

Australian Imperial Force

AFFLECK Owen Charles 1890-1972 Private 1928 Australia
Owen Charles Affleck born 23 Oct 1890 Warwick Queensland Australia, parents Agnes Smith nee Watson & George Affleck, arrived New Zealand, sawmilling & residing in Mangaroa at beginning of war, registered First Reserves Wellington recruiting district, left New Zealand, returned to Australia, joined Australia Imperial Force Trooper/Lance Corporal number 1928 of 11th Light Horse Regiment (Camel regiment), occupation saw-miller & Loco driver, nok mother Mrs Affleck Killarney Queensland Australia, enlisted 10 October 1916, embarked 03 February 1917 discharged 30 November 1919, medals British War Medal & Victory Medal, weight 5ft 8½inches, weight 154 lbs, complexion dark, eyes brown, hair black, religion Presbyterian, married 20 April 1927 Queensland Australia Pearl Irene Bradford, also enlisted WW2, died 28 November 1972 Warwick Queensland Australia.

UH connection - Owen worked and resided in Mangaroa at the beginning of the war. The local newspaper recorded Owen as winning the War Lottery when he left NZ and enlisted with Australian Imperial Force.

BENNEY William John 1898-1968 Abel seaman 1197 Australian
William John Benny born 30 May 1889 Gisborne NZ, parents Elizabeth Mary nee Owen & Charles Frederick Benney, left NZ for Australia, enlisted 02 January 1909 for 5 years with Australian Naval Force Ordinary Seaman service number 1197 on ship Pioneer, height 5ft 7 inches, complexion dark, eyes grey, hair light brown, occupation driver, returned to NZ, married 27 Apr 1921 Wellington Evelyn Elma Stohr, resident Martin Street Upper Hutt, died 23 May 1928 Upper Hutt, buried St John's churchyard.

UH connection – William was resident in Upper Hutt when he died and was buried in St John's churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.

COLLIE John Alexander 1895-1915 Private 1328 Australia
John Alexander COLLIE born 1895 Western Australia, parents Fanny Louisa nee Bennett and William George Collie, Private 1328 Australian Imperial Force 11th Battalion 3rd Infantry Brigade, Mechanic, nok widowed mother Mrs F L Collie 19 Cowle Street Western Perth/320 Beaufort Street Perth/ 15 Glen Ormond Road Eastwood Adelaide, enlisted 03 November 1914,embarked 22 December 1914, age 19 years 8 months, height 5ft 4½inches, weight 126lbs, complexion fresh, eyes blue, hair light brown, religion Presbyterian, wounded 19 June 1915 received at Gallipoli, died 9.30 am 20 June 1915 at sea on board HMNS "Gascon", he left his property and effects to his mother, awarded 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, his brother Frank L Collie applied for the Memorial medallion and this and the memorial plaque were sent to his widowed mother Mrs F L Collie.

UH connection - John was referred to in the local newspaper as being the second son of the late William Collie. His father William was born in New Zealand and before settling in Australia resided with his parents Margaret & John and siblings in Pakuratahi/Kaitoke Upper Hutt.

McHOLM Alfred 1877-1915 Corporal 713 Australia
Alfred William McHolm born 1877 Amberley Christchurch, parents Mary Ann nee O'Roarke & Joseph McHolm, and brother John Walter McHolm, Alfred departed NZ for Australia, Corporal number 713 Australian Imperial Force 1st Battalion enlisted 22 Aug 1914, embarked 18 Oct 1914, occupation driver horse, nok brother John McHolm Upper Hutt Police Station, age 37 years 4 months, height 5ft 8½inch, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair fair, religion Presbyterian, reported missing killed in action 02 May 1915 Gallipoli, Lone Pine Memorial, medals 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, memorial plaque and scroll all sent to father in Canterbury.

UH Connection – Alfred recorded his next of kin as brother John Walter McHolm who was a Constable and clerk of the court at the Upper Hutt Police Station during World War One. This was confirmed in the local newspaper.

O'LEARY Daniel Cornelius 1887-1917 Sergeant 1154 Australia
 Daniel Cornelius O'Leary born 1887 New Plymouth NZ, parents Catherine Agnes & Florence O'Leary, attended Upper Hutt school 1898-1902, (father former police constable then proprietor of Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt resided Upper Hutt), Naval volunteer Wellington NZ, employed Petone Railway workshops 5 years, completed indenture then left to visit family in Australia, joined NSW Railway as carriage trimmer when war was declared, Daniel Sergeant 1154 Australian Imperial Force 13th Battalion Transport section 4th Infantry Brigade, nok father Florence O'Leary Esquire Dominion Villa Pine Avenue Upper Hutt Wellington, enlisted 09 November 1914, embarked 22 December 1914, (Anzac Section), age 27 years 7 months, height 6ft, weight 11stone 12lbs, complexion dark, eyes grey, hair brown, religion Roman Catholic, killed in action 10 July 1917 France, buried Strand Military cemetery Comines-Warneton, Arrondissement de Mouscron Hainaut Belgium, awarded 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, memorial plaque & scroll all sent to father Florence O'Leary Upper Hutt, Will left property & effects to Mr F O'Leary Dominion Villa Pine Avenue Upper Hutt Wellington New Zealand. Brother of Stephen Charles Augustus O'Leary (chief engineer overseas vessels during war) and Mrs Mary Kathleen Cudby.
 UH connection - Daniel attended Upper Hutt School, lived with parents Pine Avenue Upper Hutt. Local newspaper refers to him as one of "Our Boys". Served Australian Imperial Force (Anzac Section) his name recorded on the Returned Services Association plaque, Upper Hutt School memorial board and was on the original Upper Hutt City District plaque

PILKINGTON Stanley Howard 1889-1917 2nd Lieutenant Australia
 Stanley Howard Pilkington born 1889 Avondale NZ, parents Jane Levie nee Cooper and Edmund Pilkington, Territorials Engineers discharged going abroad, left NZ to visit relatives in Scotland, 1901 Census Scotland living with grandmother Cooper Aberdeen, worked 6 years Clyne Mitchell & Co Aberden Scotland, left Scotland settled in Australia, but may have returned to NZ married 1915 Muriel Cooper, occupation Fitter & Turner and Mechanical Engineer of Auckland, 2nd Lieutenant Australian Flying Corp 29th Squadron, Territorials Engineers, nok mother Jane Pilkington 26 Beaconsfield Street Grey Lynn Auckland NZ, enlisted 11 October 1916, embarked 16 December 1916, age 27 years 8 months, height 5ft 4¼inches, weight 140lbs, complexion medium, eyes brown, hair dark brown, religion Presbyterian, died 24 October 1917 as a result of an aeroplane accident Yatesbury England, buried Brookwood Military cemetery Surrey England.
 UH connection – Stanley's death was recorded in the local newspaper stating he was the brother in law of A J McCurdy perhaps this was the editor of the local paper "*Hutt Valley Independent*".

RANKIN Edwin Graham 1894-1973 Private 4509 Australia
 Edwin Graham Rankin born 27 Mar 1894 NZ, parents Mary & Alexander James Rankin, he enlisted failed the medical and was discharged, enlisted again under George Edward Rankin Private 4509 Australian Imperial Force 11/24th Battalion, salesman, nok Alex James Rankin Dee Street Invercargill NZ then mother Mrs M Rankin 22 Bank Street Ascot Valle, served with senior cadets 58 B 4 years at Ascot Vale , enlisted 16 December 1915, embarked 21 March 1916, (myocarditis), discharged 09 July 1917, age 21 years 8 months, height 5ft 7¼inches, weight 123lbs, complexion fresh, eyes brown, hair auburn, religion Presbyterian, awarded British War Medal, left Australia, settled NZ, died and buried 23 Aug 1973 Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
 UH connection – died and was buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

SHOUT Alfred John VC & MC 1881-1915 Captain NN Australia
 Alfred John Shout born 08 Aug 1881 Wellington NZ, parents Agnes Mary nee McGovern & John Richard Shout, brother Arthur James Shout, served with New Zealand in the Boer War, married 1904 South Africa Rose Alice Howe, WWI Alfred John SHOUT 2nd Lieutenant Australian Imperial Force 1st Battalion, occupation Carpenter and Joiner, age 32 years, address Darlington Road Darlington, married nok wife Rose Alice Shout Denning Street Petersham NSW Australia, enlisted 28 August 1914, embarked 18 October 1914, promoted Lieutenant 01 February 1915, wounded in action 09 May 1915, awarded Military Medal 01 June 1915, promoted Captain 29 July 1915, wounded in action 06 August 1915, died of wounds 11 August 1915 at sea off Gallipoli, buried at sea, awarded Victoria Cross 15 October 1915, enlistment details height 5ft 11inches, weight 12 stone, awards include Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery at Lone Pine

Gallipoli Peninsular on 09 August 1915 awarded Military Cross, Mentioned Despatches, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal * Victory Medal, memorial plaque & scroll all sent to widow Alice Shout 116 Darlington Road Darlington Sydney Australia, On 27th April 1915 during operations near Kaba Tepe for showing conspicuous courage and ability in organizing and leading his men in a thick bushy country under very heavy fire. He frequently had to expose himself to locate the enemy and led bayonet charge at a critical moment, awarded Victoria Cross For most conspicuous bravery at Lone Pine trenches in the Gallipoli Peninsula. One the morning of the 9th August 1915 with a very small party Captain Shout charged down trenches strongly occupied by the enemy and personally threw four bombs among them killing eight and routing the remainder. In the afternoon of the same day from the position gained in the morning he occupied a further length of trenches under similar conditions and continued personally to bomb the enemy at close range under very heavy fire until he was severely wounded long his injuries.

UH connection – Alfred parents resided Rifle Range Road Trentham during and after the war and this and Alfred being mentioned as one of “Our Boys” was mentioned in the local newspaper.