

1918 Influenza Epidemic

Like most districts in New Zealand Upper Hutt was affected by the 1918 Influenza epidemic. Situated near Upper Hutt was the Trentham Military camp. Trentham had regular contact with the Featherston Military camp where the Influenza epidemic was rife. As a result the citizens of Upper Hutt were in real danger of contracting Influenza.

During the Influenza Epidemic the Upper Hutt School became the emergency hospital and the Heretaunga Golf Club house received and accommodated convalescent patients.

There were twelve (12) deaths from Influenza in Upper Hutt. Seven (7) died from the Township and five (5) from the County district. I do not know if the numbers include those Upper Hutt Service Personnel who died at Trentham Military Camp.

Upper Hutt citizens who died of Influenza

1. Died 11 November 1918 = Unknown Railway Shunter
2. Died 13 November 1918 = John Brown (or James Brown below)
3. Died 17 November 1918 = Private Arthur Robert Cobb (died at home Upper Hutt)
4. Died 20 November 1918 = George Edward Francis Rickard (before his wife below)
5. Died 21 November 1918 = Mary O'Neil
6. Died 22 November 1918 = Mary Philomenia Craig
7. Died 23 November 1918 = Charles Henry Potts
8. Died 24 November 1918 = Elsie Irene Rickard (formerly Pickering)
9. Died 26 November 1918 = Lilian May Palmer

Upper Hutt citizens who may have died from Influenza

1. Died 18 November 1918 = Amy Josephine Jones (formerly Lawrence)
2. Died 20 November 1918 = Ethel Maude Nichol (formerly Villars)
3. Died 23 November 1918 = Richard Quinn

Service Personnel associated with Upper Hutt who died at Trentham Camp from Influenza

1. Died 13 November 1918 = James C Brown (or John Brown above)
2. Died 14 November 1918 = Leslie Vernon Latimer
3. Died 15 November 1918 = John Flanagan Pte (Mrs H Flanagan Wallaceville mother)
Died 17 November 1918 = Private Arthur Robert Cobb (at home in Upper Hutt listed above)
4. Died 18 November 1918 = Edward John McTigue
5. Died 19 November 1918 = Albert William Simpson
6. Died 20 November 1918 = George Edward Francis Rickard (before his wife listed above)
7. Died 20 November 1918 = Major Donald Bruce McKenzie

Service Personnel associated with Upper Hutt who died in Wellington from Influenza

1. Died 26 November 1918 = Robert Allen Macmillan
2. Died 17 November 1918 = William James Collings

Service Personnel associated with Upper Hutt who died at Featherston Camp from Influenza

1. Died 10 November 1918 = Robert Daniel Bengé
2. Died 17 November 1918 – R.Q.M.S. C James 6/1885 (Mrs L James Heretaunga)

Service Personnel associated with Upper Hutt who died at sea from Influenza

1. Died 04 September 1918 = Linus Bernard Golder
2. Died 04 September 1918 = Thomas James Stanley

Upper Hutt citizens & Service Personnel who died from Influenza (Alphabetical order)

Private Robert Daniel BERGE died 10 November 1918 Featherston Military Camp

0- Robert Daniel (Dick) BERGE born 06 June 1897 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 10 November 1918 Featherston Military Camp Wairarapa New Zealand (No Issue) married 26 June 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand Annie Agnes OSBORNE born 17 April 1898 New Zealand died 1986 New Zealand (under Bree)

#Robert Daniel BERGE Private 74285 Training Unit Blacksmith & farmhand employer S Benge Estate Ltd Wellington address Te Marua Upper Hutt next of kin wife Mrs R D Benge Te Marua Upper Hutt reference publication Roll of Honour Section s died 10 November 1918

#4235 Private Robert Daniel BERGE 10th November (next of kin wife Mrs Matilda [sic] Benge Upper Hutt)

#Annie Agnes and Matilda BERGE desire to sincerely thank all sympathising and helping friends in their sad and great bereavement – Mrs M G Benge Te Marua Upper Hutt reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 16 November 1918 page 1

#Robert Daniel BERGE born 06 June 1897 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1897 folio website 1897/10402 parents Matilda and Samuel William Benge

#Robert Daniel BERGE died 10 November 1918 Featherston Wairarapa New Zealand reference RGO NZ WWI death registration 1918 folio website 1918/10569 age 21

#Robert Daniel BERGE married 1918 New Zealand Annie Agnes OSBORNE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1918 folio website 1918/2467

#Annie Agnes OSBORNE born 1898 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/5386 parents Augusta and Samuel Osborne

#Annie Agnes BERGE married 1923 New Zealand Dennis BREE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1923 folio website 1923/1485

#Annie Agnes BREE died 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio website 1986/35592 born 17 April 1898 age 88

James BROWN died 13 November 1918 Upper Hutt

0- James BROWN born about 1886 died 13 November 1918 Trentham Camp Upper Hutt New Zealand married

#Trentham Camp died of Influenza 92541 Private James C BROWN 13 November (Mrs J C Brown Trentham wife) reference Paper past website Otago Daily Times newspaper 21 November 1918 page 5

#James Charles BROWN died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11676 age 32 born about 1886

#Brown On 13 November at his residence Upper Hutt suddenly of influenza the dearly beloved husband of Mildred May Brown and son in law of Mrs L Venables 68 Richmond Avenue Grey Lynn and son of Mr J Brown locomotive foreman Wanganui Dearly loved by all reference Papers past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 23 November 1918 page 1 &

Is it James or John BROWN

John BROWN died 13 November 1918 Upper Hutt

0- John BROWN born 1887 New Zealand died 13 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand (Issue unknown) married 1916 New Zealand Mildred May HURLE born about 1898 died 1948 New Zealand (under McFarlane)

#Deaths – Brown – on 13th November of influenza (suddenly) John beloved husband of Millie Brown, Upper Hutt and beloved eldest son of Mr and Mrs J Brown (NZR Wanganui) late South Dunedin and Oamaru reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 November 1918 page 4

#Deaths – Brown – On 13 November at his late residence Upper Hutt suddenly of influenza the dearly beloved husband of Mildred May Brown and son in law of Mrs T Venables 68 Richmond Avenue Grey Lynn and son of Mr J Brown locomotive foreman Wanganui – Dearly loved by all reference Paper past website New Zealand Herald newspaper 23 November 1918 page 1

#John BROWN died 13 November 1918 buried St John's Anglican Church cemetery Trentham Upper Hutt

#John BROWN died 13 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 (12/11/1918) folio website 1918/8253 age 31 born about 1887
#John BROWN married 1916 New Zealand Mildred May HURLE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1916 folio website 1916/1658
#Mildred May BROWN married 1920 New Zealand George McIntyre MCFARLANE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1920 folio website 1920/3070
#Mildred May MCFARLANE died 1948 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1948 folio website 1948/18814 age 50 born about 1898

William James COLLINGS died 17 November 1918 Wellington

0- William James COLLINGS born about 1897 died 17 November 1918 Wellington

#William James COLLINGS died 1919 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1919 folio website 1919/418 age 22 born about 1897

#William James COLLINGS Private 38502 born 16 March 1898 Brunnerton single occupation Railway employee C/o Loco Department Railways Station Upper Hutt died Influenza 17 November 1918 Wellington from Trentham Military Camp next of kin father Mr T Collings Mackey Street Greymouth parents born Cornwall England served with the Railway Engineers attested Wellington height 5 feet 7 inches, complexion pale, eyes brown, hair dark brown, religion Church of England examined 06 May 1918 wellington last address Railway Station Upper Hutt

Mary Philomena CRAIG died 22 November 1918 Upper Hutt

0- Mary Philomena CUDBY born 1871 New Zealand died 22 November 1918 Upper Hutt married 1895 New Zealand John Thomas CRAIG born 1866 New Zealand died 1933 New Zealand (7 Issue)

#Deaths – Craig – On Friday 22nd November 1918 at her late residence Main Road Upper Hutt Mary Philomena Craig beloved wife of John Craig aged 46 years RIP reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 30 November 1918 page 1

#Votes of condolence was passed by the Hutt County Council to-day to Mr J W Cudby county inspector in the death from influenza of his sister Mrs J Craig of Upper Hutt and to Councillor W Galloway in the death of his wife and son reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 10 December 1918 page 8

#NOTE the Mrs W Galloway mentioned in the newspaper article died 26 November 1918 in Wellington and came from Pahautanui so I have not included her in this document.

#Deaths – Craig – On Friday 22nd November 1918 at her late residence Main Road Upper Hutt Mary Philomena Craig beloved wife of John Craig aged 46 years RIP reference papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 November 1918 page 1

#Mary Philomena CRAIG buried St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church cemetery Upper Hutt

#Mary Philomena CRAIG died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12992 age 47 born about 1871

#Mary CUDBY born 1871 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/20839 parents Elizabeth and Charles Cudby

#Mary Philomina CUDBY married 1895 New Zealand John Thomas CRAIG reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1895 folio website 1895/1981

#John Thomas CRAIG born 1866 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/33468 parents Elizabeth and John Craig

#John Thomas CRAIG died 1933 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1933 folio website 1933/6271 age 66 born about 1867

Private Arthur Robert COBB died 17 November 1918 at his home in Upper Hutt

0- Arthur Robert COBB born 25 May 1886-1888 Somerset England died 17 November 1918 Upper Hutt married 1914 New Zealand Annie (Nancy) O'SHEA born 1890 died 1966 Wellington New Zealand (1 Issue)

#Arthur Robert COBB Private 82890 Training Unit address C/- Robson Kanakana occupation Shepherd employer Robson farmer Kanakana next of kin wife Mrs Nancy Cobb Kanakana Gisborne reference publication Roll of honour section 3 died in disease 17 November 1918

#82890 Pte Arthur R COBB at his home at Lower [sic] Hutt 17 November (next of kin Mrs A R Cobb Upper Hutt)
#82890 Private A R COBB Training Unit NZEF died 17 November 1918 age 30 buried Karori cemetery Wellington area 11 block AA row 03 plot 36
#Arthur Robert COBB died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11663 age 30 born about 1888
#Arthur Robert COBB age 30 Soldier buried 18 November 1918 Karori cemetery Wellington
#Arthur Robert COBB married 11 November 1914 Gisborne New Zealand Annie (Nancy) O'SHEA reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio website 1914/3365
#Annie COBB died 1969 reference RGO NZ death registration 1969 folio website 1969/41743 age 79 born about 1890

Private John FLANAGAN died 15 November 1918 Trentham Military Camp

0- John FLANAGAN born 13 March 1878 died 15 November 1918 Trentham New Zealand
#Soldiers deaths at Trentham Military Camp 3/3339 Pte J Flanagan 15 November (Mrs H Flanagan Wallaceville m) Evening Post newspaper 19 November 1918 page 7
#Deaths - Private John Flanagan 15 November (Mrs H Flanagan mother Wallaceville) reference Papers past website Otago Daily Times newspaper 23 November 1918
#Soldiers Deaths at Trentham Camp - 3/3339 Pte John Flanagan 15 November (Mrs H Flanagan mother Wallaceville) reference Papers past website North Otago Times newspaper 25 November 1918 page 5
#John Flanagan Private 3/3339 Home Service clerk employer Kaiapoi Freezing Works next of kin last address 837 Colombo Street Christchurch sister (Margaret) Mrs Captain (Henry) Redmond Oamaru died 15 November 1918 Roll of Honour section 3
#John Flanagan died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/1652 age 40 born about 1878
#Henry John Flanagan soldier Upper Hutt & Ellenore Flanagan married Trentham 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll (perhaps brother 26/666 records William Street Wallaceville married 26 December 1912 Renwick NZ Ellenore Forbes/Foubes)

Private Linus Bernard GOLDER died 04 September 1918 at Sea

0- Linus Bernard GOLDER born 01 February 1898 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 04 September 1918 at Sea on voyage to England (never married)
#L B GOLDER (next of kin mother J Golder Upper Hutt 03 September)
#Linus Bernard GOLDER Private 79138 clerk next of kin mother Mrs J Golder Upper Hutt reference Nominal Roll volume 4 roll 86 page 9
#Linus Bernard GOLDER died 1918 reference RGO NZ WWI death registration 1918 folio website 1918/82049 age 20 born about 1898
#Linus Bernard GOLDER born 01 February 1898 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/19222 parents Jane and James Golder

Amy Josephine JONES died 18 November 1918 Upper Hutt

0- Amy Josephine LAWRENCE born 1891 New Zealand died 18 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1914 New Zealand Norman Bentford JONES born 1890 New Zealand died 1968 New Zealand (No Issue)
#Deaths - Jones - At Upper Hutt on 18 November Annie J Jones dearly beloved wife of Norman B Jones late of Mahoenui and only daughter of B C Lawrence of Waitara reference Papers past website Taranaki Daily newspaper 19 November 1918 page 4
#Amy Josephine JONES died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12989 age 27 born about 1891
#Amy Josephine JONES married women Mahoenui 1919 Probate files reference Archives NZ Auckland BCDG 4420 A973 48/ 1017
#Amy Josephine LAWRENCE born 1891 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio website 1891/4453 parents Anne Josephine and Burton Charles Lawrence
#Amy Josephine LAWRENCE married 1914 New Zealand Norman Dentford JONES reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio website 1914/6854

#Norman Dengard [sic] JONES born 1890 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/5904 parents Mary Opie and Joshua Jones
#Norman Dentford JONES died 1968 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1968 folio website 1968/41024 age 78 born about 1890

QMS Leslie Vernon LATIMER died 14 November 1918 Trentham Military Camp

0- Leslie Vernon LATIMER born 18 October 1893 Timaru New Zealand died 14 November 1918 Trentham Military Camp Upper Hutt New Zealand married 20 March 1918 Timaru New Zealand Catherine Mary DUNN born 23 October 1893 New Zealand died 1973 New Zealand
#Leslie Vernon LATIMER Private 6/490 Main Body Canterbury Infantry Battalion single last address Matilda Street Timaru next of kin Mrs Matilda Latimer Matilda Street Timaru reference Nominal Roll volume 1
#6/490 QMS Leslie Vernon LATIMER 14th November 1918 died (next of kin Mrs L Latimer Upper Hutt)
#6/490 RQMS L V LATIMER Canterbury Regiment NZEF died 14 November 1918 age 25 years buried Kaori cemetery Wellington area 11 block AA row 02 plot 012
#Leslie Vernon LATIMER died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ 1918 folio website 1918/11455 age 25 born about 1893
#Leslie Vernon LATIMER married 20 March 1918 St Mary's New Zealand Catherine DUNN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1918 folio 1388 website 1918/1827
#Catherine Mary DUNN born 1894 New Zealand reference RGO NZ Birth registration 1894 folio website 1894/17038 parents Mary and Martin Dunn
#Memoriam – Latimer – In sad and loving memory of my dear husband 6-490 RQMS Leslie Vernon Latimer who died at Trentham Cottage Hospital on 14th November 1918 (verse) inserted by his loving wife Kitty reference Papers past website Timaru Herald newspaper 14 November 1919 page 6 (plus [1] from his mother [2] from his sisters-in-law Gertie, Mary, Agnes [3] from his friends E & R Cairns)
#Catherine's siblings were Gertrude Margaret born 1895, Mary Josephine born 1897, Agnes Rose born 1900, Annie Veronica born 1901 & Martin Joseph born 1903
#Catherine LATIMER married 1920 New Zealand Ernest WHEELER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1920 folio website 1920/8963
#Catherine Mary WHEELER died 1973 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1973 folio website 1973/29552 born 23 October 1893 age 79

#Catherine LATIMER died 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ 1986 folio website 1986/51142 born 28 February 1897 age 89 – Not sure

Corporal Robert Allen MACMILLAN died 26 November 1918 Wellington

0- Robert Allan MACMILLAN born 1874 Scotland died 26 November 1918 Wellington married 9 November 1899 Greenock Janet Catherine HAY born died perhaps Scotland (3 Issue)
#New Zealanders Roll of Honour - Deaths – Macmillan – On 26 November at Alexandra Hospital Corporal Robert Allen Macmillan of Trentham Electrical Staff aged 42 years (from influenza and pneumonia) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 November 1918 page 1
#Deaths – Macmillan – On 26 November at Alexandra Hospital Corporal Robert Allen Macmillan of Trentham Electrical Staff aged 42 years (from influenza and pneumonia). Military funeral arriving Karori Cemetery at 3 pm reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 27 November 1918 page 1
#Corporal R A Macmillan who died yesterday morning from influenza followed by pneumonia had been on the permanent staff at Trentham for nearly two years having charge of the electric lights. He was a most popular man in the camp having a cherry word for all. Corporal Macmillan was to have been married shortly. He was born in Scotland and was a very keen yachtsman in his younger days reference papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 November 1918 page 7 & Manawatu Times 29 November 1918 page 2
#Robert Allan MACMILLAN WWI 39668 born 16 February Gonrock Scotland parents Mary Allan & James Macmillan both born Scotland. Reside in New Zealand 7 years (arrived about 1909) occupation Sailmaker last address Randwick Graham Street Auckland employer

Fletcher Bros & City Market. He was married 29 November 1899 Greenock Janet Catherine HAY with 3 children William born 15 February 1901 Gowrock, Kenneth born 22 June 1903 Gowrock & Ian born 22 June 1905 Rothesay. Memorial plaque and scroll posted to Mrs J C Macmillan Quay House Tarbert Lock Argyle Scotland. Enlisted Auckland 20 October 1916, height 5 feet 8 inches, florid complexion, brown eyes, iron grey hair, religion Presbyterian & loss of left thumb at first joint. He assembled at Trentham 16 May 1918 posted to A Coy 31 October 1916 transferred to HQRS Staff 18 November 1916 promoted Corporal 18 May 1917. Next of kin was 1st (wife) Mrs R A Macmillan Tarbert Lock Fyne Scotland & 2nd (friend) Mrs B R Bach 14 Hargrave Street Ponsonby Auckland. He died of Influenza at Alexandra Temporary Hospital Wellington on 26 November 1918.

#Corporal Robert Allen Macmillan died in Wellington on November 26 from influenza, followed by pneumonia. Deceased had been on the Permanent Staff at Trentham for nearly two years, having charge of the electric lights. He was a most popular man in the camp, having a cheery word for all. Corporal Macmillan was to have been married very shortly to Miss Molly Anderson, of Dunedin, who is well known in Wanganui and Invercargill. He was born in Scotland, and was a very keen yachtsman in his younger days reference Papers past website Southland Times newspaper 02 December 1918 page 5

#R E MCMILLAN died 25 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11535 age not recorded

#Alexander [sic] MCMILLAN age 0 buried 27 November 1918 Karori cemetery Soldier section Wellington reference Wellington City Council website cemetery database [Incorrect details including photograph of headstone] Headstone reads = Private A McMILLAN Training Unit died 16-6-1917 Age 47.

#39668 Cpl R A MACMILLAN Training Unit NZEF died 26 November 1918 age 44 [born about 1874] Area 11 Block AA Row 04 Plot 028 buried Karori cemetery Wellington buried register

#MACMILLAN, Cpl. Robert Allan, 39668. Training Unit. 26th Nov., 1918. Age 44. Husband of Mrs. J. C. H. Macmillan, of Quay House, Tarbert, Lochfyne, Argyll, Scotland. Born Scotland. D. 28. reference Commonwealth War Graves register

Donald Bruce McKenzie died 20 November 1918 Trentham Military Camp

0- Donald Bruce MCKENZIE born Dunedin about died 1918 Trentham Military Camp Upper Hutt New Zealand married

#Deaths in Camp at Trentham – Major Donald Bruce McKenzie (next of kin Mrs McKenzie Trentham) reference Papers past website Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 21 November 1918 page 5

#Major Donald Bruce McKenzie - Major Donald Bruce McKenzie passed away at Trentham on Tuesday morning after only three days sickness of influenza. He was aged forty. Deceased was the eldest grandson of the late Mrs Bruce of this town. He was born at Dunedin and educated at the Boys High School. He was first for two or three years with the late Mr Piper, Duvauchelle, leaving there to enter the office, of Messrs Wright, Stevenson and Co and afterwards Messrs Dalgety and Co where he attained the manager-ship of their Gore branch. He was an ardent volunteer and held the commission in the B Battery of artillery. He left NZ with the Main Body and was in Egypt and all through the Gallipoli campaign in command of the last detachment left to guard the re-embarkation. Later on he was in Egypt and suffered from malaria. He then came back in charge of the first batch of wounded men. Returning to the front he was again ill from shell shock and came home again and placed in charge of the Base Records Office. He was married to Miss Green of Gore and besides his widow he leaves one son. A younger brother Jack, was for some time with Mr G Pilkington, Akaroa, and he also left with the Main Body. He is now in Palestine. Deceased's sister, Miss Bell McKenzie is well known in Akaroa, being a frequent visitor to her aunt Mrs Leete of Akaroa reference Papers past website Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser 22 November 1918 page 2

Major Edward John MCTIGUE died 18 November 1918 Trentham Military Camp

- 0- Edward John MCTIGUE born 1880 Ashburton New Zealand died 18 November 1918 New Zealand married 1904 New Zealand Julia Bridget MCEVEDYN born 1876 died 1958 New Zealand (4 Issue)
#Edward John MCTIGUE Warrant Officer Class 1 Home Service address Soldier employer New Zealand Defence Department address Main Road Upper Hutt next of kin wife Mrs J B McTigue Main Road Upper Hutt reference publication Room of Honour Section 3 died 18 November 1918
#Sergeant Major Edward J McTIGUE 18 November (next of kin wife Mrs E J McTigue Upper Hutt)
#Sergeant Major E J McTrigue who died of pneumonia at the Trentham Military Hospital was a brother in law of Dr P F McEvedy of Wellington. He was a splendid specimen of manhood, tall and of fine physique, one of the last men that would be expected to succumb to an attack of sickness. For a number of years Sergeant Major McTrigue was in the Permanent Artillery at Lyttleton and from there was transferred to Southland being stationed at Wyndham and Gore. Not long after the outbreak of war he was sent up to Trentham as an instructor and made his home at Upper Hutt reference Papers past website Matura Ensign newspaper 28 November 1918 page 4
#Staff Sergeant / Major E J MCTIGUE Home Service Section NZEF died 18 November 1918 age 38 buried Karori cemetery Wellington area 11 block AA row 03 plot 021
#Edward John MCTIGUE born 1880 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1880 folio website 1880/6587 parents Bridget and Patrick McTigue
#Edward John MCTIGUE married 1904 New Zealand Julia Bridget MCEVEDYN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1904 folio website 1904/2484
#Edward John MCTIGUE died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8453 age 38 born about 1880
#Julia Bridget MCTIGUE died 1958 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1958 folio website 1958/20116 age 82 born about 1876

Ethel Maude NICHOL died 20 November 1918 Upper Hutt

- 0- Ethel Maude VILLARS born 1888 New Zealand died 20 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1910 New Zealand John Glenville NICHOL born 1884 New Zealand died 1932 New Zealand (1 Issue)
#Ethel Maude VILLARS born 1888 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio website 1888/13362 parents Norah and Edmund Villars
#Ethel Maud NICHOLL age 29 married women died 20 November 1918 buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt by Rev O'Leary
#Ethel Maude NICHOL died 1918 Upper Hutt reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12990 age 29 born about 1889
#Ethel Maud VILLARS married 1910 New Zealand John Glenville NICHOL reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1910 folio website 1910/1367
#John Glenville NICHOL born 1884 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/11759 parents Mary Warren and William Nichol
#John Glenville NICHOL died 1932 Upper Hutt reference RGO NZ death registration 1932 folio website 1932/5468 age 47 born about 1885

Mary O'NEILL died 21 November 1918 Upper Hutt

- 0- Mary UNKNOWN born 1893 died 21 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand married William Thomas O'NEILL born 10 October 1882 New Zealand died 1938 New Zealand (No Issue)
#Deaths – O'Neill – On the 21st November 1918 at Upper Hutt Mary beloved wife of W T O'Neill aged 24 years reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 28 November 1918 page 1
#Mary O'NEILL died 21 November 1918 buried Wallaceville cemetery Upper Hutt
#Mary O'NEILL burial record Wallaceville cemetery Upper Hutt block C plot 2 occupation married locality Maoribank purchaser (not paid for) minister Camp Chaplain undertaker P Robertson burial date 21 November 1918 age 25 years

#Mary O'NEILL died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12991 age 25 born about 1893
#William Thomas O'NEILL born 10 October 1882 Westport New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1882 folio website 1882/15496 parents Ellen and William O'Neill
#W T O'NEILL 1923 Members of the Railway Department reference AJHR 1923 Section D3 page 75
#William Thomas O'NEILL died 1938 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1938 folio website 1938/20874 age 56 born about 1882
#William Thomas O'NEILL Engine Fitter filed date 28 March 1938 Westport probate records reference Archives NZ Christchurch CAIF 20704 CH300 box 82 WP 834/1938 Intestate Letters of administration
#Verdict of Heart Disease at Inquest – Wellington 08 March – A verdict of death from heart disease was returned to-day at the inquest on William Thomas O'Neill aged 56 a retired railway servant of Peel Street Westport who died suddenly on 20 February at the residence of his brother in law at lower Hutt where he was spending a holiday reference Papers past website Press newspaper 09 March 1938 page 12
#Deaths – O'Neill – on 20 February 1938 at the residence of his sister Mrs N Greer 63 Hutt Road Lower Hutt, William Thomas beloved son of Mrs O'Neill and the late William O'Neill of Peel Street Westport aged 56 years RIP (Internment at Westport) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 21 February 1938 page 1

Lilian May PALMER died 26 November 1918 Upper Hutt

- 0- Lilian Mary MORRIS born 1872 died 26 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1893 New Zealand Alexander Ernest PALMER born 1871 New Zealand died 1950 New Zealand (1 Issue)
#Deaths – Palmer – On 26 November 1918 at Upper Hutt Emergency Hospital Lilian May beloved wife of A Palmer Trentham aged 46 years reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 27 November 1918 page 1
#Lilian May PALMER died 26 November 1918 buried St John's Anglican Church cemetery Trentham Upper Hutt
#Ellen [sic] May PALMER died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8258 age 46 born about 1872
#Lilian Mary MORRIS married 1893 New Zealand Alexander Ernest PALMER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1893 folio website 1893/2229
#Alexander Ernest PALMER born 1871 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/20968 parents Clara and Charles Palmer
#Alexander Ernest PALMER died 1950 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio website 1950/32592 age 79 born about 1871

Elsie Irene RICKARD died 24 November 1918 Trentham Upper Hutt

- 0- Elsie Irene PICKERING born 1894 New Zealand New Zealand died 24 November 1918 Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1911 New Zealand George Edward Francis RICKARD born 1885 New Zealand died 20 November 1918 Trentham Military Camp Upper Hutt New Zealand (2 Issue)
#A sad occurrence in connection with the epidemic was the death at Trentham Camp of Staff sergeant George E Rickard on Saturday week. Four days later Mrs Rickard died from the same disease leaving two children orphans. Staff Sergeant Richard who was 33 years of age has been on permanent staff at the Auckland Defence Office for four year. He enlisted about 18 months ago but having failed to pass the medical test was transferred to the Army Pay Corps. Deceased was the only son of Mrs E R Rickard formerly postmistress at Ahawa West Coast reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 December 1918 page 4
#Death in Camps - Trentham – 61263 Staff Sergeant George Ed Rickard (next of kin Mrs E J Rickard Heretaunga) 20 November 1918
#61263 S Sgt G E Rickard of the Army Pay Corps died at Trentham yesterday the cause of death being influenza and pneumonia. Deceased was 33 years of age and married next of kin being Mrs E J Richard c/- Mrs Mullighan Main Road Heretaunga reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1918 page 5

#In fond and loving memory of Elsie RICKARD who died at Upper Hutt 26 November 1918 aged 24 Home at last thy labour done safe and blest the victory won Jordon passed from pain set free Angles now have welcomed thee peace perfect peace buried St John's church cemetery

#Elsie RICKARD died 26 November 1918 buried St John's Anglican cemetery Trentham Upper Hutt

#Elsie RICKARD died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8257 age 24 born about 1894

#Elsie Irene PICKERING born 1894 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1894 folio website 1894/13271 parents Annie Muriel and Henry Vipond Pickering

#Elsie Irene PICKERING married 1911 New Zealand George Edward Francis RICKARD reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1911 folio website 1911/791

#George Edward Francis RICKARD died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11657 age 33 born about 1885

#Elise and George RICKARD had 2 children Daphne Irene Carne born 1911 & Frank Edward Clifton born 1915 who were both orphaned after the death of their parents

Staff Sergeant George Edward Francis RICKARD died 20 November 1918 Trentham Camp

0- George Edward Francis RICKARD born 1885 New Zealand died 20 November 1918 Trentham Military Camp Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1911 New Zealand Elsie Irene PICKERING born 1894 died 24 November 1918 Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand (2 Issue)

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#Death in Camps - Trentham - 61263 Staff Sergeant George Ed Rickard (next of kin Mrs E J Rickard Heretaunga) 20 November 1918

#George Edward Francis RICKARD died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11657 age 33 born about 1885

#George Edward Francis RICKARD born 1885 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/7061 parents Eliza and Francis Henry Richard

#George Edward Francis RICKARD married 1911 New Zealand Elsie Irene PICKERING reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1911 folio website 1911/791

#Elsie RICKARD died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8257 age 24 born about 1894

#George and Elsie RICKARD had 2 children Daphne Irene Carne born 1911 & Frank Edward Clifton born 1915 who were both orphaned after the death of their parents

Charles Henry POTTS died 23 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand

0- Charles Henry POTTS born 1881 died 23 November 1918 married 1906 New Zealand Ada Edith DALTON born 1887 New Zealand died 1968 New Zealand (5 Issue)

#Charles Henry POTTS 1881-1918 and S H POTTS - Abide with me buried Wallaceville cemetery Upper Hutt block D plot 12 occupation Driver locality Upper Hutt purchaser Epidemic Gift minister M Pepril undertaker P Robertson burial date 23 November 1918 age 38 years

#Charles H POTTS died 23 November 1918 buried Wallaceville cemetery Upper Hutt

#Charles Henry POTTS Carter Upper Hutt 1919 probate records reference AAOM 6029 W3265 373/ 25312 filed date 06 February 1919 intestate letters of administration

#Charles Henry POTTS died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12994 age 38 born about 1880

#Charles Henry POTTS married 1906 New Zealand Ada Edith DALTON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1906 folio 6390 website 1906/6441

#Ada Edith DALTON born 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/16880 parents Sarah and John Benjamin Dalton

#Ada Edith POTTS (widow) married 1922 New Zealand Leslie Galloway ROBERTSON reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1922 folio website 1922/9095

#Ada Edith ROBERTSON died 1968 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1968 folio website 1968/46532 age 80 born about 1888

Richard QUINN died 23 November 1918 Upper Hutt

0- Richard QUINN born 1869 Staffordtown Hokitika New Zealand died 23 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand (never married)

#Richard QUINN died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8259 age 49 born about 1869

#Deaths – Quinn – On 23 November 1918 at his late residence Richard Quinn aged 49 years RIP reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 25 November 1918 page 1

#A well- known figure in the person of Mr Richard Quinn of Upper Hutt and of Trentham has died. Deceased was born in the old goldmining settlement Staffordtown about seven miles from Hokitika 49 years ago. For the past four years he was a member of the Upper Hutt Town Board vice president of the Horticultural Society and the Bowling Club and a steward of the Petone Trotting Club reference Papers past website Press newspaper 30 November 1918 page 5

Sergeant Albert William SIMPSON died 19 November 1918 Featherston Military Camp

0- Albert William SIMPSON born 12 December 1884 Marlborough died 19 November 1918 married 23 March 1914 Wellington New Zealand Ellen Rhead HANCOCK born 1877 died 1958 New Zealand (No Issue)

#5/146 Sergeant Albert William SIMPSON (next of kin wife Mrs E R Simpson Upper Hutt)

#Albert William SIMPSON Sergeant 5/464 Home Service Storeman employer Folder (Gear Co) Petone address 10 Petone Avenue Petone next of kin wife Mrs E R Simpson Trentham P O Trentham reference publication Roll of Honour Section 3 died 19 November 1918

#Albert William SIMPSON died 19 November 1918 buried 21 November 1918 Taita cemetery Lower Hutt New Zealand

#Albert William SIMPSON died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11523 age 34 born about 1884

#Albert William SIMPSON born 1884 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/2306 parents Jane Elizabeth and James Atkinson Simpson

#Albert William SIMPSON married 1914 New Zealand Ellen Rhead HANCOCK reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio website 1914/6984

#Ellen Rhead SIMPSON died 1958 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1958 folio website 1958/30944 age 81 born about 1877

Private Thomas James STANLEY died 04 September 1918 at Sea

0- Thomas James STANLEY born 22 July 1875 New Zealand died 04 September 1918 at Sea on voyage to England married 1918 New Zealand Annie Lousia BANKS (later BROWN) born 1871 New Zealand died 1960 New Zealand (No Issue)

#Thomas James STANLEY Private 12/4094 Contractor next of kin wife Mrs A L Stanley Te Marua Upper Hutt ex 10th Reinforcement reference Nominal Roll volume 4 roll 86 page 7

#T J STANLEY (next of kin wife A L Stanley Upper Hutt 04 September) [Mrs Stanley's brother Lieutenant Henry Dunbar BANKS was killed in action 04 November 1918)

#Lieutenant Henry Dunbar Banks, reported killed in action on 04 November was well known in Wellington. Born at Hokitika, he was educated first at Napier Main School, then at Terrace School, Wellington, Wellington College and Victoria College. For several years he was accountant to the legal firm of Messrs Buller and Anderson, now known as Messrs Buddie and Anderson. Later he entered the teaching profession, and at the time of his enlistment held a position under the Wellington Education Board. He left New Zealand as second lieutenant with the Twenty-second Reinforcements, in March, 1917, and was wounded in France in October of that year. When convalescent he was appointed a platoon commander in the 3rd Reserve Battalion of the Wellington Regiment at Sling Camp, where he received his promotion. In September last he was sent across to France, and news of his death in action came through last week. Lieutenant Banks was a brother of Mr W A D Banks, clerk of the

Magistrate's Court, Christchurch, and of Mrs Stanley, of Upper Hutt, whose husband, Private T J Stanley, died of influenza on board the transport that carried the Fortieth Reinforcements reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 27 November 1918 page 4

#Thomas James STANLEY died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/82040 age 43 born about 1875

#Thomas James STANLEY born 22 July 1875 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1875 folio website 1875/2928 parents Mary Ann and Thomas Stanley

#Note Thomas was a widower his 1st wife Julia Elsie died 1915 and they had 6 issue

#Thomas James STANLEY married 1918 New Zealand Annie Louisa BANKS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1918 folio website 1918/172

#Annie Louisa STANLEY married 1924 New Zealand Charles Fortescue BROWN reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1924 folio website 1924/6238

#Annie Louisa BROWN died 1960 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1960 folio website 1960/23651 age 88 born about 1872

Unknown Railway Shunter died 11 November 1918

#Just about the time the armistice was announced the epidemic put in an appearance at Upper Hutt. The first death occurred on armistice night, the victim being a railway shunter reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918 page 8

Doctors & Nursing Staff assisting with the Epidemic in Upper Hutt

Doctor MONRO

0- **Doctor John Stuart MONRO** born about 1889 died 1971 New Zealand

#During the next few days Dr Munro had a very busy time and on Saturday 16 November, he had to lay up reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918 page 8

#It is understood a Dr Munro is thinking of settling down in Upper Hutt – probably in H. C Gibbons House reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 April 1918 page 4

#John Stuart MONRO First Reserves Craiglockhart Palmerston North Medical Practitioner recruiting district

#John Stuart MONRO registration 19 May 1916 qualification MB Bac Surgeon 1912 University Edinburgh Residence Upper Hutt reference New Zealand Register of Medical Practitioners

#John Stuart MONRO died 1971 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1971 folio website 1971/26454 age 82 born about 1889

Sister Florence Julia STUBBS

0- **Florence Julia STUBBS** born 1890 New Zealand died 1977 New Zealand

#Mrs Pettit has been relieved by Sister Stubbs, a former Wellington Hospital nurse reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918 page 8

#Florence J STUBBS August 1916 Wellington Hospital certificate State examination June 1916 residence Active service NZANS

#Florence Julia STUBBS born 1890 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio website 1890/7465 parents Georgina and John Stubbs – not sure

#Julia Florence STUBBS died 1977 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1977 folio website 1977/43996 born 25 August 1882 age 94 – not sure

Doctor Major William Haddow PETTIT and Letitia Greacen PETTIT (formerly Campbell)

0- **William Haddow PETTIT** born 13 April 1885 Nelson New Zealand died 16 December 1985 Auckland New Zealand married 1910 New Zealand **Letitia Greacen CAMPBELL** born 1883 New Zealand died 30 June 1964 Auckland New Zealand (4 issue)

#William Haddow PETTIT born 13 April 1885 Nelson New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/6862 parents Isabella and Thomas Pettit

#Letitia Greacen CAMPBELL born 1883 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1883 folio website 1883/14320 parents Letitia and Allan Brock Campbell
#William Haddow PETTIT married 1910 New Zealand Letitia Greacen CAMPBELL reference RGO NZ marriage registration 19410 folio 7923 website 1910/7544
#Letitia Greacen PETTIT died 1965 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio website 1965/39080 age 81 born about 1884
#William Haddon PETTIT died 1985 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1985 folio website 1985/52491 born 13 April 1885 age 100 years
#located a hand written scrap of paper which read = The couple had four children, the first two daughters were born in India the third in Dunedin in 1914, a son was born some years later. Dr Pettit died in an Auckland Private Nursing home in December 1985 and an obituary was published in the New Zealand Herald on 17 December 1985 the day following his death.

Hundredth Birthday for Hero

Dr WILLIAM PETTIT the almost forgotten hero of Upper Hutt during the worldwide influenza epidemic in 1918, celebrated his 100th birthday on Saturday.

He's credited with saving many lives and for some years a portrait of the then Major Pettit, and his wife, a trained nurse, hung in the borough council chambers.

Today Dr Pettit lies in a bed at St Andrew's Hospital, St Heliers, Auckland, going out by taxi weekly to attend Sunday church.

The 1918 epidemic killed millions – more than the First World War – and when it struck in Upper Hutt, Major Pettit was medical officer at Trentham Camp.

Upper Hutt Primary School was turned into a hospital, and the major placed in charge. He and his wife worked night and day. They would “doss down” as opportunity offered.

“Her was a hero,” says 79-year –old Henry Salisbury of Maoribank, who as a Standard five pupil at the time can remember the event but barely the man.

“He spent himself for others,” says 86-year-old May Poulsen of Weka Grove, who remembers him better because he was a frequent visitor to the home of her family – the Hazelwoods.

And her 82-year-old husband Hec, says simple that Dr Pettit saved his life.

“I was 15 at the time of the “flue,” he says. “I nearly died.” In fact, there's a period of a week on which his mind is a complete blank.

Dr Pettit was born in Nelson, and went to Dunedin to study medicine when he was 16. He served in Bangladesh for five years as a Baptist medical missionary before returning to New Zealand.

A committed Christian he became known through the country as a preacher, first as a Baptist and later as a member of the Open Bretheren.

What was he like?

“A tall, strapping man,” as Mr Salisbury remembers. “He was regarded as a gentleman,” says Mrs Poulsen. He was also something of a debater. Mr Salisbury remembers him debating creation and evolution with Professor Hunter (after whom the Hunter Building at Victoria University was named) in the Wellington Town Hall.

Though we had some difficulty obtaining information from the hospital, we were able to learn that Dr Pettit celebrated his birthday with a small party of relatives, and that he received a large number of messages.

[Image with caption]

Major William Pettit and his wife (we haven't been able to discover her name) photographed by Upper Hutt photographer G L Lay. The date is unknown, but the indications are that it could be about 1918.

(Reference Golder Cottage Archives laminated newspaper article from the Upper Hutt Leader April 1985)

The photograph in the 1985 newspaper article was quoted as been “*hung in the borough council chambers*” but it is not known where the photograph is now located or stored.

Newspaper articles regarding Influenza in Upper Hutt

Evening Post newspaper 16 November 1918

Railway services reduced no late trains for the suburbs - Owing to the number of men off duty with influenza, the Railway Department is compelled to reduce train services, and, commencing to-day, there will be no late trains in the suburban areas until further notice. The last train for Johnsonville and Paekakariki will leave Wellington at 6.24 pm daily and for Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt at 6.14 pm daily. The advertisement covers full particulars of trains suspended. The epidemic has spread very rapidly among the Railway staff during the past twenty-four hours, hence the shortness of the notice re suspension of services.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 November 1918 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1918

Upper Hutt and Heretaunga - The Heretaunga and Upper Hutt organisations have, decided to work together in hospital matters. The emergency hospital established at Upper Hutt Schoolhouse under the charge of Mrs Pettit will be used by the whole of Upper Hutt Valley, while a convalescent hospital will be provided at Heretaunga. Two pneumonic cases were admitted at Upper Hutt Hospital yesterday, one of them being a case, where a patient had ventured out too soon. Reports of, a bad state of things at Stoke Valley reached Heretaunga yesterday, and although not in their district, Heretaunga workers at once set off to render aid and bring the sufferers into touch with food and medical supplies and medical aid. The two organisations in the Upper Valley are reported to be working well and doing a great deal of good.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1918 page 8)

Dominion newspaper 25 November 1918

Upper Hutt - The organising committee, with Mr F W Connell as chairman on duty at the courthouse, has attended to the wants of the district in a wholehearted manner. Every home needing assistance has been visited on notice being received. Dr Munro, the local medical practitioner, has been laid up since the epidemic struck the locality, and his place has been filled by Major Pettit, NZMC, who has worked untiringly, night and day, with excellent results. The public school has been turned into a hospital, under the charge of a qualified matron, Mrs Pettit, wife of Major Pettit, and splendid work is being done there by a small band of willing workers.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 25 November 1918 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 26 November 1918

Heretaunga and Upper Hutt - The influenza cases in the Heretaunga and Upper Hutt districts are reported to be clearing up well, the complete organisation having resulted in a practically clean sheet so far as new cases are concerned. There are still several serious cases in the emergency hospital at Upper Hutt, where good work is being done by Mrs Pettit and her staff.

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 26 November 1918 page 8)

Free Lance newspaper 28 November 1918

At the Upper Hutt an emergency hospital has been equipped in the school house in the charge of Mrs Pettit but fortunately most of the cases there have so far been of a mild nature.

(Reference Papers past website Free Lance newspaper 28 November 1918 page 16)

Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918

Epidemic at Upper Hutt - Work of the Relief Committee

Just about the time the armistice was announced the epidemic put in an appearance at Upper Hutt. The first death occurred on armistice night, the victim being a railway shunter. During the next few days Dr Munro had a very busy time and on Saturday 16 November, he had to lay up. Being without medical aid for the district, the Hon. C H Izard, MLC, telegraphed to Surgeon-General Henderson, asking that Major Pettit, NZMC (on sick leave without pay), might practise for a few days until Dr Munro recovered. On Sunday 17 November the constable in charge Mr J M Cummings, convened a meeting of residents at the Courthouse, by desire of Major Pettit. A committee was set up with the head teacher of the local State

school Mr F W Connell as chairman, and Mr A J McCurdy as secretary. The State school was insured against fire in the State Fire Office, and before midday on Monday 18 November 18 was ready for its first patient, who was brought in by the military ambulance. Mrs Pettit a certified nurse (wife of Major Pettit), was placed in charge of the emergency hospital, and was assisted by lady residents of the town district. Patients came in with rush at the outset, but slackened off as, the week ended - fourteen being admitted from the Hutt County and ten from the Upper Hutt town district. Of these two from the county and one from the town district have died, being almost "in extremis" when brought in by the ambulance. Of the remaining patients eleven have been returned to their homes convalescent, and ten are still under treatment, only one of them causing concern to the doctor and staff. There have been twelve deaths recorded in the district (including the three at the Upper Hutt emergency hospital), five in the county, and seven in the township. By arrangement with Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Potter, and the principal medical officer at Trentham Camp, the subcommittee managing the hospital (Major Pettit, NZMC and Messrs Connell and McCurdy) much valuable and appreciated assistance has been obtained - orderlies to attend male patients, military ambulance to remove patients, and much needed stores and equipment. The hospital not only serves the town district of Upper Hutt, but also the Mangaroa Riding of the Hutt County and it is officially recognised by the Public Health Department. To obviate establishing a hospital at Heretaunga a suggestion made by Colonel Gibson (Chief of Staff) was accepted by the Upper Hutt Hospital Committee, that Upper Hutt should receive Heretaunga (Hutt County) patients, and the Heretaunga Committee receive convalescent patients, and accommodate them at the Golf house.

Major Pettit has done wonderfully good work, and his persistent and untiring efforts, ably seconded by Mrs Pettit, both inside and outside the emergency hospital, have practically stamped out the scourge. Dr Munro, the local medic, has so far recovered from the influenza and over-strain, as to resume practice last Sunday and Major Pettit has been directed to report for duty at Trentham Camp. Major Pettit still keeps an eye on the Upper Hutt hospital.

Mrs Pettit has been relieved by Sister Stubbs, a former Wellington Hospital nurse.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918 page 8)
