

Transcripts New Zealand Medal Index

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New Zealand Medal Index Cards – Source Archives of New Zealand Wellington

- Transcription of medal cards marked “Deserters” or “Rejected”
- Including small list of Militia named in the deserters correspondence but who are not deserters themselves

- AGNEW William - Pte 3rd Waikato Regiment Deserted
- ALLEN Henry - Pte 3rd Waikato Regiment Deserted Imperial Medal Not Issued AD 37/25-1 [AD 37/25-1 a full box of paper but could not locate reference to Henry Allen. Located a list of 1649 Military Pensioners names with address, lots of letters written in Maori by Maori pensioners requesting medals etc. and a photograph of military pensioner W Heslop in uniform
- ANTONELLI Ferdinando - 2nd Waikato Regiment 1863-1865 Appl. 1914 (1914) Rejected, Deserted in 1865 AD 32/1225
- BADFIELD William - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- BARRACK George - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BARRASS John - Private 1st Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BARROW William - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- BAYLISS Charles - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BEACHAM William - Pte. Somersetshire Regt. H.M. 40th Regt. Appl. 1911 (1911-1921) Rejected 1921 Desertion AD32/99
- BELL George - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BELL Peter Jamieson - Gunboat “Pioneer” Pte 2nd Waikato Regt. 1862-1865 Pte Commissariat Transport Corps Wairoa 1863 Paterangi 1863 Orakau 1864 Appl. 1910 (1910/1913) Rejected 1913 Deserted AD 32/494
- BETTS Edward - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- BETTS Henry - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BIANAWITCH Mark - Private 1st Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BIRMINGHAM William Curtis - Con. No 5 Armed Constabulary Pte 2nd Waikato Regt. Turo Turo, Mokai Letter of application in Birmingham R W File Rejected for Mutiny AD 32/2213 (this record belongs to Robert William Birminham) & AD 36/3 177=Repro 1660
- BLACKBURN Benjamin - 7th Coy. 3rd Waikato Regt Queens Redoubt Te Awamutu Kihikihi Pah Appl. 1913 (1913) Rejected 1913 Desertion Ad 32/595
- BLACKBURN William - Corporal 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted (another William Blackburn Commissariat Transport Corps 1872 Receipt for War medal (1872) AD 32/2223)
- BOLYER Walter - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- BOTHAM Robert - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BOURKE James - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BOWES Jamer [sic] - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BOYTEL Rinnier
- BOATEL Rennier - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BRECHT Charles - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BRICKELL Robert Bennett - 2nd Waikato Regt. (1867-69) Orakau Appl. 1913 (1913-17) Rejected desertion AD 32/757
- BROWN John 1st - Private 1st Waikato Regt Deserted (22 cards for John Brown in index others with middle name) SEARCH 3rd Waikato Regiment
- BURDETT Thomas - Pte. HM 14th Regt. Appl. 1891 (1891) Rejected Deserted Ad1: 92/425
- BURNS Michael - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- BUTTER Henry - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- (Note there is a card for Henry BUTLER Officer HM 57th Regt. WO 100/18 page 274 NZ War Medal)
- CADELL Joh - Const. No 7 Coy Armed Constabulary Appl. 1913 (1913) Rejected 1913 Dishonourable discharge AD32/444

- CALLAGHAN James - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted (Note there is a card for CALLAGHAN James - 4152 WO 100/18 page 373 NZ War Medal HM 68th Regt.)
- CALPINE John - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CAMERON Mathew - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CARR Henry - Private Auckland Militia Deserted (also 2 cards for H H Carr AD1: 83/2331 Constable Armed Constabulary & Henry H Carr Pte. Hawkes Bay Militia Settlers Petone Otautau AD 32/1313 & AD 36/3 345 & P1: 84/1836)
- CARTER John - 3383 WO 100/18 Page 209 40th NZ War Medal AD 32/883 Land Transport Corps C.T.C. Kerikeri AD1: 10/2110 Appl. 1910 (1910-1913) AD1: Appl. For record of service Rejected Claimant considered a deserter. C.T.C. Medal re-engraved and issued to PARATKETE Taitu, Wairoa Native Contingent 1913 (2 other card for J Carter Corpl. 1st Waikato Regt. Imperial medal not issued AD 37/25 -1 & J Carter Pte Auckland Militia Imperial Medal not issued AD 37/25 -1)
- CARTER William - Private Auckland Militia Deserted (3 other cards for William Carter Trumpeter Royal Cavalry Volunteers Te Rori 1864 Awarded 1871 Appl. 1912 for replacement Not pursued AD32/391 & AD 36/3 405 & William Carter 478 WO 100/18 page 250 NZ War Medal 50th & William Carter 545 WO 100/18 page 376 NZ war Medal HM 68th Regt.)
- CASEY Michael - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted (also card for Michael Casey 3560 WO 100/18 page 233 NZ war Medal 43rd)
- CAVE Thomas - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CAVE William - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted (also 2 cards for William Cave 75 WO 100/18 page 341 NZ War Medal HM 65th Regt. & William J cave Corporal2nd Waikato Regt)
- CHAMPNEYS Frederick - Private 1st Waikato Regt Deserted
- CHURCHILL Beetham - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CLARK Ambrose - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CLOUGH John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- COBBE George P - Sgt Taranaki Military Settlers Appl. 1875 (1875) Not proceeded with AD32/2475 (Nothing about desertion)
- COCHRANE William George - 1638 WO 100/18 page 182 NZ War Medal HM 18th Regt. (Nothing about desertion)
- CONDRON Robert - No 1 Company Royal Auckland Rifles (1870-74) Engineer Militia (1874 Jan-Feb 1874) above deserted 1874 discharged papers not granted Claim for land grant Not proceeded Appl. (1910-1910) with AD 32/1919 & 32/1801
- CONNOR Peter - Private 1st Waikato Regt. Deserted also (another card Peter CONNOR 1798 WO 100/18 page 183 NZ War Medal HM 18th Regt)
- CONWAY Francis - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CORNELL George - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CORRY George also CURRY George - Pte. No 10 Coy., 1st Waikato Regt. Appl. 1913 (1913-1922) Awarded 1914 Imperial Issue Receipt 1914 1922 Land claim Rejected due to desertion AD 32/592 AD36/3 3364
- COSBORNE George - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CRAIG James - 4th Regiment Waikato Militia (1963-66) [sic] Land grant enquiry (1930) "CRAIG deserted in 1866 after making land claim Grant refused AD 32-60
- CREED Robert - Private 1st Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CROSSLAND John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- CULLENEY Patrick - Pte 2nd Waikato Regt. 1863 Paterangi, Rangiaiphia, Orakau 1864 Appl. 1910 (1910-13) Rejected 1913 Desertion AD 32/460
- CUNNINGHAM Justin - Balson 2nd Bat 18th Royal Irish Regt. 1859-1868 Apl 1911 (1911-1911) Rejected as claimant deserted when Reatile [sic] Pt NZ AD 32/131
- CURRY George see CORRY George - Pte. No 10 Coy., 1st Waikato Regt. Appl. 1913 (1913-1922) Awarded 1914 Imperial Issue Receipt 1914 1922 Land claim Rejected due to desertion AD 32/592 AD36/3 3364
- DAMPIER James - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- DAVIES I W - Constable Armed Constabulary Te Ngatu 1868 Rejected for Mutiny AD 36/3 524
- DAVIS Philip - Private Auckland Militia Deserted

- DAVISON George - See VART George AD32/634
- D'ORSAY Victor William - 3rd Waikato Regt. 1864-65 Appl. 1914 (1914) Rejected desertion AD 32/1163 [Orakau 1864 very light twinkled out]
- DOUBLE Richard - Pte. 2nd Waikato Regt. Commissariat Transport Corps. Receipt 1872 for medal (1872) AD 32/2672
- DOUGLAS William - Sergeant 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- DOWN James - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- DOWNE Robert - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- DUNN James - WO 100/18 page 183 NZ War Medal H M 18th Regt. [130?]
- DURSTON Sydney - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- EASDALE James - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted Appl. For military pension 1900 declined due to desertion 1912 AD 32/67, A1.00/890, AD1.08/3784
- EATON Thomas - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- ELDER Robert - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- ELGIN John - Private 1st Waikato Regt, Deserted
- ELLIS Edward - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- ENNIS T - 1536 WO 100/18 P 184 NZ War Medal HM 18th Regt.
- [no details regarding desertion]
- ENNIS Thomas - Pre 18th Royal Irish AD 32/1738 Appl. For Imperial medal 1923 (1923-23) [no details regarding desertion]
- EVANS William - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- FITZGERALD Michael - Private 3rd Waikato Regt.
- FITZGERALD Michael - 1286 WO 100/18 p 184 NZ War Medal 1893 (1893) For period of service Appl. 1898 (1898) Receipt 1898 AD 32/4654, AD1: 98/840 HM 18th Regt. [no details regarding desertion] - Capt Napier Militia Omaranui 1866 Appl. 1869 (1869-72) Awarded 1871 AD 32/2791 AD 36/3 641[no details regarding desertion]
- FITZGERALD Michael - 1205 WO 100/18 p 140 NZ War Medal 14th [no details regarding desertion]
- FITZGERALD Michael - 529 WO 100/18 p 281 NZ War Medal 57th [no details regarding desertion]
- FITZGERALD Michael - 2594 WO 100/18 p 330 NZ War Medal HM 65th Regt. [no details regarding desertion]
- FLOOD John A - 2nd Waikato Regt. Appl. 1874 (1874) rejected due to desertion AD 32/2107
- FOSTER William - 3rd Waikato Regt. Appl. 1912 (1912-13) Rejected 1913 Desertion AD32/71
- FRASER Alexander - Pte. 2nd Waikato Regt. Appl. 1907 (1907) Rejected Deserted AD1: 07/2991
- FULLER William Edward - Trooper Wanganui Cavalry Patea 1868 "by his brother Frank" AD 36/3 707 [no details regarding desertion]
- GALLAGHER Hugh - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- GILDARD James - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- GRANT Peter - 1st Waikato Regt. Appl. 1907 (1907-14) Rejected 1914 Not under fire AD 32/1027 [no details regarding desertion]
- GRIMLEY Joseph - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HADSON Joseph - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HARPER R.H. - Sergeant 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HARRIS Ellis - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HARRISON William - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- HARRISON William - Bullock Driver AD 32/25 .1 Re-issued 1914 RARO Tewi Te Wairoa Native Contingent [no details regarding desertion]
- HARRISON William - 3rd Waikato Regt. 1863-1864 Appl. 1908 from Pension Dept. for details of military service AD 32/1993 [no details regarding desertion]
- HARRISON William - Pte. No 2 Coy. Taranaki Rifle Vols. Waireka 1860 Kaitaki 1860 Omata 1863 Appl. 1887 (1887) awarded 1887 Receipt 1887 AD 36/3.2866, AD1: 87/2427, AD1:87/3028 [no details regarding desertion]

- HARRISON William - 1319 WO 100/18 p 124, 174 NZ War Medal 14th [no details regarding desertion]
- HARRISON William - 1770 WO 100/18 p 142, 174 NZ War Medal 14th [no details regarding desertion]
- HART William - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- HARVEY Anthony - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HAWKES James - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- HENARE - Native Contingent Rotoiti 1864 AD 36/3 1039 [no details regarding desertion]
- HENARE Kakapango - see KAKAPANGO Henare [no details regarding desertion]
- HENDREY David - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HENRY Charles - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HENRY James - 1195 WO 100/18 p 185 NZ War Medal Appl. 1912 for duplicate AD 32/352 HM 18th Regt [no details regarding desertion]
- HENRY James - 675 WO 100/18 p235 NZ War Medal 43rd [no details regarding desertion]
- HEWSON Peter Joseph - Pte. No 2 Coy, 18th Royal Irish Regt. Appl. 1913 for duplication me4dal (1913) Rejected 1913 Desertion AD32/716
- HICKEY James - 2nd Regt. Waikato Militia 1863-1865 Inquiry for official proof of age 1908 (1908-14) AD32/1500 [no details regarding desertion]
- HICKEY James - 1622 WO 100/18 p 185 NZ War Medal MH 18th Regt [no details regarding desertion]
- HICKEY John - No2 Waikato Regt 1863-1866 Inquiry from Lands & Survey (1914-14) Deserted in 1866 AD32/1501
- HILL William - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HOBIN John - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HOWARTH George - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HOY Joseph - Appl. 1922 (1922) Enquiry from land & Survey Dept. regarding military service. AD32/1616 [no details regarding desertion]
- HUMPHREYS P.F. - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- HUMPHRIES W - Pte. 3rd Waikato Regt. Imperial medal not issued AD37/25 .1. [no details regarding desertion]
- HUMPHRIES William - Corp No 2 Taranaki Volunteers Kaitaki Awarded 1871 Appl. 1911 for duplicate war medal Awarded 1911 Re-engraved from W Winslow A.C. AD32/206, AD36/3 858 [no details regarding desertion]
- HUMPHRIES William - 1796 WO 100/18 p343 NZ War Medal HM 65th Regt. [no details regarding desertion]
- HUTCHINS William - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- JEFF William - Appl. 1914 (1914) Application not pursued AD32/1069 [no details regarding desertion]
- JEFF William - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- KAKAPANGO Henare - Chief Friendly Natives Wairengwhika 1865 Ngatapa Awarded AD36/3. 1257, AD 36/3. 2603 (HENARE Kakapango) [no details regarding desertion]
- KELLY George - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- KEOWN Thomas - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- KILBURN George - 1st Dev Armed Constabulary App. 1913 Not Awarded Application Deserted AD32/537
- LAMB George - Private 1st Waikato Regt. Deserted
- LINDSAY Robert - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- LOHMAN George - Artificer 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- LOVETT John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- LYNCH Francis - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- MCALISTER Hugh - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- MCBRIDE William J. - Private 2nd Waikato Regt, Deserted
- MCCALLUM D - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- MCCLEARY William - Private 1st Waikato Regt. Deserted

- MCCUSKER John - 50th Foot Regt. Patarangi, Rangiapo, Tangihao, Nukumarū, Wanganui, Tinamarāe Appl. 1913 (1913-14) Not awarded Applicant a deserter AD 32/1085
- MCDONALD James - Private b3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted (3 other James)
- MCKANE John - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- MCKAYE Donald - Artificer 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- MCKENZIE John - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- MCKINLAY George - Pte 1st Waikato Regt. Trpr Colonial Defence Force Te Ranga 1864 Appl. 1871 (1871-73) Award 1877 AD 32/3679 AD36/3 1668 [no details regarding desertion]
- MCMINN E.S. - Sergt Forest Rangers E Coast "rejected for mutiny" AD 36/3 1619 CD 72/1247 & 73/1633
- MAHONEY John - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- MALCOLM William - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- MAXWELL James Storey - 2nd Waikato Regt 1863-65 Appl. 1913 For duplicate medal (1913-14) Rejected 1914 Desertion AD 32/942 AD 36/3 1542
- MILLER Edward F - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- MONTGOMERY James
- MOUTGOMERY James - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- MORRIS Robert - Private Armed Constabulary 1868-1871 Nukumarū The Black Pa Westmere Appl. 192 (1912-1919) Appl. Refused said to be deserter AD 32/251
- MOSSMAN Edward - Corporal 1st Waikato Regt Deserted
- MUIR Alexander - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- NEILSON John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- NEWALL William - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- NEWARAU Josiah - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- NEWTON Thomas - WO 100/18 page 149 NZ War Medal Appl. 1912 (1912-19) Rejected Desertion AD 32/264 14th
- O'GRADY John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- PALMER Benjamin - Corp. 1st Waikato Regt 1871 Receipt for medal (1871) AD 32/3804 [no details regarding desertion]
- PARKER James - Corporal Auckland Militia Deserted
- PEARCE Francis - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- PEPPER John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- PHILBRICK Edwin Francis - Pte. 2nd Waikato Reg 1863-64 Artificer Appl. 1910 (1910-12) Rejected 1912 Desertion AD 32/298
- PHILIPS Oliver - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- PITCHER George - Artificer 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- PORTER John - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- PRESTON James - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- PRICE Charles T - Corporal 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- REESE George - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- RENSRAW Joseph - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- RIPPEY Robert - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- ROACH Patrick - Private 1st Waikato Regt Deserted
- ROBINSON James - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted 1892 Receipt for medal AD1:92/2213 AD37/25 .1
- ROOKE John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- RUSSELL William - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- RYAN Michael - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- RYSDALE Alfred - Pte. No 10 Coy, 2nd Waikato Regt. Const. No 5 Div. Armed Constabulary Turu Turu Mokai 1868 Te Ngutu o te Mana 1868 Appl. 1913 (1913) Rejected 1913 Membership of Mutineers No 5 Div. Armed Constabulary AD 32/562
- SANDERSON William - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- SATTELDAY Richard
- STATTLEDAY Richard - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- SECCOLE George

- SECOLE George - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- SHEEHY John - 18th Royal Irish Regt. Appl. 1912 (1912-14) Rejected 1914 Desertion
- SKATES William H - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- SKIDMORE James - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- SMITH George - 8 cards with same name but none noted as deserted
- SMITH Goff - Corporal 3rd Waikato Re4gt Deserted
- SMITH J B - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- SMITH Thomas - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- SOMERTON Edward - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- SPINK James - Artificer Auckland Militia Deserted
- SPOWART Robert - Artificer 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- SQUIBB George - Pte. 2nd Waikato Regt. Pte. Forest Rangers Orakau Awarded 1871 Appl. 1910 (1910) for military land compensation Rejected because of desertion AD 32/1801 AD 32/1919 AD 36/3 2115 C.T.C.
- STANSFIELD Squire - Private 1st Waikato Regt Deserted
- SUNERWAY Edmund - 2nd Waikato Militia 1862-1864 Oraku Appl. 1910 (1910-13) Not awarded applicant deserted AD 32/536
- SUTHERLAND David - Private Auckland Militia Deserted Re-engraved and issued to Te Awapuni Hemi 1914 Native Contingent AD 37/25.1
- SUTHERLAND Donald - 3rd Waikato Militia Cpl. Armed Constabulary Water Transport Ngatapa 1869, Ruathuna, Urivera, Nukumaru, Gentle Annie Moturoa Karaka Appl. For pension (1913-13) Medal was awarded 1874
- TAUHAWERA Tamihana - Guild Native Contingent Appl. 1873 (1873) Rejected as Tahawera had once been a rebel AD 32/4255
- THOMAS John - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- THORN Samuel - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- TOWNHILL Daniel - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- TOWNSEND Robert - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- TRUMBALL Thomas - Private Auckland Militia Deserted
- VART George - Pte. Forest Ranger Okotuko, Te Putahi, Okotuke, Otapawa Appl. 1913 (1913) Rejected lack of evidence AD 32/634
- VISSART Richard - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- WALKER J B - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- WALKER Joseph - Artificer 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- WALL William Henry - 1st Waikato Regt. Appl. (letters) 1881 (1881-92) Rejected Deserted AD1.92/1336
- WARD William J - 2nd Waikato Regt Servant Letter re application for medal Deserted 1863 AD1:77/1351
- WARRINGTON Thomas - Corporal Auckland Militia Deserted
- WALSH John
- WELSH John - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- WHITE Thomas - Pte. 3rd Waikato Regt. Appl. 1890 (1890) Rejected Deserted 1865 Appl. 1892 (1892) Rejected AD1:92/476 AD 32/4582
- WIGHT Thomas - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Deserted
- WILLIAMS Frederick - Private 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted
- WILLIAMS Richard - Private 3rd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- WINDSOR John - Pte. 3rd Waikato Regt Commissariat Transport Corps Appl. 1912 (1912-13) Rejected 1913 Desertion AD 32/406
- WINTON Thomas - Private 2nd Waikato Regt. Deserted
- WOODCOCK Alfred - Private 2nd Waikato Regt Appl. 1910 (1910-14) Rejected Deserted 1864 from C.T.C. AD 32/1330
- WOODFORD Henry E - Sergeant 3rd Waikato Regt Deserted Appl. 1913 (1912-1913) Rejected AD 32/865

- WOOSTER Thomas - Pte. No 2 Coy, 2nd Waikato Regt. Labourer Orakau 1864, Te Roru, Kehu Kehi, Te Awamutu Awarded 1888 AD36/3. 2879, AD1: 88/446 (Roll), AD1: 88/15, AD 37/25.1
- YOUNG Ralph - Pte. PITTS Volunteer Militia Pukekohoe 1863 Appl. 1912 (1912-13) Rejected 1913 Deserted AD 32/308

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- GREENFIELD Robert - Sergt. 2nd Waikato Regt. Papakura 1863 1875 Receipt for Medal Awarded 1871 AD32/2918, AD36/3 802 = He wrote a letter confirming Peter Bell's service.
- LECKIE John -Pte. 2nd Waikato Regt. Orakau 1864 (killed) Appl. 1872 (1872) from next of kin Awarded 1883 1883 Unclaimed medal entry AD 32/3369, AD 36/3.2788, AD1: 83/849, AD1:85/1888 (Roll) AD1:83/2331

New Zealand War Medals & New Zealand Cross)

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The New Zealand Cross contributed by A.L. Kirk

The New Zealand Cross is an award peculiar to New Zealand and the Second Maori War of 1860-1872. It is one of the rarest decorations in the world, only 23 having been awarded. Instituted by the Governor of New Zealand by Order in Council dated March 10, 1869, it met an urgent need for some decoration equivalent to the Victoria Cross for which the local Militia had been considered ineligible. The Governor, Sir George Bowen, awarded five of the crosses before Royal approval for the award had been obtained. Queen Victoria had little option under the circumstances but to ratify the Order in Council, which merely referred to the new award as a "Decorative Distinction" without giving it a name. The title New Zealand Cross was not adopted for some time. In the interim it was referred to as the 'New Zealand Cross of Valour, Order of Valour, Order of Merit, Order of the Southern Cross, Cross of New Zealand, Colonial Cross, Southern Cross, and Silver Cross.' The institution of the cross can be attributed to Colonel G. S. Whitmore who on November 19, 1868 requested that a sum of money be made available from the Armed Constabulary Reserve Fund for the purchase of 20 rosettes and special chevrons to be awarded to members of the Armed Constabulary who distinguished themselves in action and to whom a monetary grant of \$10 should be made from the same fund. From this modest request the idea developed into the New Zealand Cross as instituted. It was laid down that the decoration should consist of a silver cross with the name of the colony and the name of the recipient engraved thereon and be suspended from the left breast by a crimson riband. A Roll of Recipients was kept with brief descriptive of acts of valour. Under certain circumstances such as cowardice or a disgraceful act, the name of the recipient was to be erased from the roll. Although the first recipient of the Cross, Constable Henare Kepa Te Ahururu, later deserted, his name was not taken off the roll. The list of recipients has many connections with Wanganui. Trooper William Languard of Kai Iwi Cavalry Volunteers won his at Tauranga-a-ika on December 28, 1868. Major Keepa Te Rangihiwini (Kemp) won his for gallantry at Moturoa November 7, 1868 and Otauto on March 13, 1869. He died at Wanganui on April 15, 1898. Sergeant Samuel Austin, Wanganui Volunteer Corps, was awarded his for gallantry on January 7, 1866 at Putahi Pa, and on October 17, 1866, at Keteonetea. He died at Wanganui on January 25, 1903. Private Thomas Adamson of the Corps of Guides, won his at Ahikereru on May 7, 1869, and he died at Wanganui on November 8, 1899. Of these New Zealand Crosses, one was sent to London and sold at Southeby's, one went to Taranaki Museum, one to Rotorua Museum, and one was reputed to have been buried with the nephew of a winner. It is unfortunate that none of these medals came to the Wanganui Museum. There is a mystery regarding the actual number of medals in existence. The dies of the New Zealand Cross had been left in the hands of Phillips Bros. and Sons, of London, who completed the final order of five in 1886, making a total of 25 struck ostensibly for awards. A few suitable engraved specimens were authorised to be struck for the Royal Mint Museum, and for eminent medal collectors in England. However, the dies passed

through two other hands before they were recovered by the Agent-General in 1908. In the intervening years a number of unauthorised specimens were struck. One of these specimen medals even had the name of Trooper Languard of the Kai Iwi Cavalry emblazoned on it but it does not bear the Phillip's cartouche and the original still exists. In 1885 the Premier proposed that the New Zealand Cross should be extended for award to those who were responsible for saving human life. It was suggested that to distinguish it from the Military medal, the stars should be omitted from the Cross, and the ribbon should be a different colour. The proposal was dropped when it was found the Royal Humane Society of Australasia, founded in 1882, had such a medal.
