

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

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6019 PRIVATE

T. M. GORMAN

15TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

14TH MARCH, 1917 Age 25

Thomas Michael GORMAN

Thomas Michael Gorman was born on 6th April, 1887 at 3 Menzies Street, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, Queensland to parents Patrick John & Mary Gorman (nee Dorris).

(Note: Thomas Michael Gorman stated on his Attestation Papers that he was born at Rawal Pindi, India in 1890)

Thomas Michael Gorman attended Christian Brothers College, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, Queensland.

Thomas Gorman was a 25 year old, single, Mechanic when he enlisted on 9th March, 1916 at Rockhampton, Queensland with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6019 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Mary Gorman, Government House, Brisbane, Queensland.

Private Thomas Michael Gorman was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 11th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 19th Reinforcements of 15th Battalion on 13th April, 1916.

Private Thomas Michael Gorman embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Itonus* (A50) on 8th August, 1916 with the 19th Reinforcements, 15th Battalion & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th October, 1916.

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

Private Gorman was written up for a Crime while posted at Hurdcott, Wiltshire – Absent without Leave from midnight on 30th October, 1916 to 10 pm on 1st November, 1916. He was awarded 7 days Confine to Barracks & forfeited 2 days' pay.

Private Gorman was admitted to Fovant Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 7th November, 1916. With V.D. He was discharged on 30th December, 1916.

Private Gorman was admitted to Fovant Military Hospital with Jaundice on 31st December, 1916.

Private Gorman was marched in from Hospital to 4th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 29th January, 1917. The next line in Private Gorman's Statement of Service form records he was marched in from Fovant Hospital on 12th February, 1917.

Private Gorman was charged with several crimes on 12th February, 1917, being absent without leave for 4 hours; drunk in Lines & urinating in Lines. He was awarded 14 days detention & was placed in custody awaiting trial for 1 day. He forfeited 15 days pay as a result of his crimes.

On 23rd February, 1917 Private Gorman was admitted sick with Jaundice to Group Hospital at Codford. He was then admitted to Military Hospital at Sutton Veny on 24th February, 1917.

Private Thomas Michael Gorman died on 14th March, 1917 at Sutton Veny Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England of Jaundice.

A death for Thomas M Gorman, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Thomas Michael Gorman was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery Codford in Grave No. 83 on 17th March, 1917. From the burial report - *Coffin was satisfactory & good. This soldier was buried with full Military Honours. The body was brought by road from Sutton Veny to Codford on a Gun-Carriage. The Band was in attendance. The Officers and men of the Company to which deceased belonged followed the body to the grave.*

A War Pension was awarded to Mary Gorman, widowed mother of Private Thomas Michael Gorman in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 17/5/1917.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 8593163-1

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| REGISTRATION DISTRICT | WARMINSTER |
| 1917 DEATH in the Sub-district of Warminster | in the County of Wilts |

Columns:- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 No. When and where died Name and surname Sex Age Occupation Cause of death Signature, description and residence of informant When registered Signature of registrar

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| 31 | First week March 1917 Military Hospital Luton Vony R.D. | Gorman (14) Thomas Michael Gorman | Male | 54 years | of Brisbane Private 15th Batt Coy. 13. T. B. Australian Imperial Force | (1) Acute Catarrhal Jaundice (2) Lymphoma - certified by H. A. Ashrens M.R.C.S. Major R. A.M.C. | Claude J. Russell Present at the death attached 20th Coy. R.A.M.C. Military Hospital Luton Vony | 24th March 1917 | William Randal Registrar. | Fourteen 1917 |
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the

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See note overleaf



Death Certificate for Private Thomas Michael Gorman

Private Thomas Michael Gorman was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Gorman's eldest brother – Patrick Gorman of Wooloowin, Brisbane, as their widowed mother had died on 19th December, 1921. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque - March, 1922)

Private T. M. Gorman is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 76.



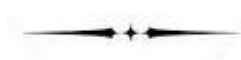
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Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(37 pages of Private Thomas Michael Gorman's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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



Newspaper Reports

AUSTRALIAN ROLL OF HONOUR

The Queensland Casualty list was as follows:-

DIED, CAUSE NOT STATED

Private T. M. Gorman, Brisbane, 14/3/17

(The Brisbane Courier, Qld, Tuesday 27th March, 1917 & The Northern Miner, Queensland, Wednesday 28th March, 1917)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

A letter was sent from Base Records, dated 13th July, 1921, to Mrs M. Gorman, Government House, Brisbane, Queensland, advising that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her son, the late No. 6019 Private T. M. Gorman, 15th Battalion, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private T. M. Gorman does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

St. Mary's New Churchyard (Anzac War Graves Cemetery), 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)



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Photo of Private T. M. Gorman's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone at St. Mary's New Churchyard (Anzac War Graves Cemetery), Codford, Wiltshire, England.

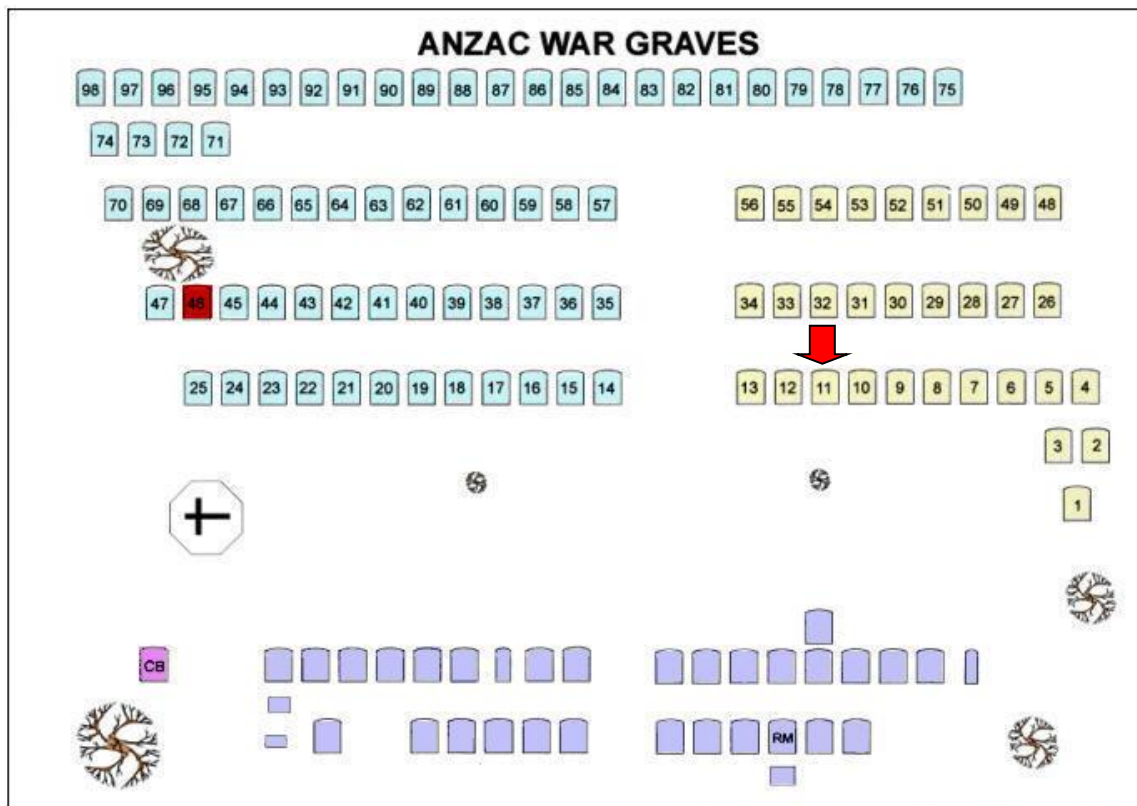


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Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte T. M. Gorman is located in Main Front Row Grave Plot #11 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 83)



- Australian Soldiers
- New Zealand Soldiers
- UK Soldier
- Welsh Soldier
- Local Burials

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