

## Camp Opunake Roll 1865-1867

On 29 April 1865 the steamship 'Wanganui' arrived at Opunake Bay. Passengers included five natives (one is Kerepa); surf & life boat crews; 85 men of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment; 26 Bushrangers; three Artillery men; two men of the Royal Engineers. The canoe with the five natives "ascertained from two old men who came down that there would be no obstruction made to landing" in Opunake Bay. Also seen were "two armed natives, one of them on horseback" on the other side of the Waiau River. They were later described as "rebels who had just come up the coast from Ngatiruanui." Wiremu Kingi Moki Te Matakatea was accompanied by 19 men and 4 women (including his wife) "who all made due submission" to Colonel Warre.<sup>1</sup>

On the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1865 the 'Ahuriri' landed 150 men of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment at Opunake. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of June the 'Ahuriri' landed Colonel Warre and 60 bushrangers at Opunake.<sup>2</sup>

On Sunday 11th June "two Maoris rode into the camp at Opunake and were captured."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>2</sup> Daily Southern Cross 14 Jun 1865 – Shipping Miscellaneous 'Ahuriri', Captain Shuttleworth – report from the Wanganui Chronicle of 07 Jun 1865

<sup>3</sup> New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 14 Jun 1865 Wanganui

**Alfred ANSTED**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.838

1864 Dec 24 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>4</sup>

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 37 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>5</sup>

1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>6</sup>

1871 at Fermoy, Ireland (Private)<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>5</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>6</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>7</sup> Findmypast – 1871 Worldwide British Army Index for the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 1871

**Robert ARNOLD**43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.461

- 1840 Born Bottisham, Cambridgeshire<sup>8</sup>
- 1859 Jun 08 Enlisted with 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment for 10 years at Cambridge at 8am by Sergeant Charles Matthews 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment; Robert was a labourer aged 18yrs 6 months; height 5' 6"; fresh & freckled complexion; hazel eyes; brown hair; pitted with small pox. Cambridgeshire Regiment of Militia: "This is to certify that No.2122 Robert Arnold who was enrolled to serve as a Volunteer in the Cambridge Regiment of Militia on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1858, is released from his Militia engagement for the purpose and upon the condition of his enlisting in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Foot and on his paying nil..."<sup>9</sup>
- 1859 Jun 09 Commencement of service as a Private in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment<sup>10</sup>
- 1861 at Fort St George, Madras (Private)<sup>11</sup>
- 1862 Jun 09 Began receiving good conduct pay at 1d<sup>12</sup>
- 1863 Dec 11 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>13</sup>
- 1864 At Gate Pa and Te Ranga<sup>14</sup>
- 1864 Oct 26 Commencement of service as a Corporal in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment<sup>15</sup>
- 1865 Jul-Sep Worked 40 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>16</sup>
- 1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>17</sup>
- 1867 Jun 09 Began receiving good conduct pay at 2d<sup>18</sup>

<sup>8</sup> British Army Service Record – WO97 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

<sup>9</sup> British Army Service Record – WO97 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

<sup>10</sup> British Army Service Record – WO97 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

<sup>11</sup> Findmypast – 1861 Worldwide Army Index – from April to June quarter Paylists held in National Archives – WO12/5616

<sup>12</sup> British Army Service Record – WO97 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

<sup>13</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>14</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)

<sup>15</sup> British Army Service Record – WO97 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

<sup>16</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>17</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>18</sup> British Army Service Record – WO97 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

1869 Mar 24 Proceedings of Regimental Board regarding the cause of Discharge of Corporal Robert Arnold. He had served abroad for five years nine months – 3 years 2 months in India and 2 years 7 months in New Zealand. Discharge was in consequence of “Reduction of Establishment; his conduct has been very good; in possession of two good conduct badges; not in possession of any medals; has never been tried nor entered in Regimental defaulters book.”<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> British Army Service Record – WO97 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

## Henry BALLY

70<sup>th</sup> Regiment

- 1859 Nov 04 Attained the rank of Ensign, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment<sup>20</sup>  
1861 Dec 31 Attained the rank of Lieutenant, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment<sup>21</sup>  
1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'.<sup>22</sup>
- 1865 Aug 02 Warea expedition - "Was shot while in command of the rear guard – the fatal bullet entered his side and causing almost instantaneous death. He was a deserving officer, and very much respected by all who knew him... The bodies of Lieut. Bally and the three men killed on Tuesday, arrived in town, last evening, and will be buried to-day."<sup>23</sup>
- 1865 Aug 07 Buried. "The remains of Lieut. Bally and Privates Smith, Brown, and Ralph, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and of Private Bolton, 43<sup>rd</sup> L.I., who fell in action near Warea, were interred in the public cemetery on Monday last, with the usual honours. A considerable number of the officers of the different corps in Town, all the men off duty and several civilians followed the bodies, which were preceded by the bands of the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> and the usual firing party."<sup>24</sup>
- 1865 Aug 12 "It is requested that all Claims against the estate of the late Lieutenant Henry Bally, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, be forwarded to the undersigned by the 9<sup>th</sup> September next, otherwise they will not be entertained. (Signed) T. D. Backhouse, Captain 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New Plymouth, 9<sup>th</sup> August 1865."<sup>25</sup>

Buried at Te Henui Cemetery, New Plymouth in "The Old Anglican Unsurveyed – Old Headstone Reference 1979 – Plot 127"<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> The New Annual Army List and Militia List for 1865 page 348 Listing of Lieutenants of the 70<sup>th</sup> (The Surrey) Regiment of Foot

<sup>21</sup> The New Annual Army List and Militia List for 1865 page 348 Listing of Lieutenants of the 70<sup>th</sup> (The Surrey) Regiment of Foot

<sup>22</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>23</sup> Taranaki Herald 03 Aug 1865 Warea – Engagement with the Rebels

<sup>24</sup> Taranaki Herald 12 Aug 1865 Military Funeral

<sup>25</sup> Taranaki Herald 12 Aug 1865 Notice (Repeated in the Daily Southern Cross 15 Aug 1865)

<sup>26</sup> New Plymouth District Council Cemetery Search – [www.newplymouthnz.com](http://www.newplymouthnz.com)

**William BASKERVILLE (1846-)**

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

1863 Dec 04 Reg No.318 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Jersey; Aged 18yrs; Height 5' 9"; Carpenter; Single; Ship 'Phoebe'; Rank Private. Land grant: Lot 37 Section 30 Okato; Farm Land – Lot 47 Section 70 Okato. Reference: 07/3446.<sup>27</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 70; Number on Town Plan 30; Record Book page 97.<sup>28</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship 'Phoebe' from Nelson. "Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company."<sup>29</sup>

"Private, No.4 Coy (3yrs); Melbourne; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Born 1846 Jersey; *Gazette* 1871; 209; AD32/2161."<sup>30</sup>

1872 Jan 04 Applied for New Zealand War Medal. Address: At Mrs Fulbrooke, No.7 James St, Fitzroy, Melbourne. Corps in which served: Private No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers, 3 years service. Period of service in the field: "At the taking of Kitaka Pah Good Friday 1864, under fire previous day has covering party to artillery in the front greater part of service."<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>28</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>29</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>30</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>31</sup> Archives NZ Wellington Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/43 Item 2153 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

**Thomas BAYMAN**43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.851

- 1864 Dec 24 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>32</sup>  
 1865 Jul-Sep Worked 19½ days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>33</sup>  
 1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>34</sup>  
 1866 Mar 14 Deserted from H.M. 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Foot – aged 22yrs, height 5ft 5¾ inches, fresh complexion, auburn hair, hazel eyes<sup>35</sup>
- 1867 Jul 18 A deserter from H.M. 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment, who had given himself up to the constable at Mongonui, arrived in town in the schooner 'Ivanhoe,' in charge of the mate of the vessel, who had been sworn in a special constable for the purpose. He gives the name of Thomas Bayman.<sup>36</sup>
- 1867 Jul 18 At the Police Court - Thomas Bayman pleaded guilty to being a deserter from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, and was ordered to be handed over to the military authorities.<sup>37</sup>
- 1871 at Fermoy, Ireland (Private)<sup>38</sup>
- 1876 Feb 24 Applied for discharge<sup>39</sup>
- 1876 Feb 29 Discharged at Depot; Conduct: indifferent; Cause of discharge: 1<sup>st</sup> period of limited service; Amount of service towards Good Conduct Pay and Pension: 8 years 66 days; Amount of service towards completion of limited engagement: 10 years 93 days; Date of Discharge: 29 Feb 1876; Documents with List to W.O. or Chelsea: 062<sup>40</sup>

<sup>32</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>33</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>34</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>35</sup> Southland Times 11 May 1866 Auckland 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1866 Deserters from H.M. Service

<sup>36</sup> Daily Southern Cross 19 Jul 1867

<sup>37</sup> New Zealand Herald 19 Jul 1867 Police Court - Desertion

<sup>38</sup> Findmypast – 1871 Worldwide British Army Index for the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 1871

<sup>39</sup> British Army Service Record – WO121 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

<sup>40</sup> British Army Service Record – WO121 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

**Alfred BILLINGTON**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.747

- 1864 Dec 24 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>41</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 23 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>42</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>43</sup>  
1877 Oct 17 Applied for discharge<sup>44</sup>
- 1877 Oct 27 Conduct Good 3M; Cause of discharge: 1<sup>st</sup> period of limited service; Amount of service towards Good Conduct Pay and Pension: 14 years 251 days; Amount of service towards completion of limited engagement: 14 years 257 days; Date of Discharge: 27 Oct 1877; Documents with List to W.O. or Chelsea: 082<sup>45</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>42</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>43</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>44</sup> British Army Service Record – WO121 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents

<sup>45</sup> British Army Service Record – WO121 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents



**Francis BILTON (1840-)**

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

1863 Dec 17 Reg No.316 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Limehouse, Middlesex; Aged 24yrs; Height 5' 7"; Butcher; Single; Ship 'Choice'; Rank Private.<sup>46</sup>

1864 Mar 25 Spent two months in the Kaitaki area<sup>47</sup>

1864 Nov 20 Discharged – unfit for service – wounded in action<sup>48</sup>

1865 Feb 27 Discharged with a pension. Question asked: Does a pensioner get land?<sup>49</sup>

1879 May 09 Memo from the Medal Commissioner to Francis Bilton – “Can you name anyone to certify to your being under fire and did you serve as Frank Bilton No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers? If so please make a declaration before a Justice of the Peace when your claim for the New Zealand Medal will be considered.<sup>50</sup>

1879 Jun 23 Applied for New Zealand War Medal. Address: c/o Mr A. De Borvalle, Nairn St, Wellington. Served for two years as a Private in No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers until wounded at Kaitaki. Was subsequently granted a pension. Note: No.4 Company was subsequently No.7 Company.<sup>51</sup>

1879 Oct 25 Acknowledges receipt of New Zealand War Medal<sup>52</sup>

“(Frank); Private, No.4 Coy, (2yrs); Wellington; Kaitake 24/3/1864 (wounded and granted pension); Born 1840 Middlesex; *Gazette* 1879; Received 25/10/1879; 2704; AD32/2210.”<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>46</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>47</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/44 Item 2210 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>48</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>49</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>50</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/44 Item 2210 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>51</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/44 Item 2210 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>52</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/44 Item 2210 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>53</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

**Alfred BLUCK (1843-1919)**

**No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers**

1843 Dec 26 Born – the son of Timothy Bluck and Elizabeth nee Bradford<sup>54</sup>; Registered at Leominster, Herefordshire the following year<sup>55</sup>  
1851 Census: A scholar aged 7yrs living with his parents Timothy and Elizabeth Bluck at High Street, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales<sup>56</sup>  
1861 Census: An apprentice to the wine trade aged 17yrs living with his aunt Ann Bird at Middle Row, Newport, Shropshire<sup>57</sup>  
1863 Aug 31 “The ‘Zealandia’ sailed from London docks and anchored off Gravesend.”<sup>58</sup>  
1863 Dec 08 Anchored at Lyttelton and went ashore the next day.<sup>59</sup>  
1863 Dec 14 Went to Rangiora and failed to find employment.<sup>60</sup>

1863 Dec 21 Reg No.323 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Newport, Shropshire; Aged 20yrs; Height 5’ 10”; Accountant; Single; Ship ‘Choice’; Rank Private. Town land: Lot 24 Section 82 Okato; Farm Land : Lot 16 Sections 18 & 46 Okato.<sup>61</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 46; Number on Town Plan 82; Record Book page 120. Numbers 18 & 24 = 56 acres 1 rood.<sup>62</sup>

1863 Dec 25 Left Christchurch for Taranaki on the schooner ‘Choice’.<sup>63</sup>  
1863 Dec 30 Arrived at New Plymouth<sup>64</sup>  
1865 May 03 Arrived at Opunake as part of No.4 Company of Military Settlers.<sup>65</sup>  
1865 Jun 11 Left Opunake on the steamer ‘Alexander’<sup>66</sup>

<sup>54</sup> The Elusive Maori and the Taranaki War: Journal of Alfred Bluck 1863-1867 by Heather Wilson (1997)

<sup>55</sup> FreeBMD – Birth registered March Quarter 1844 of Alfred Bluck at Leominster, Herefordshire

<sup>56</sup> 1851 Census Timothy Bluck – High Street, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales – Piece 2446 folio 307

<sup>57</sup> 1861 Census Ann Bird, widow – Middle Row, Newport, Shropshire – Piece 1901 folio 70

<sup>58</sup> The Elusive Maori and the Taranaki War: Journal of Alfred Bluck 1863-1867 by Heather Wilson (1997)

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<sup>62</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>63</sup> The Elusive Maori and the Taranaki War: Journal of Alfred Bluck 1863-1867 by Heather Wilson (1997)

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1865 Dec 23

“Surveyors came out with the plans; the men refused to select unless officers, non-commissioned officers and men ballot together for priority of choice of land.”<sup>67</sup>

1865 Dec 26

“Colonel Haultain who is Defence Minister came out, he happening to be in Taranaki at the time; and the men having been drawn up in line he told them that if they still refused to select another Company should have the land and our Company would be sent down to Patea; he then dismissed them for half an hour to think of it. The men were again formed in line and as their names were called they drew their number of selection, those who refused the Colonel drew for them.”<sup>68</sup>

1865 Dec 26 [assumed] – Land selected in the Okato District<sup>69</sup>

Rural Plan No.18 and Town Plan No.82 Alfred Black Record Book 120G	Nos 18 & 64 26a 1r & 20a	= 56a 1r
Rural Plan No.46 and Town Plan No.82 Alfred Bluck Record Book 120	Nos 18 & 24	= 56a 1r

1865 Dec 30 “Struck off pay and several men building whares on their land.”<sup>70</sup>

1871 Aug 04 Applied for the New Zealand War Medal. Address: Tuakau, Lower Waikato; Corp in which served: Lance-Corporal No.4 Company for three years – two years active service; Period of service in the field: From 31 Dec 1863 to 31 Dec 1865. Present at Kaitake 24 Mar 1864.<sup>71</sup>

1872 Feb 17 Letter from Alfred Bluck, Tuakau, Lower Waikato to G. S. Cooper, Colonial Defence Office. “Sir, Having received your circular addressed Black informing me that I am entitled to the New Zealand War Medal, I request you will cause the mistake not to occur when inscribed on the medal. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, Alfred Bluck. Remark: The writer is incorrectly named “Black” in Roll A which is published on folio No.655 of the Gazette of 22 December 1871.”<sup>72</sup>

<sup>67</sup> The Elusive Maori and the Taranaki War: Journal of Alfred Bluck 1863-1867 by Heather Wilson (1997)

<sup>68</sup> The Elusive Maori and the Taranaki War: Journal of Alfred Bluck 1863-1867 by Heather Wilson (1997)

<sup>69</sup> Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki districts - Archives NZ Wellington Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2

<sup>70</sup> The Elusive Maori and the Taranaki War: Journal of Alfred Bluck 1863-1867 by Heather Wilson (1997)

<sup>71</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/44 Item 2234 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>72</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/44 Item 2234 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

1873 Sep 01 Letter from Alfred Bluck, Tuakau, Lower Waikato to Lieut-Col. Moule. Sir, I beg to acknowledge your Circular inclosing copy of correspondence respecting delay of War Medals. Should they arrive and one of the thousand be issued to me I shall consider it a favor if you will cause my name to be engraved as spelt. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, Alfred Bluck.<sup>73</sup>

Alfred died 26 August 1919 at the residence of his son-in-law (N. Jamisson, Buckland), beloved husband of the late Matilda Bluck.<sup>74</sup>

A veteran of the Maori war, Mr Alfred Bluck, died at Buckland last week at the age of 76 years. He arrived at Lyttelton in 1863 on the 'Zealandia'. On the outbreak of the Maori War in Taranaki he joined the volunteer military settlers, and took part in most of the engagements in the early sixties, obtaining a war medal for his services. On the arrival of his parents in Auckland, in 1866, he joined them, engaging in farming pursuits. He took an active part in the volunteer movement, being elected ensign to the Tuakau Volunteer Company in 1870. Later he joined the railway service and held the position of stationmaster for some time. After leaving the service some 30 years ago he took up his residence at Buckland, where he had since resided.<sup>75</sup>

"Lance-Corporal, No.4 Coy (3yrs); Also Pukekohe Rifle Volunteers; Tuakau, Waikato; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Born 1844 Newport, Shropshire; *Gazette* 1871; Issued 30/10/1873; 193; AD32/2234."<sup>76</sup>

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<sup>73</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/44 Item 2234 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>74</sup> New Zealand Herald 28 Aug 1919 Death notice

<sup>75</sup> Dominion 04 Sep 1919 Personal Items

<sup>76</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

## Abel CANDY

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.779

1863 Apr 23 Enlisted into the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment<sup>77</sup>  
1864 Mar 04 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>78</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 17 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>79</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>80</sup>  
1866 Oct 18 Discharged<sup>81</sup>

2013 Oct 04 New Zealand Medal sold via e-bay UK – named to: 779. Abel Candy, 43<sup>rd</sup> Foot – along with a copy of the Medal Roll and Depot Muster Roll<sup>82</sup>



<sup>77</sup> Worthpoint - <http://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/zealand-war-medal-undated-2nd-maori-474011329>

<sup>78</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>79</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>80</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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<sup>82</sup> Worthpoint - <http://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/zealand-war-medal-undated-2nd-maori-474011329>

**Charles CARLTON**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.165

1861 at Chatham (Private)<sup>83</sup>

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 16 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>84</sup>

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<sup>83</sup> Findmypast – 1861 Worldwide Army Index – from April to June quarter Paylists held in National Archives – WO12/5616

<sup>84</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

**Dougal CARMICHAEL (1824-)**

## Taranaki Military Settlers

1864 Jun 14 Reg No.330 Enrolled at Nelson with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Killnenvar, Argyle; Aged 40yrs; Height 5' 9"; Engineer; Married; Ship 'Phoebe'; Substitute of Henry Stamford Brabant.<sup>85</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 64; Number on Town Plan 93; Record Book page 100G.<sup>86</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship 'Phoebe' from Nelson. "Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company."<sup>87</sup>

1864 Oct 29 Dugald Carmichael has two unclaimed letters in the Post Offices, Southland.<sup>88</sup>

1865 Jul 18 Supervised the commencement of roadmaking at Opunake "by whom the scheme was at first devised and who has not only worked at it himself and taken the greatest possible interest in it but has also given me the benefit of his great experience whereby almost insurmountable difficulties have been overcome in carrying out the work." – Captain Thomas Horan, 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment.<sup>89</sup>

1866 May 05 John Hare, Registration Officer, Invercargill objects to Dugald Cameron, Invercargill, Leasehold being entitled to have his name retained on the List of Voters of the Electoral District of Invercargill on the grounds that he is not possessed of the qualification stated.<sup>90</sup>

1867 Sep 15 Was employed by Lt-Col Thomas McDonnell to repair building injured by large gale and recommends that he be remunerated.<sup>91</sup>  
1867 Sep 22 Lt-Col Thomas McDonnell, Patea recommends payment of £3 to Private Dugald Carmichael.<sup>92</sup>

1875 Dec 04 Missing Friend Advertisement: Any person who can give information respecting the whereabouts of Dugald Carmichael, (supposed to have been at Mr Smith's, Wanganui), will oblige those interested by leaving his address at the 'Herald' Office.<sup>93</sup>

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<sup>85</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>86</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>87</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>88</sup> Southland Times 29 Oct 1864 List of Unclaimed letters in the Post Offices, Southland for the Quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 1864

<sup>89</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>90</sup> Southland Times 09 May 1866

<sup>91</sup> Archives NZ Archway Entry - AGGM 25027 W5932 WHAT82/4/u CD1867/338 Letter Lt-Col McDonnell to Colonial Defence Office 15 Sep 1867

<sup>92</sup> Archives NZ Archway Entry - AGGM 25027 W5932 WHAT82/4/u CD1867/338 Letter Lt-Col McDonnell to Colonial Defence Office 22 Sep 1867

<sup>93</sup> Wanganui Herald 04 Dec 1875 Missing Friend Notice

**Edward CARTHEW (1820-1875)****No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers**

“Captain, 3yrs (23/11/1863-); Okato; Te Ahuahu 6/4/1864; Kaitake 23-25/4/1864 (burning of the middle whares in Kaitake Ranges), Marched overland with 43<sup>rd</sup> Foot to Opunake; *Gazette* 1871; Issued 22/4/1872; 327; AD32/2424.”<sup>94</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated 27 Jan 1870 at New Plymouth; Address: Edward Carthew, Okato, Taranaki; Corp in which served: Captain, Taranaki Military Settlers for three years. Period of service in the field: Two years Ahuahu, Kaitaki, Burning of the middle wharres in the Kaitake Ranges 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March 1864. Remarks: Marched overland with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry to Opunake.<sup>95</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship ‘Phoebe’ from Nelson. “Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company.”<sup>96</sup>

1865 May 22 Letter written by Captain Thomas Hempton, Paymaster’s Office, Taranaki Military Settlers.

“Captain Plaice of the Schooner ‘Choice’ embarked at Port Cooper 49 men of Captain Carthew’s enlisting in the Province of Canterbury and had to land one man who put his ankle out and on his arrival here was paid for the passage of 48 men only, the Commanding Officer of Militia Captain Brown, not feeling he had the authority to pay for the 49 according to the written agreement given by Captain Carthew “that all put on board were to be paid for.” Captain Plaice who has lost his Vessel here, respectfully submits this Statement to the honourable the Minister of Colonial Defence and would be grateful to him for an order to the Sub-Treasurer for the passage money (five pounds). I certify that the above is correct.”<sup>97</sup>

1865 Aug 03 Captain Edward Carthew, No.4 Company, Taranaki Military Settlers to Lieut-Colonel Lepper, commanding TMS

“Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of Captain Holt, that upon making enquiries into the circumstances of the man being sent ashore from the Schooner ‘Choice’ at Lyttelton I find from the man who was the non-commissioned officer in charge (now a private in No.9 Company Taranaki Military Settlers named in the margin (Pte Js. Fiddes) that the Captain (Plaice) had him conveyed ashore on his own responsibility and that upon his remonstrating with Captain Plaice was told that he was Captain of the vessel and also of those on board. I can only... my former statement, that it was done without my knowledge or consent. Trusting this statement will prove satisfactory.”<sup>98</sup>

<sup>94</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>95</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/46 Item 2424 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>96</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>97</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 23d CD1865/2271 Letter by Capt Thomas Hempton, Paymaster, Taranaki Military Settlers 22 May 1865

<sup>98</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 23d CD1865/2271 Letter Captain Carthew to Lt-Colonel Lepper 03 Aug 1865



Captain Edward Carthew – Town Land Lot 1 Sec 59 Okato; Farm Land Lot 1 Sec 7 Okato; Crown Grant issued for 300 acres.<sup>99</sup>

Birth: Feb 11, 1871, at New Plymouth, the wife of Edward Carthew, Esq., of twins (two boys).<sup>100</sup>

Death: On the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1875, of apoplexy, Edward Carthew, barrister, aged 55 years.<sup>101</sup>

Death of Mr Carthew: We regret to have to notice the death of Mr Carthew, which occurred somewhat suddenly on Tuesday evening last. He had been in his usual health up to a short period before his death, and the same day had been to Bell Block on business. Mr Carthew came here from Nelson as captain of a company of Military Settlers, and on that corps being broken up, resumed his profession in this town as barrister, and continued to practice until his death.<sup>102</sup>

Marriage: On November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1889, at St Mary's Church, by the Ven. Archdeacon Govett, John Hensleigh Norris, son of the late Henry Edmonds Norris, Esq., of Sidmouth, Devon, to Ida Helen Carthew, eldest daughter of the late Edward Carthew, Esq., barrister-at-law, of New Plymouth.<sup>103</sup>

Marriage: On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1894, at St Mary's Church, New Plymouth, by the Rev F. W. Walker, William Meldrum, barrister, Hunterville, son of A. L. Meldrum, Esq., Whangarei, to Nora Elizabeth Carthew, second daughter of the late Edward Carthew, barrister, New Plymouth.<sup>104</sup>

Marriage: On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1894, at St Mary's Church, New Plymouth, by the Venerable Archdeacon Govett, Albert Edward Ashcroft, surveyor, of Hunterville, third son of George Ashcroft of Sydney to Emmeline Lucy, fourth daughter of the late Edward Carthew, barrister, of New Plymouth.<sup>105</sup>

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<sup>99</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8660 AD31 8/8 Taranaki Military Settlers Nominal & Descriptive Roll Book – Officer land grants at Okato - folio 396

<sup>100</sup> Nelson Evening Mail 02 Mar 1871 Birth notice

<sup>101</sup> Taranaki Herald 01 Sep 1875 Death notice

<sup>102</sup> Taranaki Herald 04 Sep 1875

<sup>103</sup> Taranaki Herald 12 Nov 1889 Marriage notice

<sup>104</sup> Taranaki Herald 25 Apr 1894 Marriage notice

<sup>105</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Aug 1894 Marriage notice

## Eustace CAY

70<sup>th</sup> Regiment

1855 Jul 05 Attained the rank of Ensign, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment<sup>106</sup>

1857 Jun 30 Attained the rank of Lieutenant, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment<sup>107</sup>

1858 Dec 24 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment - Lieutenant Eustace Cay, from the 98<sup>th</sup> Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Bingham, who exchanges.<sup>108</sup>

1861 Dec 31 Attained the rank of Captain, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment<sup>109</sup>

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'<sup>110</sup>

1865 Dec 29 H.M.S.S. 'Eclipse', Captain Freemantle, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon from Napier, bringing 159 rank and file of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, in command of Captain Cay, and the following officers:- Captain Roger, Lieutenants Greirson, Whidburne, Howard; Ensign Leonard, and Assistant Surgeon Hession. They landed at the wharf about 3 p.m., and marched straight to Otahuhu, where they will remain until the time arrives for their embarkation for England.<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>106</sup> The New Annual Army List and Militia List for 1865 page 348 Listing of Captains of the 70<sup>th</sup> (The Surrey) Regiment of Foot

<sup>107</sup> The New Annual Army List and Militia List for 1865 page 348 Listing of Captains of the 70<sup>th</sup> (The Surrey) Regiment of Foot

<sup>108</sup> London Gazette 01 Mar 1859 page 954

<sup>109</sup> The New Annual Army List and Militia List for 1865 page 348 Listing of Captains of the 70<sup>th</sup> (The Surrey) Regiment of Foot

<sup>110</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>111</sup> New Zealand Herald 29 Dec 1865 Military

**Daniel CLOWE**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.805

1864 Mar 04 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>112</sup>

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 13½ days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>113</sup>

1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>114</sup>

Discharged with payment at New Plymouth 29 Mar 1866<sup>115</sup>; discharged 24 Mar 1866<sup>116</sup>

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<sup>112</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>113</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>114</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>115</sup> Discharged in New Zealand: Soldiers of the Imperial Foot Regiments who took their discharge in New Zealand 1840-1870 by Hugh & Lyn Hughes (1988)

<sup>116</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)

**Fiennes Middleton COLVILE (1832-1917)**

**43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment**

1850 Aug 14 Ensign<sup>117</sup>  
1852 Nov 23 Lieutenant<sup>118</sup>  
1855 Oct 09 Captain<sup>119</sup>  
1862 Feb 11 Major<sup>120</sup>  
1863 Dec 13 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>121</sup>  
1864 Apr 21 Present at Maketu<sup>122</sup>  
1864 Jun 21 Present at Te Ranga<sup>123</sup>  
1865 Jun 01 Whatino skirmish<sup>124</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>125</sup>  
1866 Apr 17 Departed from Auckland for England on the ship 'Silver Eagle'<sup>126</sup>  
1866 Jul 04 Disembarked at Portsmouth<sup>127</sup>

Present at five skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>128</sup>

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<sup>117</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>118</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>119</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>120</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>121</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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<sup>123</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>124</sup> The New Zealand Wars and the pioneering period by James Cowan Volume II Cameron's West Coast Campaign – page 57

<sup>125</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>126</sup> Daily Southern Cross 18 Apr 1866 Ports of Auckland

<sup>127</sup> Army and Navy Gazette 07 Jul 1866 43rd Regiment

<sup>128</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

“One of the veterans of the New Zealand War, Lieutenant-General Sir F. M. Colvile, formerly of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, which includes the old 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, died in England a few weeks ago, at the age of 85. General Colvile, who was a granduncle of the Rev A. H. Colvile, vicar of St Sepulchre’s Church, Auckland, served in India during the mutiny of 1857-8, was mentioned in despatches, and won the Indian medal. Subsequently he came to New Zealand as major with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, in which he took part in the fighting at Maketu, Te Ranga, Whatino, Te Puru, Kairuru, and Ngakumikumi, being severely wounded in the last-named engagement. Again he was mentioned in despatches, and thanked in general orders, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and created a C.B. When the 43<sup>rd</sup> left New Zealand he went with the regiment as second in command. About 1868 he succeeded to the command in Ireland, and in 1906 he was made K.C.B.<sup>129</sup>

See Photo-Sleuth blog by Brett Bayne of Tauranga

<http://photo-sleuth.blogspot.co.nz/2011/03/fiennes-middleton-colvile-48th-regiment.html>

Served during the India mutiny campaign of 1857-1859; was present at the capture of Kirwee; and commanded three companies of the Regiment during the operations in Bundelcund, under Brigadier Carpenter; mentioned in despatches (medal). Served in the New Zealand war, 1864-5; and was present at Maketu and Te Ranga, and at various operations in Taranaki; very severely wounded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1865, right thigh-bone fractured; frequently mentioned in despatches, and thanked in General Orders; Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel and C.B.<sup>130</sup>

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<sup>129</sup> Press 06 Jun 1917 Obituary

<sup>130</sup> Historical Records of the Forty-Third Regiment by Sir Richard George Augustus Levinge, Bart (1868) – Roll of the Officers and their Services from the period of embodiment to the close of 1867.

**John CONLAN**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.792

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 29½ days Roadmaking at Opunake <sup>131</sup>

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<sup>131</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

**Bernard CONROY**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.637

1861 at Ford St George, Madras (Private)<sup>132</sup>; Wounded at Gate Pa; severely, left thigh<sup>133</sup>  
1863 Dec 11 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>134</sup>  
1864 Apr 29 Present at Gate Pa<sup>135</sup>  
1864 Apr Wounded at Te Papa and taken to Albert Barracks via ship 'Alexandra' from Tauranga<sup>136</sup> - severely, left thigh<sup>137</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 15 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>138</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>139</sup>  
1866 May 30 Pleaded guilty to being a deserter and handed over to the main guard<sup>140</sup>

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<sup>132</sup> Findmypast – 1861 Worldwide Army Index – from April to June quarter Paylists held in National Archives – WO12/5616

<sup>133</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)

<sup>134</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>135</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>136</sup> Daily Southern Cross 02 May 1864 Our Wounded Soldiers (engaged at Te Papa)

<sup>137</sup> Wellington Independent 06 May 1864 List of Killed and Wounded at Gate Pa

<sup>138</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>139</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>140</sup> New Zealand Herald 30 May 1866 Resident Magistrates Court - Deserters

**James CRAGGS**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.731

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 27 days Roadmaking at Opunake <sup>141</sup>

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<sup>141</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865



## Charles CURTIS

## Taranaki Rifle Volunteers

1864 Jul 04 Enrolled Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers<sup>142</sup>  
1865 Jun 01 Whatino skirmish<sup>143</sup>

“Private; Post Office, Melbourne; Opunake, Gilberts Farm 3/10/1864, and others; *Gazette* 1872; 424; AD32/2595”<sup>144</sup>

1867 Sergeant Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers - height recorded as 5' 8" in a roll recording the sizes of tunics, trousers and caps<sup>145</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated 03 Jan 1872 at Melbourne; Address: Charles Curtis, Post Office, Melbourne, Victoria; Corp in which served: Private. Served first in the Taranaki first Volunteer rifle company about one year. Also in the Taranaki Mounted Volunteers about two years and a half. Period of service in the field: Three years. I was engaged at Gilberts farm on 03 Oct 1864 subsequently Sentry Hill, Kaitake, Mataitawa, Te Area, Opunaki, Tipoka, Warea. The dates of which I have forgotten. Remarks: I also marched with General Chute from Taranaki to Wanganui and back.<sup>146</sup>

Trooper Charles Curtis, No.2 Company Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers was issued a Crown Grant for Patea Section 435 and a quarter acre allotment at Kakaramea Section 90.<sup>147</sup> Patea Section 435 was for 61 acres.<sup>148</sup>

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<sup>142</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>143</sup> Taranaki Herald 10 Jun 1865 Skirmish at Whatino

<sup>144</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>145</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>146</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/47 Item 2595 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>147</sup> Crown Grants to be issued to the Forces at Patea – Nominal Roll of No.2 Company of the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8660 AD 31/9/9b Item 12

<sup>148</sup> Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki districts – Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2

**Alfred De NORVILLE (1839-)**

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

1864 Jan 02 Reg No.20 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Brompton, Middlesex; Aged 25yrs; Height 5' 9"; Labourer; Married; Rank: Sergeant; Ship 'Phoebe'.<sup>149</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 34; Number on Town Plan 46; Record Book page 172G.<sup>150</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship 'Phoebe' from Nelson. "Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company."<sup>151</sup>

1867 Mar 04 "Notice: I hereby authorize Henry Burns, Land and General Agent, Devon line, to collect all accounts due to me, and his receipt will be a sufficient discharge for the same. Alfred de Norville. Witness: Stuart Watts. Dated New Plymouth 04 March 1867."<sup>152</sup>

1868 Jul 09 "Patrick H. Kinsella, an ex-member of the police force, charged with having used threatening language towards Alfred de Norville, a constable, was bound over to keep the peace for six months, himself in £10, and two sureties in the sum of £10 each."<sup>153</sup>

1870 Nov 30 Applied for New Zealand War Medal. Address: late Otago Contingent, Police Station, Wellington. Corps in which served: Sergeant No.4 Otago Contingent Military Settlers for three years (No.20). Period of service: Three years – present at Kaitake 1864, Opunake...<sup>154</sup>

1871 Jun 21 "At his father's residence Mulgrave-street, Alfred William, infant son of Mr Alfred de Norville, aged five months. Auckland papers please copy."<sup>155</sup>

1877 Aug 30 "Business appears on the increase at the Resident Magistrate's Court, a new assistant bailiff having been appointed in the person of Alfred de Norville, who was formerly connected with the police force, and afterwards with the Mount View Asylum."<sup>156</sup>

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<sup>149</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>150</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>151</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>152</sup> Taranaki Herald 09 Mar 1867 Advertisement Page 2

<sup>153</sup> Wellington Independent 09 Jul 1868 Resident Magistrate's Court

<sup>154</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/48 Item 2638 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>155</sup> Evening Post 22 Jun 1871 Death

<sup>156</sup> Evening Post 30 Aug 1877 Page 2

1882 Dec 06 "We understand that Mr A. De Norville has resigned his position as under-bailiff at the Resident Magistrate's Court. Nothing has yet been decided as to the appointment of his successor."<sup>157</sup>

Alfred wrote a letter to the Evening Post from 362 Pitt-street, Sydney dated 27 Oct 1884 titled 'The Old Wellingtonian's Friend – The Relieved Soldier.' "Gentlemen – For 18 years I had suffered with severe pains near the region of the heart, caused by over exertion of the muscles while engaged in storming a Maori pah during the war in Taranaki, N.Z. On my arrival here I was persuaded to try St Jacob's Oil, after every other remedy had failed, and in justice to the efficacy of its merits I think it only right to inform you that the oil has completely relieved me from all pain. Yours faithfully, A. De Norville, Late Sergeant, T.M.S."<sup>158</sup>

"Sergeant, No.4 Coy; Gives unit as "Military Settlers"; Also Wellington Police; Police Station, Wellington; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Born 1839 Brompton, Middlesex; *Gazette* 1871; 530; AD32/2638; Medal possibly named to Military Settlers."<sup>159</sup>

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<sup>157</sup> Evening Post 06 Dec 1882 Page 2

<sup>158</sup> Evening Post 01 Dec 1884 Advertisement for St Jacobs Oil

<sup>159</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

**William H. DEMPSEY**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.547

1861 at Fort St George, Madras (Drummer/Fifer)<sup>160</sup>

1863 Dec 11 Commenced service in New Zealand – Corporal / Bugler<sup>161</sup>

1864 At Gate Pa and Te Ranga<sup>162</sup>

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 33 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>163</sup>

1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>164</sup>

1881 Jun 10 Discharged; Sergeant; invalid; four good conduct badges; service towards pension & G. C. pay: 19yrs 14 days<sup>165</sup>

Present at four skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>166</sup>

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<sup>160</sup> Findmypast – 1861 Worldwide Army Index – from April to June quarter Paylists held in National Archives – WO12/5616

<sup>161</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>162</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)

<sup>163</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>164</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>165</sup> British Army Service Record – WO121 Chelsea Pensioner – Discharge documents – Oxfordshire Light Infantry – 43<sup>rd</sup> & 52<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry

<sup>166</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

## James DEVONSHIRE

Royal Artillery No.4238

1820 Born at Southill, Biggleswood, Bedfordshire<sup>167</sup>

1838 Jul 26 Enlisted at Woolwich at 2.30pm – 18yrs of age – height 5ft 4 inches – Church of England<sup>168</sup>

1862 Mar 01 Transferred to 4 Bde – Rank: Driver<sup>169</sup>

1865 Apr 28 One of “3 Artillery men and a 5½ inch mortar” on board the ship ‘Wanganui’ that left New Plymouth for Opunake?<sup>170</sup>

1865 May 05 Lost at Opunake – a Silver Lever Watch and Guard, No. 63,448 by C. J. Hill, London. A one pound reward shall be paid to any person who shall bring or give information leading to the recovery of the same. J. Devonshire, Royal Artillery. New Plymouth, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.<sup>171</sup>

1872 Oct 16 Married Ruth King at Clifton, East Blatchington, Sussex<sup>172</sup>

1881 May 24 Discharged in consequence of his having claimed it on termination of his second period of limited engagement. Aged 40 years 9 months; 5ft 6in tall; Fresh complexion; Grey eyes; Light brown hair; Occupation: Labourer; Intended place of residence: East Street, Seaford, Sussex<sup>173</sup>

1881 Census Blatchington Bothey, Sussex - James Devonshire, 43yrs, ... Royal Artillery, born Southill, Bedfordshire; Wife Ruth 35yrs, born Southill, Bedfordshire; Visitor Walter King unmarried 26yrs, born Clifton, Bedfordshire; Visitor Amelia King, 14yrs, Gardener's daughter, born Clifton, Bedfordshire; Visitor Florence King 10yrs, scholar, born Clifton, Bedfordshire<sup>174</sup>

1883 Oct 12 Will of James Devonshire late of Bedford House Seaford in the County of Sussex Gentleman who died 11 August 1883 at Bedford House was proved at Lewes by Ruth Devonshire of Bedford House, Widow the Relict the sole Executrix. Personal Estate £677 16s 10d.<sup>175</sup>

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<sup>167</sup> Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Record WO97 Piece 1784 Royal Artillery

<sup>168</sup> Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Record WO97 Piece 1784 Royal Artillery

<sup>169</sup> Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Record WO97 Piece 1784 Royal Artillery

<sup>170</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>171</sup> Taranaki Herald 24 Jun 1865 Advertisement – One Pound Reward

<sup>172</sup> Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Record WO97 Piece 1784 Royal Artillery

<sup>173</sup> Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Record WO97 Piece 1784 Royal Artillery

<sup>174</sup> 1881 Census Blatchington Bothey, Sussex – Piece 1073 Folio 84

<sup>175</sup> National Probate Calendar 1883 Entry for James Devonshire

1891 Census Bedford House – Ruth Devonshire, widow, 46yrs, Lodging House Keeper, born Southill, Bedfordshire and her niece Sarah King, 15yrs, born Bedford, Bedfordshire<sup>176</sup>

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<sup>176</sup> 1891 Census Bedford House, Seaford, Sussex – Piece 775 Folio 83

**Joseph DONSON**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.704

1864 Mar 04 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>177</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 43 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>178</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>179</sup>  
1871 at Fermoy, Ireland (Private)<sup>180</sup>

Present at four skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>181</sup>  
Also listed as Joseph Douson<sup>182</sup>

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<sup>177</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>178</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>179</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>180</sup> Findmypast – 1871 Worldwide British Army Index for the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 1871

<sup>181</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>182</sup> Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum Soldier Search - <http://www.sofo.org.uk/soldiersearch.php>

**Charles John O'Neill FERGUSON (1839-1909)**

Royal Engineers

- 1839 Mar 02 Born West Meath Ireland – son of Reverend S. Ferguson, near Thurles, parish of Moyne, Tipperary<sup>183</sup>  
 1857 Oct 01 Attained the rank of Lieutenant, Royal Engineers<sup>184</sup>  
 1864 Jun 04 Mentioned in despatches for services in the attack on Kaitake 25 Mar 1864 – London Gazette of this date<sup>185</sup>  
 1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'.<sup>186</sup>  
 1868 Mar 04 Attained the rank of Captain, Royal Engineers<sup>187</sup>  
 1868 Aug 19 Married after Banns Catherine Louisa CLIFTON at Wyke Regis Church, Weymouth, Dorset, England<sup>188</sup>  
 1871 Census – serving at Portland UK  
 1877 Oct 01 Attained the rank of Major, Royal Engineers<sup>189</sup>  
 1877 Nov 11 Birth of daughter Grace Hilda FERGUSON at Half Way Inn Church, Kingston, Jamaica<sup>190</sup>  
 1884 May 10 Attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Engineers<sup>191</sup>  
 1888 May 10 Attained the rank of Colonel, Army<sup>192</sup>  
 1909 Oct 23 Died at Weymouth<sup>193</sup>  
 1909 Oct 26 Died; of "The Dinedors" Spa-road; Probate to his wife Dorothy Bertha Ferguson; Effects £2034 17s 3d<sup>194</sup>  
 1909 Oct 29 Buried at Radipole aged 70yrs; of Dinedores, Spa Road, Melcombe Regis<sup>195</sup>

<sup>183</sup> National Archives WO25/3913 Records of Service for Officers of the Royal Engineers - Charles John O'Neill Ferguson page 337 (digital pages 732-733)

<sup>184</sup> The New Annual Army List and Militia List for 1865 page 198 Listing of Lieutenants of the Corps of Royal Engineers

<sup>185</sup> National Archives WO25/3913 Records of Service for Officers of the Royal Engineers - Charles John O'Neill Ferguson page 337 (digital pages 732-733)

<sup>186</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>187</sup> National Archives WO25/3913 Records of Service for Officers of the Royal Engineers - Charles John O'Neill Ferguson page 337 (digital pages 732-733)

<sup>188</sup> Wyke Regis Church Marriage Register Entry 73. Parents: Samuel Ferguson & Charles Clifton clergymen. Witnesses: Emma Ferguson & Fred Clifton

<sup>189</sup> National Archives WO25/3913 Records of Service for Officers of the Royal Engineers - Charles John O'Neill Ferguson page 337 (digital pages 732-733)

<sup>190</sup> National Archives WO25/3913 Records of Service for Officers of the Royal Engineers - Charles John O'Neill Ferguson page 337 (digital pages 732-733)

<sup>191</sup> National Archives WO25/3913 Records of Service for Officers of the Royal Engineers - Charles John O'Neill Ferguson page 337 (digital pages 732-733)

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<sup>194</sup> National Probate Calendar 1910 p172

<sup>195</sup> Radipole, Dorset Burial Register Entry 432



**Edwin FIELD (1845-)**

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

1864 Jan 04 Reg No.341 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Alcester, Warwick; Aged 19yrs; Height 5' 6"; Labourer; Single; Ship 'Phoebe'.<sup>196</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 75; Number on Town Plan 9; Record Book page 155.<sup>197</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship 'Phoebe' from Nelson. "Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company."<sup>198</sup>

1888 Apr 27 New Zealand War Medals have been issued to the following: Private Edwin Field, No.4 Company, Taranaki Military Settlers<sup>199</sup>

"Private, No.4 Coy; South Australia; Kaitake 24/3/1864 and others; Born 1845 Alcester, Warwickshire; *Gazette* 1888; Received 13/3/1888; 2881; AD1:1888/638."<sup>200</sup>

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<sup>196</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>197</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>198</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>199</sup> Hawke's Bay Herald 27 Apr 1888 The N.Z. Gazette

<sup>200</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

**William GARDINER**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.316

1864 Mar 04 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>201</sup>  
1864 Apr 21 Present at Maketu<sup>202</sup>  
1864 Jun 21 Present at Te Ranga<sup>203</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 40 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>204</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>205</sup>

Present at four skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>206</sup>

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<sup>201</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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<sup>204</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

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<sup>206</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

**Alexander GAUGE**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.93

1861 Fort St. George Madras East Indies<sup>207</sup>

1863 Dec 11 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>208</sup>

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 10½ days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>209</sup>

1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>210</sup>

Present at one skirmish in Taranaki<sup>211</sup>

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<sup>207</sup> Findmypast – 1861 Worldwide Army Index – from April to June quarter Paylists held in National Archives – WO12/5616

<sup>208</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>209</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>210</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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## John GIBSON (1824-1908)

New Plymouth Harbourmaster

1865 Jan 19 Appointed as Harbour Master<sup>212</sup>

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui' with a surf boat and the life boat (in tow) and crews.<sup>213</sup>

1865 May 30 Sir, I have the honor to furnish you with the following remarks concerning the shipping of certain stores on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> instant:- In the first place no orders were left with me either by Lieutenant Clarke, or anyone else, until the said stores were nearly on board the boat, and at that time there was not three boat loads on the beach, and I was informed by a Commissariat Officer there would be no more than eight or ten tons of Commissariat goods to go to Te Namu. It was a mere matter of time, and as the party who had the goods had men to put them on board, I considered it better to let them go in the boat they were put, than to take them again and put the others in when the next boat would take nearly all that was on the beach, I have, &c., John Gibson.<sup>214</sup>

1868 May 28 Arrival of the cutter 'Lizzie' at New Plymouth from Waitara – 19 tons, Gibson<sup>215</sup>

1868 Sep 14 Arrival of the cutter 'Lizzie' at New Plymouth from Charleston – 19 tons, Gibson<sup>216</sup>

1870 Nov 02 At Police Court – John Gibson deposed: I have been used to the sea for about twenty-six years. I have been coasting in New Zealand during the years 1868, 1869 and 1870. I have been in and out of the ports of Taranaki, Auckland, Russell, Havelock, Nelson and Greymouth. In none of these ports have I been boarded by the Custom's Officer, Harbour Master, or Health Officer. I have generally taken my papers to the Custom-house. I have been on other vessels besides the 'Lizzie.' In Nelson harbour I have gone directly alongside the wharf. I have had a difference made to me in a coasting vessel and a foreign going vessel. Cross-examined: The registered tonnage of the 'Lizzie', of which I have been coasting in, was twenty tons. I could not carry bonded goods in her in New Zealand. My cargoes have been generally produce, timber, or coal.<sup>217</sup>

1908 Nov 03 On November 2, 1908, at his residence, Egmont Road, Captain John Gibson (formerly Harbourmaster of New Plymouth); aged 83 years.<sup>218</sup>

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<sup>212</sup> Taranaki Herald 21 Jan 1865 Page 2 within item Appointment under the Diseased Cattle Act 1861

<sup>213</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>214</sup> Taranaki Herald 03 Jun 1865 Provincial Council

<sup>215</sup> Taranaki Herald 30 May 1868 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>216</sup> Taranaki Herald 19 Sep 1868 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>217</sup> Taranaki Herald 05 Nov 1870 Police Court – Breaches of the Harbour Regulations

<sup>218</sup> Taranaki Herald 03 Nov 1908 Death

1908 Nov 20 The late Captain John Gibson, whose death occurred a few days ago, was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in the year 1824, and was 14 years of age when his parents died. He then left school and entered an office where he remained as an apprentice for three years, during which time he attended a night school. He then went to sea, leaving the home for his younger brothers in order to provide for their efficient education. He came to Melbourne in 1853, where he successfully passed his final examinations. He came to Taranaki in 1855 in a schooner called 'The Gem'. He brought from Melbourne a cargo of timber for the Marsland Hill barracks, which now forms the North Egmont Mountain House. He obtained a cargo of potatoes from Waitara and sailed down to Wellington and Nelson, and then returned to Melbourne. At this time Major Charles Brown was superintendent for Taranaki, and he and Mr Crompton, who were going to attend Parliament in Auckland, were passengers in Captain Gibson's vessel, 'The Gem', as the only other vessel trading on the coast of New Zealand at that time, the 'Zingari', would have been too late. Captain Gibson was then for some years trading between Melbourne and Mauritius in a vessel called 'The Empress'. He also traded to Singapore and China, in the East, and various other ports in South America and the West Indies, and in fact there was scarcely any port about which he could not relate some stirring incident which he experienced while there. In 1864 he again returned to Taranaki and was harbourmaster for some years. In 1868 he purchased a cutter called 'The Lizzie', of about 25 tons, which he traded to ports on this coast and on the west coast of the South Island, notably Charleston and Greymouth, taking there produce from Taranaki. He was unfortunate enough to lose the vessel near Opunake. Captain Gibson was of decidedly an enterprising nature, among other ventures he started a bone mill in New Plymouth, and for some years supplied farmers with a good and pure bone dust. He then took to farming in this district, which occupation he followed to a good ripe old age, respected by all who had dealings with him.<sup>219</sup>

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<sup>219</sup> Taranaki Herald 20 Nov 1908 The Late Captain Gibson

## George Johnson GOSSLING

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

“Lieutenant (20/2/1864-), Captain No.4 Coy; Scotland; Te Ahuahu 6/4/1864 and 3 others 1864-5; *Gazette* 1871; Issued 18/2/1874; 797; AD32/2923.”<sup>220</sup>

On 17 Jun 1865 “Lieutenant Gossling of No.4 Company, succeeds Lieutenant Wilson as Lieutenant and Quartermaster.”<sup>221</sup>

Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 3; Number on Town Plan 54; Record Book page 2H.<sup>222</sup>

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Letter dated 02 Jan 1874 George Johnson Gossling, Craig Wen, Menai Bridge, Aglesea, England to Isaac Earl Featherston Esq., Agent General, London. Sir, Will you kindly inform me if the medals have been issued yet by the New Zealand Government to their late Force. I may mention I had the honour of serving as Lieutenant in the Taranaki Military Settlers during the years of 1864,5 & 6 and after my return when at Hythe I received a Certificate of identity to sign which I did, and returned to Major Stapp, Commanding New Plymouth district. In December 1871 I heard again that the medals had to be returned to England and would be the cause of about six or eight months delay in the issue. Since then I have not been able to make further enquiries in the Colony, as Major Stapp has not acknowledged my last letter on the subject. Trusting you will excuse the liberty of my request. I remain, Sir, Yours very truly, G. J. Gossling, late Taranaki Military Settlers & Captain 1<sup>st</sup> R.L. Militia.

Letter dated 09 Feb 1874 Isaac Earl Featherston, Agent General to The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Wellington  
Sir, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter from Captain Gossling applying for his New Zealand War Medal. I have informed him in reply that the Government would be requested to forward it with others through this office. I have the honour to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, Isaac Earl Featherston, Agent General.

Note written by Colonel Moule – Captain Gossling’s medal was sent to the address furnished in his application and has been returned through the Dead letter office – medal & returned letter herewith – T. W. Lewis 10 Apr 1874.

Letter dated 22 Jul 1874 Isaac Earl Featherston to the Colonial Secretary, Wellington

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<sup>220</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998) – Note: Archway entry = AD32/2903

<sup>221</sup> Taranaki Herald 17 Jun 1865 Promotions in the T.M.S. Corps

<sup>222</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

Sir, Referring to your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> April (No.59) I have the honour to inform you that the War Medal referred to, was duly forwarded to Captain Gossling whose receipt for the same I now enclose. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, Isaac Earl Featherston, Agent General.

Letter dated 18 Jul 1874 George John Gossling, Trosye? Afor? Beaumaris, Anglesea to the Agent General for New Zealand  
Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of my New Zealand Medal for which I beg to thank you very much. I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, G. J. Gossling.

Receipt for War Medal. I George Johnson Gossling hereby acknowledge to have received from the Under Secretary for Colonial Defence, a New Zealand War Medal, awarded to me by Her Majesty's Imperial Government, for services in New Zealand – Taranaki Military Settlers. Witness M. H. Thomas dated at Beaumaris this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1874.<sup>223</sup>

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<sup>223</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/51 Item 2903 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

## John HACKETT

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.771

1864 Mar 04 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>224</sup>  
1864 Jun 21 Present at Te Ranga<sup>225</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 18½ days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>226</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>227</sup>  
1871 at Fermoy, Ireland<sup>228</sup>

Present at three skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>229</sup>

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<sup>224</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>225</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>226</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>227</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>228</sup> Findmypast – 1871 Worldwide British Army Index for the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 1871

<sup>229</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey



**Thomas Charles HAMMOND (1842-1905)**

Taranaki Militia

“Private (3/6/1863-); Also Taranaki Bush Rangers, Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers, Patea Yeomanry Cavalry, Kai Iwi Cavalry Volunteers, Armed Constabulary (1<sup>st</sup> Div 27/4-8/1869, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div 8/1869-15/4/1870); 3<sup>rd</sup> Div, Armed Constabulary, Patea; Te Ahuahu 6/3/1864; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Mataitawa and Poutoko 10/1863; Warea and Opunake 1865; and others. Born 1842 London; Arrived aboard ‘Gertrude’ 2/1862; *Gazette* 1871; 1015; AD32/2975.”<sup>230</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated January 1870 at Patea; Address: Thomas Charles Hammond, No.5 Division, Armed Constabulary, Patea; Corp in which served: Taranaki Militia, Taranaki Bushrangers, Taranaki Volunteer Cavalry, Private – from 03 Jun 1863. Period of service in the field: to 1865 including Ahu Ahu 23 Mar 1864, Kaitake 25 Mar 1864, Mataitawa, Potoko 19 Oct 1863 besides various other skirmishes afterwards at Warea and Opunaki in 1865. Several under Major Baddely, Colonel Lepper and Major Atkinson. Remarks: None.<sup>231</sup>

Died 10 May 1905.

Mr T. C. Hammond, an old settler, and a familiar figure in Waihi, who was also well known in former years in Hamilton, was found dead in his residence in Kenny-street yesterday morning.<sup>232</sup>

Waihi, Thursday. An inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Mr T. C. Hammond, who was found dead in bed yesterday morning, took place to-day, when evidence was given by Dr Claridge, to the effect that death was caused by syncope, due to fatty degeneration of the heart. A verdict was returned accordingly.<sup>233</sup>

Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Mr T. C. Hammond were followed from the Hospital to the Waihi Cemetery by a number of our fellow townsmen, including Councillors Brown, Donaldson, MacMillan, Slevin, Mr Morpeth (Town Clerk), Mr King (Hospital Secretary), presumably in recognition of the deceased’s services in the promotion of the Borough and Hospital. Mr C. J. Saunders, T. Clarkin, and a number of other private friends also joined the cortege. The Rev Mr Buckland, vicar of St John’s, joined the funeral near the vicarage, and accompanied it to the grave, where he impressively performed the funeral service.<sup>234</sup>

<sup>230</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>231</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/51 Item 2975 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>232</sup> Waikato Times 11 May 1905 Personal

<sup>233</sup> Waihi News 12 May 1905

<sup>234</sup> Waihi Daily Telegraph 13 May 1905

We regret to record the death of Mr T. C. Hammond, accountant, who was found dead this morning, seated in his chair by the table in his residence, Consols-street. He was between 60 and 70 years of age. Deceased had long been connected with Waihi, having assisted in promoting the hospital and borough movements. In his youth Mr Hammond was a volunteer under Garibaldi, and fought in the campaign which secured the freedom of Italy. He emigrated to New Zealand in 1860, and was actively engaged in the Maori War then going on. After the war he settled in Hamilton, Waikato. He came to Waihi in 1896, where he had since resided. Dr Claridge examined the body this afternoon shortly after it was discovered by Mr Tolmer, who called at the house on business. Life had been extinct for about 14 hours. An inquest will take place tomorrow morning.<sup>235</sup>

Thomas Charles Hammond, who was found dead in his house at Waihi a few days ago, was a somewhat remarkable personality. There was in him a curious combination of energy and weakness, so equally proportioned that neither quality was able to exert a preponderating influence, or to become even effectual. He was typical of a large number of people who have at various times drifted out to the colonies; men who have heaps of promise in them, but no achievement.

T. C. Hammond had reached a fairly good age, but those who knew him will have noticed that he exhibited energy and enthusiasm up to the end, and under conditions that would have served to fatally depress most human organisations. Hammond, as a young fellow, joined the forces of Garibaldi, in the early sixties, and fought in the campaign of Sicily. Then he came to New Zealand in time to take part in the guerilla warfare with the natives round about Mount Egmont and down the West Coast, settling, on the close of the disturbances, at Wanganui.

About '74 or '75 he found his way to Waikato, and for some years was business manager of the Waikato *Times*. It may interest some of his later friends and acquaintances to know that Hammond was one of the leaders of the Good Templar movement in Waikato, a movement that was more fashionable in its day, and a great deal more rational in its methods, than prohibition is now.

Between the years '79 and '96 Hammond followed the calling of an accountant at Hamilton, but was best known as an electioneering agent, scrivener, or letter writer to the nonerudite, and adviser on things in general, including law, to the public. He became as much an institution of the place as the bridge or the old brewery, and it may have been the destruction of the latter by fire that induced him to migrate to Waihi. There was not much left to do in Hamilton, anyhow, while in Waihi life was just beginning to hum. Hammond was of remarkable assistance in obtaining municipal institutions for the gold-fields town, his peculiar dogged persistence being just the sort of thing that was required at the time.<sup>236</sup>

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<sup>235</sup> Waihi Daily Telegraph 10 May 1905

<sup>236</sup> Observer 20 May 1905 Pars about People

**Arthur HARRISON (1845-1912)**

## Taranaki Rifle Volunteers

1864 Jun 04 Enrolled in the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers<sup>237</sup>

1865 Jun 01 Whatino skirmish<sup>238</sup>

“Private; Also Taranaki Bush Rangers, Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers; Wanganui; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Greenway’s Farm 1864, Colemans pa, Stoney River 3/1864, Manutahi 8/9/1864, Mataitawa 1864; *Gazette* 1887; Issued 14/4/1887; Receipted 25/4/1887; 2852; AD1:1887/684”<sup>239</sup>

1867 Private Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers – height recorded as 5’ 9” in a roll recording the sizes of tunics, trousers and caps<sup>240</sup>

1872 Dec 09 “Arthur Harrison left the settlement”<sup>241</sup>

Claimed allowance under the Volunteer Land Act 1865 for Active Service: No.173 Arthur Harrison, 2yrs service; Remark - Non-resident<sup>242</sup>

1885 Arthur Harrison, labourer, London-street, Wanganui<sup>243</sup>

1887 Feb 16 Date of application for New Zealand War Medal. Address: Arthur Harrison, Wanganui; Corp in which served: Taranaki Rifle Volunteers; Period of service in the field: Kaitake, New Plymouth Good Friday March 1864; Greenway’s farm 1864; Coleman’s pah Stoney River do not know date; March 1864 Manutahi & Mataitawa New Plymouth do not know date Oct 1864. Remarks: Three years in the Taranaki Bushrangers under Major H. A. Atkinson.<sup>244</sup>

1887 Apr 14 Date of issue of the New Zealand War medal<sup>245</sup>

<sup>237</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>238</sup> Taranaki Herald 10 Jun 1865 Skirmish at Whatino

<sup>239</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>240</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>241</sup> Particulars of Wateno Skirmish 01 Jun 1865 Letter: Major Stapp to Undersecretary of Defence 09 Dec 1872 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 115/an CD1872/1603

<sup>242</sup> Nominal Roll of Militia & Volunteers claiming allowance under the Volunteer Land Act 1865 for Active Service during the years 1860, 1861, 1863-1865 and 1868-1869 – Archives NZ Reference TP 8/1/2 Miscellaneous Papers Taranaki Province

<sup>243</sup> Wanganui Electoral Roll dated 14 July 1885

<sup>244</sup> Application for the NZ War Medal – Archives NZ Reference AD1/196/dg M&V1887/683

<sup>245</sup> Application for the NZ War Medal – Archives NZ Reference AD1/196/dg M&V1887/683

- 1887 Apr 15 The New Zealand Medal has been issued to the following persons:- Private Arthur Harrison, Taranaki Rifles and Bushrangers<sup>246</sup>
- 1887 Apr 25 “I, Arthur Harrison, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Under Secretary for Colonial Defence, a New Zealand War Medal, awarded to me for services as Private in the Taranaki Rifle Volunteers” – signed for at Wanganui and dated 25 April 1887.<sup>247</sup>
- 1890 Arthur Harrison, labourer, Glasgow-street, Wanganui<sup>248</sup>
- 1890 Oct 17 Claim under “The Naval and Military Settlers and Volunteers Act 1889” heard at Wanganui on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> before J. W. A. Marchant, Esq., Commissioner of Lands:- Taranaki Volunteers – Arthur Harrison.<sup>249</sup>
- 1893 Arthur & Esther Harrison resided at London-street, Wanganui<sup>250</sup>
- 1896 Arthur & Esther Harrison resided at London-street, Wanganui<sup>251</sup>
- 1912 Feb 26 Suddenly, at Putiki, Arthur, beloved husband of Esther Harrison, aged 67 years.<sup>252</sup>
- 1914 Aug 25 At her residence, Putiki, Esther, relict of the late Arthur Harrison, aged 63 years.<sup>253</sup>

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<sup>246</sup> Timaru Herald 15 Apr 1887 The Gazette

<sup>247</sup> Application for the NZ War Medal – Archives NZ Reference AD1/196/dg M&V1887/683

<sup>248</sup> Wanganui Electoral Roll dated 29 September 1890

<sup>249</sup> Taranaki Herald 23 Oct 1890

<sup>250</sup> Wanganui Electoral Roll 1893

<sup>251</sup> Wanganui Electoral Roll 1896

<sup>252</sup> Wanganui Herald 27 Feb 1912 Death notice

<sup>253</sup> Wanganui Chronicle 26 Aug 1914 Death notice

**Theodore HART (1842-)**

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

1864 Jan 05 Reg No.353 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; Aged 23yrs; Height 5' 6"; Draper; Single; Ship 'Phoebe'.<sup>254</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 56; Number on Town Plan 23; Record Book page 159.<sup>255</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship 'Phoebe' from Nelson. "Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company."<sup>256</sup>

1869 Apr 26 Applied for the New Zealand War Medal. Address: Armed Constabulary Force, Tarawera Station, Taupo District. Corps in which served: Private No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers for 3 years from 1863 to 1866 then as Constable No.2 Division Armed Constabulary Force for 2 years 4 months from December 1868 to date. Period of service in the field: One year and six months with Taranaki Military Settlers. Kaitake and six months with Armed Constabulary force. Nukumaru under Col. Whitmore 02 Feb 1869, Uriwera expeditions under Col. St. John 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May 1869, Poriri under Col. McDonnell 04 Oct 1869. Remarks: Kept no memorandum of duties but have given the names of the principal engagements I have been in.<sup>257</sup>

1869 Sep 01 I hereby certify that the above-mentioned was actually under fire on the date specified, and is entitled to the New Zealand War Medal, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of Representatives dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 1869. [signed].... Commanding Corps.<sup>258</sup>

1879 Oct 04 Letter written by the Chairman of the Okato Road District to Police asking "can you give any information re Theodore Hart who was in Constabulary in 1869."<sup>259</sup>

On 11 September 1893 Theodore's brothers, William and Frank, placed an missing friends notice in the New Zealand Herald. 'Theodore Hart, left England for Melbourne about 1862; last heard from when attached to the Mounted Police (which he left in March 1874) in the district of Tauranga, New Zealand.'<sup>260</sup>

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<sup>254</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>255</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>256</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>257</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/52 Item 3011 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>258</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/52 Item 3011 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>259</sup> Archives NZ Archway Entry – ACIS 17628 P1/100 1879/2381

<sup>260</sup> Taranaki Herald 11 Sep 1893 Missing Friends

“Private, No.4 Coy (1863-66); Also Constable, 2<sup>nd</sup> Div Armed Constabulary (26/12/1868-25/1/1872); Armed Constabulary, Tarawera Station; Kaitake 24/3/1864, Warea 28/7/1865, Nukumarū (Tauranga-ika) 2/2/1869, Urewera 5/1869, Te Porere 4/10/1869; Born 1842 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; *Gazette* 1871; 1000; AD32/3011; Medal possibly named to Armed Constabulary.”<sup>261</sup>

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<sup>261</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

**Te Ua HAUMENE** (c1823-1866)

Taranaki Tribe

Early 1820s	Born at Waiaua, South Taranaki - son of Tutawake and Paihaka <sup>262</sup>
1862 Sep 05	Had a vision at Te Namu in which the Angel Gabriel appeared to him <sup>263</sup>
1865 mid-April	Horopapara, Te Ua & family were removed from Matakupu on the south bank of the Waiana River, Opunake <sup>264</sup>
1865 Nov 25	Te Ua – As some doubts exist as to the whereabouts of Te Ua, the high priest and founder of the Pai Marire religion, we can say that he is at present lying at Oeo, northern boundary on the coast of the Ngatiruanui district. He has been hiding until lately in a small clearing in the forest, in company with three or four other natives, where he was found with some difficulty by a friendly native. We hear he has recovered from his insanity, and speaks of it as his <i>mate</i> (disease), and says Pai Marirism proceeded from it. Our informant stated as his belief that Te Ua's <i>mate</i> was caused by small evil spirits, commonly known as <i>kikokiko</i> , having taken possession of him. We are told he wishes to come in.- Wanganui Chronicle 9 <sup>th</sup> December. <sup>265</sup>
Late 1865	Was living in a village near Opunake <sup>266</sup>
1866 Jan 02	Signed a declaration of allegiance at Opunake <sup>267</sup>
1866 Feb 02	General Chute's field force arrived at Opunake and Te Ua Haumene is made a prisoner <sup>268,269</sup>
1866 Aug 13	Writes to Mr Halse from Opunake and provides names of those killed at Pokaikai <sup>270</sup>
1866 Oct	Died at Oeo – possibly of Tuberculosis <sup>271</sup>

<sup>262</sup> Lyndsay Head. 'Te Ua Haumene', from the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, updated 30-Oct-2012

URL: <http://www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/biographies/1t79/te-ua-haumene>

<sup>263</sup> The Gospel of Te Ua Haumene by L. Head - Journal of the Polynesian Society 1992 Volume 101: page 10

<sup>264</sup> AJHR 1865 Section E8 page 2 Papers relative to Expeditions to establish military posts at Pukearuhe near the White Cliffs, Taranaki

<sup>265</sup> Taranaki Herald 25 Nov 1865 Local and General News

<sup>266</sup> Lyndsay Head. 'Te Ua Haumene', from the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, updated 30-Oct-2012

URL: <http://www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/biographies/1t79/te-ua-haumene>

<sup>267</sup> Lyndsay Head. 'Te Ua Haumene', from the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, updated 30-Oct-2012

URL: <http://www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/biographies/1t79/te-ua-haumene>

<sup>268</sup> Diary of Edward Strickland – entry for 02 Feb 1866, Alexander Turnbull Library Reference qMS-1934 [MS-Copy-Micro-0787]

<sup>269</sup> Chute's Campaign by H. R. H. Livingston, Alexander Turnbull Library Reference MS-1152

<sup>270</sup> AJHR 1868 Section A3 Report of the Pokaikai Commission page 24

<sup>271</sup> Lyndsay Head. 'Te Ua Haumene', from the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, updated 30-Oct-2012

URL: <http://www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/biographies/1t79/te-ua-haumene>

**John HEATHWAITE**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.729

1864 Mar 04 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>272</sup>  
1864 Apr 21 Present at Maketu<sup>273</sup>  
1864 Jun 21 Present at Te Ranga<sup>274</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 17½ days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>275</sup>  
1866 Mar 08 End of service in New Zealand<sup>276</sup>  
Transferred to M.S.S. Corps 31 Jul 1867; Royal Artillery, C Battery, 4 Brigade<sup>277</sup>

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<sup>272</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>273</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>274</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>275</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>276</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>277</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)



**James HIGGINS (1843-)**

Wellington Rifle Volunteers

“Private; Also Bugler Patea Rifle Volunteers, Armed Constabulary (2<sup>nd</sup> Div 31/10/1868-27/1/1869, 4<sup>th</sup> Div 28/1-18/9/1869); Opunake; Okotuku (Moturoa) 7/11/1868; Born 1843, Limerick; Arrived aboard ‘Levant’ 22/7/1846; *Gazette* 1879; Issued 11/7/1879; 2696; AD32/199; Medal possibly named to Patea Rifle Volunteers or Armed Constabulary.”<sup>278</sup>

1911 Sep 27 Memorandum – Jas. Higgins, Opunake, No.2 Division Armed Constabulary Force... and Certificate from Jeremiah Hickman of Urenui to the Under Secretary of Lands, Wellington.<sup>279</sup>

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<sup>278</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>279</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/4 Item 199 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

**Thomas HORAN** (1821-1880) son of George HORAN<sup>280</sup>

Captain, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment

1817 Born<sup>281</sup>

1821 Born Ireland<sup>282</sup>

1842 May 27 "The name of the Colour Serjeant, who was appointed, in the Gazette of the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1842, an Ensign in the 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot, without purchase, is Thomas Horan, and not Thomas Horam."<sup>283</sup>

1845 Sep 23 "84<sup>th</sup> Foot, Ensign Thomas Horan to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lysaght, who retires."<sup>284</sup>

1850 Jul 13 Lieutenant Thomas Horan to be Adjutant, vice Monck, deceased<sup>285</sup>

1852 Mar 03 Lieutenant Adjutant H.M. 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment when his daughter Julia Agnes Horan, born 11 Oct 1850 to Anne, was baptised at Trichinopoly, Madras<sup>286</sup>

1854 Apr 09 Anne Horan died and was buried, aged 33 years 3 months, wife of Lieutenant and Adjutant T. Horan of H. M. 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment.<sup>287</sup>

1855 Apr 24 Captain<sup>288</sup>

1857 Mar 10 Captain<sup>289</sup>

1857 Mar 16 "84<sup>th</sup> foot, Captain Robert Maxwell Pakenham, from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Foot, to be Captain, vice Thomas Horan, who exchanges."<sup>290</sup>

<sup>280</sup> British India Office Ecclesiastical Returns – Marriage solemnized at Saint Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, Fort William in Bengal

<sup>281</sup> National Archives UK Catalogue Reference WO 76/237/140 Thomas Horan 41<sup>st</sup> Foot; Date of Service 1842; Born 1817

<sup>282</sup> 1871 Scotland Census 20 Northumberland St, Edinburgh

<sup>283</sup> London Gazette 03 Jun 1842 page 1505

<sup>284</sup> London Gazette 23 Sep 1845 page 2886

<sup>285</sup> Edinburgh Gazette 25 Oct 1850 page 893

<sup>286</sup> British India Office Ecclesiastical Returns – Baptism solemnized at Trichinopoly, Madras

<sup>287</sup> British India Office Ecclesiastical Returns – Burials performed at Laymen at Hingolei, Hurryhur, Hyderabad, Jaulnah

<sup>288</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>289</sup> Historical Records of the Forty-Third Regiment by Sir Richard George Augustus Levinge, Bart (1868) – Roll of the Officers and their Services from the period of embodiment to the close of 1867.

<sup>290</sup> London Gazette 05 Jun 1857 page 1976

- 1861 Apr 11 Thomas, a widower, was married by Licence at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, India to Isabella Mary Louisa Defabeck second daughter of Baron Frederick William Alexander Defabeck<sup>291,292</sup>
- 1862 Apr 22 Son George Langmead Horan, born 24 Mar 1862, was baptized at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta<sup>293</sup>
- 1863 Dec 04 Son Charles Trevor Horan, born 28 Oct 1863, was baptized at St John's Church (Old Cathedral) Calcutta<sup>294</sup>
- 1863 Dec 11 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>295</sup>
- 1864 Mar 26 Subscription List 28 Jan to 17 Mar 1864 for the relief of the wives and children of soldiers now serving in the Province of Auckland – from Officers and men of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry per Captain Horan – Captain Horan £1<sup>296</sup>
- 1865 Jul-Sep Roadmaking Opunake<sup>297</sup>
- 1865 “Captain Horan served with the 41<sup>st</sup> Regt. During the whole of the campaign of 1842 in Affghanistan (Medal), and was present in the engagements with the enemy on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April in the Pisheen Valley; in that of the 29<sup>th</sup> May near Candahar, 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. at Goaine, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. before Ghuznee, occupation and destruction of that fortress and of Cabool, expedition into Hohistan, storm, capture, and destruction of Istaliff, and in the various minor affairs in and between the Bolan and the Khyber Passes. Also served with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Inf. during the Indian Mutiny, from Dec. 1857 to 1859, and was present at the surrender of Kirwee and subsequent operations (Medal).”<sup>298</sup>
- 1866 Feb 05 Present when the pa of Tautahi also known as Hoani Arawhititaua was taken and destroyed – five natives killed<sup>299</sup>
- 1866 Mar 08 End of service in New Zealand<sup>300</sup>  
Present at three skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>301</sup>

<sup>291</sup> British India Office Ecclesiastical Returns – Marriage solemnized at Saint Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, Fort William in Bengal

<sup>292</sup> Fibis Database: Transcript of Marriage entry in the Times of India 25 Apr 1861 Domestic Occurrences

<sup>293</sup> British India Office Ecclesiastical Returns – Baptism solemnized at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta

<sup>294</sup> British India Office Ecclesiastical Returns – Baptism solemnized at St John's, Calcutta

<sup>295</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>296</sup> New Zealand Herald 26 Mar 1864 Subscription List from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> March 1864

<sup>297</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>298</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>299</sup> Taranaki Herald 10 Feb 1866 Military Movements

<sup>300</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

- 1866 Apr 17 Departed from Auckland for England on the ship 'Silver Eagle'<sup>302</sup>
- 1866 Jul 04 Disembarked at Portsmouth<sup>303</sup>
- 1866 Jul 20 Major 43rd, without purchase, vice Thomas E. Holmes, promoted to a Half-pay Lieutenant-Colonelcy, without purchase<sup>304</sup>
- 1868 Oct 28 "43<sup>rd</sup> Foot – Captain and Brevet-Major Frederick Augustus Smith to be Major, without purchase, vice Thomas Horan, who retires upon full-pay."<sup>305</sup>
- 1870 Aug 27 Birth of a son at No.20, Northumberland St, Edinburgh<sup>306</sup>
- 1871 Apr 02 Living at 20 Northumberland St, Edinburgh; Lt-Col retired on full pay<sup>307</sup>
- 1873 Mar Qt Birth of daughter Zoida Constance Isabel Horan is registered in the Steyning district of Sussex<sup>308</sup>
- 1878 Mar Qt Death of wife Isabella Mary Louisa, aged 43yrs, is registered in the Steyning district of Sussex<sup>309</sup>
- 1880 Aug 19 "I regret to hear of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Horan, one of the heroes of the first Afghan war, and a well-known face at Brighton. Colonel Horan had risen from a private soldier, and won his first commission in Afghanistan in 1842 while serving as a colour-sergeant in the 41<sup>st</sup> Foot. He had taken part in all the principal events of our first war in that sterile country, the name of which most men by this time so heartily detest, and was present at the engagements in the Pisheen Valley, in the fighting around Candahar, and at Ghuznee, occupation and destruction of that fortress and of Cabul, expedition into Kohistan, storm, capture, and destruction of Istsliff, and in the various minor affairs between the Bolan and Khyber Passes. As a captain he passed into the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry, and went through the Central Indian campaign of 1858. He also served through the New

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<sup>301</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>302</sup> Daily Southern Cross 18 Apr 1866 Ports of Auckland

<sup>303</sup> Army and Navy Gazette 07 Jul 1866 43rd Regiment

<sup>304</sup> London Gazette 20 Jul 1866 page 4103

<sup>305</sup> Edinburgh Gazette 30 Oct 1868 page 1314

<sup>306</sup> Army and Navy Gazette 10 Sep 1870 Birth

<sup>307</sup> 1871 Scotland Census 20 Northumberland St, Edinburgh

<sup>308</sup> FreeBMD Birth Registration of Zaidea C. M. Horan at Steyning, Sussex March Quarter 1873

<sup>309</sup> FreeBMD Death Registration of Isabella Mary L. Horan at Steyning, Sussex March Quarter 1878

Zealand campaign, and did good service in the field against both Sepoy mutineers and those most warlike and stubborn of foes the Maoris. Of late years Colonel Horan had resided in Brighton, and was a well-known resident there.<sup>310</sup>

- 1880 Sep 01 "The Will of Thomas Horan formerly of 25 Selborne-road but late of 44 Lansdowne-place both in Hove in the County of Sussex a Retired Lieutenant-Colonel in Her Majesty's Army who died 14 August 1880 at 44 Lansdowne-place was proved at Lewes by Julia Agnes Horan of 44 Lansdowne-place Spinster the Daughter the sole Executrix. Personal Estate under £300."<sup>311</sup>
- 1925 May 06 "Julia Agnes Horan of 23 St. John's-avenue Brighton spinster died 18 February 1925 at the Royal Sussex County Hospital Brighton Probate London 06 May to Zoida Constance Isabel Bradley (wife of Bernard William Bradley). Effects £638 4s 5d."<sup>312</sup>
- 1962 Nov 08 "Zoida Constance Isabel otherwise Zoida Constance Isobel of 28 Wilbury Villas Hove Sussex widow died 18 October 1962 Probate Lewes 08 November to Dorothy Alice Jewell widow. Effects £212 18s."<sup>313</sup>

1973 Mar Qt Death of Dorothy Alice Jewell, born 03 Feb 1897, registered at Hove, Sussex<sup>314</sup>  
 Photograph online of Lt-Col. Thomas Horan; and reference to his children: Julia Agnes (1850 Madras, India -1925) dau of Thomas/Anne; George Langmead Horan (1862 Calcutta -), Charles Trevor Horan (1863 Calcutta, India -1922), Frederick Seymour (1870 Edinburgh, Scotland – 1956), Zoida Constance Isabel Horan (1873 Steyning, Sussex -1962) children of Thomas and Isabella Mary Louisa<sup>315</sup>

Served with the 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment during the whole of the campaign of 1842 in Afghanistan (meda), and was present in the engagements with the enemy on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April in the Pisheen Valley; in that of the 29<sup>th</sup> May near Candahar, 30<sup>th</sup> August at Goanine, 5<sup>th</sup> September before Ghuznee, occupation and destruction of that fortress and of Cabool, expedition into Hohistan, storm, capture, and destruction of Istaliff, and in the various minor affairs in and between the Bolan and the Khyber Passes; with the 43<sup>rd</sup> during the Indian mutiny from December 1857 to 1859, and was present at the surrender of Kirwee and subsequent operations (medal); also served in the New Zealand war in 1864-5.<sup>316</sup>

<sup>310</sup> Derby Daily Telegraph 19 Aug 1880

<sup>311</sup> National Probate Calendar 1880

<sup>312</sup> National Probate Calendar 1925

<sup>313</sup> National Probate Calendar 1962

<sup>314</sup> FreeBMD Death of Dorothy Alice Jewell, born 03 Feb 1897, registered Mar Quarter 1973 at Hove, Sussex

<sup>315</sup> Dorset OPC Project – Kingston in the Purbeck Hills – The Horan Family - <http://www.kingstonopc.org.uk/horan.html>

<sup>316</sup> Historical Records of the Forty-Third Regiment by Sir Richard George Augustus Levinge, Bart (1868) – Roll of the Officers and their Services from the period of embodiment to the close of 1867.

## John HOSKIN

## Taranaki Mounted Volunteers

1864 Oct 01 Enrolled in the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers<sup>317</sup>

1865 Jun 01 Whatino skirmish<sup>318</sup>

1867 Private Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers - height recorded as 5' 8" in a roll recording the sizes of tunics, trousers and caps<sup>319</sup>

"Trooper; States unit as Taranaki Mounted Rifles; Auckland; Warea, Stoney River; *Gazette* 1891; Received 17/9/1892; 2957; AD32/4651; AD1:1892 roll"<sup>320</sup>

1892 Jan 09 Application for New Zealand War Medal made at New Plymouth. Address: Thames. Corps in which served: Taranaki Mounted Volunteers. Period of service in the field: Three years at Warea Taranaki 1867, Stoney River; Remarks: Left mounted corps on its dissolution.<sup>321</sup>

1892 Jan 20 "Application for New Zealand War Medal by Volunteer Thomas Hoskin late "Taranaki Mounted Volunteers" who is certified to have been under fire at Warea and Stoney River, Taranaki in 1867. The certifying Officer, Captain Mace, N.Z.C. commanding the Corps."<sup>322</sup>

1892 Jan 25 Letter: Acting Under Secretary Defence to Messrs Brown & Thomson, Lambton Quay. "Please have enclosed New Zealand War Medal re-engraved and return same as early as convenient for Trooper John Hoskin, Taranaki Mounted Rifle Volunteers."<sup>323</sup>

1892 Feb 05 Letter: Acting Under Secretary Defence to the Officer Commanding Taranaki. "Sir, In reply to your memo No.37 of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., I have the honor to forward herewith New Zealand War Medal awarded to Trooper John Hoskin late Taranaki Mounted Volunteers, please have same handed to him, and return attached receipt duly signed."<sup>324</sup>

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<sup>317</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>318</sup> Taranaki Herald 10 Jun 1865 Skirmish at Whatino

<sup>319</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11 (Note: There is also a Josias Hoskin listed in this roll and the entry in the size roll is for J. Hoskin and there is only one entry)

<sup>320</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>321</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/69 Item 4651 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>322</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/69 Item 4651 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Memo re application

<sup>323</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/69 Item 4651 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Re-engage Medal

<sup>324</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/69 Item 4651 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal to Taranaki

1892 Sep 17 New Plymouth. "I, John Hoskin, Trooper late Taranaki Mounted Volunteers, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Under Secretary for Defence, a New Zealand War Medal, awarded to me for services in the Field. Witnessed by H. Hammond, New Plymouth."<sup>325</sup>

1893 Jan 10 Letter: Edw. Bezar, Kent House, Taranaki Street, Wellington to Under Secretary Defence. "Sir, I am requested by Mr John Hoskins to seek information regarding the issue of a New Zealand War Medal to him; that is, is there any record of the issue? It appears the form of application was sent him some years ago to the West Coast of the Middle Island by his brother to fill up. This was done and returned, some considerable time after on his return here. He received a medal from his brother, which he subsequently lost and inquiries have since been made to trace the original issue, which he wishes to establish prior to an application for a re-issue on payment, but without result. May I request that the necessary information may be sent me at your convenience, I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, Edw. Bezar."<sup>326</sup>

1893 Jan 14 Letter: Acting Under Secretary of Defence to Mr C. Bezar, Wellington. "Sir, in reply to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., I beg to inform you that we have no record of a New Zealand War Medal being issued to John Hoskins for service in the Wanganui Cavalry Volunteers. A medal was issued to John Hoskin for service in the Taranaki Mounted Rifle Volunteers. If applicant is the same man a duplicate medal will be issued on his forwarding a postal note for 7s 6d."<sup>327</sup>

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<sup>325</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/69 Item 4651 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal received

<sup>326</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/69 Item 4651 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Letter 10 Jan 1893

<sup>327</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/69 Item 4651 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Letter 14 Jan 1893

**Charles William HOWARD**

70<sup>th</sup> Regiment

1861 Mar 19 Attained the rank of Ensign, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment<sup>328</sup>

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'.<sup>329</sup>

1865 Jul 19 Military Promotions 70<sup>th</sup> Foot – Lieut. Henry Leake to be Captain, without purchase, vice Oates Joseph Travers, deceased, December 5, 1864; Ensign Charles William Howard to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Leake, December 5, 1864; Gent. Cadet John King, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Howard; Lieutenant Arthur Stronge Gilbert to be Instructor of Musketry, vice Leake, promoted.<sup>330</sup>

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<sup>328</sup> The New Annual Army List and Militia List for 1865 page 348 Listing of Ensigns of the 70<sup>th</sup> (The Surrey) Regiment of Foot

<sup>329</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>330</sup> New Zealand Herald 19 Jul 1865 Military Promotions



**William HOWITT (1841-1920)**

## No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

“Private, No.4 Coy; Patea, Kaitake 24/3/1864, Warea and others; Born 1841, New Pit, Sligo, Banffshire; Died 19/7/1920 Patea; *Gazette* 1911; 3132; AD32/204; AD1:10/3904; Medal in Auckland War Memorial Museum Collection.”<sup>331</sup>

1864 Jan 04 Reg No.358 Enrolled at Nelson with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born New Pitsligo, Banffshire; Aged 23yrs; Height 5' 7"; Baker; Single; Ship 'Phoebe'.<sup>332</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 59; Number on Town Plan 97; Record Book page 161.<sup>333</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship 'Phoebe' from Nelson. “Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company.”<sup>334</sup>

1900 Sep 22 Application for New Zealand War Medal made at Patea. Address: Patea. Corps in which served: Private, No.4 Company Military Settlers, Taranaki, Captain Carthew, Officer in charge. Joined Company on 6 January 1864, served three years. Period of service in the field: At garrison duty & outpost work during the whole period between Opunake and New Plymouth. Under fire at Warea with Colonel Warre on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1865, when that Officer was clearing the coast of natives between Tataraimaka and Opunake. When Company was garrisoned at Kaitaki an Artilleryman was killed and one of No.4 Company shot through the shoulder. Remarks: Lived at Okato, Stony River, Taranaki for over 10 years being right on the border of the Maori strongholds. Had to leave home & stock & for over three months had to take wife and family to sleep in the blockhouse on account of the treachery of the natives. Endured all these years the hardships and worries of a pioneer settler & my eldest daughter was the first white child born up to that date so near what was then the very outskirts of white settlement.” Statement by Ensign Curtis: “I also know Mr William Howitt to have been one of the best men in No.4 Company during the periods stated in the above applications.”<sup>335</sup>

1900 Sep 27 Letter: W. K. Howitt, Patea to Mr T. D. Cummins. “I enclose form with my father's application for New Zealand War Medal, duly filled up. If ever a man deserved a war medal he does. He lived for a number of years right on the border of the Stony River the line between white and Maori settlement and never once flinched from duty. He is a quiet retiring man now well up in years, but thoroughly respected as a man of honour and a good settler wherever he is known. Mr G. N. Curtis, who signs the application, the other Officers being dead, is one of the

<sup>331</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>332</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>333</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>334</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>335</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

most upright men in the Taranaki district. He is one of the well known firm of Curtis Bros., Stratford and is well known all along the coast and to Messrs Walter Symes, E. M. Smith and F. McGuire, M.H.R.'s. I have to thank you for the interest you are taking in this matter and you can rest assured your efforts are thoroughly appreciated by us. Delay in sending form has been caused by Mr G. N. Curtis being away from home."<sup>336</sup>

1900 Oct 09 Letter: R. J. Seddon, Minister for Defence to W. Symes, Esq., M.H.R., House of Representatives, Wellington. Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Minute of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo, forwarding an application from Mr William Howitt for the New Zealand War Medal. In reply I have the honor to inform you that the Government has decided in view of such a length of time having elapsed since the Native Wars in the Colony, that no further issues of this Medal will be made. His application cannot therefore be admitted."<sup>337</sup>

William celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1910. "Mr William Howitt, of Patea, who celebrates his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this week, has spent 47 years in the Taranaki province. As a young man of 23 he joined the military settlers in New Plymouth and for three years was engaged at garrison and outpost duty between that town and Opunake, and in 1865 at Warea, fighting under Colonel Warre, he did some hard fighting when that gallant officer was clearing the coast of hostile natives. For 12 years after this at Okato he farmed a piece of land right on the outskirts of civilization, and with his wife and young family had some very narrow escapes. In 1898 Mr Howitt shifted to Patea, and has resided there ever since. His one recreation is bowling and he is a well-known figure on the Patea green, the members of which lately did him the honour of making him a life member. He did some very hard pioneering work in the early days, and is well nigh the last of the old hands who, fearing nothing, settled on the borders of Stoney River. These men were courageous, resourceful and hopeful above all things. They were one and all pioneers, and to-day others are reaping a fruitful harvest, the result of the early work that was done so well."<sup>338</sup>

1910 Sep 15 Declaration: "I hereby certify that William Howitt now living in Patea was a private in No.4, or Captain Carthew's Company of Taranaki Military Settlers during a part of the years 1863, 1864 and 1865, and in these years the Company took part in various warlike operations against the Maoris who were then in arms against the Queen's authority. Also that the said William Howitt was one of the settlers who under my command occupied the Okato Blockhouse during the period it was expected that 'Titi Kowaru', and the rebel natives would attack the settlements around New Plymouth. During the forty seven years that I have known William Howitt he has always done his duty, and has been a straightforward and honorable man both in the military settlers, and as a private settler. [signed] En. Curtis, J.P. and formerly Color Sergeant in No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers and later Ensign in command of the Okato Blockhouse."<sup>339</sup>

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<sup>336</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - W. K. Howitt – the son

<sup>337</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal refused

<sup>338</sup> Hawera & Normanby Star 05 Jul 1910 Of Personal Interest

<sup>339</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Charles Curtis 1

1910 Sep 21 Declaration: "This is to certify that Mr William Howitt was a member of No.4 Company, Captain Carthew's Company (when I joined the said Company in 1865, and the said Company was under Fire with the Natives at Hau Hau when Captain Lloyd was killed, and also at Kaitaki against the natives, and has known Mr Howitt ever since to be of irreproachable character and now residing at Patea. [signed] James O'Brien, Suffolk Street, Patea."<sup>340</sup>

1910 Sep 21 Application for New Zealand Medal made at Patea. Address: 'Glentin', Patea. Corps in which served: Private No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers, three years service. Period of service in the field: Three years. At the taking of Kaitaki about the end of March or beginning of April 1864 and at Warea under Colonel Warre when clearing the coast of hostile natives in April 1865. Remarks: Got 50 acres of land in 1866 for service in Military Settlers. For 12 years farmed on one of the outposts at Stony River, Okato, during very troubled and dangerous times and for some years it was quite customary when milking the cows to have a loaded rifle near at hand. With a young wife and family came through all the hardships... with in early... life in the early troubled days."<sup>341</sup>

1910 Nov 10 Letter: Stipendiary Magistrate, Hawera to Chief of the Personal Staff Re William Howitt's application for New Zealand War Medal. "This man states he applied for the Medal 10 years ago when it was refused on the grounds that Medals were not then being granted. He states he was a private in No.4 Military Settlers and served 3 years from about 16 January 1864 to 1867 under Captain Carthew, Col. Lepper commanding officer. He also states that he was present at the taking of Kaitaki in April 1864 also present at Warea under Col. Ware in 1865. I should like to know if possible the grounds he was refused the Medal and whether his services can be confirmed."<sup>342</sup>

1910 Nov 14 "I, William Howitt, of 'Glentin', Patea make oath and say as follows:- [1] I am the applicant named in the attached application for the New Zealand War Medal. [2] That I have never received this medal from the Imperial or Colonial Government. [3] That I was a private in No.4 Military Settlers and served for 3 years from about 16 January 1864 until 1867 under Captain Carthew, my Commanding Officer being Col. Lepper. [4] That I was present at the taking of Kaitaki in 1864 and Warea in 1865 at the latter fight I was under Colonel Warre. [5] I applied for the New Zealand War Medal to the Colonial Government about 10 years ago and was refused upon the grounds that Medals were not then being issued. Taken and sworn at Patea before a Justice of the Peace."<sup>343</sup>

1910 Nov 30 Letter: Charles Curtis, Sergeant No.4 Company, Taranaki Military Settlers, Stratford to William George Kenrick, Stipendiary Magistrate, Hawera. "Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday asking if I can give a declaration that Mr William Howitt was actually under fire as he had applied for the New Zealand War Medal. At the taking of Kaitake the whole of Captain Cathews' Company (except the

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<sup>340</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - James O'Brien

<sup>341</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal Application

<sup>342</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Magistrate Hawera 1

<sup>343</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Howitt sworn statement

sick, and perhaps those on guard) were there, and I have no doubt that Wm. Howitt was there as he is not the sort of man who would apply for a thing to which he was not entitled. I regret that my memory is now so dim that of all the Company at Kaitaki I have only a clear recollection of the Captain and two men although I was with the Company at this engagement. I do not recollect being at Warea under Col. Ware. I can declare that to the best of my belief Wm. Howitt was under fire at Kaitaki.”<sup>344</sup>

1911 Feb 21 Letter: W. Howitt to G. K. Kenrick, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Hawera. “Dear Sir, Your letter duly to hand, and in reply I beg to state that the officers under whom I served were:- Captain Carthew, Lieutenant Gosling, Lieutenant Harley. So far as I know, all are now dead. Then Sergeant Curtis, is the only one I know of, that is now alive. Any further information that is desired, that is in my power to give will receive my very best and prompt attention.”<sup>345</sup>

1911 Feb 28 Stipendiary Magistrate, Hawera: “In reply to yours of 18<sup>th</sup> inst., No.614 10/3904 I enclose Howitt’s reply, unless some of the officers named by him are alive and their addresses known by the Defence Department, it is now impossible for Howitt to get the certificate required. Sergeant Curtis’ letter, already forwarded is the only document applicant can produce.”<sup>346</sup>

1911 Mar 07 Letter: Colonel for General Officer Commanding to Lieut-Colonel W. B. Messenger, New Plymouth. Re Claim for a New Zealand War Medal – Wm. Howitt. “This man declares that he served in the Taranaki Military Settlers and was actually under fire on several occasions. I should be greatly obliged if you could verify his statement. For your guidance I forward herewith Howitt’s file D10/3904 which kindly return at your earliest convenience. Reply – “I regret that I am unable to verify this man’s statement, as I was never in action with the late Captain Carthew’s Company of Military Settlers. During the years 1864-5-6 mentioned in his claim, I was in command of Outpost at Pukearuhe. Howitt’s file D10/3904 returned forthwith.”<sup>347</sup>

1911 Mar 13 Letter: Captain R. O. Chesney to Mr Wm. Howitt, Glentin, Patea. “I regret to have to inform you that as you are unable to produce direct evidence that you were actually under fire, the Regulations relating to the issue of New Zealand War Medals, preclude the possibility of your receiving one. If at any time you can supply the names of any other comrades with whom you were under fire, this Department will use its best endeavours to trace them.”<sup>348</sup>

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<sup>344</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Charles Curtis 2

<sup>345</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - William Howitt

<sup>346</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Magistrate Hawera 2

<sup>347</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Lt-Col. Messenger

<sup>348</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Application declined

1911 Aug 19 Captain R. O. Chesney to Mr Cholwill Billing, New Plymouth. Re Claim for a New Zealand War Medal – Wm. Howitt. “May I ask that you will be so good as to make a sworn statement (if possible) that the above named claimant was actually under fire. Herewith please find file D 10/3904 for your guidance, which please return to this office at your early convenience in the enclosed stamped envelope.”<sup>349</sup>

1911 Sep 02 Declaration to the Defence Department, Wellington. “I hereby certify that William Howitt was a member of the No.4 Company (the late Captain Carthew) Military settlers and that he was under fire at the taking of Kaitaki on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1864. [signed] Henry Williams, late No.4 Company, Taranaki Military settlers.”<sup>350</sup>

1911 Sep 08 Letter: Captain R. O. Chesney to Mr W. Bock, Lambton Quay, Wellington. “Will you please have the enclosed medal re-engraved with the name of “Wm. Howitt No.4 Coy. Tar. Mil. Settlers” erasing that of “Artificer R. Drew, Auckland Militia”. Delete dates (1861-66) from back and polish.”<sup>351</sup>

1911 Sep 16 Letter: Captain R. O. Chesney to William Howitt, ‘Glentin’, Patea. “I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith your New Zealand War Medal for services rendered in the 4<sup>th</sup> Company Taranaki Military Settlers. Will you please sign the enclosed receipt in the presence of a witness and return same to this office at your early convenience.”<sup>352</sup>

1911 Sep 18 “I, William Howitt, hereby acknowledge to have received from the Commander, New Zealand Forces, a New Zealand War Medal awarded to me. Witnessed by Robert Charteris at Patea.”<sup>353</sup>

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<sup>349</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Request for evidence

<sup>350</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Evidence under fire

<sup>351</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Re-engrave medal

<sup>352</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal issued

<sup>353</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/5 Item 204 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal received

### **19 Jul 1920**

Mr William Howitt, who died at Patea on Monday, was a colonist of 60 years' standing, and a Maori War medallist. For 58 years he had resided in the Taranaki district, and for 12 years was a pioneer farmer at Okato (Stony River), but for 42 years he had lived at Patea. He was a member of the first Borough Council in Patea, and had previously been a member of the old Carlyle Town Board, besides being a member of the School Committee and many other local boards. He was a life member of the Patea Bowling Club, and was a well-known horticulturalist, being judge at the local shows in the early days. He took part in the Maori wars of the 'sixties, and took part in the taking of Kaitake under the leadership of Major Atkinson. In his early days he was a noted athlete, and excelled as a rifle shot. He was a very fine type of the early colonist, being sincere and high minded in all his actions – a man whose word was his bond. He was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church in Patea, and for many years was an office-bearer. He was predeceased by his wife nine years ago, and is survived by four sons and two daughters – Messrs W. K. Howitt and Gordon M. Howitt (Auckland), Ad. Howitt (Wellington), A. M. Howitt (Sydney), Mrs Roberts (Sydney) and Miss Howitt, (Patea).<sup>354</sup>

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<sup>354</sup> Hawera & Normanby Star 21 Jul 1920 Personal Items

**John JOHNSON**

Sergeant Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers

1865 May 04 Enrolled in the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers<sup>355</sup>

1865 Jun 01 Whatino skirmish<sup>356</sup>

1878 Corporal Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers - height recorded as 5' 11" in a roll recording the sizes of tunics, trousers and caps<sup>357</sup>

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<sup>355</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>356</sup> Taranaki Herald 10 Jun 1865 Skirmish at Whatino

<sup>357</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11 (Note: there is also another man in this unit by the name of Private John Johnson and the Size Roll has only one entry for a John Johnson)

**William JOHNSON**

## Taranaki Mounted Volunteers

1865 Jun 01 Whatino skirmish<sup>358</sup>

“Cornet (5/7/1864-); Also Ensign Taranaki Military Settlers, New Plymouth; Kaitake 3/1864 and 7 engagements East Coast 1/60-1866; *Gazette* 1871; Issued 27/6/1872; 1177; AD32/3217”<sup>359</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated 21 Feb 1870 at Papatiki; Address: Ensign W. Johnson, T. Militia, New Plymouth, Taranaki; Corp in which served: Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers. Period of service in the field: From 1860 to 1866. Waitara campaign 1860-61; ...Pah 17 Mar 1860; Kaihihi 11 Oct 1860; Mahoetahi 06 Nov 1860; Katikara 04 Jun 1863; Allen’s Hill 02 Oct 1863; Kaitaki 24 Apr 1864; Watini 01 Jun 1865; Matairikouiko 31 Dec 1860; Remarks: This Officer particularly distinguished himself at Watini on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1865.<sup>360</sup>

1872 Nov 28 Letter: William Johnson, New Plymouth to Major C. Stapp, Commanding District, New Plymouth<sup>361</sup>

Sir, I have the honor to submit for your information the following statement of the skirmish at Wateno, near Opunake on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1865 on which I was engaged, being in command of eight men... all members of the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers: Sergt John Johnson, Privates Ed. Olson, C. Curtis, J. Hoskin, T. Mace, A. Harrison, R. Peed, P. O’Neill. On the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1865 I received orders from Colonel Colville 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment commanding at Opunake to be ready to accompany him with my detachment cavalry towards Wateno about eight miles south of Opunake; we started about 12 noon, I and my detachment acted as escort for Colonel Colville, Acting Adjutant Clark, 43<sup>rd</sup> and Lieutenant Clarke 57<sup>th</sup>. On our arrival at the Maori village of Wateno Colonel Colville gave me orders to proceed with the men some distance inland, not more than about two miles to look for some cattle and if I could find any to drive them into camp. He and his two officers would remain at the village until my return. At the same time he gave me instructions to return by that road. I immediately started and after riding about a mile I saw some natives walking along the track that I was on. I rode on until I was about 25 yards from the hindmost native, when I shouted to them to stop as I did not know whether they were friendly or not. They paid no attention to me, so on getting to within 10 yards I drew my revolver and turned my horse across the track, to see how close my men were, the fern and tutu being so high and thick that we were obliged to ride singly. The nearest man to me was Private Olson. Directly I turned my horse, the natives fired two or three shots at me, the firing brought my men up. I gave them orders to push through the fern on the right to get ahead of the natives and close on them. While doing so Private O’Neill rushed off the track to the left and rode close on to the native immediately in front of me. The native fired and hit him in the shoulder. He fell off his horse almost on to the native and close to my horse’s nose. My men then commenced firing with their revolvers. We

<sup>358</sup> Taranaki Herald 10 Jun 1865 Skirmish at Whatino

<sup>359</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>360</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/54 Item 3217 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>361</sup> Lieutenant William Johnson – Copy of letter to written by Johnson to Major C. Stapp 28 Nov 1872 – Pukeariki Reference ARC2003-473



had no carbines or swords with us. I told two men, A. Harrison and T. Mace, to carry O'Neill to the rear in case of our having to retire. The fight then became general and continued until five natives were killed. I would mention that at the commencement of the skirmish Private Peed's horse took fright and rushed through the fern among the natives, one of whom struck him with the butt end of his gun, rendering him almost senseless until the affair was over. One native got away being outside of Peed and near to a clump of bush. The men who actually fired and killed the natives were Sergeant J. Johnson, Privates Olson, Curtis, Hoskin and myself, as Peed was struck senseless at the commencement, O'Neill wounded, and Harrison and Mace engaged by my orders taking O'Neill to the rear. Directly the firing ceased I saw five natives lying dead in the track and leaving my men to secure their guns &c and to look after the wounded men I rode further on to look after the remaining native. I came up to him in the clump of scrub before mentioned, he had had time to reload and was waiting with his gun pointed at me (I should here state that my revolver was unserviceable being broken in consequence of my having struck one of the natives on the head with it during the action, I had fired 4 out of the 5 chambers, the fifth missed fire and I instantly took it by the barrel and hit him on the head which broke my revolver. The native was immediately killed by one of the men.) I halted and was watching the native when Acting Adjutant Clark, 43<sup>rd</sup> rode up to me. This was the first I had seen of him since I left him at the village with Colonel Colville. I said to him "Here is a native ride back and get the wounded man's revolver and we will have him," he did so, when he came up to me again I pointed to the native and said "There he is, have a shot at him." He rode round the scrub and back to where the men were which was about 50 yards distant. I then went back and the native got away. I then retired with the wounded man leaving the five natives dead on the track and was joined by Colonel Colville and Lieutenant Clarke, 57<sup>th</sup> about half way to Wateno. They had ridden on, on hearing the firing. Private O'Neill died a few days after from the effects of his wound. On our way back to camp O'Neill being in great agony and his horse having bolted when he fell off, I asked permission of Colonel Colville to send a man on to camp to bring a stretcher, he said "no it was not safe". I then volunteered to go myself and started, the Colonel saying "Well you shall not go alone for I will go with you" which he did. I left orders with Sergeant Johnson to get on as quick as he could and if the natives came down to gallop in to camp. On the Colonel arriving at camp he sent a party with a stretcher for O'Neill, who was sent in to camp and we all went back to the scene of the skirmish, but saw no natives except the five dead bodies which were lying where they fell. I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, William Johnson, Lieutenant N.Z...[Militia], late Cornet Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers.

## Tamati KAWEORA

1865 May 09 At Opunake “whilst they were landing three boat loads of Commissariat Stores, I sent Tamati Kaweora for Arama Karaka, when he came down to the Waiana River with fourteen of his men to see me [Robert Parris].<sup>362</sup>

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<sup>362</sup> AJHR 1865 Section E8 page 3 Papers relative to Expeditions to establish military posts at Pukearuhe near the White Cliffs, Taranaki

## KEREPA

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wairarapa'; one of the native youths accompanying the expedition. Kerepa was sent by Mr Parris across the Waiaua river to invite "two armed natives, one of them on horseback" to come over. He "fearlessly went over, but came back in great haste, as he found the man on foot so hostile in his actions, pointing his gun &c., that he bolted back across country and the river for his life." The two men "were rebels who had just come up the coast from Ngatiruanui."<sup>363</sup>

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<sup>363</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

## John Richard LAWSON

Taranaki Militia

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'.<sup>364</sup>

1870 Jan 31 Applied for New Zealand War Medal. Address: Taranaki Militia, New Plymouth. Corps in which served: Sergeant Taranaki Militia and Ensign Volunteers 10 years. Period of service in the field: 4 years. Waireka 28 Mar 1860; Mahoetahi 06 Nov 1860; Kaitake 24 Mar 1864; Kaihihi.<sup>365</sup>

"Ensign; New Plymouth; Waireka 28/3/1860; Mahoetahi 6/11/1860 and other 1860; *Gazette* 1871; Issued 12/7/1872; 1333; AD32/3366"<sup>366</sup>

John died at New Plymouth on 22 September 1908, the beloved husband of Mary Lawson.<sup>367</sup> The funeral took place on 24 September "the body being borne to its last resting place by six old comrades in arms – Lieuts J. C. Davies and W. Humphries, Col. Messenger, Captain Wilson, Captain John Black and Captain John Kelly. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was a brother of the late Mr J. B. Lawson. He arrived from Edinburgh in the ship 'Joseph Fletcher' in 1853, and had his full share of the early Taranaki troubles. He held a commission as lieutenant in the Taranaki Militia. He was a descendant of a very old Scotch family, one of his living sisters being Lady Boyd, widow of Sir John Boyd, late Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Mrs E. L. Corson, of Louisiana, U.S.A., is another sister. Deceased was twice married. Much sympathy is expressed for his widow in her sad bereavement."<sup>368</sup>

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<sup>364</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>365</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/55 Item 3366 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>366</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>367</sup> Taranaki Herald 22 Sep 1908 Death notice

<sup>368</sup> Taranaki Herald 25 Sep 1908 Personal

**William LIVESAY****43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment**

- 1855 Oct 26 Ensign<sup>369</sup>
- 1857 Apr 03 Ensign William Livesay to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Booth.<sup>370</sup>
- 1857 Dec Served in the suppression of the Indian Mutiny to January 1860 including actions at Sahao and Puttrai (Medal)<sup>371</sup>
- 1863 Dec 13 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>372</sup>
- 1864 Jan 23 Arrived at Auckland from Rangoon on the ship 'Light Brigade' with a detachment of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry<sup>373</sup>
- 1864 Apr 30 Captain<sup>374</sup>
- 1865 Dec 17 Captain Livesay, Lieutenant Pearson, 2 sergeants and 47 rank and file 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment depart on 's.s. Ahuriri' for Opunake<sup>375</sup>
- 1866 Jan 30 General Chute orders Captain Livesay, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry, to march north with 100 men from Opunake<sup>376</sup>
- 1866 Jan 31 "Captain Livesay, of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, started on Wednesday night from Opunake, marched all night, and came up about a quarter of an hour after the affair was all over. He heard our shots, but could not come up to us at once."<sup>377</sup>
- 1866 Feb 05 "A small force consisting of part of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry, under Captains Livesay and Horan, and Captain Corbett's Company of Bushrangers went to attack the pah or kainga of Tautahi, better known as Arawhititaua. The place was taken and destroyed, and it is said five natives killed."<sup>378</sup>

<sup>369</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>370</sup> London Gazette 03 Apr 1857 page 1220

<sup>371</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 303

<sup>372</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>373</sup> Wellington Independent 26 Jan 1864 Expected arrivals – 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry detachment on the 'Light Brigade' included Captains C. R. Mure, E. Utterton and Assistant-surgeon J. Good, 47 non-commissioned officers and privates, 10 women and 21 children – three of the children died during the voyage

<sup>374</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>375</sup> Taranaki Herald 23 Dec 1865 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>376</sup> Chute's Campaign by H. R. H. Livingston, Alexander Turnbull Library Reference MS-1152

<sup>377</sup> Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 10 Feb 1866 War on the West Coast – Destruction of Native Villages and Cultivations near Warea

<sup>378</sup> Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 10 Feb 1866 War on the West Coast – Destruction of Native Villages and Cultivations near Warea

- 1866 Feb 11 “Captain Livesay with some of the 43<sup>rd</sup> and Captain Mace’s mounted men went up to Nukuteapiapi (Matakatea’s place inland) for the purpose of destroying it. Shots were exchanged without any effect, the natives retired from the scene and the place was burnt.”<sup>379</sup>
- 1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>380</sup>
- Present at four skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>381</sup>
- 1876 Jun 19 Major<sup>382</sup>
- 1894 “Colonel William Livesay, who, as a young officer, earned great distinction in the New Zealand War of 1864-66, and now commands the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, has just been appointed to “boss” the first Militia Brigade formed at Aldershot.”<sup>383</sup>
- 1900 Portrait photograph at Pukeariki of Major William Livesay in military uniform and wearing two medals<sup>384</sup>

Served in the suppression of the Indian mutiny from December 1857 to January 1860, including actions at Sahao and Puttrai (medal); also served in the New Zealand war in 1864-5, including the expeditions in the province of Taranaki, and in command of outposts, destroying many Pas and fortified villages.

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<sup>379</sup> Taranaki Herald 17 Feb 1866 Military Movements

<sup>380</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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<sup>382</sup> The New Annual Army List, Militia List and Indian Civil Service List 1881 page 287 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire Light Inf.) linked to 53rd

<sup>383</sup> Evening Star 26 Jun 1894 Our London Letter – Personal

<sup>384</sup> Pukeariki Collection Reference PHO2014-0092. The photograph is included on page 32 of William Francis Robert Gordon’s album “Some Soldiers of the Queen” who served in the Maori Wars and other notable persons connected herewith.”

**Thomas William MACE**

Taranaki Mounted Volunteers

1865 Jun 01 Whatino Skirmish<sup>385</sup>

“Trooper; Also Taranaki Militia; Omata, New Plymouth; Whatino 01/06/1865; and 2 others 1865/66; *Gazette 1871*: Issued 17/03/1873; 1487; AD32/3452”<sup>386</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated 04 Apr 1870 at New Plymouth; Address: Private Thomas William Mace, Omata, New Plymouth; Corp in which served: Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 4 years. Period of service in the field: Watene 01 Jun 1865; Pariaka Feb 1866; Waigogo Feb 1866 and several other skirmishes. Remarks: Carried one of Major Von Tempskeys Forest Rangers off the field when wounded (under fire).<sup>387</sup>

1912 Jan 20 “The death is recorded of Mr Thomas Mace, of Koru, Taranaki, a very old resident of the district. He came out with his parents in the barque St. Michael, direct from London, reaching New Plymouth on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1852. Mr Mace had resided in the Omata district ever since, and took his share of military duty during the Maori wars.”<sup>388</sup>

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<sup>385</sup> An account related by Lieutenant Johnson 1872 - Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 115/an CD1872/1603

<sup>386</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>387</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/56 Item 3452 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>388</sup> Evening Post 24 Jan 1912 Personal Matters

**Joseph McCARTHY**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.929

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 28½ days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>389</sup>  
1871 at Fermoy, Ireland (Private)<sup>390</sup>

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<sup>389</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>390</sup> Findmypast – 1871 Worldwide British Army Index for the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 1871



**William McDONALD (1848-)**

Taranaki Rifle Volunteers

“Private, No.1 Coy; Also 65<sup>th</sup> Foot, Taranaki Bush Rangers (1863-), Taranaki Military Settlers; Wanganui; Allen’s Hill 2/10/1863; Kaitake 3/1864; Manutahi 8/9/1864; Stoney River; White Cliffs; Opunake; Born 1848 Canada; *Gazette* 1885; Issued 10/7/1885; Received 31/7/1885; 2812; AD32/1758; AD1: 1885 Roll.”<sup>391</sup>

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Letter dated 22 Dec 1889 William McDonald, Takapau to the House of Representatives

To the honourable gentlemen of the House of Representatives, I the undersigned (William McDonald) do hereby make application for such grant of land as I am entitled to under the Act in force when I was discharged in 1853 from the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment (No.2216 – private). I remain, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, William McDonald

Letter dated 30 Dec 1889 Colonel C. Murphy, Under Secretary Defence to William McDonald late 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Takapau

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant I have the honor to inform you that your claim for land has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands Napier to whom you must apply.

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled: The Petition of William McDonald – Humbly sheweth –

[1] That the said William McDonald joined the Taranaki Bush Rangers in the year 1863 and served under the command of Colonel Weir, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, for a number of years, also under Colonel Stapp and Major Atkinson.

[2] That your Petitioner served until the close of the War and took part in the following engagements, Allens Hill, Kaitaki (inland from Oakura), Stoney River, Manutahi and Mataitawa (both on same day) as well as in many other minor engagements including the Meeting of the Waters, storming White Cliffs and Opunaki and received the New Zealand War Medal.

[3] That your Petitioner found the bodies of Revd. Whitley, Lieut. Gascoyne, Ned Richards and Jack Millen who had been killed by the Maoris.

[4] That your Petitioner for the past 18 months has been afflicted with paralysis and is quite unable to earn anything and that he is absolutely without any means of support.

[5] That your Petitioner prays that Your Honourable House will grant a pension or a grant of money to your Petitioner for his services to New Zealand in defence of his fellow settlers for which he has received no recognition except the New Zealand War Medal and your Petitioner will every pray. (signed William McDonald).

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<sup>391</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

Letter dated 11 Oct 1911 House of Representatives to J. L. Haselden, Clerk of the Committee

Sir, By direction of the Chairman of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, I have the honour to forward to you herewith the petition noted in the margin [No.287 William McDonald], and to ask you to attach any papers you may have on the subject, and to return it to the Committee together with any report you may wish to make thereon. Please let me have your reply as soon as possible. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, J. L. Haselden, Clerk of the Committee.

Letter dated 17 Oct 1911 Colonel A. W. Robin for Major-General, Commanding N.Z. Defence Forces to the Chairman, Public Petitions Committee (M to Z), House of Representatives.

Sir, No.287 Petition of William McDonald for consideration in respect to Military Services performed during the Maori War. I have the honour to inform you that the Department has no record of the services of the above Veteran other than he was awarded the New Zealand War Medal and was under fire at actions Allens Hill, Manutahi and Stoney River. No claim was made by him or on his behalf in connection with the recent investigation into claims of veterans conducted through Stipendiary Magistrates. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, Col. A. W. Robin for Major-General commanding N.Z. Defence Forces.<sup>392</sup>

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<sup>392</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/36 Item 1758 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

**James McKENNA** (1837-)

Probably not at Opunake

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

“Private, No.4 Coy; Also 18<sup>th</sup> Foot, Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers, Served in Anglo Boer War; Wellington; Kaitake 24/3/1864 (wounded), Outpost duty 6/4/1864; Born 1837 Monaghan; Arrived aboard ‘Choice’; *Gazette* 1882; Issued 20/10/1882; 2778; AD32/1749; Duplicate medal issued 12/11/1922.”<sup>393</sup>

1863 Dec 21 Reg No.371 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Tidasmid, Monaghan; Aged 27yrs; Height 5' 10"; Soldier; Single; Ship ‘Choice’.<sup>394</sup>

Private James McKenna had a ‘gunshot wound through left side (ball since extracted), dangerous (No.7). J. E. Young, M.D., Staff Surgeon.”<sup>395</sup>

1865 May 22 Letter written by Captain Thomas Hempton, Paymaster’s Office, Taranaki Military Settlers.

“Captain Plaice of the Schooner ‘Choice’ embarked at Port Cooper 49 men of Captain Carthew’s enlisting in the Province of Canterbury and had to land one man who put his ankle out and on his arrival here was paid for the passage of 48 men only, the Commanding Officer of Militia Captain Brown, not feeling he had the authority to pay for the 49 according to the written agreement given by Captain Carthew “that all put on board were to be paid for.” Captain Plaice who has lost his Vessel here, respectfully submits this Statement to the honourable the Minister of Colonial Defence and would be grateful to him for an order to the Sub-Treasurer for the passage money (five pounds). I certify that the above is correct.”<sup>396</sup>

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<sup>393</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>394</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>395</sup> Taranaki Herald 09 Apr 1864 Defeat at Ahuahu

<sup>396</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 23d CD1865/2271 Letter by Captain Thomas Hempton, Paymaster, Taranaki Military Settlers 22 May 1865

1865 Aug 03 Letter from Captain Edward Carthew, No.4 Company, Taranaki Military Settlers to Lieut-Colonel Lepper, commanding TMS  
“Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of Captain Holt, that upon making enquiries into the circumstances of the man being sent ashore from the Schooner ‘Choice’ at Lyttelton I find from the man who was the non-commissioned officer in charge (now a private in No.9 Company Taranaki Military Settlers named in the margin (Pte Js. Fiddes) that the Captain (Plaice) had him conveyed ashore on his own responsibility and that upon his remonstrating with Captain Plaice was told that he was Captain of the vessel and also of those on board. I can only... my former statement, that it was done without my knowledge or consent. Trusting this statement will prove satisfactory.”<sup>397</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated 14 Sep 1882 at Wellington; Address: James McKenna, Post Office, Christchurch; Corp in which served: No.4 Company Military Settlers No.371; Period of service in the field: March & April 1864 wounded on 06 Apr 1864 by Rifle Ball in left side whilst on outpost duty under Captain Lloyd, H.M. 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, discharged April 1865; Remarks: None<sup>398</sup>

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<sup>397</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 23d CD1865/2271 Letter Captain Carthew to Lt-Colonel Lepper 03 Aug 1865

<sup>398</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/35 Item 1749 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

**McMAHON (Lieutenant)**

14<sup>th</sup> Regiment

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'; Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary General.<sup>399</sup>

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<sup>399</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

**William MITCHELL**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.2729

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 36 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>400</sup>

1871 at Fermoy, Ireland (Corporal – attached from 52<sup>nd</sup> Regt Depot)<sup>401</sup>; At Te Ranga<sup>402</sup>

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<sup>400</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>401</sup> Findmypast – 1871 Worldwide British Army Index for the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 1871

<sup>402</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)

**“Moses”**

1865 Friendly native who acted as overseer during most of the period of building whares for the troops.<sup>403</sup>

1870 Mar 23 Hoisted a red blanket as a signal to the schooner ‘Falcon’ so that the vessel might distinguish the place, and could come in and anchor.<sup>404</sup>

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<sup>403</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 34/ay CD1866/1366 Letter Captain Thomas Horan to the Garrison Adjutant, New Plymouth 15 Mar 1866

<sup>404</sup> Taranaki Herald 02 Apr 1870 Page 2 The Wreck of the Schooner ‘Falcon’

**William Morris NEWSHAM (1848-1921)**

Taranaki Rifle Volunteers

1864 Jul 04 Enrolled in the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers (William Newsham)<sup>405</sup>

1867 Private William Newsham, Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers - height recorded as 5' 9" in a roll recording the sizes of tunics, trousers & caps<sup>406</sup>

"Private, No.2 Coy; Also Taranaki Bush Rangers, Taranaki Mounted Volunteers; Te Aroha; Huirangi 1861; Katikara 4/5/1863; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Te Ahuahu 6/4/1864; Manutahi 8/9/1864; Opunake; Issued 1913; 3327; AD32/340."<sup>407</sup>

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Letter dated 27 Nov 1912 William Newsham, Te Aroha to the Hon. Minister for Defence

I, William Newsham, late of No.2 Company Volunteers, Taranaki, served under Captain Atkinson 1863 and 1864, also in Bush Rangers and later, a mounted Trooper under Captain Mace, being under several engagements, respectfully make application for service medal which I understand, will be issued to me upon application. Signed William Newsham and W. B. Maxwell, Old Comrade.

Letter dated 17 Dec 1912 New Zealand Military Forces Headquarters, Wellington to William Newsham, Te Aroha

Re Claim for a New Zealand War Medal. I am directed by the Hon. the Minister of Defence to reply to your communication of 27<sup>th</sup> November last. Enclosed please find a form of application for the above-mentioned medal, which must be filled in and signed by yourself. It will be necessary to obtain a certificate from some officer under whom you served, or a statutory declaration from old comrades (no stamp required), that of their own personal knowledge they can affirm you were under fire, and actually saw you taking part in any engagement or skirmish to which you may refer. When completed, all papers must be submitted to the nearest Stipendiary Magistrate, who will appoint a date for the hearing of your claim. He will then return the file to this office with his report thereon for consideration, and should the same be favourable the medal will be issued in due course. Signed G. C. B. Wolfe, Colonel. Adjutant General.

Note dated 20 Jan 1913: This is to certify that Trooper William Newsham served under me in Taranaki Mounted Volunteers in the Maori War of 1860 and was under fire at Huirangi, Katikara, Kaitake, Manuthi, Opunake, Ahu Ahu. Signed F. Mace, N.Z.C., late Captain Taranaki Military Settlers.

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<sup>405</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>406</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>407</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)



New Zealand Colonial Forces – Form of Application for the New Zealand War Medal

Application dated 28 Jan 1913 at Te Aroha; Name and Address: William Newsham, Te Aroha; Corps in which served: Taranaki Mounted Volunteers; Names & dates of engagements: Huirangi, Katikara, Kaitaki, Manutihi, Opunaki, Ahu Ahu 1860; Remarks: Have not previously applied for medal.

William Newsham sworn: I joined first the Volunteer No.2 Company at New Plymouth in the year 1863. I remained in that Company four or five months. Then I joined Captain Mace's Taranaki Mounted Volunteers. We went into Camp first at Oakura. From there we went with the Imperial Troops in their engagements against the natives. First time I was under fire was at Sentry Hill. I was engaged in active hostilities against the natives for about 18 months during that time I was under fire at Huirangi, Katikara, Kaitaki, Manutihi, Opunaki and Ahu Ahu. I think in all or nearly all of these engagements I was with my company acting along with the Imperial Forces. I was never wounded. Captain Mace of Oakura, Taranaki can certify that I was present at the engagements I have mentioned. I left the Company in 1867 and I went to Thames Goldfield in the year 1868. Mr Maxwell of Te Aroha can corroborate my statement with respect to my being under fire at Kaitaki and Ahu Ahu as he was a private serving in the same company.

William Buchanan Maxwell – ... I was in Taranaki Bush Rangers under Major Atkinson. I knew William Newsham. He was in the Mounted Volunteers attached to our Company. I was present with him in engagements against the natives at Kaitaki where he was for several hours under fire. I was also in the engagement with him at Ahu Ahu where Captain Lloyd was killed. I was also with him during all the West Coast skirmishing but there were... many actual engagements I have no doubt whatever that he is deserving of the War Medal and am surprised that he did not apply years ago for his medal.

Letter dated 03 Feb 1913 Magistrate's Court, Thames to the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, N.Z. Military Forces, Wellington  
I beg to forward, herewith, an application by Mr William Newsham of Te Aroha for the grant to him of a New Zealand War Medal. I have known Mr Newsham, personally for a long time and would have no hesitation in accepting as true any statement by him. From my interview with him and Mr William Buchanan Maxwell the holder of a New Zealand War Medal who was under fire with Mr Newsham in several engagements I am satisfied that Mr Newsham is entitled to the medal. His claim is supported by the certificates of Mr F. Mace of Oakura, Taranaki late Captain of the Taranaki Mounted Volunteers (enclosed herewith) and I have no hesitation in recommending that the medal be granted to him.

Letter dated 14 Feb 1913 Major R. H. Collins, Adjutant General to Mr W. Bock, Lambton Quay, Wellington  
Will you please have the enclosed N.Z. War Medal re-engraved with the name of Wm. Newsham, Taranaki Mounted Volunteers, erasing that of H. Dailey, 3<sup>rd</sup> (Waikato) Regiment. Delete dates (1861-1866) from back and polish.

Letter dated 26 Feb 1913 Colonel G. C. B. Wolfe for Adjutant General to William Newsham, Te Aroha

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith your N.Z. War Medal for services rendered with the Taranaki Mounted Volunteers. Will you please sign the enclosed receipt in the presence of a witness and return same to this office at your early convenience.

Receipt for a New Zealand War Medal dated 01 Mar 1913 at Te Aroha

I, William Newsham hereby acknowledge to have received from the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Forces a New Zealand War Medal awarded to me for services rendered with the Taranaki Mounted Volunteers. Witness: T. A. Walker.<sup>408</sup>

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*New Zealand Herald 09 Jun 1924 A Pioneer Passes*

Old residents of the goldfields and Waikato will regret to learn of the sudden death in Auckland last week of Mrs Jane Alexandra Newsham, in her 60<sup>th</sup> year. The late Mrs Newsham was the very first white girl born in the Alexandra (now Pirongia) district, at the time of the armed constabulary occupation. She afterwards lived at Wairongomai, near Te Aroha, when the goldmine boom took place. When Wairongomai "petered out," Mrs Newsham and her husband went to Te Aroha, where they lived until a year or so ago. Mrs Newsham was predeceased by her husband about 12 months ago. Mr Newsham was a Maori War veteran, who had some sterling deeds to his credit and was afterwards a prospector. He was one of the last of the old band to give up searching for a paying reef in the Te Aroha hills. Mr Newsham owned several goldmines, but the cost of treatment of those of them near Te Aroha was not compensated for by the returns to a sufficient extent to work them thoroughly. The deceased leaves two sons, Messrs W. and T. Newsham of Auckland, and three daughters, Mrs J. Boles of Morrinsville, Mrs W. C. Coote of Matamata and Mrs A. N. Thompson of Matamata.

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<sup>408</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/7 Item 340 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

**Patrick O'NEILL**

## Taranaki Mounted Volunteers

1865 Jun 01 Whatino Skirmish. "...while doing so Pte O'Neill turned off the track to the left and rode close on to the native immediately in front of me the native fired and hit him in the shoulder, he fell off his horse almost on to the native... I told two men, A. Harrison and T. Mace, to carry O'Neill to the rear in case of our having to retire... Pte O'Neill died a few days after from the affects of his wound, on our way back to Camp O'Neill being in great agony and his horse having bolted when he fell off..."<sup>409</sup>

On Friday week, provisions being rather short at the Camp at Te Namu, five mounted men belonging to the Taranaki mounted volunteers, under a Corporal Johnston, were sent out to drive in some cattle; they had not proceeded far when they fell in with a party of six armed natives. On our men chasing them, the natives fired a volley and fled, mortally wounding O'Neill; the remaining four armed with nothing but their revolvers, dashed after them, killed three, and badly wounded two more; one in the neck, and one in the back. Fearing an ambuscade, allowed the three to escape, and returned to camp with their wounded comrade, and the arms of the natives, and a mere which one of the natives carried. O'Neill died on Saturday [3<sup>rd</sup>]. His body was brought into New Plymouth by the 'Ahuriri', which arrived on Sunday [4<sup>th</sup>]. It was buried on Monday last [5<sup>th</sup>] with the usual military honours.<sup>410</sup>

"Sacred to the memory of Mary the beloved wife of Henry Henderson died May 29<sup>th</sup> 1888 aged 47 years. Also Blanch daughter of the above died Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1887 aged 11 years. Also Lorenz son of the above died Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1892 aged 26 years; In memory of Henry Henderson who died 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1894. Also Henry Henderson died 27<sup>th</sup> May 1895 aged 22 years. And of **Patrick O'Neill** killed in a skirmish with the natives of Opunake on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1865 aged 32 years."<sup>411</sup>

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<sup>409</sup> An account related by Lieutenant Johnson 1872 - Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 115/an CD1872/1603

<sup>410</sup> New Zealand Herald 12 June 1865 New Plymouth

<sup>411</sup> NZ Society of Genealogists Headstone Transcription Te Henui Cemetery, New Plymouth

**Edward OLSON (1843-)**

## Taranaki Mounted Volunteers

1864 Jul 04 Enrolled in the Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers<sup>412</sup>

1865 Jun 01 Whatino Skirmish<sup>413</sup>

1867 Non-efficient Private Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers - height recorded as 5' 10" in a roll recording the sizes of tunics, trousers and caps<sup>414</sup>

"(also Olsen) Trooper; also 7<sup>th</sup> Div Armed Constabulary (30/5/1869-); New Plymouth; Kaitake 3/1864 and 3 other engagements West Coast over 4 years; Born 1843, Leicester; *Gazette* 1871; Issued 12/7/1872; 1750; AD32/3778; Medal possibly not received."<sup>415</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated 24 Jan 1870 at New Plymouth; Address: Edward Olson, New Plymouth; Corp in which served: Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 6 years Trooper; Period of service in the field: Four years. Kaitake Feb 1864; Ahu Ahu Feb 1864; Kaitake 24 Mar 1864; Watino 01 Jun 1865 Cornet Johnson in charge; Remarks: Edward Olson conspicuously distinguished himself at Watino the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1865.<sup>416</sup>

1893 Aug 19 We extract the following from the *Aberdeen Evening Gazette* of June 23:- "A very good example of a capable and enterprising colonial settler visited our good city little over week ago in the person of Mr E. Olson, of Woodlands, Taranaki, New Zealand. Mr Olson, who is a brother-in-law of Mr A. G. Road, the esteemed traffic superintendent of the Great North of Scotland Railway, as we learn from the New Zealand papers, has been an exceptionally successful breeder of cattle. The kind of pure stock he chiefly cultivates is Ayrshire cattle, dairying being a leading feature in his farming operations. And, indeed, the main object of his present visit to this country is to purchase selected specimens of the best class of Ayrshires to enable him to maintain the high character of his stock, which have taken a front place at all the cattle shows around his home. As regards Mr Olson's career, it may be stated that after having, in early life served for several years as a volunteer cavalryman during the Maori war, he followed up his soldiering by shouldering his axe, and, though his knowledge of farming was but slight, setting stoutly on to clear a holding for himself. That was in 1874. Beginning with 60 acres of level bush land, with one or two stout hearted "chums" to help him to cut a road into his section, he, by 1879, was able to take the prize for the best bush farm in the district, the extent of land he had by that time, enclosed in a ring fence, and laid out, extending to 120 acres. His paddocks are now in luxuriant grass and

<sup>412</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>413</sup> Taranaki Herald 10 Jun 1865 Skirmish at Whatino

<sup>414</sup> Capitation Roll – Taranaki Cavalry Volunteers 1867 – Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8790 ARM41/8 1871/11

<sup>415</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>416</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/59 Item 3778 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

he has about a hundred head of cattle, thirty being pure Ayrshires. As indicated, he has pursued dairying systematically and the prizes he and Mrs Olson have taken by exhibiting at local shows exceed a hundred in number.<sup>417</sup>

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<sup>417</sup> Taranaki Herald 19 Aug 1893 A Taranaki Settler in Aberdeen

**Robert Reid PARRIS (1816-1904)**

New Zealand Militia

1816 Born at Tatworth near Chard, Somerset, England – son of William Parris and Agnes formerly Hutchins nee Dommett<sup>418</sup>

1838 Married Mary Whitmore in Colyton Parish Church, Devon<sup>419</sup>

1842 Arrived by the ship 'Blenheim'<sup>420</sup>

1859 Appointed Assistant Native Secretary<sup>421</sup>

1863 Jun 11 Appointed Captain New Zealand Militia (unattached)<sup>422</sup>

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui' with a canoe and five natives – the canoe hoisted on board; Assistant Native Secretary.<sup>423</sup>  
Mr Parris was “appointed a captain in the New Zealand Militia in June 1863 and was promoted to Major in May 1865. A month later he again met Te Ua Haumene and Ngati Ruanui at the Waingongoro River where he accepted the surrender of Hone Pihama and the Taranaki tribe.”<sup>424</sup>

1865 May 06 Appointed Major New Zealand Militia (unattached)<sup>425</sup>

1865 Sep 02 Appointed Civil Commissioner for the District of Taranaki<sup>426</sup>

1866 ... Present at Weraroa under Governor Sir George Grey with the Colonial Forces under Major Rookes; Kaipikari under Brigadier Warre; At Manutahi and Mataitawa under Brigadier Warre<sup>427</sup>

1866 Aug 24 Appointed Judge of the Compensation Court for the Colony of New Zealand<sup>428</sup>

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<sup>418</sup> Man in the Middle – The Life of Robert Parris 1816-1904 by Beverley Reeves (2015) pages 20-21

<sup>419</sup> Man in the Middle – The Life of Robert Parris 1816-1904 by Beverley Reeves (2015) pages 25

<sup>420</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 21 - Life summary recorded on the memorial brass on the remaining portion of the original wall of St Mary's Church, New Plymouth – Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

<sup>421</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 22b – pencil written biographical notes

<sup>422</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 7 – original signed Proclamation – Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

<sup>423</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>424</sup> Ian Church. 'Parris, Robert Reid', from the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, updated 30-Oct-2012

<sup>425</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 8 – original signed Proclamation and item 14 Letter from the Undersecretary, Colonial Defence Office dated 15 Jun 1865 – Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

<sup>426</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 9 – original signed Proclamation – Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

<sup>427</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 15 – Letter from Parris to Lt. Col. Stapp 08 Aug 1888 listing “an account of my services in connection with the New Zealand War enumerating some of the chief events but not those of less importance – which I was present under fire” ... so as to “entitle me to have my Commission and Rank as Major retained on the New Zealand Army List.” – Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

1872 Jan 08 Opunake Police £100 14s 6d  
1872 Feb 06 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1872 Mar 01 Opunake £41 17s<sup>429</sup>  
1872 Apr 17 Opunake £39 3s  
1872 May 17 Opunake £41 17s  
1872 Jun 29 Opunake £40 10s  
1872 Aug 08 Opunake £82 7s  
1872 Sep 20 Opunake £83 14s  
1872 Oct 18 Opunake £40 10s  
1872 Nov 14 Opunake £41 17s  
1873 Jan 10 Opunake £92 19s  
1873 Apr 08 Opunake £121 10s  
1873 May 16 Opunake £40 10s  
1873 Jun 09 Opunake £41 17s  
1873 Jul 14 Opunake Police £40 10s  
1873 Aug 04 Opunake £41 17s  
1873 Sep 06 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1873 Oct 16 Opunake Police £40 10s  
1873 Nov 07 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1873 Dec 12 Opunake Police £40 10s  
1874 Jan 23 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1874 Feb 23 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1874 Mar 09 Opunake Police £37 16s  
1874 Apr 02 Opunake Police £80 7s  
1874 May 04 Opunake Police £40 10s  
1874 May 30 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1874 Jun 30 Opunake Police £40 10s  
1874 Aug 14 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1874 Sep 04 Opunake Police £41 17s

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<sup>428</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 10 – original signed Proclamation – Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

<sup>429</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 20 – Account Book 1872-1878 “The Bank of New Zealand in account with Robert Parris Esq., Official account book” – includes what appears to be payments to individual people and for public works, land purchases &c - Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

1874 Oct 10 Opunake Police £40 10s  
1874 Nov 07 Opunake Police £41 17s  
1875 Mar 25 Opunake Police £37 16s  
1875 Apr 17 Opunake Police £84 9s  
1875 May 05 Opunake Police £90  
1875 Jun 03 Opunake Police £93  
1875 Jul 08 Opunake Police £90  
1875 Aug 05 Opunake Police £93  
1875 Oct 08 Opunake Police £90  
1875 Dec 11 Opunake Police £90  
1876 Jan 01 Opunake Police £93  
1876 Feb 12 Opunake Police £93  
1876 May 18 Opunake Police £90  
1876 Jun 24 Opunake Police £88 7s  
1876 Oct 19 Opunake Police £83 14s & £81  
1876 Dec 28 Opunake Police £64 16s 8d  
1877 Jan 04 Opunake Police £66 12s 8d  
1877 Feb 22 Opunake Police £53 16s  
1877 Mar 26 Opunake Police £50 8s  
1877 May 22 Opunake H. Police £54  
1877 Jul 05 Opunake H. Police £55 16s  
1877 Sep 18 Opunake Police £55 16s  
1877 Dec 17 Opunake Police £54



**Richard PEED**

## Taranaki Mounted Volunteers

1865 Jun 01 Whatino Skirmish. "I would mention that at the commencement of the skirmish Pte Peed's horse took fright and rushed through the fern among the natives, one of whom struck him with the butt end of his gun, rending him almost senseless until the affair was over... Richard Peed was turned out of the Corps for misconduct."<sup>430</sup>

1865 Jun 09-11 "Colonel Warre left Waingongoro for the return march to New Plymouth about 3 o'clock P.M. the 9th instant, and as they were passing through the Waimate district, one of the mounted men, Richard Peed, accidentally fell from his horse, and his comrades left him (not intentionally I presume), when his horse ran inland, and he followed it, and whilst doing so was captured by the insurgents near a place called Te Kanae, where the Native I had sent to them fortunately was stopping, and the next day, 10th instant, he came into Waingongoro to report the capture of the European, who was armed with a sword and revolver. I sent him back with a request that they would send in the European and all his accoutrements, so that when we met, out talk might be marama (clear, unrestrained). The following day, the 11th instant (Sunday) R. Peed was sent in to me, together with his horse and accoutrements, and also a pocket-handkerchief with five shillings in it, which Peed insisted upon given them for their kindness to him, but they refused to keep it, stating that it might be said they had liberated him for money."<sup>431</sup>

1865 Jun 10 On the return journey of the mounted men from Waingongoro, one of the corps named Peed, having been treated too hospitably it is thought at the latter place, suddenly started off at full gallop inland, and though followed for some miles could not be overtaken... [Later intelligence]... that Richard Peed, of the Mounted Corps was brought into camp at Waimate by four of the rebel Maoris, and given up to Major Butler, with his horse and accoutrements, as he had fallen into their hands. The four rebels gave themselves up, and signified it to be the intention of the tribes around to give in their submission to the Queen's authority.<sup>432</sup>

1868 Mar 04 Richard Peed, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined 10s and costs.<sup>433</sup>

1868 Mar 09 George Scott v. Richard Peed. Claim £7 10s. This case arose out of a circumstance connected with the late Quixotic voyage of the 'Kaiuma'. In her predilection for an "overland passage," she run ashore (they hardly know where) and signaled the vessel, of which the

<sup>430</sup> An account related by Lieutenant Johnson 1872 - Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 115/an CD1872/1603

<sup>431</sup> British Parliamentary Papers – Affairs of New Zealand – February 1866 – Despatch No.31 Enclosure No.2 – Report of Mr Parris, Assistant Native Secretary who accompanied Colonel Warre on the expedition south of Opunake

<sup>432</sup> Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 22 Jun 1865 Taranaki

<sup>433</sup> Wanganui Herald 04 Mar 1868 Resident Magistrate's Court

plaintiff is master, for assistance, which was freely given. The above claim was for detention, and for repairing the 'Kaiuma'. Judgment confessed.<sup>434</sup>

1868 Mar 25 Admitted to Wellington Hospital with 'Stricture' – Richard Peed of Wanganui aged 24yrs, Roman Catholic<sup>435</sup>  
1868 May 14 Discharged from Wellington Hospital<sup>436</sup>

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<sup>434</sup> Wanganui Herald 09 Mar 1868 Resident Magistrate's Court

<sup>435</sup> Admissions & Discharge Book for Wellington Hospital 1847-1880 Entry No.233 (1868) - Archives NZ Reference ABRR 6889 W4595/1

<sup>436</sup> Admissions & Discharge Book for Wellington Hospital 1847-1880 Entry No.233 (1868) - Archives NZ Reference ABRR 6889 W4595/1

## John PLEDGER

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.253

1861 at Fort St George, Madras (Private)<sup>437</sup>

1863 Dec 13 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>438</sup>

1864 Mar 26 Subscription List 28 Jan to 17 Mar 1864 for the relief of the wives and children of soldiers now serving in the Province of Auckland – from Officers and men of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry per Captain Horan – Private John Pledger 1s<sup>439</sup>

1864 Apr 29 Present at Gate Pa<sup>440</sup>

1864 Jun 21 Present at Te Ranga<sup>441</sup>

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 15 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>442</sup>

1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>443</sup>

1867 Jul 31<sup>444</sup>

1867 Jul 31 Transferred to M.S.S. Corps<sup>445</sup>

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<sup>437</sup> Findmypast – 1861 Worldwide Army Index – from April to June quarter Paylists held in National Archives – WO12/5616

<sup>438</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>439</sup> New Zealand Herald 26 Mar 1864 Subscription List from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> March 1864

<sup>440</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>441</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>442</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>443</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>444</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)

<sup>445</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

## John REDDY

1866 Feb 13 Interpreter at Camp Opunaki<sup>446</sup>

1880 Sep 11 Death Registration – John Reddy aged 76 years<sup>447</sup> Buried 01 Sep at Te Henui<sup>448</sup>

1888 Sep 17 Hannah Reddy died – buried at Te Henui Anglican Row 7 Lot 2 Plot 1<sup>449</sup>

1901 Jun 29 “On Thursday, on the application of Mr Hughes, letters of administration with the will annexed were granted to George Stockman of the estate of the late John Reddy, who died in 1880.”<sup>450</sup>

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<sup>446</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 60d CD 1867/4410 Letter John Reddy to Robert Parris, New Plymouth 13 Feb 1866

<sup>447</sup> Births, Deaths and Marriages online

<sup>448</sup> New Plymouth District Council Cemetery Search

<sup>449</sup> New Plymouth District Council Cemetery Search

<sup>450</sup> Taranaki Herald 29 Jun 1901 Page 2

**John H. REEVES (1837-)**

Taranaki Military Settlers

“Private, No.3 Coy; Town belt, Greymouth; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Te Ahuahu 6/4/1864; Opunake 1865; Warea 1865; Born 1837, Somerset; Issued 1913; 3235; AD32/453.”<sup>451</sup>

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New Zealand Colonial Forces – Form of Application for the New Zealand War Medal

Application dated 18 Apr 1901 at Taylorville; Name and Address: John Reeves, c/o John Walker, Storekeeper, Taylorville, Grey Valley, West Coast; Corps in which served: No.3 Company Military Settlers, private, volunteered for 3 years; Names & dates of engagements: About 2 years. At Kaitake on 11 Mar 1864, Opunake-Warea and Stoney River; Remarks: J. Reeves was at Tupoka & Opunake under fire; with the late Captain Corbet, Taranaki Military Settlers.

Letter dated 15 June 1901 Arthur P. Douglas, Under Secretary Defence to John Reeves, c/o John Walker, Storekeeper, Taylorville, Grey Valley  
In reply to your application for a New Zealand War Medal I beg to inform you that the New Zealand Government decided some time ago that no further issues of that Medal for service during the Native Wars in this Colony were to be made. Therefore your application cannot be granted.

Letter dated 14 Jan 1913 John Reeves, Town Belt, Greymouth to Minister of Defence

Sir, I am applying for the New Zealand War Medal. I was a private in No.3 Company Military Settlers, Captain F. J. Mace, N.Z.C. I was present at the taking of Kaitake Pah and was one of the Expedition that went to Opunake some time after Kaitake was taken and was under fire on two or three occasions but the names of the Maori villages I do not know as it is a long time ago. I applied for the Medal about 11 years ago but the answer I got from the Under Secretary of Defence was that no more Medals would be issued. A reply to this I respectfully solicit. I remain your humble servant, John Reeves.

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<sup>451</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

Letter dated 21 Jan 1913 New Zealand Military Forces Headquarters Wellington to John Reeves, Town Belt, Greymouth  
Re Claim for a New Zealand War Medal. I am directed by the Hon. Acting Minister of Defence to reply to your communication of 14<sup>th</sup> instant. Enclosed please find a form of application for the above-mentioned medal, which must be filled in and signed by yourself. It will be necessary to obtain a certificate from some officer under whom you served, or a statutory declaration from old comrades (no stamp required), that of their own personal knowledge they can affirm you were under fire, and actually saw you taking part in any engagement or skirmish to which you may refer. When completed, all papers must be submitted to the nearest Stipendiary Magistrate, who will appoint a date for the hearing of your claim. He will then return the file to this office with his report thereon for consideration, and should the same be favourable the medal will be issued in due course. Signed G. C. B. Wolfe. Colonel. Adjutant-General.

New Zealand Colonial Forces – Form of Application for the New Zealand War Medal

Application dated 29 Jan 1913 at Greymouth; Name and Address: John Reeves, Town Belt, Greymouth, Miner; Corps in which served: No.3 Company Military Settlers, private, about a year and nine months. I was engaged for three years – not numbered; Name of division, regiment, company or corps serving with at time of being actually under fire: 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment and I think the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment; Names & dates of engagements: at Kaitake in 1864, at Ahu Ahu in 1864, at Opunake in 1865, at Warea in 1865; Remarks: I applied between 11 and 12 years ago the answer I received from Sir A. Douglas Under Secretary for Defence was that no more War Medals were to be issued.

Statement 08 Feb 1913 John Reeves, Town Belt, Greymouth Gold Mines being sworn said

“I am at present an old age Pensioner but an applicant for a Military Pension and a New Zealand War Medal. I consider myself entitled to the Military Pension are as follows: I joined the Taranaki Military Settlers Corps under Captain Mace (No.3 Company) at Nelson in the latter end of 1863 or beginning of 1864 and served with this Corps for about 2 years. During the time I was in the Corps I took part in four skirmishes and on each of these occasions was under fire viz Kaitake (1864), Ahu Ahu (1864), Opunake (1865) and Warea (1865). I produce a certificate from Captain F. Mace, N.Z.C., who was the Captain of my Company and who now resides at Oakura which certificate was sent to me by him on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1913. Taken and sworn at Greymouth by me... SM [Stipendiary Magistrate?]

This is to certify that John Reeves served under me in No.3 Company Taranaki Military Settlers and was under fire at Kaitake 1864, Ahu Ahu 1864, Opunake 1865, Warea 1865. Signed F. Mace, N.Z.C., late Captain No.3 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

Letter dated 10 Feb 1913 Stipendiary Magistrate, Greymouth to Colonel Adjutant General, New Zealand Military Forces, Wellington  
Re John Reeves Applicant for the New Zealand Medal. I have the honour to forward to you herewith the application herein together with a certificate given by Captain F. J. Mace, N.Z.C., and the sworn statement of the applicant. I recommend that a medal be presented to Reeves.

Letter dated 7 Mar 1913 Headquarters, New Zealand Military Forces, Wellington to Mr W. Bock, Wellington.  
Will you please have the enclosed New Zealand Medal re-engraved with the name of John Reeves, No.3 Coy. Taranaki Military Settlers, erasing that of J. Tisdale, 3<sup>rd</sup> Waikato Regiment. Delete dates (1861-1866) from back and polish. Signed Lieut-Colonel R. H. Collins, Adjutant-General.

Letter dated 19 Mar 1913 Headquarters, New Zealand Military Forces, Wellington to John Reeves, Town Belt, Greymouth  
I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith your New Zealand War Medal for services rendered with the No.3 Company Taranaki Military Settlers. Will you please sign the enclosed receipt in the presence of a witness and return same to this office at your early convenience. Signed Lieut-Colonel G. C. B. Wolfe, Adjutant-General.

Receipt for a New Zealand War Medal dated 25 Mar 1913 at Greymouth  
I, John Reeves, hereby acknowledge to have received from the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Forces a New Zealand War Medal awarded to me for services rendered with the No.3 Company Taranaki Military Settlers. Witness: Percival Beck.<sup>452</sup>

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1911 John Reeves, Town Belt South, Greymouth, gold miner<sup>453</sup>

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<sup>452</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/10 Item 453 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>453</sup> 1911 Grey Electoral Roll

**David ROBERTS (1837-)**

Taranaki Military Settlers

“Private; Opunake; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Born 1837 Llangwm, Denbighshire; *Gazette* 1871; Issued 30/10/1873; 1981; AD32/3984.”<sup>454</sup>

Reg No. 214 David Roberts, enrolled with the Otago Contingent of the Taranaki Military Settlers 12 Aug 1863 at Dunedin. Born Langellan, Denbighshire, Wales; Trade or calling: Miner; Age at enlistment 27yrs; Height at enlistment 5'5"; Ship 'Geelong'; General observations: Single.<sup>455</sup>

Private David Roberts – Town allotments Lot 44 Sec 12 Huirangi and Lot 30 Sec 24 Manutahi; Farm Land Lot 9 Sec 73 Manutahi – Crown Grants issued.<sup>456</sup>

Application for New Zealand War Medal dated 04 Aug 1871 at Opunaki; Address: David Roberts, Te Ngamu near Opunake; Corp in which served: No.2 Company Military Settlers; Period of service in the field: Under fire at Kaitaki 24 Mar 1864; Remarks: None  
I hereby certify that the above-mentioned was actually under fire (or conspicuously distinguished himself) on the date specified, and is entitled to the New Zealand War Medal, in accordance with the resolution of the House of Representatives dated 01 Sep 1869. Signed Lieutenant John Kelly, No.2 Company Military Settlers.<sup>457</sup>

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<sup>454</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>455</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>456</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers folio 248

<sup>457</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/61 Item 3984 Application for the New Zealand War Medal



**RUSSELL (Major)**

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'; Garrison Adjutant<sup>458</sup>

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<sup>458</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

## George SINGLE

Clerk of Works, Royal Engineers

- 1857 Designed the timber Wellington Provincial Council chambers and offices for the site of the current Parliament.<sup>459</sup>  
1857 Feb 26 Letter informing that specification etc for fire proof room is sent to the Provincial Secretary.<sup>460</sup>  
1858 George Single, Architectural Engineer, Abel Smith Street, Wellington<sup>461</sup>  
1861 Jan 30 Death of Christabella Ann, aged 9 years, only daughter of Mr George Single, Clerk of Works, Royal Engineers.<sup>462</sup>  
1864 Sep 29 Letter transmitting account of timber received at Taranaki from Messrs J. Macfarlane and Company<sup>463</sup>  
1864 Dec 18 John Single is confirmed at St Mary's, New Plymouth<sup>464</sup>  
1865 Jun 01 Provides a cost estimate for materials needed to build the Opunake Tramway to Lieutenant Ferguson.<sup>465</sup>  
1866 Jun 28 Departs with his wife and two sons with a detachment of Royal Engineers on the ship 'Trevelyn'.<sup>466</sup>

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<sup>459</sup> "a distressing lack of regularity": New Zealand architecture in the 1850s – Call for papers for 2012 NZ Architectural history symposium by Christine McCarthy, Convenor posted 22 Aug 2012 <http://s-architecture.blogspot.co.nz/2012/08/s-architecture-distressing-lack-of.html>

<sup>460</sup> Archives NZ Archway Entry ADXS 19480 LS-W2/5 1857/76 Letter written by George Single, Wellington

<sup>461</sup> City of Wellington Electoral Roll dated 29 Jun 1858

<sup>462</sup> Taranaki Herald 02 Feb 1861 Death notice

<sup>463</sup> Archives NZ Archway Entry AAYS 8638 AD1/15/ar CD1864/3221 Letter written by George Single, New Plymouth

<sup>464</sup> ATL MS-Papers-5809 List of Confirmations at St Mary's Church, New Plymouth, 18 Dec 1864

<sup>465</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD 1865/3902 Letter Lieutenant Ferguson to Colonel Mould 31 May 1865

<sup>466</sup> New Zealand Herald 27 Jun 1866 Shipping Intelligence – The Trevelyn

## George SMITH

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.187

1861 at Fort St George, Madras (Private)<sup>467</sup>; At Te Ranga<sup>468</sup>  
1864 Apr 21 Present at Maketu<sup>469</sup>  
1864 Jun 21 Present at Te Ranga<sup>470</sup>  
1865 Jul-Sep Worked 40 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>471</sup>  
1871 at Fermoy, Ireland (Private)<sup>472</sup>

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<sup>467</sup> Findmypast – 1861 Worldwide Army Index – from April to June quarter Paylists held in National Archives – WO12/5616

<sup>468</sup> Participants at the Battle of Gate Pa 29 April 1864 & Battle of Te Ranga 21 June 1864 by Wendy Napier-Walker, Tauranga (April 2014)

<sup>469</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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<sup>471</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

<sup>472</sup> Findmypast – 1871 Worldwide British Army Index for the period 01 Apr to 30 Jun 1871

## J. SMITH

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 11½ days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>473</sup>  
Three John Smiths, all Privates of 43rd at Te Ranga/Gate Pa<sup>474</sup>

Private John Smith (2) Regimental No.263 was present at Maketu, Te Ranga and three Taranaki skirmishes<sup>475</sup>  
Private John Smith (3) Regimental No.303 was present at Gate Pa, Te Ranga and three Taranaki skirmishes<sup>476</sup>  
Private John Smith (4) Regimental No.409 was present at Maketu and 1 Taranaki skirmish<sup>477</sup>

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<sup>473</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

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**Charles STAPP (1825-1900)**

## New Zealand Militia

1825 Apr 26 Born<sup>478</sup>

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s “Wanganui”.<sup>479</sup>

1870 Jan 10 Claim to a New Zealand Medal. Name and address of Claimant: Charles Stapp, Commanding District Taranaki. Date of leaving the service and for what cause: Still in the Taranaki Militia. Period of service in the field: On actual service since 1860, was engaged at Waireki on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 1860, commanding officer Major Brown, was at the taking of Kihihi under Major General Pratt and other skirmishes, was also engaged at Opotiki on the East Coast in 1865. Rank: Captain & Brevet Major.<sup>480</sup>

1870 Jan 24 Application for New Zealand War Medal at Waireka. Address: Stapp, New Plymouth. Corps in which served: Captain Taranaki Militia, 11 years 6 months. Period of service in the field: I cannot reckon service in the field correctly as I was not actually in the field many days altogether, with the exception of 4 months at Opotiki in 1865 – was engaged at Waireka 28 Mar 1860, was engaged at Kihihi October 11<sup>th</sup> 1860, was engaged at Opotiki October 5<sup>th</sup> 1865, was in several other skirmishes – Kaitake 24<sup>th</sup> March 1864. Remarks: Mentioned several times in Dispatches and brought under the notice of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Commander in Chief by Major General Pratt on his giving up the command. Witnessed by Captain Charles Brown at Waireka.<sup>481</sup>

1872 May 21 Letter: Stapp, Brevet Major, Commanding District Taranaki to The Inspector, Militia & Volunteers, Wellington  
 “Sir, I have the honor to state for the information of the Honble. Minister for Colonial Defence that about six months ago I received a medal from the Imperial authorities for service in New Zealand in 1845-6. I have a living witness (Mr McLerie late Adjutant 58<sup>th</sup> who is at present in New South Wales) that I carried a wounded man from under a heavy fire, he came personally to my assistance on that occasion. According to the N.Z. Govt Gazette No 42 dated 27 July 1871 no person is to receive two medals. My reason for writing this is to prevent my name being engraved on one if I am not entitled to it although I have been gazette, but I must say that I think it a hard case if I have nothing to shew that I served in the late war in New Zealand having only the same decoration as many who were only once under fire.”<sup>482</sup>

<sup>478</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Service notes

<sup>479</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook’s Strait

<sup>480</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Application 1

<sup>481</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Application 2

<sup>482</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - No medal 1

1872 May 31 Letter: Lt-Col. Moule to Mr Burrett. "No medal is to be inscribed for Major Charles Stapp. His name appears on the list published in Gazette No.31 folio 244."<sup>483</sup>

"Captain, Major, Lieutenant-Colonel; Also 58<sup>th</sup> Foot (served in Crimea), Captain (2/4/1859-), Adjutant, Taranaki Militia, Taranaki Military Settlers; Taranaki; Waireka 28/3/1860, Puketakauere 27/6/1870, Kaihihi 12/10/1860, Opotiki 1865; Born 1825; Died 6/8/1900, St Mary's, New Plymouth; *Gazette* 1871: 2044; AD32/4193; Medal possibly named to Taranaki Militia; Also received medal for service with 58<sup>th</sup> Foot in First New Zealand War 1845-47."<sup>484</sup>

1938 Mar 21 Letter: G. H. Scholefield, Chief Librarian to The Records Branch, Defence Department, Wellington  
"Major Charles Stapp. I would be obliged if you would furnish me with any particulars from the departmental records of the above officer. I know that he came to New Zealand with the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1845, and came back again after the Crimea; served through the Maori wars and commanded several districts including Taranaki."<sup>485</sup>

1938 Apr 01 Memorandum: H. Turner, Army Secretary to The Chief Librarian, General Assembly Library, Parliament Buildings, Wellington  
"Re Major Stapp. In reply to your memorandum of the 21<sup>st</sup> March, the records of this Department show that the above-named Officer served on the staff of the New Zealand Forces as under:-  
Appointed Adjutant, Taranaki Militia, New Plymouth 03 Jun 1858 and Volunteers in 1859.  
Appointed Captain, 02 Apr 1859 and Brevet-Major 17 Jul 1865.  
Appointed to command the Taranaki Military District 1866.  
Promoted to Lieut-Colonel, N.Z. Militia, 22 Apr 1885. Retired 31 Aug 1891.

He also served in the Maori Wars with Her Majesty's 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment and with the Taranaki Militia in the following appointments:-  
Okaihau Pa 08 May 1845, Waikare River 01 Jul 1845, Ruapekapeka 11 Jan 1846, Waireka Mar 1860 and Opotiki 1865."<sup>486</sup>

Further details of Lieut-Colonel Stapp's service are given in "Heroes of New Zealand and Maori History of the War" by Colonel T. W. Gudgeon."<sup>487</sup>

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<sup>483</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - No medal 2

<sup>484</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>485</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Chief Library enquiry

<sup>486</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Reply to Chief Librarian

<sup>487</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/63 Item 4193 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - To Chief Librarian

**Edward William STOCKMAN (1815-1903)**

Interpreter to Imperial Forces

1865 May 01 Interpreter for the detachment at Opunake<sup>488</sup>

1903 Jul 07 There passed away last night to "that bourne whence no traveler returns" a very old settler, and one who had an eventful history, in the person of Mr E. Stockman, who had attained the ripe age of 92 years. Mr Stockman, who was a native of England, came out to the Bay of Islands in 1832, and for many years he was engaged in the whaling industry in the so-called South Seas, although in reality they are North Seas to New Zealanders. For some time he lived on the island of Ratuma, and during his residence thereon he was artistically and elaborately tattooed by the natives on the body and legs. Mr Stockman eventually returned to New Zealand, and for some time he kept a store at Kawhia for Montifiore and Co., of Sydney, and also traded with the natives for his firm who sent small sailing vessels over for the produce, such as pigs, potatoes, maize, flax, mats, &c. While there he married his first wife, a native of rank belonging to the Ngatiawa tribe, she having been captured and taken into captivity after the Waikatos slaughtered the Ngatiawas at Pukerangiora on the Waitara River opposite Tikorangi. While at Kawhia Mr Stockman had a dramatic incident with the natives. They threatened to loot his store, and to frustrate them he sat on a keg of gunpowder with a lighted stick in his hand and defied them to come on and be blown up along with himself and the store. They did not accept the invitation, and after that, they held him in a good deal of respect. During his residence there Mr Stockman took several trips to Sydney in connection with the business. In the early 50's he came to Taranaki, and started farming in the Mangorei district. When the war broke out Mr Stockman acted as interpreter for the Imperial troops, and in that capacity served through the rebellion. He afterwards started farming in the Tikorangi district, but eventually came back to town, and for many years was a well-known interpreter in Maori affairs. Latterly, owing to failing health, he has lived a retired life. He was married twice. By his first wife he had several children, whose descendants live principally in the Waihi district. By his second wife (nee Miss Gyde) he also had several children.<sup>489</sup>

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<sup>488</sup> AJHR 1865 Section E8 page 3 Papers relative to Expeditions to establish military posts at Pukearuhe near the White Cliffs, Taranaki

<sup>489</sup> Taranaki Herald 07 Jul 1903 Obituary

## Francis Hutchinson SYNGE

Colonel, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment

1841 Sep 07 Ensign<sup>490</sup>  
1846 Jun 09 Lieutenant<sup>491</sup>  
1851 Oct 17 Captain<sup>492</sup>  
1857 Jul 24 Major<sup>493</sup>  
1863 Dec 11 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>494</sup>  
1864 Jun 21 Present at Te Ranga<sup>495</sup>  
1864 May 01 Lt-Colonel<sup>496</sup>

Served as Brigade-Major with the Osmanli Irregular Cavalry in Asia Minor, and marched with them across the Balkans to Shumla; with the 43<sup>rd</sup> in Bundlecund, during the Indian Mutiny; commanded three companies in the action of Girwasa, and four companies in the actions of Oudpore and Doolypore (three times mentioned in dispatches), medal. Served in the New Zealand war of 1864-65, and commanded the line of skirmishes in the action of Te Ranga (horse shot in two places), mentioned in despatches.<sup>497</sup>

1866 Feb 13 "Marched from Warea to Opounaki with about 50 men 43rd L.I. and about 50 Bushrangers, escorting a convoy Col. Syngé in command distance about 25 miles road very sandy, being mostly near the sea side, amidst sand hills and gullies etc."<sup>498</sup>

1866 Feb 14 "Remained encamped at Opounaki, outside the redoubt."<sup>499</sup>

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<sup>490</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

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<sup>494</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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<sup>496</sup> Hart's Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

<sup>497</sup> Historical Records of the Forty-Third Regiment by Sir Richard George Augustus Levinge, Bart (1868) – Roll of the Officers and their Services from the period of embodiment to the close of 1867.

<sup>498</sup> ATL MS-Papers-4968 Military Diary of Thomas Tatlock, G. Company, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry

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1866 Feb 17 "Marched from Opounaki to the Warea with the Field Force under Col. Synge 43rd L.I. escorting the whole of the Carts, Waggons, &c belonging to the original convoy, brought up a few days previous, distance 25 miles."<sup>500</sup>

1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand – present at one skirmish in Taranaki<sup>501</sup>

1866 Apr 17 Departed from Auckland for England on the ship 'Silver Eagle'<sup>502</sup>

1866 Jul 04 Disembarked at Portsmouth<sup>503</sup>

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<sup>501</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>502</sup> Daily Southern Cross 18 Apr 1866 Ports of Auckland

<sup>503</sup> Army and Navy Gazette 07 Jul 1866 43rd Regiment

## Henry Charles TALBOT

43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment

1856 Sep 05 Ensign<sup>504</sup>

1858 Aug 24 Lieutenant<sup>505</sup>

“Served in the campaign in Central India in 1858-59 with the Saugor field force (Medal).<sup>506</sup>

1863 Dec 11 Commenced service in New Zealand<sup>507</sup>

1865 Oct 22 Won the Matakaha Stakes at the Opunake Bay Races on Mr Rowan’s “b.h. Faugh a Ballagh” over two miles “entirely through sound judgment and good riding.”<sup>508</sup>

1865 Dec 26 Steward at 2<sup>nd</sup> Opunake Race meeting; won the Opunake Plate over 1½ miles on Ensign Rowan’s ‘Faugh a Ballagh’; won the Hurry Scurry Stakes over ½ mile on Lieut. Clark’s ‘Boy’; came second in the Garrison Plate over 1 mile on Capt. Blyth’s ‘Taranaki’; and failed to defend the Matakaha Stakes due to ‘Faugh a Ballagh’ dropping dead during the race.<sup>509</sup>

1866 Mar 08 Ended service in New Zealand<sup>510</sup>

1866 Apr 17 Captain Talbot departed from Auckland for England on the ship ‘Silver Eagle’<sup>511</sup>

1867 Aug 21 Retired from the service<sup>512</sup>

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<sup>504</sup> Hart’s Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 304

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<sup>506</sup> Hart’s Army List 1865 – 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regt. Of F. (Lt. Inf.) page 303 note 18

<sup>507</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

<sup>508</sup> Taranaki Herald 28 Oct 1865 Opunake Bay Races (from a correspondent)

<sup>509</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 Jan 1866 Opunake Races

<sup>510</sup> The 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry in New Zealand compiled by Leonard. L. Barton, New South Wales Military History Society (1976) Claims to New Zealand Medal under General Order 17 of 1869 Fort Regent, Jersey

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**Thomas TATLOCK**

Private "G" Company, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment No.516

1860 Feb 02 "Enlisted for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry at Charles St., Westminster"<sup>513</sup>

1861 Private Thomas Tatlock, 43<sup>rd</sup> Foot (Monmouthshire) Depot – Regiment stationed at Chatham.<sup>514</sup>

1863 Nov 30 "Embarked on board the Troop Ship 'Silver Eagle' at Gravesend, for Auckland, New Zealand, having a rough passage out."<sup>515</sup>

1864 Mar 04 Commenced service in New Zealand – present at three skirmishes in Taranaki<sup>516</sup>

1864 Mar 07 "Marched from Auckland to Otahuhu about 10 miles, having previously exchanged our Red, for Blue Tunics and obtaining Water and other requisites for the Field, from the stores in Auckland."<sup>517</sup>

1864 Nov 18 "Marched from Otahuhu to Onehunga with the Left Wing 43 L.I. under the command of Major Colville and embarked on board the steam ship 'Alexandria', General Cameron being one of the passengers on board, this steamer was afterwards wrecked on the coast of Taranaki."<sup>518</sup>

1864 Nov 19 "Landed at Taranaki, in surf boats getting very wet, and being carried ashore, in mens arms, then marching to Fort Cameron where we lay in Tents again."<sup>519</sup>

1866 Feb 13 "Marched from Warea to Opounaki with about 50 men 43rd L.I. and about 50 Bushrangers, escorting a convoy Col. Synge in command distance about 25 miles road very sandy, being mostly near the sea side, amidst sand hills and gullies etc."<sup>520</sup>

1866 Feb 14 "Remained encamped at Opounaki, outside the redoubt."<sup>521</sup>

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<sup>513</sup> ATL MS-Papers-4968 Military Diary of Thomas Tatlock, G. Company, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry

<sup>514</sup> Findmypast 1861 Worldwide Army Index Transcription – National Archives Reference WO12/5616

<sup>515</sup> ATL MS-Papers-4968 Military Diary of Thomas Tatlock, G. Company, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry

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1866 Mar 08 "Embarked on board the screw corvette 'Brisk' for Auckland..."<sup>523</sup>

1866 Apr 16 "Marched from Otahuhu to Auckland and embarked on board the 'Silver Eagle' for England with Head Quarters and 6 companies 43rd L.I. Crowds of people at Auckland witnessing the Regiment depart."<sup>524</sup>

1868 Apr 23 ... "Marched with 43<sup>rd</sup> L.I. from the End Block Barracks, Aldershot to Farnborough Station, there proceeding Per S. W. Railway to Portsmouth and embarking on board H.M.S. ship 'Urgent' for the Channel Islands..."<sup>525</sup>

1869 Apr 21 "Landed in Kingstown and proceeded by rail to Dublin then marched through part of the town about 2 miles and again proceeded by rail to the Curragh Camp..."<sup>526</sup>

1869 Aug 06 "To Fermoy, the Left Wing of the Regt having arrived here the previous day."<sup>527</sup>

1871 Mar 08 "Discharged from the service at Spike Island."<sup>528</sup>

1871 Mar 08 Private Thomas Tatlock discharged in Ireland. Character: "Good 1M". Compensation and with whom lodged: £10 "R. Paymaster". Amount of Service towards G. C. Pay and Pension: 11 years 27 days. Amount of Service towards Completion of Limited Engagement: 11 years 27 days. Date of Discharge: 08 Mar 1871.<sup>529</sup>

1871 Mar 10 "Left Spike Island by steamer 'Juno' or rather Cook Harbour bound to Bristol."<sup>530</sup>

1871 Mar 11 "Arrived at Bristol (Cumberland Basin) 9 a.m. Left Bristol about 1.30 p.m. and arrived in London at 4.55 p.m."<sup>531</sup>

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<sup>529</sup> Findmypast Chelsea Pensioners' discharge document 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot – National Archives Reference WO121 Box 0225

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**Arama Karaka TE RAEUAUA**<sup>532</sup>Haumiti hapu, Taranaki tribe<sup>533</sup>

- 1860 Apr 01 “Arama Karaka, chief of Waiaua, is badly wounded in the neck, and had he not been putting out his tongue with his head inclined forward, making grimaces at the volunteers, when he was hit, would have been shot mortally.”<sup>534</sup>
- 1862 Nov 15 “A correspondent of the *Advertiser* (Wellington) writing to that journal says – If your list of the Maori Nobility is not yet filled up might I not ask you to add the following: Arama Karaka, under the title of Lord Namu. Crest – a steamer on a reef of rocks, with the Maori King flag at the peak, and the English ensign underneath. Motto – “Britain may rule the waves, but she does not rule at the Namu.”<sup>535</sup>
- 1863 Mar 07 “A most successful operation was performed last week by Dr MacKinnon, 57<sup>th</sup> Regt., assisted by Drs McShane, Hope, Wilson and Spence, on a Native named Arama Karaka, when a very large fibrous tumour was removed from his neck. He had applied previously to other doctors to cut it out for him, but they did not like to undertake it. He is now out of hospital and doing well.”<sup>536</sup>
- 1865 Apr 29 Mr Parris asked “a young man on horseback named Te Para (A. Karaka’s son)” to take a message to his father inviting him to meet Colonel Warre and himself. About 6pm, just as the s.s. ‘Wanganui’ left Opunake Bay “a white flag was observed coming down from A. Karaka’s kainga”.<sup>537</sup> Parris also referred to Karaka’s son as “Para (Burrows).”<sup>538</sup>
- 1867 Apr 07 “The paddle steamer ‘Prince Alfred’ is expected here today from Manukau, on her way to Opunake, having been chartered to bring up the detachment of the 50<sup>th</sup> there to this place. Opunake will be garrisoned in future by the late Arama Karaka’s people, in whose charge the redoubt and buildings will be left. It is said the Government intend supplying these natives with guns and ammunition, but we can hardly credit it.”<sup>539</sup>

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<sup>532</sup> Taranaki Iwi Trust - Taranaki Iwi / History - <http://taranakiwi.org.nz/taranaki-iwi-history/>

<sup>533</sup> The Taranaki Report 6.8.2 Central Taranaki from Hangatahua (Stoney River) to the Waingongoro River (b) The Opunake block - page 145

<sup>534</sup> Taranaki Herald 07 Apr 1860 page 2 Journal of events since Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, to the time of publication – Entry for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

<sup>535</sup> Taranaki Herald 15 Nov 1862 page 2 Maori Nobility

<sup>536</sup> Taranaki Herald 07 Mar 1863 page 3 Surgical

<sup>537</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook’s Strait

<sup>538</sup> AJHR 1865 Section E8 page 3 Papers relative to Expeditions to establish military posts at Pukearuhe near the White Cliffs, Taranaki

<sup>539</sup> Taranaki Herald 13 Apr 1867 page 3 Local and General News

1880 Feb 19 Evidence provided by Ihaia Ngakirikiri of Opunake at Oeo – “... Arama Karaka, who is now dead. We are the descendants of Arama Karaka...”<sup>540</sup>

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<sup>540</sup> Reports of the Royal Commission appointed by His Excellency under “The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners’ Trials Act 1879” together with Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, and Appendices – AJHR 1880 G2 page 1 Native Evidence

**Wiremu Kingi Moki TE MATAKATEA (-1893)**Haumiti hapu, Taranaki tribe<sup>541</sup>

- 1843 Baptised by O. Wellington at Opunake<sup>542</sup>
- 1855 Feb 07 Purchaser of 50 acres of land - Omata Section No.112 in the 7th Rural District<sup>543</sup>
- 1855 Nov 17 Amount of rates due on 50 acres – Omata Section No.112 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Rural District – 12s 6d<sup>544</sup>
- 1859 Jul 08 Deeds of Grant having been duly executed and registered are now ready for delivery on payment of the fees of 27s 6d on each Grant. Where the party entitled to receive a Grant cannot attend in person it will be delivered to the bearer of an authority certified by a Magistrate or by a Solicitor of the Supreme Court. Grant No.2683 W. Matakatea, Omata No.112<sup>545</sup>
- 1862 Nov 15 “A correspondent of the *Advertiser* (Wellington) writing to that journal says – If your list of the Maori Nobility is not yet filled up might I not ask you to add the following: Wi Kingi, under the title of Baron Matakatea. Crest – a stout personage (John Bull) leading a lion with a piece of phormium tenax, and paying tribute to one of the lords of the soil at the King’s gate. Motto – “Base is the slave who pays.”<sup>546</sup>
- 1865 Apr 29 Came from Operu near Te Namu with 19 men & 4 women “who all made due submission” to Colonel Warre.<sup>547</sup>
- 1866 Feb 08 With ‘Jeremiah’ had “gone over to the rebels taking with them all their tribes with the exception of one old man, and four women.”<sup>548</sup>
- 1866 Sep 10 Original instructions of Mr Richond were “The Government wish that all the land of Wi Kingi Matakatea, Arama Karaka, and their hapus should be left to them, excepting space for a township at Opunake which it is understood they are willing to cede.”<sup>549</sup>

<sup>541</sup> Ian Church. 'Te Matakatea, Wiremu Kingi Moki' - Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, Te Ara - updated 30-Oct-2012

<sup>542</sup> Hawke's Bay Herald 17 Feb 1893 page 3 Wiremu Kingi

<sup>543</sup> Taranaki Provincial Gazette 1855 page 126

<sup>544</sup> Taranaki Provincial Gazette 1855 page 183

<sup>545</sup> Taranaki Provincial Gazette 1859 page 54

<sup>546</sup> Taranaki Herald 15 Nov 1862 Maori Nobility

<sup>547</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>548</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 34/m CD 1866/1291 Report of Captain Livesay, 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment written at Camp Opunake to General Chute dated 09 Feb 1866

- 1866 Opunake block “between Moutiti and Taungatara, about 44,000 acres” was informally returned “to the Ngatihaumiti *hapu*, of which Wi Kingi Matakatea and Arama Karaka were the principal chiefs. They had remained loyal to the Queen all through the war. Speaking of Matakatea in 1866, Mr Parris said that he had not only never been implicated in the war, but on the contrary had always been proverbial for his kindness to Europeans. In a telegram which the Prime Minister directed to be sent to an officer of the Land Department last year, Sir George Grey placed on record more fully the reason for their land being restored to these chiefs: “*They had been our firm friends through the war, and none of their land was consequently confiscated under the Proclamation; indeed Sir George Grey had during the war given to Matakatea and Arama Karaka personally, and by the advice of his Ministers, a solemn promise that none of their land should be taken: land which the Government had never confiscated, and solemnly undertook not to confiscate.*” It remains to be seen whether this chief, who is in gaol on the charge of being concerned in the ploughing, had ever anything to do with it himself.”<sup>550</sup>
- 1867 Early Robert Parris held a meeting at Umuroa to inform “that Government had reserved a township at Opunake, and some day would send Europeans to live there.”<sup>551</sup>
- 1869 “the loyal Natives to the north of Waignongoro had been encouraged to take employment on public works, and the Government had made a strong effort to open communication by the coast with the settled districts round New Plymouth. Contracts were made with Ki Kingi Matakatea and his people at Opunake, with Hone Pihama and his people at Oeo, and with Manaia and his people at Kaupukunui, for the formation of the coast-road, and this work went on without interruption.”<sup>552</sup>

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<sup>549</sup> Reports of the Royal Commission appointed by His Excellency under “The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners’ Trials Act 1879” together with Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, and Appendices – AJHR 1880 G2 page xl Abandonments of Confiscated Land – refers to Parris Report 14 May 1867; Hon. Mr Richmond, 10 Sep 1866 P.P. 1879 A8 No.5; Sir G. Grey 04 May 1880 Appendix A No.16

<sup>550</sup> Reports of the Royal Commission appointed by His Excellency under “The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners’ Trials Act 1879” together with Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, and Appendices – AJHR 1880 G2 page xxxix Abandonments of Confiscated Land – also references: Parris Reports 22 Mar 1866, 12 Feb 1867 in Evidence Questions 717 to 719; Hon Mr Richmond 10 Sep 1866 P.P. 1879 A8 No.5 and Telegram by order of Sir G. Grey to Commissioner of Crown Lands 23 Jun 1879

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<sup>552</sup> Reports of the Royal Commission appointed by His Excellency under “The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners’ Trials Act 1879” together with Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, and Appendices – AJHR 1880 G2 page xiv Aspects of Affairs after the Rebellion. The source given for this paragraph is “Parris, Report, 25 Oct 1869 P. P. 1870 A17 – AJHR 1880



- 1879 Jul 06 Arrived at Mount Cook Gaol, Wellington. "The prisoners were found to be scantily clothed" and were provided with "blue serge shirts and white moleskin trousers... Two men were recommended for bail by reason of advanced age: Wiremu Kingi Matakatea and Winara because he had helped greatly in saving life at the wreck of the 'Lord Worsley' years before. Wiremu Kingi Matakatea refused to leave saying he preferred to remain with his tribe."<sup>553</sup>
- 1880 Aug 11 Is named in a list of Natives detained in Dunedin Prison under "The Maori Prisoners Act 1880" and "The Maori Prisoners' Detention Act 1880" published for general information.<sup>554</sup>
- 1880 Oct Matakatea was released with all 26 followers.<sup>555</sup>
- 1881 Jun 03 Had been released from custody.<sup>556</sup>
- 1893 Feb 14 "Wiremu Kingi Te Matakatea, the celebrated Ngatiawa chief, died at his home Opuā, Opunake... He was a man of fine physique and great nobility of character – a true type of the Maori rangatira. Always a friend of the pakeha, he saved the passengers of the 'Lord Worsley' from massacre when that vessel was wrecked on the Taranaki coast during a time of great friction with the natives, and also saved for the banks interested £10,000 in specie which the vessel had on board. The deceased chief became involved in the Parihaka difficulty, when he claimed an injustice had been done him in reference to certain lands, and he was imprisoned with a number of his people, refusing to defend the case or to accept a pardon which did not include his people as well as himself."<sup>557</sup>
- 1893 Feb 17 Sir, Will you allow me to correct an error which occurs in your issue of today? Wiremu Kingi Te Matakatea was a different person from Wiremu Kingi Te Rangitaake, the Waitara chief, who died many years ago. Te Matakatea was baptized by me fifty years ago at Opunake. He was always a peaceful and loyal man. I am, &c., O. Wellington. February 16, 1893.<sup>558</sup>

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<sup>553</sup> Passive Resistance: Maori Prisoners from South Taranaki 1878-1881 by Heidi Kuglin – The New Zealand Genealogist July/August 2011 pages 151-154

<sup>554</sup> Passive Resistance: Maori Prisoners from South Taranaki 1878-1881 by Heidi Kuglin – The New Zealand Genealogist July/August 2011 pages 153 List of Native Prisoners in three gaols – Archives NZ Reference J1 1880/4519

<sup>555</sup> Ask That Mountain: The Story of Parihaka by Dick Scott (1975) page 83

<sup>556</sup> Passive Resistance: Maori Prisoners from South Taranaki 1878-1881 by Heidi Kuglin – The New Zealand Genealogist July/August 2011 pages 154

<sup>557</sup> Evening Post 15 Feb 1893 page 3

<sup>558</sup> Hawke's Bay Herald 17 Feb 1893 page 3 Wiremu Kingi

**William URWIN**

No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

“Private, No.4 Coy; Epsom, Auckland, 1910; Born 1835 Hanover Square, London; AD32/682.”<sup>559</sup>

1863 Dec 21 Reg No.391 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born St George’s, Hanover Square, London; Aged 28yrs; Height 5’ 5”; Carpenter; Single; Ship ‘Choice’.<sup>560</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship ‘Phoebe’ from Nelson. “Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company.”<sup>561</sup>

1910 Sep 28 War Claim No.682 William Unwin, Costley Home, Epsom, Auckland – claim for a N.Z. War Medal – claim abandoned.<sup>562</sup>

1910 Sep 28 Letter: W. J. Bell, Clerk, Costley Home, Epsom to Colonel Robin, Chief of the General Staff, Council of Defence, Wellington  
“Sir, We have in this Institution an inmate by name William Urwin who served in the Maori War in 1863-64 at Taranaki. His regiment was known as “The Military Settlers” No.4 Company under Captain Carthew. He desires to apply for a medal. I suppose you will require statutory declarations of identity &c. Will you kindly let me know what is required in support of the application.”<sup>563</sup>

1910 Oct 05 Letter: Acting Manager, Costley Home, Epsom to Cutten Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Auckland  
“Sir, I beg to enclose application for a N. Z. War Medal on behalf of Wm. Urwin an inmate of this Institution. In reply to a communication from me Colonel Robin writes as follows:- I beg to state that there is no medal in this Department awaiting to be claimed by Urwin. I enclose a form which when filled in should be forwarded to the Stipendiary Magistrate, who has been directed to hear all Medal claims.”<sup>564</sup>

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<sup>559</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>560</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>561</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>562</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/14 Item 682 Former papers 10/3398 Application for the New Zealand War Medal

<sup>563</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/14 Item 682 Former papers 10/3398 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Application enquiry 1

<sup>564</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/14 Item 682 Former papers 10/3398 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Application enquiry 2

1910 Oct 05 Application for the New Zealand War Medal. Address of Claimant: Costley's Home, Greenlane, Epsom, Auckland. Corps in which served: No.4 Company Military Settlers, Taranaki under Captain Carthew. Period of service in the field: About 9 months, Taranaki District whilst Company was under fire & was working as a carpenter in the service at Oakura. Remarks: Served 16 months altogether, joined latter end of 1863 – service terminated at commencement year 1865. After serving 16 months I appointed a substitute for the remainder of my term of engagement.<sup>565</sup>

1910 Oct 15 Extract from Defence Records – Wm Urwin – enrolled 21 Dec 1863. Discharged by providing a substitute 18 Feb 1865.<sup>566</sup>  
1910 Oct 27 Before E. C. Cutten, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate – Claimant William Urwin – no appearance<sup>567</sup>

1911 Sep 01 Letter: Captain R. O. Chesney for Adjutant General to the Manager, Costley Home, Epsom, Auckland  
"Re Claim for a New Zealand War Medal – Wm. Unwin. In pursuance of your Memo herein of 28<sup>th</sup> September last, will you please inform me if any further action has been taken in this man's application, or whether he has abandoned his claim. It is the desire of the Defence Office to assist all old soldiers as far as possible in obtaining their N.Z. War Medals. Enclosed please find form of application to be filled in & submitted to the Stipendiary Magistrate for hearing."<sup>568</sup>

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<sup>565</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/14 Item 682 Former papers 10/3398 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - War Claim 682

<sup>566</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/14 Item 682 Former papers 10/3398 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Defence records note

<sup>567</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/14 Item 682 Former papers 10/3398 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - No appearance

<sup>568</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/14 Item 682 Former papers 10/3398 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Request to fill in form

**W. WALLACE**

43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment

1865 Jul-Sep Worked 37 days Roadmaking at Opunake<sup>569</sup>

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<sup>569</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 28/bb CD1865/3902 Letter from Camp Opunaki to Officer Commanding 43rd Light Infantry 23 Sep 1865

**Henry James WARRE (1819-1898)**

57<sup>th</sup> Regiment

1865 Apr 29 Arrived Opunake on the s.s. 'Wanganui'.<sup>570</sup>  
1866 End of Left New Zealand<sup>571</sup>

“Born at London, England in 1819 to Sir William Ware and Selina Anna Maling, he was educated at Sandhurst (1832-1837) after which he became aide-de-camp to his uncle, Lieutenant General Sir Richard Downes Jackson, then Commander-in-Chief of the forces in North America. In 1845, Warre was given the mission to travel to Oregon with Lieutenant Mervin Vavasour, to determine how to protect British interests there, which were under dispute from the United States. While travelling through the area that would later become Manitoba, Warre made sketches of areas along the Assiniboine River, including Fort Ellice. He later served in the Crimean War, the Maori Wars in New Zealand, and in India. He died in 1898.”<sup>572</sup>

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<sup>570</sup> Taranaki Herald 06 May 1865 Occupation of Opunake Bay, Entrance of Cook's Strait

<sup>571</sup> Robert Reid Parris papers – item 12 – Letter from Warre to Robert Parris 30 Sep 1875 – Pukeariki Reference ARC2001-189

<sup>572</sup> Memorable Manitobans: Henry James Warre (1819-1898) by Gordon Goldsborough last updated 20 Oct 2013

[http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/warre\\_hj.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/warre_hj.shtml)

**John William WILKINSON (1842-1916)**

Taranaki Militia, Taranak Cavalry/Mounted Volunteers & Interpreter

1842 Jul 02 Barque 'Blenheim' sails from Plymouth – on board – Thomas Wilkinson (38yrs) Agricultural Labourer, Alice (26), John (1 month) and Charlotte (29yrs) Sempstress<sup>573</sup>

1860 Nov 06 Present at Mahoetahi<sup>574</sup>

1864 Mar Present at Kaitake<sup>575</sup>

... Member of Taranaki Mounted Volunteers under Captain Mace then left the Corps “to accommodate the Government by acting as Interpreter to the Field Force and having resigned that appointment on being requested to take charge of the Natives in the Company of Bush Rangers” under Captain Corbett.<sup>576</sup>

1865 May 01 Commenced service with the Taranaki Mounted Force<sup>577</sup>

1865 Jun 04 Last day with the Taranaki Mounted Force<sup>578</sup>

1865 Acted as Interpreter between Captain Horan, 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry, and the friendly natives with regard to building whares for the Troops.<sup>579</sup>

1866 Mar 28 Applied for a Grant of Land<sup>580</sup>

1879 Jun 04 Commenced service with the Armed Constabulary<sup>581</sup>

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<sup>573</sup> Passenger List for the Barque 'Blenheim' 1842 <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ourstuff/Blenheim42.htm>

<sup>574</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998) – AD32/4486 and NZ Gazette 1871 24 Feb 1873 page 2416

<sup>575</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998) – AD32/4486 and NZ Gazette 1871 24 Feb 1873 page 2416

<sup>576</sup> Archives New Zealand Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 35/ct CD1866/1779 Letter dated 28 Mar 1866 John Wilkinson, New Plymouth to Major Parris, Civil Commissioner, New Plymouth

<sup>577</sup> Archives New Zealand Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 35/ct CD1866/1779 Letter dated 26 Apr 1866 Lieut-Col. Lepper, TMS Office, New Plymouth to Captain Holt, Under Secretary, Colonial Defence Office, Wellington

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<sup>579</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 34/ay CD1866/1366 Letter Captain Horan to the Garrison Adjutant, New Plymouth 15 Mar 1866

<sup>580</sup> Archives New Zealand Reference AAYS 8638 AD1 35/ct CD1866/1779 Letter dated 28 Mar 1866 John Wilkinson, New Plymouth to Major Parris, Civil Commissioner, New Plymouth

<sup>581</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998) – AD32/4486 and NZ Gazette 1871 24 Feb 1873 page 2416

1911 Apr 15 An old Taranaki boy, Mr John Wilkinson, father of Mr C. A. Wilkinson, of Eltham, is repaying Taranaki a visit after an absence of thirty-five years, during which time he has resided in many parts of the world. Mr Wilkinson was a well-known Native interpreter here in the sixties.<sup>582</sup>

1916 Dec 16 Obituary: The late John William Wilkinson, who died at Eltham on Tuesday last, was one of Taranaki's oldest residents, he having arrived with his parents in the barque 'Blenheim' in the year 1842, being at that time about nine months old. The late Mr Wilkinson's father was engaged in farming in the Oakura district for many years, and the young lad endured all the rigors of early colonization in New Zealand, and at the same time made himself proficient in the work he was called upon to do. At an early age he had an opportunity of travelling extensively upon his uncle's ship, and during this period made many voyages, his experiences being most interesting. On his return to New Zealand he at once joined the New Zealand Militia, and served for many years as a soldier. He took an active part in many of the fights in the Taranaki district, and his New Zealand war medal was one of his most prized possessions. The late Mr Williams was an excellent Maori linguist, and for a considerable period acted as Native interpreter to His Majesty's Forces, being particularly attached to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry Regiment, when that portion of the army was stationed at Opunake. During the latter portion of his active career he was farming outside Taihape, where he was well and favourably known. For some little while past he resided at Eltham with his son, where he died. He married in 1866, his wife predeceasing him. He leaves one son, Mr C. A. Wilkinson, M.P., Eltham, and two daughters, Mrs Allen and Mrs Wilkie, the latter being in Wellington.<sup>583</sup>

1916 Eltham Headstone – In loving memory of John W. Wilkinson 1842-1916. An early settler who arrived with his parents by the Blenheim landing at New Plymouth November 1842. Also a veteran of the Maori Wars.<sup>584</sup>

Further information at Puke Ariki: Charles Wilkinson Known as Father of Eltham

<http://pukeariki.com/Learning-Research/Taranaki-Research-Centre/Taranaki-Stories/Taranaki-Story/id/348/title/charles-wilkinson-known-as-father-of-eltham>

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<sup>582</sup> Taranaki Daily News 15 Apr 1911 Personal

<sup>583</sup> Taranaki Daily News 14 Dec 1916 Personal

<sup>584</sup> New Zealand Society of Genealogists Monumental Inscription transcripts for Eltham Cemetery

**Henry WILLIAMS (1843-)**

## No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers

“Private, No.4 Coy; Watson St North, New Plymouth; Kaitake 24/3/1864; Oakura; Born 1843 Melton Mowbray, Leicester; Issued 1913; 3253; AD32/142.”<sup>585</sup>

1864 Jan 01 Reg No.398 Enrolled at Canterbury with the Otago Contingent, Taranaki Military Settlers. Born Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire; Aged 21yrs; Height 5' 7"; Labourer; Single; Ship 'Phoebe'.<sup>586</sup> Number on Okato District Rural Plan: 44; Number on Town Plan 65; Record Book page 169.<sup>587</sup>

1864 Jan 16 Arrived New Plymouth on the ship 'Phoebe' from Nelson. “Captain Carthew returns with 30 Volunteer Militiamen which completes his company.”<sup>588</sup>

1910 Jul 26 Receipt date of Particulars of Claim to a Grant on account of Naval, Military, or Volunteer Service during the New Zealand War. Name of claimant: Henry Williams. Rank of Claimant: Full Private. Name of Corps: No.4 Taranaki Military Settlers. Period of service and name of commanding officer: 2 years, Captain Carthew. Present address of claimant: Watson Street, New Plymouth. Witnessed by... Billing, JP who certified that “I have known the claimant for a period of 45 years and I believe the above statements to be true.”<sup>589</sup>

1911 Jan 06 Application for the New Zealand War Medal made at New Plymouth. Address: Watson Street, New Plymouth. Corps in which served: Private No.4 Taranaki Military Settlers. Two years service. Period of service in the field: Two years in the field. I was under fire on the Oakura flats below the Kitake Ranges on Good Friday '64.”<sup>590</sup>

1911 Jan Henry Williams sworn saith as follows:- I was a private in No.4 Taranaki Military Settlers. I never applied for N.Z. War Medal and I have not got any. I was under fire at Kaitake. We were under fire for ½ an hour. Captain Carthew was commanding officer. The Maoris were firing at us from all along the range from Kaitake towards Ahuahau. We were down on the flat on the march to cut off the Maori's retreat. This engagement with the natives was on Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1864. I had a number in my Company but don't remember it. Colonel Ware was commanding in the engagement. My conduct has always been good and I have never done anything unworthy of a soldier. I was two years on

<sup>585</sup> The New Zealand Medal to Colonials 1845-1872 by Richard Stowers (1998)

<sup>586</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 86600 AD31 8/8 Item 1 Nominal and Descriptive Roll of the Otago Contingent Taranaki Military Settlers

<sup>587</sup> Archives NZ Reference ADZE 18319 LS-NP 5 3/5 Book 2 Record of Land selected by Military Settlers in Patea and Taranaki Districts

<sup>588</sup> Taranaki Herald 16 Jan 1864 Shipping Intelligence

<sup>589</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Naval Military Vol Claim

<sup>590</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal Application



active service in the Military Settlers. I cannot obtain a certificate from the Officers of my Company as there are two of them dead and the other left the Colonies. Sergeant Black:- sworn saith as follows:- I have known the applicant Henry Williams for over 40 years. He was a private in the Taranaki Military Settlers in 1864 and for some time before and after that date. I know his Company was at the taking of Kaitake on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1864 and was under fire for some time. I was in the Taranaki Bush Rangers under Major Atkinson and we drove the Maoris out of Kaitake. For a short time the Maoris kept up a severe fire on No.4 Co. and others. I know Henry Williams to be of good conduct always, and am quite sure he has done nothing unworthy of a soldier. Adjourned till 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1911.<sup>591</sup>

1911 Feb 10 "No appearance of Claimant on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1911 – to produce certificate of witness"<sup>592</sup>

1911 Mar 25 Letter: H. S. Fitzherbert, Stipendiary Magistrate to Mr Henry Williams, Watson Street, New Plymouth  
"Claim for New Zealand War Medal. Your application for above will be further heard by me on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> March, at the Court House, New Plymouth, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when you will require to attend personally and produce additional proof of being under fire."<sup>593</sup>

1911 May 27 Letter: H. B. Reid, Clerk of Court, Magistrate's Office, New Plymouth  
"Re Old Soldier's Claims. The Magistrate requests that you call at his Office on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> May at 10 o'clock in the forenoon."<sup>594</sup>

1911 May 30 "No appearance of Claimant on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1911 – Letter sent to Mr Fitzherbert."<sup>595</sup>

1911 Sep 05 Statement: "I, William Howitt hereby declare that Hary Williams was present and under fire on 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1864 at Kaitaki Pah on which date the Pah was taken by the Colonial Forces. Signed by William Howitt in the presence of J. A. McKenna, JP."<sup>596</sup>

1911 Dec 12 Statement: "To whom it may concern, I hereby declare that Henry Williams of No.4 Company Military Settlers was present at Kaitaki and Under Fire on Good Friday in 1864. Signed William Howitt in the presence of J. A. McKenna, JP, Patea."<sup>597</sup>

1912 Mar 06 Letter: Clerk of Court, Magistrate's Court, New Plymouth to Headquarters, New Zealand Defence Forces

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<sup>591</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Claim hearing

<sup>592</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Non-appearance 1

<sup>593</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Upcoming court hearing

<sup>594</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Request to see magistrate

<sup>595</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Non-appearance 2

<sup>596</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Wm Howitt Statement 1

<sup>597</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Wm Howitt Statement 2

“Claim for N.Z. War Medal. Henry Williams late of No.4 Company Military Settlers. A claim for New Zealand War medal has been received by the above named person, and he has produced a certificate from Wm. Howett stating that he was under fire at Kaitaki on Good Friday in 1864. I believe that when Howett applied for the medal Williams gave him a similar certificate. Williams on oath stated that he was under fire on that date, but that upon making a verbal application to the authorities (at the time of distribution of medals) he was informed that he was not under fire and therefore could not receive the medal. Could you please inform me if any previous application for medal has at any time been made by Williams, or if any correspondence dealing with his case is available.”<sup>598</sup>

1912 Mar 25 Letter: Colonel Robin, Adjutant General to Stipendiary Magistrate, New Plymouth Re N.Z. War Medal Henry Williams  
“With reference to your memo herein of 8<sup>th</sup> instant, no previous application for a medal from this man has reached the Defence Office, neither has it any correspondence dealing with his case.”<sup>599</sup>

1912 Apr 12 Letter: Stipendiary Magistrate, New Plymouth to the Minister of Justice  
“I have the honor to inform you that I have investigated this Claim, and desire to recommend the same for favourable consideration. I enclose herewith the Claim, notes of evidence, and exhibits in this matter.”<sup>600</sup>

1912 Apr 22 Letter: Colonel A. W. Robin, Adjutant General to Mr Henry Williams, Watson Street, New Plymouth  
“It is observed that neither Sergeant Black nor William Howitt state in their declarations that they actually saw you whilst under fire. Will you be so good (if possible) as to obtain from these gentlemen amended declarations to that effect.”<sup>601</sup>

1912 May 27 Letter: Henry Williams, Watson Street North, New Plymouth to Colonel Robin, Adjutant General, NZ Defence Forces  
“Sir, In reference as to whether Sergeant Black or William Howett actually saw me under fire at Kaitake on Good Friday '64 it is entirely impossible for them to say that they actually saw a Maori fire point blank at me nevertheless I actually was there.”<sup>602</sup>

1912 May 31 Letter: Captain R. O. Chesney for Adjutant General to Mr Henry Williams, Watson Street, North, New Plymouth  
“With reference to your letter herein of 27<sup>th</sup> instant, apparently you are under some misapprehension as to the meaning of my memo of 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo. Of course it would be impossible for Messrs Howitt and Black to swear they saw one of the enemy fire point blank at you, but what is

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<sup>598</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - New Plymouth magistrate

<sup>599</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - No previous claim

<sup>600</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Claim accepted

<sup>601</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Re witnesses 1

<sup>602</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Re witnesses 2

required is that they should each make a statutory declaration that they actually saw you under fire at Kaitake and are aware of their own personal knowledge that you were present and took part in the engagement.”<sup>603</sup>

1912 Nov 24 Letter: H. Okey, Frankley Road, New Plymouth to Hon. James Allen, Minister for Defence

“Dear Sir, Some time ago Mr H. Williams of New Plymouth sent to the Department an application for the New Zealand War Medal. I understand the proper form was fully filled in and all requirements carried out and will be pleased to know whether there is any reason why the medal should not be sent out to him.”<sup>604</sup>

1912 Dec 13 Letter: Minister of Defence to H. Okey, Esq., M.P., New Plymouth

“In reply to your communication herein of 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I beg to inform you that Mr Williams, N.Z. War Medal will be issued in the course of a few days.”<sup>605</sup>

1913 Jan 27 Letter: Henry Williams, Watson Street, New Plymouth to Minister for Defence

“Sir, Some 5 or 6 weeks ago I received word (through Mr J. Okey) from the Minister of Defence that my War Medal will be issued in the course of a few days but I have not received it yet. Can you give me the cause of delay.”<sup>606</sup>

1913 Feb 15 Letter: H. Okey, Frankley Road, New Plymouth to Hon. R. H. Rhodes, Minister for Defence

“Referring to a letter from your Department of the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1912 wherein it was stated that Mr Williams War Medal would be issued in the course of a few days Mr Williams informs me today that he has not as yet received it and is anxious to receive same so that he might apply for his Military Pension. I will be pleased if you will give instructions to have his wishes carried out and oblige.”<sup>607</sup>

1913 Feb 20 Letter: Colonel G. C. B. Wolfe to Mr W. Bock, Lambton Quay, Wellington

“Will you please have the enclosed N.Z. War Medal re-engraved with the name of Henry Williams, No.4 Coy. Tar. Mil. Settlers erasing that of J. Connolly, 1<sup>st</sup> Waikato Regt. Delete dates (1861-66) from back and polish.”<sup>608</sup>

1913 Feb 26 Letter: Colonel G. C. B. Wolfe for Adjutant General to H. Okey, Esq., Frankley Road, New Plymouth

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<sup>603</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Re witnesses 3

<sup>604</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Application followup

<sup>605</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal to be issued

<sup>606</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal not received 1

<sup>607</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal not received 2

<sup>608</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal to engraver

"In reply to your letter herein of 15<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed by the Honourable Acting Minister of Defence to inform you that Mr Williams Medal is now in the hands of the engraver, and will be forwarded to him immediately it reaches this office. As these Medal claims are coming in by hundreds, considerable time must elapse before the medals can be issued."<sup>609</sup>

1913 Mar 01 Letter: Major R. H. Collins, Adjutant General to Henry Williams, Watson Street North, New Plymouth  
"I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith your N.Z. War Medal for services rendered with the No.4 Company 'Taranaki Military Settlers'. Will you please sign the enclosed receipt in the presence of a witness and return same to this office at your early convenience."<sup>610</sup>

1913 Mar 04 "I, Henry Williams, hereby acknowledge to have received from the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Forces a New Zealand War Medal awarded to me for services rendered with the No.4 Company Taranaki Military Settlers. Witnessed at New Plymouth by Edwin Mead."<sup>611</sup>

1915 Aug 10 Letter: Adjutant General, NZ Military Forces to Commissioner, Military Pensions, Wellington re petition of Henry Williams  
"Forwarded herewith file M.W.C. 142 Henry Williams with the request that you will be good enough to send it on to the Chairman of the M. to Z. Public Petitions Committee, with any report you may wish to make in connection with the matter."<sup>612</sup>

1915 Aug 12 Letter: Commissioner, Pensions Department to Adjutant General, NZ Military Forces re Military Pension 561 Henry Williams  
"Referring to your memorandum of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, covering the petition of the above named pensioner, I now return your file M.W.C. 142, as it has no bearing on the subject matter of the petition."<sup>613</sup>

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<sup>609</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Medal with engraver

<sup>610</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - NZ War Medal sent

<sup>611</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - NZ War Medal received

<sup>612</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Re Military Pension 1

<sup>613</sup> Archives NZ Reference AAYS 8661 AD32/3 Item 142 Application for the New Zealand War Medal - Re Military Pension 2