

# Codford War Graves



*Lest We Forget*

## World War 1



**32149 RIFLEMAN**

**J. DELANEY**

**N.Z. RIFLE BRIGADE**

**17TH FEBRUARY, 1917**



## John DELANEY

John Delaney was born on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1888 in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia. He was a 28 year old, single, Shepherd from Whatatutu, New Zealand when he enlisted on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1916 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 32149 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his friend – Mr G. Garrett of Springbank, North Canterbury, New Zealand.

Pte John Delaney embarked with New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, F Company from Wellington, New Zealand on HMNZT (68) *Maunganui* on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1916, destination England. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

Pte John Delaney was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

Pte John Delaney was due to be marched out from Sling Army Camp, headed for overseas on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 but was instead admitted to 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 with influenza.

Pte John Delaney died on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 at the No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Pneumonia.

A death for John Delaney, aged 29, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

John Delaney was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

Rifleman John Delaney, 32149 was last attached to New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion.

Rifleman John Delaney 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 Town Clerk, City Council, Launceston, Tasmania (both sent September, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private J. Delaney, 32149, of 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Rifle Brigade. No family details are listed.

(17 pages of Rifleman John Delaney'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.*



### **Newspaper Reports**

#### **SICK AND WOUNDED**

A Hospital and progress report issued last night stated (the place of residence of the next of kin is given in each instance) :-

#### **NOT REPORTED AS SEVERE CASES**

Delaney, J., 32149, Springbank

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCIII, Issue 44, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1917)

## NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

### DIED OF SICKNESS

New Zealand Rifle Brigade

Delaney, J., 32149 (-Garrett, Springbank); 17<sup>th</sup> February

(*Evening Post*, Volume XCIII, Issue 44, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1917)

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Rifleman J. Delaney has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription. Photos of Rifleman J. Delaney's Headstone at Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire



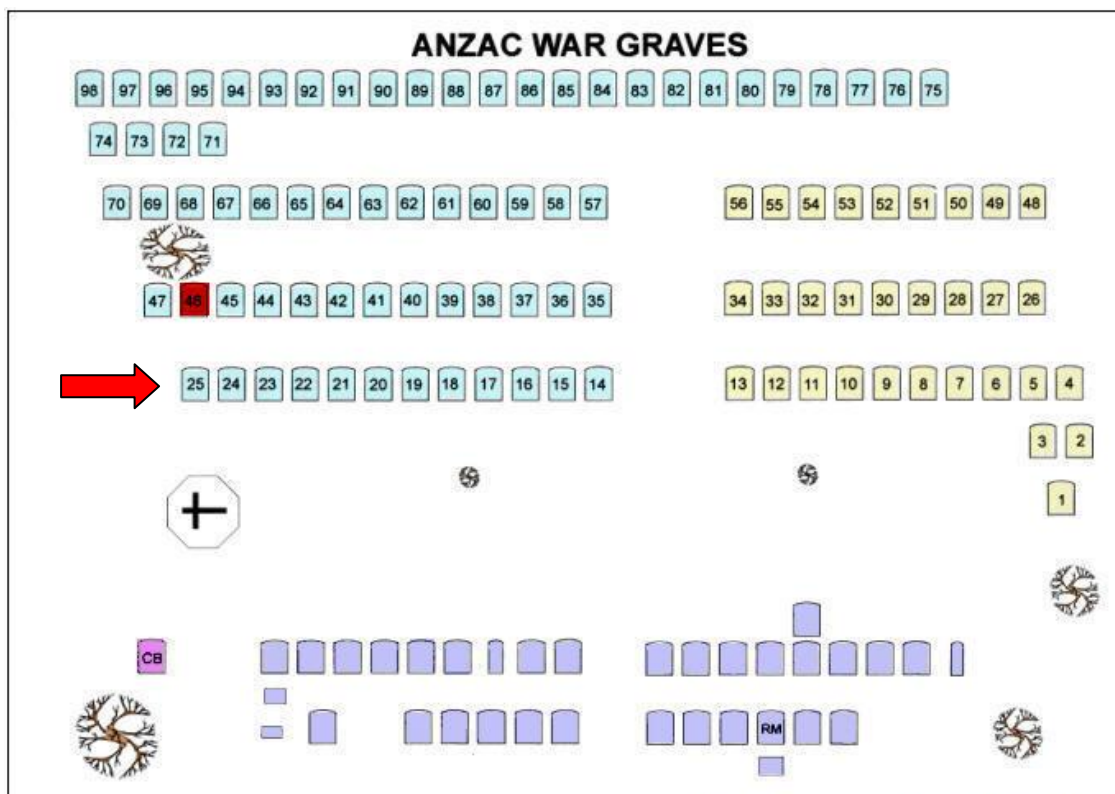




*(Headstone photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)*



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Rifleman J. Delaney is located in Front Row (Left Hand Side) Grave Plot # 25 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 24)



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





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