

**FAMILY 'RIDLAND' SHETLAND ISLANDS, SCOTLAND**  
**FAMILY 'RIDLING' NEW ZEALAND**  
**HISTORY AND GENEALOGY**



**Above: Andrew and Ellen Ridling and family of New Zealand**

## INTRODUCTION...

Leaving school at the age of fourteen was illegal in New Zealand during the mid-20th century, and yet I took this path as I found school irksome and was determined to go farming. As a result, my grammar and spelling has not always been 100 per cent. However, this lack of schooling has not been a major handicap with the different professions I chose throughout my lifetime. After my webpage has received 20,000 views without one comment about my many spelling and grammar mistakes, I have decided that it is information people require and not always immaculate presentation.

Despite having chosen my own path in life, I have always been acutely aware that I was not properly educated. I felt that being unable to write “proper like” indicated a very poor background and the probability that one would never achieve in life.

However, during the 19th century, it was readily accepted that being able to read and write was considered a middle- and upper-class privilege and if you were poor you would always be poor and wouldn't get on in life because of your unfortunate status and lack of formal education. This was the status that most of my ‘Mold’ family were living in, in Northamptonshire from before the year 1500 through to late 1800s, when one branch, my branch, moved to New Zealand. This was the same for one branch of the Redland/Ridling family. Most were unable to read or write. However, this deficiency did not hold them back, with many of the descendants of these families carving successful and fulfilling lives for themselves and their families in their new homeland.

The foresight of both the above Mold and Redland families to migrate to New Zealand in the mid-19th century was both intelligent and smart. Their natural instincts to survive, providing a roof over their heads and daily food in their bellies, meant that they were willing to take very brave risks for the sake of their families. They sailed out, for months at a time, to the unknown. This was not the action of thoughtless or stupid people. In fact, those uneducated people were the cornerstones of why this country is so great today.

Going forward, the compiler will show that the Redland/Ridling families originally lived on the Islands of Shetland in the northern seas of Scotland.

There is no doubt that their DNA carries bloodlines from the Vikings, but, being islanders, they would have also been introduced to other seafaring cultures.

Fishing and farming would have been the mainstay of survival and a clue as to why they transported so well to New Zealand. This will be shown in the occupations of the Redland/Ridling families as we progress through their story in this journal.

As mentioned above, the grammar and English will not be perfect, but a true and honest attempt of the message will be portrayed.

**By the compiler of this journal; Roger Mold. The year 2020.**

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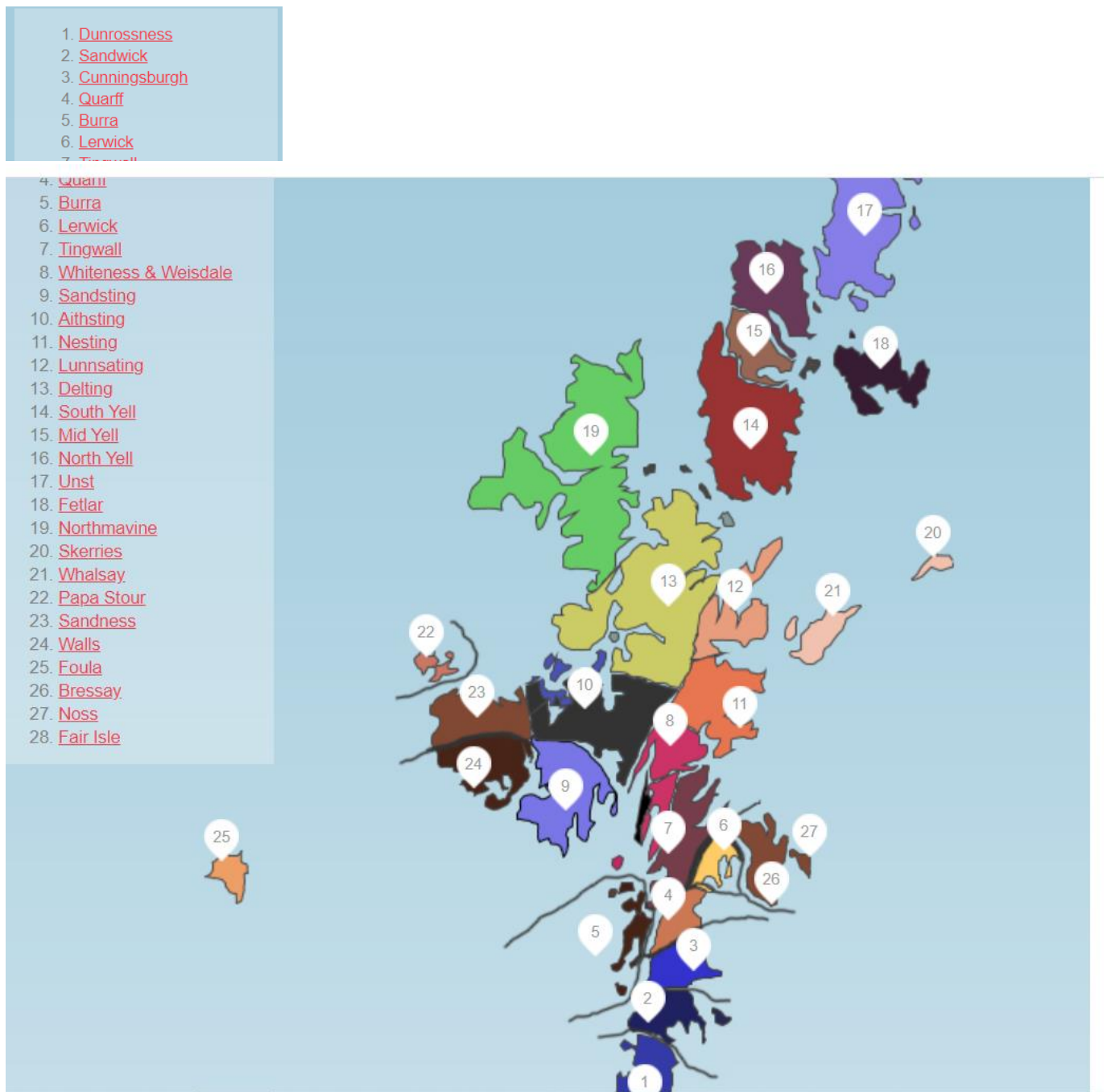
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## HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE

### ISLANDS OF SHETLAND

**Skeld, Parish Sandsting, Shetland Islands, Scotland**, is historically, the homeland Village and Parish for the **Ridland/Ridling** family.

See Parish nine on the following Parish map of the Shetlands...





**Family knowledge unchanged by compiler:  
Some may be conjecture...**

*Malcolm Ridling's grandfather, Robert Ridland's origins lay in the Shetland Islands and possibly back to Norway. Robert was the son of a Ninion Ridland, a sixth generation Shetland Islander who was born in Sandstring in the Shetland Islands. His date of birth at this stage is unknown but it is known that he lived until an old age and had several children. The name Ridland was of Viking origin.*

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Above: Deserted croft house at Cott, Weisdale, Shetlands

<sup>1</sup>**Sandsting and Aithsting**, are old **Parishes**, in the county of Shetland, 12 miles (W. N. W.) from Lerwick; containing the islands of Little Papa and Vementry. These ancient parishes, now united, are said to derive their names respectively from two necks of land called '*Ting* or *Taing*' on which courts of justice were formerly held; the one situated near Sand, and originating the name of Sand's-ting; and the other near Aith, giving the name of Aith's-ting. The church was built in 1780, and re-seated in 1824, and contains sittings for 437 persons. Previously to its erection there was a church in each of the two districts; and the present edifice was raised in a central situation, for the more regular performance of divine service; but it is found inconvenient for general attendance, many of the inhabitants being separated by a marshy tract seven miles across, and others by two arms of the sea. However now, there are separate meeting houses for the '**Independents**', and the '**Wesleyans**'.

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1 [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sandsting\\_%26\\_Aithsting,\\_Shetland,\\_Scotland\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sandsting_%26_Aithsting,_Shetland,_Scotland_Genealogy)

**Skeld**, (*Old Norse: Skjolðr, Shield or shelter*) is a village on the south side of the West Shetland Mainland, Scotland. The main village is also referred to as '**Easter Skeld**', while the western end of the settlement, about a mile away, is known as '**Wester Skeld**'. The council housing estate in Skeld is called Grindybrecks.



**Harbour at Skeld**



## THE PICTS

### MEET THE PICTS: THE ANCIENT BLUE WILDMEN WHO PROTECTED SCOTLAND FROM THE ROMAN EMPIRE <sup>2</sup>

By Mark Oliver  
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**(Much of what we know about the Picts comes from the Romans, who  
praised the military prowess of these ancient Scots...)**

**Below: Wikimedia Commons: A depiction of a Pict warrior, painted as described in Roman history.**



*Some 2,000 years ago, Scotland was home to a group of people known as the Picts. To the Romans who controlled much of Britain at the time, they were but mere savages, men who fought completely naked, armed with little more than a spear. But the Picts were fearsome warriors.*

*Every time the Roman Empire tried to move into their territory, the Picts successfully fought back. The Roman legions were the greatest military force the world had ever seen and the only people they couldn't conquer were this wild clan.*

*Yet despite their formidable warrior culture, the Picts mysteriously vanished during the 10th century. The wild men the Romans could not conquer faded away and barely left behind a trace of their existence. Today, historians still struggle to piece together a glimpse into who the Picts were and what happened to their mighty culture.*

### **PICTS: "THE PAINTED PEOPLE"**



**Above: By Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues/Wikimedia Commons:  
A Pict woman drawn covered in flower tattoos**

*The ‘Picts’ were so named by the Romans who observed and recorded them, but as was the case with many ancient peoples, the Picts did not refer to themselves that way. “Pict” is believed to be a derivation of “The Painted,” or “Tattooed People,” which described the blue tattoos with which the Picts covered their bodies.*

*Julius Caesar himself was fascinated by the culture. Upon meeting them in battle, he recorded that they “dye themselves with woad, which produces a blue colour, and makes their appearance in battle more terrible. They wear long hair and shave every part of the body save the head and the upper lip.”*

*According to other Roman sources, the only clothing the Picts wore were iron chains around their waists and throats. Iron was considered to them a sign of wealth and a material more valuable than gold. In addition, iron also served a practical use, the Picts could use these chains to carry swords, shields, and spears.*

*Their bodies were otherwise adorned head to toe with coloured tattoos, designs, and drawings of animals. Indeed, these designs were so intricate and beautiful that the Romans believed the reason the Picts didn’t wear clothes was to show them off.*

**Below: Wikimedia Commons: A Pict stone tells of a battle scene, presumably the Battle of Nechtansmere of 685 A.D...**



*When the Romans invaded Britain, they were accustomed to winning. They had conquered every powerful civilization they made contact with and destroyed any armed opposition with a flash of armour and steel that knew no equal. But they had never faced an enemy like the Picts.*

*The Romans expected another easy victory against the Picts, a primarily land-based people, going into their first battle. Indeed, the Picts retreated nearly as soon as they'd started fighting, and the Romans declared: "Our troops proved their superiority."*

*But the victory proved to be an illusion. While the Romans were setting up camp, the Picts returned pouring out of the woods and seemingly out of thin air. They caught the Romans completely unaware and massacred them.*

#### **AN UNDEFEATABLE OPPONENT**



**Above: Wikimedia Commons: A Pict rider drinking on horseback**

*Time and time again, the Picts would lure the Romans into a false sense of security before striking when their guard was down. For instance, they would often charge the Romans on horseback and immediately retreat, luring the Roman cavalry away from their infantry. Then, a second squad of Picts would leap out of the woods and slaughter any Romans that had been foolish enough to give chase.*

*“Our infantry,” Julius Caesar wrote, “were but poorly fitted for an enemy of this kind.” Indeed, when the Romans took over a Pict village, the clans would move on to another one and prepare to strike back. Much like Napoleon could not pin down the enemy and force them to fight on his terms during his invasion of Russia, the Picts continuously frustrated the seemingly superior Roman forces by their refusal to fight in the Roman way.*

*The Picts were faster, knew the land better, and had they more to fight for. By Roman counts, some 10,000 Picts died fighting against their forces — but Scotland never fell to them.*



**Above: Wikimedia Commons: A depiction of a Pict from a 19th-century history book**

**This story**, though, is one told by an invading force. It's a Roman version of the Picts, which is likely far from the whole truth.

It's hard to say what life among the Picts was really like. Little Pict writing has survived to this day. The only hints we have come from a scattered handful of relics uncovered in British archaeological digs.

What we've found, though, bears little resemblance to the Roman version of the story. The Picts, historians believe, weren't a particularly warlike people. Except for a few cattle raids between neighbouring tribes, they lived in relative peace only taking up arms when the Romans forced them to defend their homes.

There is little proof even that they really fought naked.

Most of what archaeologists have discovered about the Picts comes from the 5th century or later, but by then, at least, the culture had taken to using linen, wool, and silk. They drew themselves dressed in tunics and coats in pictures.

The Picts seem to have been farmers and were a peaceful people who focused their faith on nature. They believed a goddess had walked through their lands and that every place where her foot had landed was sacred. Their fierce commitment to their ancestral land is likely what motivated them to become fearsome protectors of it and a dangerous enemy to the Romans.

### CHRISTIANIZATION AND DISSAPEARANCE



**Left; William Hole/Wikimedia Commons: Saint Columba converting the Picts to Christianity**

In the end, it wasn't the drums of war that toppled the Picts: it was the cross. In 397 AD, Christian missionaries started moving into the Picts' territory and spread the message of Jesus Christ. One of the most successful individuals in converting the Picts was Saint Columba, who famously won over the clans by banishing a monster they thought dwelled in the River Ness – a story that's believed to be the basis for the legend of the Loch Ness Monster.

By this point, Pict culture began to change. More and more, they became influenced by their Gaelic neighbours and started to imitate their language and beliefs.

The last Pict kings died in 843 A.D — killed, depending on who you believe, by either the Vikings or the Scots. Then, the King of the Scots, Cinaed Mac Alpin or Kenneth MacAlpin, crowned himself as their ruler and formally united the Picts with the Scots.

At the same time, Scotland was threatened by ongoing Viking raids.

The remaining Picts had no choice but to fight side-by-side with the Scots to defend their ancestral land. By the 10th century, their Kingdom was wholly transformed into the Kingdom of Alba, and their own language was replaced by Gaelic. The last traces of a distinct Pict culture were lost.

Fortunately, small hints about who these people were are continuing to be uncovered in today's world. A handprint on a stone here, a symbol on a wall there; every new artefact uncovers a little more of what life was like for "*Europe's Lost People*," the ancient tribe that once struck fear into the heart of the mighty Roman legions.

## VIKING INFLUENCE

### DISCOVER THE ANCIENT SECRETS OF SHETLAND<sup>3</sup>

by Val Turner and Chris Dyer...<sup>4</sup>

The archaeology of Shetland stretches back for approximately 6000 years. Throughout the islands there are clues in the landscape to the challenges and resources that shaped the lives of past inhabitants. From a national perspective, it is arguably the most exciting place in Britain for discovering and interpreting the past. Prehistoric field systems, Bronze Age burnt mounds, Iron Age brochs, (A broch (/ˈbrɒx/) is an Iron Age drystone hollow-walled structure found in Scotland.) Pict wheelhouses, Viking and Norse longhouses and post-medieval fortifications all serve to offer a rich tapestry of well-preserved and visible human settlement.

The earliest date for archaeological remains in Shetland is approximately 4000BC and is a radiocarbon date from a midden exposed at West Voe, Sumburgh, where the sea is gradually eroding the coastline. At this time, the early Neolithic (New Stone Age, when people first began farming) Shetland was lightly wooded and the climate was rather warmer than it is today. This made agriculture easier. So far, this is the earliest known settlement site. The first houses may well have been flimsy structures which were little more than animal skin tents supported by frames of wood or even whalebones, and there is evidence for wooden buildings from the excavations at the Scord of Brouster. This type of building would be more difficult to find than evidence of the more familiar, stone built, houses.

Shetland's first farmers used stone tools and, in time, began to use stone for the walls of their homes. It was a readily available and less finite building material with which to construct settlements and field systems. The low intensity of land use over the proceeding millennia means that even today the visitor can discover spectacular examples of these farms throughout Shetland.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.shetland.org/60n/blogs/posts/discover-ancient-secrets>

<sup>4</sup> For more information concerning forthcoming events and fieldwork, contact Shetland Archaeologist Val Turner at Shetland Amenity Trust (email: [val@shetlandamenity.org](mailto:val@shetlandamenity.org)).

The earliest evidence for Neolithic death and burial in Shetland comprises stone cists, boxes formed from slabs on end, as well as the more prevalent heel-shaped chambered cairns which were located in prominent locations such as hilltops or knolls which had a good view. The ancestors would have been able to keep watch on the happenings in the houses and villages below. Shetland's best example of a chambered cairn is to be found on the island of Vementry. There are other good examples at Punds Water and Islesburgh. Scotland's highest chambered cairn is on the summit of Ronas Hill, although it has been built onto more recently.

The period between 1800 and 600 BC is traditionally known as the Bronze Age in Shetland, although there is little evidence for any bronze working in the islands until towards the end of this era. Indeed, arguably the most dramatic change to take place during this time was a deterioration of the climate. As the ground became exhausted by agriculture, so the peat and blanket bog spread. At the same time the sea level rose: the population was effectively being pressurised from above and below.

Shetland's Bronze Age is represented by over 300 burnt mounds. These monuments survive as crescent-shaped mounds of fist-sized, burnt, shattered stone, with a pit, often lined with flat stone slabs, situated between the two "horns" of the crescent. The stones are shattered because they have been subjected to dramatic temperature changes, the result of being heated in a fire and immediately placed in contact with cold water.

Burnt mounds may have been cooking sites although, as experiments have shown, this is not very efficient. Alternative explanations include tanning or dyeing, or possibly fulling or felting. They are often found at a distance from the houses; perhaps the process employed was rather smelly. The largest burnt mound in Shetland is found in Fair Isle. At Cruester in Bressay a burnt mound, situated on the edge of the banks, was excavated and then moved, stone by stone, to be rebuilt at the Bressay Heritage Centre.

The Iron Age was a turning point in Shetland's history. People began to build fortifications. Archaeologists are not sure why this happened; perhaps there were more people living in Shetland than the land could comfortably support, increasing the need for defence, or perhaps access to iron, and therefore weapons,

made life more dangerous. The majority of excavated sites from this period are either forts, or more are massive brochs, circular towers with inner and outer stone walls totalling 5m in width at ground floor level.

Most brochs were situated on the coast and have good views of both the sea and of other brochs. Signals could have been sent between them to warn of approaching strangers and they would certainly have presented an imposing sight from the sea. Archaeologists debate the extent to which these are the houses of prestigious chiefs, centres of warfare or something in between. Scotland's most well-known, and most complete, broch, is on the island of Mousa, and survives to a height of 13m.

The most significant example of a broch and adjacent village has been revealed at Old Scatness. Here excavations, undertaken since 1995 by the University of Bradford and Shetland Amenity Trust as part of a major heritage project, have revealed a whole Iron Age Village, centred on the broch. The earliest building on the site appears to be a broch. This was followed by the construction of massive Iron Age round houses, smaller Pict wheelhouses, and Pict cellular buildings, some of which were reused when the Vikings arrived. Today, Old Scatness Broch and Iron Age village is a prime visitor attraction, where Shetland's Iron Age is interpreted through guided tours, reconstruction buildings and living history demonstrators.

By the sixth century AD, Shetland had become integrated into the mainstream of Pict politics and life. Artefacts such as painted pebbles and carved symbol stones demonstrate a strong Pict presence in the islands. Good examples include the ogham script of the Lunnasting Stone, and Christian cross-slabs which include fine examples such as the cross slab and the Monk's Stone, both from Papil. An amazing collection of twenty-eight silver objects, the St Ninian's Isle Treasure was discovered beneath the floor of a chapel, in a larch wood box, together with the jawbone of a porpoise. The collection included a spectacular array of drinking bowls, a hanging bowl, sword fittings and penannular brooches. Churches were generally viewed as places of safety during times of trouble but presumably the people who buried it came to grief, as they never retrieved their treasure.

From the late 8th century, Shetland was subject to the turbulent impact of the expanding Viking world. Shetland was ideally placed to become a stepping-stone for North Atlantic voyages, raiding and settlement from Norway. The legacy of the Vikings, not only in the archaeological record, but also the cultural and linguistic influences, is evident in the islands today. The Viking Parliament for the islands was located at Law Ting Holm, Tingwall, whilst the evidence for a Viking village can be seen at the spectacular multi-period site at Jarlshof.

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Unst is the most northerly island in Britain, right in the heart of the Viking seaways. It was one of the first landfalls of the Vikings coming to Britain and it is rich in Viking and Norse remains. Over 30 rural longhouse sites have been identified so far. That means that Unst has a greater density of rural longhouse sites than anywhere else, including Scandinavia.

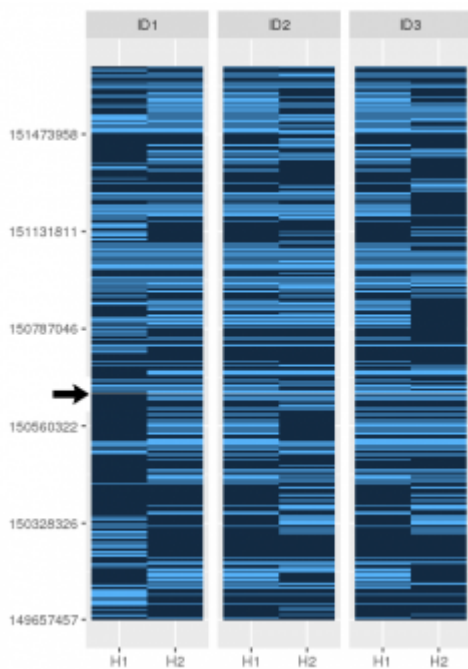
Shetland Amenity Trust's "Viking Unst" project is opening up a number of these sites for public information and enjoyment. The first phase involved the excavation of three Viking Longhouses: Belmont, Hamar and Underhoull. In addition to year-round access to the excavated sites, a replica longhouse and long-ship, the Skidbladner, based on the Gokstad ship can be found at Brookpoint, Haroldswick, which legend has as the first footfall of the Vikings in Shetland.

In more recent times, the Shetland was ruled by lairds, large landowners whose houses included castles at Scalloway and at Muness, Unst. Fort Charlotte was erected in Lerwick in the mid-seventeenth century during the Second Dutch War. Visitors to Shetland may also explore an array of twentieth century military remains as well as the rural crofting landscapes.

Some of Shetland's archaeology is well sign posted and interpreted by information boards in the landscape. However, there is so much archaeology to be discovered that the more adventurous Islands explorer will find they literally stumble across it as they walk across the hills.

## **RARE ANCESTRAL VARIANT FOUND IN VIKING HEALTH STUDY <sup>5</sup>**

**(DNA analysis of selected participants from the Shetland population identified a rare variant in the sequence of a gene that is known to be important in the control of heart rhythm.)**



Analysis of DNA sharing around the gene variant (shown by the arrow)  
The genetic variant was found in three participants within a large family. Careful investigation of all the genetic data from the three related individuals allowed their shared DNA sequences to be described in detail.  
The shared DNA sequences were searched for in the genetic data of all participants in the VIKING Health Study - Shetland. This revealed two additional people with the same DNA sequence in the gene.

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**5** This study was made possible by the whole genome sequencing collaboration with the Scottish Genomes Partnership (SGP) and has been published in a scientific journal. The paper can be found below:

**An actionable KCNH2 Long QT Syndrome variant detected by sequence and haplotype analysis in a population research cohort**

All five participants with this DNA carry the rare variant from a shared common ancestor, who probably lived in Shetland hundreds of years ago. GPs of these volunteers were told about the research findings, in line with agreed ethics, allowing them to advise on further testing. The additional participants must be distantly related, as they are not connectable within the family. Their identification, using modern “big data” computer technology, showcases the potential of this research resource for genomic medicine.

The populations of Orkney and Shetland have several characteristics which are favourable for the identification of genes influencing clinical traits and disease potential. This project shows the value of the strong and enduring family links that exist in the Shetlander population. They particularly assist in the association of DNA variants with the detailed medical data that was collected in the recruitment clinics, such as blood cholesterol, eye measures and heart rhythms (using ECGs).

## CULTURAL OCCASIONS

### “UP HELLY AA”

#### FIRE, FEASTING AND FANCY DRESS

*"There will be no postponement for weather". That's a defiant boast by Shetland's biggest fire festival, considering it's held in mid-winter on the same latitude as southern Greenland. But it's true: gales, sleet and snow have never yet stopped the 'Up Helly Aa' guizers of Lerwick from burning their Viking galley - and then dancing the dawn away.*

*'Up Helly Aa' is a superb spectacle, a celebration of Shetland history, and a triumphant demonstration of islanders' skills and spirit. This northern Mardi Gras, run entirely by volunteers, lasts just one day (and all the following night). But it takes several thousand people 364 days to organise. Much of the preparation is in strictest secrecy. The biggest secret of all is what the head of the festival, the 'Guizer Jarl', will wear and which character from the Norse Sagas he'll represent.*

*It sounds wonderful, and it is; but if you miss the Lerwick festival, don't worry: from Sumburgh in the South Mainland to Norwick in Unst, there are local versions of 'Up Helly Aa', all welcoming to visitors and each with its own unique identity.*

The ingredients of 'Up Helly Aa' go back 12 centuries and more - fire, feasting, fancy dress and, above all, fun. The torch-lit procession and galley burning echo pagan Norse rituals at the cremation of great chieftains, and religious ceremonies to mark the Sun's return after the winter solstice.

Elaborate disguise was part of prehistoric fertility rites. Medieval Shetland guizers were called 'skeklers' and wore costumes of straw. The feasting and dancing continue saga traditions from the winter drinking halls of Viking warriors, while the satirical 'Bill' or proclamation, lampooning local worthies and fixed to the Lerwick Market Cross on 'Up Helly Aa' morning, has precedents in the sharp wit of the Norse skalds.



**Above: The Jarl - Lord of Lerwick for a day and a night**

Lerwick's Jarl will have been planning (and saving up for) the longest day of his life for 15 years or more, before he dons his raven-winged helmet, grabs axe and shield, and embarks on a 24-hour sleepless marathon. Along with the rest of the committed, volunteer crew, he'll have spent thousands of hours planning and preparing each detail of 'Up Helly Aa' and its associated events, until his big day dawns.

On the evening of 'Up Helly Aa' day, almost 1,000 heavily disguised men, in groups, known as 'squads', form ranks in the darkened streets of Shetland's capital. Only the lead, or Jarl Squad, wears Viking dress. The rest are in costumes ranging from the almost sublime to the totally ridiculous. The women of Lerwick play a huge part in the festival - organising, hosting at the halls, preparing and catering, and having a wonderful time in what, for many, is the social highlight of the year. Dancing, seeing old friends, and enjoying the occasional drink in what was originally an entirely 'dry' festival aimed at encouraging abstinence. Officially, in some halls more than others, it still is! Many women say they have no desire to be in squads or take part in the

procession itself though, outside of Lerwick, this is commonplace, and some would like the same to be true in 'da toon'.

Each guizer shoulders a stout fencing post, topped with paraffin-soaked sacking. On the stroke of 7.30pm, a signal rocket bursts over the Town Hall. The torches are lit, the band strikes up and the amazing, blazing procession begins, snaking half a mile astern of the Guizer Jarl, standing proudly at the helm of his doomed replica long ship, or '*galley*'.

It takes half an hour for the Jarl's squad of Vikings to drag him to the burning site, through a crowd of 5,000 spectators or more.



The guizers circle the dragon ship in a slow-motion Catherine Wheel of fire. Another rocket explodes overhead. The Jarl leaves his ship, to a crescendo of cheers. A bugle call sounds, and then the torches are hurled into the galley. As the inferno destroys four months of painstaking work by the galley builders, the crowd sings 'The Norseman's Home' - a stirring requiem that can bring tears to the eyes of the hardest Viking.

Tears of mirth are more likely as the night rolls on and more than 40 squads of guizers visit a dozen halls in rotation. They're all invited guests at what are still private parties - apart from a couple of halls where tickets are on sale to the general public. In tribute to the festival's origins, in some hall's alcohol must be handed in by guests on arrival and stored safely in a separate room to be accessed on request.

At every hall each squad performs its 'act', perhaps a skit on local events, a dance display in spectacular costume, or a topical send-up of a popular TV show or pop group.

Every guizer has a duty (as the 'Up Helly Aa Song' says) to dance with at least one of the ladies in the hall, before taking yet another dram, soaked up with vast quantities of mutton soup and bannocks.

It's a fast and furious night - and a guizer who arrives home with a completely clear head before 8.30am the next morning is lucky. Not surprisingly, The day after 'Up Helly Aa' is a public holiday. Lerwick seems like a ghost town, but by evening the hardier merry-makers are out dancing again, this time at the 'Guizer's Hop'.



That's not the end of it. Throughout the rest of the winter each gang of guizers hold their own 'squad dances' for family and friends. By early autumn, there are the first meetings to arrange the next year's performance, while at the Galley Shed in St Sunniva Street the shipwrights, carpenters and their helpers start work on the new galley, not forgetting 'the boys who make the torches'.

Lerwick 'Up Helly Aa' may be the biggest fire festival, but it's by no means the only one. From the start of January until early March, the 'country' 'Up Helly Aas' take place throughout the isles, all of them rooted in their local communities and celebrating the gradual lightening of the year. In Lerwick, there's also the Junior 'Up Helly Aa' celebration, which is a mini version of the main Lerwick

‘Up Helly Aa’. There's a junior jarl squad and a short version of the torch-lit street parade, featuring secondary school pupils, which takes place just before the main Lerwick procession.

'From grand old Viking centuries, ‘Up Helly Aa’ has come...' That's what the guizers sing but in fact the festival is only just over 100 years old in its present, highly organised form. In the 19th century, ‘Up Helly Aa’ was often riotous. Special constables were called in to curb trigger-happy drunks firing guns in the air - and dragging a blazing tar barrel through the streets, sometimes leaving it on the doorstep of the year's least popular worthy burgher. Today's festival is much better behaved.



## MARINERS OF THE SHETLANDS

*Family knowledge. Some may be conjecture...*

*Robert was a mariner trading in and out of ports in north-east England, in particular Sunderland. Robert lived in the capital of the Shetland Islands, Lerwick. Robert had no formal education, was illiterate and could not spell his own name. He met and married the daughter of the river pilot on the River Tyne, Jane Scott. Jane had received an education and could read and write.*

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### NINIAN RIDLAND/RIDLIN (FISHERMAN-WHALER ALSO NAVYMAN)

*Third known generation for Ridling of New Zealand.*

*Ninian Served on following whaling ship:  
'North Briton' 1822 D.31/6/10 page 180  
Source: Hay & Co. Whaling Records*

*Also appears on the list of Sea Fencibles for 1809 for Sandsting parish, as Ringon/Riglon, signed with an X.*

*Also, on Census return.*

*Death certificate, 73/20, registered by Laurence Ridland, son.*

### SEA FENCIBLES <sup>6</sup>

Shetland Battalion	Facings —	Major-Commandant George Malcolmson. <sup>[51]</sup>	8 February 1798	1802	Strength, two companies.
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The Sea Fencibles were a British naval militia, mostly volunteers, that was formed in 1793 to act as an anti-invasion force in coastal waters. The Sea Fencibles were active during the French Revolutionary Wars (1792–1802) and Napoleonic Wars (1803–1815). They were usually fishermen or residents along the coast, under the command of retired or serving naval officers.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://martellotowers.co.uk/seafencibles>

The earliest recorded use of the term (**'Sea Fencibles'**) was in 1793, when Royal Navy captain Sir Home Popham organised groups of fishermen to guard against French vessels off the coast of Nieuwpoort, Belgium. At Popham's suggestion, the British Admiralty subsequently authorised the formation of co-ordinated Sea Fencible units along the English and Irish coasts.

From 1804 on they were supported by a network of Martello towers. Popham's Sea Fencible companies consisted of merchant seamen using their own private or commercial vessels but operating under letters of marque that authorised them to capture enemy ships should the opportunity arise. The Navy provided the Fencibles with uniforms and weapons; it also protected them from the depredations of navy press gangs.

The British Admiralty disbanded its Sea Fencible units in 1810 when it became clear that the threat of invasion by Bonaparte had passed.



Above: Sir Home Popham, the originator of the "Sea Fencibles" concept in 1793.

The Sea Fencibles were divided into 36 companies, with each company responsible for patrolling and defending a section of the coastline. Company

command was vested in three Royal Navy captains and up to six Lieutenants per district. The district captains reported in turn to the Director of Sea Fencibles, an admiral.

Sea Fencible volunteers were trained in the use of arms and were required to man watch and signal towers, and fixed and floating batteries along the coasts and ports. Those who operated commercial vessels, for example, local fishermen, received up to four cannons per craft and training in their maintenance and use. The Admiralty commissioned a small number of armed vessels for use in districts where there was insufficient private craft to meet a Sea Fencible company's needs. A member of the Sea Fencibles would spend one day a week training. All Sea Fencibles received a certificate that exempted them from impressment into the Navy. The Treasury argued that the exemption from impressment was the principal reason smugglers joined as impressment was a common punishment for smuggling.

The Sea Fencibles operated in accordance with letters of marque authorising the capture of French or Spanish merchant shipping and a share of the proceeds should the seized vessel then be sold. Their fleet consisted of small vessels such as colliers and coasting vessels such as hoys adapted to serve as gunboats. The owners were expected to pay for the fitting of slides, ring and eye bolts for the installation of guns, usually two forward and two aft, and in smaller craft to fit sweeps for use in calms.

The Admiralty provided guns, ammunition and powder, and it required the ship owners to keep close and regular accounts of their use. The owners were under orders to co-operate with the Royal Navy, and they were entitled to payment of compensation, according to the size of their ships and the amount of time they were required.

Sea Fencibles recruitment was always brisk with 23,500 volunteers in the first four years. Officer recruitment also proceeded swiftly, particularly among younger captains who lacked the seniority for an ocean-going command. By 1803, one-third of Sea Fencibles captains were men promoted to that rank within the preceding twelve months. Sea Fencibles command also offered the prospect of relatively easy service on full pay. For this reason, it was appealed to a group of older captains whose Navy careers were near their natural end. The oldest captain, Sir Edmund Nagle, had served at sea for more than three decades before taking command of the Sea Fencibles at Shoreham-by-Sea in 1803.

Home Popham himself was appointed to head up the district between Beachy Head and Deal, the area considered at greatest risk of a French invasion. Another Sea Fencible was Francis Austen, a naval captain and future admiral who was the brother of the novelist Jane Austen. He was appointed to raise and organise a corps of Sea Fencibles to defend a strip of the Kentish coast.<sup>7</sup>



**A Typical Sea Fencible**

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<sup>7</sup> *Text courtesy of Wikipedia*

## ARCTIC WHALING AND THE SHETLANDERS <sup>8</sup>

What was Shetland's role in Arctic Whaling? From the late 1700s ships from places like Hull and Peterhead picked up crew from Shetland (and Orkney) in the spring and returned them in the autumn. The Shetland men were generally excellent mariners and crewed the small boats that went after the whales in the seas around Greenland and Spitsbergen. They were also cheaper to employ. Agents in Shetland hired the men and dealt with all the financial arrangements. These included the basic daily pay and the bonuses of oil money. It also included selling things to the Shetland men that they would need for the voyage. Items such as tea, sugar, clothing and other kit they might need. This was supplied against the expected wages. In some cases, family members (e.g. wives or mothers) were also able to acquire items such as tea and sugar during the period the ship was away. These accounts were written in annual ledgers and for one Shetland company Hay & Co a number of these still exist. Museums in Lerwick and Scalloway have excellent whaling displays. The Shetland Archive has lots of whaling related material across the various phases of Shetland whaling related activity. There are accounts and ship lists for the Shetland men crewing Arctic whalers from Hull and Peterhead and other British whaling ports. There are descriptions and photographs of the hunting of pilot whales by driving them onto beaches carried out until the early 20th century. Newspaper reports and other information about Shetland based Norwegian whaling stations from the early 20th century bring the conflicts of interest and protests alive, and archives including oral history recordings and photos of the Antarctic whaling in the mid-20th century. There are also some of the most patient, and helpful archivists I have ever come across. A significant number of Shetland men went to the Southern Hemisphere whaling based in the Falklands or South Georgia on ships that hunted whales in Antarctic waters up until 1963. These young men went for the money and the adventure. A few seasons in the harsh and unforgiving but beautiful South Atlantic could generate enough money for a man to build a house or commission a new fishing boat when they returned to Shetland. This injection of money into Shetland was an important economic driver in the 1930-60s.

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<sup>8</sup> <http://www.carolinehack.com/arctic-whaling-shetlanders/>



**Left: Shetland South Atlantic Whaler Memorial, Lerwick**

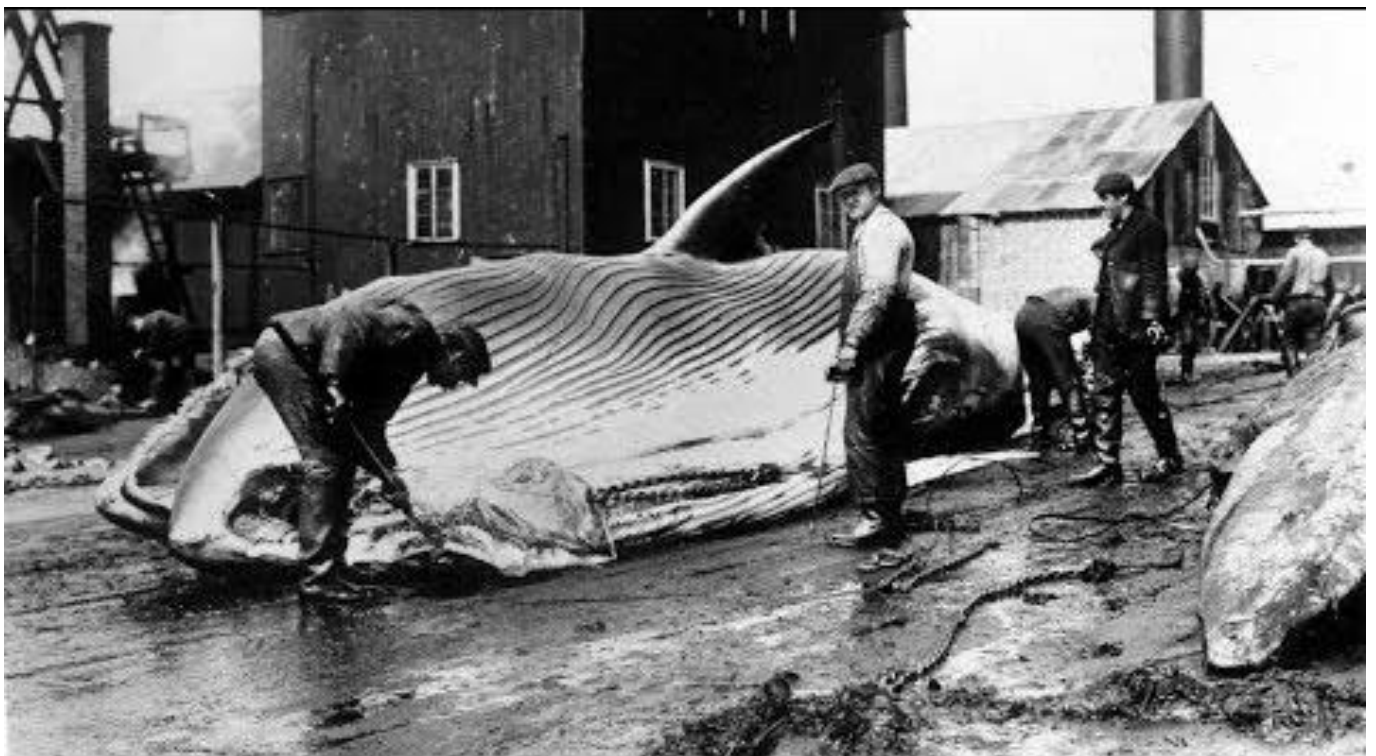
**There is an understated and quietly moving memorial in Lerwick harbour to the Southern, Antarctic Whaling. As it says on the memorial Erected by the Shetland ex-whalers Association in tribute to all the Shetlanders who, from 1905 to 1963, worked in the Antarctic with the whaling fleets of Chr. Salvesen & Co. Leith.**

**Through the 1930s depression and post war austerity, money earned at the Antarctic Whaling sustained many families and helped stem the flow of emigration from the islands till the fishing industry improved in the 1960s and the oil industry arrived in the 1970s.**

**“They did business in great waters and saw the wonders of the deep”**



Following photos taken at Whalers Bay Shetland Islands





## SOME EARLY SHETLAND WHALERS












Name	James CHEYNE	
Born	6 Oct 1833	Exnaboe, Dunrossness, SHI, SCT
Gender	Male	
Census	1851	Resident at South Exnaboe, Dunrossness.
Died	13 Nov 1854	At whaling
Person ID	I125234	Shetland
Last Modified	18 Dec 2000	
Father	Sinclair CHEYNE, <b>b.</b> 2 Nov 1792, Scatness, Virkie, Dunrossness, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 21 May 1878, Wiltrow, Dunrossness, SHI, SCT	
Mother	Barbara GARRIOCK, <b>b.</b> 21 Jan 1793, Dunrossness, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 16 Feb 1876, Exnaboe, Dunrossness, SHI, SCT	
Married	19 Oct 1815	Dunrossness, SHI, SCT
Family ID	F29626	
Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[S11] Dunrossness OPR.</li> <li>[S37] Census return.</li> <li>[S163] Hay &amp; Company Whaling Records, D.31/6/21 page 320.</li> </ul>	








Name	Robert FRASER	
Born	1828	Windyhill, Sandness, SHI, SCT
Gender	Male	
Died	26 Mar 1850	At whaling
Person ID	I55185	Shetland
Last Modified	18 Dec 2000	
Father	<u>Campbell FRASER</u> , <b>b.</b> 1795, Bousta, Sandness, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 1831, Windyhill, Sandness, SHI, SCT	
Mother	<u>Grizel FRASER</u> , <b>b.</b> 25 Aug 1798, Walls, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 21 Oct 1880, Viewfield, Sandness, SHI, SCT	
Married	21 Nov 1826	Walls, SHI, SCT
Family ID	F17615	





Name	Peter GRAY	
Born	13 Oct 1824	Sound, West Yell, SHI, SCT
Gender	Male	
Census	1841	Resident at Sound, West Yell.
Died	23 Apr 1848	At whaling
Person ID	I6712	Shetland
Last Modified	4 Jan 2001	
Father	James GRAY, <b>b.</b> 1800, Colvister, North Yell, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> Aft 1845 (Age > 46 years)	
Mother	Janet JOHNSON, <b>b.</b> 15 Jan 1810, Cuppister, South Yell, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 14 May 1861, 2 Houlland, South Yell, SHI, SCT	
Married	24 Jan 1824	
Family ID	F169	
Family	Jane HUGHSON, <b>b.</b> 5 Mar 1818, Samphray, Yell Sound, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> Apr 1902, Burravoe, South Yell, SHI, SCT	
Married	9 Nov 1847	
Children	+ 1. Peter GRAY, <b>b.</b> 1849, South Yell, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 14 Jul 1897, Setter, West Yell, SHI, SCT  (Age 48 years)	
Family ID	F3043	
Sources	<p>[S37] Census return.</p> <p>[S163] Hay &amp; Company Whaling Records, D.31/6/15 page 196.</p> <p>[S100] West Yell Cemetery.</p>	

Name	James MORRISON	
Born	1816	Brettabister, Nesting, SHI, SCT
Gender	Male	
Died	17 Jul 1849	At whaling
Person ID	I30370	Shetland
Last Modified	12 Nov 2006	
Father	Simon MORRISON, <b>b.</b> 1780, Nesting, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 14 Apr 1857, Brettabister, Nesting, SHI, SCT  (Age 77 years)	
Mother	Mary LAING, <b>b.</b> 1787, Garth, Nesting, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 1 Jun 1856, Brettabister, Nesting, SHI, SCT  (Age 69 years)	
Family ID	F10797	
Family	Margaret IRVINE, <b>b.</b> 15 Jun 1817, Garth, Nesting, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 31 Mar 1904, Benston, Nesting, SHI, SCT  (Age 86 years)	
Married	2 Dec 1845	Nesting, SHI, SCT
Children	+ 1. James MORRISON, <b>b.</b> 20 Jan 1847, Garth, Nesting, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 13 Nov 1894, At sea  (Age 47 years) 2. William MORRISON, <b>b.</b> 1848, Garth, Nesting, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Last Modified	26 Jul 2014	
Family ID	F10709	
Sources	<p>[S163] Hay &amp; Company Whaling Records, D.31/6/16, page 52.</p> <p>[S4] IGI Marriages.</p>	

Name	Jacob SINCLAIR	
Born	8 Oct 1819	Aith, Fetlar, SHI, SCT

Gender	Male	
Occupation	Crofter	
Died	17 May 1848	At whaling 
Person ID	I22023	Shetland
Last Modified	4 Oct 2009	
Father	Robert SINCLAIR, <b>b.</b> 30 May 1780, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> 11 Nov 1860, Aith, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  (Age 80 years)	
Mother	Elizabeth TAIT, <b>b.</b> 28 Jan 1793, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> Bef 1841 (Age < 47 years)	
Married	30 Nov 1816	Fetlar, SHI, SCT 
Family ID	F7279	
Family	Janet AFFLECK, <b>b.</b> 15 Mar 1816, Feal, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> 8 Jun 1896, Aith, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  (Age 80 years)	
Married	2 Jan 1845	Fetlar, SHI, SCT 
Children	1. Elizabeth SINCLAIR, <b>b.</b> 1845, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> 30 Jul 1898, Aith, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  (Age 53 years) 2. Robert SINCLAIR, <b>b.</b> 1847, Fetlar, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Family ID	F8364	
Sources	. <a href="#">[S163]</a> Hay & Company Whaling Records, D.31/6/15 page 102.	

Name	Robert SUTHERLAND	
Born	17 May 1827	Lunnasting, SHI, SCT 
Gender	Male	
Baptism	27 May 1827	Lunnasting, SHI, SCT  <a href="#">[1]</a>
Died	14 Jun 1849	At whaling  <a href="#">[2]</a>
Person ID	I72067	Shetland
Last Modified	14 Aug 2002	
Father	Andrew SUTHERLAND, <b>b.</b> 1800, Gilsbrake, Lunnasting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Mother	Martha PETERSON, <b>b.</b> 1795, Gilsbrake, Lunnasting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> 1876, Lerwick, SHI, SCT  (Age 81 years)	
Married	9 Dec 1823	Lunnasting, SHI, SCT 
Family ID	F11118	
Sources	. Lunnasting OPR Births 1775-1855. . Hay & Company Whaling Records, D.31/6/16, page 160.	

Name	William TARRELL	
Born	5 Sep 1834	Sandgarth, Delting, SHI, SCT 
Gender	Male	
Baptism	6 Oct 1834	Delting, SHI, SCT 
Census	1841	Resident at Gardie of Southerhouse, Delting. 
Census	1851	Resident at Sandgarth, Delting. 
Occupation	Merchant seaman	

Died	17 Nov 1860	Gruting, Delting, SHI, SCT 
Buried	Olnafirth Cemetery, Voe, Delting, SHI, SCT 	
Person ID	I109050	Shetland
Last Modified	19 Jul 2016	
Father	John TARRELL, <b>b.</b> 7 Nov 1806, Reafirth, Mid Yell, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> 3 Jan 1883, Gruting, Delting, SHI, SCT  (Age 76 years)	
Mother	Johannah ROBERTSON, <b>b.</b> 4 Oct 1806, Sandgarth, Delting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> 5 Aug 1891, Gruting, Delting, SHI, SCT  (Age 84 years)	
Married	14 Nov 1833	Delting, SHI, SCT 
Family ID	F3244	
Family	Elizabeth MANSON, <b>b.</b> 12 Sep 1833, Lerwick, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> 23 Jun 1924, 49 Burgh Road, Lerwick, SHI, SCT  (Age 90 years)	
Married	27 Jan 1857	Free Church, Brae, Delting, SHI, SCT 
Notes	Married by James Bain, witnesses; John Williamson, Thomas Couper.	
Children	1. Wilhelmina TARRELL, <b>b.</b> 25 May 1857, Gruting, Delting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN 2. John TARRELL, <b>b.</b> 29 Feb 1860, Gruting, Delting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Last Modified	24 Jul 2016	
Family ID	F36064	
Sources	2. Delting OPR.  3. Census return.  4. Death certificate, 60/34, registered by James Irvine.  5. ] Hay & Company Whaling Records, D.31/6/27, age 182.  6. Marriage Certificate, 57/6.	

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WESTER SKELD, SHETLAND



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Anderson, Andrew

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Memorial: Reawick WW1 (WMR 8866), Wester Skeld, Shetland

Anderson, Thomas

Memorial: Reawick WW1 (WMR 8866), Wester Skeld, Shetland

Garriock, William

Memorial: Reawick WW1 (WMR 8866), Wester Skeld, Shetland

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Morrison, Robert

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Ridland, John

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Ridland, Lewis

Memorial: Reawick WW1 (WMR 8866), Wester Skeld, Shetland

Robertson, Joseph

Tait, William

## MEMORIAL NAME

RIDLAND, JOHN

Gender

Male

War

First World War (1914-1918)

Death and burial details

Circumstance: Died of Disease

Memorial

Reawick WW1 (WMR 8866)

Wester Skeld

Shetland

# SHETLAND'S Roll of Honour



LAURENCE RENDALL.

Seaman, H.M.T. "Renarro," 1043. Son of James and Elisabeth Rendall, Clats, Whalsay. Lost when vessel was mined in the Dardanelles on Nov. 10, 1918. Aged 28 years.



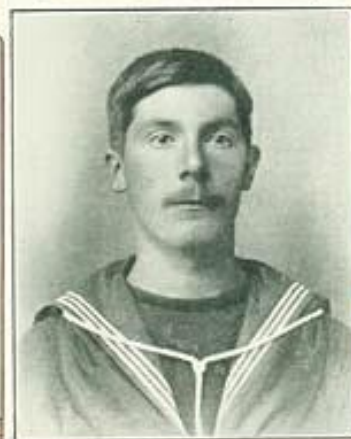
SYDNEY BALFOUR REID.

Corporal, New Zealand Contingent. Third son of William Reid, Invercargill, New Zealand, formerly of Walls. Killed in action in France, May 20, 1918. Aged 24 years.



JOHN THOMAS RIDLAND.

Seaman, R.N.R. Youngest son of Laurence and Williamina Ridland, Brough, West Skeld, Raewick. Died at the Combination Hospital, Lerwick, of typhoid fever following pneumonia, August 4, 1916. Aged 18 years.



LEWIS RIDLAND.

Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Avenger." Fifth son of the late Mr and Mrs William Ridland, Hillhead, Silwick, Raewick. Lost at sea near the coast of Iceland, May 31, 1917. Aged 21.

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LAURENCE J. ROBERTSON, Sergeant, Royal Garrison Artillery. Charlotte Cottage, Charlotte Lane. Wounded on 27th March, 1918. Decoration—Royal Humane Society Medal.

JOHN ROBERTSON, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Excellent." Commercial Road. Twice torpedoed off French coast and in Bay of Biscay.

JOHN L. ROBERTSON, Private, 9th Sea-forths. 4, Freefield. Gassed at Kemmel Hill in April, 1918.

JOHN R. ROBERTSON, Private, Gordon Highlanders. 5, Park Lane. Wounded at Arras, 9th April, 1917; and at Cambrai, 22nd March, 1918; and gassed at Vampoux, 22nd August, 1918.

LAURENCE ROBERTSON, Seaman-Gunner, R.N.R., H.M. Armed Liners. Nice Court.

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- MAGNUS SMITH, A.B., M.F.A. "Tana." Effirrh, Sandsting.
- JOHN J. SMITH, Seaman, R.N.R. (T.). Garderhouse, Sandsting.
- WILLIAM SMITH, Seaman, R.N.R. Garderhouse, Sandsting.
- MITCHELL C. B. SMITH, A.B., M.F.A. "Lueman." Effirrh, Sandsting.
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- JAMES THOMSON, A.B. and Lamps, Merchant Service, s.s. "San Wilfredo." Roeness, Reawick. Prisoner of war in Germany, 1914-1918.
- JAMES TULLOCH, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Mercury." East Skeld, Reawick.
- PETER TULLOCH, Private, 8th Seaforth Highlanders. Skeld.
- WILLIAM B. TULLOCH, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.T. "Regardo." East Skeld, Reawick.
- HUGH WHITE, Otago Regt., A.N.Z.A.C. Sand, Garderhouse. Wounded in France, 28th Nov., 1916.
- JAMES R. WHITE, Signaller, R.G.A. Sand, Garderhouse.
- JOHN WHITE, Seaman, Merchant Service, Lighter "Z." Sand, Garderhouse.
- PETER WHITE, Mate, Merchant Service, s.s. "Saxon Briton." Innersand, Garderhouse. Torpedoed, Feb., 1917.
- JAMES A. W. WILLIAMSON, Sergeant, 5th Batt., Gordon Highlanders. Garderhouse, Sandsting. Wounded at Beaumont Hamel on 13th Nov., 1916.
- MAGNUS WILLIAMSON, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "Venice." Sefster, Sandsting.

AITHSTING.

- THOMAS CHARLES ABERNETHY, Private, Gordon Highlanders. Gassed in France in August, 1918. Tresta, Aithsting.
- JAMES ANDERSON, A.B., s.s. "Briar Leaf." Sandsound, Tresta, Aithsting.
- JAMES ANDERSON, Seaman, H.M.D. "Hazel." East Burrafirrh, Aithsting.
- ROBERT ANDERSON, A.B., s.s. "Khodoung." Merchant Service. East Burrafirrh, Aithsting.
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## DUNROSSNESS.

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- WILLIAM R. S. MOUAT, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.A.T. "Strathdevon." South Voe, Dunrossness.
- MALCOLM MULLAY, Deckhand, R.N.R. (T.), H.M.T. "Stratherie." Lochend, Bigton.
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- JOHN R. RIDLAND, R.N.R., H.M.D. "Camperdown," 2136. Trosswickness, Dunrossness.
- WILLIAM R. RIDLAND, Pte., Machine-Gun Corps. Scatness, Virkie.
- JAMES R. ROBERTSON, Seaman, R.N.R. Barracks, Portsmouth. Noss, Dunrossness.
- MAGNUS ROBERTSON, R.N.R. Stationed at Portsmouth Barracks. South Scousburgh, Dunrossness.
- ROBERT ROBERTSON, Ldg.-Seaman, Gunlayer, R.N.R., s.s. "Penistone." Longfield, Dunrossness. Torpedoed in the Atlantic on 11th August, 1918, while on a voyage between America and France on s.s. "Penistone."
- BRUCE SANDISON, Private, Scots Guards, transferred Machine-Gun Corps. Williamsetter, Bigton.
- JAMES SHEWAN, Engineer, M.B. "Columbine." Scatsness, Virkie.
- MAGNUS SHEWAN, R.N.R. Patrol duty in Shetland. Scousburgh, Dunrossness.
- WILLIAM S. SHEWAN, Gunner, R.N.R. Mires, Dunrossness.
- GILBERT H. SINCLAIR, R.N.R., H.M. Drifter "Reed." North Scousburgh, Dunrossness.
- THOMAS L. SINCLAIR, A.B., R.N.R., H.M.S. "Emperor of India." Scousburgh, Dunrossness.
- JAMES SINCLAIR, Seaman, R.N.R., Portsmouth Barracks. Exnaboe, Dunrossness.
- JAMES R. SINCLAIR, Seaman, M.B. "Columbine." Outvoe, Dunrossness.
- JOHN W. SINCLAIR, Seaman, M.B. "Columbine." Outvoe, Dunrossness.
- JOHN SINCLAIR, Seaman, R.N.R., (T.), H.M.T. "Rigoletto." Rerwick, Dunrossness.
- LAURENCE SINCLAIR, Deckhand, R.N.R. (T.), H.M.T. "Touraco." Maywick, Bigton.
- WILLIAM J. SINCLAIR, Seaman-Gunner, H.M.T. "Myra." Maywick, Bigton.
- PETER SINCLAIR, Deckhand, H.M.T. "Garnet" 3001. Outvoe, Dunrossness.
- THOMAS P. SINCLAIR, Skipper, R.N.R. (T.), H.M.S. "Viadetto." Maywick, Bigton.
- ADAM J. SMITH, Seaman-Gunner, R.N.R., H.M. Oil Transport "Pearleaf." Toab, Virkie.
- GEORGE J. SMITH, Seaman-Gunner, R.N.R., H.M. Oil Transport "Pearleaf." Toab, Virkie.
- WILLIAM M. SMITH, Private, 3rd Gordon Highlanders. Toab, Virkie.
- JOHN L. SMITH, 2nd-Hand, R.N.R. (T.), H.M.T. "Perihilion." Punds, Bigton.
- WILLIAM PETER SMITH, Deckhand, R.N.R. (T.), H.M.D., "Silver Line." Punds, Bigton.
- PETER SMITH, P.O., R.N.R. (T.), H.M.T. "Petunie." Punds, Bigton.
- MAGNUS M. SMITH, Deckhand, R.N.R. (T.), H.M.T. "Bellerophon II." El-lister, Bigton.
- ROBERT J. SMITH, Seaman, R.N.R., on one of H.M. Decoy ships. Redburn, Bigton.

SANDSTING.

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- (Operations) Group, Royal Air Force. Gruting Schoolhouse, Bridge-of-Walls, Sandsting.
- JOHN PETERSON, Private, Seaforth Highlanders. Gruting Schoolhouse, Bridge-of-Walls. Wounded in France on 3rd May, 1917, and 18th Oct., 1918.
- PETER PETERSON, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "Albert Clement." Skeld.
- JAMES POLE, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "Brandenburg." Skeld, Reawick. Prisoner of war in Germany, 1914-1918.
- GEORGE H. REID, 2nd Mate, s.s. "Somersby." Culswick, Reawick.
- JAMES REID, A.B., H.M.S. "Empyrean." Culswick, Reawick.
- JOHN R. REID, Chief Mate, s.s. "Thistle-more." Culswick, Reawick.
- MITCHELL REID, Private, Royal Army Service Corps. Culswick, Reawick.
- JAMES RIDLAND, Ldg.-Seaman Gunner, R.N.R., s.s. "Balbca." Skeld.
- JAMES O. RIDLAND, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M. Aux. Cruiser "Columbella." Silwick, Sandsting.
- WILLIAM RIDLAND, Carpenter, Merchant Service, H.M. Transport "Petrograd." Silwick, Sandsting.
- JOHN R. RIDLAND, A.B., Merchant Service, M.F.A. "Kawarra." Torpedoed near Wick, Feb., 1916. Silwick, Sandsting.
- PETER P. RIDLAND, A.B. Merchant Service, M.F.A. "Wear." Silwick, Sandsting.
- JAMES R. RIDLAND, Master, Merchant Service, H.M. Transport "Comerie." Skeld. Mentioned in Despatches.
- JAMES W. RIDLAND, Pte., Royal Army Medical Corps. Brough, West Skeld, Reawick.
- MITCHELL RIDLAND, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.T. "Miura." Reawick, Sandsting.
- PETER J. RIDLAND, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Victory." Reawick, Sandsting.
- ROBERT RIDLAND, A.B., Merchant Service. Bakers St., Aberdeen. Formerly of Skeld.
- ALEXANDER I. ROBERTSON, A.B., Merchant Service, H.M.H.S. "Agadir." Reawick. Torpedoed in Mediterranean, 2nd Oct., 1916.
- CHRISTOPHER ROBERTSON, Chief Wireless Operator, H.M.H.S. "Guildford Castle." Skeld.
- LAURENCE ROBERTSON, A.M.2. Canadian Royal Air Force. Skeld.
- PETER ROBERTSON, Leading-Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.M.L. "420." Skeld.
- JAMES ROBERTSON, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "York Castle." Skeld.
- MAGNUS ROBERTSON, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "Silsden." Skeld.
- LAURENCE R. ROBERTSON, Sergeant, 326 Field Signal Batt., American Expeditionary Force. New Briton Avenue, Hartford, U.S.A. Formerly of Skeld, Reawick.
- PETER ROBERTSON, Seaman, M.M., H.M.H.S. "Garthcastle." Effirth, Sandsting.
- ROBERT ROBERTSON, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Triad." Effirth, Bixter.
- ROBERT ROBERTSON, Seaman, R.N.R. Liverpool. Formerly of Hogan, Sandsting.
- WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Stivel." Skeld, Reawick.
- LAURENCE SCOLLAY, Signaller, R.F.A., Baptist Manse, Semblester, Sandsting. Wounded on 4th June, 1918, at Arras.
- HUGH SINCLAIR, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "Abbas." Reawick, Sandsting.
- PETER SINCLAIR, A.B., M.M., s.s. "Rhodanthe." Bowayre, Garderhouse. Sunk by "Moewe," 4th March, 1917. Prisoner of war in Germany until 17th Dec., 1918.
- ALEXANDER SHARP, Seaman, R.N.R. Wallacetown, Sandsting.
- THOMAS SLATTER, A.B., Merchant Ser-

- "Buranda." Hesteford, Bridge-of-Walls. Decoration—D.S.M.
- JOHN MOAR, sen., Seaman, R.N.R. Hesteford, Bridge-of-Walls.
- JOHN MOAR, jr., Signalman, R.N.R. (T.), H.M.S. "Mirror." Hesteford, Bridge-of-Walls.
- ANDREW J. MOAR, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M. Tugboat "Danube II." Skeld.
- HENRY MOAR, Master, Merchant Service, Sir E. Shackleton's Relief Ship. Sefster, Sandsting.
- JOHN MOAR, Master, Merchant Service, s.s. "Zualka." Sefster, Sandsting.
- WILLIAM MOAR, A.B., Merchant Service. Sefster, Sandsting.
- HENRY MOAR, Seaman, R.N.R. Wal-lacetown, Sandsting.
- JOHN MOAR, Seaman, R.N.D. Sefster, Sandsting. Interned in Holland, Nov. 1914 to Nov., 1918.
- THOMAS MOAR, Seaman-Gunner, R.N.R., s.s. "Douglas." Skeld.
- ANDREW MONCRIEFF, Seaman-Gunner, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Hildebrand." Skeld, Reawick.
- JAMES A. MONCRIEFF, A.B., H.M. Transport Service, s.s. "Iperia." Innersand, Garderhouse.
- JOHN R. MONCRIEFF, Private, Gordon Highlanders (Shetland Territorials). Innersand, Garderhouse, Sandsting. Invalided and discharged, 26th July, 1916.
- LAURENCE MONCRIEFF, A.B., H.M. Transport Service, s.s. "Quickstep." Innersand, Garderhouse.
- LAURENCE MONCRIEFF, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "Albuera." Skeld, Reawick.
- PETER MONCRIEFF, Seaman, R.N.R., H.M.S. "Teutonic." Innersand, Garderhouse.
- WILLIAM MONCRIEFF, A.B., Merchant Service, s.s. "Wandley." Innersand, Garderhouse, Aithsting.
- ANDREW MONCRIEFF, Seaman, Murrister, Bridge-of-Walls. Prisoner in Germany during the war.
- CHRISTOPHER MONCRIEFF, Master, Merchant Service, s.s. "Dunacton." Murrister, Bridge-of-Walls.
- GEORGE MONCRIEFF, Sergeant, 2nd Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, and Tank Corps. Murrister, Bridge-of-Walls. Wounded at Hooze on 25th September, 1915; at Bray, on the Somme, on 28th April, 1916; and at Bullecourt on 15th June, 1917.
- JAMES MONCRIEFF, Gnr., 107 Howitzer Battery, Australian Imperial Forces. Murrister, Bridge-of-Walls. Wounded in France on 20th Oct., 1917, and on 1st May, 1918.
- JOHN B. MONCRIEFF, Corporal, Royal Garrison Artillery. Murrister, Bridge-of-Walls.
- JAMES MOODIE, Capt., Merchant Service, s.s. "Salmon Pool." Reawick, Sandsting. Torpedoed in Mediterranean, 1916.
- ARTHUR MORRISON, Master, Merchant Service, Sand, Garderhouse.
- JOHN L. MORRISON, A.B., H.M. Trans. Service, s.s. "Louga." Garderhouse, Sandsting.
- FRED J. MOUAT, Seaman, s.s. "Rhio." Hoganess, Bridge-of-Walls, Sandsting.
- JOHN B. MOUAT, Leading-Seaman, R.N.R., s.s. "British Isles." Hoganess, Bridge-of-Walls, Sandsting.
- PETER MOUAT, A.B., H.M.H.S. "Garth Castle." Hoganess, Bridge-of-Walls, Sandsting.
- WALTER MOUAT, A.B., Merchant Service, H.M.T. "Harburn." Selivoe, Bridge-of-Walls. Torpedoed in English Channel, Nov., 1917.
- WILLIAM MOUAT, jr., 3rd Officer, H.M.P. "Huntsvale." Hoganess, Bridge-of-Walls.
- WILLIAM MOUAT, sen., Seaman, R.N.R., Telephone Station. Hoganess, Bridge-of-Walls.
- JAMES McINNES PETERSON, A.C.2., 5th

## GENEALOGY FOR FAMILY RIDLAND/RIDLING

### *CHAPTER ONE*

## LAURENCE RIDLAND AND 'JANET' CHRISTOPHER'S DAUGHTER <sup>9</sup>

### FIRST KNOWN GENERATION

Known: Generation one: Laurence and Janet 1735

**Laurence** was born about: 1735

At: Skeld, Sandsting, Shetland Islands, Scotland

He died about: Unknown

Married: 6 Nov 1755

At: Skeld, Sandsting, Shetland Islands, Scotland

To: '**Janet**' Christopher's daughter

She was born about: 1735

At: Sandsting, Shetland Islands, Scotland

Died about: Unknown

They had the following children...

1/. Thomas christened 1757

2/. Mary christened 1759

3/. Andrew 1757 christened 1759

4/. Laurence christened 1762

5/. Katherine 1760 christened 1765

**6/. Thomas 1761** christened 1767

All born at: Skeld, Sandsting, Shetland Islands, Scotland

NOTES...

Scotland Marriages, 1561-1910 Tools	LAWRENCE RIDLAN <sup>10</sup>
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Name:	Lawrence Ridlan
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	6 Nov 1755
Event Place:	Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland
Event Place (Original):	Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland
Gender:	Male
Spouse's Name:	Janet Christophers dr.
Spouse's Gender:	Female

Search Results from Historical Records <sup>11</sup>

1-20 of 400 Results for Name: **Ridland** Birthplace: **Shetlands** Birth Year (Range): **1750 – 1770...**

**Thomas Ridland Principal Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 christening: 9 January 1757 Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland father: Laurence Ridland**

**Mary Ridland Principal Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 christening: 6 August 1759 Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland father: Laurence Ridland**

**Thomas Ridland Principal Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 christening: 20 August 1767 Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland father: Laurence Ridland**

**Andrew Ridland Principal Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 christening: 14 July 1759 Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland father: Laurence Ridland**

**Laurence Ridland  
1950 christening: 27 June 1762 Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland father: Laurence Ridland**

**Katharin Ridland Principal Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 christening: 29 January 1765 Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland, Scotland father: Laurence Ridland**

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/s>

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**CHAPTER TWO**

**THOMAS RIDLAND**

*(Fisherman)*

**AND 'ELSPET' NINIAN'S DAUGHTER**

**SECOND KNOWN GENERATION**

**Known: Generation one: Laurence and Janet 1735. Generation two: Thomas and daughter of Elspet 1761.**

He was born about: 20 Sept 1761

At: Easter Skeld, Sandsting, Shetland Islands, Scotland.

(christening: 20 August 1767 Sandsting and Aithsting)

He died about: Unknown

Married: 27 Jan 1781

At: Walls, Shetland Islands, Scotland

To: **'Elspet'** Ninian's daughter

She was born about: 1759

At: Grunivoe, Walls, Shetland Islands, Scotland

Died about: Unknown

They had the following children...

**1/. Ninian Ridland. b1784**

**2/. Ann Ridland. b1798**

Ann Ridland was a resident at West Hogaland, Burra, Shetland, during the census of 1832 and 1851.

She died there, 1 Oct 1875, aged 77 years.

*West Burra is one of the Scalloway Islands, a subgroup of the Shetland Islands in Scotland. It is connected by bridge to East Burra. With an area of 743 hectares (2.87 sq mi), it is the eleventh largest of the Shetland Islands.*



Above: Cemetery West Burra

## ELSPET' NINIAN'S DAUGHTER WIFE OF THOMAS

### Parents...

Mother: Agnes COUTTS, b. Abt 1735, d. UNKNOWN

Father: Ninian JAMIESON, b. Abt 1730, d. 1808 (Age ~ 78 years)

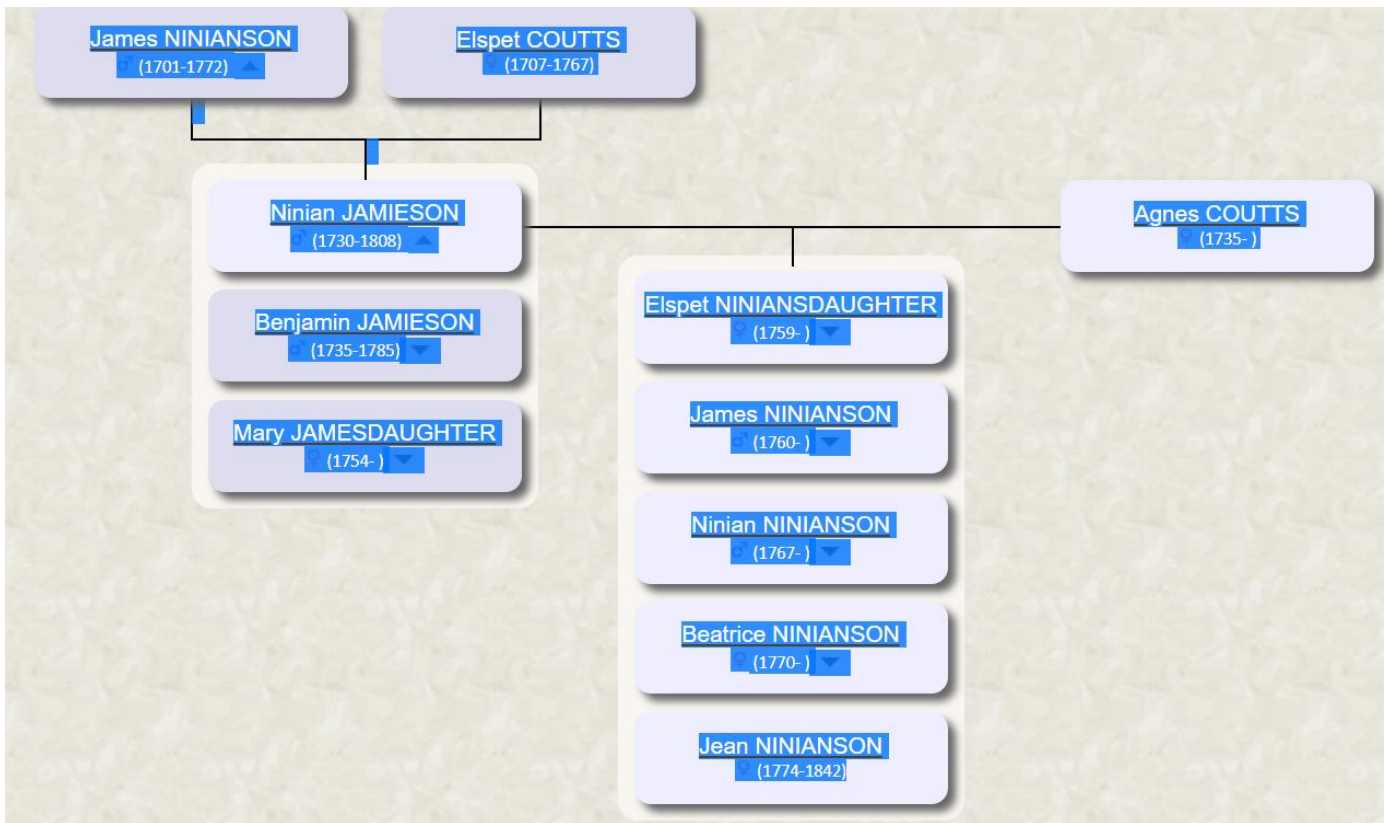
### Grandparents...

Father	James NINIANSOON, <b>b.</b> 1701, Walls, SHI, SCT ♂, <b>d.</b> Bef 8 Dec 1772 (Age < 71 years)
Mother	Elspet COUTTS, <b>b.</b> Bef 1708, Walls, SHI, SCT ♂, <b>d.</b> 1767, Grunivoe, Walls, SHI, SCT ♂ (Age > 59 years)

Married	Abt 1728
Children	+ 1. Ninian JAMIESON, <b>b.</b> Abt 1730, <b>d.</b> 1808 (Age ~ 78 years) + 2. Benjamin JAMIESON, <b>b.</b> Abt 1735, <b>d.</b> Bef 1786, Grunivoe, Walls, SHI, SCT ♂ (Age ~ 50 years) + 3. Mary JAMESDAUGHTER, <b>b.</b> Bef 1754, Grunivoe, Walls, SHI, SCT ♂, <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN

### Great Grandparents...

Father	Ninian, <b>b.</b> Bef 1678, SHI, SCT ♂, <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN
Family ID	F43187



Below left; Shetland ponies grazing near Papil.

Below right; Replica of the Papil Stone dating back to the original from 700 AD which is now in the national museum of Scotland



**CHAPTER THREE**

**NINIAN RIDLAND/RIDLIN/RIDLING**

*(Fisherman-whaler also Navy man)*

**AND MARGARET MONCRIEFF**

**THIRD KNOWN GENERATION**

**Known: Generation one: Laurence and Janet 1735. Generation two: Thomas and daughter of Elspet 1761.  
Generation three: Ninian and Margaret 1784.**

*Ninian Served on the following whaling ship:  
'North Briton' 1822 D.31/6/10 page 180  
Source: Hay & Co. Whaling Records*

*Ninian also appears on the list of Sea Fencibles for 1809 for Sandsting parish, as  
Ringon /Riglon, signed with an X.*

*Also, on census return. 1841 and 1851*

*Death certificate, 73/20, registered by Laurence Ridland, son.*

Census	1841	Resident at Blacksness, Scalloway. 🐾 [1]
Census	1851	Resident at Easter Skeld, Sandsting. 🐾 [1]

**Ninian** was born about: 1784

At: Sandsting

He died about: 28 July 1873

At: Skeld, Sandsting, Shetlands, Scotland

Married: 8 Nov 1808

At: Sandsting, Shetlands, Scotland

To: **Margaret Moncrieff**

She was born about: 1784

At: Sandsting, Shetlands, Scotland

Died about: 1870

At: Skeld, Sandsting, Shetlands, Scotland

They had the following children...

**1/. Robert 1815-1895**

**2/. Margaret 1809-1901**

**3/. James 1811-1881**

**4/. William 1821-1876**




**5/. Thomas 1814-1896**

**6/. Laurence 1818-1897**



**7/. Andrew 1825-1902**

**8/. Marion 1827-1906**



## MARGARET MONCRIEFF WIFE OF NINIAN

Name	Margaret MONCRIEFF	
Born	1784	Sandsting, SHI, SCT 
Gender	Female	
Baptism	27 Aug 1786	Sandsting, SHI, SCT  <a href="#">[1]</a>
Census	1841	Resident at Reawick, Sandsting.  <a href="#">[2]</a>
Census	1851	Resident at Easter Skeld, Sandsting.  <a href="#">[2]</a>
Died	7 Dec 1870	Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  <a href="#">[3]</a>
	Old age	
Person ID	I42974	Shetland
Last Modified	26 Jun 2017	


## Parents...

Father	Robert MONCRIEFF, <b>b.</b> Abt 1760, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN Fisherman	
Mother	Catherine RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> 29 Dec 1760, Easter Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Family ID	F14771	




## Father remarried

Family 2	Janet MOWAT, <b>b.</b> Abt 1765, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Married	30 Sep 1795	Walls, SHI, SCT  <a href="#">[1]</a>
Last Modified	25 Nov 2018	
Family ID	F14773	

## Mother...

Name	Catherine RIDLAND	
Born	29 Dec 1760	Easter Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT 
Gender	Female	
Died	UNKNOWN	
Person ID	I42972	<a href="#">Shetland</a>
Last Modified	2 Jul 2017	








## Maternal Grandparents

Father	Laurence RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> Abt 1735, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Mother	Janet CHRISTOPHERSDAUGHTER, <b>b.</b> Abt 1735, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Married	6 Nov 1755	Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT 
Family ID	F14772	

## Grandfather...

Name	Laurence RIDLAND	
Born	Abt 1735	
Gender	Male	
Died	UNKNOWN	
Person ID	I51260	
Last Modified	8 Nov 2019	





## Grandmother...



Family	Janet CHRISTOPHERSDAUGHTER, <b>b.</b> Abt 1735, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	
Married	6 Nov 1755	Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT 
Children	+ 1. Andrew RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> 19 Jul 1756, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN 2. Mary RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> 5 Aug 1756, Easter Skeld, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN 3. Thomas RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> 9 Dec 1756, Easter Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN + 4. Catherine RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> 29 Dec 1760, Easter Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN + 5. Thomas RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> 20 Sep 1761, Easter Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN	

## JANET MOWAT (STEPMOTHER)

















Name	Janet MOWAT	
Born	Abt 1765	
Gender	Female	
Also Known As	Janet Mouat	

Died	UNKNOWN
Person ID	I43020
Last Modified	23 Nov 2018

Family 1	Thomas SLATER, b. Abt 1760, SHI, SCT  , d. UNKNOWN	
Married	20 Mar 1788	Walls, SHI, SCT 
Children	+ 1. Barbara SLATER, b. 1790, Stove, Walls, SHI, SCT  , d. 19 Apr 1871, Airts of Selivoe, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  (Age 81 years)	
Last Modified	25 Nov 2018	
Family ID	F14786	

Family 2	Robert MONCRIEFF, b. Abt 1760, SHI, SCT  , d. UNKNOWN	
Married	30 Sep 1795	Walls, SHI, SCT  <u>1</u>
Last Modified	25 Nov 2018	
Family ID	F14773	

### NOTES...

1. Robert RIDLAND, b. 7 Mar 1815, Westerskeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 18 Feb 1895, Waikumete, NZL  (Age 79 years)
2. Margaret RIDLAND, b. 1809, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 14 Nov 1901, Vatster, Tingwall, SHI, SCT  (Age 92 years)
3. James RIDLAND, b. 1811, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 1 Oct 1881, 40 Geraint Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, LAN, ENG  (Age 70 years)
4. William RIDLAND, b. 1821, Easterskeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 1876, Sunderland, DUR, ENG  (Age 55 years)
5. Thomas RIDLAND, b. 1814, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 19 Jan 1896, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  (Age 82 years)
6. Laurence RIDLAND, b. 23 Sep 1818, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 19 Oct 1897, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  (Age 79 years)
7. Andrew RIDLAND, b. 19 Jul 1825, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 1902, Sunderland, DUR, ENG  (Age 76 years)
8. Marion RIDLAND, b. 1827, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , d. 20 Jun 1906, Easter Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  (Age 79 years)

***Search Results from Historical Records 12***

***1-8 of 8 Results for Name: Ninian Ridland Birthplace: Shetland Birth Year (Range): 1780 - 1790***

**Ninian Ridland Father Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 spouse: Margaret Moncrieff children:**

**Laurence Ridland**

**Ninian Ridland Father Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 spouse: Margaret Moncrieff children:**

**William Ridland**

**Ninian Ridlen Father Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 children:**

**Thomas Ridlen**

**Ninian Ridlin Father Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 children:**

**James Ridlin**

**CHAPTER FOUR**

**ROBERT RIDLING/RIDLEY**

*(Fisherman-Mariner-Boat builder) Arrived in New Zealand 1857 on the  
Barque 'Eastfield')*

**AND JANE SCOTT**

**FOURTH KNOWN GENERATION**


**Known: Generation one: Laurence and Janet 1735. Generation two: Thomas and daughter of Elspet 1761.  
Generation three: Ninian and Margaret 1784. Generation four: Robert and Jane 1815**

**Family knowledge-some may be conjecture...**

*Because Robert could not read or write he signed his marriage certificate with 'his mark' a cross, and for some inexplicable reason, the celebrant wrote the name Robert Ridley instead of Ridland. The couple had six children; five of the children were born prior to the family setting sail to New Zealand on the ship 'is Eastfield' from Graves end on 6 August 1857, arriving in Auckland, New Zealand, on 12 December 1857. One son, Ninian died on the voyage to New Zealand age one year.*

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**Robert** was born about: 1815  
At: Westerskeld, Sandsting, Shetlands






Census	1841	Resident at North Moor Street, Sunderland.  <a href="#">[1]</a>
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died about: 1895  
At: New Zealand  
Buried: Waikumete, New Zealand  
Married: 1808  
At: Sandsting, Shetlands  
To: **Jane Scott**  
She was born about: 1816  
At; Durham, England  
Died about: 1888  
At: New Zealand  
Buried: Waikumete, New Zealand



They had the following children...

- 1/. Ninian 1844-1844
- 2/. Margaret 1846-1895
- 3/. Robert 1848-1928
- 4/. Michael 1849-1850
- 5/. Lawrence 1854
- 6/. **Andrew 1854-1940**
- 7/. Ninian 1856-1857
- 8/. Laurence 1859-1932




## JANE SCOTT WIFE OF ROBERT RIDLING

Name	Jane SCOTT	
Born	30 Dec 1816	Sunderland, DUR, ENG 
Gender	Female	
Census	1841	Resident at North Moor Street, Sunderland.  [1]
Census	1851	Resident at 20 Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth.  [1]
Died	24 May 1888	Waikumete, NZL 
Buried	Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland, NZL 	
Person ID	I412098	Shetland
Last Modified	1 Aug 2014	

### Parents

	Michael SCOTT, <b>b.</b> 1775, DUR, ENG  , <b>d.</b> Aft 1841 (Age > 67 years)	
Mother	Mary, <b>b.</b> 1775, DUR, ENG  , <b>d.</b> Aft 1841 (Age > 67 years)	
Family ID	F302789	

### Father...

Name	Michael SCOTT	
Born	1775	
Gender	Male	
Census	1841	
Occupation	Pilot	
Died	Aft 1841	
Person ID	I412197	
Last Modified	1 Aug 2014	
Family	Mary, <b>b.</b> 1775, DUR, ENG  , <b>d.</b> Aft 1841 (Age > 67 years)	
Children	+ 1. Jane SCOTT, <b>b.</b> 30 Dec 1816, Sunderland, DUR, ENG  , <b>d.</b> 24 May 1888, Waikumete, NZL  (Age 71 years)	
Last Modified	8 Aug 2014	

Family ID	F302789
Sources	[S37] Census return.

## 1841 census...

Name: Michael Scott  
 Event Type: Christening  
 Event Date: 27 Dec 1775  
 Event Place: Sunderland, Durham, England  
 Event Place (Original): Sunderland, Durham, England  
 Gender: Male  
 Birth Date: 7 Nov 1775  
 Father's Name: William Scott  
 Mother's Name: Ann

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## Michael Scott England and Wales Census, 1841

Name: Michael Scott  
 Event Type: Census  
 Event Date: 1841  
 Event Place: Sunderland, Durham, England, United Kingdom  
 Event Place (Original): Sunderland, Durham, England  
 County: Durham  
 Parish: Sunderland  
 Registration District: Sunderland  
 Residence Note: Moor Street, North  
 Gender: Male  
 Age: 65  
 Age (Original): 65  
 Birth Year (Estimated): 1772-1776  
 Birthplace: Durham  
 Page Number: 34  
 Registration Number: HO107  
 Piece/Folio: 321/20  
 Affiliate Record Type: Household  
 Affiliate Image Identifier: GBC/1841/0321/0237&parentid=GBC/1841/0013178941

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**Household**

**Role**

**Sex**

**Age**

**Birthplace**

**Michael Scott**

Male

65

Durham

Mary Scott

Female

65

Durham

Jane Scott

Female

20

Durham

John Child

Male

60

Mary Child

Female

45

Ireland

Thomas Thompson

Male

20

Durham

Mary Thompson

Female

20

## Grandparents...

### William Scott and Ann <sup>13</sup>

#### William Scott

1720–Deceased • KHDD-VK9

#### Ann

1724–Deceased • K8V4-JF6

Preferred

### Children of Ann and William Scott (14) maybe conjecture only for some?...

Ann Scott

1746–Deceased • KHZC-C9S

Eleanor Scott

1748–Deceased • KZ13-LFH

James Scott

1751–Deceased • MXHR-MRJ

Jane Scott

1754–Deceased • K486-QFN

Ann Scott

1756–1788 • MXKF-R8N

Mary Scott

1758–Deceased • MH6R-T15

Dorothy Scott

1759–Deceased • KZG2-Y9S

William Scott

1761–1803 • KZFN-4QR

John Scott

1763–Deceased • KCJ3-D75

Elizabeth Scott

1763–Deceased • KDSN-TLM

Ann Scott

1765–Deceased • KHP8-TRJ

Thomas Scott

1770–Deceased • KZ9B-5S2

May Scott

1772–Deceased • KZJ5-CF8

**Michael Scott**

**1775–Deceased • KCF3-P37**

## THE BARQUE 'EASTFIELD' 1857

Below: Passenger list for the '*Barque Eastfield*' 1857. Surname spelt 'Rilling' for Robert and Mary Ridling/Ridland and their family. It was during the time shortly after their marriage and the birth of their first children that the surname Robert brought from the Shetlands 'Ridland' was now changed to 'Ridling' as official records will confirm. The question is why?... if Mary could read and write as per family knowledge...

Also recorded on another record as follows...

Barnes	Mary Ann
Bedling / Redling ?	Robert
	Jane
	Margaret
	Robert
	Andrew

**EASTFIELD**  
ton vessel  
Built in 18-- by for

London to Auckland (12 Dec 1857)  
Under Captain John Copland (128 Days)

ANDERSON	James (2)
Anderson	Caroline
Anderson	Thomas
Anderson	Charles
Anderson	Sydney
Anderson	Josiah
Anderson	Herbert
Anderson	Caroline
Anderson	William
Ashton	Mrs William
BABER	Mr James
Baber	Mrs Mary
Baber	Eleanor/Ellen
Baber	Mary
Baber	Jane
Baber	Sarah
BARNES	Miss Mary Ann
RILLING	Mr Robert
Rilling	Mrs Jane
Rilling	Margaret
Rilling	Robert
Rilling	Andrew
Case	Miss S.

RILLING	Mr Robert
Rilling	Mrs Jane
Rilling	Margaret
Rilling	Robert
Rilling	Andrew
Case	Miss S.
COOKE	Mary Ann H.
COOKE	Richard
CORBET	Edward Charles
Corbet	Sarah
EDMISTON	Susan
HALLIDAY	T.
HAMMOND	Edwin/Edward
LOCKWOOD	Mr Daniel
LOCKWOOD	Mrs Elizabeth
Nelmes	H.
Nelmes	Mr
Nelmes	Mrs
Nelmes	R.
McCALL	W.
RAWSON	Frederick G.
Rilling	
SHAW	Williams
Shaw	Margaret
WEBSTER	Mr James
Webster	Mrs Margaret
WILLIAMS	Josiah
Williams	Mary Susan
Williams	Richard

Source: The New Zealander, 16 Dec 1857  
(transcribed by: [0032006](#))



**Above: Sailing Barque like the 'Eastfield'**

The '*Eastfield*' was 434 tons and Captained by 'John Copland', She sailed out from London on 6 August 1857, arriving in Auckland 12 December 1857. The Barque was 51 days reaching the Equator owing to light baffling winds. Three deaths occurred during the voyage.

<sup>14</sup>*G. W. & W. J. Hall: The vessel is Lloyd's Register ('LR') listed from 1857/58 thru 1881/82 & not thereafter. Thru 1873/74, per LR, the vessel was owned by Currie & Co. of Liverpool. For some quite varied service. Initially from Sunderland to South America then from London to Auckland, New Zealand (in 1858/59), from Liverpool to China (in 1859/60). From 1861/62 the vessel would seem to have operated out of Liverpool with voyages referenced from Liverpool to South America, to Singapore, to South America again & to San Francisco, California. Note however that the Mercantile Navy List of 1867 lists H. Case, of Liverpool, as the vessel's then owner, though the 1870 equivalent does list William Currie of Liverpool as her then owner. LR of 1874/75 lists no owner name or port of registration. Such later LR editions as are available to the*

*webmaster, re the period from 1876/77 thru 1881/82, list the vessel but provide no owner name, ON number or port of registration, surely a warning that the data is of doubtful accuracy. 131.5 ft. long, signal letters LSDP. Data as to what finally happened to the vessel is not yet to hand.*

DAILY SOUTHERN CROSS, VOLUME XIV, ISSUE 1092, 15 DECEMBER 1857

108. GACON, W. MONRO.

December 12—Eastfield, 412 tons, John Copland, from London: Passengers—Cabin: Mr. D. Lockwood, Elizabeth Lockwood, Edward and Sarah Corbet, Frederick Rawson, James, Mary, Eleanor, Mary Jane, and Sarah Baber. Second Cabin: James (2) Caroline, Thomas, Charles, Sydney, Josiah, Herbert, Caroline, and William Anderson; James and Mary Ann Burns, Josiah, Mary Susan, and Richard Williams; James and Margaret Webster. Steerage: Richard Cooke, Mary Ann Cooke, Susan Edmiston, Edwin Hammond, Robert Jane, Margaret, Robert, and Andrew Redling; W. McCall, T. Halliday, William and Margaret Shaw—Brown & Campbell, agents.  
December 14—Emily Alison. 99 tons. Collins. from

# ARRIVAL OF THE EASTFIELD, HAWKE'S BAY HERALD, 9 FEBRUARY 1858

## WITH DETACHMENT OF 65TH REGT.

Although, by the overland mail, which arrived on Friday, we learned that troops were under orders for this District, we were scarcely prepared for their arrival almost immediately afterwards. So that, when, on Sunday morning, a barque was seen to enter the Bay, and the number of people on deck, as well as the distant sounds of martial music, gave oral and ocular demonstration of the fact of troops being on board, the good people of Napier were quite taken by surprise. The surprise, however, as may be supposed, was far from a disagreeable one. The barque proved to be the Eastfield, having on board a detachment of 91 rank and file of the 65th regiment, under the command of Lieut. Col. Wyatt. She left Auckland on Tuesday the 2nd inst., under the charge, as coast pilot, of Capt. Wedgewood, late of the "Ellen"; and, although encountering head winds nearly the whole distance, has made a good passage down of five days. Fortunately, the good steamer Wonga Wonga was lying at the time in Napier harbour, and her services, on being applied for, were promptly granted by Capt. Kennedy. She steamed out, accordingly, at daylight next morning, and succeeded in making two trips during the day, landing the whole of the men and probably 100 tons of baggage and stores. Her work was completed at an early hour this (Tuesday) forenoon. In each case the steamer entered the natural basin known as the "Iron Pot" with the greatest ease, and landed her passengers' and cargo on the beach by means of long planks. Much credit is certainly due to Capt. Kennedy and his officers for the extraordinary despatch, with which, by their exertions, the barque has been discharged. The detachment encamped for the night on the Eastern Spit—the weather being delightful—and are now preparing for a more lengthened bivouac in Onepoto valley. The "Wonga" sails this evening for Wellington, and as she will bear an order for 200 of the 65th, stationed there, to be forwarded to Napier, it is not improbable that she may return in a few days with a portion of that number.

***Family knowledge continues...***

*When the family first arrived in New Zealand, they settled in Barrack Street which is near where Nelson Street is now in the Auckland central business district... At that time the area was open space with no roads or subdivisions. Just like when Robert got married the name problem arose again when the family arrived in New Zealand when the immigration papers were completed in the name of Robert Ridling, instead of Ridley or the original Ridland, again presumably because of Robert's inability to read or write. It is noted, however, that the word 'Ling' is a noted suffix to Norwegian names. The conditions of payment for the family's passage to Auckland, entitled them to one town section of land and a country property up to 40 acres. After two years Robert decided to take up his options. The option of the land was in proportion to the passage money paid. After two years Robert took up the options on the town block of land which was situated Livingston Street in Richmond. Robert and his two elder sons felled some kauri trees on the banks of the Henderson Creek and rafted them down the Waitemata harbour to Cox's Creek which boarded Livingston Street. There they pit-sawed the kauri logs and built the family home. The original home was occupied by a family member, Coral Ridling until her death in 2003. After reportedly walking to Puhoi to examine the country block that he had been allocated, Robert decided to sell that block as he saw it was of little use because of the distance from Auckland, his place of residence and its limited access. Robert made a living as a trader on the Waitemata Harbour from a working yacht he either acquired or built himself. His occupation on his Death Certificate was listed as "Shipwright" a carpenter skilled in ship building and repair. Jane died in 1888 age 72 years. Robert died in 1895 aged 84 years and both are buried at the Waikumete Cemetery in West Auckland.*

## NOTES

Name	Robert RIDLAND	
Born	7 Mar 1815	Westerskeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT
Gender	Male	
Also Known As	Robert Ridley	
Died	18 Feb 1895	Waikumete, NZL
Buried	Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland, NZL	
Person ID	I412097	Shetland
Last Modified	6 Aug 2014	

Father	Ninian RIDLAND, <b>b.</b> 1784, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 28 Jul 1873, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  (Age 89 years)	
Mother	Margaret MONCRIEFF, <b>b.</b> 1784, Sandsting, SHI, SCT , <b>d.</b> 7 Dec 1870, Skeld, Sandsting, SHI, SCT  (Age 86 years)	
Married	8 Nov 1808	Sandsting, SHI, SCT
Family ID	F14744	

Family	Jane SCOTT, <b>b.</b> 30 Dec 1816, Sunderland, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> 24 May 1888, Waikumete, NZL  (Age 71 years)	
Married	10 Oct 1843	Sunderland, DUR, ENG
Children	1. Ninian RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 30 Sep 1844, 5 North Moor Street, Sunderland, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> 2 Oct 1844, 5 North Moor Street, Sunderland, DUR, ENG  (Age 0 years) 2. Margaret Ann RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 8 Jun 1846, North Moor Street, Sunderland, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> 1895, Auckland, NZL  (Age 48 years) + 3. Robert RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 22 Jul 1848, North Moor Street, Sunderland, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> 7 Nov 1928, Auckland, NZL  (Age 80 years) 4. Michael Scott RIDLING, <b>b.</b> Dec 1849, Sunderland, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> 28 Jun 1850, Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth, DUR, ENG  (Age ~ 0 years) 5. Lawrence RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 11 Mar 1854, 20 Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> UNKNOWN + 6. Andrew RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 11 Mar 1854, 20 Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> 14 Sep 1940, Auckland, NZL  (Age 86 years) 7. Ninian RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 7 Jan 1856, Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> 29 Sep 1857, At sea  (Age 1 years) + 8. Laurence RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 1859, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 29 Nov 1932, Auckland, NZL  (Age 73 years)	

Name	Jane SCOTT	
Born	30 Dec 1816	Sunderland, DUR, ENG
Gender	Female	
Census	1841	Resident at North Moor Street, Sunderland.  [1]
Census	1851	Resident at 20 Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth.  [1]
Died	24 May 1888	Waikumete, NZL
Buried	Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland, NZL	
Person ID	I412098	Shetland
Last Modified	1 Aug 2014	

Father	<u>Michael SCOTT</u> , <b>b.</b> 1775, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> Aft 1841 (Age > 67 years)	
Mother	<u>Mary</u> , <b>b.</b> 1775, DUR, ENG , <b>d.</b> Aft 1841 (Age > 67 years)	
Family ID	F302789	

Marriage certificate for Robert and Jane Ridley...

18 43 Marriages solemnized at the Parish Church, in the Parish of Bishopwearmouth, in the County of Durham.

When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
10 October 1843	Robert Ridley	Of full age	Bachelor	Mariner	Green Street	Winnian Ridley	Mariner
	Jane Scott	Of full age	Spinster		Pike Street	Michael Scott	Pilot

Married in the Parish Church, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church. After Banns by me, A. J. Pettigrew Curate

Marriage was solemnized between us, { Robert Ridley his mark } in the presence of us, { Robert Rensley }  
 { Jane Scott } { Wm Hunter }

The above is a true Copy of all the particulars contained in the Register belonging to the Parish of Bishopwearmouth, respecting the Marriage Robert Ridley & Jane Scott taken this 10th day of October 1843.  
 A. J. Pettigrew Curate of Bishopwearmouth, Durham

## FROM PAPERS PAST

### ROBERT RIDLING AT COX'S CREEK, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

DAILY SOUTHERN CROSS, VOLUME XIX, ISSUE 1740, 16 FEBRUARY 1863

#### NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS UNDER THE "AUCKLAND IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATE ACT 1858 AMENDMENT ACT 1861."

THE CLAIMS of the undermentioned PERSONS will be investigated at the Sheriff's Office, Auckland, on the days stated below.

Each claimant will attend at that place on the day stated opposite his name, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

L. O'BRIEN,  
Commissioner.

Auckland, 12th February, 1863.

CLAIMANTS' NAME	BY WHAT VESSEL ARRIVED, AND WHENCE.	DAY OF HEARING.
Geo. Jesse Austin	_____	On Thursday, 19th February instant.
Frederick Ashman	Wm. Watson, England	
Charles Mason	William Deuny, _____	
James Watson	Egmont, England	
John Mortimer	_____, England	
Joseph Flower	_____, England	
James A. Webster	Eastfield, England	
Bessy McBride	Martaban, England	
Edwin Tremaine	Joseph Fletcher, England	
Edward Hill	Duke of Portland, _____	
Frederick Walker	_____, England	
Maria Edmiston	Mary Ann, England	
Isaac W. Harrop	Mary Ann, England	
Charles Marks	Cornubia, London	On Friday, 20th February instant.
John Stow	Shooting Star, Liverpool	
Mary M'Laughlin	Martaban, London	
Peter Paice	Cresswell, England	
Henry Hunter	Cornubia, England	
Thomas Osborne	Cornubia, England	
Robert Ridling	Eastfield, England	
William Harris	Joseph Fletcher, England	
R. E. E. Plimpton	Ocean, Melbourne	
Joseph Robley	_____	
Thomas Welsman	Egmont, London	
Henry Potter	Egmont, London	
William Potter	Lord Ashley, London	On Monday, 23rd February instant.
James Baber, sen.	Eastfield, London	
James Traves	Joseph Fletcher, England	
William Avery	Mary Ann, _____	
George Foggs	Northern Bride, Liverpool	
Samuel Bunting	Conference, Liverpool	
Anthony Snell	Joseph Fletcher, England	
George Wilson	_____	
John Wm. Lewis	Harkaway, England	
Duncan Chisholm	Tamar, London	
George Hampshire	Merchantman, England	

# NOTICE.

IN accordance with the provisions of the  
 "Auckland Immigration Act, 1858,  
 Amendment Act, 1861," certificates will be  
 issued to the persons undermentioned on ap-  
 plication at this Office, on and after TUESDAY  
 the 16th February, 1864.

ROBERT GRAHAM.

Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,  
 Auckland, 13th Feb., 1864.

NAME.				No. OF ACRES.
William Potter	...	...	...	80
Thomas Welsman	...	...	...	220
Richard Smith	...	...	...	80
Thomas Williams	..	..	...	120
George Turrell	...	.	...	40
Robert Ridling	...	...	...	120
Joseph Flower	...	...	...	180
Frederick Walker	...	...	...	140
John Frederick Clark	...	...	...	40

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XI, ISSUE 3238, 6 DECEMBER 1880

Robert Ridling was charged with obstructing Constable Clark on the 4th instant, by attempting to rescue a prisoner. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and was ordered to pay 40s and costs, or take 14 days in Mount Eden.

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XII, ISSUE 3529, 28 NOVEMBER 1881

**RIDLING—O'CONNELL.**—On November 23rd, 1881, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Walter McDonald, Robert, eldest son of Robert Ridling, of Cox's Creek, to Frances, youngest daughter of John O'Connell, St. Mary's Road.

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NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME XXIII, ISSUE 7639, 17 MAY 1886

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The Customs authorities are vigorously enforcing the Fisheries Conservation Act, an old settler named Robert Ridling, at Cox's Creek, being fined on Saturday at the Police Court for a breach of the above Act by gathering oysters out of season.

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XIX, ISSUE 124, 26 MAY 1888

RIDLING.—At her late residence, Queen-street, Richmond, the wife of Robert Ridling, shipwright ; aged 72 years.  
The funeral will leave her late residence for Waikomiti to-morrow (Sunday), at 1 p.m.  
Friends please accept this invitation.

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AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XX, ISSUE 222, 18 SEPTEMBER 1889

A married woman named Fanny Ridling died yesterday at her residence Stanley-street, Richmond. She was the wife of an old resident in that vicinity—Mr Robert Ridling, who is a fisherman by trade. It appears that the deceased had been suffering from consumption for some time past, but was not receiving medical attendance at the time of her death. She died at 10.15 o'clock last night. Dr. Knight was sent for, but as he did not arrive until after death he naturally declined to furnish a certificate as to the cause of death. Under the circumstances it is probable that it will be necessary to hold an inquest.

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XXVI, ISSUE 41, 18 FEBRUARY 1895

**RIDLING.**—On February 18, at his residence, Richmond, 'Cox's Creek', Robert Ridling, shipwright; aged 84 years.

The funeral will leave his late residence for Waikomiti to-morrow (Tuesday). at 2 p.m. Friends please accept this invitation.

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XXVI, ISSUE 106, 4 MAY 1895

ALFRED BUCKLAND & SONS.

IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT  
RIDLING (Deceased).

BAKER BROS.

Will auction at an early date, on the premises.  
Cox's Creek.

**S**HIPWRIGHT'S TOOLS, Corking  
Tools and Sundries. Details in future  
issue.

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME XXXII, ISSUE 9832, 29 MAY 1895

**Auctioneers.**

**J. E. BAKER, of BAKER BROS.,**

**Will auction on WEDNESDAY next, at 2 p.m.,**

**In the Estate of Robert Ridling, deceased,  
without reserve,**

**L**OTS 10 and 13 and part of 9, Section 2,  
RICHMOND, fronting Stanley and Queen  
streets, with Dwelling and improvements thereon.

## ROBERT JUNIOR

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XXVII, ISSUE 7, 9 JANUARY 1896

AUCKLAND.

Two families residing at Cox's Creek aired their grievances at the Police Court yesterday before Mr Northcroft, S.M. A middle-aged man named Robert Ridling, and a very small boy named James Ridling, his son, were charged with that on the 29th December at Cox's Creek they did throw certain missiles, to wit, pieces of brick, to the danger of the children of Moss De Jongh. Robert Ridling was also charged with that he did on the same date unlawfully assault Moss De Jongh. Defendants pleaded not guilty. Dr. Laibley appeared for the informant. The evidence for the plaintiff was that the defendant and his children continually annoyed the De Jonghs, and that on the day in question the Ridling boy was throwing pieces of brick at the De Jongh's house, abetted by his father. De Jongh also said that on going out to remonstrate with Ridling the latter knocked him down twice. Ridling denied the charges, and said he did not strike De Jongh, but that the latter struck him (Ridling) with a stick. After evidence was taken, the case was adjourned until this morning, when Ridling was fined 5s and costs £1 8s for the brick-throwing. The case of assault was dismissed.

**CHAPTER FIVE**

**ANDREW RIDLING**

Arrived in New Zealand 1857 at the age of three  
(*Bricklayer/labourer*)

**AND ELLEN GRAY**

**KNOWN GENERATION FIVE**

Known: Generation one: Laurence and Janet 1735. Generation two: Thomas and daughter of Elspet 1761.  
Generation three: Ninian and Margaret 1784. Generation four: Robert and Jane 1815.  
Generation five: Andrew and Ellen.

**Andrew** was born about: 11 March 1854

At: 20 Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth, Durham, England

Christened: St Peters Church, Sunderland, Durham, England

Died about: 14 Sept 1940

At: Auckland, New Zealand

Buried: Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland, New Zealand

Married: 21 June 1877

At:

To: **Ellen Gray**

She was born about: 18 May 1856

At:

Died about: 21 November 1926

At; Auckland, New Zealand

Buried: Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland, New Zealand

They had the following children...

- 1/. Ada Grace 1878-1960
- 2/. Mabel Edith Maud 1880-1966
- 3/. Laura Violet 1882-1957
- 4/. Amy Jane Rose 1884-1884
- 5/. Andrew Laurence William 1886-1938
- 6/. Randolph Gordon 1888-1975
- 7/. Lewis Robert 1890-1975
- 8/. Albert Scott 1891-1953
- 9/. Stephen Gray Leslie 1893-1902
- 10/. Malcolm Leslie 1894-1976**
- 11/. Ellen Catherine 1896-1963
- 12/. David Henry 1897-1898

***Family knowledge. Some may be conjecture only...***

*Andrew was born in the parish of Sunderland in the County of Durham, England, on 11 March 1854 and died on 14 September 1940 in Auckland New Zealand of a heart condition, aged 86 years. Both Andrew and Ellen are buried at the Waikumete Cemetery in West Auckland along with their children who pre-deceased them; David Henry Ridling, Stephen Grey Ridling and Amy Rose Ridling.*

*Like his father Robert, Andrew could not read or write, but he had a tremendous capacity for manual work. When he was nine years old, he went to work for Barney Kane's brick yard in Clarence Street in Grey Lynn Auckland. In 1877 Andrew met and married Ellen Gray who was purported to be the first white child born at Huia on the northern coast of the Manukau Harbour. The couple set up house in John Street in Ponsonby.*

*In 1887 a financial depression struck, and all building and construction work stopped. The Brickyards were closed and sold. The depression made Andrew and Alan move to Henderson where the kauri forest had been felled. They lived in camp like conditions during 1888/89 and supported their family by digging for kauri gum. Andrew would spike and dig the gum while the children scraped and cleaned it ready for sale and this earned them enough money to buy their food. In 1889 the depression eased, and the family moved back to Auckland city and again took up residence in John Street along with their children Ada, Mabel, Laura, Larry and Randolph. Eight years later they moved to the family house in Livingston Street. Andrew joined the Auckland City Council outdoor staff where he worked until his retirement at the age of 50 as the Foreman of Works. During his working time Andrew had purchased several properties in Ponsonby which he rented and collected the rents from each Monday.*

*The remainder of the family, Lewis, Albert, Stephen, Malcolm, Ellen and David, were all born in the original Livingston Street home. Another daughter Amy Jane Rose Ridling, born On 28 April 1884, had been born prior to the family moving to Henderson but she died at only six months of age on 6 October 1884. Two further children born to Andrew and Ellen at the Livingston Street home, also died prematurely. Stephen Gray Ridling born on 1 March 1893 and died 12 of January 1902 aged eight years and 10 months; and David Henry Ridling born 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1897 and died on 15 February 1898 aged eight months.*

*The Ridling family also had to endure the Great Depression of the 1930s which was considered the most severe global financial downturn that the world had ever seen. It caused massive wealth destruction on a huge scale and impoverished millions of people throughout the world and took over two decades before a recovery was finally realized. However, the overall effect of this crisis on the family was probably reduced as a result of the fact that they had little in the way of accumulated wealth when they emigrated to New Zealand anyway and they had also experienced the preceding financial crisis in 1888/89 which would have made them more resilient to the severe hardship that ensued. If a similar crisis occurred today, however, because our way of life has been much easier than that of our predecessors, the impact at the personal level, would be far more wide reaching.*

*Andrew had a strong Victorian upbringing, and this became apparent in his later years. On Ellen's death in 1926 Mabel and her husband Robert were expected to give up their share milking contract and return to Auckland; buy a house at 56 Garnett Road, Westmere, and make a home for Andrew. There was no question that Andrew would look after himself. At this time Larry and Mona had purchased the family home in Livingston Street and as space was available, they offered Andrew a home with them. This offer was refused, however as it was considered the daughter's duty not the daughter in law's duty to look after Andrew.*

*Andrew was a wonderful leader of his family and was well respected by all. Even though there were the normal family differences between siblings some particularly involving Mabel, these were put aside for his family to visit him in his later years.*

## ELLEN GRAY

Name	Ellen GRAY		
Born	18 May 1856		
Gender	Female		
Died	21 Nov 1926	Auckland, NZL 	
Buried	Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland, NZL 		
Person ID	I412326	Shetland	
Last Modified	8 Aug 2014		

Marriage...BDM NZ...no parents named on certificate???

1877/1411	Ellen	Gray	Andrew	Ridling
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MARRIAGES IN THE DISTRICT OF *Auckland* 77/1343

No.	WHEN MARRIED, AND WHERE.	NAMES AND SURNAMES.	AGE.	RANK OR PROFESSION.	CONDITION.	NAME OF OFFICIATING MINISTER (OR REGISTRAR).	WHEN REGISTERED.
47	June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1877. In the dwelling house of Mr. Spain Karangahe Road Auckland.	Andrew Ridling Ellen Gray	24 21	Brickmaker —	Bachelor Spinster	Rev W. Linsley	June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1877

Married, after the delivery to me of the Certificate required by the Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Marriage Act, 1854," by

This Marriage was solemnized between us,

In the presence of us

*Andrew Ridling*

*Ellen Gray*

*John H. March* *Newton Brickmaker*

*Jane Ridling* *Widow* *Auckland*

I CERTIFY that the above is a true Copy of the Entry in the Register Book of Marriages kept by

*Rev W. Linsley* Officiating Minister (or Registrar).

Reg. Gen., 18, s. 1197]

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AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME LVII, ISSUE 279, 24 NOVEMBER 1926

**RIDLING.**—On November 21, at her late residence, Hutchinson Avenue, New Lynn, Ellen, dearly beloved wife of Andrew Ridling, late of Livingstone Street, Richmond, in her seventy-first year. Private interment this day at Waikumete.

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME LXXI, ISSUE 221, 17 SEPTEMBER 1940

### **MR. ANDREW RIDLING.**

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Mr. Andrew Ridling, one of the early pioneers of Auckland, has died at Grey Lynn at the age of 86. Mr. Ridling was born at Sunderland, England, and arrived in Auckland with his parents when four years of age. He was the oldest survivor of the original settlers at Richmond, Grey Lynn, and when the family took up residence the only communication with the city was by way of a tea-tree track, the nearest grocery store being at the foot of Grey's Avenue.

Mr. Ridling was one of the foundation members of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Ponsonby. In 1877 he married Miss Ellen Gray, of Huia, Manukau, one of the earliest white children born in the country. He is survived by four sons and four daughters. His wife predeceased him 14 years ago.

## WILLS OF ANDREW AND ELLEN RIDLING

This is the partly printed partly typewritten and partly written document marked "A" referred to in the affidavit of Randolph Gordon Ridling and produced and shown to him at the time of swearing his said affidavit at Auckland this 18th day of September 1940 Before me :

*Albert J. J. J.*  
A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

"A"

This is the partly printed partly typewritten and partly written document marked "A" referred to in the affidavit of Randolph Gordon Ridling and produced and shown to him at the time of swearing his said affidavit at Auckland this 18th day of September 1940 Before me :

*Albert J. J. J.*  
A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

# This is the last will and Testament

of me ANDREW ....  
RIDLING of .....

Auckland in New Zealand Settler

I APPOINT my sons RANDOLPH GORDON RIDLING and ALBERT SCOTT RIDLING (who and the survivor of whom are hereinafter called "my Trustees") to be executors and .... trustees of this my will

I HEREBY REVOKE all former wills and testamentary dispositions at any time made by me

I DIRECT the payment as soon as conveniently may be after my decease of all my just debts funeral testamentary monumental and graveyard expenses

I GIVE to my granddaughter CORAL RIDLING a certain Mortgage dated the seventh . day of December One thousand nine hundred and twentyseven and registered in the Deeds Register Office at Auckland under Number 377182 over Lot Thirteen of .... Section Two of the subdivision of Suburban allotments One and Two of Section .. Nine of the Parish of Waitemata but direct my Trustees that should my daughter-in-law MONA BEATRICE RIDLING (the mother of my said granddaughter) be the owner of the property affected by the said Mortgage my Trustees shall not require any payment of interest from my said daughter-in-law under the said Mortgage during the minority of my said granddaughter if my said daughter-in-law shall remain . the owner of such property

I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH the residue of my estate both real and personal of . or to which I shall be seised possessed or entitled at the time of my death or of which I have power to dispose by this my will (hereinafter called "my trust estate") to my Trustees UPON TRUST to sell call in and convert into money such part thereof as shall not consist of cash and UPON TRUST to pay and divide the proceeds of such sale calling in and conversion and such cash to and among all my children in equal shares share and share alike

MY Trustees shall have the fullest powers of selling subdividing leasing mortgaging and dealing with my trust estate and any part thereof in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as to my Trustees may seem ..... expedient

I HEREBY AUTHORISE my Trustees to postpone the sale and conversion of my trust estate or any part thereof so long as they may think fit and direct that the ... rents profits and income to accrue from and after my decease from such part of my trust estate as shall for the time being remain unsold and unconverted shall after payment of all incidental expenses be paid and applied to the person or .

persons and in the manner to whom and in which the income of the moneys produced by such sale and conversion would be payable or applicable under this my will if such sale and conversion had actually taken place

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name this *Seven<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *June* One thousand nine hundred and forty.

S I G N E D by the Testator the said ANDREW RIDLING

as and for his last will and testament.

in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses:

*Andrew Ridling*

*Timothy Sparling*  
*Solicitor*

*Auckland*  
*By *John Brown**  
*John Brown*

*Auckland.*

P. No. 480/40

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
NORTHERN DISTRICT  
AUCKLAND REGISTRY

IN THE ESTATE of Andrew Ridling.  
late of Auckland in New Zealand.  
Settler deceased.

WE RANDOLPH GORDON RIDLING of Wellington in New Zealand Technical.  
College Director and ALBERT SCOTT RIDLING of Auckland in New .....  
Zealand Newspaper Reader severally make oath and say as follows:

1. THAT we knew Andrew Ridling of Auckland aforesaid now deceased when alive and that the said Andrew Ridling was resident or was domiciled at Auckland aforesaid within this Judicial District and that the nearest Registry Office of this Court to the place where the said Andrew Ridling resided or was domiciled is at Auckland .. aforesaid.

2. THAT the said Andrew Ridling died at Auckland aforesaid on . or about the 14th day of September 1940 as we are able to depose . from having seen his dead body after death

3. THAT we believe the partly printed partly typewritten and .. partly written document now produced marked "A" bearing date the . 7th day of June 1940 to be the last will and testament of the said deceased and that we are the executors therein named.

4. THAT we will faithfully execute the said will by paying the debts and legacies of the said deceased so far as the property ... will extend and the law binds and will whenever ordered so to do .. after the grant of probate to us file in this Court and verify by affidavit a true full and perfect inventory of all the estate .... effects and credits of the said deceased which shall have come into our hands possession or knowledge and also a full distinct and proper account of our execution of the will which shall set forth the dates and particulars of all receipts and disbursements and .. show which of the same are in our opinion on account of capital .. and on account of income respectively.

5. THAT according to our knowledge and belief the estate and ... effects of the said deceased in respect of which Probate is sought to be obtained are under the value of £4500

6. THAT we are sons of the said Andrew Ridling deceased and ... verily believe that our father the said deceased was born at .... Sunderland in England and was never an alien enemy within the .... meaning of the Enemy Property Emergency Regulations 1939

7. THAT according to our knowledge information and belief based upon the result of our enquiries the said deceased was not at the time of his death an alien enemy within the meaning of the said ... Regulations.

AND I the said Randolph Gordon Ridling for myself make oath and .. say as follows:

8. THAT I was born at Auckland in New Zealand and am a British subject by birth and am not and never have been an alien enemy ...

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within the meaning of the said Regulations.

AND I the said Albert Scott Ridling for myself make oath and say .  
as follows:

9. THAT I was born at Auckland in New Zealand and am a British.  
subject by birth and am not and never have been an alien enemy ...  
within the meaning of the said Regulations.

SWORN at Auckland by the said )  
Randolph Gordon Ridling this. )  
18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1940 )  
Before me :

*R. G. Ridling*

*Alvan Pearce*

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

SWORN at Auckland by the said )  
Albert Scott Ridling this 18<sup>th</sup> )  
day of September 1940 Be- )  
fore me :

*A. S. Ridling*

*Alvan Pearce*

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

No. 19191

IN THE  
Supreme Court of New Zealand,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

*In the Matter of the Estate of*

*Ellen Kidling*

*late of*  
*deceased.*

Received from the Registrar, Supreme Court,  
Auckland,—

Probate,

Copy of Will,

~~Letters of Administration.~~

Dated this <sup>21<sup>st</sup></sup> ~~20<sup>th</sup>~~ day of December, 192 6

*Hayes*

Deputy Commissioner of Stamp Duties  
at Auckland.

This is the hand-written document marked "A" referred to in the affidavit of Andrew Ridling and produced and shown to him at the time of his swearing his affidavit at Auckland this 30th day of November 1926 Before me:

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

# "A"

## This is the last will and testament

of me Ellen Ridling  
 wife of Andrew Ridling of  
 Auckland in the Provincial District of Auckland Settler revoking all former wills at any time heretofore made by me I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal ~~imm~~ estate whatsoever and wheresoever situate unto my dear husband the said Andrew Ridling for his absolute use and benefit and I appoint him sole Executor of this my will In witness whereof I have herewith subscribed my name this sixth day of October One thousand nine hundred and six.

Signed by the said Ellen  
Ridling as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each ~~imm~~ other have herewith subscribed our names as witnesses:

Ellen Ridling.

C. M. Calder  
 Solicitor, Auckland  
Alfred Bowley  
 Solicitor's Clerk  
Auckland

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

NORTHERN DISTRICT

IN THE ESTATE of Ellen Ridling late of ..  
Auckland in New Zealand Married Woman ...  
deceased. \_\_\_\_\_

I ANDREW RIDLING of Auckland in New Zealand Settler ...  
make oath and say as follows:

1. THAT I knew Ellen Ridling of Auckland in New .....  
Zealand Married Woman now deceased when alive and that ..  
the said Ellen Ridling was resident or was domiciled at .  
Auckland within this Judicial District and that the near-  
est registry office of this Court to the place where the.  
said Ellen Ridling resided or was domiciled is at .....  
Auckland aforesaid.

2. THAT the said Ellen Ridling died at Auckland on or  
about the 21st day of November 1926 as I am able to de-  
pose from having been present at her funeral.

3. THAT I believe the hand-written document marked "A"  
now produced bearing date the 6th day of October 1906 to.  
be the last will and testament of the said deceased and .  
that I am the executor therein named.

4. THAT I will faithfully execute the said will by pay-  
ing the debts and legacies of the said deceased so far as  
the property will extend and the law binds.

5. THAT according to my knowledge and belief the .....

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estate and effects of the said deceased in respect of ...  
which Probate is sought to be obtained are under the ....  
value of £ 2000 .

6. THAT the said Ellen Ridling deceased was born in ..  
Huia New Zealand and was a British subject.

7. THAT I was born in Sunderland, Durham, England and.  
am a British subject.

SWORN at Auckland this )  
30<sup>th</sup> day of November )  
1926 Before me : )

*A. Ridling*

*[Signature]*

A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand



Stamp Duties Office,

AUCKLAND

Certificate No. 1926/1279

15th February 1927

**Memorandum** for

Messrs Calder & Goldwater,  
Solicitors,  
AUCKLAND

In re ELLEN RIDLING, deceased. (Court No. 19191.)

It is hereby certified that the net amount upon which the sealing fee on Probate  
~~or Letters of Administration~~ is payable to the Supreme Court in the above estate  
is £ 1413-14-6

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H B Walton".

Assistant Commissioner of  
Stamp Duties.

[N.B.—When the fee is tendered this certificate must be handed to the Registrar of the Court, by whom it will be retained.]

No. 19190

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

IN THE ESTATE of Ellen Ridling late  
of Auckland in New Zealand Married.  
Woman deceased.

— MOTION FOR PROBATE —

Mr. A. Goldwater to move that probate  
of the will of the abovenamed de-  
ceased be granted to Andrew Ridling  
the executor in the said will named.

Certified pursuant to the rules of  
Court to be correct

no PT *A. Goldwater*  
Solicitor for applicant

*Accordingly*  
*A. S. Adams*  
13. 12. 26

od 21-11-26  
£2,000

Calder & Goldwater  
Solicitors  
Auckland.

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SUPREME COURT  
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AUCKLAND

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

NORTHERN DISTRICT

IN THE ESTATE of Ellen Ridling .....  
deceased .

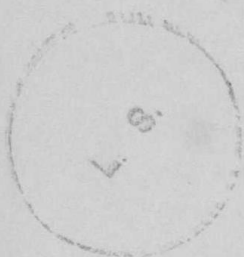
BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN that on this thirteenth day  
\_\_\_\_\_ of December in the year One  
thousand nine hundred and twentysix the last will and ..  
testament of Ellen Ridling late of Auckland in this ....  
district Married Woman deceased (who died on or about ..  
the twentyfirst day of November One thousand nine .....  
hundred and twentysix) a copy of which is hereunto .....  
annexed has been exhibited read and proved before the ..  
Honourable Alexander Samuel Adams a judge of this Court.  
and administration of the estate effects and credits of.  
the deceased has been and is hereby granted to Andrew ..  
Ridling the executor in the said will and testament ....  
named being first sworn faithfully to execute the said .  
will by paying the debts and legacies of the deceased as  
far as the property will extend and the law binds.

GIVEN under the seal of the Supreme .  
Court of New Zealand at Auckland this  
thirteenth day of December One .....  
thousand nine hundred and twentysix.

*A. E. Dobbie*

Deputy Registrar.





















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### North and South Auckland Compulsory Applications

Andrew Ridling of Auckland, Settler - City of Auckland being Lot 18 of a subdivision of part of Allotment 22 of Section 8 of the Suburbs of Auckland <a href="#">ORDER DETAILS »</a>	1936	1951	Land Information New Zealand, National Office	Akld
Andrew Ridling of Auckland, Brickmaker - City of Auckland being Lot 19 of a subdivision of part of Allotment 22 of Section 8 of the Suburbs of Auckland <a href="#">ORDER DETAILS »</a>	1936	1950	Land Information New Zealand, National Office	Akld
Andrew Lawrence William Ridling of Auckland, Carpenter - Lot 13 Block 2 Plan 53 blue part Allotment 1 Sec 9 Suburbs of Auckland <a href="#">ORDER DETAILS »</a>	1939	1941	Land Information New Zealand, National Office	Akld

### NOTES

Family	Ellen GRAY, <b>b.</b> 18 May 1856, <b>d.</b> 21 Nov 1926, Auckland, NZL  (Age 70 years)
Married	21 Jun 1877
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ada Grace RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 8 May 1878, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 15 Jun 1960 (Age 82 years)</li> <li>2. Mabel Edith Maud RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 2 Mar 1880, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 27 Sep 1966 (Age 86 years)</li> <li>+ 3. Laura Violet RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 23 Apr 1882, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 19 Sep 1957, Auckland, NZL  (Age 75 years)</li> <li>4. Amy Jane Rose RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 28 Apr 1884, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 26 Oct 1884, Auckland, NZL  (Age 0 years)</li> <li>+ 5. Andrew Laurence William RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 24 Apr 1886, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 16 Sep 1938, Auckland, NZL  (Age 52 years)</li> <li>6. Randolph Gordon RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 17 Mar 1888, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 18 Jan 1975, Wellington, NZL  (Age 86 years)</li> <li>+ 7. Lewis Robert RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 20 Mar 1890, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 18 Jan 1975 (Age 84 years)</li> <li>8. Albert Scott RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 28 Apr 1891, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 15 Feb 1953 (Age 61 years)</li> <li>9. Stephen Gray RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 1 Mar 1893, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 12 Jan 1902, Auckland, NZL  (Age 8 years)</li> <li>+ 10. Malcolm Leslie RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 22 Aug 1894, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 16 Feb 1976, Ruawai, Northland, NZL  (Age 81 years)</li> <li>11. Ellen Catherine RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 18 May 1896, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 31 Dec 1963 (Age 67 years)</li> <li>12. David Henry RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 14 Jun 1897, Auckland, NZL , <b>d.</b> 15 Feb 1898, Auckland, NZL  (Age 0 years)</li> </ul>
Last Modified	8 Aug 2014
Family ID	F302792

Name	Andrew RIDLING	
Born	11 Mar 1854	20 Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth, DUR, ENG 
Gender	Male	
Baptism	2 Apr 1854	St. Peter's Church, Sunderland, DUR, ENG 
Occupation	Brickmaker, labourer	
Died	14 Sep 1940	Auckland, NZL 
Buried	Waikumete Cemetery, West Auckland, NZL  Presbyterian division	
Person ID	I412201	Shetland
Last Modified	8 Aug 2014	

**Births BDM NZ...**


<b><u>Registration Number</u></b>	<b><u>Family Name</u></b>	<b><u>Given Name(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Mother's Given Name(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Father's Given Name(s)</u></b>
1893/727	Ridling	Stephen Gray	Ellen	Andrew
1896/791	Ridling	Ellen Catharine	Ellen	Andrew
1891/1110	Ridling	Albert Scott	Ellen	Andrew
1894/11683	Ridling	Malcolm Leslie	Ellen	Andrew
1890/5564	Ridling	Lewis Robert	Helen	Andrew
1880/206	Ridling	Mabel Edith Maud	Ellen	Andrew
1897/7997	Ridling	David Henry	Ellen	Andrew
1882/17857	Ridling	Laura Violet	Ellen	Andrew
1878/7798	Ridling	Ada Grace	Ellen	Andrew
1888/12929	Ridling	Randolph Gordon	Helen	Andrew
1884/11328	Ridling	Amy Jane Rose	Ellen	Andrew
1886/4775	Ridling	Andrew Lawrence William	Ellen	Andrew

**Event Type:**

**Immigration**

Event Date:	21 Nov 1874
Event Place:	Otago, New Zealand
Event Place (Original):	Otago, New Zealand
Gender:	Male
Marital Status:	Single
Nationality:	Shetland
Occupation:	agricl labr
Departure Date:	27 Aug 1874
Departure Place:	Otago
Departure Port:	Glasgow
Arrival Port:	Otago
Ship Name:	Auckland
Record Number:	270

1	Robinson Hugh	23			Antburn	Thorn Serv <sup>t</sup>	13	10	"
1	Young James	28			Aberdeen	Ploughman	13	10	"
1	Wallace Alex.	20			d <sup>o</sup> .	Gardener	13	10	"
1	Burns Francis	18			Leithum	Thorn Lab <sup>r</sup>	13	10	"
1	Mc Michael John	23			Antburn	d <sup>o</sup> .	13	10	"
1	Ridland And.	41			Shetland	Agric <sup>l</sup> Lab <sup>r</sup>	13	10	"
1	Dick George	23			Elgin	Thorn Manager	13	10	"
1	Ogg John	24			Lanark	Ploughman	13	10	"
1	Strachan Jas. G.	22			Ayrshire	Scuder	13	10	"
1	" Joseph	17				Gardener	13	10	"
1	Mc Michael Robt	20							

Name	Lawrence RIDLING		
Born	11 Mar 1854	20 Wall Street, Bishopwearmouth, DUR, ENG 	
Gender	Male		
Died	UNKNOWN		
Person ID	I412200	Shetland	
Last Modified	1 Aug 2014		

## Family knowledge...

*Randolph (then director of Wellington Technical College) quoted in the College Jubilee booklet in 1936 "the most powerful influence in my life has been extended by my father. He is a kindly placid man with a ready wit and natural humour. During my early days he taught me many things but best of all he showed me how to meet adversity and to learn from it".*

*Malcolm Leslie Ridling was Andrew and Ellen's 10<sup>th</sup> child. Malcolm was born in Auckland on 22 August 1895. He married Gladys Martha Bennett, who was born on 21 June 1896, in New Plymouth, the second daughter of George William Bennett and Annie May Julian. George and Annie May were married in New Plymouth on 5 December 1893. Malcolm was educated to proficiency level at the Richmond Road School and at 17 years of age he left Auckland to work as a farm hand for Mr. A.G. Kendall at Ruawai.*

*Annie May Julian was born 1 May 1873 in New Plymouth and died in Auckland on 30 August 1940.*

**Early births for Ridland... BDM New Zealand...**

<b><u>Registration Number</u></b>	<b><u>Family Name</u></b>	<b><u>Given Name(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Mother's Given Name(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Father's Given Name(s)</u></b>
1877/11253	Ridland	Isabella Jane	Martha	James
1879/1341	Ridland	Mitchell	Agnes	Mitchell
1878/14004	Ridland	Christina	Elizabeth	William
1877/4098	Ridland	Margaret Agnes	Agnes	Mitchell
1875/8877	Ridland	Agnes Ellen	Elizabeth	William
1879/997	Ridland	John Robert	Martha	James
1874/49412	Ridland	Alexander	Elizabeth Jane	Alexander

**Early deaths for Ridling...BDM New Zealand...**

1888/1991	Ridling	Jane	72Y
1884/3335	Ridling	Amy Jane Rose	6M
1893/3249	Ridling	Arthur Robert	11D
1895/1159	Ridling	Winifred Margaret	2Y
1895/2469	Ridling	Margaret Ann	51Y

**CHAPTER SIX**

**MALCOM RIDLING AND GLADYS BENNETT**

**KNOWN GENERATION SIX**

**Known: Generation one: Laurence and Janet 1735. Generation two: Thomas and daughter of Elspet 1761.  
Generation three: Ninian and Margaret 1784. Generation four: Robert and Jane 1815.  
Generation five: Andrew and Ellen. Generation six: Malcom and Gladys**

**Family information ...**

*Malcolm Leslie Ridling was Andrew and Ellen's 10<sup>th</sup> child. Malcolm was born in Auckland on 22 August 1895. He married Gladys Martha Bennett, who was born on 21 June 1896, in New Plymouth, the second daughter of George William Bennett and Annie May Julian. George and Annie May were married in New Plymouth on 5 December 1893. Malcolm was educated to proficiency level at the Richmond Road School and at 17 years of age he left Auckland to work as a farm hand for Mr. A.G. Kendall at Ruawai.*

*Annie May Julian was born 1 May 1873 in New Plymouth and died in Auckland on 30 August 1940.*

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**Malcolm** was born about: 22 August 1894

At: Auckland New Zealand

Died about: 16 February 1976

At: Ruawai, New Zealand

Buried: RSA Cemetery at Dargaville.

Married: 21 June 1896

At: New Plymouth, New Zealand

To: **Gladys Martha Bennett**

She was born about: 21 June 1896

At: New Plymouth

Died about: 26 February 1960

At: Auckland

Buried: Purewa Cemetery in Auckland

They had the following children...

**Following names and births are from family information. To date no official records...**

- 1/. Doreen Gladys Wrathall born 1920**
- 2/. Mervyn Leslie Ridling, born in 1921 and killed in action at the Sangro River in Italy during the Second World War. 2 December 1943.**
- 3/. Owen Alfred Ridling born 1923**
- 4/. Clifton Gordon Ridling born 1925**
- 5/. Raymond Ridling (twin to Desmond) born in 1926**
- 6/. Desmond Ridling (twin to Raymond) born 1926 died 1926**
- 7/. Thelma Jean Marinkovich born 1 January 1928**
- 8/. Colleen May Blackburn (twin to Colin) born 1930**
- 9/. Colin Neil Ridling (twin to Colleen) born 1930**
- 10/. Norma Fay Smith born 1932**

### ***Family information...***

*In 1914 Malcolm registered for compulsory military training and was attached to B Company of the North Auckland Regiment. On 19 October he was sent to Trentham Military Camp for Army training before being sent to Flanders in France. On 30th September 1916, he was wounded in action at Flanders and invalided to England for rehabilitation after which he spend some time on administrative duties before being reassigned to the cycle corps in France where he served until the wars end.*



*After the war Malcolm obtained 50 acres of land from an Ex-Services ballot at Simpson Road on the Ruawai flat lands. Simpson Road is just to the south east end of the township. It was the first farm on Simpson Road on the right hand side. Malcolm and Gladys established a dairy farm and sold their milk as Town Supply and the residue to the local dairy factory. They subsequently added to the farm by purchasing another 130 acres.*

*During the Second World War, Malcolm served in the Home Guard in the Northland area. He continued to farm at Ruawai until 1974 when he retired to Whangarei. He and Gladys had separated for some years prior to her death on 26 February 1960 in Auckland aged 64. Gladys is buried at the Purewa Cemetery in Auckland. Malcolm died on 16th February 1976 aged 81 years and is buried in the RSA Cemetery at Dargaville.*



#### MALCOLM LESLIE RIDLING

New Zealand, Civil Records Indexes, 1800-1966

Name:	Malcolm Leslie Ridling
Event Type:	Birth
Event Date:	1894
Event Place:	New Zealand
Father's Name:	<a href="#">Andrew Ridling</a>
Mother's Name:	<a href="#">Ellen Ridling</a>
Registration Number:	1894/11683

Family	Gladys Martha BENNETT, <b>b.</b> 1896, <b>d.</b> 1960 (Age 64 years)
Children	1. Mervyn Leslie RIDLING, <b>b.</b> 1922, NZL  , <b>d.</b> 2 Dec 1943, Italy  (Age 21 years)
Last Modified	8 Aug 2014
Family ID	F302895

Name	Mervyn Leslie RIDLING		
Born	1922	NZL	<span><span></span></span>

Gender	Male	
Died	2 Dec 1943	Italy 
	From wounds sustained	
Buried	Sangro River War Cemetery, Torino de Sangro, Abruzzo, Italy 	
	XVI. B. 27.	
Person ID	I412348	Shetland
Last Modified	8 Aug 2014	

**CHAPTER SEVEN**  
**THE KNOWN FAMILY OF 'GLADYS MARTHA BENNETT'**

**GEORGE BENNETT AND MARTHA**

**Known: Generation one: George and Martha**

*(Arrived in New Zealand on the good ship 'Avalanche' 1875)*

**George senior** was born about: 1834

At: Tonbridge, Kent, England

died about:

At;

Buried:

Married: **Martha**

At:

To:

She was born about: 1849

At: St Pancras, Middlesex, England

Died about:

At;

Buried:

They had the following children...

**1/. Frederick C 1869**

**2/. George W 1870**

**3/. Alfred 1873**

**4/. Charles 1874**

**Death... BDM NZ order certificate to get parents of George...**

1920/2331	Bennett	George	76Y
1875/5193	Bennett	Martha	25Y

**MARTHA**

was born about:

At:

She died about:

Married:

At:

To:

He was born about:

Died about:

They had the following children...

**1871 Census England...**

Name:	George W Bennett
Event Type:	Census
Event Date:	1871
Event Place:	South Shoebury, Essex, England, United Kingdom
Event Place (Original):	Shoebury, South, South Shoebury, Essex, England
Sub-District:	Wakering, Great
Enumeration District:	5
Gender:	Male
Age:	0
Birth Year (Estimated):	1871
Birthplace:	South Shoebury, Essex
Relationship to Head of Household:	Son
Relationship to Head of Household (Original):	Son
Affiliate Image Identifier:	GBC/1871/1670/0135

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**Household  
Role**

**Sex**

**Age**

**Birthplace**

[George Bennett](#)

Head

Male

37

Tonbridge, Kent

[Martha Bennett](#)

Wife

Female

22

St Pancras, Middlesex

[Frederick C Bennett](#)

Son

Male

2

South Shoebury, Essex

**George W Bennett**

Son

Male

0

South Shoebury, Essex

[Joseph Cantele](#)

Nephew

Male

12

South Shoebury, Essex

[Richard Nichols](#)

Boarder

Male

20

Bethnal Green, Middlesex

**Immigration to New Zealand 1874-1875...included in the family was a Joseph Cantell registered as an adult. 1871 census registered as a nephew...**

Name:	George Bennett • Edit
Event Type:	Immigration
Event Date:	21 Jan 1875 • Edit
Event Place:	Taranaki, New Zealand • Edit
Event Place (Original):	Taranaki, New Zealand
Departure Date:	1874 • Edit
Arrival Port:	Taranaki
Ship Name:	Avalanche

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Officiator's Name: [Thos Bishop](#) • Edit

Record Number: 389

Eligabur	1				
Henry	1				
Bennett George	1				
Martha	1				
Cantell Joseph	1				
Bennett Fred <sup>d</sup> b.		$\frac{1}{2}$			
George		$\frac{1}{2}$			
Chas J.			1		
Alfred b.		$\frac{1}{2}$			
Simpson Tho <sup>d</sup>	1				
Rice Sawy 3 <sup>d</sup> 1878. - assigned - canon. man.					

**CHAPTER SEVEN**

**GEORGE WILLIAM BENNETT  
AND ANNIE MAY JULIAN**

**Known: Generation one: George and Martha. Generation two: George W and Annie May.  
Generation three: Gladys Martha.**

**Family information...**

*George William Bennett was born on the 7 April 1870, in Essex England and died on 10 January 1936 in Ruawai. The Bennett family came to New Zealand in 1874 and settled in the Taranaki Region. When George reached adulthood, he farmed at Durham Road near Inglewood. He spent some time as the Mayor of Inglewood. In 1914 George moved his family to a farm in Ruawai.*

*George and Annie May were married in New Plymouth on 5 December 1893.  
Parents: George William Bennett and Annie May Julian  
George was born 7 April 1870 Essex England.*

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**George William** was born about: 1870

At: South Shoebury, Essex, England

Died about:

At;

Buried:

Married: 5 December 1893

At: New Plymouth, New Zealand

To: **Annie May Julian**

She was born about: 1873

At: New Zealand

Died about: 1940

At: New Zealand

Buried:

They had the following children...

1913/7819 Bennett George William Annie May George William  
1902/1755 Bennett Iday May Annie May George William-  
1896/4492 **Bennett Gladys Martha** Annie May George William  
1899/14420 Bennett Stanley Fred Annie May George William  
1905/21965 Bennett Annie May Annie May George William  
1897/12388 Bennett Cecil Charles Annie May George William  
1903/10978 Bennett Doris Irene Annie May George William  
1894/12707 Bennett Reginald George Annie May George William  
1910/21487 Bennett Rita Muriel Annie May George William  
1904/19094 Bennett Hilda Annie Annie May George William

### ANNIE MAY JULIAN

Annie May Julian was the daughter of Henry John Julian and Martha Jane Fox.  
She was born in New Zealand. 1873.

#### Birth...

1873/670 Julian Annie May Martha Jane Henry John - [Order Product](#)

#### Death...

1940/26614	Bennett	Annie May	67Y
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## JULIAN

*(Arrived in New Zealand on the good ship...?)*

### HENRY JOHN JULIAN AND MARTHA JANE FOX

Known: Generation one: Henry and Martha

Need to get this marriage certificate to find parents of Henry John...At BDM NZ

1871/9135	Martha Jane	Fox	Henry John	Julian
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**Henry** was born about:

At:

He died about:

Married: 1871

At: New Zealand

To: **Martha Jane Fox**

She was born about: 1852

At: New Zealand

Died about:

At:

They had the following children...

**Births...BDM NZ...**

1881/16863 Julian Albert Edward Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1882/10267 Julian Frank Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1879/101 Julian Richard Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1890/13986 Julian Stella Emerald Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1884/4132 Julian Newton Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1878/3940 Julian Ethel Rose Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1873/670 Julian Annie May Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1876/15898 Julian Ernest Leverick Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1893/10080 Julian George Hector Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1871/202 Julian William Henry Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1887/19374 Julian Monty Douglas Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

1874/954 Julian Florence Elizabeth Martha Jane Henry John-[Order Product](#)

Name:	Henry John Julian
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	1871
Event Place:	New Zealand
Gender:	Male
Spouse's Name:	<a href="#">Martha Jane Fox</a>
Spouse's Gender:	Female
Registration Number:	1871/9135

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Name:	Henry John Julian • Edit
Event Type:	Probate
Event Date:	1916 • Edit
Event Place:	New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand • Edit
Agency:	ABAJ
Court Name:	New Plymouth
Accession:	W4079
Note:	Year Range: 1916 - 1916
Item Code:	R14561752
Box Number:	24
Record Number:	1959
Series Name:	New Plymouth probate files, 1867-1981
Series Number:	21954
Container:	C352778
First Image Number:	460
Last Image Number:	471
Number of Images:	12

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Name:	Henry John Julian
Event Type:	Death
Event Date:	1916
Event Place:	New Zealand
Age (Estimated):	69
Birth Date:	1847
Registration Number:	1916/4204

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**HENRY JOHN “HARRY” JULIAN**

<b>BIRTH</b>	1846 Taranaki, New Zealand
<b>DEATH</b>	19 Apr 1916 (aged 69–70) Taranaki, New Zealand
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Inglewood Cemetery</u> Inglewood, New Plymouth District, Taranaki, New Zealand
<b>PLOT</b>	Memorial Area, Row L Plot 1S
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	147212610 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

## FOX

### BENJAMIN FOX AND FANNY OLD

Known: Generation one: Benjamin and Fanny. Generation two:

*(Arrived in New Zealand on the good ship...?)*

**Benjamin** was born about: 1823

At:

He died about: 1897

Married: 1851

At: New Zealand

To: **Fanny Old**

She was born about:

Died about:

Marriage: BDM NZ...

1851/1268	Fanny	Old	Benjamin	Fox
1851/1626	Fanny	Old	Benjamin	Fox

They had the following children...

1857/77	Fox	Ann	Fanny	Benjamin
1854/1261	Fox	Benjamin Leverick	Fanny	Benjamin
1852/1102	<b>Fox</b>	<b>Martha Jane</b>	Fanny	Benjamin
1865/10338	Fox	Louisa	Fanny	Benjamin
1863/5776	Fox	Alice Elizabeth	Fanny	Benjamin
1861/6638	Fox	Ellen	Fanny	Benjamin
1858/4691	Fox	Julia	Fanny	Benjamin

**MARTHA JANE FOX**

**Known: Generation one: Benjamin and Fanny. Generation two: Martha Jane.**

**Birth: BDM NZ**

1852/1102	Fox	Martha Jane	Fanny	Benjamin
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**Martha** was born about: 1852

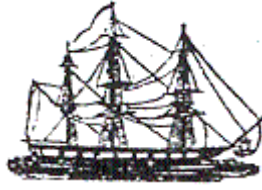
At: New Zealand

She died about:

Married:

At:

To: **Henry John Julian**



## **'AVALANCHE'**

*Taranaki Herald*, 23 January 1875, Page 2

Arrival - January 22 - *Avalanche*, ship, 1,160 tons, Thomas Bishop, from London, with 260 immigrants.

Departure - January 23 - *Avalanche*, fine iron clipper ship, for Wellington.

### ARRIVAL OF THE SHIP 'AVALANCHE.'

The ship 'Avalanche,' Captain Bishop, made the offing early yesterday morning, dropping anchor in the roadstead about 7 o'clock. This is the first immigrant ship that has visited the port for nearly twenty years, and the event is one of great importance to the Province. No sooner was the vessel signalled, than active preparations were made for landing the passengers. The Health Officer (Dr. O'Carroll) and Mr. Hulke, the Immigration Agent, went on board, and having inspected the immigrants, the single women were placed in the boats and brought ashore first, after which the remainder of the passengers were landed as fast as the boats could pass to and from the ship. By the time the first cargo boat reached the shore, a large number of persons had assembled on the beach, which had a lively appearance throughout the day. The passengers together with their luggage were landed carefully and expeditiously, and Messrs. Boswell & Co. deserve every credit for the manner they carried out the work.

The 'Avalanche' was built under the immediate superintendence of Captain Bishop, in the well-known yards of Messrs. Alexander Hall & Co., of Aberdeen. Her length is 215 feet; beam, 30 feet, with a depth of hold, 21 feet; net tonnage, 1,100 tons, but she will carry nearly 2,500 tons, her registered measurement being 1,210 tons. She is an iron ship of the highest class; her lower masts are tubular iron, being made out of boiler plate; her fore and main yards and lower fore and main topsail yards are also iron. She is calculated to carry 350 adult immigrants. She has nine patent ventilators through her decks, besides hatchways and side lights. She is fitted according to "Lloyd's" specification in every respect and has on board a steam winch and steam windlass for weighing the anchors. She was built expressly to the order of Messrs. Shaw, Saville, & Co., and intended for the New Zealand trade.

The 'Avalanche' was christened by Mrs. Bishop, the captain's wife; and the name was suggested by Mr. Temple, of the Alpine Club, one of the partners of the firm of Shaw, Saville, and Co. She was launched on the 29th August last. Her saloons are admirably fitted; the side cabins are fitted with standing berths, under which are placed drawers for passengers, and all the conveniences which tend to mitigate the dreariness of a sea voyage. The walls are lined with polished bird's-eye maple, inlaid with teak; the ceilings are pure white, with gold mouldings. The captain's cabin is very spacious and furnished with polished walnut fittings. The chief saloon has no mast running through it and is very spacious. The side handrails are teak (polished), with electro-

plated mounts. The partitions, &c, are all polished bird's-eye maple, inlaid with teak. At the entrance is a curved sideboard, of white marble; around which runs a handsome brass railing. A large looking-glass, surmounted by a clock, runs the length of this, and forms a handsome ornament to the saloon, which is well lighted' by a clerestory skylight, glazed with bent ornamental matted glass. The ceiling is painted pure white and ornamented with gilt mouldings. On each side of the various passages leading to the cabins, arc small brackets gilt, picked out with blue and vermillion. The seats are provided with reversible backs padded, with velvet covers and carved ends. The general effect on entering the cabin, is that it is very light and cheerful, and the fittings resemble those of a yacht, more than of a trader. Evidently, Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co. have an eye to preserving their laurels, and prevent them being wrested from them by the New Zealand Shipping Company. Her decks are spacious; there are four deckhouses for the men, besides accommodation for twenty-seven more in the forecastle. Adjoining the deckhouses is a well-arranged galley and cook-house; and next this the donkey engine, for working the steam winch and windlass. Between decks, she has seven feet of headroom; and, although lumbered with the passengers' luggage, &c, appeared very spacious. The department for the single women is divided off, and inaccessible except from the poop, behind the saloon. No intermingling of the passengers has been allowed during the passage. The married people occupied the middle of the 'tween decks; while the single men were forward, and during the passage were not allowed further aft than the mainmast and could communicate with the other ends of the vessel by signal only. In every respect she may be looked upon as a model for emigrant ships. The passengers, *nem. con.*, express themselves very well pleased with the treatment received on board — with the one exception of being on short allowance of food, the scale not being sufficiently large to meet the demands of a healthy, sea appetite.

The 'Avalanche' has on board a silver cup for the Wellington Regatta, presented by Messrs. Shaw, Saville, & Co.

From the log we take the following extracts — "The 'Avalanche' left Gravesend on the 22nd October, 1874, and lost sight of the Lizard Point, on the 27th October ; sighted San Antonio, one of the Cape de Verd Islands on the 13th November; crossed the line on the 25th, thirty-four days after leaving Gravesend, but made too much westing, and got becalmed off the Brazilian Coast while crossing the S.E. trades. Sighted the Croizettes, Hog Island, and the Twelve Apostles commenced running eastwards about the 17th December. From this date to the 17 January, both days inclusive she made 7,636 nautical miles, -her quickest days' work having been 300 miles, whilst her daily average during this time was 13½ knots an hour; for thirty-two days she averaged 238½ miles daily. During the voyage only two vessels were spoken, both bound for Melbourne, —the 'Benvovrick' and the 'Romanouff' (the family name of the Duchess of Edinburgh). This latter ship was built alongside the 'Avalanche' and was launched the day previous and sailed from Gravesend two days after the 'Avalanche,' and was spoken on the 5th January 1875, in longitude 46 °S. and 87°E. latitude. The first land sighted was Mount Egmont on the 21st instant and anchored yesterday morning in the roadstead. On the whole she has had a very fair passage. At first, she experienced head winds and calms, afterwards very fine, when she commenced her easting."

She brings 258 immigrants on this trip, equal to 320 souls and 8 cabin passengers. She carries on 59 immigrants to Wellington, including the crew she had 371 souls on board. She has room for 30 first-class cabin passengers. Three births have taken place during the voyage, and five deaths. This is her first trip, and Captain Bishop reports that owing to light winds he has not had a fair opportunity of trying what the ship could do, and had he not been becalmed would have made the passage in less than 80 days.

### **CAPTAIN BISHOP SPEAKS HIGHLY OF THE ROADSTEAD** **SHIP CLEARED AND AWAY IN TWELVE HOURS**

Captain Bishop (formerly of the 'Wild Duck' and 'Haloione') expressed very great surprise at the easiness with which though anchorage was approached, and still more at the rapid despatch with which the emigrants were landed. He says the roadstead, has been very much traduced, and he would not hesitate to bring a much larger vessel into the roadstead. He thought Captain Holford was only chaffing him when he said the 'Avalanche' would be able to sail for Wellington the same night, but there is the fact accomplished; he has come in, landed his passengers, and sailed — all within twelve hours. The following testimonial was presented to Captain Bishop and Dr. Doyle, previous to the passengers leaving the vessel : —

### **TESTIMONIAL TO THE CAPTAIN AND DOCTOR**

Ship 'Avalanche,' January 22, 1875.

To Messrs. Bishop and Doyle, —

Gentlemen, — We the emigrants on board the 'Avalanche,' at the termination of our voyage of ninety-one days fifteen hours' duration, feel called on to express the high opinion we entertain of your professional skill, and to thank you for the courtesy and kindness you manifested in your daily intercourse with us.

The captain (Mr. Bishop) has always shown himself most watchful of our welfare, and in the discharge of his onerous duties has displayed such firmness tempered with kindness as to win the ready cooperation of all on board, and to make us feel we were under the guidance of a perfectly competent seaman and gentleman.

Of the surgeon (Mr. Doyle) we can say he was most affable and courteous, whilst he always displayed the greatest anxiety and watchfulness not only over his patients, but also over all the passengers. He was ever ready, day and night, to hear our complaints and to minister to our wants ; and the absence of any serious or infectious disease, is, in a great measure, due to his attention and skill. To both gentlemen we tender our heartfelt gratitude for having landed us in safety, after such a long and perilous journey.

We cannot let this opportunity pass without bearing witness to the great professional skill and untiring exertions displayed by the first and second officers (Messrs. Bolin and Woods), and to thank them also for the courtesy and kindness they showed to make us feel contented and happy. We trust in our separation that all will carry away with them grateful remembrances of the days spent on board the 'Avalanche,' and that the shortcomings of any offender may be forgotten, so that a bitter thought may not arise out of the voyage. To carry out this wish, if any have misbehaved or offended, we strongly recommend them not only to lenity but to mercy, for "The quality of mercy is not strained,

It droppeth like the gentle rain from heaven on the place beneath  
It is twice blessed, it blesses him that gives and him that takes,

It is mightiest in the mighty and becomes the throned monarch better than his crown."

In conclusion, we have only to wish the captain and officers a safe voyage home to the bosom of their families and friends, and to all and each a happy and prosperous future.

**The following is a corrected list of the passengers by the ship 'Avalanche': —**

Barrett, John, 40; Catherine, 40; Ellen, 19; Mary, 16; Susan, 14; Elizabeth, 13; Alfred John, 9; James, 7 Sarah, 3; Richard, 1.  
Bennett, George, 38 ; Martha, 28 ; Frederick, 6 ; George, 5 ; Alfred, 2 ; Charles, 11— Kent,  
Billingheurst Henry, 37; Martha, 34 ; William, 9.  
Bishop, William, 21 (single): George, 17 (single) ; Enoch, 14 (single).  
Bond, Richard, 21 (single).  
Bottin, Thomas, 43; Sarah, 43; Catherine. 19 ; Thomas, 9 ; Emma, 7 ; Peter, 5.  
Box, George Henry, 20 (single).  
Bourne, Mary Ann, 39 (single).  
Bullock, Walter, 20 (single)  
Buirghe, Samuel, 26 (single).  
Burnham, Charles, 30; Mary, 31; Hannah, 13; Walter, 8; Charlotte, 5; Elizabeth, 2; Alfred, 1.  
Bushy, Jason, 38 ; Sophia A., 38 ; Louisa, 17 ; Joseph, 14; Matilda, 11; Emma, 9; Henry, 7;  
Annie, i.  
Coulter, Edward, 13 (single).  
Campbell, Joseph, 16 (single)  
Carvell, Fred J., 19 (single).  
Christian, Thomas, 32; Mary, 23; Julia, 4; Alfred, 3 ; Thomas, 1.  
Clark, .Samuel J., 32 (single).  
Clark, John, 30; Elizabeth, 31 ; Henry, 11.  
Coombes, Charles, 28 (single)  
Cole, William, 22 (single)  
Crook, William, 21 (single)  
Cummings, Herbert, 20 (single)  
Dunne, Francis, 40; Eliza, 89; Mary Ann, 18; Johanna, 16, Margaret Bridget, 15; Arabella, 14;  
Patrick, 12; Edmund, 10; Eliza, 7; Francis, 1  
Daney, Sarah, 28 (single)  
Douch, George, 25, Phillis, 21 ; Eleanor,  
Duffield, Kate, 18 (single)  
Durtnell, John, 37 (single)  
Divitnell, John, 37.  
Ellenn, Thomas, 36 (single)  
Faubney, Lewis, 21 (single)  
Fernie, Francis, 33; Alexander, 26; Betsie, 28 ; Cuthbert W., infant.  
Florey, Henry, 32; Elizabeth, 30; Henry, 11 ; Edwin, 1.  
Fiseenden, John, 25 (single) ; Ellen, 19 (single).  
Funge, Henry, 2C (single).  
Giles, Thomas, 19 (single).

Gilchrist, James, 21.  
Hall, George H., 23 ; Margaret, 21.  
Hall, James M., 21 (single).  
Harding William, 27; Maria, 24.  
Harrison, George, 20 (single)  
Haskell, Samuel, 24 (single)  
Hayhow, William, 27 ; Eliza, 26 ; Henry, 1 ; Martha, 4; William, 2; Eliza, 11.  
Hewitt, Alfred, 22; Hannah, 27; Elizabeth, 2 ; Emma, 1.  
Hodges, James, 19 (single).  
Hodges, Jose, 24 (single).  
Hodge, John, 23 (single).  
Hodgkin, Charles, 30; Caroline. 29; Nunine, 6; Rose, 1.  
Hogan, Mary, 19 (single).  
Hollis, Henry, 34 ; Eliza, 38 ; George, 8 ; Richard, 5 ; Mary, 3 ; Hannah, 2.  
Holmes, John, 22; Maria, 22; Emily, 2; John, 1.  
Hughes, Stephen, 36 ; Eliza, 32; Stephen, 13; Thomas, 9 ; John, 7 ; William, 4 ; George, 2.  
Jeffery, Edward, 33 ; Louisa, 34 ; Jane, 16, Edward, 12; Alice, 10; Sarah, 8.  
Johnston, Alfred, 22 (single)  
Jones, Thomas, 40 (single).  
King, Phillip, 31; Sarah, 30; Emily, 9; George, 7 ; Alice, 6 ; Rose, 5.  
Knowler, Henry, 25 ; Martha, 20 ; Henry, 1 ; Richard, 1.  
Lankstead, Walter, 18 (single).  
Landgridge, John, 22 (single).  
Lawrence, William, 29 ; Elizabeth, 26 ; Albert, 9 ; William, 7 ; Kate, 5 ; Walter, 2.  
Lepper, Charles, 19, (single).  
Marin, Mary J., 17 (single).  
Martin, John, 28 (single).  
Mathews, Robert, 25; Catherine, 30 ; George, 3.  
Miller, Alfred, 18 (single).  
Miles, James, 45 ; Jane, 38 ; James, 12  
Miles, Rhoda, 17 (single).  
Miles, William, 15 (single).  
Millgate, Jane, 46 (single).  
Neary, Patrick, 33 ; Margaret, 28 ; Mary, 5.  
Neill, James, 36 ; Catherine, 21.  
Pearson, Elizabeth, 16 (single).  
Pett, Alfred, 22 (single).  
Pope, Annie, 30 (single).  
Radden, David, 23 (single).  
Raven, John, 40; Charlotte, 30; Mary, 16; Alice, 13; Peter, 13; Elizabeth, 11, Hannah, 8 ; Emily, 6 ; Henry, 4 ; Florence, 1.  
Rattenbury, Henry, 35 (single).  
Recce, Thomas, 23 (single).  
Reeves, Edward, 21 (single).  
Roe, Matthew, 21 (single).  
Sands, Thomas, 23; Caroline, 26; Sarah, 2; Ambrose, 1.  
Seamark, Margaret, 15 (single).

Seamark, William, 39 (single) ; William, 15 (single).  
Singerson, Thomas, 33 ; Sarah, 33.  
Smith, Sarah 23 (single).  
Smith, Raymond, 30 ; Sarah, 25 ; Charles, 5 ; James, 3 ; Emma, 1.  
Stroud, Henry, 31 ; Mary Ann, 29 ; Henry, 7; John, 5.  
Surrey, Isaac, 34; Mary, 26; Robert, 9; Alfred, 8 ; Percy, 6 ; Louisa, 3.  
Swinerd. Humphrey, 36 ; Francis, 32 ; Humphrey, 13; Charles, 11; Fanny, 10; Arthur, 8;  
Martha, 6; Ellen, 4; Ebenezer, 21.  
Taylor, William, 34 ; Emma, 33 ; John, 9 ; Walter, 6; Esther, 3; Eliza, 1.  
Taylor, Edward, 19 (single).  
Tepper, Charles, 19 (single).  
Thorn, Frederick, 19 (single).  
Tissenden, John, 25 (single).  
Tissenden, Ellen, 19 (single).  
Tucker, Dennis, 30 ; Jane, 24.  
Weller, Alfred W., 18, (single).  
Wallis, James, 22 ; Celia, 20.  
Wheatson, Stephen, 28 (single).  
Weatherell, Emily, 20 (single).  
Wood, Joe, 26 ; Alice, 25.

The 'Cospatrack.' — We notice that the wife of the late Captain Elmslie was on board the lost ship 'Cospatrack,' and was therefore drowned. We see from Sydney newspapers to hand, that the three survivors of the 'Cospatrack' were landed at Singapore, the steamer 'British Sceptre' by which they were picked up having been bound from Liverpool to the East.


*Taranaki Herald*, 27 January 1875, Page 2

The Immigrants by the 'Avalanche.' — Most of the immigrants that arrived by this vessel have found employment. Out of fifty-seven single men who entered the depot, only twenty-one now remain. More than half that number have been engaged privately, at rates varying from six shillings to eight shillings per day — the greater number engaged by the day being at eight shillings. Fifteen families have been engaged by the Government. They will be employed in felling and clearing bush, about three chains wide, along the line of branch roads in front of the sections which will shortly be put up for sale. Three families started for the Moa Block yesterday morning, and twelve single men have agreed to go out too. Several of the single girls have been engaged, and there are a few heads of families left who prefer seeking employment in town.

Those who visited the 'Avalanche' on Friday last, and made enquiries on the subject, were informed by Captain Bishop that he was unable to broach his Taranaki cargo, although it was lying immediately under the hatches, on the top of that destined for Wellington; as if he were to do so not only would his insurance be vitiated but he would be rendered liable to an action for undue detention on his arrival in Wellington, and expressed his regret for having to carry on goods destined for this place, but he had no alternative. Owing to the condition of the roadstead having been so grossly misrepresented, shipowners are exceedingly chary of sending vessels to this place, and Captain Bishop assured our informant that it was only on Wednesday last that he finally made up his mind that he would try what the New Plymouth roadstead was, and see and

judge for himself. He has done so; his vessel, one of the largest in the New Zealand trade, has visited and anchored in the roadstead, and in the short space of six working hours landed 260 immigrants, together with their effects. So pleased was he with the despatch used in conveying the people ashore, that he said he should have no hesitation in coming here in any ordinary weather. We trust that Captain Bishop will give a faithful report of the transaction, and that it will receive the attention it deserves at the hands of those interested, coming, as it does, from an old and much respected trader to New Zealand, and one who is capable of judging of what dangers (?) exist in our roadstead. Many of these are imaginary, but those who are well acquainted with our shores, say that no weather that we have here could affect a ship as large as the 'Avalanche' when properly anchored, and that she could ride out in safety any of our north westerly gales. How well an anchor can hold off New Plymouth was proved last winter, when, during a very severe gale the 'Eliza Mary,' a new vessel visiting this port for the first time, rode out the storm with only a single anchor. We trust our new Harbour Board will lose no time, but push on the works as rapidly as possible, so that the settlement may not suffer by our trade being interrupted in this manner. Storekeepers and merchants feel it very much that their goods arrive at their destination in safety, but owing to legal formalities they must see them depart, undergo further risks, incur fresh expense, and at length return after an indefinite period to be delivered to them. Unfortunately, in the present case there is no remedy. We must patiently await the erection of the first portion of our harbour, and by that time the Waitara and Wanganui railway will, be complete and the facilities then offered for shipping wool and other produce direct from New Plymouth, will be sufficient inducement for vessels to enter boldly and trade with us. As much wool as would enable a vessel of moderate size to fill up with, can be furnished at the present time, were a ready means of transit from the southern end of the Province available our only hope for freedom from the annoyances consequent upon such a system as exists at present, lies in the speedy construction of the harbour and the less delay experienced in commencing the works the better for the whole Province.

## MILITARY HISTORY WW1

Photo	Family name	First names	Force	War	Service #	
	<a href="#">Ridling</a>	Arthur	Army	World War I, 1914-1918	68018	
	<a href="#">Ridling</a>	Randolph Gordon	Army	World War I, 1914-1918	23927	
	<a href="#">Ridling</a>	Arthur Lawrence William	Army	World War I, 1914-1918	21891	
	<a href="#">Ridling</a>	Malcolm Leslie	Army	World War I, 1914-1918	23/1792	
	<a href="#">Ridling</a>	Lewis Robert	Army	World War I, 1914-1918	12/2100	

**ARTHUR RIDLING. WW1**

**Parents: Robert 1848-1928 and Sarah Jane Ridling**

Arthur was born about: 25 July 1893

At: Auckland, New Zealand

He died about: 7 September 1978

At: Auckland, New Zealand

Married: No record

**Birth...**

1893/9468	Ridling	Arthur Robert	Sarah Jane	Robert
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**Death...**

1978/35651	Ridling	Arthur Robert	25 July 1893
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Reinforcement: 374 SEE FILE HISTORY-SHEET-5 DEC 1920 [E.F. Form No. 3A.]

Unit: 3rd Bn Auckland Coy B & Coy 01 Rank: Pte Surname: RIDLING Christian Name: ARTHUR No: 68018

Occupation: Tea-packer. Religion: Auckland Presby. Last New Zealand address: 63 Cook St Auckland

Last employer: Gilmore & Coy. 11.7.93

Name, relationship, and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand): Mr R. Ridling (Father) 86 Lorne St AUCKLAND.

Country or Troopship.	Date from	Date to	Total.		Initials of Officer making Entry.	Home Service.	
			Years.	Days.		Years.	Days.
N.Z.	20.9.17	8/5/18					
EMBARKED.	23/10/17	8.8.19	1	92			
Ret Malakua	9/5/18	8.8.19					
	9.8.19	5.9.19					

DATE OF ATTACHMENT: 20/9/17. Service 2/5/18

No. 68015 Rank: Pte Name: ARTHUR RIDLING Address: 63 Cook St Auckland

Periods of Service. Theatres of Operation.

In New Zealand: — years 226 days. Australasian

Overseas ... 1 years 92 days. Egyptian

Total service ... 1 years 318 days. Egyptian E.F.

Date commenced duty: 23-10-17 Balkan

Date finally discharged: 5.9.19 Western European Asiatic

Decorations: British War Medal MEDAL ACTION COMPLETE. 27 FEB 1922

The foregoing particulars are correct.

Signature: Arthur Ridling.

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

Discharge ... Provisional: (Date.) Intended address: 63. Cook St Auckland

Pension ... Final: 5.9.19 (Date.)

A.F.B. 103 RECEIVED 11.8.19

B.R. 125 RECEIVED 8.10.19

\* Strike out words not required.

<p style="margin: 0;">2</p>		<p>Apparent age: <u>25</u> years <u>0</u> months.</p> <p>(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)</p> <p>Height: <u>5</u> feet <u>12</u> inches.</p> <p>Weight: <u>112</u> lb.</p> <p>Chest-measurement: { Minimum, <u>30</u> inches. Maximum, <u>32.5</u> inches.</p> <p>Complexion: <u>Pallid</u></p> <p>Colour of eyes: <u>Brown</u></p> <p>Colour of hair: <u>Black</u></p> <p>Religious profession: <u>Protestant</u></p>	<p>Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.</p>
<p><b>Medical Examination.</b></p>			
<p>Sight: Right eye, <u>6/6</u></p> <p>Left eye, <u>6/6</u></p> <p>Hearing: Right ear, <u>good</u></p> <p>Left ear, <u>good</u></p> <p>Colour-vision: <u>normal</u></p> <p>Are his limbs well formed? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Is his chest well formed? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Is his heart normal? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Are his lungs normal? <u>yes</u></p> <p>What is the condition of the teeth? <u>Treatment</u></p> <p>Have you had any illnesses? <u>no</u></p>	<p>Pulse <u>75</u></p> <p>Is he free from hernia? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Is he free from varicocele? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Is he free from varicose veins? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Is he free from hæmorrhoids? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? <u>left</u></p> <p>Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? <u>yes</u></p> <p>Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? <u>no</u></p> <p>Have you ever had a fit? <u>no</u></p>		
<p><b>Remarks.</b></p>			
<p>1. Have you been under treatment in a Sanatorium? <u>no</u></p> <p>2. Have you ever been discharged from H.M. Service? <u>no</u></p> <p>3. Have you ever been absent from work through ill-health or accident? <u>no</u></p>			
<p><b>CLASS</b> <u>C. 1</u> <u>unimpaired</u></p>			
<p><b>Certificate of Medical Examination.</b></p>			
<p>I HAVE examined this recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.</p>			
<p>I consider him <sup>fit</sup> <sub>unfit</sub> for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in and beyond New Zealand.</p>			
<p>Examined by Medical Board No. 3</p>			
<p>Auckland, <u>10 Sept.</u> 191<u>7</u></p>			
<p><u>S. Skerrett</u> <u>Sgt.</u>, Medical Officer.</p> <p>Address: <u>47 Fiddlers</u></p> <p style="margin-right: 50px;"><u>magd.</u></p>			

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ORIGINAL.

Form of attestation of voluntary recruits and of men called up for service under the Military Service Act, 1916, who are willing to be attested in this manner.

[E.F. Form No. 2]

**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

**ATTESTATION FOR GENERAL SERVICE.**

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE RECRUIT.

1. What is your name? ...	1. <u>Arthur Redling</u>
2. Where were you born? ...	2. <u>Auckland New Zealand</u>
3. Are you a British subject? ...	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is the date of your birth? ...	4. <u>11th July 1893</u>
5. What are the names of your parents? ...	5. { Father: <u>Robert Redling</u> Mother: <u>Redling</u>
6. Where were your parents born? ...	6. { Father: <u>England</u> Mother: <u>England</u>
7. If they are of alien origin, when and where were they naturalized? ...	7. { Father: <u>not alien</u> Mother: <u>not alien</u>
8. How long have you been resident in New Zealand? ...	8. <u>Since birth</u>
9. How long have your parents been resident in New Zealand? ...	9. { Father: <u>50 years</u> Mother: <u>deceased</u>
10. What is your trade or calling? ...	10. <u>Sea Packer</u>
11. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? ...	11. <u>Yes</u>
12. What was the address at which you last resided? ...	12. <u>43 Cook St. Auckland</u>
13. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? ...	13. <u>Yes</u>
14. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? ...	14. <u>Gilmore &amp; Co. Auckland</u>
15. Are you single, married, widower, divorced, or legally separated from your wife? ...	15. <u>Single</u>
16. If married, a widower, divorced, or legally separated from your wife, how many children under sixteen years of age have you? ...	16. <u>none</u>
17. If single, how many persons are absolutely dependent on you? ...	17. <u>two</u>
18. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? ...	18. <u>No</u>
19. Do you now belong to any Military or Naval Force? If so, to what corps? ...	19. <u>No</u>
20. Have you ever served in any Military or Naval Force? If so, state which and cause of discharge. ...	20. <u>Yes</u>
21. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? ...	21. <u>Yes</u>
22. Have you ever been medically examined for service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force? If so, when and where? ...	22. <u>Yes</u>
23. Have you ever been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? ...	23. <u>Yes, Auckland</u>
24. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? ...	24. <u>No</u>
25. Are you willing to serve in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand for the duration of the present war with Germany and six months thereafter, if your service is so long required? ...	25. <u>Yes</u>
26. For which Reinforcement draft do you volunteer? ...	26. <u>2nd Draft</u>

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before you return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Arthur Redling do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: A. Redling

Signature of Witness: W. J. G. G. G.

**Oath to be taken by Recruit on attestation.**

I, Arthur Redling do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces against His Majesty's enemies, and that I will loyally observe and obey all orders of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

**Certificate of Attesting Officer.**

The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands these questions, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered. The said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath of allegiance before me, at Auckland, N.Z., on this twentieth day of September, 1917.

Signature of Attesting Officer: W. B. B. B.

NOTE 1.—If any alteration is required in the attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alteration.

NOTE 2.—The recruit expresses a preference to enlist for \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch of service.)

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

[B.B.—125.]

Rank: *MC* Name: *RIDLING* ARTHUR Unit: *Chas* No. *55918*  
 Enltd.: *0:9:17* M. or S.: *5.* D. of Birth: *11.7.95* Occupn: *Tee Packet* Ht.: *5-11* Wt.: *112* lb.  
 Hair: *Black* Eyes: *Brown* Complexn.: *Sallow* Relgn.: *Presby.* Inocln: *10.4.15*  
 N/K: *Mr. R. Ridling (Father) 66 Lorne St. Auckland N.Z.*  
 Place of Birth: *Auckland N.Z.*



PROMOTIONS, CASUALTIES, MOVEMENTS, Etc.	DATE OF CASUALTY.	AUTH'D BASE RECORDS DATE OF DEPT.	INITIALS.
N. Z. Service completed	8/5/18	Emb. Roll	
Foreign Service commenced	9/5/18	do.	
Embarked "Maunganui" Wellington.	"	"	
Disembarked "Maunganui" Liverpool	24 JUN 1918	Disemb. Roll.	
POSTED RES AKLD	25 8 18	A Res 52 29	JUN 1918
Adm. 3 NZ 4 4 (V.O. Sec) Sling (12.9.18)	30.9.18	DR 667. 2-10-18	Lythgoe
Dischp. to V.O. Sec. (V.O.)	8. 11. 18	DR 701 11/11/18	Lines
Dischp. 3/23/18 (V.O. Sec) to C.O. Sec.	13. 11. 18	2005026 12/20. 11/11/18	
Marched in Res AK Sling.	25. 11. 18.	B 213 24/11. 18	
ENTERED ON HISTORY SHEET			
EMB FOR N.Z - MATATUA			
28. 6. 19.			

# CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE.

[Army Form B. 103.]

Regiment or Corps: B/37  
 Regimental No. 68018 Rank: PLT Name: RIDLING Arthur  
 Enlisted\*: 20/9/17 Terms of Service\*: Duration of War Service reckons from\*: 20/9/17 23/10/17  
 Date of promotion to } Date of appointment }  
 present rank: } to lance rank: } Numerical position on }  
 Extended: } roll of N.C.Os.: }  
 Re-engaged: }  
 Qualification †: }

REPORT.		Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, &c., during Active Service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other Official Documents. The Authority to be quoted in Each Case.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other Official Documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
		Embarked "Maunganui"	Wellington	9/5/18	Emb. Roll.
		DISEMBARKED.			
		MARCHED IN & POSTED. <u>22R</u>	Liverpool	24-6-18	DISEMBARKATION ROLL.
			SLING	25/6/18	PT II NO. 52
	<u>5/4/18</u> <u>John A.R.</u>	Admitted 3 <u>W/S</u> <u>Up</u> <u>Van Reel</u>	Cardford	30/6/18	<u>DR 667</u> <u>V.D.G.</u>
	<u>2/9/18</u> <u>John A.R.</u>	<u>Re-embarked to Conv. Sect.</u>	"	8-11-18	<u>DR 401</u> <u>V.D.G.</u>
IN 1919	<u>John A.R.</u>	Returned per S.S. "MATATUA"	London	28 JUN 1919	<u>Tom Roll</u>

11-8-19

the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into section D. Army Reserve particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 p. Signaller, Shoeing smith, &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.  
 1/17-12731

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## Will.

Number, Christian  
names and Sur-  
name in full.

I, No. *68010 Arthur Robert Ridling*

formerly of *Auckland*

Previous occupation.

in New Zealand *Sea Porter* but now

Rank, Unit.

a *Private* in the *Auckland Battalion* of the New

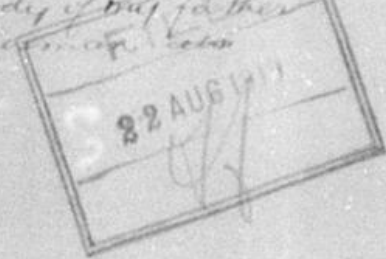
Zealand Expeditionary Force on actual military service ~~do hereby revoke~~

~~all Wills heretofore made by me and declare this to be my last Will~~

~~I give devise and bequeath all my Estate both Real and Personal unto~~

Name, Address and  
Occupation of  
Legatee.

*I hereby declare that I have made my last will and that it is in the safe custody of my father Robert Ridling of Auckland Solicitor at Law*



Full names of Execu-  
tor and Address  
and Occupation.

And I appoint

of

~~Executor of this my Will~~ In Witness whereof I have hereunto set

my hand this *fourth* day of *August* 19*18*

Signature *A.R. Ridling*

Signed by the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the sight and presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses—

1st Witness.

*C. A. D. H. 4/5/91*

Occupation and  
Address.

*N.Z.E.F.*

2nd Witness.

*H. Veart*

Occupation and  
Address.

*H. J. E. 7*

N.B.—(1.) This certificate is issued without alteration or erasure of any kind.  
 (2.) Any person finding this certificate is requested to forward it to Headquarters, N.Z. Military Forces, Wellington, N.Z.  
 (3.) Should this certificate be lost or mislaid no duplicate of it can be obtained.

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 8819.1  
 (B.R. Form No. 207a)  
 No. 60551  
 14/8/19  
**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**  
**CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.**

No. 680181 Rank: Private Unit: Auckland Inf. Regt.  
 Name: Arthur Ridling

is discharged on the termination of his period of engagement.

Service abroad: 1 year 92 days

**DESCRIPTION OF SOLDIER ON ENLISTMENT.**

Age: 24 1/2 years Height: 5 feet 1 1/2 inches  
 Complexion: Fair Eyes: Brown  
 Hair: Black Trade or occupation: Sea Packer

PARCHMENT DISCHARGE POSTED  
 Date 16.8.19 Initials: EW

Signature: [Signature]

WELLINGTON, 5th September, 1919

For Major-General,  
 Commanding New Zealand Military Forces.

RECORDED IN HISTORY SHEET  
 Date 2.8.19

Specimen signature. Arthur Ridling Specimen signature Arthur Ridling

E.F. Pay Form 192.] NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. No. 43518

**OVERSEAS WAR-SERVICE GRATUITY.**  
(For instructions see back.)

Regtl. No.: 68018 Full name of soldier: Ridling Arthur Rank: Private  
(Surname) (Christian names)

To the Officer in Charge War Expenses, Wellington.

I hereby make application for Overseas War-Service Gratuity as a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. In the spaces provided for above please find specimens (two) of my ordinary signature. Please pay to my credit.

(a) My Post Office Savings-bank Account No. is \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(b) I have no Post Office Savings-bank account or any other bank account.

(c) My current account is with the Bank of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(d) I have an account with the Auckland private Savings-bank at Auckland

Embarked on (date): 9 May 1918 with 37 <sup>Main body</sup> Reinforcements.  
[If more than one embarkation, please specify.]

Full postal address: 63 Book St, Auckland

Date: 2.10.19 Signature of applicant: Arthur Ridling

**SPACES BELOW TO BE FILLED IN BY PAY OFFICE.**

Cause of discharge: P.L. 9<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

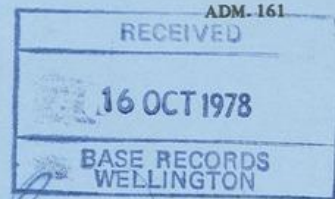
Service—		Number of Days.
From <u>5.5.18</u>	to <u>28.6.19</u>	<u>420</u>
From _____	to _____	
Deductions (if any):—		
From <u>30.9.18</u>	to <u>8.11.18</u>	<u>39</u>
From _____	to _____	
From _____	to _____	
From _____	to _____	
From _____	to _____	
Net total of days		<u>381</u>
Less overpayments or debit balance in pay account (if any)		<u>28 11 6</u>
Net amount payable		<u>£28 11 6</u>

CHECKED. ENTERED LEDGER. NOTED RED CARD. AUDIT. 204

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File No. 30665

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**NOTIFICATION OF DEATH**



Name: RIDLING (Surname) ARTHUR ROBERT (Christian Names)

Service No. 68018 Highest Rank Attained: PR

\*Service: Army (State Army, Navy, or Air Force) 1915-18 (Born in Auckland on 11.7.93)

Regiment or Corps: Auckland Infantry

War Service (Yes or No): Yes †Overseas. †Home Only. †Both.

(If overseas since 1948 state area):

Decorations (if any):

Place of Death: Auckland Date of Death: 7.9.1978

\*If known to have served in two or more Services please state.

†Delete as required.

To

BASE RECORDS.

Please verify and complete the above particulars (where blanks exist) and return urgently.

Date: 12.10.78 Signature: [Signature]

for Secretary for Internal Affairs.

(STRIKE OUT ADDRESSES WHICH DO NOT APPLY)

To the Secretary,  
Department of Internal Affairs,  
Private Bag,  
Wellington.

To the District Officer,  
Department of Internal Affairs,  
P.O. Box 1308,  
Christchurch.

To the District Officer,  
Department of Internal Affairs,  
P.O. Box 2220,  
Auckland. ✓

Checked and returned as requested.

Date: 17/10/78 Signature: [Signature]

**RANDOLPH GORDON RIDLING. WW1**



**Parents: Andrew and Ellen Ridling**

Randolph was born about: 1888

At:

He died about: 1975

Married: Henrietta Cormack

At:

To:

She was born about: 1893

At: Lawrence, Otago, New Zealand

Died about: August 26, 1915 (21-22)

Otago, New Zealand

They had the following children...

## Henrietta Ridling (Cormack)

Birthdate: 1893

Birthplace: Lawrence, Otago, New Zealand

Death: August 26, 1915 (21-22)  
Otago, New Zealand

Immediate Family: Daughter of [John Cormack](#) and [Isabella Cormack](#)  
Wife of [Randolph Gordon Ridling, AM](#)  
Sister of [Euphemia Cameron](#); [Jane Sutherland Willis](#); [Isabella Cormack](#); [James Cormack](#) and [John Cormack](#)

Managed by: [Charlene Newport](#)

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Henrietta Ridling (born Cormack) in [MyHeritage family trees \(Kilmister Web Site\)](#)

Henrietta Ridling (born Cormack) in [FamilySearch Family Tree](#)  
[view all](#)

## Immediate Family



[Randolph Gordon Ridling, AM](#)  
husband



[Isabella Cormack](#)

mother



[John Cormack](#)

father



[Euphemia Cameron](#)

sister



[Jane Sutherland Willis](#)

sister



[Isabella Cormack](#)

sister



[James Cormack](#)

brother



[John Cormack](#)

brother

## About Henrietta Ridling

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## Henrietta Ridling's Timeline

1893 <sup>1893</sup> [Birth of Henrietta Ridling](#)  
Lawrence, Otago, New Zealand

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1915 <sup>August 26, 1915</sup> [Death of Henrietta Ridling](#)  
Age 22  
Otago, New Zealand

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Randolph Gordon Ridling (1888-1975) was born on 17th March 1888 in Auckland, New Zealand, one of ten children of Andrew and Ellen Ridling (nee Gray). Although he left school at 11, Randolph was offered a scholarship to Auckland Grammar School, where he excelled in his studies. He then gained a place at Auckland University College, where he qualified as a teacher. He married Henrietta, but tragedy struck the couple when she fell terminally ill on the eve of the Great War, and Randolph chose to care for her rather than enlist in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Soon after her death, he enlisted on 14th December 1915 and was immediately promoted to Corporal, and two months later to Sergeant, then taking his commission exams, became a Second Lieutenant on 19th May 1916. In October, he was part of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade which sailed to the UK to join the war effort. They were based at Brocton Camp in Staffordshire. Shortly afterwards, they were posted to the Western Front. In 1917, he was severely wounded and invalided back to Britain where he would spend the next 16 months in and out of hospital recuperating. He was promoted to Lieutenant in April 1918 back at Brocton Camp and became a bombing instructor.

On 19th April 1918, at Brocton Camp, a recruit under bombing instruction dropped a Mills bomb in the throwing bay after pulling the pin out. Lacking the presence of mind to escape, Rifleman AJ McCurdy kicked the bomb towards the entrance and retreated to the inner end of the bay. Ridling, the bombing officer, seeing the man's danger, went to him, seized him by the arm and started to carry him out of the bay, but the bomb exploded before he could get clear. McCurdy was only slightly hurt thanks to Ridling's action.

Ridling was severely wounded in the groin during the action and was once again hospitalised. On recovery he was appointed Assistant Adjutant to the 5th Reserve Battalion in addition to his normal duties. In 1919 he was promoted to Temporary Captain came with the job of Education Officer in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force Education Scheme. He was demobbed in December 1919 just around the time of the publication in the London Gazette of his Albert Medal in Bronze.

Randolph chose to continue his education at Queen's College, Cambridge from where he graduated in 1921 and returned to New Zealand. He was then given employment by the Department of Education as supervisor in agricultural manual and technical work. He married Emily M Shaw who, on the trip out to Australia by ship, dropped the name she disliked and was known as Patricia from then on. The couple went on to have a daughter, Sheila.

In 1931, Randolph took up the position of Director of Wellington Technical College. During his tenure, the school celebrated its 50th anniversary. He advocated industrial training methods, including the setting up of correspondence courses for those living in remote areas and actively encouraged students to remain in education as long as possible. After World War II, apprenticeship training was begun as a result of the increased demand for skilled workers. He never faltered in his campaign to improve technical education and sought to establish close relationships with industry. Sadly, the NZ Government didn't share his vision and he resigned in September 1950.

In 1971, a change in the Royal Warrant gave holders of the Albert and Edward Medals the opportunity to exchange them for a George Cross. Randolph chose to retain his Albert Medal. In retirement, he enjoyed classical music and cricket. He also liked gardening and loved walking by the ocean with his grandchildren. Randolph passed away on 13th January 1975 in Wellington. After a private service, he was cremated. The family requested that his ashes were scattered in the Returned Services Section of the Karori Cemetery, Wellington.

On 8th October 1982, Philip O'Shea (NZ Herald of Arms) presented Randolph's medals including his AM to the Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum in Waiouru on behalf of Sheila Matthews, Randolph's daughter.

LOCATION OF MEDAL: NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM, WAIOURU, NEW ZEALAND.

BURIAL PLACE: KARORI CEMETERY, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.  
(CREMATED)



Randolph Gordon Ridling's great nephew John Ridling (grandson of Randolph's youngest brother, whose grandfather was also wounded and ended up in the Anzac cyclist Corps) has provided additional information on the background of the family (as “Ridland” they had left Gravesend in 1847). Randolph was a schoolteacher in Auckland when war broke out in 1914. He married in May 1915 and had volunteered a few months later, shortly after his wife Henrietta had sadly passed away. He was quickly promoted to Corporal, then Sergeant Major, and eventually became a 2nd Lieutenant in October 1916, when he was sent overseas, arriving in France as the NZRB began to settle down in the cold and muddy trenches of Flanders. He took over command of C Company, 4th Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade on 14 February 1917.

Just over a week later the New Zealand Rifle Brigade was moved to the Ploegsteert Sector of the Messines Ridge area south east of Ypres, to begin the training for the meticulously planned assault unleashed on 7 June that would successfully wrestle possession of the Ridge from the Germans (the Cannock Chase terrain model of Messines was constructed in cement mortar nearly a year AFTER the battle and used to train men about to go over to France and Flanders).

The New Zealand Rifle Brigade took over the front line trenches from the British

7th Brigade on 22 February 1917, with the 4th Battalion NZRB replacing the British troops of the 8th Battalion Loyal North Lancashires and the 3rd Battalion Worcesters, the final swap being completed by 11pm that night. During the relief the Germans opposite gave the newly arrived New Zealanders a warm welcome in the form of a barrage of "minenwerfer" trench mortars.

This was superseded during the night by a general artillery barrage which morphed at 6.10am the following morning into a "box barrage" which isolated the New Zealanders, preventing them from seeking sanctuary or for reinforcements to join them. A German raiding party estimated at around two hundred crossed No Man's Land and entered the New Zealand trenches, and worked its way southwards along the trench. However, the New Zealanders quickly rallied and within five minutes had ejected the Germans using rifles, bayonets and bombs.

The brief clash was bloody; the casualty list of men from 4th Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade makes sobering reading - six killed, twenty wounded and three taken prisoner (two stretcher bearers plus the wounded man they were treating). One of those wounded was Lieutenant Ridling, shot in the arm.

18 HISTORY SHEET.

Unit: *4th Bn. N.Z. Rifle Corps* Rank: *Corps* Surname: *Ridling* Christian Name: *Randolph Gordon* Authority to Headquarters: *30.4.23* No. *23927*

Occupation: *School Teacher* Religion: *Presby'n* Last New Zealand address: *Post Office Pukekohe*

Last employer: *Auckland Education Board*

Name, relationship, and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand):  
*A. Ridling* *Father*  
*29 Stanley St.*  
*Richmond*  
*Auckland*

Country or Troopship.	Date from	Date to	Total.		Initials of Officer making Entry.	Home Service.	
			Years.	Days.		Years.	Days.
<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>14/12/15</i>	<i>11-10-16</i>					
<i>Foreign</i>	<i>11-10-16</i>	<i>23-9-17</i>					
		<i>Disch 28.9.19</i>					

Service ...

No. *23927* Rank: *Lieut (2nd Class)*

Name: *RANDOLPH GORDON RIDLING*

Address: *44 Brooklands Road, New Plymouth*

Wounds

Periods of Service.

In New Zealand: *300* years *300* days.

Overseas ... *2* years *353* days.

Total service ... *3* years *288* days.

Date commenced duty: *15.12.15*

Date finally discharged: *28.9.19*

Theatres of Operation.

Australasian

Egyptian

Egyptian E.F.

Balkan

Western

European

Asiatic

Decorations: *Albert Medal.*

BRITISH WAR MEDAL

The foregoing particulars are correct.

VICTORY MEDAL

Signature: *W. B. ...*

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

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BRITISH WAR MEDAL

The foregoing particulars are correct.

VICTORY MEDAL

Signature: *W. B. ...*

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

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Discharge

Final: *17.9.19* (Date)

Pension ...

\* Strike out words not required.

Unit: *4th Bn 3rd Cr. 15. 76*  
*1604 R 15*

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Last employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, relation and address next-of-kin (if resident in Zealand, insert name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand): \_\_\_\_\_

Service

Home Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years: \_\_\_\_\_ Days: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Message and Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

23924  
 Redding R. G.

Wounds

5816	3.4.18	London	Wrs. to Brocton Camp 27.3.18.
6045	29.4.18	"	Q/H. 2/18. 19.4.18. Lacerated thigh peritonitis.
1204	14.5.18	"	Wrs. to Brocton Camp 27.4.18.

Periods of Service.

In New Zealand: \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Overseas ... 2 years 353 days.

Total service ... 3 years 288 days.

Date commenced duty: 15.12.15

Date finally discharged: 28.9.19

Theatres of Operation.

Australasian

Egyptian

Egyptian H.F.

Balkan

Western European 1917

Asiatic

Decorations: Albert Medal.

BRITISH WAR MEDAL 16 MAY 1922

VICTORY MEDAL 16 MAY 1922

The foregoing particulars are correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

Discharge

Final: 17.7.19 (in Eng)

Pension

\* Strike out words not required.

Unit. *3rd Div. 18th*

Occupation: *Private*

Last employer: *18th*

Name, relation and address next-of-kin (if resident in Zealand, insert name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand)

Service

Home Service.

Years. Days.

Foreign Service:

Total Service:

No.	Date.	Where Soldier located.	Message and Remarks.
<i>2775</i>	<i>2.3.17</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Wmdd Feb. 23rd 1917</i>
<i>2802</i>	<i>17.3.17</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Adm 2nd Lnd. Ser. Rep. Feb. 26th 1917 am</i>

*Discharged Abroad.*

No. *23927* Rank: *Lieut. (2. Class)*

Name: *RANDOLPH GORDON TIDLING*

Address: *46 Ellingby Avenue Brooklands Road*

*Periods of Service.*

In New Zealand: *300* years *300* days.

Overseas ... *2* years *353* days.

Total service ... *3* years *288* days.

Date commenced duty: *15.12.15*

Date finally discharged: *28.9.19*

*Theatres of Operation.*

Australasian

Egyptian

Egyptian E.F.

Balkan

Western European } *1917*

Asiatic

Decorations: *Albert Medal.*

BRITISH WAR MEDAL *16 MAY 1922*

VICTORY MEDAL *16 MAY 1922*

The foregoing particulars are correct.

Signature: *Reissued 2.12.27 Reg. Packet No. 251*

N.B. - Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

1,000 parts 8/20-12058

Discharge

Final: *17.9.19* (Date)

Pension ...

*Strike out words not required.*

Unit. *42nd Div. 2nd Bn. 7th*  
*Flour 18*

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Last employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, relation and address of next-of-kin (if resident in Zealand, insert name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand): \_\_\_\_\_

Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Years: \_\_\_\_\_ Days: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Service: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Date.	Where Soldier located.	Message and Remarks.
<i>2775</i>	<i>3-3-17</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Wmdd Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917</i>
<i>2802</i>	<i>17.3.17</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Adm 2<sup>nd</sup> London Gen. Hosp. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am</i>
<i>288</i>	<i>16.3.17</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Advise 6-day progressing favourably</i>
<i>387</i>	<i>1.6.17</i>	<i>Ldn</i>	<i>For 6 M. L. Gen. Hosp. Blundell 26.5.17. 8.30 am</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>29.6.17</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Trans to 4<sup>th</sup> Ldn 17.7.17 4.4 Brighton 22.6.17 4.54 pm</i>
<i>180</i>	<i>24.4.17</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Trans to leave 24.4.17.</i>
<i>56</i>	<i>19.3.18</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Adm. Hallon-on-Thames Hosp. March 12/18 4.15 pm</i>

WAR ACCOUNTS AND RECORD

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 certificate or other documents  
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Yours faithfully,  
 J. W. HUTCH

3, 192 | *OFF* *Ldn* *7.10.19* *Discharged 29<sup>th</sup> September 1919* *(Can. from OR 9.4.19. Ldn 19.3.18)*

Provisional: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_

Intended address: *46 Elmley Avenue*  
*Agricultural master 23 Newham*  
*Box Rd. New Plymouth 27 Cambridge*  
*on Brooklands Road 20.7.19*  
*New Plymouth*

Final: *29.9.19 (in Eng)* (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_

Pension ...

\* Strike out words not required.

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Ridling      Randolph      Jordan      No. 23927  
(Surname.)      (Christian name.)

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Date.	Authority for Entry.
(B. B.)	Dis from N. Z. E. & Co from 28.9.19. (Demob)	Lieut	28.9.19	DR 948 N. Z. E. 25.9.19 Conf. by Helgria R. P. 020 (1.10.19) B 7540.
3. R B.	Relinquishes the Temp rank of Capt. and ceasing to hold a post of an Educational Officer under the N. Z. E. & Co. Scheme - 6. Feb 31. 8. 19	(S. G. H. P. R.)	31.8.19	Group A & P 30.9.19/para 30

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Special instances of gallant  
or meritorious conduct :

that the King has been graciously pleased to ~~ack~~  
of the award of the Albert Medal in recognition  
of this gallant conduct in saving life at a  
very great personal risk at Burton Camp, Staffordshire  
the 19th April 1918

N. J. C. T. O. <sup>864</sup> Jan 31. 10. 19

	Name of Medal.	Clasps.	Date of Grant.
Medals and Decorations			
Medals and Decorations			
Medals and Decorations	The <del>Chief Clerk</del> Secretary of this Office has been named the men's Bill Name of Medal.	Class.	Date of Grant.
Medals and Decorations			

## PARTICULARS OF MARRIAGE.

Wife's Maiden Name (in full).	Place of Marriage.	Date.	Officiating Clergyman or Registrar.
Henrietta Cormack. <u>Widower</u>	Auckland	28 May/15	Rev. J. Jolly.

## PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN.

[illegible]

[illegible]

CONDUCT-SHEET.

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N. J. C. T. O. L. M. 21. 10. 19

PARTICULARS OF MARRIAGE.PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN.[50,000/10/15—15774]

Occupation : Religion : Last New Zealand address :

13th. N. C. O's	● Posted	Corp.	15/12/15	R.O. 380.
A. G. 13th.	"	Capt.	19/1/16	R.O. 404
A. G. 13th.	Promoted to	Sgt. 4th	18/2/16	R.O. 430. / 2.
F. G. 14th	Appointed	2nd Lieut.	18/3/16	R.O. 520/2
18th Rfl.	Transferred to	"	8/4/16	R.O. 538
J. Kay 18	"	"	14.6.16	" 543
N. X. R. 13	Taken on strength with seniority from 14.10.16 in the Regiment as shown in N.Z. Gazette No. 106 of 12.10.16 & date 29.12.16	2 Lieut	14.10.16	NZ Gazette 33/200 54. N. G. 1/2 31.12.16 6 R. 54
5th Batt 3 NZRB	Marched in ex 18th Rfl. taken on strength & posted to 10th Coy.	2 Lieut	29.12.16	R/O 13 R 32 Slings 1024 629.12.16
3rd R. Auckland W. P. R.	Marched in ex 18th Rfl. taken on strength & posted to 10th Coy.	2 Lieut	31.12.16	DO 250 3 Slings 31.12.16 629.12.16
"	Proceeded overseas	2 Lieut	30.1.17	220 27 Slings 31.1.17
4th Batt 3 NZRB	Joined 3rd Battalion C. Coy.	2 Lieut	14.2.17	17000 9 R. 1000 23.17

### CONDUCT SHEET.

Regiment or Corps.	Place.	Date.	Offence.	Punishment.	Authority for Entry.

Killed in action

23927 Redding R. G.

Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct:

Brought to the notice of the Sec of War for his valuable services rendered in connection with the war & published in the Press by the W.O. (N. G. 40. 806. L. 15. 4. 19)

Medals and Decorations	Name of Medal.	Clasps.	Date of Grant.

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### PARTICULARS OF MARRIAGE.

Wife's Maiden Name (in full).	Place of Marriage.	Date.	Officiating Clergyman or Registrar.
Henrietta Cormack. (Widow)	Auckland	28 May/15	Rev. J. Jolly.

### PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN.

Christian Names.	Date of Birth and Age.	Where born.	Where registered.

[50,000/10/15-15774



[Form No. 1.]

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

PERSONAL RECORD of

Registration No. 23927

(Surname.) Ridling (Christian name.) Randolph Gordon  
 REGIMENT: J. Coy. 18th Refs  
 GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ Albert Medal

PREVIOUS PAPERS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS: \_\_\_\_\_

## FILES AND PAPERS ATTACHED.

No.		Initials.
1	Form N.Z.R.-2 .. .. .	Mr.
2	" A.F.B.-103 .. .. .	
3	" History Sheet (3a) .. .. .	
4	" Allotment Authority .. .. .	
5	" Gratuity Application .. .. .	
6	" Gratuity Receipt .. .. .	
7	" Separation Allowance .. .. .	
8	Card—Medical .. .. .	
9	" Status .. .. .	
10	Medal Receipt—1914-15 Star .. .. .	
11	" British War .. .. .	
12	" Victory .. .. .	
13	Plaque Receipt .. .. .	
14	Scroll Receipt .. .. .	
15	Files—Application for Discharge (U.K.) .. .. .	
16	" Camp .. .. .	
17	" Command .. .. .	
18	" Financial Assistance .. .. .	
19	" Remission of Fines .. .. .	
20	" Ballot .. .. .	
21	" Volunteer .. .. .	
22	" D.P.S. .. .. .	
23	" B.R. .. .. .	
24	" Treasury .. .. .	
25	Wills, disposal of .. .. .	

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(Extract from the London Gazette of the 9th December 1919).

Whitehall,  
5th December 1919.

D. SERIES 2  
SUB-No. 5024

The King has been pleased to award the Albert Medal to Lieut. Randolph Gordon Ridling, N.Z. Rifle Brigade, in recognition of his gallantry in saving life in April of last year:

At Brockon Camp, Stafford, on the 19th April, 1918, a recruit who was under instructions in bombing dropped a live Mills' Grendel in the throwing bay after pulling out the pin. Lacking the presence of mind to attempt to escape, he kicked the bomb towards the entrance and retreated to the inner end of the bay. Lieut. Ridling the bombing officer, seeing the man's danger went to his rescue seizing him in his arms he started to carry him out but the bomb exploded before he could clear of the bay and he was wounded severely in the groin. But for Lieut. Ridling's coolness and bravery the man, who was only slightly wounded, would, in all probability, have lost his life.

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(Extract from 2nd Supplement to London Gazette of 9th December 1919).

With reference to the awards conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 2nd April 1919, the following are the statements of services for which the decorations were conferred:-

AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

New Zealand Force.

Lieut.-Colonel R.C. Allen, D.S.O., Auckland Regt. Attd. 1st Bn. N.Z.R.B.

At Le Quesnoy, on the 4th November 1918 he displayed great courage and skill in handling his battalion and the success of his attack greatly assisted the storming of the town. After being wounded he continued to carry out his duties until all objectives were taken. He has previously done good work. (D.S.O. Gazetted 16th August 1917).

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

2nd Lieut. Leslie Henry Browne, N.Z. Cyclist Bn.

On 2nd October 1918 he was sent with a patrol to reconnoitre Artres. Under heavy fire he gained valuable information regarding enemy dispositions etc. Later, near Autreppe he led his Platoon to final objective, and under heavy fire successfully consolidated his position. ~~He then pushed on and eventually took his final objective, taking 40 prisoners and leaving many dead on the field.~~ He did well through the operations and showed great gallantry.

Captain Walter William Chapman, 2nd Bn. Otago Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership Forest De Mortal 5th November 1918 when in command of one of the leading companies, which, after advancing about 2000 yards, came under heavy machine gun fire from the enemy. He skillfully worked his men forward and rushed the position. He then pushed on and eventually took his final objective taking 40 prisoners and leaving many dead on the field.



The **Albert Medal** for Lifesaving was a British **medal** awarded to recognize the saving of life. It has since been replaced by the George Cross. ... The **medal** was named in memory of Prince **Albert** and originally was awarded to recognize saving life at sea.

**Total awarded:** Gold award (sea) 25; Bronze a...

**Awarded for:** Saving a life

**Status:** Replaced by the George Cross in 1971

**Equivalent:** [George Cross](#)

DATE AND PLACE OF GC ACTION: 19/04/1918 Brocton, Staffordshire.

# Instructor took brunt of explosion saving recruit's life War diary tells tale of one man's heroic act

Report by Marion Brennan  
marion.brennan@expressandstar.co.uk

**AN act of heroism on a Staffordshire wartime training camp 100 years ago has been unearthed in a war diary.**

Second lieutenant Randolph Ridling threw himself into a trench to save the life of a recruit who had taken the pin from a live hand grenade, taking most of the impact in the ensuing explosion and was awarded the George Medal.

The brave act by the New Zealand officer took place during the First World War at Brocton Camp on Cannock Chase where many Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) soldiers were trained.

The discovery comes as veterans united to commemorate Anzac Day last week, marking the contribution of volunteers from Down Under to the war effort.

## Diaries

Details of the training camp accident are contained in the war diaries of the 5th (Reserve) Battalion of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, uncovered by Lee Dent and Richard Purchase of local military historical research group The Chase Project.

The pair had first come across the story in local newspaper archives during the course of their research and investigated further, eventually tracking down the Brigade war diaries in New Zealand and talking to a relative of the war hero.

Randolph Ridling was a schoolteacher in Auckland when war broke out in 1914. He married in May 1915 and volunteered a few months later, shortly after his young wife died. He was quickly promoted and in October 1916 was sent to Flanders. He took over command of C Company, 4th Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade in February 1917. The Brigade was moved to the Mess-



Second lieutenant Randolph Ridling of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade

ines Ridge area, south east of Ypres, where, exactly a year later, Ridling was shot in the arm when a 200-strong German raiding party crossed No Man's Land and attacked the New Zealand trenches.

He was brought to England and eventually transferred to the New Zealand Rifle Brigade Reserve Depot at Brocton, where he was assigned 'light duties' as he continued to recover. Initially he was the Assistant Adjutant at Brocton, and as his strength improved he also became the Bombing Instructor at Cannock Chase.



Ridling, fifth from the right, giving instruction at Brocton



Randolph Ridling's Albert Cross medal for heroism

On April 19, 1918, one of the recruits, Rifleman 63475 John Archibald McCurdy, pulled the pin from his Mills bomb and dropped it in the throwing bay and 'lacking the presence of mind to escape' he kicked the bomb towards the entrance and retreated to the inner end of the bay.

Seeing the danger and realising the grenade would explode in a couple of seconds, Ridling shouted at the rest of the men to clear the trench, grabbed McCurdy but, as he attempted to get him clear, the grenade exploded, severely wounding him.

His action was strongly recommended by General Godley, Commander of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, who wrote: "The coolness and bravery of Lieutenant Ridling undoubtedly saved the man's life."

Awarded the Albert Medal for his heroism, Ridling was invited in 1971 to swap it for the George Cross but wrote to the Queen asking if he could keep his original medal for sentimental reasons. The request was granted.

Randolph Ridling died in 1975 in his home town of Wellington, aged 87.



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**Officers and NCOs at Cannock Chase reserve Centre, 1918 (Lieutenant Ridling front row, 5th from right) in one of the photographs obtained by The Chase Project since the end of the excavation in October 2013.**

**Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association: New Zealand official negatives, World War 1914-1918. Ref: 1/2-014299-G. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. <http://natlib.govt.nz/records/22700189>.**

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**Lieutenant Ridling (centre) at Brocton Camp 1918**

**MR RIDLING, RETIRING HEAD OF WELLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE**



**Date 1950**

**Ref 114/209/02-G**

**Description**

**Painting of Randolph Gordon Ridling, the retiring head of the Wellington Technical College, photographed in 1950 by an Evening Post photographer.**

**Quantity: 1 b&w original negative(s).**

**Physical Description: Dry plate glass negative 3.25 x 4.25 inches**

**Access restrictions**

**Partly restricted - Please use surrogate in place of original**

**Part of**

**Evening post (Newspaper. 1865-2002) :Photographic negatives and prints of the Evening Post newspaper / Negatives of the Evening Post newspaper**

**Format**

**1 b&w original negative(s), Negatives, Dry plate negatives, Portraits, Dry plate glass negative 3.25 x 4.25 inches**



**Randolph Ridling top left...**

## DAVID WHITE/SUNDAY STAR TIMES

**STOLEN CROSSES:** Thieves who broke into the Waiouru army museum stole Victoria Crosses belonging to some (top left Randolph Gordon Ridling, top middle John Gildroy Grant, bottom left Reginald Judson, middle bottom Henry John Laurant) but not all Victoria Cross holders, (top right Thomas Cooke, bottom right Percy Valentine Storkey).

A man who stole war medals from Waiouru Army Museum has been jailed for 11 years.

The man, who has name suppression, was sentenced to six years in prison for the medals heist and sentenced to a further five years in prison for his role in a "mind-boggling" array of sophisticated fraud.

At the Auckland District Court today Judge Hubble said the man had stolen "icons of New Zealand culture and history" when he stole the 96 medals.

Those at today's sentencing included Amanda Upham - the daughter of Victoria Cross recipient Charles Upham.

The man, who carried out the robbery while he was out on bail, stood up in court to apologise for his role in the heist.

"I apologise to all the servicemen and women, past and present who have served this country."

"I did it for my own personal gain and I sincerely apologise for everything I've done," he said.

Colonel Raymond Seymour, who read a victim impact statement at today's sentencing said he was satisfied with the sentence.

"He did get up in court and openly apologise to all the victims of his crime... I'd like to hope he meant it but I think the words were hollow. He is a cruel, calculating criminal and one hopes that perhaps with this sentence he will have time to reflect on his life and perhaps turn over a new leaf."

He will not be eligible for parole for seven years.

The man is currently serving a term of two years, three months' imprisonment, due to expire in December.

Another man charged over the war medals theft is due in court next week.

**ANDREW LAWRENCE WILLIAM RIDLING.WW1**

**Parents: Andrew and Ellen Ridling**

Andrew was born about: 1886

At:

he died about: 1938

Married:

At:

To:

she was born about:

Died about:

They had the following children

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 24876 Name: Ridling, Andrew Lawrence William Regiment or Unit: G. Coy 16<sup>th</sup> Rein

### Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name? ... Andrew W. Ridling
2. Where were you born? ... Auckland
3. Are you a British subject? ... Yes
4. What is the date of your birth? ... 24 April 1886
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Seaman
6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? ...
7. What was the address at which you last resided? ... Sailors Home Lyttelton
8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? ... Yes
9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? ... N.Z. Govt. (Transport)
10. Are you married? ... No
11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? ... No
12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? ... No
13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge ... Naval. Ashore
14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? ... Yes
15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? ... No
16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? ... No
17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated and inoculated? ... Yes
18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to disband it? ... Yes

Ellen Ridling (Mother)

29, Stanley Street

Richmond

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Andrew Lawrence William Ridling, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: A. L. W. Ridling

Signature of Witness: A. B. Miller

### Oath to be taken by recruit on attestation.

I, Andrew Lawrence William Ridling, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

### Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.

The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Frankham, N.Z., on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer: W. E. Anderson

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alteration.

Description of Ridley A.L.W. on Enlistment.

Apparent age: 30 years 0 months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)  
Height: 5 feet 8½ inches.  
Weight: 100 lb.  
Chest-measurement: Minimum, 36 inches.  
Maximum, 39½ inches.  
Complexion: Dark  
Colour of eyes: Hazel  
Colour of hair: Black  
Religious profession: Presbyterian

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Roses & unicorn tattooed on front of chest.  
Scarl in bathing costume on right forearm.  
Coat of arms with full ragged ship & Home ward bound painted on left forearm.

Medical Examination.

Sight: Right eye, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from hernia? <u>yes</u>
Left eye, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from varicocoele? <u>yes</u>
Hearing: Right ear, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from varicose veins? <u>yes</u>
Left ear, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from hæmorrhoids? <u>yes</u>
Colour-vision, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? <u>yes</u>
Are his limbs well formed? <u>yes</u>	Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? <u>yes</u>
Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? <u>yes</u>	Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? <u>yes</u>
Is his chest well formed? <u>yes</u>	Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? <u>no</u>
Is his heart normal? <u>yes</u>	Have you ever had a fit? <u>no</u>
Are his lungs normal? <u>yes</u>	
What is the condition of the teeth?	
Have you had any illnesses? <u>no</u>	

Remarks.

fit

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above named, and find he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1916.

J. H. Duncan, Medical Officer.  
Capt. R. D. Dunc  
Address: Christchurch

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 21891

Casualty Form Active Service

Regiment or Corps N. Z. MACHINE GUN BATT. 'D' COY.

Rank Plt. (Act.) Surname Ridling Christian Name Andrew Laurence William

Religion Anglican Age on Enlistment 21 years 11 months

Enlisted (a) 3.5.16 Terms of Service for 5 years Service reckons from (a) 3.5.16

Date of promotion to present rank 1.1.17 Date of appointment to lance rank 1.1.17

Extended 1.1.17 Re-engaged 1.1.17 Qualification (b) 1st Class

Occupation Private or Corps Trade and rate Private

Signature of Officer

Date	Report	From whom received	Record of promotions, mutations, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, Army Form B. 104, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 103, Army Form B. 104, or other official documents.
			Embarked	<u>London</u>	<u>30.8.16</u>	
			Disembarked	<u>Severport.</u>	<u>24.10.16</u>	
<u>25.10.16</u>	<u>4th Res. Batt.</u>	<u>Held in reserve to 2nd Coy</u>	<u>Slings</u>	<u>25.10.16</u>	<u>Ref Co 188</u>	
<u>6.11.16</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>to 4th Res. Batt. (Y. D.)</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>6.11.16</u>	<u>Do 198</u>	
<u>27.11.16</u>	<u>1st Res. Batt. (Y. D.)</u>	<u>Left from 4th Res. Batt. to 1st Res. Batt.</u>	<u>Goodford</u>	<u>23.11.16</u>	<u>Ref Co 196 (Y. D.)</u>	
<u>4.12.16</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>to 1st Res. Batt. (Y. D.)</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>2.12.16</u>	<u>Ref Co 199</u>	
<u>18.12.16</u>	<u>5th Res. Batt.</u>	<u>Marched in</u>	<u>Slings</u>	<u>16.12.16</u>	<u>Do 235</u>	
<u>8.1.17</u>	<u>4th Res. Batt.</u>	<u>Left for France</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>7.1.17</u>	<u>Non Roll.</u>	
<u>9.1.17</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Marched in</u>	<u>Chaples</u>	<u>9.1.17</u>	<u>Ref Co 46357</u>	
<u>10.2.17</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Joined 1st Coy &amp; posted to 1st Coy in the field</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>5.2.17</u>	<u>Ref Co 46357</u>	
<u>12.5.17</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Deprived of 4 days pay</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>5.5.17</u>	<u>Ref Co 46357</u>	
<u>23.6.17</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>(M.O.S. Absent from parade)</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>23.6.17</u>	<u>Ref Co 46357</u>	
			<u>Wounded in action</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>23.6.17</u>	<u>Ref Co 46357</u>

(1) In the case of a man who has been engaged by, or released into, British D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or release must be furnished.

(2) Signatures, Stamping, etc.

W. 8075-10701, 2000a (17) (11/11) C. P. 8. 1. 1. Form B. 103. 8/1907.

P.T.O.

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**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

[Form No. 4.]

## MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname: Ridling Christian Name: Andrew Lawrence William

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<p>Examined: On <u>29</u> day of <u>April</u>, 191<u>6</u>.</p> <p>At <u>Christchurch</u></p> <p>Birthplace: Town, <u>Auckland</u></p> <p>Country, <u>NZ.</u></p> <p>Declared age: <u>30</u></p> <p>Trade or occupation: <u>Seaman</u></p> <p>Height: <u>5</u> ft. <u>5 1/2</u> in.</p> <p>Weight: <u>140</u> lb.</p> <p>Chest-measurement: Minimum, <u>36</u> in.</p> <p>Maximum expansion, <u>39 1/2</u> in.</p> <p>Physical development: _____</p> <p>Small-pox marks: _____</p> <p>Vaccination marks: Arm, <u>Present</u></p> <p>Number, _____</p> <p>When vaccinated: _____</p> <p>Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease: _____</p>	<p>Approved by</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>J. F. Duncan</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Medical Officer, <u>Ch'ch</u></p> <hr/> <p>Examined for re-engagement: _____ day of _____, 191<u>6</u></p> <p>* Considered: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Medical Officer, _____</p> <p>* If unfit, state disability. _____</p> <hr/> <p>Re-vaccinated on _____ day of _____, 191<u>6</u></p> <p>Arm: _____ Number: _____</p> <p>Result: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Medical Officer, _____</p>
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Enlisted on 3 day of May, 1916, at Invertham.

Joined on enlistment	Corps.	Regimental No.	Date.
...	<u>G. 8216</u>	<u>21891</u>	<u>3/5/16</u>
Transferred to			

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**PROPOSED FOR DISCHARGE BY A MEDICAL BOARD.**

Station.	Date.	Disease.	Result.

N.B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Services on the man becoming non-effective, the date and cause being stated at the foot of next page.

[20,000/12/15—20198]

Regiment or Corps.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Dates.	Signature of Officer certifying Correctness of Entries.
G. Coy 16 <sup>th</sup> 10/16	Postulate R0508 Promoted to L.P. 274 CPL R0603	Pte L.P. Corp Corp	3/3/16 10/4/16 11/8/16	Perry Salmon, Lieut. L.P.W. Hitch Perry Salmon, Lieut.
DISMISSED	DEVONPORT	25 10 18	Dudd	
AGONY LOSS	Adm Ven Ward Hornchurch (Daily Return S2) Posted SLING Os. 188 Reverts to.	Pte. L.P. L.P.	6/11/16 25.10.16 26.10.16	J. B. B. B. B B
B. Coy 5 <sup>th</sup> Res Batt. N.Z.R.B.	Discharged Kenzie Godford to Comd. Lieut. Godford (9600 Ret. 10 3/6)	"	2.12.16	H. Ireland
	Posted (Slings 7. 235/16)	R/P	15.12.16	Edwin L. Smith

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. (Form No. 3)

**MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.** *G. Coy. 16<sup>th</sup> Rein*

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: *Ridling, Andrew Lawrence William.*

	Country.	From	To	Years.	Days.	Initials of Officer making Entry.
1. Service record ...	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> May 1916</i>	<i>21 AUG 1916</i>			
	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>21 AUG 1916</i>				
2. Certificates ...						
3. Passed classes of instruction <sup>1</sup> ...						
4. Active service ...						
5. Wounded ...						
6. Effects of wounds ...						
7. Special instances of gallant or meritorious conduct ...						
8. Medals and decorations ...	Name of Medal.		Clasps.		Date of Grant.	
9. Injuries in or by the Service ...						
10. Name and address of next-of-kin ...	<i>Mother, Ellen Ridling</i> <i>79 Stanley St. Richmond Auckland.</i>					
11. Particulars as to Marriage.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(a.) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether Spinster or Widow.</div> <div>(b.) Place and Date of Marriage.</div> <div>(c.) Name of Officiating Minister or Registrar.</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>(a.)</div> <div>(b.)</div> <div>(c.)</div> </div>					
12. Particulars as to Children.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Christian Name.</div> <div>Date and Place of Birth.</div> <div>Where registered.</div> </div>					

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur, and initialled by the officer making the entry.

Intended place of residence on discharge: *Auck. N.Z.*

A circular stamp with the text "NEW ZEALAND GENERAL HOSPITAL" around the top inner edge and "BROCKENHURST, HARRIS" around the bottom inner edge. The center of the stamp is empty.

k List in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters

Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
<p>Not at all by 30/3/18 by a small piece of S. Krapnell striking shell just above the knee.</p>	
<p>3/4/18 Not received several small fragments removed from a wound in the arm. B. I. P. Hospital. Suture of scalp. Fracture of arm.</p>	
<p>9/4/18 Not healed by 1st intention except for a small wound in arm and some lacerations slightly.</p>	<p>Lt Haggard N. E. M.</p>
<p>14/4/18 Patient not at all better but can use fingers moving slightly.</p>	

To be used (a) for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army, and (b) for men of the Territorial Force when they are admitted to Hospital. Army Form B. 178<sup>A</sup> to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

## MEDICAL HISTORY OF

Surname

Christian Name

TABLE I.—General Table.

Birthplace { Parish .....  
County .....

Examined { on ..... day of ..... 191  
at .....

Declared Age ..... years ..... days

Trade or Occupation.....

Height.....feet.....inches.....

Weight ..... lbs

Chest Measurement	{	Girth when fully Expanded	..... inches
		Range of Expansion	..... inches

Physical Development .....

		RIGHT	LEFT
Vaccination Marks	Arm.....	.....	.....
	Number.....	.....	.....

When Vaccinated .....

Vision { R.E. - V = .....  
L.E. - V = .....

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease--

Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection--

Approved by .....

2004年

Medical Officer.

Enlisted { at .....  
{ on ..... day of ..... 191 .....

	Corps	Regt. No.
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enlistment

Transferred to

Became non-effective by .....

on ..... day of ..... 191...

(Signature).....

(Rank) .....

TABLE III.—Boards; Courts of Enquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Brief Details and Signature



## DISABILITY

RECOMMEN

TABLE IV.—Service Table.

Station or Troopship

Date of arrival  
on publication:

Date of departure:

*A wound in left side of the head  
two inches long ~~from~~ immediately above*

13. What is his present condition? *The left ear had healed except for small sinus protruding. Marked loss of substance Temporal Bone. No Paresis or disturbance of the Nervous system except for partial loss of memory for places & certain letters of the alphabet*

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused—  
(a) In action? *yes*  
(b) On field service? *yes*  
(c) On duty? *yes*  
(d) Off duty? *—*

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?  
If so—(a) When? *No*  
(b) Where?  
(c) Opinion?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what? *yes Examination of wound*

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined? *No*

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth, is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service? *Not applicable*

19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding, and state whether they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war. *Not applicable*

20. Do you recommend—  
(a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or  
(b) Change to England? *Discharge to New Zealand as P.O.*

*L. C. Hayes Capt R.N.Z.*  
Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except †

Station *NEW ZEALAND GENERAL HOSPITAL*  
Date *18 APR 1918*

*P. J. Kinniburgh*  
Officer in charge of Hospital.

\*Loss of teeth on or immediately after active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.  
† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

21891

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Army Form B. 179.

Station NEW ZEALAND GENERAL HOSPITAL  
BROCKENHURST, HANTS.

Date 16. APR. 1918

1. Unit 12th B.C.

2. Regimental No. 21891

3. Rank Plt

4. Name RIDLING A.L.W.

5. Age last birthday 32

6. Enlisted on 4/5/16  
at Christchurch

7. Former Trade or Occupation Seaman

7a. If with previous service in Army, state—  
(a) Former Unit;  
(b) Regimental No.;  
(c) Date of Discharge;  
(d) Cause of Discharge.

B. Disability in respect of which invaliding is Proposed.  
(Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19).

G.S.W. Skull (left side)

Statement of Case.

Note—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability. G.S.W. Skull 30/3/18

10. Place of origin of disability. Mailly

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case. 30/3/18 wad by S. Knappell above ear  
31/3/18 at 2nd Canadian C.S. wd in scalp, excised, removal of small  
fragments of S. Temporal bone removed. W. is bipped, scalp partially  
removed & rubber drain inserted  
9/4/18 admitted to 201 2nd Lt. H. W. with a laceration wd two inches  
long immediately above left ear, almost healed except for  
a small sinus in posterior end discharging pus slightly.  
No paralysis or any disturbance of nervous system noted.

12. Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability, stating whether in your opinion it is—  
(a) attributable to or aggravated by service during the present war, climate, or ordinary military service. (The specific condition to which it is attributed should be stated, see Notes on page 3). S. Knappell  
attributable to action during  
the present war  
(b) constitutional or hereditary, and not aggravated by service during the present war. Not applicable  
(c) attributable to or aggravated by want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, misconduct, &c. Not applicable

A8394) Wt. W6732/M2859 500,000 8/17 D.D. & L. Sch. 27 Form/B.179/38.

**CONFIDENTIAL.**

(D.B. No. 48)

This form must only be used in dealing with a Returned Soldier.

The Board will consist of two members. The President should be an officer of the New Zealand Medical Corps, and the member also if possible. The President of the Board has the power to call in the advice of a specialist if it is required.

**PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD**

Assembled at Auckland, on the 20th June, 1918  
by the order of the Commandant N.Z. Military Forces, for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of—  
No. 21891, Rank: Pte Name: Ridling A. B.  
Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT FOR S.D. AGO 11/18

St Col Anderson, President.  
Capt Harper  
Major Girdler, Members.

1. The Board, having assembled pursuant to order, proceeded to examine the above-named soldier, and find that he has been suffering from—

(a) Original disability ... .. Yes

(b) Was the original disability, in the opinion of the Board, due to causes existing prior to enlistment? ... .. No

(c) Hereditary ... ..

(d) Acquired ... ..

(e) Specific causes ... .. As

(f) Consequent disabilities ... .. Headache

2. Progress ... .. Improving

3. Copies of previous Medical Board reports have been submitted:—

(a) Previous ... (b) New Zealand Board ... (c) Army Board ... (d) Report of medical officer of hospital where soldier has been undergoing treatment ...

4. Is it the opinion of the Board that the soldier—

(a) Is suffering from disease contracted by his own actions? ... .. No

(b) Having previously been passed as fit for sick leave, now requires further treatment by reason of his own actions or neglect? ... .. No

(c) Is he careless, or his mode of life in any way impeding his recovery? ... .. No

If answer in affirmative, specify cause ... ..

5. Is the soldier fit for Active Service? ... .. No

6. If not fit, how long is disability likely to be continued? ... .. DO

(a) Territorial Service? ... .. No

(b) Home Service? ... .. PU

7. Is the soldier fit for—

(a) Light duties or sedentary work? ... .. Yes

(b) Heavy work? ... .. No

8. If not fit, how long is disability likely to be continued? ... ..

9. Is the soldier fit for civil employment? Specify if confined to light duties or sedentary work ... ..

10. If not fit, how long is disability likely to be continued? ... ..

11. Was the disability contracted in the service? ... .. Yes


12. Was it caused by military duty? ... .. Yes

13. If disability is not contracted in service nor caused by military duties, was it aggravated by them? ... ..

# MALCOM LESLIE RIDLING. WW1 AND HOMEGUARD WW2

Parents: **Andrew and Ellen Ridling**

Form No. 2

  
**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

**ATTESTATION OF**

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Ridling Malcolm Leslie Regiment or Unit: E. Coy. 9th

*Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.*

1. What is your name? ...	1. <u>Malcolm Leslie Ridling</u>
2. Where were you born? ...	2. <u>Auckland</u>
3. Are you a British subject? ...	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is the date of your birth? ...	4. <u>22 August 1892</u>
5. Who is your next-of-kin? ...	5. <u>A. Ridling (Father) Long Eymore</u>
6. What is your trade or calling? ...	6. <u>Farmer</u>
7. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? ...	7. _____
8. What was the address at which you last resided? ...	8. <u>Russell</u>
9. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? ...	9. <u>Yes</u>
10. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? ...	10. <u>H. E. Randall</u> <u>Russell</u>
11. Are you married? ...	11. <u>No</u>
12. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? ...	12. <u>No</u>
13. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? ...	13. <u>D. Coy</u> <u>1st N. A. Regt.</u>
14. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge? ...	14. _____
15. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? ...	15. <u>Yes</u>
16. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? ...	16. <u>Dunedin</u>
17. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? ...	17. <u>No</u>
18. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? ...	18. <u>Yes</u>
19. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war, and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and disband it? ...	19. <u>Yes</u>

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Malcolm Leslie Ridling, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: M. L. Ridling

Signature of Witness: Ed. Williams Capt.

*Oath to be taken by Recruit on attestation.*

I, Malcolm Leslie Ridling, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

*Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.*

The above questions were read to the above-named Recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Grentham, N.Z., on this 20th day of Oct 1915.

Signature of Attesting Officer: C. P. Woolley

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alterations.

Description of Piddling Malcolm Leslie on Enlistment.

Apparent age: 21 years — months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Height: 5 feet 9½ inches

Weight: 146 lb.

Chest measurement: { Minimum, 33 inches  
Maximum, 36 inches

Complexion: Flesh

Colour of eyes: Blue

Colour of hair: Fair

Religious profession: Presbyterian

Medical Examination.

Sight: Right eye, normal

„ Left eye, normal

Hearing: Right ear, normal

„ Left ear, normal

Colour-vision: normal

Are his limbs well formed? Yes

Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? Yes

Is his chest well formed? Yes

Is his heart normal? Yes

Are his lungs normal? Yes

What is the condition of his teeth? Good

Is he free from hernia? Yes

Is he free from varicocele? Yes

Is he free from varicose veins? Yes

Is he free from haemorrhoids? Yes

Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? Yes

Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? Yes

Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? Yes

Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? No

Remarks.

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named, and find he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

30 August 1915

J. Anderson, Printer, Auckland.—11076

[Signature] Medical Officer.

Capt R Z M C

Reinforcement: *9th*

Advice despatched to soldier: *1.10.20*  
Authority to Headquarters: *10.11.20*  
E.F. Form No. 34

## HISTORY-SHEET.

Unit.	Rank.	Surname.	Christian Name.	No.
<i>Gye Bn</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Ridling</i>	<i>Malcolm Leslie</i>	<i>23/1792</i>

Occupation: *Farmer* Religion: *Anglican* Last New Zealand address: *Ruamai*  
Last employer: *A. G. Kendall* *22.8.94.*

Name, relationship, and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand):  
*Andrew Ridling (Father)*  
*29, Stanley St.*  
*Grey Lynn.*  
*Auckland.*

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**Service**

No. *23/1792* Rank: *Private*  
Name: *Malcolm Leslie Ridling*  
Address: *Ruamai Mts Wairua*

**Periods of Service.**

In New Zealand: *10 1/2* years *70* days.  
Overseas ... *3* years *70* days.  
Total service ... *3* years *140* days.  
Date commenced duty: *20-10-15*  
Date finally discharged: *14-4-19*

**Theatres of Operation.**

Australasian  
Egyptian *1916*  
Egyptian E.F. *1916*  
Balkan  
Western } *1916-17-18*  
European }  
Asiatic *1916*

**Decorations:**

The foregoing particulars are correct.  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.**

*BRITISH WAR MEDAL 22 JUL 1921*  
*VICTORY MEDAL 3 FEB 1922*

The foregoing particulars are correct.  
Signature: *M. L. Ridling*

**N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.**

**Discharge**

Provisional: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)  
Final: *14.4.19* (Date.)

Intended address: *29, Linington St., Grey Lynn, Auckland*  
*Ruamai North Wairua 3.4.19.*

**Pension**

*RR 120-19.3.19*

Service.		Years.		Days.		Years.		Days.	
N. 3		19.10.15	4.1.16						
Foreign		8.1.16	17.3.19	3	70	Foreign Service:			
(D) Par Horata		17.3.19				3 70			
Nz		18.3.19	14.4.19			Total Service:			

COUNTS AND RECORD OFF	CABLE.		Where Soldier located.	Message and Remarks.
	No.	Date.		
Government Building	2004	4/10/16.	Lond.	Wd. Right Buttock Sp. Emb. for Eng. 19/9/16.
Wellin.	W.S.M	22.11.16	London	Advised 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Conv. at H'ch.
	V.S.M	27.4.16	London	Advised today. con
	DR. 71	28.10.16	U.K.	Transf. from Oxford to H'ch 24.10.16 B.P. 27
	A 7103			Emb for Eng 24.9.16.
	2771	29.11.16	London	Taken on strength of 3/5.5.16. Oxford. 25.9.16. B.P. 27
	2780	1-3-17	Admtd Mil. Hos. Edmonton 20.2.17 N.Y.D.	At. Conval. Dep. H'ch. begin Nov. 1916.
	N. 278	10.3.17	London.	Advise progressing favourably
	A 7103	1.2.19	Ldn	Emb for Nz for Horata

Yours faithfully,

J. W. HUTCHEN,  
Officer in

Injuries in or by the Service ...

Discharge ...

Pension ...

Discharged on termination of period of Engagement

Provisional: (Date.)

Intended address 29 Lincolne St., Brighton

Final: 14.4.19 (Date.)

Buawai North Hairoa 3.4.19

B.P. 120-19.3.19



**2<sup>ND</sup> Battn. A. I. R.** **NO 1 N Z (DIV.) EMPLOY. COY.**

[Army Form B. 103.]

**CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE.**

Regiment or Corps: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Auckland Inf. Regt. 15th Coy

Regimental No. 23/1792 Rank: Pte. Name: Ridling, Malcolm Leslie

Enlisted\*: 19/10/15 Terms of Service\*: Duration of War Service reckons from\* 19/10/15

Date of promotion to present rank: 19/10/15 Date of appointment to lance rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s.: \_\_\_\_\_

Extended: \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged: \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification†: \_\_\_\_\_

Date.	From whom received.	Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, &c., during Active Service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other Official Documents. The Authority to be quoted in Each Case.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other Official Documents.
19.10.15	20329	Posted to	Trentham	19.10.15	
		Disembarked	Suez	8/2/16	a La hite
	110/2 2nd 16 A I B	Ytd from 1st Bn. N.Z. R.B.	Moascar	10/3/16	B213
	% 2nd Bn	Embarked on H.T. Oceania	Alexandria	8/4/16	for France Emb Roll
	15-7-16	% 2nd Bn appointed boy book	In the field	1-7-16	B213 P2 15/92
	30-9-16	Wounded in Action	Do	21-9-16	body list RS1107 Y0288
	30-9-16	beamed to be boy book	Do	21-9-16	B213 (P2 26-192)
	24-9-16	admitted No 5 Gen Hosp.	Rouen	23-9-16	SSW R buttock W3034 P4188
	Gen Hosp	Emb. for Eng on H.S.W. Australia	France	24/9/16	g. S.W. B. Buttock W3034 P4188
	Gen Hosp	Adm. 3rd S. Gen Hosp.	Oxford	25/9/16	Wt 2 Orders Y4597

\* In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into section D, Army Reserve particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

† E.g., Signaller, Shoeing smith, &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

P.T.O.

Report.		Re. M. E. or tions. STW FOR BOARD	Place.	
Date.	From whom received.	Casualties, etc., during Active Service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, or in other Official Documents. The Authority to be quoted in Each Case.		
28-10-16	OB N.Y.	Adm. of Bow Hospital	Norwich	24-10-16 Daily Return 11/3719.
19-2-17	H3 Com Depot	Attd. H3 Command Depot	Bedford	16-2-17 H4 43 Y7662.
28-2-17	H9 H3EF	Adm. Mily Hosp.	Edmonton N	28-2-17 NYD 8/18 174 Y7939
14-4-17	H1 H3 Com Hsp	Attd. H3 N. Command Depot	Bedford	12-4-17 H4 90. Y8835
16-5-17	H3 H1 R.	Attd. H3 by	do	16-5-17 " 29
31-5-17	H3 Com Depot	Left for France with Div. Imp. by	"	30-5-17 " 130
30-6-17	H9 H3EF	Left to Westbury lay on Estab. & moved to H3EF		H3EF Orders (32/318) 82 3/15
9-8-17	aa s H3EF	Beauf. a. by H3EF travel med. Board	Leid	7-8-17 12/12/3760 X 1258
2-2-18	ob H3EF	proceeded on leave to me	do	2-2-18 H3EF
23-2-18	do	Returned from leave	do	18-2-18 B213
27-7-18	do	Joined Batt.	do	26-7-18 B213 (18/95)
17-8-18	do	Transf. to Cyclist Batt	do	16-8-18 B213 (21/17)
17-8-18	do	Posted to Unit x H3EF	do	16-8-18 B213 (35/194)
17-8-18	do	Embarked for H3EF	London	1-9-19 London Non Poll

per S.S. HORORATA

ENTERED ON HISTORY SHEET. 219.3.19

B.R. - 220.

Surname: **Ridling** Christian names: **Malcolm Leslie** Rank on discharge: **Plt** Highest rank held: **Plt** Reg. No. **23/1742**

Address: **Greaves, North Wairoa** Highest rank held in theatre of war: **Plt**

Casualty or reason for discharge: **On termination of period of engagement** Rank shown on discharge certificate: **Plt**

Country resident in: **N.Z.**  
In the case of death, country next of kin are resident in.

Legatee and address:

Nominated next-of-kin, relationship, and address:

Legal next-of-kin, relationship, and address:

[5,000/7/20-1923]

Decorations, Medals for Gallantry	Authority	Service Medals	Date Medal issued	Service Chevrons	Wound Stripes
		British War Medal ..			
		Victory Medal ..		Blue	

Certificates of Service Issued	No.	Date	MENTION IN DESPATCHES	
			London Gazette	No. Date

FILE  
23 JUL 1920  
Rt.

New Zealand	Embarked on Active Service, N.Z.	Disembarked as Active Service in N.Z.	Samoa	Egypt (up to 18/3/16)	E.E.F. (from 19/3/16)	England	Embarked from England	Gallipoli	Mudros, Lemnos &c.	Salonika	France and Belgium	Mesopotamia	Germany	Service ranks as	Days
20-10-15	8-1-16			1916	1916										
						1916/17					1916				
						1919					1917/18/19				
14-11-19		17-3-19													

Service in N.Z. prior to entering camp: ..... days

N.Z. service: **10 7/8** days

Overseas: **37 1/8** days

Total - E.E.F. service: **3** years **17 1/2** days

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E.F. Pay Form 192.]

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

No. 4022

OVERSEAS WAR-SERVICE GRATUITY.

(For instructions see back.)

Regtl. No.: 23/1792 Full name of soldier: Ridking Leslie Mahola Rank: Pte  
(Surname.) (Christian names.)

To the Officer in Charge War Expenses, Wellington.

I hereby make application for Overseas War-Service Gratuity as a member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. In the spaces provided for above please find specimens (two) of my ordinary signature. Please pay to my credit.

My Post Office Savings-bank Account No. is \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Place.)

(b.) I have no Post Office Savings-bank account or any other bank account.

(c.) My current account is with the Bank of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(d.) I have an account with the \_\_\_\_\_ private Savings-bank at \_\_\_\_\_

Embarked on (date): 8th January with: Main body.  
(If more than one embarkation, please specify.) Pinth (9) Reinforcements.

Full postal address: Ruawai Paritutu Wairoa

Date: 3. 10. 19 Signature of applicant: atb L Ridking

SPACES BELOW TO BE FILLED IN BY PAY OFFICE.

Cause of discharge: 2/ 18 3/19 . 14 4/19

Service—

From 9. 1. 16 to 17. 3. 19

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Deductions (if any):—

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Net total of days

Number of Days.

1164

239

1164

87

6

87

6

Less overpayments or debit balance in pay account (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKED	ENTERED LEDGER	NOTED RED CARD	AUDIT
<u>2/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>

Net amount payable

£87/4/0

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

N.Z.R. 2.

Rank *Pte* Name *Ridling Edmund Leslie* Unit *1st Div 8th Bn* No. *28/1792*  
 Enltd. *G. O. B. M.* or *Single D.* of Birth *22.8.94* Occupn. *Farmer* Ht. *5' 9"* Wt. *146 lbs.*  
 Hair *Fair* Eyes *Blue* Complexn. *Fair* Relgn. *Presby* Inocln. *7.11.15 Typhoid*  
 NIK (Father) *Andrew Ridling 29 Stanley St. Grey Lynn, Auckland*

PROMOTIONS, CASUALTIES, MOVEMENTS, etc.	DATE OF CASUALTY.	AUTHORITY AND DATE OF SAME	INITIALS.
<i>Disch Helmsch Welford (leave to 3/3/17)</i>	<i>16.2.17</i>	<i>DR 161 2/2/17</i>	<i>Chadwick</i>
<i>Adm chd Hosp Edmuntown N. (2.8.17)</i>	<i>20.2.17</i>	<i>D.R. 172 28/2/17</i>	<i>Chillingham</i>
<i>Dischd Edmuntown chd Hosp CD Welford</i>	<i>12.4.17</i>	<i>DR 221 4/4/17</i>	<i>CB</i>
<i>To Report at Welford</i>	<i>26.4.17</i>	<i>Welford 22/4/17</i>	<i>CB</i>
<i>Attch'd No 6 Camp 3 AIR</i>	<i>16.5.17</i>	<i>3111 R 29 16/5/17</i>	<i>Elmes</i>
<i>Struck off strength Welford to Overseas (Dischd 16/5/17)</i>	<i>30.5.17</i>	<i>Welford 11/130 31/5/17</i>	<i>El</i>
<i>Posted to Unit on Estab.</i>		<i>1866 1/3 30/7/17</i>	<i>1873</i>
<i>With Unit</i>	<i>5.2.18</i>	<i>20.3 R 32 31/7/17</i>	<i>1873</i>
<i>Transfd to 1st Ent Bn</i>	<i>26.7.18</i>	<i>50 31 1866 3/8/18</i>	<i>1868</i>
<i>Joined 1st Ent Bn on 10.8.18</i>	<i>20.7.18</i>	<i>1868 1/18 5/8/18</i>	<i>El</i>
<i>TRANS TO N Z CC</i>	<i>16.8.18</i>	<i>1868 1/21 26.8.18</i>	<i>El</i>
<i>Reporting sling from France 2.1.19</i>		<i>1868 1/21 26.8.18</i>	<i>El</i>
<i>1st HOROHEA for NZ 12.19</i>		<i>1868 1/21 26.8.18</i>	<i>El</i>

N.B.—(1.) This certificate is issued without alteration or erasure of any kind.  
(2.) Any person finding this certificate is requested to forward it to Headquarters, N.Z. Military Forces, Wellington, N.Z.  
(3.) Should this certificate be lost or mislaid no duplicate of it can be obtained.

8-1-16



N<sup>o</sup>. 173-19

[B.R. Form No. 207A.]

No.

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.

41857/1A  
24/3/19

No. <u>23/1792</u>	Rank: <u>Pte</u>	Unit: <u>H. J. Cyclist Corps.</u>
Name: <u>Malcolm Leslie Ridling</u>		
is discharged on the termination of his period of engagement.		
Service abroad: <u>3</u> years <u>8970.</u> days.		
DESCRIPTION OF SOLDIER ON ENLISTMENT.		
Age: <u>21 1/2 years</u>	Height: <u>5 feet 9 1/2 inches</u>	
Complexion: <u>Fresh</u>	Eyes: <u>Blue</u>	
Hair: <u>Fair</u>	Trade or occupation: <u>Farmer</u>	
<p>Discharge posted: <u>26/3/19</u></p> <p>Signature: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>For Major-General Commanding New Zealand Military Forces.</p> <p>Wellington, <u>14 April</u>, 1919.</p> <p>222/13/19</p>		

No. B 10812

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

[Form E.P. 68.]

Order for Supply of Civilian Clothing to Soldier under Notice of Discharge.

23/1792 Riding M.L.

Hawood Hogg  
Auckland 2nd April 9.

2nd April 9.

- M.L. Riding

TRIPLICATE, to be forwarded to Director of Base Records, Wellington, for attachment to personal file.  
D. 30/110.

1st BATTALION. 3rd REINFORCEMENTS. Form No. 1.  
NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

PERSONAL RECORD of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname) (Christian name)

Registration No. 1792

REGIMENT: 6th Coy 9th Inf

GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS PAPERS: \_\_\_\_\_ SUBSEQUENT PAPERS: \_\_\_\_\_

DISCHARGED  
14.4.1922

on termination of period of Engagement.

SERVICE CARD PREPARED

NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

BASE RECORDS.

**HOME DEFENCE FILE-COVER SHEET.**

ORIGINAL.

TERRITORIAL

WAR.  
[Form N.Z.—769.  
(Banded in 1954.)

1st NZEF	23/1792
2nd NZEF	12/627
802868	
Army Number: 15/35/242	

Soldier: RIDLING  
(Surname.)

MALCOLM LESLIE  
(Christian names.)

Unit: NATIONAL MILITARY RESERVE

**FILE PURGE D**

Previous Papers: \_\_\_\_\_ 1949 \_\_\_\_\_ Papers: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE**

**FILE CHECK SHEET.**

DISCHARGE ISSUED

- |                                   |                        |                                 |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1. (Cover Sheet)                  | N.Z. 769 ✓             | 6. (Medical Report)             | N.Z. 355 ✓ |
| 2. (Attestation, Home Defence) or | N.Z. 302 ✓<br>N.Z. 307 | 7. (Dental Card, if any)        | N.Z. 361   |
| 3. (Index Slips)                  | N.Z. 303 ✓             | 8. (Medical Case Sheet, if any) | N.Z. 377   |
| 4. (Index Slips)                  | N.Z. 304 ✓             | 9. (X-Ray Record of Chest)      | N.Z. 733   |
| 5. (History Sheet)                | N.Z. 307 ✓             | 10.                             |            |

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Action complete \_\_\_\_\_

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NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

**WAR.**  
[Form N.Z.—355.  
(In pads of 100.)]

**TO BE COMPLETED  
IN DUPLICATE.**

## RECORD OF MEDICAL BOARD.

Surname: RIDLING Christian names: MALCOLM LESLIE  
(In block letters)

EXAMINED ON: 25th day of July, 1940, at DARGAVILLE

DECLARED AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days. HEIGHT: 5 feet 10 inches. WEIGHT: 11 st. 4 lb.

CHEST MEASUREMENT—GIRTH WHEN FULLY EXPANDED: 38 inches.

RANGE OF EXPANSION: 2 inches.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT: Good

VACCINATION—MARKS—ARM: RIGHT, \_\_\_\_\_ LEFT, 2 NUMBER: 2 WHEN VACCINATED: 1916

### Medical Statement.

(Questions to be addressed to the Candidate by the Examining Officer.)

- Have you ever suffered from fits, convulsions, or nervous breakdown? No
- Have you ever had any illness, accident, or operation? If so, give particulars No
- Who is your usual family doctor? Dr. Roberts  
Have you consulted a doctor in the last five years? If so, give particulars No
- Have you ever suffered from any discharge or other affection of the ears? No

I declare my answers to the above questions to be true and complete.

Date: 25th July 1940 Signature of Candidate: M. L. Ridling

Without Glasses.	With Glasses.	
Vision—Right eye: <u>6/6</u>		Cardiac Efficiency Test:—Pulse rate, sitting: <u>80</u>
Left eye: <u>6/6</u>		standing: <u>86</u> ; after exercise: <u>110</u> ; two minutes later: <u>90</u> ; (Not required for Home Defence.)
Colour-vision: <u>Normal</u>		What is his blood-pressure? <u>130/78</u>
Hearing—Right ear: <u>Normal</u> Left ear: <u>Normal</u>		Is his heart normal? <u>Yes</u>
What is the condition of the (1) tongue, (2) fauces? (1) <u>Healthy</u> (2) <u>Healthy</u>		Urine: <u>Normal</u>
Are his limbs well formed? <u>Yes</u>		Is he free from hernia? <u>Yes</u>
Are the movements of ALL his joints full and perfect? <u>Yes</u>		Is he free from varicocoe? <u>Yes</u>
Is his chest well formed? <u>Yes</u>		Is he free from varicose veins? <u>Yes</u>
Are his lungs normal? <u>Yes</u>		Is he free from haemorrhoids? <u>Yes</u>
		Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? <u>Yes</u>
		What is the condition of the nervous system? <u>Normal</u>

### Remarks.

(Should include reference to congenital peculiarities, previous disease (especially otitis media) and slight defects. Also reasons why candidate is deferred or rejected.)

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### Certificate of Medical Examination.

Examined and placed in Grade: 2 Dental Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Form N.Z.—360.)

\* Therefore—

Fit	For Home Defence.
Temporarily Unfit Permanently Unfit	
Fit	For Active Service in any part of the World.
Temporarily Unfit Permanently Unfit	
Fit	For Garrison Duty in Tropics.
Unfit	
Fit for Temporary Service in New Zealand.	

J. H. Marshall, President.  
R. Roberts, Member.

A. 100 (P. 100) 1/2/20 10421

\* Strike out all lines that do not apply.

Particulars of Report.	Place.	Date.	Authority, and Date of.	Entered by (Initials.)
Entered Camp				
M/I Mobilised	Paitia	11.12.41	38/20B 3 16.12.41	PE
M/I from 8/Bn att to 7/Bn	"	10.1.42	" 1 10.1.42	PE
M/I tofd from NO2 Russell				
by N149 to Bndgill	Dargaville	"	38/20C 2 11.1.42	PE
M/O left from attached to 7th Bn				
to 8th Bn NMR	Paitia	21.1.42	38/20B 4 21.1.42	PE
M/O to extended leave at home				
without unallotted pay	Keri Keri	26.1.42	38/20C 7 28.1.42	PE
Promoted CPL	" "	22.1.42	" 11 3.2.42	PE
M/O att'd to 7th Nth Bn N149	" "	21.1.42	" 11 28.1.42	PE
M/I from N149 School	" "	14.2.42	" 22 16.2.42	PE
M/O to leave at home without unallotted pay	" "	14.2.42	" " "	PE
M/I to Mapin Eng house En 8th Bn N149	Narrow Neck	5.2.42	38/13 31 9.2.42	PE
M/I from leave at home. WO unallotted pay.	Keri Keri	16.2.42	38/20C 23 17.2.42	PE
to be T/Sgt. unoff.	" "	1.5.42	" 44 1.5.42	MP
Adm W/ty Hump	Whang.	22.6.42	33/13 145. 23/6/42	MP
Deb'd from Whang. Hump to Kene MC.	"	29.6.42	" 150. 29/6/42	MP
M/O to 8th Bn att/LWOP 29/6-6/7/42	Kene	29.6.42	38/14/7 107 30/6/42	MP
M/O from sick leave.	"	6.7.42	" 112. 7/7/42	MP
M/O from Unit Base Kene to Unit Base Wairangi	"	11.7.42	38/1400 134. 12/7/42	MP
M/O to LNOP 29/7-25/8/42	"	29.7.42	" 148. 29/7/42	MP
cl'd to LWOP from work 14.1.43 ex	"	25.8.42	BR " R0 246 15.1.43	PE
cl'd from " to 4th Bn NAR Regt	"	14.1.43	BR " R0 " "	PE
M/I 4/NAR. Regt from NZDSI.		12.2.43	38/7720C " 287. 19.2.43	PE
M/I to New Aerodrome Dep. Regt from 4th Bn	N. Neck.	5.2.43	33/133 " 23. 6.2.43	PE
allotted new no 802868	HQ 4/Bn NAR	17.12.42	38/1/20C 259 17.12.42	MS
Grd SK/LWP+S/A 12-19/3/43.	N.M.D. xl. list.	12.3.43	38/157 " 25. 16.3.43	PE
M/O 4/Bn NAR to LWOP. (7 days)	4/Bn N.A.R.	19.3.43	38/26 3.43	PE
		26.3.43	38/720C " 201. 24.3.43	PE

PARTICULARS OF WILL.

Executor—Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Will already made and in possession of \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

802868  
**WAR.**  
[Form N.Z. 307.  
(In pads of 100.)  
Army No. 1/20/242

## HISTORY-SHEET.

*DISCHARGED*

Unit: <i>N.M.R.</i>	Rank: <i>Sgt</i>	Christian Name: <i>Malcolm Leslie</i>	Surname: <i>RIDLING</i>
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Outward.		Inward, ex "		Service.			
	Date.		Date. Place.		From To Year Days		
Attested ..	<i>25/7/40</i>	Embarked ..		N.Z. ..	<i>11.12.40</i>	<i>8.43</i>	<i>258</i>
Entered camp ..		Arrived N.Z.			<i>14.1.43</i>	<i>17.4.43</i>	<i>86</i>
Embarked ..		Discharged ..	<i>19.4.43 Ngāw</i>	Overseas			
Disembarked ..		Reason for return and/or discharge:					
At (Place.)							
				Total .. <i>354</i>			

Next-of-kin. <i>Mr Ridling</i>	Relationship. <i>Wife</i>	Address. <i>Ruawai</i>

(Extra spaces are for changes of address or changes of name owing to decease, marriage, &c.)

*Ruawai*  
*2nd Warou 81 30.3.46*

### CASUALTIES.

Cable No.	Date of Casualty.	Nature of Casualty.	NOTIFICATION SENT.		
			To	Date.	By

**ACTION AFTER RETURN TO NEW ZEALAND OR DISCHARGE ABROAD.**

Nature of Document issued.	Date.	By	Address sent to	Pay Office advised.
<i>Cert of Disch No 52488.</i>	<i>16.12.47</i>	<i>R8</i>	<i>La Sch No 1064</i>	<i>FP</i>

M.I.D. EMBLEM	ITALY STAR	INOCULATION.	DATE GIVEN.	INITIALS.
1939-45 STAR	France & Germany Star	Vaccination ..		
ATLANTIC STAR	DEFENCE MEDAL	T.A.B./1 ..		
AFRICA STAR	WAR MEDAL, 1939-45	T.A.B./2 ..		
8th ARMY CLASP	N.Z. War Service Medal	Tes. Prep./1 ..		
PACIFIC STAR		Tes. Prep./2 ..		
Assessed by <i>EBB</i>	Checked by <i>[Signature]</i>	Appn. No. _____		
		Date _____		
		Initials _____		

500 pads/4/40-93 Form 307/3.

**WAR SERVICES GRATUITY ASSESSMENT**

[Form G.-1A.]

Service No. ARMY: 80258 Name of Serviceman: RIDLING  
ALR: MALCOLM LEITCH  
 (Surname) (Christian names)

**NAVY:**

Arm of Service.	From	To	ASSESSABLE SERVICE. N.Z. O'ceas.	N.Z. Gratuity.	Overseas Gratuity.	Total.	Less Debits.	Net Gratuity.	Certified correct.	Date.	THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR BASE RECORDS USE ONLY
Navy ..											
Air Force ..											
Army (2 N.Z.E.F.)											G.-8. Gratuity. File.
Army (Acct., A.H.Q.)											
Army (N.M.D.)	<u>1.12.41</u>	<u>25.8.48</u>									202628
(1A) Army (N.M.D.)	<u>14.1.43</u>	<u>9.4.43</u>		<u>10 2 8</u>		<u>10 2 8</u>		<u>10 2 8</u>	<u>Malcolm Leitch</u>	<u>31 5 46</u>	
Army (C.M.D.)											
Army (S.M.D.)											
Supplementary Gratuity payable in respect of Disabled Serviceman ..											
Circulation:						TOTAL		<u>10 2 8</u>			Post-office Schedule No. <u>689</u>
(1) Accountant, N.M.D., Auckland.	(2) Accountant, S.M.D., Christchurch.	(3) Accountant, C.M.D., Wellington.	(4) Accountant, Air Department.	Date of Entitlement: <u>31 MAR 1948</u>							
(5) Accountant, Navy Office.	(6) Accountant, Army H.Q.	(7) Accountant, Base Records (F.N.Z.E.F.)	(8) Gratuity Section, Base Records	[Base Records will delete paying authorities not applicable and forward to first paying authority remaining in panel. After action taken, first paying authority will cancel block containing its name and forward on to next remaining paying authority indicated. This procedure will be followed through until form is ultimately returned completed to Gratuity Section, Base Records.]							

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**N.M.R.**  
NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES. 2

**ATTESTATION FOR SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR.** N 506

Questions to be put to the Recruit.

<p>1. What is your name? <small>(Christian names and surname to be written in block letters.)</small></p> <p>2. Where were you born?</p> <p>3. What is the date of your birth?</p> <p>4. Are you a British subject? If naturalized, state where and when</p> <p>5. Where were your parents born?</p> <p>6. If your parents were of alien birth, state when and where they were naturalized</p> <p>7. What is your trade or calling?</p> <p>8. What is your address in New Zealand?</p> <p>9. Who is your next of kin? (state relationship)</p> <p>10. What is the name and address of your present or last employer?</p> <p>11. What are your educational qualifications?</p> <p>12. Are you single, married, a widower, divorced, or legally separated from your wife? If married, of what nationality was your wife before marriage?</p> <p>13. If married, a widower, divorced, or legally separated from your wife, how many children under sixteen years of age have you?</p> <p>14. If single with dependants, state who they are</p> <p>15. Have you ever served in any naval, military, or air force? If so, state which, length of service, and cause of discharge</p> <p>16. Are you willing to be inoculated or vaccinated if required?</p> <p>17. Are you willing to serve in the New Zealand Military Forces for the duration of the war, for so long after the war as will enable you to be demobilized, or until lawfully discharged?</p> <p>18. What is your religious denomination?</p>	<p>1. Surname: <b>RIDLING</b> Christian names: <b>MALCOLM LESLIE.</b></p> <p>2. <b>N.Z.</b></p> <p>3. <b>22/8/95</b></p> <p>4. <b>YES</b></p> <p>5. Father: <b>N.Z.</b> Mother: <b>N.Z.</b></p> <p>6. Father:  Mother:  </p> <p>7. <b>FARMER</b></p> <p>8. <b>RUAWAI</b></p> <p>9. Name: <b>Mrs. RIDLING (WIFE)</b> Address: <b>RUAWAI</b></p> <p>10. <b>SELF</b></p> <p>11. <b>PROFICIENCY</b></p> <p>12. <b>MARRIED</b> <b>N.Z.</b></p> <p>13. <b>SIX</b></p> <p>14. <b>NIL</b></p> <p>15. <b>N.Z.E.F. INFANTRY</b> <b>3 1/2 YEARS</b> <i>in dental, treated</i></p> <p>16. <b>YES</b></p> <p>17. <b>YES</b></p> <p>18. <b>PRESBYTERIAN</b></p>
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I do solemnly declare that the answers made by me to the above questions are true; and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made—

Signature of Recruit: *M. L. Ridling*

**Oath to be taken by Recruit on Attestation.**

I, **MALCOLM LESLIE RIDLING**, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces against His Majesty's enemies, and that I will loyally observe and obey all orders of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

**Certificate of Attesting Officer.**

The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands these questions, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered. The said recruit has made and signed the declaration, and taken the oath of allegiance before me at \_\_\_\_\_, New Zealand, on this 25 day of July, 1940

Signature of Attesting Officer: *J. H. Marshall*

NOTE 1.—If any alteration is required in the attestation, the Attesting Officer will make it and initial the alteration.  
NOTE 2.—Before a soldier signs his attestation form he will be asked by the Attesting Officer to verify the entry showing his full surname and Christian names and to state if the spelling is correct.  
NOTE 3.—To be prepared in duplicate and dealt with as laid down in Appendix XVII.

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WAR.  
[Form N.Z.—733.  
(In parts of 100.)]

NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

**X-RAY RECORD OF CHEST.** *Area 3*

Date: *28/4/42*

PART A.

Surname: RIDLING Christian names: MALCOLM LESLIE

Regimental No. 1/20/242 Rank: Cpl Unit: 4th. Bn. N.Z.A.R.

Occupation (Civil): Farmer

Where born: British Age: 16 yrs. 8 mths. Marital state: M. XPS. J. W.

PART B.

(1) Abnormality detected: Yes. No. REPORT No. *6/2620*

Signature of Radiologist: *[Signature]*

Date: *27/5/42*

(2) Evidence or suspicion of pulmonary tuberculosis:

Past. Present. Yes. No.

(3) Evidence of any other abnormality (brief report of condition).

(4) Should case be referred for boarding: Yes. No.

Signature of Radiologist: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tuberculosis Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) If the answer to (4) above is "Yes", the Area Officer will arrange with the Regional Deputy for a Specialist Medical Board to medically examine this case and report hereunder.

PART C.

(6) REPORT OF SPECIALIST MEDICAL BOARD.

Recommendation (Classification and disposal).

*196/42*  
*[Signature]*

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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BASE RECORDS

[B.R.—273,

# Advice of Discharge and Work-sheet for Issue of Certificate of Discharge

R. 15.

## Part 1.—Extraction from Routine Orders.

(a) Service No. 802868 (b) Rank on Discharge: SERGEANT  
 (c) Name in full: RIDLING MALCOLM LESLIE  
 (Christian names)  
 (d) Discharged from the New Zealand Military Forces with effect 9.4.43  
 (Date)  
 (e) Authority R.O. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_ B.R. File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Extracted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

R. 3.

(a) Address: BLAWAY  
316 WILSON

## Part 2.—Service Particulars

(i) Periods of Service in New Zealand:—

From (Date)	To (Date)	Years	Days	Years	Days
<u>11.12.41</u>	<u>25.8.43</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>258</u>		
<u>1.1.43</u>	<u>19.4.43</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>96</u>		

Total (Gross), N.Z. 354

\*Deductions .. .. Net N.Z. 354

(ii) Periods of Service Overseas:—

From (Date)	To (Date)	Years	Days

Total (Gross), Overseas .. ..

\*Deductions .. .. Net O.S. .. ..

GRAND TOTAL 354

Work sheet prepared by: TP Date: 2.11.47  
 Work sheet checked by: su Date: 6.11.47 Last day of service: 19.4.43  
 NOTES:—(a) \* Deductions: A.W.L., Extension, L.W.O.P., &c. (b) Date to be shown on Certificate = last day of service.

R. 8.

## Part 3.—Certificate of Discharge

(a) Certificate No. 52788 Schedule No. 1064 Checked by: 27.11.47  
 (b) Date despatched: 15 DEC 1947 (c) Date entered numerical register: 15 DEC 1947

R. 3.

## Part 4.—Notation History Sheet

History-sheet noted that Discharge Certificate has been issued (enter Certificate and Schedule Numbers) by TP Date: 17.12.47

Action Complete
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**WAR SERVICES GRATUITY ASSESSMENT**

[Form G-1A]

Service No. ARMY: 802828 Name of Serviceman: RIDLING  
MALCOLM LEASE  
 (Christian Name)

**NAVY:**

Arm of Service	From	To	FORFEITABLE SERVICE N.E. / O'ness	N.E. Liability	O'ness Gratuity	Total	Less Del'ds.	Net Gratuity	Certified correct	Date	
Navy											
Air Force											
Army (C.N.E.E.)											
Army (Acet. A.R.Q.)											
Army (N.M.D.)	11-12-41	25-8-52									
(1A)	14-1-43	9-4-48		10	2	5		10	2	5	
Army (C.M.D.)											
Army (S.M.D.)											
Supplementary Gratuity payable in respect of Disabled Serviceman											
Circulation:						TOTAL		10	2	5	
(1) Assistant, T.M. Auckland	(2) Assistant, S.M.D. Christchurch	(3) Assistant, C.M.D. Wellington	(4) Assistant, Air Department	(5) Assistant, Navy Office	(6) Assistant, Army H.Q.	(7) Assistant, Bank Branches of N.E.E.F.	(8) Assistant, (S.M.D.)				

Date of Entitlement: 1 MAR 1948

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File No. WG.25723

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**NOTIFICATION OF DEATH**



Name: RIDLING (Surname) MALCOLM LESLIE (Christian Names)

Service No. 23/1792 Highest Rank Attained: Private

\*Service: Army 1 WW.  
(State Army, Navy, or Air Force)

Regiment or Corps: 03 Cycle Bn.

War Service (Yes or No): Yes. †Overseas. †Home Only. †Both.

(If overseas since 1948 state area): \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Death: RUAWAI Date of Death: 16.2.1976

\*If known to have served in two or more Services please state.  
†Delete as required.

To \_\_\_\_\_

BASE RECORDS  
DEFENCE DEPARTMENT  
PRIVATE BAG  
WELLINGTON

Please verify and complete the above particulars (where blanks exist) and return urgently.

Date: 27 FEB 1976 Signature: Joseph J. North (J. J. North)  
for Secretary for Internal Affairs.

(STRIKE OUT ADDRESSES WHICH DO NOT APPLY)

To the Secretary,  
Department of Internal Affairs,  
Private Bag,  
Wellington.

To the District Officer,  
Department of Internal Affairs,  
P.O. Box 1308,  
Christchurch.

To the District Officer,  
Department of Internal Affairs,  
P.O. Box 2220,  
Auckland.

Checked and returned as requested.

Date: 3/3/76 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LEWIS ROBERT RIDLING. WW1**

**Parents: Andrew and Ellen Ridling**

1918/1031 Margaret Merena Jackson Lewis Robert Ridling [Order Product](#)

Lewis was born about: 1890

At:

he died about: 1975

Married:

At:

To:

she was born about:

Died about:

They had the following children

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Auck Inf Batt.  
 Regimental No. 12/2100 Rank Private Name Bidling, Lewis, Robert,  
 Enlisted (a) 8/1/15. Terms of Service (a) Period of War Service reckons from (a) 8/1/15.  
 Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }  
 Extended } Re-engaged } Qualification (b) }

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
26/7/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. L. S.	Admit <sup>d</sup> to Hospital	Anzac Cove	26/7/15	Adonitis Apilla A36.
1/8/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. L. S.	Flew Sweeper	Anzac	26/7/15	b733
31/7/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> L. S. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Admit <sup>d</sup> to Hosp <sup>d</sup>	Inudros	26/7/15	
31/7/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> L. S. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Transf <sup>d</sup> to Gen Home	Inudros	31/7/15	A36. b2739.
7/8/15	24 <sup>th</sup> L. S.	Disch <sup>d</sup> from Hosp.	Inudros	2/8/15	To rejoin unit. A36. b2834
16/8/15	S. S. Section	Admit <sup>d</sup> to S. S. Scotian	Dardanelles	16/8/15	Enl'g'd Gland Asilla A36. A5319
26/8/15	N. Z. Gen Hosp	Admit <sup>d</sup> to N. Z. Gen Hosp	Cairo	26/8/15	Adinilis Nom Roll A5597
25/9/15	A. D. M. S.	Emb <sup>d</sup> H. S. Willochua	Suez	25/9/15	Change to N. Z.

ENTERED ON HISTORY SHEET.

19/11/17

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. [P. T. O.]

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## HISTORY SHEET.

Form No. 3A.

Unit.	Rank.	Surname.	Advice despatched to soldier: 9.9.15	Christian Name: 8.7.25	No.
A. 2.B.	PC.	Ridling	Lewis Robert		12/2100

Occupation: Bushman Religion: Presby. Last New Zealand address: Waikie

Last employer: H. Hartland Waikie 20.3.90

Name, relationship, and address of next-of-kin (if not resident in New Zealand, insert also name and address of nearest relative in New Zealand):

Ridling Andrew (father)  
29 Stanley St. Richmond Auckland

Born 20/3/1890

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**Service**

No. 12/2100 Rank: Private

Name: Lewis Robert Ridling

Address: Mahoeenui Te Kuiti

Periods of Service.	Theatres of Operation.
In New Zealand: <u>196</u> days.	<u>Australasian</u>
Overseas: <u>197</u> days.	<u>Egyptian 1915</u>
Total service: <u>1</u> years <u>28</u> days.	<u>Egyptian E.F.</u>
Date commenced duty: <u>8-1-1915</u>	<u>Balkan Gallipoli 1915</u>
Date finally discharged: <u>4-2-1916</u>	<u>Western European Asiatic M.W.</u>

**Decorations:** 1914-15 Star

MEDAL ACTION COMPLETE  
10 AUG 1926  
VICTORY MEDAL

The foregoing particulars are correct.

Signature: [Signature]

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

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**Decorations:** 1914-15 Star

BRITISH WAR MEDAL 10 JUL 1920  
VICTORY MEDAL 10 JUL 1926

The foregoing particulars are correct.

Signature: [Signature]

N.B.—Do not omit to advise this office of any future change of address.

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Injuries in or by the Service: Medically unfit for Active Service although fit for civil employment.

**Discharge**

Provisional: (Date.) Intended address: H. 3

Final: 4.2.16 (Date.) 29 Stanley St. Richmond Auckland

**Pension**

ISSUE AUTHORIZED  
Gallipoli Lapel badge  
Gallipoli Medalion  
Date 24/7/29 init

Mahoeenui via Te Kuiti 28/7/25

J.F.

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## ATTESTATION OF

Name: **Ridling, Lewis, Robert**

Regiment or Unit: **COMPANY H WEST B**

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name?  | 1. <b>Lewis, Robert, Ridling</b>    |
| 2. Where were you born?  | 2. <b>Auckland</b>                  |
| 3. Are you a British subject?  | 3. <b>Yes</b>                       |
| 4. What is the date of your birth?   | 4. <b>March, 20th, 1890</b>         |
| 5. What is your trade or calling?  | 5. <b>Bushman.</b>                  |
| 6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom?  | 6. <b>No</b>                        |
| 7. What was the address at which you last resided?   | 7. <b>Waikie</b>                    |
| 8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent?  | 8. <b>Yes</b>                       |
| 9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer?  | 9. <b>H. Hartland, Waikie</b>       |
| 10. Are you married?   | 10. <b>No</b>                       |
| 11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where?  | 11. <b>NO</b>                       |
| <b>ME &amp; ADDRESS, NEXT-OF-KIN</b>   |                                     |
| 12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps?  | 12. <b>(Father) Andrew, Ridling</b> |
| 13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge?  | 13. <b>No</b>                       |
| 14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service?   | 14. <b>Yes</b>                      |
| 15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where?   | 15. <b>No</b>                       |
| 16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?  | 16. <b>No</b>                       |
| 17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?   | 17. <b>Yes</b>                      |
| 18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war, and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and disband it? | 18. <b>Yes</b>                      |

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, **Lewis, Robert, Riding**, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: **Lewis Robert Ridling**

Signature of Witness: **Robert Donovan Sgt**

### Oath to be taken by Recruit on attestation.

I, **Lewis, Robert, Riding**, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

### Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.

The above questions were read to the above-named Recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at **Trentham**, N.Z., on this **12th** day of **January** 1915.

Signature of Attesting Officer **A. R. Merrington Lieut.**

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alterations.

Description of <u>Ridling, L.R.</u>		on Enlistment.
Apparent age: <u>27</u> years <u>0</u> months. (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)		Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.
Height: <u>5</u> feet <u>10 3/4</u> inches		
Weight: <u>11</u> lb. <u>2</u>		
Chest measurement: { Minimum, <u>34</u> inches Maximum, <u>38</u> inches		
Complexion: <u>Clear</u>		
Colour of eyes: <u>Blue</u>		
Colour of hair: <u>Brown</u>		
Religious profession: <u>Freebyterian</u>		
<b>Medical Examination.</b>		
Sight: Right eye, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from hernia?	<u>Yes</u>
" Left eye, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from varicocele?	<u>Yes</u>
Hearing: Right ear, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from varicose veins?	<u>Yes</u>
" Left ear, <u>normal</u>	Is he free from haemorrhoids?	<u>Yes</u>
Colour-vision: <u>normal</u>	Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease?	<u>Yes</u>
Are his limbs well formed? <u>Yes</u>	Is there a distinct mark of vaccination?	<u>Yes</u>
Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? <u>Yes</u>	Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties?	<u>Yes</u>
Is his chest well formed? <u>Yes</u>	Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection?	<u>No</u>
Is his heart normal? <u>Yes</u>		
Are his lungs normal? <u>Yes</u>		
What is the condition of his teeth? <u>No</u>		
<b>Remarks.</b>		
<u>No Lenses</u> <u>No 5 1/2</u> <u>27</u>		
<b>Certificate of Medical Examination.</b>		
I have examined the above-named, and find he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.		
I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.		
<u>Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1915</u> Anderson, Printer, Auckland.—12183	<u>James Hardie</u> Medical Officer.	

[B R. - 230.]

Surname: *Redding* Christian names: *John* Rank on discharge: *1st Lt.* Highest rank held: *1st Lt.* Reg No. *12345*

Address: *1234 Main St. Northampton Mass 01060*

Casualty or ☒ for discharge: *10 days hospital* Country resident in: *USA*  
In the case of death, country next of kin are resident in.

Legal next of kin, relationship, and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominate next of kin, relationship, and address: *Andrew Redding Battery 4 Signal Co  
Richmond Mass 01864*

Legal next of kin, relationship, and address: *John*

Decorations: Medals for Gallantry.	Authority.	Service Medals.	Date Medal issued.	Service Chevrons	Wound Stripes.
		<i>1918-1919 British War Victory Medal</i>		<i>Red. Blue</i>	

Certificates of Service issued.	Date.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.		
		London Gazette.	No.	Date.

**FILE.**  
25 MAY 1920

[Form No. 4]

**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

OF \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: Ridling Christian Name: Levin Robert

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Examined: On 9 day of January, 1915  
 At \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthplace: Town, Auckland  
 Country, N.Z.

Declared age: 24 years 9 months  
 Trade or occupation: Bushman  
 Height: 5 ft., 10 3/4 in.  
 Weight: 112 lb.  
 Chest-measurement: Minimum, 34 in.  
 Maximum expansion, 38 in.  
 Physical development: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Small-pox marks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vaccination marks: Right Left  
 Arm, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number, \_\_\_\_\_  
 When vaccinated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Gas. Harold Neil  
 Medical Officer, \_\_\_\_\_

Examined for re-engagement: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_  
 \* Considered: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Officer, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* If unfit, state disability. \_\_\_\_\_

Re-vaccinated on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_  
 Arm: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Result: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Officer, \_\_\_\_\_

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Enlisted on 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1915, at Trentham

Joined on enlistment	Corps.	Regimental No.	Date.
...	<u>A Coy 24<sup>th</sup> Bn</u>	<u>12/2100</u>	<u>8/1/15</u>
Transferred to			

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**PROPOSED FOR DISCHARGE BY A MEDICAL BOARD.**

Station.	Date.	Disease.	Result.

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10,000/10/14-10985



This scroll commemorates

**Private L. R. Ridling**

**New Zealand Military Forces**

held in honour as one who  
served King and Country in  
the world war of 1939-1945  
and gave his life to save  
mankind from tyranny. May  
his sacrifice help to bring  
the peace and freedom for  
which he died.

**(ROBERT) KNOWN AS: JAMES RIDLING. WW1**

**Parents: Robert and Francis Ridling**

James was born about: 12 July 1885

At: Cox's Creek, Auckland

She died about:

Married:

At:

To:

He was born about:

Died about:

They had the following children

1885/9658 Ridling Robert James Frances Robert-Order Product

Form No. 2

**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

**ATTESTATION OF**

No. 25/814 Name: RIDLING. James. Regiment or Unit: Inf. Coy 5th Bat 29th Bn

*Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.*

1. What is your name?	1. <u>RIDLING. James.</u>
2. Where were you born?	2. <u>Cox's Creek. Auckland.</u>
3. Are you a British subject?	3. <u>yes</u>
4. What is the date of your birth?	4. <u>12/7/85</u>
5. Who is your next-of-kin?	5. <u>Robert Ridling. 86 Lorne St. Auck.</u>
6. What is your trade or calling?	6. <u>Bushman</u>
7. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom?	7. <u>No</u>
8. What was the address at which you last resided?	8. <u>Cowes Bay Waimaki</u>
9. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent?	9. <u>no</u>
10. What is the name and address of your present or last employer?	10. <u>Mr. Hinsley. same as 8</u>
11. Are you married?	11. <u>No</u>
12. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where?	12. <u>no</u>
13. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps?	13. <u>no</u>
14. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge?	14. <u>no</u>
15. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service?	15. <u>yes</u>
16. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where?	16. <u>no</u>
17. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?	17. <u>no</u>
18. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	18. <u>yes</u>
19. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war, and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and disband it?	19. <u>yes</u>

Note:—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, James Ridling, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: James Ridling

Signature of Witness: Alfred Spence

*Oath to be taken by Recruit on attestation.*

I, James Ridling, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

*Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.*

The above questions were read to the above-named Recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Dunedin, N.Z., on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1915.

Signature of Attesting Officer A. Thomson Lt

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alterations.

# BALLOTS.

(MILITARY SERVICE ACT.)

Record No. D. <sup>67.</sup> 88446 / 14

JAMES HILLING

*Form Hand*

~~6/0 B. HILLING, PAPATOETOE~~

63 Cook Creek Auckland

Any changes of address to be entered below with date of such notification.

1st INZEF 25/8/14  
79700

2nd INZEF  
C.I

RF - TF

New address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date notified: \_\_\_\_\_

New address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date notified: \_\_\_\_\_

New address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date notified: \_\_\_\_\_

## TRANSIT.

Branch referred to.	Date.	Branch referred to.	Date.	Branch referred to.	Date.
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SCRUTINY OF FILES  
**ACTION INCOMPLETE**  
Re S.R.M.B.  
When Action complete, File to be returned to  
Scrutinizing Officer [Signature] 29/1/19

### Statistical Return.

A.H.

A.W.

C.B. [Mark]

O.

R. [Mark]

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

PERSONAL RECORD of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname) (Christian name.)

Registration No. 25/814

RIDLING, \_\_\_\_\_, JAMES

REGIMENT: "A" Coy., 3th. Battalion, N.Z.R.B.

GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS PAPERS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSEQUENT PAPERS: ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

DISCHARGED ~~19/11/15~~ 19/11/15  
~~19/11/15~~

RECEIVED  
NOV 24 1918  
A.G. 2  
REGIMENTAL CLERK

*No Dkaci in Index*  
*76 W.C.*  
*27/4/18*

DL/EA.

- STATEMENT OF SERVICE -

James RIDLING.

Attested...	...	...	...	12/10/1915.
Posted N.Z. Rifle Brigade (Regtl. No. 25/814)...	...	...	...	"
Discharged Medically Unfit...	...	...	...	16/11/1915.
Re-attested	...	...	...	18/2/1918.
Entered Camp & Posted 40th Reinforce- ments (Regtl. No. 79700)	...	...	...	2/5/1918
Transferred 43rd Mounted Rifles	...	...	...	6/5/1918
" 44th " "	...	...	...	29/5/1918
Granted Leave without Pay	...	...	...	29/6/1918
Posted to Samoan Relief Force	...	...	...	3/8/1918
Granted Leave without Pay in Lieu of Discharge	...	...	...	7/8/1918

*W. J. FORGIE*

CHIEF SECRETARY OF DEFENCE.

2/11/37.

**NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

[Form No. 4.]

## MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname: Ridling Christian Name: James

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<p>Examined: (On <u>18<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>February</u> 191<u>8</u>.                  At <u>Auckland</u>                  Town, <u>Auckland</u>                  Country, <u>N Z</u></p> <p>Birthplace: _____</p> <p>Declared age: <u>32 yrs</u></p> <p>Trade or occupation: <u>Labourer</u></p> <p>Height: <u>5</u> ft. <u>2 1/2</u> in.                  Weight: <u>124</u> lb.</p> <p>Chest-measurement: (Minimum, <u>33</u> in.                  Maximum expansion, <u>37</u> in.)</p> <p>Physical development: _____</p> <p>Small-pox marks: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Right. Left.</p> <p>Vaccination marks: (Arm, _____                  Number, _____)</p> <p>When vaccinated: _____</p> <p>Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease:  <u>Slight impediment in speech.</u></p>	<p>Approved by  <u>1<sup>st</sup> District Medical Officer</u>                  Medical Officer, _____</p> <hr/> <p>Examined for re-engagement:                  _____ day of _____, 191<u>8</u></p> <p>*Considered: _____</p> <p>Medical Officer, _____</p> <p>* If unfit, state disability. _____</p> <hr/> <p>Re-vaccinated on _____ day of _____, 191<u>8</u></p> <p>Arm: _____ Number: _____</p> <p>Result: _____</p> <p>Medical Officer: _____</p>
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Enlisted on 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1918, at Auckland.

Joined on enlistment	Corps.	Regimental No.	Date.
...	<u>5 Co 40<sup>th</sup> Rgt</u>	<u>79700</u>	<u>2-5-18.</u>
...	<u>43<sup>rd</sup> N. Z. M. B</u>		<u>6-5-18.</u>
Transferred to	<u>44</u>		<u>29-5-18 237</u>

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Station.	Date.	Disease.	Result.

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## FURTHER NOTES...

### SEARCH RESULTS FROM HISTORICAL RECORDS

1-20 of 166 Results for Name: **Ridling** Birthplace: **New Zealand** Birth Year (Range): **1890 - 1940**

Number of results to show: 20 50 100

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1938birth:1897Auckland, New Zealandmarriage:28 August 1930Vancouver, British Columbia,

Canadafather:Andrew Ridlingmother:Ellen Grayspouse:Frederick Godfrey Exelother:

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1938birth:1896Auckland, New Zealandmarriage:14 November 1932Vancouver, British Columbia,

Canadafather:Andrew Ridlingmother:Ellen Grayspouse:Frederick Godfrey Exelother:

C Exel, Eva Van Marle

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1973birth:1897immigration:7 March 1938New Zealandemigration:MelbourneView the record detailsView the image

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