

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

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



29844 PRIVATE

A. J. NICOLSON

N.Z. OTAGO REGT.

14TH JULY, 1918 Age 23



Archibald John NICOLSON

Archibald John Nicolson was born on 20th January, 1895 at Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, the son of Donald & Isabella Nicolson (nee McDonald). (Note: Surname listed in Victorian Births, Deaths & Marriages as "*Nicholson*.")

Archibald Nicolson was a 21 year old, single, Locomotive Fireman on New Zealand Railways from Bluff, New Zealand when he enlisted on 30th June, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 29844 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs D. Nicolson of Devereux Road, Winton, New Zealand.

Private Archibald John Nicolson had been admitted to Hospital while at Trentham for 3 days from 11th October – 13th October, 1916 with Influenza.

Private Archibald John Nicolson embarked with 18th Reinforcements, Otago Infantry Battalion, D Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (66) *Willochra* on 16th October, 1916. He disembarked at England on 29th December, 1916 (some forms state Devonport, others Plymouth).

Private Archibald John Nicolson was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 29th December, 1916.

Private Nicolson embarked for France on 1st February, 1917 & was attached on strength at Etaples, France on 5th February, 1917.

Private Nicolson was admitted to No. 24 General Hospital at Etaples on 9th February, 1917 with Bronchitis. He was transferred to No. 6 Convalescent Depot at Etaples on 4th March, 1917.

Private Nicolson rejoined his Battalion in the field on 14th March, 1917. He was detached to 2nd Brigade as a Carrier on 5th June, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion on 10th June, 1917. Private Nicolson was once again detached to 2nd Brigade as a Carrier on 12th June, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion on 18th June, 1917.

Private Nicolson was sent sick to Hospital in the field on 10th August, 1917 & admitted the same day to No. 3 New Zealand Field Ambulance. He was then admitted to No. 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 22nd August, 1917 with Pleurisy & admitted to No. 6 General Hospital at Rouen, France on 24th August, 1917. Private Nicolson embarked from England on Hospital Ship *St. George* on 28th August, 1917.

Private Nicolson was admitted to No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst, Hampshire, England. He was then transferred to New Zealand Convalescent Hospital at Hornchurch, Essex on 10th October, 1917.

Private Archibald John Nicolson was attached to NZ Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire on 5th December, 1917.

Private Archibald John Nicolson was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital, Codford, Wiltshire on 7th July, 1918 with Pneumonia.

Private Archibald John Nicolson died on 14th July, 1918 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for Archibald J. Nicholson, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Archibald John Nicolson was buried on 17th July, 1918 in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England – Grave 114.

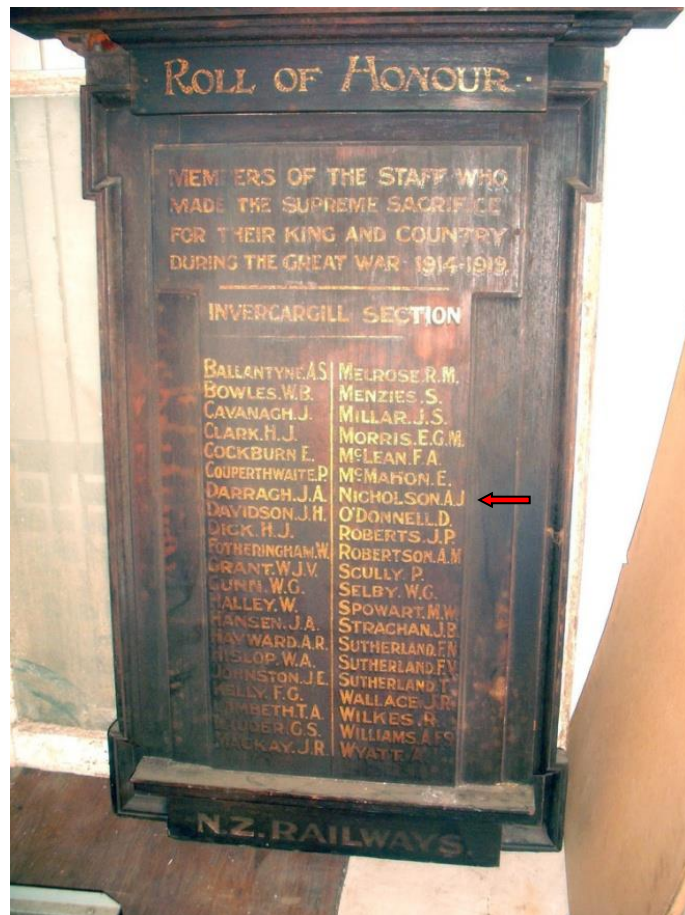
Private Archibald John Nicolson left in his Will, dated 27th March, 1918, (as noted in his Service Record File) that his mother - Isabel Nicolson to be appointed Executrix & his estate both real & personal to be left to his mother also.

Private Archibald John Nicolson, 29844, was last attached to 1st Battalion, Otago Regiment.

Private Archibald John Nicolson 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 Nicolson’s mother – Mrs Isabel Nicolson of Devereux Road, Winton (September, 1921 & January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Archibald John Nicolson, 29844, of Otago Regiment, N.Z.E.F., as the son of Donald & Isabella McDonald Nicolson, of Devereux Rd, Winton, Southland, New Zealand.

A. J. Nicholson is remembered on the Southland NZ Railways Roll of Honour Board & Metal Plaque. The wooden Roll of Honour Board, commemorating the 42 men of the Invercargill section of New Zealand Railways who died in the First World War, is now stored in KiwiRail's office in Invercargill.



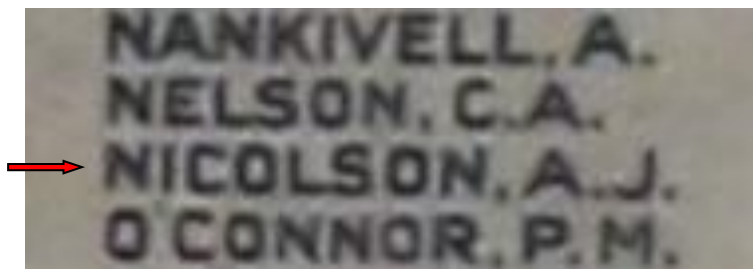
Southland NZ Railways Roll of Honour Board (Photos by Mike Mellor, 2014 – [New Zealand History](#))



A. J. Nicolson is remembered on the Wellington Railway Station Roll of Honour, located at Wellington Railway Station, Pipitea, Wellington, New Zealand.



Wellington Railway Station Roll of Honour (Photo by John Halpin)



Archibald John Nicolson is remembered on the Online Cenotaph of Auckland Museum, New Zealand.



(20 pages of Private Archibald John Nicolson'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.



Private Archibald John Nicolson

Newspaper Reports

HOSPITAL AND PROGRESS REPORT

DANGEROUSLY ILL

A. J. Nicolson (Winton)

(*Oamaru Mail*, Volume XLVI, Issue 13503, 12 July, 1918)

OTAGO DISTRICT

DIED OF SICKNESS

Otago Infantry Regiment

Nicolson, A. J. (D. Nicolson, Winton, m. July 14)

(*Dominion*, Volume 11, Issue 258, 19 July, 1918)



Pvte. A. J. Nicolson
(Winton), died of sickness.

(*Otago Witness*, New Zealand – 31 July, 1918)

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 Archibald John Nicolson 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 Private A. J. Nicolson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.

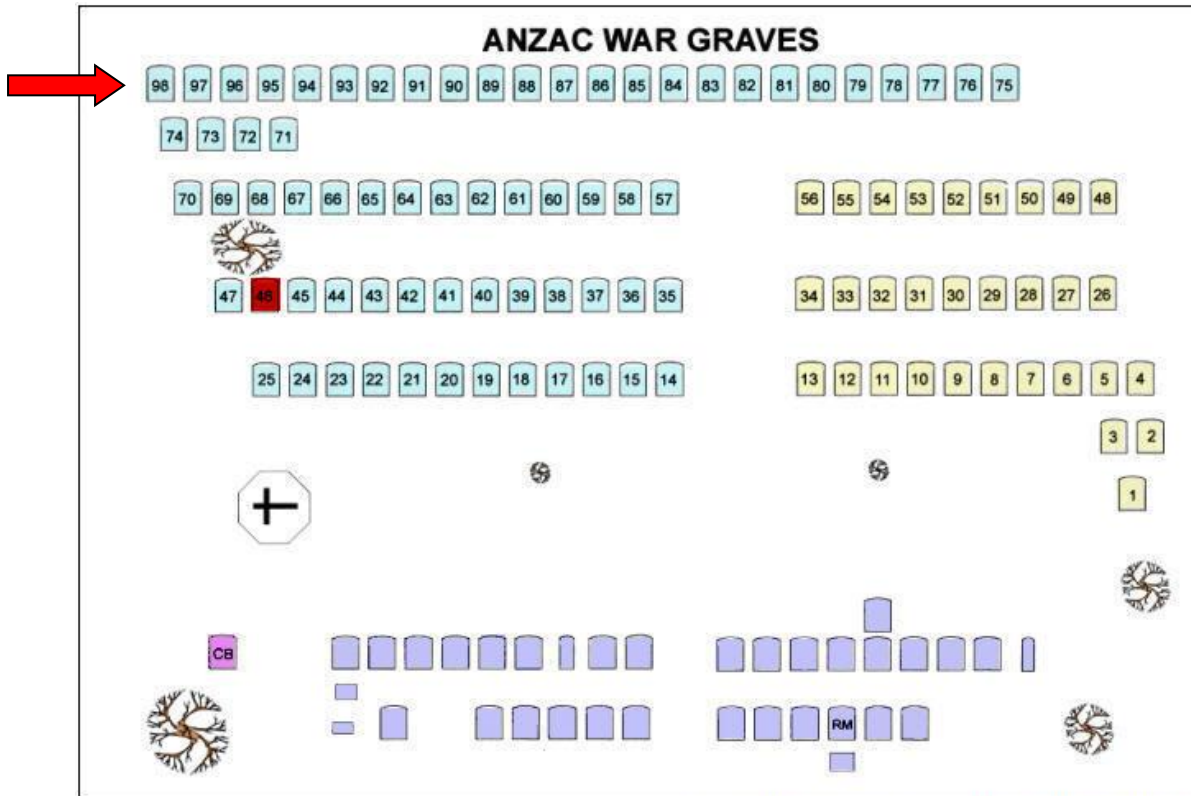


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(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private A. J. Nicolson is located in Last Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 98 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 114)



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

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