

## **NORTHLAND MILITARY RECORDS (CHAPTER ONE)**

### **WORLD WAR ONE**

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### **1<sup>ST</sup> NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1914, ten transport ships carrying 8000 men of the main body of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force sailed from Wellington Harbour.

It would be followed by another 42 reinforcement drafts numbering more than 90,000 men and women during the next 4 years.

The NZEF suffered 59,483 casualties, of these 18,166 were fatal – a heavy sacrifice for a community of less than a million people, evenly divided between urban and rural.

New Zealand's death rate per head of population was among the highest for any country involved in the conflict and was exceeded within the British Empire only by Scotland. I believe it is a figure of 58%.

In the NZEF first major conflict of WW1, there was an estimated 13,977 NZ soldiers served on Gallipoli during the 8-month campaign, with the total NZ casualties of 7991, of which 2779 died, and 5212 wounded, a 57% casualty rate.

New Zealanders are buried in 23 different cemeteries and commemorated on 4 memorials on Gallipoli peninsula.

*An estimated 414 New Zealand soldiers lie in identified graves another 695 lie in unidentified graves...*

*Chunuk Bair Cemetery (NZ) Memorial, has 632 graves, only 10 are identified, and the NZ Memorial has the names of 856 New Zealanders who have no known grave.*

*Hill 60 Cemetery (NZ) Memorial has 27 named graves and commemorates 183 New Zealanders*

*Lone Pine Cemetery and Memorial has 2 named graves and commemorates 708 New Zealanders.*

*Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery and (NZ) Memorial has 70 graves of which 13 are named and commemorates 179 New Zealanders.*

## THE WESTERN FRONT IN EUROPE

New Zealand troops first fought in the Armentieres area, in northern France, in April 1916. Their first major conflict was a period from July/August where they suffered 400 dead and 2000 wounded.

New Zealand fought on the Somme, France in 2 periods during WW1, in both 1916 and 1918.

The NZ Division fought in September/October 1916, in the 1<sup>st</sup> battle of the Somme, and suffered 7000 casualties, including 1560 dead.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of the Somme during the period March/April 1918 they suffered 500 dead and 1800 wounded.

On 16<sup>th</sup> April 1918 at Meteren, near Bailleul 210 men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Entrenching Battalion were taken prisoner of war.

The Caterpillar Valley Cemetery (New Zealand) Memorial to the Missing, Longueval, Somme, France, commemorates 1272 men lost in the fighting in 1916. There are 214 New Zealanders buried there.

The Grevillers British Cemetery, Grevillers, France, has the New Zealand Memorial which has the names of 455 soldiers who were lost in the period March to November 1918. It also contains 153 New Zealand graves.

## Other Cemeteries which contain substantial NZ burials...

### KIA (Killed in action)

<i>Bagneux British Cemetery</i>	<i>181</i>
<i>Bailleul Communal Cemetery</i>	<i>252</i>
<i>Bancourt British Cemetery</i>	<i>177</i>
<i>Bulls Road Cemetery</i>	<i>122</i>
<i>Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery</i>	<i>453</i>
<i>Etaples Military Cemetery</i>	<i>261</i>
<i>Euston Road Cemetery</i>	<i>302</i>
<i>Heilly Station Cemetery</i>	<i>118</i>
<i>Romerries Communal Cemetery</i>	<i>112</i>
<i>Serre Road Cemetery No2</i>	<i>116</i>
<i>Trois-Arbres Cemetery</i>	<i>214</i>

On 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917 the NZ Division launched a major attack on the town of Messines, Belgium, with a small cost of life in the advance. This was short lived as the German artillery turned their guns on the newly lost area with vengeance.

By the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 3700 had become casualties with the death toll of 700.

*The New Zealand Memorial to the missing at Messines Ridge Cemetery has the names of 840 members of the NZEF lost in fighting around Messines. There are 115 New Zealand soldiers buried there.*

On the 4<sup>th</sup> October was the Battle of Broodseinde, Belgium, which for the New Zealanders, the attack was considered highly successful with an advance of 1,900 yards taken and 1,159 prisoners captured.

The casualty figures were 330 killed, 1323 wounded and 200 NZ soldiers listed as missing, a casualty rate of 25%. 1 Auckland Battalion however had a casualty rate of 40%.

12<sup>th</sup> October 1917 was the First Battle of Passchendaele, Belgium. NZ losses in the morning, were catastrophic with casualties of 117 officers and 3,179 men within a few hours. More than a thousand bodies lay in swathes about the barb wire fences, buried in marshes and along the road. The death toll reached 1,190, nearly a third of the total casualty figure.

This day of tragedy must be ranked as the very worst in New Zealand's path towards nationhood when one considers that 6% of New Zealand's total casualties occurred in just one morning of action on that terrible morning.

*The 'Tyne Cot' New Zealand Memorial to the missing records the names of 1179 New Zealanders who fell in the battle of 'Broodseinde' and the first battle of 'Passchendaele'. There are 520 New Zealand headstones in this cemetery, of these 322 merely record an unknown New Zealand soldier. Overall, there are 520 known New Zealand soldiers buried there. The Memorial contains the names of 34,888 missing allied soldiers.*

### **Other Belgium Cemeteries which contain substantial New Zealand graves...**

<i>Buttes New British Cemetery</i>	<i>162</i>
<i>Dochy Farm New British Cemetery</i>	<i>98</i>
<i>Hooge Crater Cemetery</i>	<i>121</i>
<i>Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery</i>	<i>291</i>
<i>Nine Elms British Cemetery</i>	<i>118</i>
<i>Passchendaele New British Cemetery</i>	<i>126</i>
<i>Poelkapelle British Cemetery</i>	<i>237</i>

During two and half years of warfare in France and Belgium 12,483 lost their lives. Of all New Zealand's military campaigns, this was the bloodiest. It took the lives of more New Zealanders than did the whole of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.

***There are 3,662 New Zealanders buried in Belgium compared with 2,842 Belgians.***

## GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN: 1915

### KIA (Killed in action)

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1915, the New Zealand Division started embarking from Port Alexandria, Egypt, for Mudros harbour on the Greek Island of Lemnos, as part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, in preparation for the landings on the Dardanelles Peninsular, Turkey. They were to be part of the main invasion force of 75,000 allied troops.

At the same time the British and French landed at the Cape Helles, the entrance to the narrows.

The New Zealand Division joined with the 12,000 Australians, which was made up of the Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade and the First Australian Light Horse Brigade. They would be called the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) under the command of General Alexander Godley.

Sergeant Keith Melvyn Little, from Wellington working as a clerk at Godley's Headquarters, made up an ink stamp with the Corp's initials to stamp the incoming mail, and is credited with the first use of the word, 'ANZAC'.

The force of 6,324 New Zealanders sailed in 13 ships, mostly seized German passenger and transport ships: *Achaia, Annaberg, Ascot, Australind, Californian, Goslar, Haider Pasha, Itonus, Katuna, Lutzow, Seeangbee, Seeangchun and Surada.*

The Troopship Ship '*Lutzow*' carried 1,725 New Zealanders consisting of Godley's Divisional Headquarters. The Auckland Infantry Battalion made up of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Auckland, 6<sup>th</sup> Hauraki, 15<sup>th</sup> North Auckland and the 16<sup>th</sup> Waikato Companies, under Lieutenant Colonel Plugges. And two companies of the Canterbury Infantry Battalion (1<sup>st</sup> Canterbury and 2<sup>nd</sup> South Canterbury Companies). The Signallers, Field Engineers, and Artillery entered Mudros harbour early morning on the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

On the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> April the invading force left Mudros harbour for the 97 kilometre journey to the Dardanelles Peninsular, where the 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade was to launch a surprise early morning landing on the designated target of Brighton Beach, immediately north of the fortified headland

of Gaba Tepe. This beach was about 2000-yards long stretch with gentle slopes and accessible gullies running inland.

Because of miscalculations of tidal effects, mistaken identification of landmarks by boatmen, and bad luck, the troops were landed two kilometres north on the wrong beach. This beach about 600 meters long and 20 meters deep was between two headlands, overshadowed by sheer cliffs with a tangle of steep ravines, gullies, razorback ridges and bluffs.

This beach was later to be enshrined in New Zealand and Australian histories as **‘Anzac Cove’**.

Most of the soldiers had slept on the decks and were woken in the early dawn about 4.38am. to the sound of gunfire, as the first Australians of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade, went ashore at what is now called ‘Anzac Cove’.

The method of getting the men from ship to shore was to transfer them to lighters and have about six lighters towed in line astern to shore, by small naval steam picket tugs. The lighters were nothing more than ship’s lifeboats.

*The Aucklanders were to be first on Anzac. At 8am picket tugs appeared alongside ‘T S Lutzow’ with lighters in tow. The bilge water in the lighters was tainted red and equipment left behind from earlier trips was blood-spattered. Surprisingly, unlike the Australians who earlier in the morning lost every man in some lighters, the Aucklanders had very few casualties on their way into the beach.*

***Bloody Gallipoli, by Richard Stowers...***

*One of the first New Zealanders ashore was 'Sergeant Joseph Gasparich', a schoolteacher from the Horahora School, Whangarei. He was part of the bodyguard to General Godley's Headquarters' staff and was later transferred back to the 15th North Auckland Company because of the many initial casualties suffered by the Auckland Infantry Battalion.*

*The Aucklanders came ashore on the northern end of Anzac Cove, south of the point of Ari Burnu, with all the Battalion ashore by 9.30am.*

*Later in the morning the Auckland Infantry Battalion, in their platoons, columns of four left the beach and scrambled over Ari Burnu spur towards Walker's Ridge to reinforce the hard pressed Australians, but in waist-high thorny scrub, they struggled with the broken ground below the Sphinx, files and formation were soon lost.*

*Fresh orders came to turn around and take a new route over a plateau later known as 'Plugges Plateau', 300 feet above sea level and onto a downward slope towards a valley later named 'Shrapnel Valley', a slow and torturous route.*

*Here the Aucklanders exposed themselves to sniper and machine-gun fire from further up the slopes, offering easy targets to the Turks as they advanced through the scrub below and started to take casualties. The rough ground and thick scrub, combined with enemy bullets and shrapnel overhead, soon had the battalion in disarray.*

*As the Aucklanders entered 'Shrapnel Valley' they found Turkish and Australian dead lining the dry water course. It was soon to become one of the main arterial routes on Gallipoli. As they got closer to the firing line, the Aucklanders managed to establish some organization to this point. Generally, the 6th Hauraki Company were to the left towards the tops later known as 'Walker's Ridge'. The 16th Waikato Company in the area known as 'Pope's Hill' from where they pushed on towards 'Baby 700'. The 3rd Auckland Company to the area known as 'Quinn's Post' and the 15th North Auckland Company to the right in the area later called 'Courtney's Post'. By this stage all the companies were mixed in with Australian troops.*

***The Auckland Regiment, by O E Burton...***

*'Shrapnel Valley' was the main line of direction along the advance that had taken place. It is one of the most famous of all Gallipoli names. In few of the highways of war have so many died as in this terrible one. It was accurately marked on the Turkish artillery maps, and their guns ranged every yard of it. It was open to snipers and machine-gun fire.*

***Bloody Gallipoli, by Richard Stowers...***

A fierce engagement involving several hundred New Zealanders developed on Baby 700, a strategic knoll that was deemed a key position by both Anzacs and Turks, because it overlooked much of the surrounding countryside. The first Australians to land rushed to the heights and secured a foothold on the inland slopes of Baby 700 facing Battleship Hill to the northeast and with glimpses of the narrows further to the east.

The first and most crucial act, involving most of the first New Zealanders at Anzac, was the battle for the inland slopes of 'Baby 700' as they fought to hold the thinning Australian lines. This involved the 'Waikato's', 'Hauraki's' and 'South Canterbury's', though individuals from all companies fought along with these groups.

***Corporal Steele with the 15th North Auckland Company, Machine-gun section, later recounted his experiences on the heights:***

"The machine-gun section (of which I was then part of) was ordered 500 yards to the left and to go up at once to the aid of the Australians. Off came our packs and each carrying his portion of the machine-gun and its equipment, we started up the hill. The engineers had cut a path up the face...shrapnel screamed over our heads and we would seek cover lying close to the ground. Lieutenant Bob Frater gave the order for us to advance and collect, as we got the chance, over the ridge in the next gully. We were under a perfect hail of shrapnel and bullets, ... I would jump up, run about ten yards and then dive under a bush or behind a small ridge. In a few seconds I'd go again, watching where the shrapnel was bursting for the shells would generally fall 50 yards from the one before".

***Steele was later wounded in the leg on 'Plugge's Plateau'.***



The Australians who had been under attack and fire since morning, were reinforced by many of the New Zealanders who had arrived as stragglers separated from their units. They fought without officers, keeping in touch with the next man in the scrub. Continually the position fell back towards the Nek.

***The Auckland Regiment, by O E Burton...***

*'All through the afternoon the Turks pressed on the thinning line, creeping up through the scrub, cutting off small parties, sniping, machine-gunning, scrawling out on exposed flanks, enfilading the torn ranks, and all the time their shrapnel pelted and tore. Smoke, dust, heat, the air whining, singing trembling, with screeching shells and the flying fragments, rifle barrels red hot with constant firing, dead and dying all around – this was war'.*

The firing line on the seaward slopes of 'Baby 700' finally broke at about 4,30pm under tremendous pressure from thousands of Turks and lack of reinforcements, ammunition and water. Gradually the hammered forward parties of Australians and New Zealanders staggered back towards their comrades at 'Nek', 'Pope's' and 'Quinn's Post' seeking the protection of the Anzac machine-guns.

All the New Zealand commanders forward on 'Baby 700' that day were killed or wounded. The 16<sup>th</sup> Waikato Company had every one of their officers and sergeants killed or wounded, except for one platoon sergeant and this Company lost up to 39 men killed and many more wounded.

***Gallipoli, by Christopher Pugsley... The battle for the yet unnamed 'Quinn's Post' and 'Second Ridge'***

*Here the men of the Auckland Battalion, inextricably mixed with Australians, would fight into night, clinging by their fingernails to the slopes nearest the slopes of 'Baby 700' after the Turks had forced them back. Here Major Dawson, OC of the 3rd Auckland Company, held that vital seemingly untenable niche that later became famous as 'Quinn's Post'.*

Wounded men were mostly left to their own initiatives to crawl or stagger downhill. Very few stretcher-bearers were in operation on 25<sup>th</sup> April, especially on the seaward slopes of 'Baby 700'. Badly wounded who could not help

themselves or receive assistance from comrades perished in the scrub. Their bodies were not found until weeks later.

***Lt Col Percival Fenwick, NZ Medical Corps...***

*There were several wounded lying close to the cliff waiting to be sent off to the ships. Every minute the number increased and as in addition fresh troops came ashore with mules and ammunition, the chaos became appalling... Violent bursts of shrapnel swept over us, and many wounded were hit a second time. Col Howse was packing boats and lighters with these poor chaps as fast as possible, but the beach kept filling up again with appalling quickness. At one time more than 400 were lying on the stones waiting to be moved. I dressed as many as I could, but it was a dreadful time. A more hellish Sunday one could not be conceived. Col Howse told me that he estimated he had evacuated 1500 wounded, to which must be added my 120 that I got away.*

The 'T S Lutzow' that brought New Zealanders to Gallipoli was designated as a hospital ship to carry up to 200 serious and 1000 slightly wounded. Wounded came aboard during that first night and had to wait for over three days at anchor off Anzac before sailing. There were only two men with medical training aboard during this time. Lieutenant Colonel Young, a veterinary surgeon, and a medical orderly Private Burton. Together they had to tend to over 300 wounded before being supplemented by medical staff for the voyage to Alexandria on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

***Bloody Gallipoli, by Richard Stowers...***

The brunt of the day's New Zealand casualties fell upon the Aucklanders, who all came ashore early in the day. They suffered exactly 100 dead (initially totalled at 78), while Canterbury had 45 dead. Otago and Wellington suffered 5 deaths and one death respectively, all caused by Turkish artillery. The Engineers and Army Service Corps each lost a man, making a total of 153 New Zealand dead.

Research indicates the Auckland Infantry Battalion suffered about 220 wounded on the 25th April, mostly in the Waikato and Hauraki Companies'.

**TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR THE ALLIED TROOPS FOR THE  
EIGHT-MONTH CAMPAIGN**

*An estimated 13,977 New Zealand Soldiers who served on Gallipoli, during the eight-month campaign with the total NZ casualties of 7991, of which 2779 died and 5212 wounded, a 57 per cent casualty rate.*

*Despite this figure only 8,556 New Zealanders served on the Peninsula, so this means that many of the 4th, 5th and 6th Reinforcements were convalescents who had already fought on the Peninsula and were evacuated from sickness or wounds to Egypt or England and were returning as reinforcements.*

*There are few NZ known graves on Gallipoli, of 2,721 dead.*

*265 are buried in known graves or known to be buried in a cemetery on the Peninsula.*

*73 are buried in cemeteries on the island of Lemnos.*

*3 are buried in Haidar Pasha Cemetery, Istanbul (POW).*

*344 known graves.*

*1669 lie in unknown graves and are commemorated by the NZ Memorials on the Peninsula.*

*Twelve Tree Copse (178).*

*Lone Pine (708) includes 252 buried at sea.*

*Hill 60 (182).*

*Chunuk Bair (852)*

*The remainder of the 2,721 who died lie in Britain, Malta, Egypt, Gibraltar and New Zealand.*

*Never in the history of war at that time in 1915, had an army travelled so far, to lose so many.*

*The Australians were to lose 2000 men in the first 24 hours of the conflict. In total Australia lost 8,709 dead and 19,441 wounded*

*Britain 21,255 dead. 73,485 wounded*

*France 10,000 dead. 27,000 wounded*

***Turkey 86,892 dead. 251,309 wounded***

### NORTHLAND, NEW ZEALAND

From amongst the New Zealand casualties there were 11 Northland soldiers who were killed in action or later died of wounds, from the action on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, out of the approximately ***140 who died from the province during the eight-month campaign.***

***Pte David Shaw BAILLIE***, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy single, a launch operator with the log rafting operations on the Northern Wairoa river, Dargaville, aged 21. DOW 3/5/15 from a bullet wound to the abdomen. Died on board H S '*Devanha*'. Buried at sea Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Twin brother John Rankin Baillie single a bushman from Tangowahine, Dargaville KIA 3/7/16 France, aged 22.

Sgt Kenneth Humphreys BEGG, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy, single, Kohukohu, Hokianga, aged 21, was studying dentistry in Taranaki, came home to support his mother after the death of his father. KIA during the battle of the Landings. No Known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Brother, Rfm James Scott Denley NZRB 12<sup>th</sup> Rf served in France and Belgium  
Bulger Alfred Clifford BOREHAM, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy, single of Kohukohu, Hokianga, aged 20. KIA during the battle of the Landings. No known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Brother Pte Herbert Howard Boreham 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy also served on Gallipoli.  
Pte Frederick Leslie GRIFFIN, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy single of Princess St Whangarei employed as a plumber for Full James, aged 20 KIA during the battle of the Landings.

No Known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial

Brother Pte Charles Coulter Griffin 9<sup>th</sup> Rf served in France and Belgium

L/Cpl Harold HARDING Otago Infantry Battalion single, Farmer Aoroa, Dargaville, aged 21 KIA in the battle of the Landings on the slopes of Baby 700. No known grave Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Brothers Lt Ernest Astley Harding M.C. 8<sup>th</sup> Rf NZRB.

Cpl Ralph Walden Harding 13<sup>th</sup> Rf NZRB both served on the Western Front.

Pte Charles Albert MATTHEWS, single of Kara, Whangarei, aged 19. KIA in the battle of the Landings. Last seen by a friend fighting up on Walkers Ridge. No known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Brother Cpl George William Matthews 6<sup>th</sup> Rf AIB KIA on the Somme France. 19/9/16, aged 23.

Cpl John O'DONNELL, single Bushman of Piha, West Coast Ak, born in Kaeo, Whangaroa Resided for many years in Kaihu, Dargaville. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ak Coy. aged 22. KIA in the battle of the Landings. Buried in the Plugges Plateau Cemetery ANZAC Sector Gallipoli.

Brother Gnr William Ernest O'Donnell 4<sup>th</sup> Rf NZ Field Artillery, also served on Gallipoli DOW France. 8/6/17, aged 21.

Pte Wilmot Napier PHILSON, single, Farmer of Te Kuiti, early education in Russell, BOI, where his father was the manager of the BNZ during the 1890s 16<sup>th</sup> Waikato Coy, aged 29. KIA in the battle of the Landings. No known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Brother Pte Geoffery Hope Philson, NZ Medical Corp, also served on Gallipoli

Pte William Stanley PRIMROSE, married for only a fortnight to Vera Elsie, employed by the Hallensteins Bros, Whangarei, Ak Inf Batt, aged 38. KIA in the battle for the Landings. No known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Brother Tpr John Thomas Primrose, CMR DOW at sea, Gallipoli, aged 22.

Pte Thomas Stanley WILSON, single of Paeroa, employed the previous 2 yrs on the launch 'Eva' out of Whangarei 6<sup>th</sup> Hauraki Coy. KIA in the battle of the Landings. No known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Pte Arthur YORKE, single of Kaeo, Ak Inf Batt, aged 17 KIA during the battle of the Landings, on the slopes of Baby 700, No known grave. Lone Pine NZ Memorial.

Brothers Rfms Allen Richard & William Henry Yorke, NZRB both served on the Western Front.

On a memorial board which stands at Anzac Cove the words from a Turkish sympathiser reads...

THOSE HEROES THAT SHED THEIR BLOOD AND LOST THEIR LIVES

YOU ARE NOW LYING IN THE SOIL OF A FRIENDLY COUNTRY

THEREFORE, REST IN PEACE

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JOHNNIES AND MEHMETS  
TO US

WHERE WE LIE SIDE BY SIDE

HERE IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS

YOU, THE MOTHERS

WHO SENT THEIR SONS FROM FAR-AWAY COUNTRIES

WIPE AWAY YOUR TEARS

YOUR SONS ARE NOW LYING IN OUR BOSOM

AND ARE IN PEACE

AFTER HAVING LOST THEIR LIVES ON THIS LAND

THEY HAVE BECOME OUR SONS AS WELL

## GALLIPOLI FATALITY FILE

### KIA (Killed in action) DOW (Died of wounds)

*12/673, Private ANDERSON, Harold Richard* Whangarei MB 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy, Auckland Infantry Battalion.

Mrs J Anderson 35 Creswick St, Footscray, Melbourne, Victoria, Aust.

KILLED IN ACTION Daisy Patch, Cape Helles Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 1915

Twelve Tree Copse (New Zealand) Memorial.

P/N 14. 1. 3.

No 9 Platoon, No 2 section, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy, AIB, prior to sailing with Main Body, NZEF, 'Waimana'.

New Zealanders landed, 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915. 3,100 men.

Attested

Status Single

Born 1888, Victoria, Australia

Occupation Engineer

Residence Whangarei

Employee Whangarei Dairy Company

Prev Military Cadets, Victoria

Engineer, Northern Wairoa Dairy Company?

### *Auckland Weekly News. 24/6/15...*

*ANDERSON, Private Harold Richard, Otago Infantry Battalion, whose death at the Dardanelles was recorded last week, was a son of Mr John Anderson of Footscray, Victoria, Australia.*

**13/970a, Lance Corporal BAILEY**, Albert Henry single Dabriada, Milton Rd,  
off Dominion Rd, Auckland

3<sup>rd</sup> Rf, 11<sup>th</sup> North Auckland Mounted Rifles, Auckland Mounted Rifles

Mrs Ann Bailey (m) 74 St Lawrence Rd, Clontarf, Dublin, Ireland.

**KILLED IN ACTION** Chunuk Bair ANZAC Sector Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 1.

Son of Mrs Anna Bailey of 74 St Lawrence Rd, Dublin, Ireland.

Third Reinforcements for Infantry Brigade in early May. 839 men.

Enlisted on 18/12/14, Trentham Camp with WMR, 11/970, transferred to AMR,  
13/970a, 2/4/15

Appointed L/Cpl, 28/6/15, Zeitoun. Posted to unit as Trooper, 14/7/15,  
Dardanelles

Born 24/4/85, Dublin, Ireland

Occupation Store Manager

Residence Whitianga

Employee James Jackson, Whitianga

***Auckland Weekly News 9/9/15...***

*BAILEY, Trooper, Albert Henry, AMR, was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs  
Alexander Bailey, Clontarf, Dublin. He was Killed in Action while serving with the  
3rd Rfts. Trooper Bailey had been about 5 years in the Dominion.*

**12/500 Private BAILLIE, David Shaw** single Dargaville Main Body,  
15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy Auckland Infantry Battalion

Mrs A Baillie (m) Dargaville

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

**DIED OF WOUNDS** at sea, ex Gallipoli Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1915, aged  
21



## Lone Pine Memorial

P/N 72.

Son of Agnes Clarke (formerly Baillie) of Argyle St, Avondale, Auckland, and the late John Baillie

Henderson School Roll of Honour

Bullet wound, abdomen, Dardanelles, 25 – 29/4/15. Admitted to HMS 'Devanha', 1/5/15. Died of Wounds, received in action, at sea.

Attested 18/8/14, Dargaville

Born 1/10/93, Henderson, Auckland

Occupation Sailor

Residence Dargaville

Employee W Anderson. 1914 Kaipara Roll, Anderson William Henry, Dargaville, Sailor.

***Following information supplied by Cynthia Shirtcliffe, grand daughter of Robert Baillie 1999...***

*On Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1893 when the twin brothers, David Shaw and John Rankin were just a few weeks old, tragedy struck the Baillie's, with the multiple drowning of several members of the Baillie family in the Whau River which ran past their family home and farm on the Te Atatu Peninsular, West Auckland. Brother James Drummond, mother Ann Rankin, her friend Mrs Isabella Herd and along with sister Ann Crawford, set out to sail across the river to visit friends, the Laurie's, after seeking permission from his father Crawford to use his 18 ft sailing boat, which he had just repaired. Crawford and another son John (the twin boys father) became concerned and uneasy through the lack of progress the boat was making and after discussing the situation with his father, John decided to row out. Mr Baillie became more concerned when it appeared there was still no progress in the sailing boat's position and with the sailing party not returning after dark a search party set out at daybreak. It was discovered that the anchored sailing boat was upside down with sails still set and searching parties shortly discovered the bodies of John, mother Ann nearby, and Mrs Herd further down the harbour, later the bodies of James and Ann were found floating of Devonport and Northcote. The tragedy left Crawford Baillie*

*with one remaining son, Robert who was away from Auckland at that time, John who rowed out left a family of 8 children, the youngest being twins, David and John.*

*Crawford Baillie felt responsible for John's wife and children and took them in. She ran the household for a few years until she remarried and moved away, he was to die in January 1914 aged 90.*

***Otago Witness, 9/6/15...***

*Pte David Shaw BAILLIE, who died on or about May 3rd of wounds received while fighting at the Dardanelles was one of the youngest sons (twins) of the late John Baillie, of Henderson, and Mrs Agnes Clark, of Dargaville where he lived with his mother and other members of his family, have lived there for several years.*

*He was 21 years of age, and at the time of enlisting was employed in driving a motor launch on the Wairoa River. He belonged to the 15th Nth Ak Regiment and left with the Main Body of the NZEF.*

*His twin brother enlisted later and left with the 3rd Rfts.*

*The deceased soldier leaves a mother and 4 sisters, and 2 other brothers, both married.*

Twin brother, 12/1545 Pte BAILLIE, John Rankin      3<sup>rd</sup> Rf 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy  
AIB KIA France 3/7/16.

***12/2212 Private BILLING, Charles Vince*** single Dargaville 5<sup>th</sup> Rf15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak  
Coy Auckland Infantry Batt

Mrs E Billing (aunt) Albert St      Dargaville

Sailed 13/6/15

**KILLED IN ACTION** Chunuk Bair, ANZAC Sector      Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915,  
aged 23.

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 9

Son of Henry and Sarah Billing of Whenuapai, Auckland.

Fifth Reinforcements. 1,974 men

1914 Kaipara Roll, Billing, Charles, Ahikiwi, Bushman

Wounded 8/8/15, put on boat for Hospital Ship, by 12/2407 Pte McBREEN, E,  
11/8/15

All inquiries made in England and Egypt, no trace, 20/3/16

Now wounded and missing, believed dead, Dardanelles, 20/3/16

Attested 12/2/15, Dargaville

Born 24/7/92, Helensville

Occupation Bushman

Residence Dargaville

Employee J Hamilton, Contractor, Naumai, Northern Wairoa

Cousin: 12/501 Pte BILLING, Christopher Barney DOW Egypt ex  
Gallipoli, 16/6/15.

**12/501 Private BILLING, Christopher Barney** single Dargaville Main  
Body 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy Auckland Infantry Bn

Mrs J Billing (m) Dargaville

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

DIED OF WOUNDS Egypt ex Gallipoli Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1915, aged 21

Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

G/R M. 44.

Son of Christopher and Janet Billing, of Gordon St, Dargaville

1914 Kaipara Roll, Billing, Christopher, Dargaville, Bushman. Jane, Dargaville,  
Married.

Comaliourl? Camp, 2/3/15 -13/3/15, Disease, Adinoitu?, Returned to duty.

***Auckland Weekly News, 22/5/15...***

*BILLING, Christopher Barney Pte, Wounded, AIB, Mrs J Billing, Dargaville.*

Admitted 'HMT Gloucester Castle' from NZ Stationary Hospital, Dardanelles.  
Bullet wound, right shoulder

Admitted No 1 General Hospital, Heliopolis, 10/5/15

Reported, dangerously ill, Heliopolis, 10/6/15

Died in Australian General Hospital, Heliopolis, from bullet wound in chest,  
16/6/15

Attested 15/8/14, Dargaville

Born 23/1/94, Taranaki

Occupation Bushman

Residence Dargaville

Employee

Brothers 12/1151 Pte BILLING, Archibald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rf, A Coy AIB

44624 Rfm, BILLING, James, 24<sup>th</sup> Rf, J Coy NZRB

***12/962 Private BLACK, Aubrey Horotiu*** single Devonport MB 6<sup>th</sup> Hauraki  
Coy, Auckland Infantry Battalion

Stanley Black (br) Dargaville

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

**KILLED IN ACTION** Chunuk Bair, ANZAC Sector Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915,  
aged 22

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 9. Son of Alfred and Tuhi Black of Dargaville

1914 Kaipara Roll, Black, Alfred Charles, Dargaville, Journalist.

Attested 19/8/14,

Born 10/12/92, Maunganui Bluff, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa

Occupation Printer

Residence 12 Roslyn Terrace, Devonport

Employee Frank H Bodle, 52 Shortland St, Auckland

Brother 25/1670 Rfm BLACK, Stanley Rongo, 11<sup>th</sup> Rf, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn G Coy  
NZRB

***Auckland Weekly News 2/9/15...***

*BLACK, Pte Aubrey Horotiu, of the AIB, Killed in Action on August 8th, is a son of Mr Black of Dargaville. He there served his apprenticeship to the printing trade and afterwards joined a Devonport printing firm. He sailed with the 6th Hauraki's in the 1st draft of the Expeditionary Forces. He was 22 years of age.*

***12/526 Private CAMERON, Harry*** single Maungaturoto MB. 11 Pl 11 Sec  
15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy, Auckland Infantry Bn

C E A Cameron (f) Normandy Rd, Mt Eden, Ak,

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

**KILLED IN ACTION** Daisy Patch, Cape Helles. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1915

Twelve Tree Copse (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 14. 2. 4.

Son of Mr and Mrs Donald Cameron of Auckland.

Shot through the abdomen in bayonet charge on Saturday, report signed by Sgt  
W G Cameron, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy, Auckland Infantry Battalion, 8/5/15

Attested 17/8/14, Maungaturoto

Born 3/8/89, Sheffield, Tasmania, Australia

Occupation Labourer

Residence Maungaturoto, Otamatea, North Auckland

Employee Public Works Dept.

Prev Military 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Territorials

***A History of the Northland Regiment, by H Field, page 17, 2nd Battle of Krithia, 'The Daisy Patch'...***

*May 6th saw the Battalion withdrawn to the beach where the men were embarked into destroyers and mine-sweepers and sailed for Cape Helles. Arriving there the next day they became a general reserve unit in the 29th Division. After a day of finding their whereabouts, the men found themselves occupying a position on the left flank of the second line and in front of Krithia. After more trench digging an order was received to go forward to the enemy's first lines of trenches. This move was made under heavy fire from the Turks and the men were halted when some 800 yards from the enemy trenches. Late that afternoon a general advance was ordered, bayonets were fixed, and the battalion went forward with Lt Col Plugge in the lead. Some ground was gained but the opposition was so strong that after a few hours a withdrawal was made to the rear trenches. The 1st/15th Company lost two officers – Lieutenants Screatzen and N Steadman. Captain Bartlett and Lieutenant Fletcher were wounded. Total Battalion casualties were, killed 24, wounded 177, missing 26.*

***The Auckland Regiment, by 2/Lt Burton. Page 37, 2nd Battle of Krithia, 'The Daisy Patch'...***

*Not a man of the first wave faltered, most of them went down, but a few crossed the little field, and in the scrub beyond formed up some sort of firing line. The second wave came on, and were shot down to the last man, A third wave tried to cross, but it seemed as though all the Turkish fire was converging on them, and the pleasant field of daisies was full of colour.*

***Pages 38/39...***

*Once more the Aucklanders were sent forward, It seemed as though the Turks must surely have been blasted from their secure positions. But no! Scarcely had the line of bayonets moved out when the hellish machine-gun fire burst out in greater fury. The whole air was full of screaming missiles. Death fell every-where-death and bloody wounds! The line went on for a hundred yards, then another hundred, little knots of desperate men crawled together.*

**12/520 Private CARLTON, William** single Dargaville MB. 12 Pl, 14 Sect.  
15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy AIB

J Carlton, (f) Otonga, Whangarei

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

DIED OF WOUNDS Daisy Patch, Cape Helles Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1915

Twelve Tree Copse (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 14. 1. 6.

Son of Mr and Mrs J Carlton of Selwyn St, Onehunga, Auckland

Died on 6/5/15 at Dardanelles, buried by Rev W A Cross, of Wellington, NZ

Attested 18/8/14, Dargaville.

Born 18/9/92, Kawakawa.

Occupation Engineer

Residence Dargaville

Employee J Reynolds, Dargaville. 1914 Kaipara Roll. Reynolds John Coutts,  
Dargaville, Engineer

Prev Military 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Coy

***Northern Advocate, 5/15...***

*Private W Carlton, who died of wounds, received in the Dardanelles fighting, was the son of Mr J Carlton, now of Otonga, but for some years a boarding-housekeeper at Whakapara. He was 23 years of age and was by trade a mechanical engineer. He served his apprenticeship at the Whangarei Engineering Company's establishment and was universally liked and respected. Shortly before the war he took up a position as engineer in Dargaville, where he joined the Te Awha Lodge of order of Druids. When the war broke out, he enlisted at Dargaville and left with the first Expeditionary Force. He was a fine athlete and was well-known in local rowing circles. He was stroke to the famous Whangarei Youth's Crew, three of whom enlisted for active service. Last night at the Whangarei Rowing Club, at their annual prize distribution, pass...*

***Otago Witness, 9/6/15...***

*Pte W CARLTON, of the Auckland Infantry, (Killed) was a son of Mr J Carlton of Whangarei, Auckland, was a mechanical engineer by profession serving his apprenticeship with the Whangarei Engineering Company.*

*He was a splendid athlete and was well known in rowing circles, having stroked the Whangarei Fours for two years in succession, during which they defeated every crew they met. Private Carlton took a keen interest in Military matters ever since the School cadets.*

***10/1132 Private CLARK, Samuel Goodall*** single Huntly MB B Coy  
Wellington Infantry Battalion.

Thomas H Clark Otaria, Waikumete, Ak

Sailed 16/10/14 'Limerick'

**KILLED IN ACTION** Chunuk Bair, ANZAC Sector      Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> 1915

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 18.

Son of Mr and Mrs Thomas H Clark of 50 Virginia Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland

Appointed Lance Corporal, Dardanelles, 12/5/15

Aoroa School Roll of Honour

Attested 3/9/14, Palmerton North

Born 26/7/89, Thames

Occupation Railway Porter, NZ Railway Dept

Residence Huntly

Employee NZ Railway Dept

Prev Military Northern Wairoa Mounted Rifles

Brothers 12/1915 Pte CLARK, Thomas Alfred, 4<sup>th</sup> Rf A Coy AIB



***Auckland Weekly News, Sept 1915...***

*CLARK, Lance Corporal, Samuel, Wellington Infantry Battalion, Killed in Action on August 8th, was the son of Mr Thomas H Clark, of Otaria, Waikumete. He was born at Thames and educated at Aoroa, NW. Prior to leaving with the Main Body of the Expeditionary Force Lance Corporal Clark was in the employ of the Railway Dept. He was well known in football circles in the King Country. He was 26 years of age. Two brothers are serving with the colours, one being a member of.*

***14/41 Driver HARDING, Harold***      single      Dargaville MB, Army Service Corp

Alfred Ernest Harding (f)      Mangawhare, Dargaville,

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

**KILLED IN ACTION** Walkers Ridge ?ANZAC Sector Sun 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, aged 20.

Lone Pine Memorial

P/N 72.

Son of Alfred and Margaret Harding of Aoroa, Dargaville

1914 Kaipara Roll, Harding, Alfred Ernest, Mangawhare, Farmer. Margaret, Mangawhare, Married.

Promoted to Lance Corporal, 18/3/15

Transferred to AIB, Pte, 12/41a, 24/3/15.

Attested 13/8/14

Born 1/2/94, Dargaville

Occupation      Farmer

Residence Dargaville

Employee Self Employed

Prev Military      4 yrs School Cadets, 2 yrs Territorials

Brothers 24/13 Lt, HARDING, Ernest Astley. *MM.* 8<sup>th</sup> Rf. 2<sup>nd</sup> C Coy NZRB  
23308 Cpl HARDING, Ralph Walden. 13<sup>th</sup> Rf. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn A Coy NZRB

**13/66 Tpr HARRISON, Charles Benjamin** single Hunua, Ak MB. No 1  
Trp, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ak Sqn, AMR

A G Harrison Maungaturoto

Sailed 16/10/14

KILLED IN ACTION Chunuk Bair, ANZAC Sector Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
1915, aged 22

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 2.

Son of Mr and Mrs A G Harrison of 22 Ariki St, Grey Lynn, Auckland.

Embarked for Dardanelles, 9/5/15

Prior to embarkation, Charles Benjamin was in the employment of C B Stewart,  
of Pukekaro, Kaiwaka, Otamatea, as a Farm Labourer.

***From Jack King, nephew, Tikipunga, Whangarei...***

*My mother was told by 13/Sandy Donaldson AMR, that he saw Ben fall, with his  
rifle above his head, mortally wounded, if not killed outright. The whole place was  
set on fire by shell fire that night.*

Attested 12/8/14, Auckland

Born 10/9/90, Maungaturoto, Otamatea

Occupation Farmer

Residence Hunua, Auckland

Employee B Lockwood, Hunua

Pre Military B Squadron, AMR, Kaiwaka, North Auckland

Brother of 13/548 Tpr HARRISON, Henry Haywood, AMR, Killed in Action, Gallipoli, 12/7/15

**13/548 Trooper HARRISON, Henry Haywood** single Kirikopuni, NWMB, No 4 Trp, 11<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Sqn, AMR

A G Harrison Maungaturoto

Sailed 16/10/14

KILLED IN ACTION Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1915, age 27

Ari Burnu Cemetery, ANZAC.

G/R C. 22.

Attested Prev, 4/8/14, then 3/9/14, Epsom, Auckland

Born 17/5/88, Maungaturoto

Occupation Bushman

Residence Kirikopuni. Northern Wairoa

Employee Finlayson Brothers, Bush Contractors.

Pre Military Otamatea Mounted Rifles

Brother **13/66 Tpr HARRISON, Charles Benjamin**, AMR, Killed in Action, Chunuk Bair, Gallipoli, 8/8/15

***From Jack King, nephew, Tikipunga, Whangarei...***

*It was known through-out the family that Haywood reportedly, stood up in the trench to have a smoke, (when warned not to), and was shot by a sniper. His brother, Ben worked all night to carry stones to his grave and paid a friend/soldier to carve Haywood's name in a stone.*

***A letter to A G Harrison (father) from Charles J Bush-King, Chaplain, NZEF...***

*“Your brave boy remains were laid to rest by his own July 12th, 1915, at Ari Burnu, Area 224, Alphabetical Square G, Memorial Dot, Squared Map of Gallipoli, and anyone following these directions may go within a foot of his grave”.*

***‘A District Hero’. an extract from the ‘Warkworth Times’...***

*Very general regret is felt through-out the district at the death of Trooper Haywood Harrison, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles on July 12th. Trooper Harrison volunteered with the Main Expeditionary force a year ago, and he is the first of the Maungaturoto boys to lay down his life for his country. His younger brother, Benjamin was also a member of the Main Expeditionary force, his father and sisters are residents in the district. They have the deepest sympathy of the settlers here.*

***12/1696 Private LAWSON, Arthur James*** single Mangarata, NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Rf A Coy  
Auckland Infantry Battalion

John Lawson, Waitomo Caves, King Country

Sailed 14/2/15

**KILLED IN ACTION** Chunuk Bair ANZAC Sector      Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915,  
aged 22

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 10.

Son of John and Elizabeth Lawson of Hinerangi, Te Kuiti, Native of Australia

Admitted to Hospital, Dardanelles, Gastritis, 16/5/15

Discharged, 18/5/15

Admitted to Hospital, Dardanelles, Bomb Wound, Left wrist, 5/6/15

Discharged, 5/6/15

Admitted to Sweeper, ‘*Claeton*’, Dardanelles, 18/6/15, Abscess

Transferred to HM '*Devanha*', Dardanelles, 19/6/15

Admitted to No 2 Australian Stationary Hospital, Mudros, Cleveical Abcess,  
20/6/16

Discharged from Hospital, Mudros, 26/6/15

Re-joined Unit, Dardanelles, 30/7/15

Attested 4/12/14, Trentham.

Born 12/11/87, Auckland

Occupation Bushman

Residence Mangarata, Northern Wairoa.

Employee G Thornton, Mangarata, NW. 1914 Kaipara Roll. Thornton, George  
Alfred, Mangarata, Bush Contractor

Prev Military No

**12/203, Corporal O'DONNELL, John** single Grange Rd, Mt Eden,  
Ak. MB. 4 Pl, 15 Sec, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ak Coy. AIB.

William O Donnell, 50 Grange Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland.

Sailed 16/10/14, '*Waimana*'

Killed in Action Plugges Plateau, ANZAC Sector Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915,  
aged 21.

Plugges Plateau Cemetery

G/R B. 4.

Son of William and Katherine O'Donnell, 67 Grange Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland

Promoted to Corporal, 17/8/14

Reverted at own request to Private, 9/9/14

Promoted to Corporal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ak Coy, AIB, 14/4/15

Attested 11/8/14, Auckland

Born 25/12/93, Kaeo, North Auckland

Occupation Bushman

Residence Grange Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland

Employee Robert Gibbons, Piha, Auckland

Prev Military

Brother 2/1456 Gnr O'Donnell, William Ernest, 4<sup>th</sup> Rf, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery, NZ  
Field Artillery DOW, France, 8/6/17

***Otago Witness, 7/7/15...***

*Corporal John O'DONNELL, (Killed in Action) left with the Main Expeditionary Force with the 3rd Auckland Infantry Battalion. He was in his twenty first year and was a son of Mr William O'Donnell and Mrs (Nurse) O'Donnell, of 50 Grange Road, Mt Eden.*

*Cpl O'Donnell was born in Kaihu, near Dargaville, where he was employed by Mr E Trounson, a farmer of that district. He was a good footballer and a keen volunteer, being a Sergeant in Territorials before he volunteered for active service. A brother, Gunner William O'Donnell is now in Egypt with the New Zealand Field Artillery.*

***13/730 Trooper PRICE, James Percival*** single Tangiteroria, NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Rf.  
11<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Sqdn, AMR

William Charles Price Tangiteroria

Sailed 14/12/14

KILLED IN ACTION Chunuk Bair ANZAC Sector Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915,  
aged 31

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 3.

Son of the late William and Sarah Price of Tangiteroria, Northern Wairoa.

New Zealanders ashore by 1<sup>st</sup> May 1915, 4,444 men

1914 Kaipara Roll, Price, James Percival. Tangiteroria, Labourer.

1914 Kaipara Roll, Price, William Charles, Tangiteroria, Farmer. Sarah,  
Tangiteroria, Married

Posted to unit at Dardanelles, 30/6/15

Attested 20/10/14, Trentham.

Born 22/6/89, Hokianga

Occupation Bushman

Residence Tangiteroria, Northern Wairoa

Employee W McCraith, Tangiteroria, NW. 1914 Kaipara Roll. McCraith  
William, Mangarata, Bush Contractor

Prev Military No

***Auckland Weekly News 9/9/15...***

*PRICE, Pte James Percival who was Killed in Action on Gallipoli on August 8th was the eldest son of Mr W C Price, Tangiteroria, Northern Wairoa. He left with the 1st Reinforcements, being attached to the Mounted Brigade of the 15th North Auckland Regiment. The deceased Soldier was 32 years of age and was well known in bush contracting and farming circles.*

Brothers 12/615 Pte PRICE, Thomas William, MB 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy AIB, KIA  
Gallipoli, 8/5/15

10/1051 Pte PRICE, Arthur Davis, MB B Coy WIB, wounded, 8/8/15.

***12/6115 Private PRICE, Thomas William*** single Tangiteroria MB 10 Pl 7  
Sec 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy AIB

W C Price Tangiteroria

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

KILLED IN ACTION Daisy Patch, Cape Helles Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1915

Twelve Tree Copse (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 11. 1. 3.

Son of William and Sarah Price of Tangiteroria, Northern Wairoa.

1914 Kaipara Roll. Price, William T, Tangiteroria, Bushman

Wounded in Action, Dardanelles, 8/5/15

Reported Wounded and Missing, believed Dead, Dardanelles, Report signed by Lt Col R Young, Board of Enquiry held at, Moascar Camp, Ismailia, Egypt, 16/1/16.

Attested 6/9/14, Auckland

Born 11/8/87, Tangiteroria

Occupation Bushman

Residence Tangiteroria, Northern Wairoa

Employee E Baldwin, Kirikopuni, NW. 1914 Kaipara Roll, Baldwin Eber, Kirikopuni, Farmer.

Prev Military

Brothers 13/730 Tpr PRICE, James Percival, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rf, 11<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Sqn, AMR, KIA, Gallipoli, 8/8/15

10/1051 Pte PRICE, Arthur Davis, MB, B Coy WIB,  
wounded 8/8/15

***Auckland Weekly News, 30/9/15...***

*PRICE, Lance Corporal, A D who was recently wounded is a son of Mr W C Price, Tangiteroria. The last letter received from him was written on July 24th and indicated that he was then serving at Quinn's Post. His brother, Pte T W Price was wounded several months ago, but his parents have yet learned where he is, and whether he has recovered.*

***12/2446 Private PRITT, Henry Capel*** single Kaihu, Northern Wairoa 5<sup>th</sup> Rf,  
A Coy Auckland Infantry Battalion

Mrs L Pritt (s/m) Remuera, Auckland

Sailed 13/6/15



KILLED IN ACTION Chunuk Bair, ANZAC Sector Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915,  
aged 46.

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 11.

Son of Lonsdale and Mary Pritt of Auckland.

Fifth Reinforcements, 1,974 men

1914 Tauranga Roll. Pritt, Henry Capel, Aongatete, Farmhand.

Joined unit at Dardanelles, 8/8/15

Attested 13/2/14, Trentham.

Born 25/1/76, New Zealand

Occupation Farmhand

Residence Kaihu, Northern Wairoa

Employee ? Prev, G F Pritt, Farmer, Katikati.

Prev Military No

***Auckland Weekly News, 2/9/15...***

*PRITT, Pte Henry Capel, Auckland Infantry Battalion, who was reported to have been Killed in Action, on August 8th, was the third son of the late Lonsdale Pritt, Archdeacon of Waikato and incumbent of St Mark's Church, Remuera. He was 46 years of age.*

***10/1962 Corporal RICHARDS, Herbert Edward*** single Ohakune 4<sup>th</sup> Rf, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Hawkes Bay Coy WIB

Mrs B M Hansen (m) Kaihu, Northern Wairoa

Sailed 17/4/15

KILLED IN ACTION Chunuk Bair, ANZAC Sector Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1915

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

P/N 22.

Son of Mrs H M Hansen (formerly) Richards, of Kaihu, Northern Wairoa

Fourth Reinforcements 2,000 men

1914 Kaipara Roll. Hansen, Bringel Martin, Kaihu, Settler

Promoted to Corporal, 16/1/15

Reverted to Private, 9/6/15

Kaihu Valley Hall and School Roll of Honour

Attested 2/1/15, Trentham

Born 18/11/89, Auckland

Occupation Bullock Driver

Residence Ohakune

Employee P Chase, Taurangaere

Prev Military Ashburton Mounted Rifles

**12/1782 Private ROBINSON, Horace Sidney** single Dargaville 3<sup>rd</sup> Rf,  
15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy Auckland Infantry Batt

Mrs R V Robinson Hokianga Rd Dargaville

Sailed 14/2/15 '*Tahiti*'

**KILLED IN ACTION** Quinn's Post, ANZAC Sector. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1915

Lone Pine Memorial

P/N 73.

Son of Mrs K Robinson of 28 Maita Rd, Greenlane, Auckland.

1914 Kaipara Roll, ROBINSON, Sydney, Dargaville, Bushman.

Sailed to the Dardanelles, 8/5/15

Wounded in Action, Dardanelles, 5/6/15, now reported, wounded and missing,  
believed dead, Board of Enquiry, Moascar Camp, Ismailia, Col R Young,  
31/1/16

Attested 11/12/14, Dargaville

Born 13/1/84, Onehunga, Auckland

Occupation Bushman

Residence Dargaville

Employee R M McCraith, Tangowahine, NW. 1914 Kaipara Roll, McCraith, Henry, Tangowahine, Bush Contractor

Prev Military No

***A History of the Northland Regiment, by H Field, page 18...***

*June 5th, 50 men of Auckland Battalion and 50 men from Canterbury Battalion volunteered to attempt to take the Turkish Trench in front of Quinn's Post. Sortie 11:00 p.m., trench taken and 30 prisoners captured. Trench held until 9:00 a.m., on 6th when enfilade M.G. and bomb-fire caused evacuation.*

***The Auckland Regiment, by 2/Lt O E Burton, page 43...***

*From June 2nd to 9th the Aucklanders held Quinn's. The first evening five rounds rapid caused a great and harmless retaliation. On the night of the 5th and 6th it was decided to carry out an offensive operation against the Turks in the trenches opposite The Auckland and Canterbury Battalions were ordered to supply fifty volunteers each for the task.*

***Auckland Weekly News, August 1915...***

*ROBINSON, Pte Horace Sidney, Auckland Infantry Battalion, who was reported on June 5th to be wounded and is now reported to be missing, is the fourth son of Mrs K Robinson of Weymouth, Manurewa and the late Mr H L Robinson, formerly of Huia. Pte Robinson is 31 years of age and was born in Onehunga. He is well known in Northern Wairoa where he was engaged in the timber trade. He left Auckland with the third reinforcements. His elder brother is serving at Gallipoli with the Australian Light Horse, having enlisted at Brisbane.*

***12/635 Private SANFORD, Howard Russell*** married Te Kopuru MB 10 Pl, 7 Sect, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Coy AIB

Mrs Maria Anderson (m) Te Kopuru

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

KILLED IN ACTION Courtney Post, ANZAC Sector. Tues 6<sup>th</sup> July 1915,  
aged 20 Lone Pine Memorial

P/N 73.

Son of Mark and Phyllis, husband of Agnes E Sanford (formerly Simpson) of  
Redhill, Te Kopuru.

1914 Kaipara Roll, Anderson, Maria. Redhill, Married

Married Agnes Edith Simpson, 28<sup>th</sup> April 1914, Auckland

On child, Phillis Dulcie Sanford born 13<sup>th</sup> April 1915, Te Kopuru

Te Kopuru School Roll of Honour

Attested 13/8/14,

Born 30/10/94, Te Kopuru.

Occupation Carpenter

Residence Te Kopuru, Northern Wairoa

Employee Rope Brothers, Te Kopuru

Prev Military Territorials, Te Kopuru

Brother 6/3456 Pte SANFORD, Mark, 8<sup>th</sup> Rf, C Coy CIB. wounded

Brothers in law 64670 Pte SIMPSON, Frederick William, 32<sup>nd</sup> Rf, C Coy CIB  
wounded.

12/2844 Pte SIMPSON, Ralph Osborne, 7<sup>th</sup> A Coy AIB KIA, France  
26/9/16

45922 Pte SIMPSON, Sydney, Canadian Expeditionary Force

64671 Pte SIMPSON, William Hart, 32<sup>nd</sup> Rf, C Coy CIB DOW, France 24/4/18

***Auckland Weekly News, 12/8/15...***

*SANFORD, Private, H R, 15th North Auckland Company, Auckland Infantry  
Battalion, who was recently reported to have been Killed in Action was the  
youngest son of Mrs C P Anderson of Redhill, Te Kopuru. He was 20 years of age  
and was born at Redhill, receiving his education at the Redhill and Te Kopuru  
Schools. He was a carpenter by trade.*

***History of the Northland Regiment, by H Field, page 19...***

*July 8th, Battalion relieved as garrison on Courtney Post, by Otago's and went into reserve in Monash Valley.*

***The Auckland Regiment, by 2/Lt O E Burton, page 50...***

*At midnight on the 29th June every Turkish gun that could be brought to bear deluged the ANZAC lines with shrapnel and high explosives in a sustained burst of fire, that continued for over half an hour. The massed Turkish columns of assault came forward steadily and bravely, only to be caught in the searchlights of the destroyers. They came on in vain against the steady lines of cool and determined riflemen. This attack was not pressed home in the vicinity of Courtney's, and the preliminary shell fire had practically no effect on the deep, well-constructed trenches.*

***Tuesday 6th, 12/2504 Pte Percy Walden's Dairy...***

My mate, Howard Sanford was shot through the head and died within 30 minutes. He had shot a Turk, when he was in last and was showing the boys where he had shot him when he got it to. There was no occasion for him to be in the trenches at all, but he was quite excited over a shooting a Turk and had to go and stick his head above the trenches to show the other boys. All the boys and I felt quite down in the dumps, we had been such good mates ever since we landed. We always shared and cooked our meals between us and bivvied together.

Deeply regretted, July 1915

***12/1795 Lieutenant SIMPSON, William Stephen*** single Paparoa 3rd Rf 15<sup>th</sup>  
Nth Ak Coy, AIB

Henry Simpson (br) Palmerton North

Sailed 14/2/15 'Tahiti'

**KILLED IN ACTION** Monash Valley ANZAC Sector Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
1915

Lone Pine Memorial

P/N 72

Son of Andrew and Mary Simpson of Auckland

Appointment of Territorial Officer, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Reg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, 21/12/12

Appointment of Territorial Officer, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Reg, Lieutenant, 4/12/14

Attested

Born 24/5/89, Petone, Wellington

Occupation Solicitor's Clerk

Residence Paparoa, Kaipara, Otamatea

Employee Hall, Skelton and Skelton

Prev Military 2yrs. 9 months, 15<sup>th</sup> Nth Ak Reg, 1 yr. 6 months, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ak Reg, 4 yrs. Senior Cadets.

***The Auckland Regiment by 2/Lt O E Burton, page 52...***

*On July 8th the Battalion was relieved (from Courtney's Post) and went into reserve in Monash (Valley), during which time Lieutenant Simpson was killed by a sniper.*

***Auckland Weekly News 10/6/15...***

SIMPSON, Lieutenant W S of the Auckland Infantry Battalion who was Killed in Action on the 31st May was a son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Simpson of Waldgrove St, Palmerton North. The young officer was only 22 years of age on May 24th. Before the war Lieutenant Simpson was studying law. He took active interest in Territorial matters and from an early age was keen on Soldiering. When the war broke out, he enlisted and later received a commission in the Auckland Infantry, 3rd Regiment. For a time, he acted as recruiting officer and had already passed his examinations for his Captaincy.

***Auckland Weekly News. 22/7/15...***

*SIMPSON, Lieutenant W S, 15th North Auckland Company. The death of this officer was referred to in a letter received in Auckland on Tuesday, from Captain C S Algie, officer commanding the Company. On May 30th, Lieutenant Simpson, the writer states were superintending the construction of a road in what was regarded as a safe area, when he was struck in the neck by a spent bullet. Death was instantaneous.*

***Auckland Weekly News, 8/15...***

*Of Lieutenant W S Simpson, who was Killed in Action, Trooper Foley States, 'that he was sniped while near his bivvy attending to a man who had been wounded by a sniper'.*

***Otago Witness, 9/9/15...***

*William Stephen SIMPSON, (Auckland Battalion) was 22 years of age, and was born in Pahiatua, Wairarapa, where he lived for 12 or 13 years. His parents then removed to Auckland, taking up their residence in Mt Eden and spent their son to Auckland Grammar School where he remained to 1911. On leaving school, Lt Simpson entered the office of Mr Han Skelton, solicitor, but enlisted and left New Zealand with the 3rd Reinforcements.*

*Since this body has only comparatively recently taken part in the fighting in the Dardanelles it would appear that Lt Simpson met his death only days after his arrival in Gallipoli. He took a keen interest in Military matters before the war broke out, gaining his commission in the Senior Cadets and passing his examinations for a Lieutenancy.*

*Lt Simpson was well known in Auckland, and much respected for his genial good nature and scholastic ability.*

***16/358 Private TAHU, Ngakapa*** single Ripia, Northern Wairoa 3<sup>rd</sup> Rf A Coy  
Maori Pioneers

Taimona Tahu Te Kopuru, Northern Wairoa

Sailed 14/2/15 'Warrimoo'

KILLED IN ACTION Tabletop, ANZAC Sector Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1915, aged 21

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

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Son of Taimona and Ruta Tahu of Te Kopuru, Wairoa North, Native of Ripia.

Maori Contingent 477 men

Attested 20/10/14

Born 6/11/84, Ripia, Northern Wairoa

Occupation Labourer

Residence Ripia, Northern Wairoa

Employee R Geeson, Horehore, Northern Wairoa

Prev Military No

***The Maoris in the Great War, James Cowan, page 39...***

*On the night of the 6th the searchlight was turned off at 9.30, and instantly our men poured through the scrub and jungle into an empty redoubt at Tabletop, a whole series of entanglements being carried by 11. o'clock.*

*The Maoris indeed went into that attack, their first battle with the bayonet, in a mood of savage determination and delight. This was their chance for fame. They went grimly for these Turks, bayoneted them in their lines, they burst into a tremendous haka when they had cleared the trenches – 'Ka mate, ka mate, ka ora, ka ora!' – then silence as they pressed on to the next point.*

***Page 44, Captain Buck wrote...***



*The AMR took Old No 3 but dug in without cleaning it out. Captain Dansey, with 70 Maoris, asked Major Chapman (AMR) to give him another 50 men and he would clean up the position. This was refused, and Dansey did it with his 70 men, losing only seven killed and several wounded. Major Chapman was killed. The WMR, under Colonel Meldrum, took 'Big Table Top', but 'Rhododendrum', a little further on, delayed the infantry who were advancing while these operations were going on. The OMR, under Colonel Bauchop, with the Canterbury Regiment, under Colonel Finlay, cleared up 'Bauchop's Hill'. Colonel Bauchop was mortally wounded through the chest whilst leading his men, he died the next day. One of the last things he said in the clearing station (to Lieutenant Colonel Herbert, OC, Maori Contingent) was, 'Herbert, the Maoris have done splendidly.'*

**12/647 Corporal TELFER, John Vivian**      single      Kirikopuni, NW MB 15<sup>th</sup>  
Nth Ak Coy Auckland Infantry Battalion

William E Telfer (f)      Whangarei

Sailed 16/10/14, 'Waimana'

**KILLED IN ACTION** ANZAC Sector      Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

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Son of Mr and Mrs W E Telfer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Whangarei.

1914 Kaipara Roll. Telfer, James, Naumai, Millhand.

Appointed Acting Corporal, Anzac, 1/6/15

Whananaki School Roll of Honour

Attested 13/8/14, Dargaville

Born 13/10/88, Whananaki, Whangarei

Occupation Labourer

Residence Kirikopuni, NW

Employee T G Hawkins, Kirikopuni, NW

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***Auckland Weekly News, 2/9/15...***

*TELFER, Private John Vivian, 15th North Auckland Company, left New Zealand with the Main Expeditionary Force. He a was the son of Mr William Telfer of Whangarei and was 30 years of age. He was a bushman by occupation and was employed at Kirikopuni, Northern Wairoa, when he enlisted.*

**4/463 Sapper WHITAKER, Cecil Grayton** single Western Springs Rd  
Morningside Ak MB NZFE Div Sig Coy

Joseph Whiting (f) Western Springs Rd Morningside Ak

Sailed 16/10/14 'Waimana'

DIED OF WOUNDS ANZAC Sector Gallipoli Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1915,  
aged 22

Lone Pine Memorial

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Son of Joseph Robert and Mary Whitaker of 60 St John Ave, Epsom, Auckland

Whitaker Cecil Grayton, Te Kopuru School 1898

1899 Marsden Roll. Whitaker, Joseph Robert, Te Kopuru, School Teacher, Mary,  
Te Kopuru, Domestic Duties

Zeitoun Camp, Egypt, 24/12/14 – 5/1/15, Measles, mild, recovery complete

Wounded, brought on broad, *HMHS 'Gascon'*, Dead, Dardanelles. Gunshot  
wound, shoulder, 11/8/15

College Rifles RFC, Auckland. Roll of Honour

Te Kopuru School, Roll of Honour

Attested 10/8/14, Auckland.

Born 28/2/93

Occupation Accountant

Residence Western Springs Rd, Morningside, Auckland.

Employee

Prev Military

***Auckland Weekly News, 2/9/15...***

*WHITAKER, Sapper Cecil G, eldest son of Mr J R Whitaker, headmaster of the Mt Albert School, Died of Wounds at Gallipoli on August 11th. He was 22 years of age. Spr Whitaker left with the Divisional Signalling Company of the Main Body and had been at the front since the landing on April 25th. He received his education at the Te Kopuru, Helensville and Mt Albert Schools, finishing at the Auckland Grammar School.*

***Auckland Weekly News. 8/15...***

*BASSETT, Cpl Cyril, Victoria Cross, in a letter to his parents, receiving in Auckland last week, he regrets to the wounding of Spr Cecil Whitaker of his Company, the Divisional Signallers, New Zealand Engineers on 10/8. The death of Spr Whitaker has since been cabled, Cecil was badly wounded on the same day as Dick Tonkin, he says 'and four of us', his best pals, went out and carried him in, it was irresponsible to do this in day time, in account of ?.*

***Otago Witness, 9/6/15...***

*WHITAKER, Sapper, Cecil Grayton, 4/463, Engineers, Died of Wounds on HMHS 'Gascon', 11/8/15, aged 22 years, Son of Joseph Robert and Mary Whitaker of 60 John avenue, Epsom, Auckland.*

***11/163 Trooper WILLIAMS, George Henry*** single Dargaville MB C Sqdn  
Wellington Mounted Rifles

W Williams Onetea, Northern Wairoa

Sailed 16/10/14 'Tahiti'

**KILLED IN ACTION** ANZAC Sector Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1915

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial

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Son of Mr and Mrs Walter Williams of Charlotte St, Eden Terrace, Auckland.

1914 Kaipara Roll, William Walter, Tikinui, Settler. Christina, Tikinui, Married.

NZT No 4 'Tahiti', 21/10/14 – 25/10/14, influenza

Reported wounded, Anzac Cove, no further details, 9/8/15

Attested 15/8/15, Palmerton North

Born 8/5/92, Dargaville

Occupation Butter Maker, Rata Dairy Company, Wanganui

Residence Rata, Wanganui

Employee Rata Dairy Company, Wanganui

Prev Military Territorials, 1913/14.

*Killed in Action, on August 9th, 1915, George Henry Williams, of Wellington Mounted Rifles, dearly beloved son of Walter and Christina Williams of Tikinui, Northern Wairoa, aged 23 years and 8 months, 'Thy will be done'.*