

1st Reserves and 2nd Reserves

1st Reserves

In September 1916 a list of men who were natural born British subjects between the ages of 20 and 46 years was created and known as the 1st Reserves list. The list was made up of men who were single. It also included widowers, divorced men or those who married since 01 May 1915 all with no children under 16 years of age.

2nd Reserves

Another list from August to October 1917 was created and was known as the 2nd Reserves. The list classifications were based on the number of children of a reservist.

Class A - who had no children or failed to provide adequate maintenance for their children

Class B - who had one child

Class C - who had two children

Class D - who had three children

Class E – who had four children

Class F – who had more than four children

Reservists Appeals

Some people do not appear on the 1st and 2nd Reserves list as they appealed on the grounds that they were required on the farm or in the manufacturing of equipment to assist with the war movement. It has been hard to locate any compiled lists so I have had to rely on newspaper articles which record the appeals of local men.

The Minister of Defence was concerned about future recruiting that would deplete the work force and put a strain on the Country during World War One. Manufacturing industries especially those concerned with the manufacture of equipment for the NZEF had to submit information to the Minister of Munitions and Supplies. This began in August 1915 and targeted the manufacturing of textile goods, clothing, boots and leather tanning. The register was extended to include cheese & butter factories, coal mines, freezing companies and woollen mills. A request to furnish details of those employees between the ages of 19 and 40 was sent to the manufacturing companies. Employers requested their staff to complete the forms which included their full name, private address and nature of work engaged in. The forms were then forward to the Minister of Munitions and Supplies. Some men who had already enlisted were given leave of absence so they could continue working in the industries concerned. Statistical information for the different districts around New Zealand was created but I have been unable to locate any list of the men.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AD80 4 112 Register of skilled workers August 1915 to March 1917)

Reservists who appealed against enlistment and are listed on Upper Hutt School Memorial Board

COMESKEY Daniel

Reservist C1 appealed

DAVIES Thomas Richard

Reservist appealed

HANNING Charles Warren

Reservist appealed

Defaulters

There were articles in the local newspaper recording the names of men who had been gazetted as defaulters. Most of the Upper Hutt men had been recorded incorrectly as they had either enlisted or were waiting for their medical notification. During World War One there were only two men recorded in the 1919 Gazette defaulters that resided in the Upper Hutt district. At the end of the war the defaulters were deprived of civil right for ten years from 10 December 1918 and included [1] unable to hold any office of employment in the service of the Crown or local authority, unable to be elected or appointed to hold office in Parliament, local or public authority, unable to be enrolled as an elector or voting at an election for either Parliament or any Local or public authority, if overseas prohibited to return to New Zealand for 10 years, unable to change their names or assume any other name for ten years. Any defaulter who commits a breach of

any of the above conditions will be imprisonment for twelve months. There was provision for a defaulter to make an appeal within three months after the list was published in the NZ Gazette Wellington Wednesday 14 May 1919 page 1361.

The defaulters for the Upper Hutt district were:

HUGHES William Edward	Defaulter	108469
THOMPSON James	Defaulter	57737

James Thompson – ORDER reference Archives NZ Wellington R22348691 AAYS 8661 AD32
box 31 1534 James Thompson year no date

1919 New Zealand Police Gazette Volume 44 = No defaulters listed
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington P12 40 53 New Zealand Police Gazette Volume 44 – 1919)
