

Returned Soldiers Association - Upper Hutt



(Reference Photograph private collection Upper Hutt Return Service Association Memorial Wall)

The New Zealand Returned Soldiers Association was founded in 1916 by wounded veterans returning from World War One. The Upper Hutt R.S.A. was formed in 1930 as a sub branch of the Wellington R.S.A. and became an independent branch in 1947. It was not until recent times that the renamed Returned Services Association became involved with the local War Memorial.

In September 1937 the Upper Hutt Borough Council Mayor Angus McCurdy and Returned Soldiers Association began discussions to erect a Soldiers Memorial Hall. The proposed Upper Hutt Soldiers Memorial Hall site was chosen on the corner of Liverpool Street and Main Road South (Fergusson Drive) in Trentham. Nothing else is known about the proposed hall.

The R.S.A. hall in Rosenberg Street was opened in 1941 and RSA members marched from their existing rooms to the new hall but the situation of the old rooms is unknown. Rosenberg Street was renamed Wakefield Street during World War Two.

The Upper Hutt Returned Services Association Roll of Honour plaque is situated at the top on the R.S.A. Memorial wall in the Cosmopolitan Club at 11 Logan Street Upper Hutt. The details recorded on the plaque include World War One and World War Two Service Personnel.

The Upper Hutt Returned Services Association memorial plaque records exactly the same service personnel details as the original "*Upper Hutt District Military Roll of Honour*" that was once situated on the memorial wall outside the Upper Hutt Civic Centre on Fergusson Driver in Upper Hutt

The R.S.A. update the Upper Hutt District Military Roll of Honour outside the Civic Centre and the new plaque was unveiled on Thursday 25 August 2016 at 2 p.m.

World War One Roll 1914-1918

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Birth-Death</i> | <i>Rank</i> | <i>Service No</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| BOYLE Claude | 1896-1916 | Trooper | 13/3113 |
| COMESKEY James | 1895-1918 | Private | 10/3221 |
| COMESKEY Peter Leonard Cuthbert | 1892-1916 | Private | 10/2894 |
| COTTLE Donald Charles | 1898-1918 | Rifleman | 18624 |
| GEANGE John Wallace | 1891-1917 | Trooper | 11/53 |
| GOLDER Linus Bernard | 1898-1918 | Private | 79138 |
| JONES Arthur David | 1892-1918 | Rifleman | 44288 |
| JONES Roderick Leslie | 1898-1918 | Rifleman | 33381 |
| KEYS George Ernest | 1892-1917 | Private | 41822 |
| LAY Harold George | 1891-1918 | Corporal | 20541 |
| MABEY Job Henry | 1880-1923 | Private | 41855 |
| MARTIN James Horace | 1888-1918 | Sapper | 4/1973 |
| MOULDER Henry | 1896-1917 | Private | 37840 |
| O'LEARY Daniel Cornelius | 1887-1917 | Sergeant | 1154 |
| SMITH George Cotton | 1893-1917 | Private | 8/2474 |
| WILKIE David Howard | 1890-1917 | Private | 10/3429 |

World War Two Roll 1939-1945

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Birth-Death</i> | <i>Rank</i> | <i>Service No</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ATKINSON Edward Harry Frederick | 1922-1944 | Sergeant | 424961 |
| BAILLIE William Charles | 1911-1944 | Sapper | 38398 |
| BANKS-MARTIN Robert Alexander | 1917-1943 | Pilot/Sergeant | 414226 |
| BENNETT Thomas Samuel Eric | 1912-1943 | Flight Sergeant | 415055 |
| BRADDOCK Robert Jack | 1918-1944 | Warrant Officer | 416081 |
| CHANEL Bernard Anthony | 1922-1944 | Private | 441279 |
| COMESKEY Leo James | 1920-1944 | Flight Sergeant | 428082 |
| DOUGLAS Trevor Neil | 1922-1945 | Trooper | 451234 |
| ELLIS Norman Charles | 1918-1941 | Private | 41308 |
| FENN Albert Caleb Roy | 1919-1942 | Lance Bombardier | 60469 |
| GALVIN Ian Robert | 1921-1944 | Trooper | 80287 |
| GOOD Nolan Alexander | 1923-1944 | Flight Sergeant | 428104 |
| HARTLEY Joseph | 1915-1945 | Flight Sergeant | 4314306 |
| HOOPER Harold | 0000-1942 | Private | 43814 |
| HUNT George William | 1918-1940 | Sergeant Pilot | 39922 |
| LANSDOWN Ernest George | 1917-1943 | Corporal | 38643 |
| LECKIE Thomas William McClure | 1917-1941 | Pilot Officer | 402196 |
| MAFFEY Leslie Walden Ellyett | 1922-1945 | Lieutenant (A) | NN |
| MAFFEY Harold Gilbert Ellyett | 1917-1941 | Sergeant | 20178 |
| MILLIGAN William Edward | 1909-1941 | Sergeant | 6681 |
| PALMER Alexander Francis | 1921-1944 | Private | 41330 |
| SPENCER Kenneth Stuart | 1911-1942 | Sergeant (Observer) | 41552 |
| THOMAS Clifford William | 1896-1944 | Major | 244549 British |
| UNSWORTH C A | unknown | Lieutenant | unknown |