

## 5<sup>th</sup> Wellington Regiment

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Many of the local Upper Hutt men who enlisted in World War One, recorded on their attestation form their previous military service as Territorial member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Wellington Regiment. When time permits I will do a additional research on the regiment to see if there are any lists of the Upper Hutt men.

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Archives New Zealand Wellington references

- AAYS 8638 AD1 711/ 9/115 = minimal detail
  - AAYS 8638 AD1 724 10/94 = minimal detail
  - AAYS 8638 AD1 726 10/178 = Territorial Force - Rolls – Territorials enrolled in NZEF New Zealand Expeditionary Force = details below
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- Fred G LACEY 14 Tonks Grover City 18 November 1914 = Step-son Frank Gerald PORTER who was in Samoa. Three policemen called at Fred's residence wanting to serve a summons to Frank for not attending drill parades. Also a reference to another PORTER step-son turning age 14 signed on with the Boys Institute Cadets then told he must transfer to Technical School Cadets. After drilling with the Technical School Cadets for 2 months, two Constables were sent to the house to find out why he did not attend drills at the Boy's Institute Cadets and threatened prosecution. [2 page letter]
- George LOCKWOOD 5 Gear Street Petone 14 June 1915 = Son left Petone transferred to Napier then to Camp in Palmerston North and enlisted with the NZEF No 10/985 received notice about him not attending drill and that the police will be after him [1 page letter]
- Memo 27 July 1915 Territorial men returned their equipment before proceeding overseas but parade notices have been issued to them and request to return equipment etc.
- Memo 21 July 1915 Drill notices being continually sent to parents of a son killed in action
- Memo 31 July 1915 Cecil Angus MCNIVEN who was on duty at Somes Island was ordered to parade with the 5<sup>th</sup> regiment Wellington
- Various memos and letters regarding the delay in correspondence and parcels being delivered to service personnel and their families back home.
- Newspaper article Evening Post 20 October 1915
- Newspaper article Truth Wellington 08 January 1916 – Bungling and Blundering
- Corporal S PRATT while on active service overseas his mother received 4 notices for him not attending drills. Explanations were given but police kept arriving with notices, which was upsetting for the old lady.
- John James JONESKI full details of parents and nationality
- Numerous other letters and memos trying to correct procedures.
- 1918 No 10 War Legislation and Statue Law Amendment Part 1 note 25 Authority for cancellation of warrants for arrest of persons who are proved to have served beyond the seas in the present war in cases where the Attorney General and the Minister of Justice are of opinion that a prosecution is not necessary in the public interest.

Comment = There are many very interesting stories recorded in correspondence, newspaper publications and letters about Territorial men who were issue summons by police in New Zealand for not attending Territorial drills when they were overseas serving with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and the complaints from their parents and relatives. There are also letters from parents who say their letters are not reaching theirs son who are serving overseas with the NZEF.

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