

British Imperial Force Service Personnel associated with the Upper Hutt district

The British Imperial Force Service Personnel listed recorded below have at some time had an association with the Upper Hutt district and/or the Upper Hutt residents.

ADAMS Robert Sefton 1888-1917 Captain British
Robert Sefton Adams born 07 Aug 1888 London England, left England, arrived NZ with parents Jessie & Dr Harry Adams, educated Terrace School, 1907 head prefect Wellington Boys College, left NZ for UK, studied Law at Cambridge, married 14 Nov 1913 London England Mary Stanley Carpenter, 2 daughters Yvonne born 1914 & Margaret born 1915, Captain Royal Field Artillery 35th Brigade 12 Battery enlisted Aug 1916, killed 05 Oct 1917 France, buried Zantvoorde British Cemetery Belgium West-Vlaanderen, parents residence "Rangimarie" Silverstream Wellington New Zealand.
UH connection – Robert's parents resided in Silverstream Upper Hutt during the war and after. Robert's wooden grave marker cross which was replaced with an inscribed headstone came into the possession of his mother Jessie. She placed the cross on the back wall of St Mary's Church in Silverstream.

ASHFORD Ralph Hilton MM 1897-1962 Corporal 4197 British
Ralph Hilton ASHFORD born 1897 England, Corporal 4197 13th Royal Sussex Regiment received Victory Medal, married 1921 Croydon Surrey England Edith Ada Woodward, 1922 departed England, settled NZ, resided Upper Hutt, died 24 Jul 1962 Upper Hutt, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Ralph resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

BALCOMBE-BROWN Rainsford 1895-1918 Major NN British
Rainsford Balcombe Brown born 1895 NZ, parents Eliza Mary nee Baillie & Edward Balcombe Brown, educated NZ, 1912 departed NZ, settled England and attended Oxford, enlisted WWI 2nd Lieutenant Royal Flying Corps, recorded in the local Upper Hutt newspaper as one of "Our Boys", parents resided Cruickshank Road Upper Hutt, promoted to Captain, awarded Military Cross July 1916, Mentioned in Dispatches, 1917 Squadron Leader with rank Major, reported missing, killed in action 02 May 1918, buried France, 1922 military cross presented to widowed mother at Government house Wellington, recorded on memorial plaque at Old St Pauls Church Wellington.
UH connection – Rainsford's parents resided in Upper Hutt, local "Hutt Valley Independent" newspaper recorded him as one of "Our Boys".

BALCOMBE-BROWN William Edward 1893-1915 Lieutenant NN British
William Edward Balcombe Brown born 1893 NZ, parents Eliza Mary nee Baillie & Edward Balcombe Brown, educated NZ, 1912 departed NZ, settled England and attended Oxford, enlisted WWI Lieutenant Royal Field Artillery 68th Battery, recorded in the local Upper Hutt newspaper as one of "Our Boys", parents resided Cruickshank Road Upper Hutt, killed in action by shell in France 29 June 1915, buried Buffs Road cemetery Leper West-Vlaanderen Belgium, name recorded on memorial plaque at Old St Pauls Church Wellington.
UH connection – William's parents resided in Upper Hutt, local "Hutt Valley Independent" newspaper recorded him as one of "Our Boys".

BALNEAVES Alexander 1890-1972 Private 247 British
Alexander Balneaves born 11 Sep 1890 Scotland, Private 247 1st Gordon Highlanders prisoner of War awarded Victory Medal & British War Medal & 1914 Star date 13 August 1914, departed England, settled NZ, resided Petone, died 03 Apr 1972, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Alexander died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

BARTON Wilfred Tone 1892-1969 Lieutenant British
Wilfred Tone Barton born 1892, parents Isabella & John, Sheep farmer Trentham, Flight Sub Lieutenant Royal Flying Corp, invalided home, died 1969 New Zealand. The local newspaper recorded "*Our Boys Wilfred Barton son of John Barton of Trentham who went home at his own expense to join the Flying Corps is being invalided home owing to having developed bronchial asthma. Out of 200 applications only ten passed the test examinations and of these Wilfred topped the lists. His flying secured him a sub-lieutenancy and he looked forward to some active service but his breathing became affected and he was thereby robbed of his chance. Hard Luck. Isn't it. Tried to do his bit and has not cost the country a copper*"
UH connection – Wilfred worked and resided in Trentham and was mentioned in the local newspaper

BOTH Clarence Thomas 1892-1958 Private 137562 British
Clarence Thomas Booth born 1892 Shardlow Derbyshire England, parents Elizabeth and Thomas Booth, Private 137562 Royal Army Service Corps medal roll stamped Woolwich 30 July 1920, departed England, settled NZ, resided Silverstream then Whitemans Valley, died 21 Aug 1958, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Clarence resided Upper Hutt died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

BROWN Harold Farman 1890-1955 Company Sergeant Major 62842 British
Harold Farman Brown born 1890 Aldeby Norfolk England, he was bought up by his grandparents Lucy Ann & George Farman, Company Sergeant Major 62842 2nd G.B. Northumberland Fusiliers, 9th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers Corporal 14906 & 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers 14906, awarded 1914-15 Star (14906 30 August 1915), departed England, settled NZ, resided Upper Hutt, died 14 Nov 1955 buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Harold resided in Upper Hutt died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

CAVELL Edith 1865-1915 Nurse NN British
Edith Louisa Cavell born 04 Dec 1865 Norfolk England, parents Louisa Sophia & Rev Frederick Cavell, WWI British nurse who saved the lives of soldiers on both side without discrimination, helped some 200 Allied soldiers to escape from German occupied Belgium, arrest for treason found guilty and executed by a German firing squad on 2 Oct 1915 Brussels Belgium. The local "Hutt Valley Independent" newspaper reported on a memorial service held in Upper Hutt in Memoriam to the memory of "Nurse Cavell of the NZ Marquette Nurses. She was not a New Zealand nurse that drowned on the Marquette but was executed by the Germans."
UH connection – Edith had no connection but was mentioned in the local Upper Hutt newspaper.

CLARK Daniel McGregor 1893-1974 Private 4/2214 British
Daniel McGregor Clark born 13 Mar 1893, Private 4/2214 served British Imperial Force, departed England, settled NZ, resident Silverstream, died 01 Jun 1974, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – resided Silverstream, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

CURRIE Alexander 1897-1972 Private 23616 British
Alexander Currie born 24 May 1897 Scotland, Private 23616 the Gordon Highlanders 6th & 7th awarded Victory Medal & British War Medal place Perth date 30 July 1920, departed England, settled NZ, returned England 1958, returned NZ, resided Upper Hutt, died 24 Mar 1972, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Alexander resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

CUTTS George 1873-1952 Private 402790 British
George Cutts born 1873 Hertfordshire England, parents Eliza & John Cutts, married 28 Jul 1906 Surrey England Frances Kathleen Hubbard, son Stanley born 1908 Surrey England, Private 402790 Royal Army Service Corps Church Army awarded British War Medal served France entry date July 1917, departed England, settled NZ, resided Palfrey Street Wallaceville, died 15 Jan 1952 Upper Hutt, buried St Johns Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.
UH connection – George resident Wallaceville, died Upper Hutt, buried St Johns churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

DENNISON Dudley Timothy 1893-1970 Lieutenant 50106 British
Dudley Timothy Dennison born 1890 Wandsworth London England, father Frederick Walter Dennison, Lieutenant 050106 Royal Army Service Corps Mechanical Transport, from 28 Deal Road Tooting, attested 17 February 1915 London, France 05 March 1915, home 06 February 1919, discharge 04 March 1919, age 24, Motor Driver, height 5ft 9inches, awarded 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, departed England, settled NZ, WW2 Lieutenant Somes Battalion NZ, resided Silverstream Hospital, died 12 Nov 1970 buried Akatarawa cemetery
UH connection – Dudley resided Silverstream, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

DI MENNA Arthur Valentine 1890-1965 Gunner L29421 British
Arthur Leonard DE MENNA born 1890 Huddersfield England, parents Mary Jane & Michael David Dante Allin Dimenna, Driver/Gunner L29421 Royal Field Artillery Hudd Brigade address 78 Longwood Road Huddersfield occupation Cloth designer, married 02 June 1915 Florence Mary Dutton Longwood, joined 08 June 1915, discharged 08 March 1919, age 25 years 110 days, height 5ft 6½inches, departed England, settled NZ, resided Chatsworth Road Silverstream, died 07 Jul 1965, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – Arthur resided Silverstream, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery

DOWNES Arthur Leonard 1895-1984 Captain 60288 British
Arthur Leonard Downes born 15 Sep 1895 Warwick England, parents Lavinia & Richard, Lance Corporal Warwick Yeoman Machine Gun Corp 1813 & 164543 awarded 1915 Star, Victory Medal & British War Medal, date 20 April 1915 to 27 February 1919, departed England, settled NZ, WW2 Lieutenant 602882 Pro Coy, resided Fergusson Drive Heretaunga, died 01 Aug 1984, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – Arthur resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

DUNLOP John William 1891-1958 Private 8450 British
John William Dunlop born 1891 Ayr Scotland, parents Marion & Andrew, Private 8450 the Queens Cameron Highlanders, height 5ft 7 inches, weight 156lbs, complexion fresh, eyes grey, hair brown, occupation Grocer, religion Presbyterian, enlisted 04 November 1908 Edinburgh, India 07 December 1910, France 14 October 1914, home 15 May 1915, last date 28 April 1916, served 7 years 176 days, address 102 Queen Street Castle Douglas, father owned farmhouse Binniehill Glengarg Perthshire, wounded 17 May 1915, awarded 1914-15 Star, British War Medal & Victoria Medal, departed England, settled, NZ, died 26 Aug 1958 Upper Hutt, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – John died Upper Hutt and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

ECKERSLEY Bold Blatchford 1897-1975 Private 12908 British
Bold Blatchford Eckersley born 03 May 1897 Cockermonth Workington Cumberland England, parents Sarah & John Eckersley, Private 12908 the Border Regiment 8th & 1st regiment medal awarded stamp date 30 April 1920, departed England, settled NZ, married 1924 New Zealand Mary Elizabeth Finlay, resided Silverstream Heretaunga Upper Hutt, died 21 Apr 1975, buried Akatarawa cemetery
UH connection – Bold resided Silverstream Heretaunga Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

FAINT Frederick John Roberts 1900-1977 Able Seaman L6896 British
Frederick John Roberts Faint born 05 Mar 1900 Hertford England, Able Seaman L6896 first service date 08 June 1915 ship President II last service date 25 November 1920 last ship Victory III, departed England, settled NZ, resided Heretaunga, died 12 Apr 1977, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

UH connection – Frederick resided Heretaunga, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

FIELDING William John 1895-1977 Private British
William John Fielding born 08 Sep 1895 England, Private Imperial Force, departed England, settled NZ, resident Wellington, died 05 Jun 1977, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

UH connection – William died and buried Akatarawa cemetery

GIBBONS William 1874-1954 Private 4907 British
William Gibbons born 1874 England, father Joseph Gibbons, perhaps married 05 Oct 1901 Hanwell Middlesex England Ada Hibbert, Private 4907 Gordon Highlanders, departed England, settled NZ, resident Wallaceville Upper Hutt, died 01 Jan 1954, buried St Johns Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.

UH connection – William resided Wallaceville, died and buried St John's churchyard Trentham

GRATTON Alfred Edward 1895-1974 Private 666714 British
Alfred Edward Gratton born 15 May 1895 England, Private 666714 & T/566 Royal Army Service Corps date 06 Nov 1914 dismissed 07 March 1919, awarded medals 1921, departed 31 Jul 1925 Southampton England, settled NZ, resided Silverstream, died 30 Apr 1974, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

UH connection – Alfred resided Silverstream, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

HAWKINS Frederick George James 1888-1972 Stoker 230775 British
Frederick George James Hawkins born 12 Jun 1888 Surrey England, Stoker 230775 Royal Navy Portsmouth, ship St Vincent 13 May 1904, served on 16 ships, ship Victory II last day 08 June 1917, occupation Plumbers Mate, age 18 years height 5ft 3¼inches, hair brown, eyes hazel, complexion fresh, departed England, settled NZ, resident Petone, died 16 June 1972, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

UH connection – Frederick died and was buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

HOOPER Albert 1896-1961 Lance Corporal 200716 British
Albert Hooper born 27 Apr 1896 Redruth Cornwall England, parents Eliza Ellen & William Hooper, Private 2500 & 200716 Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Corps awarded British War Medal 2/4th 2500 Lance Corporal place Exeter date December 1919, married 12 Nov 1921 England Wilhelmina Mary Smith, departed England, settled NZ, resident Maymorn Mangaroa Upper Hutt, died 13 Nov 1961 NZ, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

UH connection - Albert resided Maymorn Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

HOWLETT William George 1899-1985 Private 60161 British
William George Howlett born 03 Jan 1899, Private G60161 Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) Regiment 8th & 13th awarded British War Medal & Victory Medal, date 18 May 1920, place Hanwell, departed England, settled NZ resident Petone, died 11 Oct 1985, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

UH connection – William died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

JOHNSTON William James 1890-1956 Imperial Force NN British
William James Johnston born 1890, served Imperial Force no details, departed England, settled NZ, resided Silverstream, died 03 Dec 1956, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

UH connection – William resided Silverstream, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

JONES William Ernest 1885-1977 Captain L8997 British
William Ernest Jones born 19 Aug 1885, Captain L8997 the Bluffs, departed England, settled NZ, resided Heretaunga, died 01 Jul 1977, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – William resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

LAURENCE Walter Edward Louis 1883-1964 Officer Class1 357326 British
Walter Edward Louis Lawrence born 29 Mar 1881 Maidstone Kent England, parents Mary & Henry Lawrence, Officer Class 1 number 357326 Devonport, ship Forte, Pembroke & Iris, Royal Navy served 20 April 1909 to 30 December 1906, occupation Hatter, height 5ft 2inches, hair dark brown, eyes hazel, complexion fresh sallow, departed England, settled NZ, resided Pinehaven Silverstream Upper Hutt, died 06 Apr 1964, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Walter resided in Pinehaven, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

MAY William Burnell MC 1890-1972 2nd Lieutenant 2093 British
William Burnell May born 11 Jul 1890 Truro Cornwall England, parents Mary Jane nee Burnell & Edwin May, Lance Corporal 2nd Lieutenant 2093 11th Battalion Royal Fusiliers York and Lancaster Regiment awarded Military Cross, Victory Medal & British War Medals, served France, entry date 17 August 1916, married 06 July 1918 St Mary Merton Surrey England Ethel Olga Harris, son Douglas Ian Herbert May born 1919 England, departed England, settled NZ, resided Upper Hutt, died 25 Jan 1972, buried St John's Churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt.
UH connection – William resided Upper Hutt, died and buried St Johns Churchyard Trentham

MURPHY James Joseph MC 1896-1972 Captain 11/459769 British
James Joseph Murphy born 28 Mar 1896, Captain 11/459769 Royal Irish Fusiliers, departed England, settled NZ, resided Akatarawa, died 18 Jun 1972, buried Akatarawa cemetery.
UH connection – James resided Akatarawa, died buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

MACINTYRE Archibald 1896-1972 Private 21055 British
Archibald (Archie) Macintyre born 17 Sep 1896, Private 21055 Royal Scots Regiment, departed England, settled NZ, died 06 Aug 1972, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Archibald died and was buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

MACLEOD Murdo 1896-1973 Abel Seaman 5873 British
Murdo Macleod born 08 Apr 1896 Stornoway Scotland, Abel Seaman 5873 Royal Navy, departed England 1927, settled Wellington NZ, died 20 Aug 1973, probate recorded retired of Silverstream, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – Murdo's probate recorded residence Silverstream, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

MACDONALD Hunter 1886-1970 Imperial Force NN British
Hunter MACDONALD born 1886 place unknown, served Imperial Force details unknown, settled NZ, resided Wellington, died 08 Jul 1970 NZ, probate recorded retired Cook Upper Hutt, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Hunter retired Cook Upper Hutt, died buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

ROBINSON Stafford Roland 1897-1971 Private 3202 British
Stafford Roland ROBINSON born 1897, Private 3202 & 201026 The Kings (Liverpool) Regiment awarded British War medal & Victory Medal, departed England, settled NZ, resided Upper Hutt, died 09 Nov 1971, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – Stafford resided Upper Hutt, died buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

SEYMOUR John Ernest 1898-1986 Private 67336 British
John Ernest SEYMOUR born 09 Jun 1898, Private 67336 1/8th Worcestershire Regiment, departed England, settled NZ, resided Upper Hutt, died 20 Dec 1986, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – John resided Upper Hut, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

SIMPSON Reginald 1898-1991 Captain 5016 British
#Reginald SIMPSON born 20 Feb 1898, Corporal 5016 & 106456 Notts and Derby Regiment
Machine Gun Corps awarded Victory Medal & British War Medal, departed England, settled NZ,
resided Upper Hutt, died 20 Mar 1991, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Reginald resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

SMITH Robert James 1898-1967 Gunner 79100 British
Robert James SMITH born 1898, Gunner 79100 Field Artillery England, departed England,
settled NZ, died 15 Oct 1967 NZ, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – James died and was buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

STORIE James MM 1898-1975 Private 38775 British
James STORIE born 07 May 1898, Private 38775 Royal Scots, awarded Victory Medal & British
War medal, (no trace MM on headstone) departed England, settled NZ, resided Upper Hutt, died
07 May 1975, buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – James resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

STRATFORD Laurence 1879-1918 Lieutenant NN British
Laurence STRATFORD born 13 Jul 1879 Leicester England, Lieutenant 1st Battalion the Rifle
Brigade England enlisted 05 Oct 1915 served France killed in action 28 March 1918 Fampoux
near Arras.
UH connection – Laurence's brother was the Rev Alfred Dacre of St John's Church Trentham
during the war period and this was confirmed in the local Upper Hutt newspaper

THOMPSON Alexander Harold 1896-1972 Corporal 5094708 British
Alexander Harold THOMPSON born 1896 England, served WWI Corporal 5094708 England,
resided Silverstream, died 28 Jan 1972, buried Akatarawa cemetery
UH connection – Alexander resided Silverstream, died buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

TURVEY Frank Osian 1896-1975 Abel Seaman M14452 British
Frank Osian TURVEY born 30 Jun 1897 Kentish Town England, WWI serviced Royal Navy
number M14452, 27 Jul 1915 ship Pembroke, 14 Jan 1916 Ship Champion, height 5ft 2½ inches,
hair brown, eyes brown, complexion fresh, left England, settled NZ, wife Margery Olive, resided
Upper Hutt, WW2 serviced Royal New Zealand Navy, died 06 Sep 1975, buried Akatarawa
cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – Frank resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery

WALLIS Frank Alfred Slack 1890-1971 Driver T1/589 British
Frank Alfred Slack WALLIS born 1890 England, WWI Driver T1/589 Royal Army Service Corps,
British War medal, Victory Medal & 1914 Star, left England, settled NZ, died 07 Sep 1971 buried
Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt
UH connection – Frank resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery

WILDBORE Percy William John 1889-1959 Private 240997 British
Percy William John WILDBORE born 1888 Surrey England, Parents Elizabeth & Isaac Wildbore,
married Gwendoline Cummins, Private 240997 Middlesex Regiment 8th Battalion WWI enlisted
07 Sep 1914, POW captured 30 Nov 1917, repatriated 05 Dec 1919, British War Medal & Victory
Medal, height 5ft 8 inches, left England settled NZ, resided 1854 Upper Hutt, died 30 Jun 1959
buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection – Percy resided Upper Hutt, died and buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt

WILSON Andrew 1889-1971 Staff Sergeant 46765 British
Andrew WILSON born 1889, served WWI Staff Sergeant 46765 Royal Field Artillery awarded
1915 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal, served France 09 Sep 1915, left England settled
NZ, died 30 Aug 1971 buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.
UH connection- Andrew died and was buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper Hutt.

WORTS Sidney Harold 1881-1970 Private 104901 British
Sidney Harold WORTS born 1881 Kingston England, parents Sarah A & Alfred Worts, married
30 Nov 1905 St Marylebone Westminster England Elizabeth Cecilia Meredith, enlisted WWI
Private 104901 Royal Army Service Corps, served France awarded 1915 Star, British War Medal
& Victory Medal, left England settled in NZ, died 07 Jul 1970 buried Akatarawa cemetery Upper
Hutt.

UH Connection – Sidney resided in Trentham, died and was buried Akatarawa cemetery

YATES Thomas 1875-1943 Private 18196 British
Thomas YATES born 06 Dec 1875 Radcliffe Lancashire England, parents Ann nee Scholes &
Thomas Yates, married 18 Jun 1904 Farringdon England Florence Ryman, served WWI Private
18196 Army Veterinary Corps awarded British War Medal & Victory Medal, departed 19 Jan
1922 England ship Pakeha with their 6 children, arrived NZ 01 Mar 1922, settled in Trentham,
horse trainer own stables Islington Street Trentham, Aug 1942 crushed by horse Wellington
hospital, died 21 Sep 1943 Wellington Hospital, buried St Johns churchyard Trentham.

UH Connection – Thomas resided in Trentham, died and was buried in St John's churchyard
Trentham Upper Hutt.