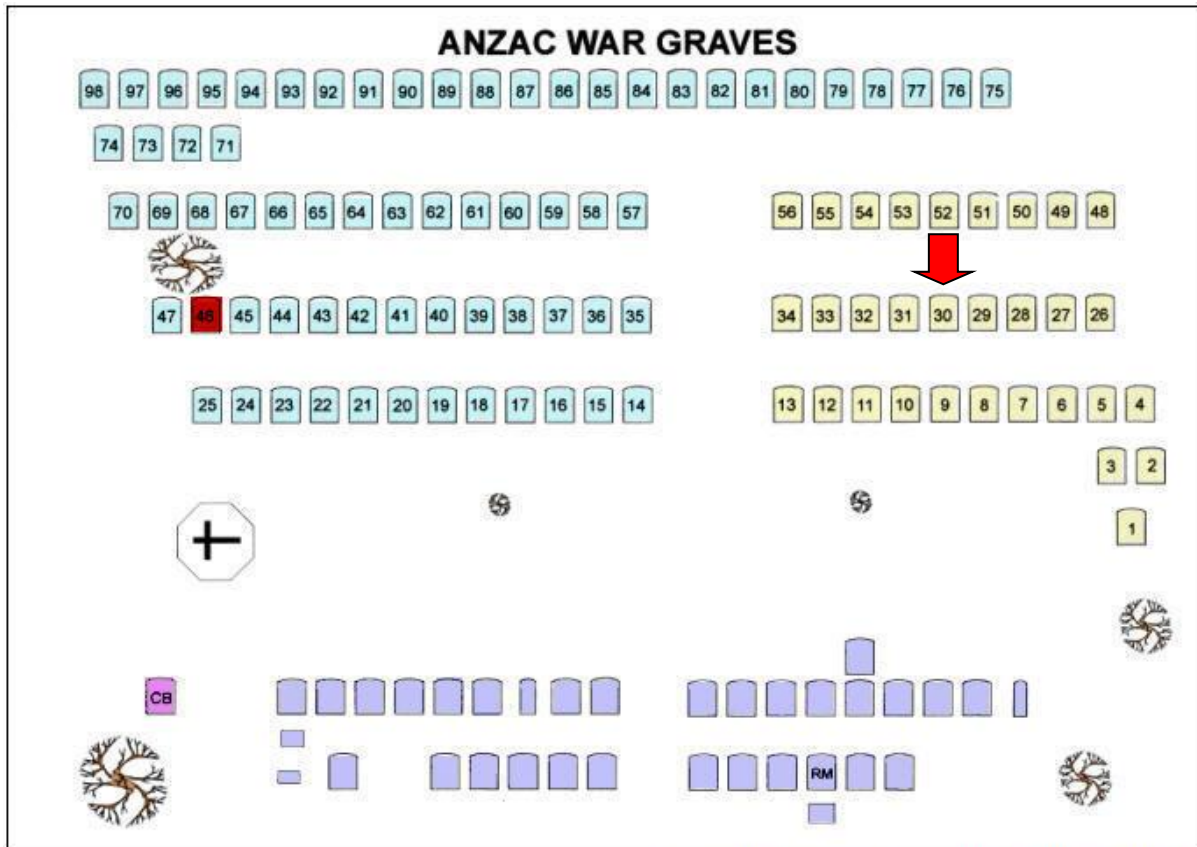
Photo of Private Edwin Beattie's Private Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.

(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

The Headstone for Private Edwin Beattie is located in Main Second Row (Right hand side)

Grave Plot #30 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 43)

ANZAC WAR GRAVES

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Codford War Graves map adapted from Brian Marshall courtesy of Romy Wyeth