

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

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6607 PRIVATE

G. McILROY

15TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

19TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 39

BORN CHARTERS TOWERS

1878

R. I. P.

Gabriel McILROY

Gabriel McIlroy was born at Charters Towers, Queensland on 20th October, 1878 to parents Patrick & Ann Christina McIlroy (nee Sorrensen).

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Herbert, subdivision of Mungana, Queensland recorded Gabriel Joseph McIlroy, Miner from Redcap.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kennedy, subdivision of Chillagoe, Queensland recorded Gabriel McIlroy, Miner from Stannary Hills.

Another version of the 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kennedy, subdivision of Herberton, Queensland recorded Gabriel McIlroy, Miner from Stannary Hills.

Gabriel McIlroy was a 37 year old, single, Labourer (Roll of Honour information records his occupation as (Gold) Miner) from Charters Towers, Queensland when he enlisted on 3rd January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Ann Christina McIlroy, Mexican Street, Charters Towers, Queensland.

Private Gabriel McIlroy, Service number 6607, embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Boonah* (A36) on 21st October, 1916 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 15th Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 10th January, 1917.

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 Gabriel McIlroy was marched in to 4th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 10th January, 1917.

Private Gabriel McIlroy was written up for "*Overstaying leave from midnight 2.2.17 till 8 a.m. 4.2.17*". He was awarded 48 hours detention, in custody awaiting trial 2 days. He was forfeited 6 days pay.

Private Gabriel McIlroy was admitted sick to Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 17th February, 1917 with mumps.

Private Gabriel McIlroy died at 3.25 a.m. on 19th February, 1917 at the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England from Acute Bronchitis (Cardiac Failure).

A death for Gabriel McIlroy, aged 38, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Gabriel McIlroy was buried on 22nd February, 1917 St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England - Grave No. 88.

Private Gabriel McIlroy 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 McIlroy's mother as his father was deceased – Mrs A. C. McIlroy (April, 1923 & May, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Gabriel McIlroy – service number 6607, aged 39, of 15th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Patrick & Ann Christina McIlroy.

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



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)

*3 Soldiers (Above) - J.C.P. McGrath, D.E. McGregor & G. Mcllroy were all from 15th Battalion & are all buried in Anzac Cemetery at Codford St. Mary, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Privates Mcllroy & McGregor both embarked on the same ship.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(44 pages of Private Gabriel Mcllroy'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 CASUALTIES – LIST No. 277

DIED (Other Causes)

Queensland – G. McIlroy

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria, Friday 9th 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*)

Private G. McIlroy does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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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)

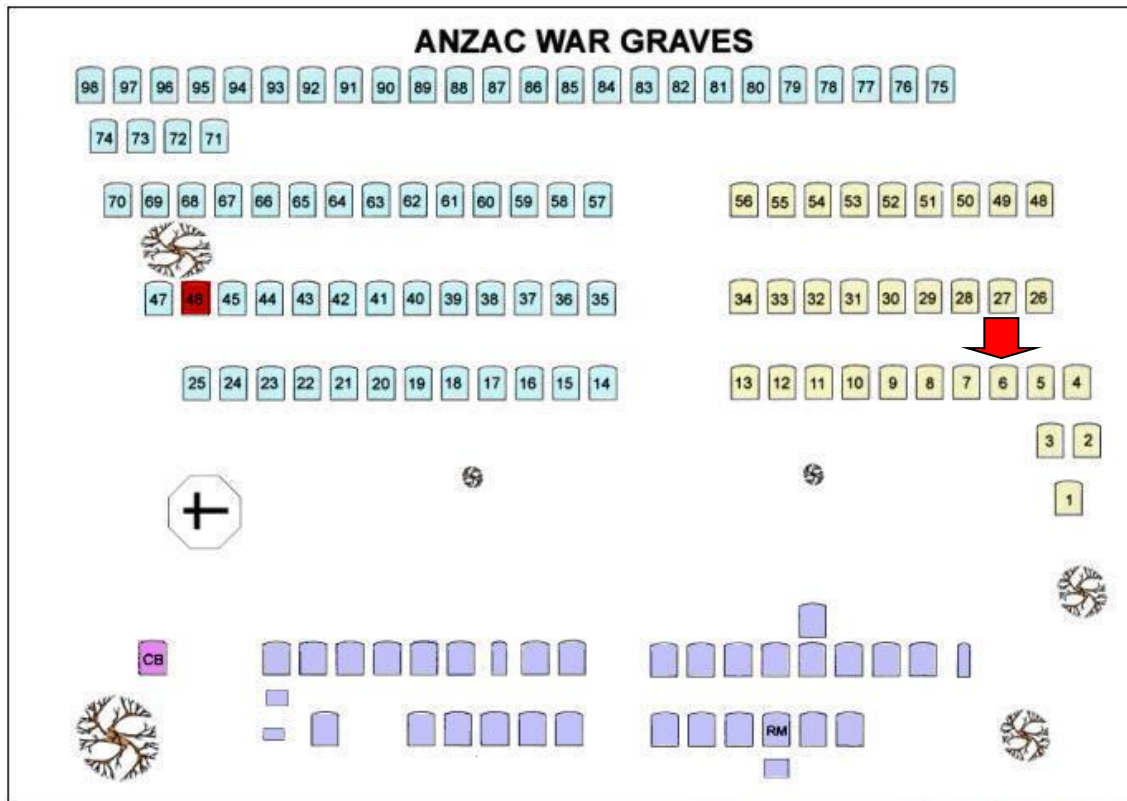


Photo of Private G. McIlroy's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private G. Mcllroy is located in Main Front Row (Right hand side)
 Grave Plot # 6 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave #88)



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

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