

## Territorials 5<sup>th</sup> Wellington Regiment - 1900s

Many of the local Upper Hutt men, who enlisted in World War One, recorded on their attestation form their previous military service as Territorial member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Wellington Regiment.

This is a work in progress document and when time permits I will do an additional research on the regiment to see if there are any lists of the Upper Hutt men.

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Archives New Zealand Wellington references

- AAYS 8638 AD1 711/ 9/115 = minimal detail
- AAYS 8638 AD1 724 10/94 = minimal detail
- AAYS 8638 AD1 726 10/178 = Territorial Force - Rolls – Territorials enrolled in NZEF New Zealand Expeditionary Force = details below

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### 1913

1913 three [3] documents only (not valuable information but noted as viewed)

[1] New Zealand Military Forces Requisition for under mentioned Articles for use of O/C 5<sup>th</sup> (Wellington) Regiment Wellington 03 October 1913

Handbooks 303 Machine Gun 1911 (six) for Machine Gun Section

Milometer Handbook 1911 (two) for Machine Gun Section

Musketry Regs R1 reprint 1912 (three) for Machine Gun Section

Musketry Regs R11 reprint 1912 (three) for Machine Gun Section

Small Arms Text Book 1909 (one) for Machine Gun Section

Tables for use with the test book of small arms 1909 (one) for Machine Gun Section

Signalling Training Manual 1911 (two) for Signalling Section

Targets Instructions Machine Gun faces for (two) for Machine Gun Section

Telescope with tripod (one) for Machine Gun Section

Stamped 06 October 1913 District Headquarters Defence Force

Recommended C W C Chayton Col commanding District 06 October 1913

H Richardson Capt/Adjt for Officer Commanding 5<sup>th</sup> Regt 03 October 1913

[2] Quartermaster Items 1 to 6 issued accordingly 17 October 1913 signed Major Director of Equipment & Stores 25 October 1913

[3] The quartermaster General – For approval of Director of Military Training regarding items 1 to 6 Military Books 5<sup>th</sup> Regt have already been issued 6 handbooks 303 (item1) this year

Item 7 cannot be supplied all these targets being now on issue to Musketry Instructions

Item 8 cannot be supplied none being available Signed Major Director of Equipment & Stores

*(Reference Archives NZ WellingtonR11095403 AAYS 8652 AD 19 51/112 Publications District headquarters Wellington Book Military request for 5<sup>th</sup> Wellington)*

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### 1914-1918

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- Fred G LACEY 14 Tonks Grover City 18 November 1914 = Step-son Frank Gerald PORTER who was in Samoa. Three policemen called at Fred's residence wanting to serve a summons to Frank for not attending drill parades. Also a reference to another PORTER step-son turning age 14 signed on with the Boys Institute Cadets then told he must transfer to Technical School Cadets. After drilling with the Technical School Cadets for 2 months, two Constables were sent to the house to find out why he did not attend drills at the Boy's Institute Cadets and threatened prosecution. [2 page letter]
- George LOCKWOOD 5 Gear Street Petone 14 June 1915 = Son left Petone transferred to Napier then to Camp in Palmerston North and enlisted with the NZEF No 10/985 received notice about him not attending drill and that the police will be after him [1 page letter]

- Memo 27 July 1915 Territorial men returned their equipment before proceeding overseas but parade notices have been issued to them and request to return equipment etc.
- Memo 21 July 1915 Drill notices being continually sent to parents of a son killed in action
- Memo 31 July 1915 Cecil Angus MCNIVEN who was on duty at Somes Island was ordered to parade with the 5<sup>th</sup> regiment Wellington
- Various memos and letters regarding the delay in correspondence and parcels being delivered to service personnel and their families back home.
- Newspaper article Evening Post 20 October 1915
- Newspaper article Truth Wellington 08 January 1916 – Bungling and Blundering
- Corporal S PRATT while on active service overseas his mother received 4 notices for him not attending drills. Explanations were given but police kept arriving with notices, which was upsetting for the old lady.
- John James JONESKI full details of parents and nationality
- Numerous other letters and memos trying to correct procedures.
- 1918 No 10 War Legislation and Statue Law Amendment Part 1 note 25 Authority for cancellation of warrants for arrest of persons who are proved to have served beyond the seas in the present war in cases where the Attorney General and the Minister of Justice are of opinion that a prosecution is not necessary in the public interest.

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

*(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington agency AAYS 8638 AD1 726 10/178 Territorial Force Rolls Territorials enrolled in NZEF New Zealand Expeditionary Force)*

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