

Influenza Stories

The influenza epidemic in Trentham Military Camp made an impact in the Upper Hutt community. In this document I have researched and recorded some details about the individual people who died of influenza and were associated with the Upper Hutt district in one way or another.

First two influenza deaths associated with Upper Hutt district were:

03 Sep 1918 - Pte Linus Bernard Golder - died aboard "Tahiti" buried at sea mother UH

04 Sep 1918 - Pte Thomas James Stanley - died aboard "Tahiti" buried at sea wife UH

"There have been twelve deaths recorded in the district (including the three at the Upper Hutt emergency hospital) five in the country and seven in the township and of these three were soldiers, four soldiers wives, one a soldiers child, and two had soldier lodgers, only two were un-associated with soldiers or camp".

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times & Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918)

It was difficult to confirm all death criteria from the article but some draft details are listed below.

3 Soldiers = [1] Pte A R Cobb [2] Staff Sgt G E Rickard [3] Sgt Major E J McTigue

1 Soldier's child = [1] H D McKenzie

4 Soldier wives = [1] A J Jones [2] M O'Neil [3] E I Rickard [4] E M Nichol

2 soldier lodgers = perhaps [1] L M Palmer [2] E A Pearse

2 un-associated with camp or soldiers = perhaps [1] J Brown [2] M P Craig [3] C H Potts

5 in the Country [1]

7 in the Township = [1] C H Potts [2] L M Palmer [3] M P Craig [4]

Including 3 deaths at emergency hospital = [1] C H Potts [2] L M Palmer [3] unknown

Upper Hutt residents & Service Personnel who died from Influenza (died, name & details)

10 Nov 1918 - Pte Robert Daniel BERGE - died Featherston Camp nok wife UH

11 Nov 1918 - Major (Dr) John Bonwell SALE 3/4316 - nok wife Trentham

12 Nov 1918 - John BROWN - age 31 NZR shunter buried St Johns churchyard

13 Nov 1918 - Pte James Charles BROWN 92541 - died Trentham nok wife

14 Nov 1918 - RQMS Leslie Vernon LATIMER 6/490 - died Trentham

15 Nov 1918 - Pte John FLANAGAN - died Trentham nok brother Henry J Flanagan Wallaceville

17 Nov 1918 - Pte William James COLLINGS 38502 - died Wellington nok UH

17 Nov 1918 - RQSM C JAMES 6/1885 - died Featherston Camp nok Mrs L James Heretaunga

17 Nov 1918 - Pte Arthur Robert COBB - died at home Wallaceville nok wife UH

17 Nov 1918 - Hilda Doreen MCKENZIE - age 2 child buried St Johns

18 Nov 1918 - Amy Josephine JONES - age 27 soldiers wife buried St Johns churchyard

18 Nov 1918 - Sgt Major Edward John MCTIGUE - died Trentham Camp nok wife UH

19 Nov 1918 - Sgt Albert William SIMPSON Sgt 5/464 - died Trentham nok UH

19 Nov 1918 - Major Donald Bruce MCKENZIE 9/325 - died Trentham nok Trentham

20 Nov 1918 - S/Sgt George Edward Francis RICKARD 61263 - died Trentham wife also died

20 Nov 1918 - Ethel Maude NICHOL - age 29 died Trentham Camp soldier's wife

21 Nov 1918 - Mary O'NEIL - age 24 buried Wallaceville soldier's wife

22 Nov 1918 - Mary Philomenia CRAIG - died at home

23 Nov 1918 - Charles Henry POTTS - age 38 buried Wallaceville died emergency hospital

23 Nov 1918 - Richard QUINN - age 49 died at home buried Karori (cause death unknown)

25 Nov 1918 - Pte Alfred William AVERY 55671 - nok wife Upper Hutt

26 Nov 1918 - Corp Robert Allan MACMILLAN 39668 - died Wellington nok UH

26 Nov 1918 - Elsie Irene RICKARD - age 24 buried St John nok soldier husband also died

26 Nov 1918 - Lilian May PALMER - age 46 buried St Johns died emergency hospital

05 Dec 1918 - Elizabeth Ann PEARSE - age 56 buried St Johns churchyard

07 Dec 1918 - Drv James Alexander WILSON 13/2097 - nok wife Trentham

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Soldier – next of kin wife Upper Hutt

(Pte Alfred William Avery 55671 – 25 November 1918)

Alfred William Avery was born 13 January 1879 Southampton England. He married Edith Mary nee Reed 09 November 1909 Southampton England and they had one daughter Gertrude Edith born 25 May 1910 also in Southampton England.

Alfred family departed England perhaps accompanied by his wife and daughter and settled in New Zealand. During World War One Alfred enlisted on 29 May 1917 and went into Trentham Camp. Alfred and his family settled in the Upper Hutt district.

Alfred's daughter Gertrude E Avery attended Upper Hutt School from 27 May 1918 to 08 November 1918 when the school was closed due to the influenza epidemic.

#Service file = "Private Alfred William Avery 55671 NZTU, occupation Cook, employer Hospital ship Maheno, address Walkers Hotel Princess Street Dunedin, next of kin wife Mrs A W Avery High Street Totton Southampton Hants England & friend Mrs Walker Central Hotel Dunedin, born 13 January 1879 Southampton England, married Edith Mary nee Reed 09 November 1909 Southampton England, children Gertrude Edith born 25 May 1911 [1910] Southampton England, married, age 39 years, height 5 feet 2½ inch, weight 144 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair fair, religion Church of England, attested 14 May 1917, enlisted 29 May 1917, admitted to Trentham Military Hospital 09 November 17 days later died Influenza pneumonia died 1.30 pm 25 November 1918 Trentham Cottage hospital = note in the file is a declaration from widow Edith Mary Avery c/- Barry's Store Heretaunga".

Private Alfred William Avery 55671 was admitted to Trentham Military Hospital on 09 November 1918 and 17 days later died at 1.30pm on 25 November 1918 at the cottage hospital.

Soldiers Deaths – 55671 Pte A W Avery (Mrs E M Avery Trentham) died at Trentham M.C. Aged 39

Private Alfred William Avery 5567 New Zealand Training Unit was buried in the soldiers section of Karori cemetery in Wellington.

Alfred's widow Edith married Walter John William Johnson 1928 in New Zealand and she died in 1951. Alfred's daughter Gertrude Edith Avery married 1936 to Edward Leslie Day and died 2003 in New Zealand.

Research

#Gertrude E Avery birth date 25 May 1910 parents Alfred Wm Avery address Upper Hutt admission date 27 May 1918 last day 08 November 1918 register number 2452 Upper Hutt School

#Service file = Private Alfred William Avery 55671 NZTU, occupation Cook, employer Hospital ship Maheno, address Walkers Hotel Princess Street Dunedin, next of kin wife Mrs A W Avery High Street Totton Southampton Hants England & friend Mrs Walker Central Hotel Dunedin, born 13 January 1879 Southampton England, married Edith Mary nee Reed 09 November 1909 Southampton England, children Gertrude Edith born 25 May 1911 Southampton England, married, age 39 years, height 5 feet 2½ inch, weight 144 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair fair, religion Church of England, attested 14 May 1917, enlisted 29 May 1917, admitted to Trentham Military Hospital 09 November 17 days later died Influenza pneumonia died 1.30 pm 25 November 1918 Trentham Cottage hospital = note in the file is a declaration from widow Edith Mary Avery c/- Barry's Store Heretaunga

#Alfred William Avery died 25 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11778 age 39 born about

#Soldiers Deaths – 55671 Pte A W Avery (Mrs E M Avery Trentham) died at Trentham M.C. Aged 39 reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 November 1918
#Edith Mary Avery married 1928 New Zealand Walter John William Johnson reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1928 folio website 1928/782 (Edith Mary Johnson died 1951/22479 age 70 born about 1881)
#Gertrude Edith Avery married 1936 New Zealand Edward Leslie Day reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1936 folio website 1936/11293 (Gertrude Edith Day nee Avery died 2003/11549 born 25 May 1910)

Blacksmith – Farm Hand - Soldier

(Pte Robert Daniel Benge 74285 - 10 November 1918)

Robert Daniel Benge was born 06 June 1897 in Upper Hutt to parents Matilda Jane nee Hooper and Samuel William Benge who were married in 1894.

Robert attended Upper Hutt School from 1900 to 1903, Mungaroa School (formerly Te Marua later renamed Brown Owl) from 16 February 1903 to 14 February 1911. Robert's father Samuel William Benge died 29 December 1907 and was buried at Akatarawa cemetery in Upper Hutt.

Robert left school in 1911 and became a blacksmith, farm hand and farm manager.

“Called to Camp – Thirty-two appeals heard - On behalf of Private Robert Daniel Benge D Company 38th Reinforcements, Mr Barton asked for a rehearing of the recruits appeal for exemption. The appellant stated that he was manager of his mother's dairy farm Kaitoke. His elder brother has been helping but the later eldest son since the previous hearing had had his leg amputated owing to a gun accident so that he could not now help as much on the farm as he used to. The board decided to recommend leave till May 28”.

Robert Daniel Benge married Annie Agnes nee Osborne on 28 June 1918 at Te Marua Upper Hutt. Annie was born 17 April 1898 in New Zealand to parents Augutsa nee Haizo and Samuel Osborne.

“Our Boys - Soldier's Weddings - Benge—Osborn - On Wednesday, June 28, at Te Marua, Chaplain Climie tied the matrimonial knot which made Annie Agnes Osborn, elder daughter of Mrs Forsyth of Wellington, the bride of one of Our Boys. The bridegroom R D. Benge, (Dick) is the elder son of Mrs Sam Benge, and is leaving shortly with a NZ Reinforcement. Pte Albert Benge was best man, and Misses N Clough and L Condon bridesmaids. The bride wore a navy blue costume and mole-coloured velvet hat. The newly-wedded couple went South on a Final Leave honeymoon, but struck the blizzard in Canterbury, and returned more reconciled to the North Island weather”.

Service file – *“Private Robert Daniel 74285 NZ Home Service, occupation 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, attestation 08 September 1917, enlisted 08 February 1918, struck off strength 13 November 1918, born 06 June 1897 Upper Hutt, parents Matilda and Samuel Benge, married Annie Agnes nee Osborne 28 June 1918 Upper Hutt by Rev A M Climie, single later married, age 20 years 2 months, height 5 feet 5 inches, 150 weight, complexion dark, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Church of England, died of influenza 6.30 am 10 November 1918 Featherston Military Hospital”.*

Private Robert Daniel Benge 74285 was training at Featherston Military Camp when he was admitted to the military hospital with influenza and died at 6.30am on 10 November 1918. Robert was buried at Featherston cemetery in Wairarapa.

“Deaths – Benge – On 14 November 1918 at Featherston Military Camp Robert Daniell Benge beloved husband of Annie Agnes Benge and son of Matilda Benge of Upper Hutt aged 21 years”.

Robert's name "*Benge Robt.*" is recorded on the Upper Hutt Public School Roll of Honour board.

Robert's widow Annie Agnes Benge married Dennis Bree 1923 in New Zealand. Annie Agnes Bree ex Benge nee Osborne died 20 May 1986 and was buried at Taita Lawn cemetery in Hutt.

Research

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

#Robert Daniel Benge birth date 06 June 1897 parents S Benge address Maungaroa Upper Hutt admission date 16 Feb 1903 last day 14 February 1911 (school now known as Brown Owl)

#Called to Camp – Thirty-two appeals heard - On behalf of Private Robert Daniel Benge D Company 38th Reinforcements, Mr Barton asked for a rehearing of the recruits appeal for exemption. The appellant stated that he was manager of his mother's dairy farm Kaitoke. His elder brother has been helping but the later eldest son since the previous hearing had had his leg amputated owing to a gun accident so that he could not now help as much on the farm as he used to. The board decided to recommend leave till May 28th reference papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 05 March 1918

#Private Robert D. Benge, Details, Trentham, applied for indefinite leave. He had already been granted leave to attend to certain farming operations and family matters. Appellant said he was the only adult worker on the farm, at the Upper Hutt; his sole assistance was boy labour. He supplied milk to a dairy company. Captain Beale said his case had been before the board on several occasions, and leave had been granted on various grounds. In his opinion the circumstances were not satisfactory. Henry Benge also gave evidence. The Chairman said the board could not recommend, in this case, that the application should be granted reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 September 1918

#Annie Agnes Osborne born 17 April 1898 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/5386 parents Augutsa nee Haizo and Samuel Osborne

#Robert Daniel Benge married 28 June 1918 Upper Hutt to Annie Agnes nee Osborne reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1918 folio 2031 website 1918/2467

#Our Boys - Soldier's Weddings - Benge—Osborn - On Wednesday, June 28, at Te Marua, Chaplain Climie tied the matrimonial knot which made Annie Agnes Osborn, elder daughter of Mrs Forsyth of Wellington, the bride of one of Our Boys. The bridegroom R D. Benge, (Dick) is the elder son of Mrs Sam Benge, and is leaving shortly with a NZ Reinforcement, Pte Albert Benge was best man, and Misses N Clough and L Condon bridesmaids. The bride wore a navy blue costume and mole-coloured velvet hat. The newly-wedded couple went South on a Final Leave honeymoon, but struck the blizzard in Canterbury, and returned more reconciled to the North Island weather. [Note Mrs Forsyth was twice married-Ed] reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 July 1918

#Service file – Private Robert Daniel 74285 NZ Home Service, occupation 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, attestation 08 September 1917, enlisted 08 February 1918, struck off strength 13 November 1918, born 06 June 1897 Upper Hutt, parents Matilda and Samuel Benge, married Annie Agnes nee Osborne 28 June 1918 Upper Hutt by Rev A M Climie, single later married, age 20 years 2 months, height 5 feet 5 inches, 150 weight, complexion dark, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Church of England, died of influenza 6.30 am 10 November 1918 Featherston Military Hospital

#Robert Daniel Benge died 10 November 1918 Featherston Wairarapa New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/10569 age 21 born about 1897

#Private Robert Daniel Benge 74285 NZ Training Unit NZEF died 10 November 1918 age 21 years soldier Featherston Military Camp Anglican husband of A A Benge of Te Marua Upper Hutt born Upper Hutt buried grave 719 Featherston cemetery Wairarapa

#Soldiers Deaths – Featherston Camp– 74235 Pte R D Benge 10th Nov (Mrs R D Benge Upper Hutt w) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 16 November 1918

#Death in Camp – (Featherston) – 3/4285 Private Robert Daniel Benge November 10th reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 16 November 1918

#Deaths – Benge – On 14 November 1918 at Featherston Military Camp Robert Daniell Benge beloved husband of Annie Agnes Benge and son of Matilda Benge of Upper Hutt aged 21 years reference Papers past website dominion newspaper 16 November 1918
#Annie Agnes Benge nee Osborne married 1923 New Zealand to 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
#Headstone “In loving memory of our beloved Dad and Mum - Denis BREE died 19 October 1974 aged 83 years. Annie Agnes BREE died 20 May 1986 aged 88 years” both buried section W Taita Lawn cemetery Lower Hutt

New Zealand Railway Shunter

(John Brown - 13 November 1918)

John Brown was born 27 March 1887 in New Zealand to parents Janet nee Little and John Brown who were married 1886 in New Zealand. John siblings were William born 1889, Hugh (1890-1951), David Lindsay Adams (1892-1917), Mary born 1895, Arthur Ernest (1897-1968) and Robert Little (1901-1966).

John Brown occupation platelayer address Railway Cottage was recorded on the 1911 Hutt Electoral Roll. John Brown junior worked as a shunter for the New Zealand Railways.

John Brown married 1916 in New Zealand to Mildred May nee Hurle who was born 1897 in New Zealand to parents Edith Maud nee Johnson and Henry Isaac William Hurle.

John's brother Gunner Lindsay Brown 10564 NZ Field Artillery died of wounds 11 October 1917 in France while serving overseas in World War One. Lindsay left a widow Ivy Leonora nee Nelson who he married 28 October 1915 in Palmerston North and their son William Harold Brown born 24 April 1916 in Palmerston North.

John Brown died from influenza on 12 November 1918 in Upper Hutt. He was buried at St John's Anglican churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.

“Epidemic at Upper Hutt – Work of the relief committee – Just about the time the armistice was announced the epidemic put in an appearance on armistice night the victim being a railway shunter”.

The headstone reads *“In loving memory of John BROWN dearly beloved husband of Mildred May BROWN born 27 March 1887 died 12 November 1918. “When we recall fond memories dear, which cling to us from year to year, of by-gone days in lands afar, those memories sweet how dear they are”*

John Brown residence Upper Hutt occupation Railway shunter died 13 November 1918 was recorded in the NZ Notices of deceased estates in “Testate”.

His parents are both buried at the Aramoho cemetery in Wanganui their headstone reads, *“Sacred to the memory of JANET the beloved wife of John BROWN, died 24 December 1918 aged 59 years; also JOHN eldest son of above who died at Upper Hutt 13th November 1918 aged 31 years; and LINDSAY 4th son of the above who died of wounds received at Passchendaele 11th October 1917 aged 25 years; also JOHN BROWN beloved husband and father of the above who died 06th July 1938 aged 82 years”.*

John Brown the railway shunter was not a descendant of the early Upper Hutt settler James Brown.

Research

#John Brown born 27 March 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/2640 parents Janet nee Little and John Brown
#Caroline Howarth born 1879 Preston Lancashire England reference Ancestry RGO UK birth registration 1879 December quarter district Preston county Lancashire volume 8e page 573
#John Brown married 1886 New Zealand Janet Little reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1886 folio website 1886/829
#John's parents John Brown NZR foreman & Janet Brown married 2 Maria Place 1914 Wanganui Electoral Roll
#John Brown platelayer Railway Cottage 1911 Hutt Electoral Roll
#Mildred May Hurle/Harle born 1897 December quarter Whangarei NZ reference RGO NZ birth registration 1897 folio 3664 website 1897/13115 parents Edith Maud nee Johnson and Henry Isaac William Harle / Hurle
#John Brown married 1916 New Zealand Mildred May nee Hurle reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1916 folio 6476 website 1916/1658
#John's brother Gunner Lindsay Brown 10564 (ex 2/2363) NZ Field Artillery died of wounds 11 October 1917 France
#John Brown died 12 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8253 age 31 born about 1887
#St John's Anglican churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt block G row 2 Headstone *"In loving memory of John BROWN dearly beloved husband of Mildred May BROWN born 27 March 1887 died 12 November 1918. "When we recall fond memories dear, which cling to us from year to year, of by-gone days in lands afar, those memories sweet how dear they are"*.
#Aramoho cemetery Wanganui Headstone *"Sacred to the memory of JANET the beloved wife of John BROWN, died 24 December 1918 aged 59 years; also JOHN eldest son of above who died at Upper Hutt 13th November 1918 aged 31 years; and LINDSAY 4th son of the above who died of wounds received at Passchendaele 11th October 1917 aged 25 years; also JOHN BROWN beloved husband and father of the above who died 06th July 1938 aged 82 years"*.
#John Brown residence Upper Hutt occupation Railway shunter died 13/11/18 remarks testate number [10] reference NZ Notices of deceased estates 1880-1950
#Epidemic at Upper Hutt – Work of the relief committee – Just about the time the armistice was announced the epidemic put in an appearance on armistice night the victim being a railway shunter reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 05 December 1918
#John's father John Brown NZR foreman & Sister Mary Brown spinster 2 Maria Place 1919 Wanganui Electoral Roll
#Mildred May Brown married 1920 George McIntyre McFarlane reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1920 folio 00560 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

Soldier – next of kin wife at Trentham

(Pte James Charles Brown 92541 – 13 November 1918)

James Charles Brown was born 06 September 1886 Lancashire England. His father was James Charles Brown.

On 19 June 1909 at parish Burley St Peter Lancashire England James Charles Brown age 24 married a widow Caroline Dickenson nee Howarth age 29. Caroline's father was Thomas Howarth.

James and Caroline departed England and settled in New Zealand where their daughter Sylvia Brown was born in 1916 at Waihi.

Service file = *"Private James Charles BROWN 92541, occupation drainer, employer Public Works Department NZ Government, address Patetonga Hauraki Plains, next of kin wife Mrs C Brown Bradford Street Waihi NZ, enrolled 23 June 1917, occupation miner address Connell*

Street Waihi, enlisted 21 June 1918, to camp 10 October 1918, age 31 years, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 135 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Church of England, born 06 September 1886 Lancashire England, entered Trentham Military Hospital 04 November 1918 with influenza and pneumonia, died 9.45 pm 13 November 1918, married Lancashire England Caroline Dickenson, daughter Sylvia Brown born Waihi NZ'.

Private James Charles Brown entered Trentham Military Hospital on 04 November 1918 with influenza followed by pneumonia and died 9.45 pm on 13 November 1918.

Trentham Camp – Advice has been received from Trentham Military Camp that the undermentioned men have died at that hospital, the cause of death except where otherwise stated, being influenza followed by pneumonia

“92541 Pte James C Brown 13th Nov (Mrs J C Brown Trentham w)

Private James Charles Brown 92541 NZ Training Unit NZEF” was buried in soldier section at Karori cemetery, born in Lancashire England, husband of Mrs C Brown of Waihi.

Research

#James Charles Brown born 06 September 1886 Lancashire England

#James Charles Brown age 24 married 19 June 1909 Caroline Dickinson nee Howarth age 29 in parish Burley St Peter Lancashire England. James’s father James Charles Brown and Caroline’s father Thomas Howarth reference Ancestry parish records

#Sylvia Brown was born 1916 Waiapu Auckland New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio website 1916/6990 parents Caroline and James Charles.

#James Brown 1916 residence Waihi 1st division Hauraki recruiting district

#Service file = Private James Charles BROWN 92541, occupation drainer, employer Public Works Department NZ Government, address Patetonga Hauraki Plains, next of kin wife Mrs C Brown Bradford Street Waihi NZ, enrolled 23 June 1917, occupation miner address Connell Street Waihi, enlisted 21 June 1918, to camp 10 October 1918, age 31 years, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 135 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Church of England, born 06 September 1886 Lancashire England, entered Trentham Military Hospital 04 November 1918 with influenza and pneumonia, died 9.45 pm 13 November 1918, married (widow) Caroline Dickenson Lancashire England Caroline Dickenson, daughter Sylvia Brown born Waihi NZ.

#James Charles Brown died 13 November 1918 reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11676 age 32 born about 1886

#Trentham Camp – Advice has been received from Trentham Military Camp that the undermentioned men have died at that hospital, the cause of death except where otherwise stated, being influenza followed by pneumonia – 92541 Pte James C Brown 13th Nov (Mrs J C Brown Trentham w) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 November 1918

#Deaths in Camp – Trentham - Advice has been received from Trentham Military Camp that the undermentioned men have died at that hospital, the cause of death being influenza followed by pneumonia – 92541 Private J C Brown (Mrs J C Brown Trentham w) November 13th reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 19 November 1918

#Private James Charles Brown 92541 NZ Training Unit NZEF, buried soldier section Karori cemetery husband of Mrs C Brown of Waihi born in Lancashire England

Mrs Ann Cobb nee O’Shea – wife Upper Hutt (Pte Arthur Robert Cobb 82890 - 17 November 1918)

Ann nee O’Shea married 11 November 1914 in Gisborne New Zealand to Arthur Robert Cobb. It is not known when or where Annie was born.

Ann’s husband Arthur Robert Cobb was born 25 May 1886 [1884] Worle Somersetshire England to parents Agnes nee Thayer and George Cobb.

Arthur and Annie had a son George Cobb who was born 20 October 1915 in Gisborne.

During World War One when Arthur enlisted the family departed Gisborne and around 20 June 1918 settled in the Upper Hutt district.

Service file – Private Arthur Robert Cobb 82890 Training Unit Trentham Camp, occupation shepherd, address C/- Mr D B Bartram Tolaga Bay & C/- W Robson Private Bag Tekuraka & Kanakanaia, born 25 May 1886 Somersetshire England, married, one child, age 22 years, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 155 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Church of England, next of kin wife Mrs Nancy Cobb Kanahanaia Gisborne, enlisted 29 May 1918, left home 18 June 1918, entered camp 20 June 1918, married 11 November 1914 Gisborne to Nancy O’Shea by father Daly, son George Cobb born 20 Oct 1915 Gisborne, died out of camp of influenza pneumonia at home Upper Hutt

Arthur was out of Trentham Camp and residing in Wallaceville Upper Hutt with his family when on 17 November 1918 he died of influenza.

Trentham Camp – Advice has been received from Trentham Military Camp that the undermentioned men have died at that hospital the cause of death except where otherwise stated being influenza followed by pneumonia – 82890 Pte Arthur R Cobb at his home at Lower [sic] Hutt 17th Nov (Mrs A R Cobb Upper Hutt).

Lower Hutt was recorded in error as Arthur died in Wallaceville Upper Hutt. Pte Arthur Robert Cobb 82890 was buried in the soldiers section at Karori cemetery in Wellington on 18 November 1918.

Annie Cobb now a widow with a 3 year old son departed Upper Hutt and eventually settled at 8 Imperial Terrace in Wellington. When her son George Cobb was older he left New Zealand and settled in Australia.

While visiting her son George, Annie Cobb died on 20 November 1965 in Sydney New South Wales. Annie died 48 years and 3 days after her late husband Arthur Robert Cobb died of influenza.

Research

#Arthur Robert COBB born 1884 Axbridge Somerset England reference Ancestry website RHO UK birth registration 1884 September quarter district Axbridge County Somerset England volume 5c page 519

#Arthur Robert COBB baptised 03 August 1884 parish Worle St Martin county Somerset England parents Agnes (nee Thayer) & George Cobb occupation farmer abode Worle reference Ancestry Parish Somerset church of England Baptisms page 40 item 313

#1891 Census Gos Street (Lynch Farm) parish St Martin County Somerset England registration district Axbridge ED 8 piece 1919 folio 113 page 29

- George COBB head married age 39 Dairy Farmer born about 1852 Wrington Somerset
- Agnes COBB wife married age 38 farmers wife born about 1853 Blagdon Somerset
- Arthur Robt COBB son single age 6 scholar born about 1885 Worle Somerset England
- Emily May COBB daughter single age 4 born Worle Somerset England
- Alice Kate COBB daughter single age 2 born Worle Somerset England
- John Thomas servant single age 16 Agricultural servant born Worle Somerset England

#1901 Census Dunbridge Farm parish Ledbury St Michael Town Ledbury County Herebury England registration district Ledbury ED 10 piece 2470 folio 112 page 4 household 19

- George COBB head married age 49 Farmer born about 1852 Wrington Somerset
- Agnes COBB wife married age 48 born about 1853 Blagdon Somerset
- Arthur Ro COBB son single age 16 framers son born about 1885 Worle Somerset England
- Emily M COBB daughter single age 14 born Worle Somerset England
- Alice K COBB daughter single age 12 born Worle Somerset England
- Daisy M COBB daughter age 8 born Worle Somerset England

#Arthur Robert COBB married 11 November 1914 Gisborne New Zealand Annie (Nancy) O'SHEA reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio website 1914/3365
#Arthur and Annie had a son George Cobb born 1915 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915 folio website 1915/22667 parents Annie and Arthur Robert Cobb
#Service file = Private Arthur Robert COBB 82890 Training Unit Trentham Camp, occupation shepherd, address C/- Mr D B Bartram Tolaga Bay & C/- W Robson Private Bag Tekuraka & Kanakanaia, next of kin wife Mrs Nancy Cobb Kanakanaia Gisborne [last next of kin address Upper Hutt], married, one child, age 22 years, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 155 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Church of England, next of kin wife Mrs Nancy Cobb Kanakanaia Gisborne, enlisted 29 May 1918, left home 18 June 1918, entered camp 20 June 1918, married, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 155lbs, hair brown, eyes blue, complexion fair, religion Church of England, previous military service Imperial Yeoman [England] left district, medically examined and found unfit February 1917, born 25 May 1886 Somersetshire England, married 11 November 1914 Gisborne to Nancy O'Shea by father Daly, son George Cobb born 20 Oct 1915 Gisborne, Station at Trentham 20 June 1917, discharged from hospital, died 17 November 1918 Influenza Pneumonia out of camp at home Upper Hutt reference Archives NZ Wellington New Zealand Deference Force Personnel Archives digitised WWI service records
#Arthur Robert COBB died 17 November 1918 Wallaceville Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11663 age 30 born about 1888
#COBB Pte Arthur Robert 82890 Training Unit 17th Nov 1918 Age 30 Husband of Mrs A R Cobb of Upper Hutt, Wellington Born in Somerset England C36 reference Commonwealth War Graves #82890 Pte Arthur R COBB at his home at Lower [sic] Hutt 17 November (next of kin Mrs A R Cobb Upper Hutt) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 November 1918 & Dominion newspaper 19 November 1918 and other New Zealand newspaper
#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 [born 1884] & Arthur Robert COBB age 30 Soldier buried 18 November 1918 Karori cemetery Wellington reference Wellington City website Karori cemetery transcriptions & Ancestry website find a grave New Zealand
#Pvt Arthur Robert Cobb born 1884 Somerset England died 17 Nov 1918 Upper Hutt Wellington New Zealand buried Kaori cemetery Wellington
#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
#Trentham Camp – Advice has been received from Trentham Military Camp that the undermentioned men have died at that hospital the cause of death except where otherwise stated being influenza followed by pneumonia – 82890 Pte Arthur R Cobb at his home at Lower [sic] Hutt 17th Nov (Mrs A R Cobb Upper Hutt) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 November 1918
#Annie Cobb widow 38 Aro Street 1919 Wellington central Electoral Roll & Annie Cobb widow 8 Imperial Terrace 1928 & 1935 Wellington East ER and 1946 & 1949 & 1954 & 1957 Miramar ER
#Annie COBB widow 38 Aro Street reference 1919 Wellington Central Electoral Roll
#Annie COBB died 24 November 1965 buried Rookwood Catholic Cemetery New South Wales Australia reference Ancestry website, find a grave Australia
#Annie COBB widow Wellington Court 1966 Probate records reference Archives New Zealand Wellington AAOM 6031 W3265 385 0173/1966 these are also available on FamilySearch website
#Thank you to the descendant who informed me that Annie (Nance) was born 1883 Goureesbeg Bantry Bay, Co Cork Ireland to parents Julia nee O'Leary and Cornelius O'Shea and died 20/24 November 1965 in Sydney New South Wales where she was visiting her son George Cobb who had settled in Australia

Railway employee residing in Upper Hutt
Pte William James COLLINGS 38502 - 17 November 1918

William James Collings was born 16 March 1898 in Brunnerton West Coast New Zealand to parents Emily /Emeline and Thomas Collings who were both born in Cornwall England.

William had two siblings Thomas born 26 March 1894 Invercargill and Emeline born 1902 I the West Coast.

William departed the West Coast and settled in the Upper Hutt district where he was employed by the New Zealand Railways.

William's older brother Sapper Thomas Collings 6/2098 enlisted and served overseas during World War One.

In 1918 the New Zealand Gazette recorded Military Call up = William James Collings place Upper Hutt occupation Railway Employee

Service File = *"Private William James Collings 38502, New Zealand Training Unit NZEF, occupation Civil Servant, employer New Zealand Government, address Railway Station Upper Hutt, next of kin father Mr T Collings McKay Street Greymouth, attested 06 May 1918, enlisted 22 June 1918, at Trentham Camp 24 June 1918, Railway employee C/- Loco Department Railways Upper Hutt, born 16 March 1898 Brunnerton, both parents born Cornwall England, single, age 20 years, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 137 lbs, complexion pale, eyes brown, hair dark brown, religion Church of England, died 17 November 1918 at 10 Featherston Terrace Wellington, struck off strength"*.

Private William James Collings 38502 was stationed at Trentham Military Camp. He was at 10 Featherston Terrace in Wellington when he died of influenza on 17 November 1918.

In Memoriam – Collings – In loving memory of 38502 William James Collings of the 43rd who died at Wellington on the 17th November 1918 aged 19 years – To memory ever dear – Inserted by D.K.D.

Pte William J Collings NZ Training Unit was buried on 19 November 1918 Solders section Karori cemetery Wellington son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Collings of Greymouth, born Brunner West Coast.

Research

#William James Collings born 1898 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1898 folio website 1898/30 parents Emily nee and Thomas Collings (both parents born Cornwall England)

#Thomas and Emily/Emmeline Collings had a son Thomas born 26 March 1894 and daughter Emeline Collings born 1902 reference RGO NZ birth registration 1894/6868 and 1902/4995 (parents Emmeline/Emily and Thomas Collings)

#William James Collings date 1918 place Upper Hutt occupation Railway Employee reference NZ Gazette 1918 Military call up page 1145

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#William James Collings died 17 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1919 folio website 1919/418 age 22 born about 1896

#Private William James Collings 38502 NZ Training Unit buried Solders section Karori cemetery Wellington son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Collings of Greymouth, born Brunner West Coast

#In Memoriam – Collings – In loving memory of 38502 William James Collings of the 43rd who died at Wellington on the 17th November 1918 aged 19 years – To memory ever dear – Inserted by D.K.D. reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 November 1919
#William's brother Thomas Collings served WW1 Sapper NZ Engineers 6/2098 served 4 years 29 days discharged NZ died 02 March 1954 at Wellington
#William's sister Emmaline Collings married 1922 John Robert Ellery reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1922 folio website 1922/8798

John Thomas Craig - husband (did not die of influenza)
(Mary Philomena Craig nee Cudby – 22 November 1918)

John Thomas Craig was born 25 September 1866 in Upper Hutt to his widowed mother Elizabeth Anne nee Hodgson and his late father John Craig.

“Obituary – Elizabeth Kelly - On Sunday last [1912] at 3.30 am there passed away at Upper Hutt Mrs Elizabeth Kelly at the age of 72 years. The deceased lady was born at Durham England on 05 June 1840 and came out to New Zealand on the first trip of the "Oliver Lang" in 1855 with her father, Mr Henry Hodgson, her mother and her brother - she herself being 15 years of age at the time. It may be here mentioned that the second trip of the "Oliver Lang" ended in her going ashore at Kaiwharawhara in a sou'easter of similar violence to that of Saturday last. Shortly after their arrival the Hodgson family settled at Trentham where Mr Hodgson who was a blacksmith by trade established the first smithy at Trentham close to where the Trentham [Quinn's Post] Hotel now stands. He continued in business for several years until his death when he was buried at St John's Trentham. His widow and her daughter (the late Mrs Kelly) lived together for a number of years until the former died and was laid to rest alongside her husband. In 1863 Miss Hodgson was married to John Craig of Wellington by whom she had issue a son John T. Craig who married Mary fifth daughter of Charles Cudby, and a daughter Mary who married William second son of the late Alexander Martin senior. Some three or four years after his marriage Mr Craig went to the Otago Goldfields with his wife's brother (Mr Hodgson) [step-brother Thomas Skinner]. In 1867 [1866] the two mates left the diggings for Dunedin and were caught in a violent snowstorm and were missing for some time. When the bodies were discovered it was found the two men had camped out and perished in the snow. Their remains were interred in Otago. Mrs Craig and her children lived with her parents until 1869 when she married the late John Kelly a steady industrious man employed by the Barton family. Mr Kelly saved sufficient money to purchase fifty acres of land extending from the main road to the Hutt River, on which he and his wife carried on dairy operations until his death. Mr Kelly fell heavily on a big tree he was passing over at Akatarawa sustaining serious injuries to his side. A few months later in 1883 he succumbed and was buried at St Joseph's Upper Hutt. Mrs Kelly continued to work the farm until 1892 when she rented it to her son Mr J T Craig and retired into private life. The holding is valued at £4,800. Mrs Kelly and her two cronies who have predeceased her, Mrs G Brown senior and Mrs Greenwood senior, were familiar figures in the central portion of the township. On fine days the "three young maids" as they were affectionately termed by younger matrons (probably because their combined ages totalled some 225 years) might be seen, clad in ample skirts and with heads ensconced in cotton sun-bonnets with deep curtains, discussing the newest baby of one or other of their numerous marriage connections, or calling to mind pleasant or thrilling incidents of the old times when they and the Upper Hutt settlement were young together. For some sixteen years past the deceased lady has not been in the best of health and her death is ascribed to heart failure. The funeral which was largely attended by friends and relatives from far and near took place at St Joseph's Upper Hutt on Wednesday morning, Father L J Daly conducting the service. Deceased was laid to rest alongside the late John Kelly”.

In 1895 John Thomas Craig married Mary Philomena Cudby the daughter of Elizabeth nee Payne and Charles Cudby.

John Thomas and Mary Philomena Craig had 8 children all born in Upper Hutt. They were John Archibald born 1896, Rita Elizabeth born 1897, Augustus Henry born 1899, Constance Mary

born 1900, Reginald Charles born 1901, Edna Frances age 1909, Clare Philomena born 1911 and Raymond Joseph born 1916. John occupation farmer resided Main Road Upper Hutt with his wife and family.

John and Mary's son Trooper John Archibald Craig 36106 was serving overseas and noted on his service personnel file is "*both parents died of influenza*". This statement was not correct.

During the influenza epidemic a newspaper report regarding the Upper Hutt emergency hospital reads "*On 22 November Craig and Potts from Upper Hutt, and Ted Cottle from Heretaunga, were brought in - all bad cases*".

Another newspaper article reads "*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 R.I.P.*" Mary was buried at St Joseph's churchyard in Upper Hutt.

The confusion was solved when part of a later newspaper article recorded "*Jack Craig [and others] re-joined their families at Upper Hutt*". The date would have been Saturday 14 December when the emergency hospital was officially closed.

John Thomas Craig was also known as Jack was admitted to the emergency hospital on the 22 November the same day his beloved wife died of influenza at their residence Main Road Upper Hutt.

John was now a widower with 8 children John Archibald aged 22, Rita Elizabeth age 21, Augustus Henry age 19, Constance Mary age 18, Reginald Charles age 17, Edna Frances age 9 years, Clare Philomena age 7 years and the youngest Raymond Joseph age 2 years old. Two daughters Rita and Clare never married so I believe they both looked after the younger children and the household for their father.

John Thomas Craig died 01 February 1933 in Upper Hutt and he was buried with his late wife Mary Philomena at St Joseph's churchyard in Upper Hutt. Many years later the headstones in the churchyard were removed when the old church was demolished and new church built on the same site. The names of those buried in the churchyard are recorded on the back wall of the church.

Research

#John Thomas CUDBY born 1866 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/33468 parents Elizabeth Anne nee Hodgson and John Craig Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 02 November 1912
#Obituary – Elizabeth Kelly - On Sunday last at 3.30 am there passed away at Upper Hutt Mrs Elizabeth Kelly at the age of 72 years. The deceased lady was born at Durham England on 05 June 1840 and came out to New Zealand on the first trip of the "Oliver Lang" in 1855 with her father, Mr Henry Hodgson, her mother and her brother - she herself being 15 years of age at the time. It may be here mentioned that the second trip of the "Oliver Lang" ended in her going ashore at Kaiwharawhara in a sou'easter of similar violence to that of Saturday last. Shortly after their arrival the Hodgson family settled at Trentham where Mr Hodgson who was a blacksmith by trade established the first smithy at Trentham close to where the Trentham [Quinn's Post] Hotel now stands. He continued in business for several years until his death when he was buried at St John's Trentham. His widow and her daughter (the late Mrs Kelly) lived together for a number of years until the former died and was laid to rest alongside her husband. In 1863 Miss Hodgson was married to John Craig of Wellington by whom she had issue a son John T. Craig who married Mary fifth daughter of Charles Cudby, and a daughter Mary who married William second son of the late Alexander Martin senior. Some three or four years after his marriage Mr Craig went to the Otago Goldfields with his wife's brother (Mr Hodgson). In 1867 the two mates left the diggings for Dunedin and were caught in a violent snowstorm and were missing for some time. When the bodies were discovered it was found the two men had camped out and perished in the snow. Their remains were interred in Otago. Mrs Craig and her children lived with her parents

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

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

#Mary Philomena and John Thomas Craig had 8 children John Archibald born 1896, Rita Elizabeth born 1897, Augustus Henry born 1899, Constance Mary born 1900, Reginald Charles born 1901, Edna Frances age 1909, Clare Philomena born 1911 and Raymond Joseph born 1916 New Zealand

#John Thomas Craig farmer and Mary Craig married Main Road Upper Hutt 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll & John Thomas Craig farmer Main Road Upper Hutt 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Mary Philomena Craig died 22 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12992 age 47 born about 1871

#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 R.I.P. reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 November 1918

#On Friday 22 November 1918 Mary Philomena Craig was admitted to the emergency hospital and died on the same day.

#John Thomas Craig died 01 February 1933 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1933 folio website 1933/6271 age 66 born about 1867

#Both Mary and John are buried at St Joseph's churchyard in Upper Hutt but all headstone were removed when the new church was built and a list of names is recorded on the back wall of the church.

Monica Ellenore and Kathleen Agatha Flanagan – the twins (Private John Flanagan 3/3339 - 15 November 1918)

Twins Monica Ellenore and Kathleen Agatha Flanagan were both born on 05 June 1918 at Blenheim. They had 2 older siblings Maurice Henry born 22 October 1913 and Mary Patricia born 07 July 1916 both at Renwicktown Blenheim. Their parents were Ellenore nee Forbes and Henry John Flanagan who married on 26 December 1892 in Renwicktown Blenheim.

The twin's father Private Henry John Flanagan service number 657 enlisted and was serving at Trentham Military Camp when the influenza epidemic made its appearance. The family were residing at Trentham and later in Williams Street Upper Hutt.

One of the first five influenza patients admitted to the Upper Hutt temporary emergency hospital when it opened on Monday 18 November 1918 was the twins mother Mrs Ellenore Flanagan.

The twins were un-weaned so they had to accompany their mother to the hospital. On the same day Mr Angus John McCurdy visited the hospital and seeing that the twins required some attention he comforted them until they stopped crying. Hec Benge and Bernie Judd arrived and Angus McCurdy handed them a baby each while he went away to fetch some milk from John Larmer who refused to take payment for the milk.

On 22 November 1918 the twins' older brother Maurice was admitted to the hospital from the Maymorn district. It is not known who was looking after him in Maymorn.

The following day on the 23 the twins' older sister Mary was admitted to hospital from the Heretaunga district. It is not known who was looking after her in Heretaunga.

Later the twins father Henry John Flanagan was admitted to the hospital with influenza but the date of his admission is unknown

The twins' family were by now all patients in the hospital. At some time the twins were placed in the care of Mrs Philip David Davis (Emily Alice nee Judd) but the date is unknown. The Upper Hutt community got involved and supported each other during the epidemic.

On Wednesday 27 November 1918 the twins' brother and their father were discharged from the hospital and they returned to their cottage. Their neighbour Mrs Shaw looked in on them until relatives arrived to take care of them.

Mrs Flanagan and her daughter remained in the hospital but were eventually discharged but the date is unknown. The hospital closed on 14 December 1918.

The only members the Flanagan family who did not get influenza appears to be the twin's Monica and Kathleen Flanagan

The twin's uncle John (Private John Flanagan 3/3339 - 15 Nov 1918)

The twins' uncle John Flanagan was serving at the Trentham Military Camp at the same time as the twins father Henry Flanagan.

Service file - Private John Flanagan 3/3339 NZDC 1st NZEF, occupation clerk for Kaiapoi Freezing Works, address 837 Colombo Street Christchurch, next of kin sister Mrs [Margaret] Captain [Henry] Redmond Oamaru, enlisted 18 July 1917, spent some time in Featherston Military Camp and later transferred to Quartermaster Dept. Trentham Camp, promoted to rank of Lance Corporal but request change back to Private, previously rejected for military service due to overweight, single, age 39 years 2 months, height 5 feet 8½ inches, weight 200 lbs, complexion medium, eyes blue, hair light brown, religion Roman Catholic, medical examination read limitation of movement in both ankles due to accident 15 months ago, born 13 March 1878 in New Zealand to Mary (born Scotland deceased) and Michael Flanagan (born Ireland deceased), admitted to hospital 09 November 1918 with influenza followed by pneumonia and 7 days later he died at 11 am on 15 November 1918 at Trentham Military Hospital.

The twins uncle John Flanagan was aged 40 years old when he died of influenza followed by pneumonia 11 am on 15 November 1918 at the Trentham Military Hospital. His death notice recorded next of kin as m (mother) Mrs H Flanagan Wallaceville. It should have read b (brother) Mr H (Henry) Flanagan of Wallaceville, who of course was the twins' father.

John Flanagan was buried 18 November 1918 soldiers section Karori cemetery Wellington.

Research

#John Flanagan born 13 Mar 1878 NZ parents Mary and Michael Flanagan (RGO NZ 1878/5523)

#John's siblings were Margaret born 1873, Charlotte born 1875, Jane born 1876, Michael born 1879, Agatha born 1881, Monica born 1881, Charles John born 1884, Joseph born 1887 and Henry John born 1890, parents Mary nee Wilson and Michael Flanagan
#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 Hon our section 3
#John Flanagan died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/1652 age 40 born about 1878

Mrs Jane Golder nee Martin – mother and mother-in-law

(Private Linus Bernard Golder 579138 - 03 September 1918)

(Ruby Vallance Golder - 11 November 1918 and Mary Elizabeth Golder - 17 November 1918)

The first two influenza deaths associated with the Upper Hutt district was aboard the ship HMNZT "*Tahiti*". The ship departed New Zealand on 10 July 1918, and joined a military convoy in Freetown, Sierra Leon where influenza was making its appearance. The "*Tahiti*" departed Freetown on 26 August and on the same day the first influenza case was admitted to the ship's hospital. On Tuesday 03 September 1918 Private Linus Bernard Golder 79138 died of influenza and was buried at sea.

Jane Golder nee Martin a widow along with her family resided Main Road Upper Hutt in the cottage that her late husband John Golder built. They had 12 children [1] Alexander William born 1878 [2] John Anthony born 1879 [3] Francis Joseph born 1881 [4] William Martin born 1883 [5] Mary Elizabeth born 1885 [6] Bertram James born 1887 [7] Thomas Charles born 1889 [8] Agnes Jane born 1891 [9] Teresa Isabella born 1893 [10] Ellen Aloysius born 1896 [11] Linus Bernard Golder born 1898 [12] Vincent Augustus born 1899 all born in Upper Hutt.

Jane's oldest son Rifleman Alexander William Golder 51519 enlisted 28 Feb 1917 and served overseas in World War One. Towards the end of the war Jane's younger son Private Linus Bernard Golder 79138 enlisted 01 May 1918 and departed New Zealand on the 10 July 1918 on the ship "*Tahiti*".

On the night of 03 September 1918 Linus died of influenza and was buried at sea on 04th November. Linus was born, educated, worked and resided in Upper Hutt with his mother Jane and his siblings. This was the first influenza death associated with the Upper Hutt district.

Jane's son Francis Joseph Golder and his wife Ruby Vallance nee Wills reside in Taihape with their two sons Francis Noel Beaumont Golder and John Gerald Golder.

Jane's daughter Mary Elizabeth Golder went to live with her brother to help look after his two sons as their mother was unwell.

On the 11 November 1918 Jane's daughter-in-law Ruby Vallance Golder nee Wills died of influenza in Taihape.

Jane's daughter-in-law Ruby Vallance Golder age 30 was buried on 13 November 1918 Catholic section block 1 plot 33 row C2 area east at Taihape cemetery by Father Kirkhead. The headstone reads "*In loving memory of Ruby Vallance the beloved wife of Francis Joseph Golder died 11th November 1918 aged 30 years R.I.P.*"

On 17 November 1918 Jane's daughter Mary Elizabeth Golder died of influenza in Taihape.

Jane's daughter Mary Elizabeth Golder age 33 was buried 18 November 1918 Catholic section block 1 plot 32 area east at Taihape cemetery by Rev Stent. The headstone reads "*In loving memory of Mary Elizabeth beloved daughter of John and Jane Golder who died 17th November 1918 aged 33 years R.I.P.*"

"Still serious at Taihape - So far as Taihape and the immediate district is concerned there have been twenty-two deaths from the epidemic. Two particularly sad cases were recorded during the week. Mr F Golder of the local railway staff lost both his wife and sister and previously lost a brother who succumbed to the epidemic on board a New Zealand transport".

Francis Joseph Golder took his two sons Francis Noel Beaumont Golder age 5 year and John Gerald Golder age 7 months to Upper Hutt and left them with his younger sister Teresa and mother Jane to bring up.

Jane's oldest son Alexander returned home safely after the war. The war with its great loss of lives caused only a small impact on Jane. The great loss for Jane Golder was the death of her son Linus, daughter-in-law Ruby and daughter Mary from the influenza epidemic.

Jane died 1942 and was buried with her husband John Golder at St Joseph's churchyard in Upper Hutt.

Research

#Jane nee Martin married 1877 James Golder reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1877 folio website 1877/1350

#Jane & John had 12 children [1] Alexander William born 1878 [2] John Anthony born 1879 [3] Francis Joseph born 1881 [4] William Martin born 1883 [5] Mary Elizabeth born 1885 [6] Bertram James born 1887 [7] Thomas Charles born 1889 [8] Agnes Jane born 1891 [9] Teresa Isabella born 1893 [10] Ellen Aloysius born 1896 [11] Linus Bernard Golder born 1898 [12] Vincent Augustus born 1899 all born in Upper Hutt.

#Service file = Rifleman Alexander William Golder 51519 enlisted 28 Feb 1917 and served overseas in World War One

#Service file = Private Linus Bernard Golder 79138 enlisted 01 May 1918 and departed New Zealand on the 10 July 1918 on the ship "Tahiti"

#Private Linus Bernard Golder 79138 40th reinforcements NZEF died 03 September 1918 age 20 son of John and Jane Golder of Main Road Upper Hutt reference Commonwealth War Grave website

#Ruby and Francis son's Francis Noel Beaumont Golder (1913-1991) & John Gerald Golder (1918-1982) – when their mother Ruby died Francis was 5 and John was 7 months old

#Still serious at Taihape - So far as Taihape and the immediate district is concerned there have been twenty-two deaths from the epidemic. Two particularly sad cases were recorded during the week. Mr F Golder of the local railway staff lost both his wife and sister and previously lost a brother who succumbed to the epidemic on board a New Zealand transport reference Papers past website Rangitikei Advocate and Manawatu Argus newspaper 20 November 1918.

#Ruby Vallance Golder died 11 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11500 age 30 born about 1888

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#Mary Elizabeth Golder died 17 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11504 age 33 born about 1885

#Jane's daughter Mary Elizabeth Golder age 33 was buried 18 November 1918 Catholic section block 1 plot 32 area east at Taihape cemetery by Rev Stent. The headstone reads "*In loving*

memory of Mary Elizabeth beloved daughter of John and Jane Golder who died 17th November 1918 aged 33 years R.I.P.”
#Jane Golder died 1942 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1942 folio website 1942/2691 age 86 born about 1856

Return Soldier

(Company Quartermaster Sergeant Major C James – 17 November 1918)

Charles James was born 20 April 1888 in Redruth Cornwall England. His parents were Mr P and Isabella James.

Charles departed England and settled in New Zealand. When World War One began he enlisted and departed for overseas duty on 17 April 1915 with the Canterbury Infantry Regiment.

While serving overseas Charles Bettie James met and married Lottie nee Rich on 08 December 1917 in Taunton Somerset England.

Lottie accompanied her husband Charles when he returned to New Zealand in March 1918. When Charles was stationed at Trentham Military Camp, Lottie resided in Heretaunga which was part of the Hutt County in the Upper Hutt district. When Charles was transferred to the Featherston Military Camp, Lottie remained in Heretaunga.

#Service File = “CQMS Charles Betties James 6/1885 CIB, occupation labourer, employer R Fraser Aubury Timaru, address Latter Street Timaru, next of kin father P James Morgan Cross St Columb Cornwall England, later wife Mrs Lottie James C/- Mrs Coston Heretaunga Hutt County, enlisted 06 January 1915, attested 07 January 1915 Trentham, embarked 17 April 1915, returned to New Zealand 06 March 1918, medal entitlement 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, memorial scroll and plaque sent to widow Lottie James who moved back to Taunton Somerset England, age 26 years 4 months, height 5 feet 5 inches, weight 154 lbs, complexion fair, eyes grey, hair brown, religion Church of England, born 20 April 1888 Ridstow (or Redruth) Cornwall England, married 08 December 1917 Lottie nee Rich in Combe-Horey Somerset England by Rev H Ireland, admitted to Featherston Military Hospital on 07 November, died 11 days later of influenza pneumonia at 10.15 am on 17 November 1918 at Featherston Military Hospital, then struck off strength”.

Company Quartermaster Sergeant Major Charles Bettie James 6/1885 was admitted to Featherston Military Hospital on 07 November and 11 days later he died of influenza followed by pneumonia at 10.15 am on 17 November 1918. Charles was buried at Featherston cemetery in the Wairarapa.

Fallen New Zealanders – Casualty and Hospital Lists – Wellington Military District - James Charles Betties 6/1885 R.Q.M.S. C.I.R. (Mrs L James Heretaunga w.)

Lottie returned to England and the Defence Department posted a memorial scroll and plaque to her residence at Taunton Somerset England.

Research

#Charles B James married 1917 Lottie Rich reference ancestry RGO UK marriage registration 1917 December quarter district Taunton county Somerset England volume 5c page 533

#Service File = CQMS Charles Betties 6/1885 CIB, occupation labourer, employer R Fraser Aubury Timaru, address Latter Street Timaru, next of kin father P James Morgan Cross St Columb Cornwall England, later wife Mrs Lottie James C/- Mrs Coston Heretaunga Hutt County, enlisted 06 January 1915, attested 07 January 1915 Trentham, embarked 17 April 1915, returned to New Zealand 06 March 1918, medal entitlement 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, memorial scroll and plaque sent to widow Lottie James who moved back to

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Lance Corporal Norman Denford Jones 85192 – solders wife

(Amy Josephine Jones - 18 November 1918)

Norman Denford Jones was born 19 March 1890 in Waitara Taranaki to Mary Opie nee Denford and Joshua Jones.

Norman Denford Jones met and married Amy Josephine nee Lawrence on 14 January 1914 in Waitara New Zealand by the minister Rev Griffin.

When the war began Norman enlisted and served in New Zealand. Later his wife Amy Josephine joined him in Trentham Upper Hutt.

Service file "Lance Corporal Norman Denford Jones 85192, registration number 20/768, occupation Farm manager, employer J Jones, address Mahoenui, next of kin wife Mrs A J Jones Mahoenui King Country, born 19 March 1890 Kaitaia [sic] New Zealand mother born South Australia, father born Wales, another recorded stated Norman's occupation bushman, employer State Forest, address Galatea, next of kin Mrs N D Jones Galatea, but also recorded unemployed, married, experienced with horses, motor vehicle driver, truck & Tractor and running repairer, attested 19 November 1917, enlisted 17 July 1918, demobilised 06 December 1918, discharged December 1918 from Trentham, discharged age 29, height 6 feet 2¼ inches, weight 12 stone or 150 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair fair, religion Church of England, married Amy Josephine nee Lawrence on 14 January 1914 Waitara by Rev Griffin".

Norman was admitted to the Trentham Military Hospital on 17 October with influenza and was discharged on 22 October 1918. He spent 6 days in hospital then on the 06 November he was admitted again with influenza and spent another 14 days in hospital.

Norman's was in hospital when his wife Amy Josephine Jones age 27 died of influenza on 18 November 1918. Norman was discharged from the Military hospital the following day on 19 November 1918.

Amy Josephine Jones was buried at St John's churchyard in Trentham Upper Hutt.

When Norman was demobilised he returned to farm in the Taranaki area. Norman Denford Jones married Lily / Lillian Pennington in 1921. William Leonard Earnest Jones was born 03

October 1917 and died 1993 and on his birth registration it recorded parents as Lilian and Norman Denford Jones.

Norman Denford Jones died on the 04 October 1969 in Taranaki.

Research

#Norman Dengord / Dengard Jones was born 19 March 1890 Waitara Taranaki New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 June quarter folio 1288 website 1890/5904 parents Mary Opie nee Denford and Joshua Jones who married 1868 in Salisbury South Australia

#Norman Denford Jones farmer Mokau 1911 & 1914 Taumarunui Electoral Roll & 1919 Waitomo ER & farmer Mahoenui 1928 Waitomo ER

#Norman Dentford Jones age 78 born about 1890 died 04 October 1969 from New Plymouth cremated Taranaki New Zealand

#Norman's service file = Lance Corporal Norman Denford Jones 85192, registration number 20/768, occupation Farm manager, employer J Jones, address Mahoenui, next of kin wife Mrs A J Jones Mahoenui King Country, born 19 March 1890 Kaitaia [sic] New Zealand mother born South Australia, father born Wales, another recorded stated Norman's occupation bushman, employer State Forest, address Galatea, next of kin Mrs N D Jones Galatea, but also recorded unemployed, married, experienced with horses, motor vehicle driver, truck & Tractor and running repairer, attested 19 November 1917, enlisted 17 July 1918, demobilised 06 December 1918, discharged December 1918 from Trentham, discharged age 29, height 6 feet 2¼ inches, weight 12 stone or 150 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair fair, religion Church of England, married Amy Josephine nee Lawrence on 14 January 1914 Waitara by Rev Griffin

#Norman Denford Jones married Amy Josephine nee Lawrence 14 January 1914 Waitara New Zealand by Rev Griffin reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio website 1914/6854

#Amy Josephine Lawrence was born 1891 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio website 1891/4453 parents Anne Josephine nee Colesby and Burton Charles Lawrence who married 1888 in New Zealand

#Amy Josephine Jones died 18 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12989 age 27 born about 1891

#Amy Josephine Jones died 18 November 1918 buried St John's Anglican churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

Returned Soldier

(Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Leslie Vernon Latimer – 14 November 1918)

Leslie Vernon Latimer was born 18 December 1894 New Zealand to parents Margaret/Martha nee Bagust and Robert Latimer who married in 1888.

Leslie attended Timaru School with his siblings Ena May Story and William Cranmer Latimer.

Leslie left school and was employed by the New Zealand Government Post Office in Timaru as a Letter Carrier. When World War One began he enlisted on 12 August 1914 and served overseas with the Canterbury Regiment.

Service file = "*Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Leslie Vernon Latimer 6/490 2nd Battalion Canterbury Regiment, occupation letter carrier, employer NZ Government PO Timaru, address Matilda Street Timaru, next of kin mother Mrs Martha Latimer Matilda Street Timaru later wife Mrs Catherine Latimer 15 Matilda Street Timaru, enlisted 12 August 1914, embarked 16 October 1914, returned 06 March 1918, posted to Trentham 09 April 1918, medal entitlement 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, memorial plaque and scroll to widow Mrs C Latimer 15 Matilda Street Timaru, single then married, age 21 years, height 5 feet 6⅞ inches, weight 102 lbs, complexion dark, eyes blue, hair black, religion Anglican, born 18 October 1893 Timaru,*

married Catherine nee Dunn 20 March 1918 Timaru NZ, died at Trentham Hospital 14 November 1918 influenza & pneumonia”.

Leslie returned to New Zealand 06 March 1918 and married Catherine nee Dunn on 20 March 1918 in Timaru. Leslie was posted back to Trentham Military Camp on 09 April 1918 and his new bride Catherine accompanied him and resided in Trentham.

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Leslie Vernon Latimer 6/490 died of influenza followed by pneumonia on the 14th November at the Trentham Military Hospital. He was buried in the soldiers section of Karori cemetery Wellington.

Roll of Honour – Latimer – On 14 November 1918 at Trentham Military Hospital R.Q.M.S. Leslie Vernon Latimer of Timaru aged 25 years beloved husband of Katherine Latimer “So loved, so mourned”. (Timaru papers please copy)

Leslie’s widow Catherine returned to Timaru and in 1920 she married Ernest Wheeler. Catherine Wheeler ex Latimer nee Dunn died 1945 in New Zealand.

Research

- ~ #Leslie Vernon Latimer born 18 December 1894 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1894 folio website 1894/17337 parents Margaret/Martha nee Bagust and Robert Latimer who married in 1888
- ~ #Robert and Margaret/Martha has 3 children Ena May Story born 1907 (1984/11409), Leslie Vernon born 1894/17337 and William Cranmer born 1891/15602 all in New Zealand
- ~ #Leslie Latimer birth date 18 December 1894, parents Mrs Latimer, address Matilda Street, admission date 17 August 1899 last day 27 September 1901, destination Upper School register number 676 Timaru School
- ~ #Service file = Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Leslie Vernon Latimer 6/490 2nd Battalion Canterbury Regiment, occupation letter carrier, employer NZ Government PO Timaru, address Matilda Street Timaru, next of kin mother Mrs Martha Latimer Matilda Street Timaru later wife Mrs Catherine Latimer 15 Matilda Street Timaru, enlisted 12 August 1914, embarked 16 October 1914, returned 06 March 1918, posted to Trentham 09 April 1918, medal entitlement 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, memorial plaque and scroll to widow Mrs C Latimer 15 Matilda Street Timaru, single then married, age 21 years, height 5 feet 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches, weight 102 lbs, complexion dark, eyes blue, hair black, religion Anglican, born 18 October 1893 Timaru, married Catherine nee Dunn 20 March 1918 Timaru NZ, died at Trentham Hospital 14 November 1918 influenza & pneumonia
- ~ #Leslie Vernon Latimer married Catherine nee Dunn 1918 St Marys Timaru New Zealand reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1918 folio 1388 website 1918/
- ~ #Leslie Vernon Latimer died 14 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/1827
- ~ #Roll of Honour – Latimer – On 14 November 1918 at Trentham Military Hospital R.Q.M.S. Leslie Vernon Latimer of Timaru aged 25 years beloved husband of Katherine Latimer “So loved, so mourned”. (Timaru papers please copy) reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 18 November 1918
- ~ #Trentham Camp - 6/490 QMS Leslie V Latimer 14th Nov (Mrs L Latimer Upper Hutt) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 November 1918
- ~ #Karori cemetery Wellington 6/490 RQMS L V Latimer Canterbury Regt NZEF died 14 November 1918 age 25
- ~ #WO2 Leslie Vernon Latimer 6/490 CIR died in New Zealand son of Martha Latimer of Timaru husband of C Latimer of Matilda Street Timaru served in Egypt 1914-16 and at Gallipoli buried Karori cemetery Wellington
- ~ #Catherine Latimer married Ernest Wheeler 1920 in New Zealand reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1920 folio website 1920/8963
- ~ #Catherine Wheeler died 1945 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1945 folio website 1945/21138 age 70 born about 1875

Hilda Josephine McKenzie nee McGhie – soldiers child

(Hilda Doreen McKenzie 17 November 1918)

Hilda Josephine McGhie daughter of Sarah Emma nee Barnes and Joseph was born 18 January 1893. The family resided in Upper Hutt and Hilda attended Mangaroa School from 1898 to 1906.

Donald John McKenzie was a fencer employed by Reid & Sommerville in Upper Hutt.

Hilda Josephine McGhie met Donald John McKenzie and they married on 15 September 1915 in Upper Hutt.

The couples' first born was a daughter Hilda Doreen McKenzie who was born 11 August 1916 in the Wellington region.

Service file = "*Sergeant Donald John MCKENZIE 56003 A Coy 45th Reinforcements, classed medically fit for service beyond the seas 17 April 1917, enlisted 30 May 1917 in Trentham Camp 01 June 1917, demobilised from Trentham Camp 27 November 1918, born 29 January 1890/1889 NZ, married, age 27 years 3 months (later 28 years), height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 154 lbs, complexion pale, eyes brown, hair brown, religion Presbyterian, occupation fencer, employer Reid & Sommerville Upper Hutt, next of kin wife Mrs H McKenzie Upper Hutt Wellington NZ*".

Sergeant Donald John McKenzie 56003 enlisted and was serving at Trentham Military Camp when the influenza epidemic made its appearance.

Hilda and Donald's daughter Hilda Doreen McKenzie was 2 years old when she died on 17 November 1918 in Upper Hutt. Hilda was buried the following day at St John's churchyard in Trentham Upper Hutt.

Newspaper articles state that one child died in Upper Hutt during the influenza epidemic but did not record the child's name. To prove the cause of died was influenza requires the sighting of the death registration for Hilda Doreen McKenzie. Hilda was the only child that I could locate who died during the influenza epidemic in Upper Hutt so I believe she was the child mentioned in the newspaper article.

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#Hilda Josephine MCGHIE born 18 January 1893 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth
~ registration 1893 folio website 1893/3309 parents Sarah Emma and Joseph McGhie ~
~ #Donald John MCKENZIE born 29 January 1889 Auckland New Zealand reference RGO NZ ~
~ birth registration 1889 folio website 1889/16924 parents Hughena and Duncan James McKenzie ~
~ both parents born Auckland New Zealand ~
~ #Donald John MCKENZIE married 15 September 1915 Upper Hutt New Zealand Hilda ~
~ Josephine MCGHIE by Rev Usher reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1915 folio website ~
~ 1915/5045 ~
~ #Service file = Sergeant Donald John MCKENZIE 56003 A Coy 45th Reinforcements, classed ~
~ medically fit for service beyond the seas 17 April 1917, enlisted 30 May 1917 in Trentham Camp ~
~ 01 June 1917, demobilised from Trentham Camp 27 November 1918, born 29 January ~
~ 1890/1889 NZ, married, age 27 years 3 months (later 28 years), height 5 feet 10 inches, weight ~
~ 154 lbs, complexion pale, eyes brown, hair brown, religion Presbyterian, occupation fencer, ~
~ employer Reid & Sommerville Upper Hutt, next of kin wife Mrs H McKenzie Upper Hutt ~
~ Wellington NZ, ~
~ #Hilda Doreen MCKENZIE born 11 August 1916 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ ~
~ birth registration 1916/21115 parents Hilda Josephine and Donald John McKenzie ~
~ #Hilda Doreen McKenzie died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 ~
~ folio website 1918/8256 age 2 born about 1916 ~
~ #St John's churchyard Trentham Hilda Doreen McKenzie age 2 years died 17 Nov 1918 buried ~
~ 18 Nov 1918 ~
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having been wounded several times and was on board the Transylvania when she was torpedoed during a howling gale”.

“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 managership of their Gore brunch. He was an ardent volunteer and held a 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”.

Major Donald Bruce McKenzie 9/325 was buried in the solders section at Karori cemetery in Wellington.

Research

- // #Donald Bruce McKenzie born 18 July 1880 Dunedin New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio website 1880/12377 parents Isabella nee Bruce and John McKenzie who married 1879 in New Zealand
- // #Note there are too many children with parents named Isabella and John McKenzie to sort out who are the siblings of Donald Bruce McKenzie perhaps William Camp 1882/17121 & Isabella Margaret 1887/4106 & Alexander John born 1889/672
- // #Donald Bruce McKenzie birth date 18 July 1880 parents John McKenzie, address Mosgiel, admission date 04 October 1886, last day 23 May 1887, destination kept home this winter, register number 096 Mosgiel School
- // #Elsie Green born 1882 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1882 folio website 1882/17323 parents Mary and Thomas Green
- // #Donald Bruce McKenzie married 03 November 1908 Elsie Green reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1908 folio 8386 website 1908/3581
- // #Marriage – McKenzie – Green – On 03rd November 1908 at Greeville Lodge Gore by Rev Father O'Donnell, Donald Bruce McKenzie of Dunedin to Elsie youngest daughter of Mr Thos Green Gore reference Papers past website Matura Ensign newspaper 03 December 1908
- // #John Bruce McKenzie born 08 August 1912 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio website 1912/24622 parents Elsie and David [sic] Bruce McKenzie
- // #Service File = Major Donald Bruce McKenzie 9/325 Otago Infantry Regiment, occupation Company Manager, address Gore, next of kin Mrs McKenzie C/- D L Poppelwell Barristers & Solicitors Gore, enlisted 27 August 1914, embarked 13 August 1915, returned 28 September 1916, discharge 15 May 1917 (invalided), total service 2 years 263 days, medal entitlement 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, Long & Efficient Service medal issued 25 September 1915, NZ Service Medal issued 14 May 1903, memorial scroll and plaque to Mrs E McKenzie c/- D L Popplewell Esq Box 2 Gore, was Chief Record Officer Trentham Military Camp August 1916 to April 1918 report, appointment 7th Southland Mounted Rifles Attesting Officer under Military Service 10 July 1917, age 34 years, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 170 lbs, complexion fresh, eyes blue, hair black, religion Roman Catholic, born 18 July 1880 Port Chalmers, married 03 November 1908 Gore Elsie nee Green, son John Bruce McKenzie born 08 August 1912 Gore, Major McKenzie admitted to Trentham Cottage hospital 15 November and 5 days later died of influenza following pneumonia 6 am on 19 November 1918 at Trentham Military Hospital (lots of additional information in this large service file
- // #Donald Bruce McKenzie died 19 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11514 age 39 born about 1879

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

#Roll Of Honour - Major Donald Bruce McKenzie whose death is reported to-day from influenza at Trentham, is a nephew of Mr W Bruce, of Wanganui, and was in charge of Messrs Dalgety and Co.'s branch at Gore, Southland, where he enlisted in the First Expeditionary Force. He returned from Egypt in charge of the first batch of sick and wounded in the Willocbra, and went back to Gallipoli, at the evacuation of which he had charge of the last 30 men to leave the peninsula. After that he went to France, and was for some considerable time fighting in the trenches there. After 58 days continuous bombardment in the trenches, he was invalided through shell-shock, and came back to New Zealand. He was appointed chief of the records department at the Trentham and Featherston, camps, which position he occupied at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and one young son to mourn their sad loss. To these sincere sympathy will be extended. Deceased's brother Sergeant-Major McKenzie, who also went with the First Expeditionary Force, is still in Palestine. He has had some remarkable- experiences, having been wounded several times and was on board the Transylvania when she was torpedoed during a howling gale reference Papers past website Wanganui Herald newspaper 20 November 1918

#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 managementship of their Gore brunch. He was an ardent volunteer and held a 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 newspaper 22 November 1918

#Major Donald Bruce McKenzie 9/352 born 18 July 1880 Dunedin NZ died 19 November 1918 Upper Hutt buried Karori cemetery Wellington

#Not Sure = Elsie McKenzie died 1966 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1966 folio website 1966/35821 age 80 born about 1886

#John Bruce McKenzie died 1998 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1998 folio website 1998/14412 born 08 August 1912

Corporal Robert Allan Macmillan - 26 Nov 1918

Corp Robert Allan MACMILLAN 39668 - 26 November 1918 Wellington nok UH

Robert Allan McMillan was born 16 February 1874 Gourock Scotland to parents Mary Allan and James Macmillan.

Robert Allan McMillan married 29 November 1899 in Greenock Scotland to Janet Catherine nee Hay. They had 3 sons, William born 15 Feb 1901 Gourock, Kenneth born 22 Jun 1903 Gourock and Ian born 22 June 1905 Rothesay Scotland.

Robert left Scotland and settled in New Zealand around 1909. His wife and family remained in Scotland.

In 1911 Robert was a sailmaker residing at 11 Hargreaves Street Ponsonby Auckland. In 1914 he was a waterside worker residing at 26 Nelson Street Auckland.

Corporal Robert Allan MacMillan 39668 enlisted on 31 October 1916 and was in charge of electrical lights at the Trentham Military Camp in the Upper Hutt district.

Service file = "Corporal Robert Allan MacMillan 39668 Homes Service Staff Maintenance, occupation Sailmaker, employer Fletcher Brothers, address Randwick Graham Street Auckland, next of kin wife Mrs R A Macmillan "Tarbert" Loch Fyne Scotland, & friend Mrs S R Bach 14 Hargreaves Street Ponsonby Auckland, enlisted 31 October 1916, admitted to hospital 24 Jun 1918, discharged hospital 12 July 1918, died influenza 26 November 1918 at Alexander temporary hospital Wellington, born 16 Feb 1874 Gourock Scotland, parents Mary Allan and James Macmillan both born Scotland, resident in New Zealand 7 years, (married 3 children) married 29 November 1899 Greenock Scotland to Janet Catherine Hay (separated), children William born 15 Feb 1901 Gourock, Kenneth born 22 Jun 1903 Gourock, Ian born 22 June 1905 Rothesay Scotland, memorial scroll & plaque sent to Mrs J C Macmillan Quay House Tarbert Loch Fyne Argyle Scotland, enlisted age 42 years 1 month., height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 10 stone, complexion florid, eyes brown, hair iron grey, religion Presbyterian".

Robert Allan MacMillan was a patient at Alexander temporary hospital in Wellington when he died from influenza on 26 November 1918.

"Corporal Robert Allen Macmillan died yesterday morning from influenza followed by pneumonia. Deceased, had been on the permanent staff at Trentham for nearly two years, having charge of the electrical lights. He was a most popular man in the camp. Corporal Macmillan was to have been married very shortly. He was born in Scotland and was a very keen yachtsman in his younger days".

Corporal Robert Allan Macmillan 39668 Training Unit NZEF was buried area 11 block AA row 04 plot 028 in the solders section at Karori cemetery in Wellington.

Research

#Robert Allan Macmillan sailmaker 11 Hargreaves Street 1911 Auckland West Electoral Roll

#Robert Allan Macmillan waterside worker 26 Nelson Street 1914 & 1919 Auckland Central Electoral Roll

#Service file = Corporal Robert Allan MacMillan 39668 Homes Service Staff Maintenance, occupation Sailmaker, employer Fletcher Brothers, address Randwick Graham Street Auckland, next of kin wife Mrs R A Macmillan "Tarbert" Loch Fyne Scotland, & friend Mrs S R Bach 14 Hargreaves Street Ponsonby Auckland, enlisted 31 October 1916, admitted to hospital 24 Jun 1918, discharged hospital 12 July 1918, died influenza 26 November 1918 at Alexander temporary hospital Wellington, born 16 Feb 1874 Gourock Scotland, parents Mary Allan and James Macmillan both born Scotland, resident in New Zealand 7 years, (married 3 children) married 29 November 1899 Greenock Scotland to Janet Catherine Hay (separated), children William born 15 Feb 1901 Gourock, Kenneth born 22 Jun 1903 Gourock, Ian born 22 June 1905 Rothesay Scotland, memorial scroll & plaque sent to Mrs J C Macmillan Quay House Tarbert Loch Fyne Argyle Scotland, enlisted age 42 years 1 month. Height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 10 stone, complexion florid, eyes brown, hair iron grey, religion Presbyterian

#New Zealand Roll of Honour – Macmillan – On the 26th November 1918 at Alexandra Hospital, Corporal Allen MacMillan of Trentham Electrical Staff, aged 42 years (of influenza and pneumonia) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 27 November 1918

#Personal Items – Corporal Robert Allen Macmillan died yesterday morning from influenza followed by pneumonia. Deceased had been on the permanent staff at Trentham for nearly two years, having charge of the electrical lights. He was a most popular man in the camp. Corporal Macmillan was to have been married very shortly. He was born in Scotland and was a very keen yachtsman in his younger days reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 27 November 1918

#No trace of NZ death registration = only R E McMillan died 25 November 1918 reference RGO NZ death registration 1918/11535 age not recorded

#Corp Robert Allan Macmillan 39668 Training Unit NZEF age 44 years born about 1874 born Scotland died 26 Nov 1918 buried area 11 block AA row 04 plot 028 Solders section Karori cemetery Wellington

Margaret, Aileen & Valentine McTigue - children
(Sergeant Major Edward John McTigue 18 November 1918)

Aileen, Valentine and Margaret McTigue were the children of Julia Bridget nee McEvedy and Edward John McTigue. The children had another sibling Francis Anthony McTigue who was born 1910 and died the same year.

At the beginning of World War One the children and their parents departed the South Island and settled at Main Road Upper Hutt. The children's father was Staff Sergeant Major McTigue and he was an instructor at Trentham Military Camp.

Service file = "*Staff Sergeant Major Edward John McTigue, Training unit Trentham Camp, born 17 April 1880 Ashburton NZ, parents both born Ireland, occupation soldier, address Upper Hutt, employer NZ Defence Department, married, three children, 12 years with Royal NZ Army 6 years NZ Permanent Staff as instructor, (signed another attestation form Trentham 16 Jan 1918 recorded address Upper Hutt), age 37 years, height 6 feet 1 inch, weight 235 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Roman Catholic, on 23 November 1918 Long Service & Good Conduct medal was approved, admitted Trentham Military Hospital 17 November died 18 November 1918 10.40 am Influenza and pneumonia*".

Aileen/Eileen and Valentine McTigue were admitted to Upper Hutt School on 16 August 1915 and Margaret on 30 July 1917. Some of their fellow students whose father's were serving overseas would have to wait to the end of the war before seeing their fathers again. The McTigue children could see their father most days.

The Upper Hutt School was closed from November 1918 to 04 February 1919. Upper Hutt School became an emergency hospital during the influenza epidemic. The hospital opened on 18 November and closed on 14 December 1918. Unknown to Margaret, Aileen and Valentine was that they would never return to Upper Hutt School.

The children's father Sergeant Major Edward John McTigue was admitted to the Trentham Military Camp hospital on 17 November and died of influenza the following day on 18 November 1918.

"Obituary – A message from Trentham Military Camp announces the death from pneumonia of Sergeant-Major E J (Ned) McTigue son-in-law of Mrs P McEvedy of "Blackwater" Southbridge. He was a splendid specimen of manhood tall and strongly built, and one of the last men one would expect to succumb to an attack of sickness. Sergeant-Major McTigue was for a number of years in the Permanent Artillery at Lyttleton and from there was transferred to Southland. Not long after the outbreak of war he was sent up to Trentham Camp as an instructor and made his home at Upper Hutt".

"Sergeant Major E J McTigue 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 McTigue 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".

The majority of the service personnel who died of influenza at Trentham Military hospital were buried in the soldiers section at Karori cemetery in Wellington.

The children's father was buried in the soldier section area A, block AA, row 03, plot 021, of Karori cemetery in Wellington. The headstone reads, "*Staff Sgt/Major E J MCTIGUE Home Service Section NZEF died 18 November 1918 age 38*".

On 21 November 1918 Jean Murdoch McTigue age 1 years old died. She was the daughter of

The children and their widowed mother departed Upper Hutt and settled in Canterbury near their relatives. The children mother Julia Bridget McTigue died 06 February 1958.

The Memorial Park cemetery in Bromley Christchurch block 2, row 12, plot 401 headstone reads "*In loving memory of our dear parents Edward John McTigue died 18 November 1918, Julia Bridget McTigue died 06 February 1958. R.I.P.*"

During World War One the children may have thought their father was safe serving in New Zealand and not overseas but the influenza epidemic changed everything just like the war did for many other Upper Hutt children.

Research

#Edward John McTigue born 17 April 1880 Ashburton New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio website 1880/6587 parents Bridget and Patrick McTrigue

#Julia Bridget McEvedy born 1876 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio website 1876/1829 parents Julia and Peter McEvedy (they had 13 children)

#Edward John McTigue married 1904 New Zealand Julia Bridget McEvedyn [sic] reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1904 folio 3592 website 1904/2484

#Edward & Julia had 4 children [1] Margaret Mary born 1905 [2] Aileen Philomena born 1906 [3] Valentine Patrick James born 14 Feb 1908 [4] Francis Anthony born 1910 (Francis died 1910)

#Eileen McTigue born 08 Apr 1906 parents Edward McTigue, address Trentham, admission date 16 Aug 1915 last school Convent Gore, last day 08 November 1918 destination Christchurch register number 1979 Upper Hutt School

#Valentine McTigue born 14 Feb 1908 parents Edward McTigue, address Trentham, admission date 16 Aug 1915 last school Convent Gore, last day 08 November 1918 destination Christchurch register number 1980 Upper Hutt School

#Margaret McTigue born 10 Jan 1905 parents Edward McTigue, address Upper Hutt, admission date 30 July 1917 last school Sedgemoor Canterbury, last day 16 November 1918 destination Christchurch register number 2308 Upper Hutt School

#Comment = Upper Hutt school was closed and used as an emergency hospital during the influenza epidemic

#Service file = Staff Sergeant Major Edward John McTigue, Training unit Trentham Camp, born 17 April 1880 Ashburton NZ, parents both born Ireland, occupation soldier, address Upper Hutt, employer NZ Defence Department, married, three children, 12 years with Royal NZ Army 6 years NZ Permanent Staff as instructor, (signed another attestation form Trentham 16 Jan 1918 recorded address Upper Hutt), age 37 years, height 6 feet 1 inch, weight 235 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Roman Catholic, on 23 November 1918 Long Service & Good Conduct medal was approved, admitted Trentham Military Hospital 17 November died 18 November 1918 10.40 am Influenza and pneumonia.

#Edward John McTigue died 18 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8453 age 38 born about 1880

#Karori cemetery Wellington soldiers section area A block AA row 03 plot 021 headstone "*Staff Sgt/Major E J MCTIGUE Home Service Section NZEF died 18 November 1918 age 38*".

#Edward John MCTIGUE date 18 November 1918 rank WO1 Force NZTU fate section 3 place NZ son of the late Patrick and Bridget McTigue husband of Julia McTigue (nee McEvedy) of 39 Sherbourne Street Christchurch born at Ashburton reference publication WW1 deaths

#Deaths – McTigue – On 18 November at Upper Hutt Staff-Sergeant –Major Edward J McTigue aged 38 years R.I.P. reference Papers past website Ashburton Guardian 20 November 1918

Ethel Maude Nicholl took ill and was admitted to the Trentham Military Camp hospital. On the 20 November 1918 Ethel Maude Nichol (formerly Villars) age 29 years died (cause of death unknown). She was buried on the same day at Akatarawa cemetery in Upper Hutt.

Funeral Notice – Nichol – On Wednesday 20th November at the residence of A Palmer Trentham Ethel Maude beloved wife of J G Nichol of Hawera aged 29 years – Interment at Akatarawa Cemetery

Sincere regret will be felt by many friends at the news received yesterday that Mrs Nichol wife of Mr J Nichol of the Farmers Co-op staff Hawera had died at Trentham camp after a short illness. Mrs Nichol was a daughter of Mrs Villars of Hawera and spent most of her life in Hawera. She had gone to Trentham to be near her husband while he was in camp. Mrs Nichol is survived by her husband and one little son who will have deep sympathy in their great loss.

John left Trentham and resided in Wellington and it was there in 1920 he married Emily Isabell nee McCalman. John Glanville Nichol died 1932 in Wellington.

Edmund Ian Nichol the son of Ethel Maude and John Glanville Nichol died 1990 in Christchurch.

Research

#John Glanville Nichol born 11 April 1884 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/11759 parents Mary Warren Alexander nee Holland and William Nichol who married in 1883 in New Zealand

#Ethel Maud Villars born 1888 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio website 1888/13362 parents Norah nee Murphy and Edmund / Edmond Villars who married 1878 in New Zealand

#Ethel Maud nee Villars married 14 March 1910 Hawera New Zealand John Glanville Nichol by Rev Dean Power reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1910 folio website 1910/1367

#Ethel Maude Nichol married 55 Regent Street Hawera 1911 Patea Electoral Roll

#Ethel Maude Nichol married South Road Hawera & John Glanville Nichol clerk Princess Street Hawera 1914 Patea Electoral Roll

#Ethel Maude and John Glanville had a son Edmund Ian Nichol born 06 August 1915 Hawera New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1915/13206

#Service file = Corporal John Glanville Nichol 86435 1st NZEF 52nd Reinforcements, occupation Accountant, employer Farmers Co-op, address South Road Hawera, next of kin wife Mrs E M Nichol South Road Hawera, born 11 April 1885 Hawera, married Ethel Maud nee Villars 14 March 1910 Hawera by Rev Dean Power, son Edmund Ian Nichol born 06 August 1915 Hawera, age 33 years, height 5 feet 5½ inches, weight 142 lbs, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Presbyterian, attested 26 April 1918, left home 14 August 1918, admitted to camp 15 August 1918, (troopship date 14 August 1918), demobilised 23 November 1918 from Trentham Military Camp

#Ethel Maude Nichol died 20 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12990 age 29 born about 1889

#Funeral Notice – Nichol – On Wednesday 20th November at the residence of A Palmer Trentham Ethel Maude beloved wife of J G Nichol of Hawera aged 29 years – Interment at Akatarawa Cemetery reference Papers past website Hawera & Normanby Star newspaper 27 November 1918

#Ethel Maude Nicholl [sic] age 29 married buried Akatarawa cemetery plot 1 monumental area 1 by clergy Rev O'Leary record ID 13455 headstone top broken remainder reads " 20th November To Live in the heart of those we love is no

#Sincere regret will be felt by many friends at the news received yesterday that Mrs Nichol wife of Mr J Nichol of the Farmers Co-op staff Hawera had died at Trentham camp after a short illness. Mrs Nichol was a daughter of Mrs Villars of Hawera and spent most of her life in Hawera. She had gone to Trentham to be near her husband while he was in camp. Mrs Nichol is survived by her husband and one little son who will have deep sympathy in their great loss – Star – reference Papers past website Taranaki Daily News newspaper 22 November 1918

#John Glanville Nichol married 1920 Emily Isabell nee McCalman reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1920 folio website 1920/2978
#John Glanville Nichol died 1932 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1932 folio website 1932/5468 age 47 born about 1885
#son – Edmund Ian Nichol died 1990 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1990 folio website 1990/40208 born 06 August 1915

Staff Quartermaster Sergeant Walter Thomas O'Neill – Solders wife

Mary O'Neill – 21 November 1918

Thomas O'Neill was born 10 Jan 1893 Wellington New Zealand to parents Elizabeth Francis nee Diederich and John Henry O'Neill. Thomas enlisted during World War One under the name Walter Thomas O'Neil. Thomas's father served at Trentham Camp during World War One as a tailor and his service file confirms Thomas's Christian name as Walter Thomas O'Neil.

Tomas's service file records - Staff Quartermaster Sergeant Walter Thomas O'Neill 2/1189 QM Stores / NZFA, occupation horse driver, employer W Hurley Waitotara, address 15 Linton Street Palmerston North, next of kin father Mr J H O'Neill 15 Sexton Street Palmerston North, enlisted 25 November 1914 Trentham, attested 15 December 1916, demobilised 09 April 1919, service in New Zealand 4 years 115 days, born 03 Jan 1893 Wellington, single later married, age on enlistment 21 years 9 months on discharge 26 years, height 5 feet 5 inches, weight 133 lbs, complexion medium, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Roman Catholic, married Mary Queen 05 June 1916 Auckland, daughter Phyllis Mary O'Neill born 11 March 1917 Trentham Upper Hutt.

At some time he met Mary nee Queen who was born in 1894 to parents Charlotte nee Cartwright and James Queen. On the 05 June 1916 in Auckland Thomas and Mary were married. Thomas returned to Trentham camp and the family were residing in Upper Hutt when their daughter Phyllis Mary O'Neill was born on 11 March 1917 at Trentham.

During the influenza epidemic Thomas's wife Mary O'Neil died of influenza on 21 November 1918 in Upper Hutt. She left behind her husband Thomas and their 20 month year old daughter Phyllis.

"Deaths – O'Neill – On the 21st November 1918 at Upper Hutt Mary beloved wife of W T O'Neill ages 24 years".

Mary O'Neill was buried at Wallaceville cemetery row no 8 in Whiteman's Valley. A white painted wooden cross marks her last resting place.

Thomas was demobilised on 09 April 1919 and went to live with his father John Henry O'Neill at 33 Linton Street Palmerston North.

Thomas (Walter Thomas) O'Neill age 72 died on 26 December 1965 in Auckland and was buried at Waikumete cemetery in Auckland. Thomas's mother Elizabeth Frances O'Neil died 09 July 1948 and was also buried in Waikumete cemetery Auckland.

Thomas and Mary's daughter Phyllis Mary O'Neill married John William Tozer in 1934 and they resided in Palmerston North. John William Tozer died on 24 November 1964 and Phyllis Mary Tozer died 26 March 1965. They were both buried together at Kelvin Grove cemetery Palmerston North. On 24 December 1930 Phyllis's grand-father John Henry O'Neill died and was buried at Kelvin Grove cemetery in Palmerston North.

Research

#Thomas O'Neill born 10 January 1893 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1913 folio website 1913/29349 parents Elizabeth Frances and John Henry O'Neill

#Mary Queen born 1894 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1894 folio website 1894/2408 parents Charlotte nee Cartwright and James Queen

#Thomas O'Neill married 1916 New Zealand May [Mary] Queen reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1916 folio 3059 website 1916/11795

#Phyllis Mary born 1917 Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio website 1917/16818 parents Mary and Thomas O'Neill

#Staff Quartermaster Sergeant Walter Thomas O'Neill 2/1189 QM Stores / NZFA, occupation horse driver, employer W Hurley Waitotara, address 15 Linton Street Palmerston North, next of kin father Mr J H O'Neill 15 Sexton Street Palmerston North, enlisted 25 November 1914 Trentham, attested 15 December 1916, demobilised 09 April 1919, service in New Zealand 4 years 115 days, born 03 Jan 1893 Wellington, single later married, age on enlistment 21 years 9 months on discharge 26 years, height 5 feet 5 inches, weight 133 lbs, complexion medium, eyes blue, hair brown, religion Roman Catholic, married Mary Queen 05 June 1916 Auckland, daughter Phyllis Mary O'Neill born 11 March 1917 Trentham Upper Hutt.

#Mary O'NEILL died 21 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/12991 age 25 born about 1893

#Deaths – O'Neill – On the 21st November 1918 at Upper Hutt Mary beloved wife of W T O'Neill ages 24 years reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 November 1918

#Mary O'Neill was buried at Wallaceville cemetery row no 8 in Whiteman's Valley. A white painted wooden cross marks her last resting place

#Thomas O'Neill railway porter & John Henry O'Neill tailor 33 Linton Street 1919 Palmerston North Electoral Roll

#Thomas O'Neill died 1965 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio website 1965/33377 age 72 born about 1893

#Walter Thomas O'Neill died 16 December 1965 Auckland undertaker records residence Murrays Bay date 30 April 1965 Waikumete cemetery Auckland Davis Funeral Services

Thomas's daughter

#Phyllis Mary born 1917 Trentham Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1917 folio website 1917/16818 parents Mary and Thomas O'Neill

#Phyllis Mary O'Neil married 1934 New Zealand John William Tozer reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1934 folio 7677 website

#Phyllis Mary Tozer age 57 died buried 29 March 1965 & John William Tozer age 63 died buried 26 November 1964 headstone "In remembrance pf Phyllis Mary Tozer passed away 26 March 1965 and her husband John William Tozer passed away 24 November 1964. Sadly missed buried Kelvin Grove cemetery Palmerston North

Thomas's parents

#Service file = Sergeant John Henry O'Neil 24677 HQS Quartermaster Stores Trentham NZAOC, occupation Tailor, employer A W Playle Palmerston North, address 15 Linton Street Palmerston North, next of kin wife Elizabeth Frances O'Neil 15 Linton Street Palmerston North, born 11 April 1873 Dublin Ireland, married Elizabeth Francis Diederich 15 October 1893 Wellington Registrar Office, children Walter Thomas born 22 October 1894 [registered Thomas 1913] Wellington, Bertha Gertrude born 27 January 1898 [1895] Wellington, Mabel born 16 June 1900 Wellington, Edna Margaret born 10 May 1902 [1899] Wellington, Gertrude Joyce born 22 October 1911 Palmerston North and John Henry born 20 June 1913 Palmerston North, [Roald Douglas born 1915], height 5 feet 7½ inches, weight 168 lbs, complexion dark, eyes brown, hair black, religion Church of England, enlisted 15 November 1915, demobilised 01 February 1919, discharged 31 May 1919, served 3 years 80 days in New Zealand

#John Henry O'Neil buried 26 December 1930 Kelvin Grover cemetery Palmerston North

#Killed at a crossing – On Wednesday afternoon John Henry O'Neill aged 51 was killed at Fitzroy Street crossing Palmerston North in a collision between a lorry he was driving and the New Plymouth express. He was a general carrier and leaves an adult family of seven. He was a South African veteran and was Q.M.S. tailor at Trentham during the Great War reference Papers past website Horowhenua Chronicle newspaper 27 December 1930

Alexander Palmer - member of the Rose of Sharon Lodge

(Lilian May Palmer – 26 November 1918)

Alexander Ernest Palmer was born 11 June 1871 New Zealand to Clara nee Lewis and Charles Palmer.

Alexander became a member of the Rose of Sharon Lodge on 27 February 1892.

In 1893 Alexander Ernest Palmer married Lillian May Morris in New Zealand. Together they had a son Francis Clarence Palmer born 1894 in New Zealand. Alexander a farmer resided on section 96 Main Road Silverstream with his family.

"Deaths – Palmer – On Tuesday 26 November 1918 at Upper Hutt Emergency Hospital Lillian May beloved wife of A Palmer Trentham aged 46 years".

Alexander's wife died of influenza and was buried the following day at St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt on Wednesday 27 November 1918. The headstone reads *"In loving memory of Lillian May Palmer died 26 November 1918 age 46"*.

The Rose of Sharon lodge members register recorded *"Alexander Palmer Silverstream born 11 June 1871 joined 27 Feb 1892 occupation labourer, married 1893, wife died influenza 1918"*.

Alexander (of Mangaroa) died on the 13 July 1950 in New Zealand.

Research

#Rose of Sharon Lodge member = Alexander Palmer Silverstream born 11 June 1871 joined 27 Feb 1892 occupation labourer, married 1893, wife died influenza 1918

#Alexander Ernest PALMER born 11 June 1871 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/20968 parents Clara and Charles Palmer

#Lillian May MORRIS born 1873 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1873 folio website 1873/15611 parents Susannah / Susanna nee Jones and William Morris

#Alexander Ernest PALMER married 1893 New Zealand Lillian Mary MORRIS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1893 folio website 1893/2229

#Alexander and Lillian had a son Francis Clarence Palmer born 1894 in New Zealand

#Alexander Ernest Palmer farmer & Lillian May Palmer married Main Road Silverstream 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Ellen May [Lillian Mary] PEARSE died 26 November 1918 Upper Hutt New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8258 age 46 born about 1872

#Deaths – Palmer – On Tuesday 26 November 1918 at Upper Hutt Emergency Hospital Lillian May beloved wife of A Palmer Trentham aged 46 years reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 27 November 1918 & New Zealand Times newspaper 27 November 1918

#Funeral Notices – The Friends of Mr A Palmer are requested to attend the Funeral of his late wife Lillian May which will leave the Public School Upper Hutt This Day (Wednesday) 27 November at 2.30 pm for the Trentham Churchyard – D Robertson Undertaker Upper Hutt reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 27 November 1918

#St John's churchyard Trentham Lilia May Palmer age 46 years home duties died 26 November 1918 buried 27 November 1918 headstone = *"In loving memory of Lillian May Palmer died 26 November 1918 age 46"*.

#Alexander Ernest Palmer died 13 July 1950 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio website 1950/32592 age 79 born about 1871

#St John's churchyard Trentham "In loving memory of Charles Palmer died September 1885. Clare Palmer died April 1902. John Palmer died January 1891. *"Alexander Ernest Palmer died 13 July 1950 age 79 years"*.

George Rathbone Pearse – Rose of Sharon Lodge member

(Elizabeth Ann Pearse – 05 December 1918)

George Rathbone Pearse was born 03 May 1858 New Zealand to Ann Elizabeth nee Pryke and Richard William Pearse.

George became a member of the Rose of Sharon Lodge on 20 October 1883.

Elizabeth Ann Barber was born 1862 New Zealand to parents Sophia nee Woouldom and William Peter Barber who married 1856 in New Zealand

In 1890 George Rathbone Pearse married Elizabeth Ann nee Barber in New Zealand. Together they had 3 children Doris Joan born 1892, Clive George born 1895 and Edward William born 1899. George a farmer resided in Silverstream with his family.

George's wife Elizabeth took ill and died of influenza on 05 December and was buried at St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt on 07 December 1918.

"Mrs George Pearse of Silverstream whose death occurred last week as a result of complications following influenza was the youngest daughter of the late Mr W P Barber of Trentham and a sister of Mr W H P Barber chairman of the Wellington Woollen Company and of Mrs Lewens of Trentham. The deceased lady who was born in Wellington 52 years ago is survived by her husband, two sons (Messrs Edward and Clive Pears) the latter of whom is away at the Front and a daughter (Mrs King of Wellington South). The late Mrs Pearse was an energetic and earnest worker on behalf of the Red Cross".

George (late of Trentham) died on the 30 May 1925 in Wellington. The Rose of Sharon lodge members register recorded "George Rathbone Pearse born 03 May 1858 joined 20 October 1883, occupation labourer, died 1925 from a Parylatic Stroke and wife died influenza 1918".

Research

- #Rose of Sharon Lodge member = George Rathbone Pearse born 03 May 1858 joined 20 October 1883, occupation labourer, died 1925 from a Parylatic Stroke and wife died influenza 1918.
- #George Rathbone PEARSE born 03 May 1858 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1958 folio website 1958/5249 parents Ann Elizabeth nee Pryke and Richard William Pearse
- #Elizabeth Ann Barber was born 1862 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1862 folio website 1862/5422 parents Sophia nee and William Peter Barber
- #George Rathbone PEARSE married 1890 Elizabeth Ann BARBER reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1890 folio website 1890/334
- #George Rathbone and Elizabeth Ann had 3 children Doris Joan Pearse born 1892, Clive George Pearse born 1895 and Edward William Pearse born 1899 all in New Zealand
- #George Rathbone Pearse farmer Elizabeth Ann Pearse married Silverstream 1905-06 Hutt ER
- #Elizabeth Ann PEARSE died 05 December 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11765 age 56 born about 1862 [registered under Pearce]
- #Mrs George Pearse of Silverstream whose death occurred last week as a result of complications following influenza was the youngest daughter of the late Mr W P Barber of Trentham and a sister of Mr W H P Barber chairman of the Wellington Woollen Company and of Mrs Lewens of Trentham. The deceased lady who was born in Wellington 52 years ago is survived by her husband, two sons (Messrs Edward and Clive Pears) the latter of whom is away at the Front and a daughter (Mrs King of Wellington South). The late Mrs Pearse was an energetic and earnest worker on behalf of the Red Cross reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 December 1918
- #St John's churchyard Trentham Elizabeth Ann Pearse age 56 years home duties died 05 December 1918 buried 07 December 1918
- #George Rathbone PEARSE died 1925 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1925 folio website 1925/10988 age 67 born about 1858

#Deaths – Pearse – On the 30th May 1925 at Wellington, George Rathbone relict of the late Elizabeth Ann Pearse (late of Trentham) aged 67 years reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 May 1925

Ada Edith Potts nee Dalton – wife then widow

(Charles Henry Potts – 23 November 1918)

Ada Edith Dalton was born 11 January 1887 to parents Sarah nee Blandford and John Benjamin Dalton. Ada attended Upper Hutt School from 1892 to 1900.

Ada Edith Dalton met and married Charles Henry Potts 1906 in New Zealand. Charles was a brick-maker employed by the Brick & Tile Company in Silverstream. There was also a Thomas Potts working for the same company. Ada and Charles resided in Silverstream then later moved to King Street in Upper Hutt.

Ada and Charles had 6 children Robert Henry born 08 Dec 1908, Archibald John born 26 Sep 1908, Edward Charles born 03 Nov 1909, Russell William born 26 Sep 1911, Stanley Herbert born 1913 and Dorothy Ada born 1917.

Ada's husband was admitted to the Upper Hutt Emergency hospital with Influenza on the 22 November. He died the following day on 23 November 1918 leaving Ada a young widow with 6 children to support the youngest being just a baby.

"Deaths – Potts – On the 23rd November 1918 at Upper Hutt, Charles Henry dearly beloved husband of Ada Edith Potts in his 36th year - So loved so mourned".

Charles was buried at Wallaceville cemetery in Whiteman's Valley

During World War One the government provided pensions for the widows of service personnel who died while serving. Due to the influenza epidemic leaving widows with young families the Government began discussing providing a pension for the influenza widows.

Ada remained in King Street with her family. In 1922 Ada married Leslie Galloway Robertson and they settled in Palmerston North.

Ada Edith Robertson ex Potts nee Dalton was age 81 when died on 29 June 1968. She was buried at the Kelvin Grove cemetery in Palmerston North and the headstone reads, *"In Loving memory of Ada Edith Robertson 1887-1968"*.

Research

#Ada Edith Dalton born 1887 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1887 folio website 1887/16880 parents Sarah nee Blandford and John Benjamin Dalton who married 1885 in New Zealand

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

#Charles and Ada had 6 children Robert Henry born 08 Dec 1908/7146, Archibald John born 26 Sep 1908/26290, Edward Charles born 03 Nov 1909/12799, Russell William born 25/26 Sep 1911/22661, Stanley Herbert born 1913/20765 and Dorothy Ada born 1917/27183 all in New Zealand

#Charles Henry Potts brick-maker Silverstream 1905-1906 Hutt Electoral Roll & Charles Henry Potts brick-maker & Ada Edith Potts married Upper Hutt 1914 Hutt ER

#perhaps relative Thomas Potts brick-maker & Lizzie married Brick & Tile Company Silverstream 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Charles Henry Potts bread-carter King Street Upper Hutt reference WW1 NZ Army Reserves Rolls 2nd division classification E (married over 4 children)

#Charles Henry Potts died 23 November 1918 in the Upper Hutt emergency hospital reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio 3821 website 1918/12994 age 38 born about 1880
#Deaths – Potts – On the 23rd November 1918 at Upper Hutt, Charles Henry dearly beloved husband of Ada Edith Potts in his 36th year. So loved so mourned reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 27 November 1918
#Charles Henry Potts 1881-1918 and S H Potts 'Abide with me' reference Headstone block A at Wallaceville cemetery Whiteman's Valley Upper Hutt
#Bereavement Notice – Thanks – Mrs Potts and Family, of King Street Upper Hutt, desire to thank all kind friends both near and far, for their kind messages of sympathy in the loss of her beloved husband. They have proved a great comfort in their hour of need reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1918
#Ada Edith Potts widow King Street Upper Hutt 1919 Otaki Electoral Roll
#Mrs Ada Potts Hutt (Upper) reference 1923 & 1926 Wises NZ Post Office Directory
#Ada Edith Potts married 1922 New Zealand Leslie Galloway Robertson reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1922 folio 7715
#Ada Edith Robertson married & Leslie Galloway Robertson railway shunter Railway Settlement Milsons Line reference 1928 Palmerston North Electoral Roll
#Ada Edith Robertson age 81 died 29 June 1968 buried 02 July 1968 Kelvin Grove cemetery Palmerston North headstone "In Loving memory of Ada Edith Robertson 1887-1968".

Cause of death unknown perhaps influenza

(Richard Quinn – 23 November 1918)

Richard Quinn born 1869 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1869 folio website 1869/10749 parents Anne and Patrick Quinn.

Richard Quinn died 23 November 1918 at his residence in Upper Hutt and was buried at Karori cemetery in Wellington.

The cause of death for Richard is unknown and can only be confirmed by sighting his death registration. I have placed Richard in this document as he died when the influenza epidemic was rife at Trentham Military Camp and in the Upper Hutt district.

"A quiet but forceful and popular personality has been lost in the death of Mr Richard Quinn of Upper Hutt and Trentham, and formerly of Wellington. Mr Quinn, with his mother and family, arrived here from the Westland goldfields, where his father in the early days opened the diggings called after him Quinn's Terrace. Deceased was born at the old goldmining settlement Staffortown about seven miles from Hokitika, 49 years ago. Until recently he was proprietor of Quinn's Post Hotel, Wallaceville, and during the four years he was in the district, 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. He was also a prominent member of the Catholic community".

Richard's mother Annie Quinn was a resident in Upper Hutt when she died in 3 September 1942 and was buried at Karori cemetery Wellington with her son Richard Quinn.

Mrs Annie Quinn - The death has occurred at the age of 92 of Mrs Annie Quinn, a resident of Upper Hutt; who was well known on the West Coast and in the Wellington district in her connection with the hotel business. The late Mrs Quinn was born in Ireland. She came to New Zealand at the age of 16, her parents being among the West Coast pioneers attracted by the lure of gold. Soon after her arrival she married the late Mr Patrick Quinn, who however, died nearly 50 years ago. After leaving Hokitika Mrs Quinn, associated with members of the family, was connected with the management of various hotels in Wellington. After living in Lyall Bay for 20 years, she retired to Upper Hutt. Four out of her nine children survive her Mr J J Quinn (Taihape), Mr T Quinn (Upper Hutt), Mrs Kreller (Wellington), and Mrs Allan McLean (Wellington).

Research

#Richard Quinn born 1869 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1869 folio website 1869/10749 parents Anne and Patrick Quinn

#Richard's siblings were perhaps Thomas Lawrence born 1870, Thomas born 1872, Patrick born 1874, Catherine born 1876, Anne born 1878, Cecilia born 1878, Terence born 1880,

#Richard Quinn Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt & Annie Quin & John Joseph Quinn & John Quinn & Thomas Quinn 1911 Hutt Electoral Roll

#Deaths – Quinn – On 23 November 1918 at his late residence Richard Quinn aged 49 years R.I.P. reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 25 November 1918

#Funeral Service – The Friends of the late Richard Quinn are invited to attend his Funeral which will leave Lambton Station at 2pm To-day (Monday) for Karori cemetery – P Robertson Undertaker Upper Hutt reference Papers Past website Dominion newspaper 25 November 1918

#Personal Matters – A quiet but forceful and popular personality has been lost in the death of Mr Richard Quinn of Upper Hutt and Trentham, and formerly of Wellington. Mr Quinn, with his mother and family, arrived here from the Westland goldfields, where his father in the early days opened the diggings called after him Quinn's Terrace. Deceased was born at the old goldmining settlement Staffortown about seven miles from Hokitika, 49 years ago. Until recently he was proprietor of Quinn's Post Hotel, Wallaceville, and during the four years he was in the district, 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. He was also a prominent member of the Catholic community reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 27 November 1918

#Mrs Annie Quinn - The death has occurred at the age of 92 of Mrs Annie Quinn, a resident of Upper Hutt; who was well known on the West Coast and in the Wellington district in her connection with the hotel business. The late Mrs Quinn was born in Ireland. She came to New Zealand at the age of 16, her parents being among the West Coast pioneers attracted by the lure of gold. Soon after her arrival she married the late Mr Patrick Quinn, who however, died nearly 50 years ago. After leaving Hokitika Mrs Quinn, associated with members of the family, was connected with the management of various hotels in Wellington. After living in Lyall Bay for 20 years, she retired to Upper Hutt. Four out of her nine children survive her Mr J J Quinn (Taihape), Mr T Quinn (Upper Hutt), Mrs Kreller (Wellington), and Mrs Allan McLean (Wellington) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 14 September 1942

#Karori cemetery Wellington - Patrick Quinn who died 27 Jan 1909, age 34 years - Also of his brothers Richard who died 25 Nov 1918, age 49 years - Michael who died 05 April 1919, age 42 years. RIP Natives of Hokitika Westland - Also their mother Annie Quinn who died at Upper Hutt 13 September 1942, age 93 years RIP.

Daphne and Frank Rickard – children and orphans

(Staff Sergeant George Edward Francis Rickard 61063 - 20 November 1918)

(Elsie Irene Rickard - 26 November 1918)

Daphne Irene Carne Rickard born 30 August 1911 and Frank Edward Clifton Rickard born 02 August 1915 were living in Auckland with their parents Elsie Irene nee Pickering and George Edward Francis Rickard who were married on 08 January 1911 in Auckland New Zealand.

Their mother Elsie Irene was born 1894 to parents Annie Muir nee Cornish and Henry Vypond Pickering who married 1891 in New Zealand. Their father George Edward Francis RICKARD was born 13 March 1885 Hokitika to parents Eliza nee Roberts and Francis Henry Rickard who were married 1884 in New Zealand.

Daphne and Frank's father was an accountant for the Defence Department during World War One. Staff Sergeant George Edward Rickard 61063 of Auckland was transferred from Auckland to Army Pay Corps at Trentham Military Camp on 15 July 1917.

The children Daphne and Frank and their parents resided Main Road Heretaunga.

Service file = *“Staff Sergeant George Edward Rickard 61063 Army Pay Corps HQS / QMG, occupation Accountant, employer Defence Department Auckland, address Oxford Street Remuera Auckland, next of kin wife Mrs Elsie Irene Rickard Oxford Street Remuera Auckland, Attestation 13 June 1917, enlisted 15 July 1917, born 13 March 1885 Hokitika NZ, parents Eliza Catherine born Australia & Francis Henry Rickard (dead) born Australia, married Elsie Irene nee Pickering 08 January 1911 Auckland, children Daphne Irene Carne born 30 August 1911 Auckland & Francis Henry born 02 August 1915 Auckland, age 30 years, height 5 feet 8½ inches, weight 138 lbs, complexion dark, eyes brown, hair black, religion Methodist, previous military service Permanent Staff Auckland, memorial scroll and plaque sent to Mrs A M Pickering Auckland with instructions for it to be given to Francis Henry Rickard when he turned 18 years of age, George was admitted to Trentham Military Hospital on 18 November 1918, died 2.10 pm 20 November 1918 of influenza at Trentham Military Hospital”.*

The children's father Staff Sergeant George Edward Francis Rickard was admitted to the Trentham Military Hospital on 18 November 1918 with influenza. Two days later their father died at 2.10 pm on 20 November 1918 from pneumonia following influenza.

Daphne and Frank's father was buried in the soldiers section of Karori cemetery Wellington solder section area 11, block AA, row 03, plot 007 the headstone reads *“61063 S/Sgt G E Rickard Home Service Section NZEF died 20 November 1918 age 34”.*

“Deaths in Camp - Trentham – 61263 Staff Sergeant George Ed Rickard (Mrs E J Rickard Heretaunga) November 20th”.

Around the same time the children's mother Elsie Irene Rickard took ill with influenza. During this time it is believed that Daphne and Frank were cared for by a neighbour Mrs Mullighan Main Road Heretaunga.

On 26 November 1918 in Upper Hutt the children's mother Elsie Irene Rickard died of influenza.

Daphne and Frank's mother was buried at St John's churchyard in Trentham Upper Hutt. The headstone reads *“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”.*

The children's parents had been joined in marriage but now upon death they were separated with one buried at Karori cemetery in Wellington and the other at St Johns churchyard in Trentham Upper Hutt.

“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”.

Daphne and Frank left Upper Hutt and went to Auckland where they were cared for by their paternal grandparents Annie Muir and Henry Vypond Pickering. The Defence Department issued a memorial scroll and plaque to the children's grandparents with instructions that when grandson attained the age of 18 that they would hand the memorials to Frank.

Many children lost their fathers while they were serving overseas but still had a mother to care for them. The saddest occurrence was perhaps that the children thought their father was safe serving in New Zealand but died along with their mother and left them orphaned as a result of the influenza epidemic.

Research

- #Elsie Irene PICKERING born 1894 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1894 folio website 1894/13271 parents Annie Muriel nee Cornish and Henry Vipond Pickering
- #George Edward Francis RICKARD born 1885 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio website 1885/7061 parents Eliza nee Roberts and Francis Henry Rickard
- #Elsie Irene PICKERING married 1911 New Zealand George Edward Francis RICKARD reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1911 folio website 1911/791
- #Elsie Irene and George Edward Francis had 2 children [1] Daphne Irene Carne Rickard born 30 August 1911/25500 (died 2008 Mrs McMurtrie) and [2] Frank Edward Clifton Rickard born 02 August 1915/12287 (died 2003)
- #Service file = Staff Sergeant George Edward Rickard 61063 Army Pay Corps HQS / QMG, occupation Accountant, employer Defence Department Auckland, address Oxford Street Remuera Auckland, next of kin wife Mrs Elsie Irene Rickard Oxford Street Remuera Auckland, Attestation 13 June 1917, enlisted 15 July 1917, born 13 March 1885 Hokitika NZ, parents Eliza Catherine born Australia & Francis Henry Rickard (dead) born Australia, married Elsie Irene nee Pickering 08 January 1911 Auckland, children Daphne Irene Carne born 30 August 1911 Auckland & Francis Henry born 02 August 1915 Auckland, age 30 years, height 5 feet 8½ inches, weight 138 lbs, complexion dark, eyes brown, hair black, religion Methodist, previous military service Permanent Staff Auckland, memorial scroll and plaque sent to Mrs A M Pickering Auckland with instructions for it to be given to Francis Henry Rickard when he turned 18 years of age, George was admitted to Trentham Military Hospital on 18 November 1918, died 2.10 pm 20 November 1918 of influenza at Trentham Military Hospital
- #George Edward Francis RICKARD died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11657 age 33 born about 1885
- #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
- #Deaths in Camp - Trentham – 61263 Staff Sergeant George Ed Rickard (Mrs E J Rickard Heretaunga) November 20th reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 22 November 1918
- #Karori cemetery Wellington solder section area 11, block AA, row 03, plot 007 headstone "61063 S/Sgt G E Rickard Home Service Section NZEF died 20 November 1918 age 34".
- #Elsie RICKARD died 26 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8257 age 24 born about 1894
- #Deaths – Rickard – On 26 November 1918 at the Hutt Hospital of pneumonia Mrs G E Rickard wife of the late Staff-Sergt Rickard eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H V Pickering Ara Street Remuera aged 24 years reference papers past website Auckland Star newspaper 02 December 1918
- #St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt headstone *"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"*.
- #Deaths – Rickard – On 29th November 1918 at Trentham Military Hospital Staff Sergt. George Rickard Army Pay Corps only son of Mrs E C Rickard Postmistress Ahaura. Also on 26th November 1918 at Island Bay Elsie dearly loved wife of the late Staff-Sergt. George Rickard aged 24 years. Deeply regretted. Both victims of pneumonia following influenza" reference Papers past website Greymouth Evening Star 02 December 1918
- #Influenza – Staff Sergeant G Rickard – Mrs E C Rickard postmistress, Ahaura has received advice that her only son Staff Sergeant George Rickard Army Pay Corps had died of pneumonia influenza at Island Bay on 26th November. His wife also succumbed to the same disease. Great sympathy will be felt for Mrs Rickard in her double bereavement" reference Papers past website Greymouth Evening Star 02 December 1918
- #Obituary – Sergeant and Mrs Rickard – Another case of a father and mother both dying from influenza is reported Staff-Sergeant G E Rickard formerly of the local Defence staff died at

Trentham and four days later his wife succumbed to the disease leaving two orphan children” reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 16 December 1918
#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 Star 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

Soldier (Doctor) – next of kin wife Trentham
(Major John Bonwell Sale 3/4316 – 11 November 1918)

John Bonwell Sale born 03 March 1877 Dunedin New Zealand to parents Margaret Maria nee Fortune and George Samuel Sale who married 1874 in New Zealand

John Bonwell Sale married Lavender Gladys Irene nee Cross on 04 March 1911 in Invercargill and they had 2 daughters Helen Margaret born 16 January 1912 and Mary Barbara born 24 August 1914 both in Invercargill.

Major (Doctor) John Bonwell Sale 6/4316 enlisted during World War One and was posted to the Trentham Military Camp Hospital on 17 September 1918. His wife and children left Invercargill and settled in Trentham Upper Hutt.

Service file = “Major John Bonwell Sale 3/4316 NZ Medical Corps, occupation Medical Practitioner, self-employed, address Don Street Invercargill, next of kin wife Mrs L G I Sale Don Street Invercargill, medically examined 01 July 1918 Invercargill, attested 08 July 1918, Trentham 17 September 1918, married, age 40 years, height 6 feet ½ inch, weight 203 lbs, complexion dark, eyes brown, hair brown dark, religion Church of England, born 03 March Dunedin, married Lavender Gladys Irene nee Cross 04 March 1911 in Invercargill, children Helen Margaret born 16 January 1912 Invercargill & Mary Barbara born 24 August 1914 Invercargill, admitted to Trentham Military Hospital 08 November 4 days later died Influenza followed by pneumonia 5 am on 11 November 1918 at Cottage hospital, a letter from widow gave address as Trentham then later replaced with Invercargill (wife was resident in Trentham)”.

Major John Bonwell Sale was admitted to Trentham Military Hospital on 08 November and 4 days later he died of influenza followed by pneumonia at 5 am on 11 November 1918 at Trentham Military Cottage hospital.

Four clever medical men three of them New Zealanders born and bred and all of them “white men” in the best sense of the term have since last week gone under while doing their level best to rescue suffering humanity from the prevailing epidemic. Major John V Sale M.C. (one of the medical staff at Trentham Camp) was the son of Professor Sale beloved by old students of Otago University. In this case the old saying “like father like son” applies. Both were brilliant men. Dr Sale whose practice before the war was at Invercargill leaves a widow and two children in the southern town to mourn their loss.

Major John Bonwell Sale 3/4316 was buried solders section of Karori cemetery in Wellington.

John’s widow Lavender Gladys Irene Sale nee Cross return to Invercargill where she died in 1969.

Research

#John Bonwell Sale born 03 March 1877 Dunedin New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1877 folio website 1877/5471 parents Margaret Maria nee Fortune and George Samuel Sale who married 1874 in New Zealand

#John Bonwell Sale married Lavender Gladys Irene nee Cross on 04 March 1911 in Invercargill reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1911 folio 3956 website 1911/
#children Helen Margaret born 16 January 1912 Invercargill & Mary Barbara born 24 August 1914 Invercargill to parents Lavender Gladys Irene and John Bonwell Sale

#Service file = Major John Bonwell Sale 3/4316 NZ Medical Corps, occupation Medical Practitioner, self-employed, address Don Street Invercargill, next of kin wife Mrs L G I Sale Don Street Invercargill, medically examined 01 July 1918 Invercargill, attested 08 July 1918, Trentham 17 September 1918, married, age 40 years, height 6 feet ½ inch, weight 203 lbs, complexion dark, eyes brown, hair brown dark, religion Church of England, born 03 March Dunedin, married Lavender Gladys Irene nee Cross 04 March 1911 in Invercargill, children Helen Margaret born 16 January 1912 Invercargill & Mary Barbara born 24 August 1914 Invercargill, admitted to Trentham Military Hospital 08 November 4 days later died Influenza followed by pneumonia 5 am on 11 November 1918 at Cottage hospital, a letter from widow gave address as Trentham then this was crossed out and replaced with Invercargill (wife was resident in Trentham with husband before he died)

#John Bonwell Sale died 11 November 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11367 age 43 born about 1875

#Funeral Notice – The Funeral of the late Major (Dr) John Vonwell Sale N.Z.M.C. will leave the Mortuary Chapel of Robert H Wilson and Son to-morrow 14th November 1918 at 2pm for Kaori Cemetery – Robt. H Wilson and Son Undertakers and Embalmers phone 1999 – 164 Adelaide Road reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 13 November 1918

#Personal Matters – Advise has been received that Major Sale NZMC of the Trentham Camp Medical Staff died of influenza this morning reference Papers Past website Evening Post newspaper 11 November 1918

#Major J B Sale NZMC who succumbed at Trentham to pneumonia following upon influenza was one of Invercargill's best known doctors having practiced his profession there for some 15 years reference Papers past website Wairarapa Age newspaper 20 November 1918

#Four clever medical men three of them New Zealanders born and bred and all of them "white men" in the best sense of the term have since last week gone under while doing their level best to rescue suffering humanity from the prevailing epidemic. Major John V Sale M.C. (one of the medical staff at Trentham Camp) was the son of Professor Sale beloved by old students of Otago University. In this case the old saying "like father like son" applies. Both were brilliant men. Dr Sale whose practice before the war was at Invercargill leaves a widow and two children in the southern town to mourn their loss reference Papers past website Free Lance newspaper 21 November 1918

#Major John Bonwell Sale 3/4316 N.Z.M.C. Training Unit died 11 November 1918 age 41 years buried solders section Karori cemetery Wellington

#Major John Bonwell Sale 3/4316 NZTU husband of Mrs J B Sale last of Wellington born at Dunedin buried Kaori cemetery WWI Deaths 1914-1918 section 3 of publication

#Lavender Gladys Sale died 1969 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1969 folio website 1969/27243 age 76 born about 1893

Soldier and Brother

(Sergeant Albert William Simpson 5/446 – 19 November 1918)
(Leonard Miles Simpson – 19 November 1918)

Albert William Simpson was born 12 December 1883 in Marlborough New Zealand to Jane Elizabeth nee Valentine and James Atkinson Simpson who married 1878 in New Zealand.

Albert's siblings were Catherine Maud born 1880, Percy born 1885, Stanley Atkinson born 1888, Harold Bolton born 1890, Leonard Miles born 1893, Doris Evelyn born 1898 and Edgar James born 1896 all in New Zealand.

Albert W Simpson attended Petone Central School from 1889 to 1897 along with his siblings. For 3 years he was a member of the Petone Naval volunteers. After leaving school Albert worked as a storeman at the Gear Co in Petone.

Albert William Simpson married 23 March 1914 to Ellen Reed nee Hancock in New Zealand and they later settled in Trentham.

Service File = Sergeant Albert William Simpson 5/464 NZMF Home Service, occupation storeman, Gear Co Petone, address 10 Petone Avenue Petone, previous service Petone Naval, born 12 December 1884 Marlborough, married 23 March 1914 Ellen Reed Hancock, next of kin wife Mrs Simpson Trentham, attested 30 August 1915 & 13 May 1918 both at Trentham, permanent Labourer ASC Trentham, age 31 years, height 6 feet, weight 192 lbs, complexion medium, eyes brown, hair brown, religion Anglican, admitted to Trentham Military Hospital 17 November 1918 died 2.30 pm 19 November 1918 of influenza following pneumonia.

Albert William Simpson age 34 died at 2.30 pm on 19 November 1918 of influenza at the Trentham Military Camp Hospital.

Soldiers Deaths - Trentham Camp - 5/146 Sgt Albert William Simpson (next of kin Mrs E R Simpson wife Main Road Upper Hutt)

On the same day Albert's brother Leonard Miles Simpson died of influenza on 19 November 1918 at No 7 Queen Street Petone. The brothers were buried next to each other on 21 November 1918 at Taita cemetery Lower Hutt. Other records state they were buried at St James.

Deaths – SIMPSON on the 19th November 1918 at No 7 Queen Street Petone Leonard Miles Simpson aged 25 years. Also at Trentham Hospital his brother Sergt Albert William Simpson aged 33 years beloved son of the late J A Simpson Deeply regretted.

Albert's widow Ellen Rhead Simpson died 07 October 1958 age 81 (born about 1877) and was buried Marsden Valley cemetery in Nelson.

Research

#Albert William Simpson born 12 December 1883 Marlborough New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio website 1884/2306 parents Jane Elizabeth nee Valentine and James Atkinson Simpson who married 1878 in New Zealand
#Jane Elizabeth and James Atkinson Simpson had 8 children [1] Catherine Maud born 1880 [2] Albert William born 1884 [3] Percy born 1885 [4] Stanley Atkinson born 1888 [5] Harold Bolton born 1890 [6] Leonard Miles born 1893 [7] Doris Evelyn born 1898 [8] Edgar James born 1896 in New Zealand
#Albert W Simpson birth date 14 December 1883 parents Jas A Simpson admission date 15 July 1889 last school Wellington last day 28 October 1897 destination to work register number 927/89 Petone Central school
#Albert William Simpson married 1914 Ellen Rhead Hancock reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1914 folio 0994 website 1914/6984
#Ellen Reed Simpson married No 15 Beach Street Petone 1914 Hutt Electoral Roll
#Service File = Sergeant Albert William Simpson 5/464 NZMF Home Service, occupation storeman, Gear Co Petone, address 10 Petone Avenue Petone, previous service Petone Naval, born 12 December 1884 Marlborough, married 23 March 1914 Ellen Reed Hancock, next of kin wife Mrs Simpson Trentham, attested 30 August 1915 & 13 May 1918 both at Trentham, permanent Labourer ASC Trentham, age 31 years, height 6 feet, weight 192 lbs, complexion medium, eyes brown, hair brown, religion Anglican, admitted to Trentham Military Hospital 17 November 1918 died 20.30 pm 19 November 1918 of influenza following pneumonia
#Albert William Simpson died 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11523 age 34 born about 1884

#Soldiers Deaths - Trentham Camp - 5/146 Sgt Albert William Simpson (next of kin Mrs E R Simpson wife Main Road Upper Hutt) reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 21 November 1918

#Deaths in Camp – at Trentham - Sergeant Simpson Albert William (Mrs E R Simpson Upper Hutt) reference Papers past Wairarapa Daily Times newspaper 21 November 1918

#Sergeant Albert William Simpson 5/464 NZMF Home Service husband of Mrs E R Simpson last of Taihape born at Marlborough (WW1 deaths)

#Deaths – SIMPSON on the 19th November 1918 at No 7 Queen Street Petone Leonard Miles Simpson aged 25 years. Also at Trentham Hospital his brother Sergt Albert William Simpson aged 33 years beloved son of the late J A Simpson Deeply regretted reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 22 November 1918

#Leonard Miles Simpson died 19 November 1918 reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/8224 age 25 born about 1893

#Albert William Simpson died 19 November 1918 buried 21 November 1918 Taita cemetery Lower Hutt along with his brother Leonard Miles Simpson who also died of influenza – one set of records stated that they are buried next to each other in St James cemetery Lower Hutt

#Ellen Rhead Simpson died 07 October 1958 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1958 folio website 1958/30944 age 81 born about 1877 (buried plot 42 Marsden Valley cemetery Nelson)

Mrs Annie Louisa Stanley nee Banks – teacher and soldier's wife

(Private Thomas James Stanley 12/4094 - 04 September 1918)

Around 1911 widow Maria Louisa Banks and her adult children Annie Louisa, May Maud and Henry Dunbar were all residing in the Upper Hutt district. The same year Miss (Annie) Banks took up the position of head mistress at Mungaroa School later known as Te Marua School.

Annie's mother Maria Louisa died at their Upper Hutt residence on 29 February 1912 and was buried at Karori cemetery Wellington with her late husband William Dunbar Banks.

In 1912 Annie was still teaching at Te Marua School and her brother Henry also known as Harry Banks was the sole teacher at Karapoti School from 1912 to 1915.

When World War One began Henry was given leave of absence from the Education board and enlisted at Trentham on 22 August 1916 where he served overseas as Lieutenant in the Wellington Regiment.

Thomas James Stanley a widower and discharged soldier who previously served overseas and was invalided home as "*no longer fit for active service*". Thomas took his discharge in Trentham Military Camp and while in the Upper Hutt district he met Annie Louisa Banks.

Annie Louisa Banks and Thomas James Stanley both travelled to Auckland where they married on 14 January 1918 in the presence of both their families. Annie's older siblings were resident in Auckland and Thomas children from his previous marriage also resident in Auckland.

After the marriage Thomas and his new bride Mrs Annie Louisa Stanley returned to Upper Hutt where Annie continued teaching at Te Marua School. Thomas's daughter Alice attended Te Marua School where her step-mother was teaching.

Annie's husband Thomas had recovered his strength so on 16 April 1918 he re-enlisted. He recorded his next of kin as wife Mrs Annie Louisa Stanley Upper Hutt. Thomas embarked on 10 July 1918 for overseas duty on the ship "*Tahiti*".

The first two influenza deaths associated with the Upper Hutt district was aboard the ship HMNZT "*Tahiti*". The ship departed New Zealand on 10 July 1918, and joined a military convoy in Freetown, Sierra Leon where influenza was making its appearance. The "*Tahiti*" departed

Freetown on 26 August and on the same day the first influenza case was admitted to the ship's hospital.

On Wednesday 04 September 1918 Private Thomas James Stanley 12/4094 died on influenza aboard the ship "Tahiti. Thomas was buried at sea.

Two months later on 04 November 1918 Annie's brother Henry Dunbar Banks the former teacher at Karapoti School was killed in action in France.

In 1919 Annie was still resident in Upper Hutt and head teacher at Te Marua School.

Annie married at St David's Church in Auckland on 27 December 1924 to Charles Fortescue Brown. Annie Louisa Brown ex Stanley nee Banks aged 88 died 1960 in Auckland.

Research

#Annie Louisa Banks born 1871 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1871 folio website 1871/26609 parents Maria Louisa and William Dunbar Banks

#Annie Louisa Banks siblings were [1] William Arthur Dunbar born 1864 [2] Charles Griffiths born 1866 [3] Frederick Ernest born 1870 [4] Sarah Adeline born 1873 [5] Florence Dunbar born 1874 [6] John Shaw born 1876 [7] Emile Shaw born 1877 [8] May Maude born 1878 [9] Leonora born 1879 [10] Henry born 1881

#Annie father William Dunbar Banks died 1894/2931 age 64 born about 1830 & mother Maria Louisa Banks died 1912/3050 age 72 born about 1840

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

#Thomas James Stanley married 1896 New Zealand Julia Elsie nee Robinson reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1896 folio website 1896/3918

#Thomas James and Julia Elsie Stanley had 6 children all in New Zealand [1] Walter Osband born 21 July 1897(1897/16841) died 15 Mar 1909 [2] Charles Roy born 1899/4921 [3] Mary Isabelle born 1901/13932 [4] James Melville born 1903/7371 died 1986 [5] Alice Verna born 1911/7700 [6] Albert Belgium born 1915/8544 died 1938

#Julia Elsie Stanley died 1915 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1915 folio website 1915/2727 age 41 born about 1874

#Annie Louis nee Banks married 1918 Thomas James Stanley New Zealand reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1918 folio website 1918/172

#Service File 1st enlistment 16 November 1915 = Private Thomas James Stanley 12/4094 Auckland Infantry Regiment 10th Reinforcements, occupation contractor, address Te Aroha, next of kin brother C R Stanley Morrinsville & father Thomas Stanley of Te Aroha, born 22 July 1876 Thames, (widower) previous service Waikato volunteers 3 year service, attested 17 November 1915 at Trentham, enlisted 17 November 1915, embarked 04 April 1916, returned 20 December 1916, wounded Somme France, discharged 27 March 1917 no longer physically for War service (18 September 1916 shell wound to left leg loss of several toes), total service 1 year 131 days, married Owharoa 24 March 1894 Julie Elsie Robson 1914 (deceased), children Charles Roy born Karangahaha, Mary Isobel born 24 June 1901, James Melville born 01 November 1903 Te Aroha, Alice Verna born 29 April 1911 Te Aroha and Albert Belgium born 16 May 1915 Auckland, was age 39 years, height 5 feet 5¼ inches, weight 160 lbs, complexion dark, eyes dark brown, hair black going grey, religion Methodist, copy final discharge age 40 years 8 months and full details

#Service file 2nd re-enlistment 26 April 1918 = Private Thomas James Stanley 12/4094 A Coy 40th Reinforcements NZ Infantry, occupation Contractor self-employed Te Aroha, address Returned Soldiers Club Wellington, next of kin wife Mrs Annie Louis Stanley (later Brown) Upper Hutt/Te Marua, born 22 July 1875 NZ, (widower) married 14 January 1918 Annie Louisa Banks in Auckland, children James Melville born 07 November 1903 Te Aroha, Alice Verna born 29 April 1911 Te Aroha & Albert Belgium born 16 May 1915 Auckland, attested 26 April 1918, enlisted 28 May 1918, embarked 10 July 1918 HMNZT "Tahiti", died of epidemic influenza 04 September 1918, buried at sea 04 September 1918, also on file declaration Annie Louisa Stanley of Te

Marua Upper Hutt I am the widow of 12/4094 Thomas James Stanley believe there is no will declared at Upper Hutt this 8th day of October 1919 signed Annie Louisa Stanley,
#Thomas James Stanley died 04 September 1918 Overseas reference RGO NZ WW1 death registration 1918 folio website 1918/82040 age 43 born about 1875
#Wellington District - Died of Sickness – Stanley T J 12/4094 A Co (Mrs A L Stanley Upper Hutt s.) 4th Sept reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 September 1918
#While doing their Duty – Casualties at the front – Including in the list of the men of the 40th Reinforcements who died at sea on 4th September was Private T J Stanley. Private Stanley was the eldest son of Mr Thomas Stanley, Mayor of Te Aroha. He volunteered for active over two years ago and left New Zealand with the 20th Reinforcements. He was severely wounded at the advance on the Somme and was invalided home practically a cripple. After considerable medical treatment he sufficiently recovered to be fit against for service, and was accepted as a volunteer and left with the 40ths. Private Stanley was a very jovial nature and was greatly liked by all who came in contact with him and made a fine soldier. Great sympathy will be felt for his wife who is resident at the Upper Hutt reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 September 1918
#Image of Private T J Stanley died of wounds reference Papers past website Free Lance Thursday 07 November 1918 page 10
#Thomas's daughter Alice Verna attended Te Marua School in 1918 so her teacher would have been her step-mother Annie Louisa Stanley
#Personal Items – 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 an accountant to the legal firm of Messrs Buller 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 Reinforcement 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 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
#Killed in Action – Banks Lt H D (A L Stanley Upper Hutt sis) reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 22 November 1918
#Annie Louisa Banks married 1924 Charles Fortescue Brown in New Zealand 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 (Charles Fortescue Brown died 1940/17311 age 81 born about 1859)

Soldier - next of kin wife Trentham

Drv James Alexander Wilson 13/2097- 07 December 1918

James Wilson was born 21 October 1877 Milton New Zealand to parents Agnes and James Wilson

James Alexander Wilson SA 4703 served during the Boer War.

James Alexander Wilson married Elsie nee Kelleher on 23 March 1907 in Gisborne New Zealand

James Alexander Wilson a bushman and Elsie Wilson married resided at Kauaeranga on the 1914 Thames Electoral Roll.

Service File = "*Driver James Alexander (James) Wilson 13/2097 ASC/QM Stores, occupation sawyer, employer Kauri Timber Coy, address Kauaerangi Auckland, next of kin sister Mrs Elizabeth Cropp Franklin Street Thames & wife Mrs E Wilson Trentham, , attested 08 April 1915*

Trentham, enlisted 17 April 1915, married age 37 years, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 175 lbs, complexion ruddy, eyes grey, hair black, religion Presbyterian, born 21 October 1877 Milton NZ, married Elsie nee Kelleher 23 March 1907 at Gisborne, admitted to hospital 27 November 1918 for 11 days died of influenza followed by bronchia-pneumonia at 12.10 am on 07 December 1918 Trentham Military Camp,, previous service Boer War SA 4703 and 2420".

Driver James Alexander Wilson 13/2097 was admitted on 27 November 1918 to Trentham Military Hospital and 11 days later died of influenza followed by pneumonia at 12.10 am on 07 December 1918 at the Trentham Military Hospital

Driver James Alexander Wilson 13/2097 Army Service Corps died at the Trentham Military Hospital at 12.10 am on 07th December from influenza and bronchial pneumonia. Deceased was 42 years of age and married his next of kin being wife Mrs J A Wilson Trentham

Driver James Alexander Wilson 13/2097 Home Service was buried at Karori cemetery in Wellington.

Research

#James Wilson born 21 October 1877 Milton New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1877 folio website 1877/9250 parents Agnes and James Wilson

#James Alexander Wilson married Elsie nee Kelleher 23 March 1907 at Gisborne New Zealand reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1907 folio 0266 website 1907/225

#James Alexander Wilson bushman & Elsie Wilson married Kauaeranga 1914 Thames Electoral Roll

#Service File = Driver/Private/Trooper James Alexander (James) Wilson 13/2097 ASC/QM Stores, occupation sawyer, employer Kauri Timber Coy, address Kauaerangi Auckland, next of kin sister Mrs Elizabeth Cropp Franklin Street Thames & wife Mrs E Wilson Trentham, , attested 08 April 1915 Trentham, enlisted 17 April 1915, married age 37 years, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 175 lbs, complexion ruddy, eyes grey, hair black, religion Presbyterian, born 21 October 1877 Milton NZ, married Elsie nee Kelleher 23 March 1907 at Gisborne, admitted to hospital 27 November 1918 for 11 days died of influenza followed by bronchia-pneumonia at 12.10 am on 07 December 1918 Trentham Military Camp,, previous service Boer War SA 4703 and 2420

#James Alexander Wilson died 07 December 1918 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1918 folio website 1918/11762 age 42 born about 1876

#Driver James Alexander Wilson 13/2097 Army Service Corps died at the Trentham Military Hospital at 12.10 am on 07th December from influenza and bronchial pneumonia. Deceased was 42 years of age and married his next of kin being wife Mrs J A Wilson Trentham reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 December 1918 & New Zealand Times newspaper 10 December 1918 & Dominion newspaper 10 December 1918

#Driver James Alexander Wilson 13/2097 NZMF Home Service buried Karori cemetery Wellington husband of Mrs E Wilson born Milton