

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

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



28885 PRIVATE

F. A. HOLLAND

N.Z. AUCKLAND REGT.

6TH SEPTEMBER, 1917 Age 30



Francis Arthur HOLLAND

Francis Arthur Holland was born on 19th August, 1887 at Maryborough, Victoria, Australia, the son of Matthew and Elizabeth Holland (nee Hart).

Matthew Holland, father of Francis Arthur Holland, died on 19th March, 1901 at Mooroopna, Victoria.

Francis Holland was a 28 year old, single, Bushman from Mokan, Taranaki, New Zealand when he enlisted on 29th June, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Holland of Goldsmith Street, Maryborough, Victoria, Australia.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was admitted to Hospital while at Trentham Camp from 4th August to 7th August, 1916 suffering from Influenza. Private Holland was promoted to Lance Corporal on 22nd September, 1916. He reverted back to the rank of Private on 4th October, 1916.

Private Francis Arthur Holland, Service number 28885, embarked with 18th Reinforcements, J. Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (67) *Tofua* on 11th October, 1916. He disembarked at Plymouth, England on 29th December, 1916.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 29th December, 1916.

Private Francis Arthur Holland left for France on 1st February, 1917 & was attached on strength to Base Depot at Etaples, France on 5th February, 1917. He joined 1st Battalion, Auckland Infantry Regiment in the field on 2nd March, 1917.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was evacuated sick on 7th May, 1917 to No. 1 N.Z. Field Ambulance, then transferred to N.Z. Field Ambulance No. 2. He was discharged to Reinforcements Camp on 15th May, 1917.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was admitted to No. 3 N. Z. Field Ambulance on 18th June, 1917 with a "*sprained ankle severe???????*". His Casualty Form – Active Service states "*no knowledge of how sprained ankle occurred.*" Private Holland was admitted to No. 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 21st June, 1917 & then transferred to No. 1 Canadian General Hospital at Etaples on 23rd June, 1917. A report was made on 24th June, 1917 regarding Private Holland's sprained right ankle which was described as a "trivial" disability. A note was made in Private Holland's file regarding his injury which reads "*He was evacuated on 7/5/17 with a sprained back. By some means he became a member of a musketry class at some school. They have heard indirectly that he sprained his ankle. He has not yet returned (?) to us since 7/5/17 & we do not know by whose authority he attended the musketry school.*"

Private Francis Arthur Holland embarked for England from France on 25th June, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Brighton*. He was admitted the same day to No. 2 N. Z. General Hospital at Walton, England. On 3rd July, 1917 Private Holland was transferred to New Zealand Convalescent Hospital at Hornchurch.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was attached on strength to New Zealand Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 20th July, 1917.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital, Codford, Wiltshire on 24th August, 1917 with acute tonsillitis. He was reported seriously ill then placed on the dangerously ill list on 3rd September, 1917.

Private Francis Arthur Holland died on 6th September, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire, England of Endocarditis.

A death for Francis A. Holland, aged 30, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Francis Arthur Holland was buried in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England on 9th September, 1917.

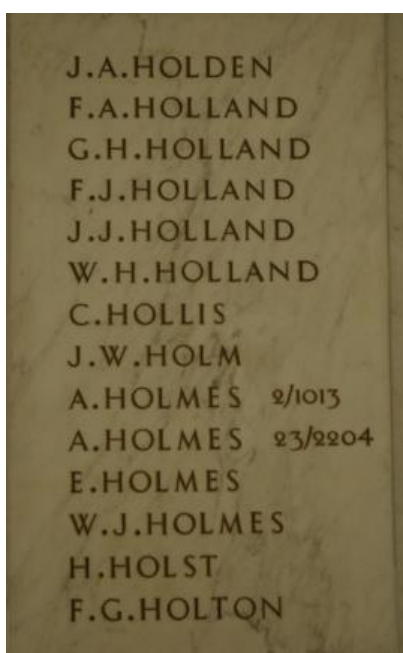
Private Francis Arthur Holland was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal as he had entered a Theatre of War – Western European - 1917. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Holland's mother – Mrs E. Holland, Maryborough, Victoria, Australia.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) lists Private Francis Arthur Holland, 28885, of the Auckland Regiment, N.Z.E.F., as the son of Matthew and Elizabeth Holland of High St., Maryborough, Victoria, Australia.

F. A. Holland is remembered on the Auckland War Memorial Museum, World War 1 Hall of Memories Panels.



World War 1 Hall of Memories Panel, Auckland War Memorial Museum (Panel Photo by J. Halpin 2010)



F. A. Holland is also remembered on the Maryborough War Memorial, located at Civic Square (in front of Post Office), Clarendon Street, Maryborough, Victoria, Australia.



Maryborough War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)



F. A. Holland is also remembered on the Memorial Gates at the entrance to Prince's Park, Park Road, Maryborough, Victoria.



Prince's Park Memorial Gates, Maryborough (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)



Francis Arthur Holland is remembered in the Australian Commemorative Roll located in the Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia. The Commemorative Roll records the names in a book 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.



Commemorative Roll (Photo from AWM)

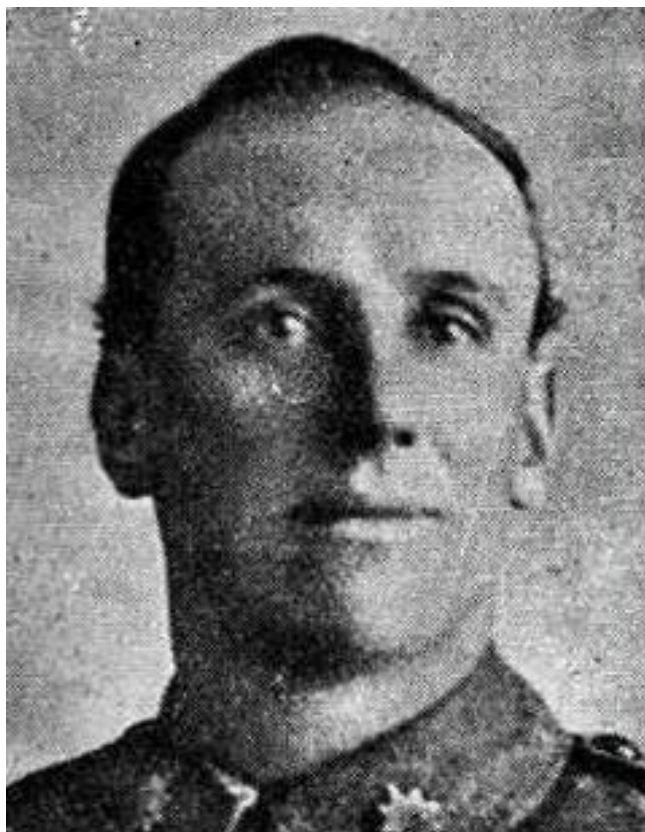


Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (Capital Photographer)

(21 pages of Private Francis Arthur Holland'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.





“L. Corp. F. A. Holland of Komakorau. Died of endocarditis.”

(Photo from Auckland Weekly News)



Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR

Hospital Report

Following reported seriously ill:-

Private F. A. Holland

(Nelson Evening Mail, Volume LI, Issue 175 , 5 September, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

DIED OF SICKNESS

Holland, F., 28885, A.I.R (Mrs E. Holland, Victoria), 6th September

(Evening Post, Volume XCIV, Issue 62, 11 September, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

HOLLAND.—On the 6th September, Private Francis Arthur Holland, N.Z. E.F., third son of late Matthew Holland, of St. Arnaud and Gippsland, and of Mrs. E. Holland, Goldsmith street, Mary- borough, beloved brother of Lieutenant J. E. (S.A. war), W., L. A., G., Lieutenant H. C. (A.I.F., France), and R. A. Holland, aged 30 years.

A true Australian.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 22 September, 1917 & *The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 22 September, 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.

Private Francis Arthur Holland 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)



Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery (Photo by Romy Wyeth 2013)



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

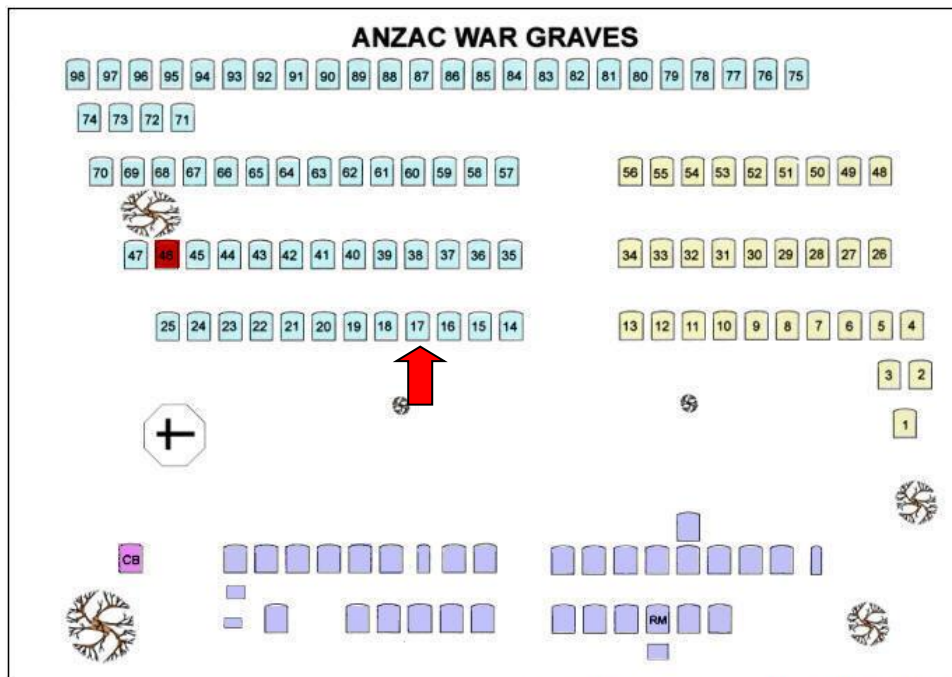
Photos of Private F. A. Holland's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Headstone photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private F. A. Holland is located in Front Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 17 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 76)



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

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