

# Medals notes and supplementary information for items on offer in Auction 37

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| Medals             | Distinguished Conduct Medal, Military Medal, NZ War Service Medal, Defence Medal, War Medal, Africa Star, 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, Greek War Medal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Recipient          | 30836 S/SGT. J. A. REDPATH DCM. 2NZE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Biographical notes | <p>John Alexander Redpath, was born 1904, son of J.A Redpath senior, owner, and operator of J. A Redpath and sons, Wholesale Coal Merchants and Importers of Flooring and Roofing Specialists. From an early age Redpath would acquire business acumen working for his father's company and later sailing and navigation from his time with fisheries. These factors would later make him an invaluable asset during classified British operations during WWII, immediately distinguishing him above others in the pursuit of war aims.</p> <p>Redpath married Dorris Kate Richards in 1926, the two clerks in the registrar's office being the only witnesses. By all accounts the marriage was shaky and would remain that way even during the war. Redpath began drinking heavily two years after the birth of his only child, a daughter Patricia May Redpath. The alcohol abuse weighed heavily on his lifestyle, culminating with a dismissal by his father from the family company.</p> <p>Despite personal troubles or maybe due to them, Redpath was eager to serve. Being too young for enlistment in WWI he was determined to not miss his final opportunity for an overseas service adventure. At the age of thirty-six he exceeded the maximum age for enlistment, raising his date of birth to 1907 on his enrolment papers as the most expedient method of acquiring a service number.</p> <p>Redpath was posted to the 19<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Company of New Zealand Engineers. Completing training at Trentham army camp he would sail with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Echelon 2NZE, arriving in Port Tewfik Egypt 29/9/1940. Redpath immediately began butting heads with authority, being listed as absent without leave on multiple occasions. The 19<sup>th</sup> ATC was posted to mainland Greece, however, the rapidly advancing German troops forced an evacuation of all allied personnel off the mainland to Crete. The German airborne invasion of Crete commenced 20/5/1941. The Germans quickly consolidated their positions, driving NZ and AUS forces into desperate defence. Redpath managed to coordinate a group of forty men with plans of escape. Finding these plans scuppered by circumstances they set out along the coast in search of evacuation. Finding damaged caiques offshore in Loutra harbour the men began trying to repair the damaged boats. All while the harbour was being bombed and strafed by German aircraft. Surprised by a German patrol while in the middle of retrieving rigging, there was no option but surrender.</p> |

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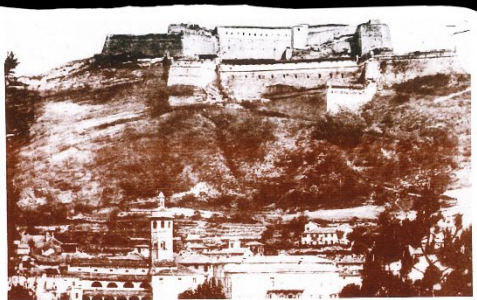
Transported to Galatas POW camp. Redpath & companions volunteered for a work detail. Utilising this and the relative lax standards of security in the camp, Redpath and two companions quietly walked out of the camp. Aided by Cretan locals, the trio remained undetected for weeks, eventually effecting an escape from the island to the mainland with other civilian refugees. Bouncing from town to town to avoid German and Italian Patrols, the companions commandeered a Greek merchant vessel loaded with figs at gun point. Departing the cove of San Elias, the newly minted crew was bound for Alexandria. Initially flying a swastika in hopes of evading the Luftwaffe, the plan backfired off the south coast of Crete when a British Blenheim strafed the boat. The slow caique was an easy target and would be strafed and bombed twice more by German aircraft, taking multiple hits. Finally making it to the coast of North Africa, Redpath managed to secure more fuel and sailed the remaining distance to Alexandria unmolested. At this point the professional manner, meticulous leadership and qualitative note taking Redpath had displayed during his time MIA, immediately distinguished him to British high command. This Gallantry was rewarded with a DCM and a promotion to Warrant Officer II.

A classified MI9 assignment followed in short order., to facilitate the rescue of Allied soldiers stranded in Greece. Working diligently over the next few months to coordinate evacuations of British soldiers from the island of Paros, Redpath with much resistance was captured by an Italian patrol on Antiparos. Much information and property were extracted by the Italians before Redpath was transported to Rhodes to be held at Campo No. 35.

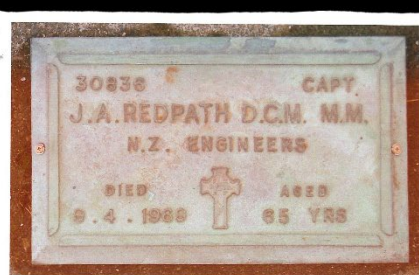
Working closely with other allied POW's Redpath began digging a tunnel, only to be that a separate group had a newly completed tunnel ready for use,. With a little bit of pressure Redpath and a companion were added last on the list of 13 men, tasked with masking the tunnel upon their exit. Eight nights of walking later they rounded a corner only to be surprised to two Italian Military Police. Arrested once more, Redpath was transported to Campo No. 5 in Gavi, nicknamed the Italian Colditz. Almost immediately a hole was made in the cell wall, however, the Italian reluctance to keep British prisoners confined for prolonged periods of time meant that meaningful progress was slow. A constant stream of verbal abuse and faux drunkenness managed to get Redpath another stint in "maximum security." It would be too little too late. The Italian capitulation came too early for Redpath on 3/9/1943 and the prison was immediately taken over by German forces. Given 30 minutes to pack food for their relocation to Germany, the prisoners were forced into cattle cars and loaded onto a train bound for Germany. A few hours into the journey Redpath managed to cut the wood out from

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|                | <p>around a lock to a side door. Bursting through, himself and several companions made the jump from the train, landing just outside the city of Cremona. After several weeks and 600km of walking, Redpath managed to link up with American forces on 27/10/1943. These tremendous efforts earned Redpath the MM.</p> <p>Redpath participated in the victory parades through Britain and was promoted to the rank of Captain, discharged 22/08/1946. He died on 9/04/1969 in Oriental Bay, Wellington.</p> |
| Notes on medal |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Comments       | Included in the lot is an extensive collection of reference material, including copies of wartime reports, commendations, photographs, letters, and NZDF documents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sources:       | <p>"Two Home Runs" by Graeme McLeod.</p> <p>Vendor Records including NZ archive material</p> <p>NZDF war records</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

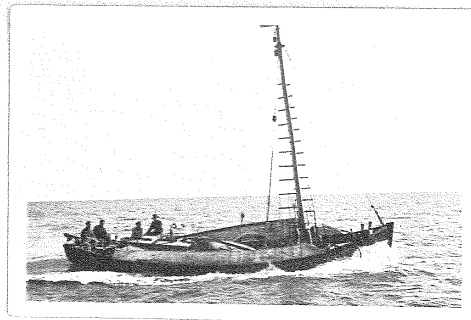
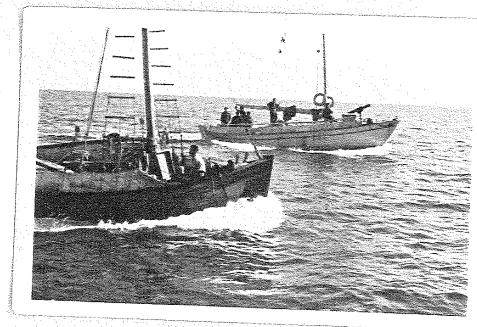


Campo 5, Gavi. The Italian punishment camp for POWs.



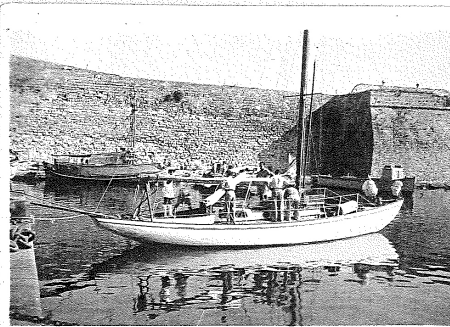
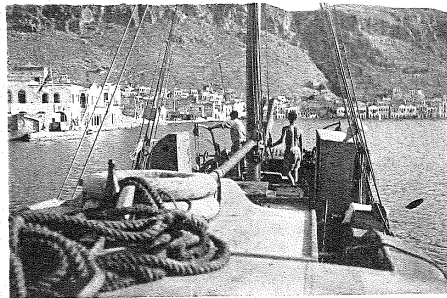
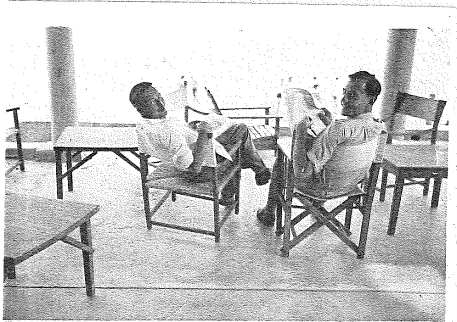
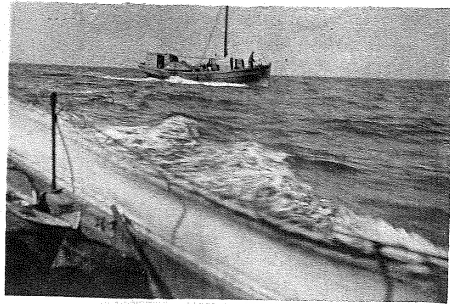
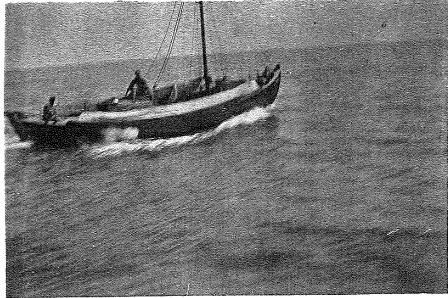
Redpath's headstone, Soldiers Lawn Cemetery, Karori, Wellington, New Zealand

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| Medals     | <p>DSO Group of 8 to James Bayntun Starky, Distinguished Service Order G VI, Distinguished Flying Cross 1943 with case, G VI, (both officially replaced 1989, with documents about the replacement after being lost), 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Europe Star 1939-45, Africa Star 1940-43, Defence Medal 1939-45, War Medal 1939-45, MiD, &amp; NZ War Service Medal</p> <p>1939-45. An exceptionally well documented group, with ribbon bars and MID, RAF and NZ cloth insignia "wings" and identity disk, certificate for MID 11 June 1942, letter about replacement of DSO and DFC 20 March 1989 from NZ Ministry of Defence, Book by 'Sandy' Powell (Wing Commander H P Powell), "Men With Wings", Allan Wingate, London, 1957 with chapter on Starky, two RNZAF logbooks covering the periods August 1940 to July 1944 and military and civilian entries July 1944 to April 1990 including as a jet test pilot for Armstrong Siddeley until the mid-1950s, full citations for the award of the DSO and DFC as sent to his father, correspondence including with Starky by recovering wounded crew members, photograph album with details of a prototype Canberra bomber that crashed with Starky as pilot in 1954, &amp; other photographs of Starky.</p> |
| Recipient  | <p>DSO Starky, James Bayntun, as Acting Squadron Leader</p> <p>DFC James Starky</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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### Biographical notes

James Bayntun Starky was born in Gisborne, New Zealand, on 10 November 1916, the son of Francis Bayntun Starky and Georgine Dunsford Starky. He was named after an uncle who died at the Somme in 1916. After training, he was posted to 149 Squadron as second pilot carrying out bombing raids in the Ruhr, then moving to the Middle East in September 1941, with Wellington bombers. Starky took part in bombing raids with 148 Squadron, including over Greece, and took flak at Benghazi. He survived a crash-landing on 25 November 1941 after local Arabs tampered with the fuel supply. He walked 12 miles while blood-splattered to get help and helped locate the aircraft and injured companions and was mentioned in despatches. He gained a commission as pilot officer and was involved in test flights in early 1943. He returned to operational duties in April 1943 in Lancasters with 115 Squadron, taking part in more raids over Germany. His DFC, 10 September 1943, was awarded after a 5-6 September mid-air crash with another Lancaster at 1400 feet which struck off six feet of Starky's starboard wing in a raid over Germany. Starky was still able to drop a 4000-pound bomb on target. The aircraft landed safely. The recommendation reads: "This officer is now on a second tour of operations. In 1941-42 he carried out a most successful tour on Wellingtons in the U.K. against targets in Germany and German occupied Europe - finishing in the Middle East with attacks against objectives in the Mediterranean. "Flight Lieutenant Starky has now completed 42 sorties and has attacked many highly defended targets, including Essen, Benghazi and Piraeus and has recently been actively engaged in the Battle of the Ruhr. "On one occasion recently, he collided with another aircraft over enemy territory and lost a large piece of his starboard wing, but succeeded by superb airmanship in bringing his badly-damaged aircraft back to base. "This officer has at all times shown resolution, courage and ability of the highest order in his attacks on enemy targets. His cheerful contempt for danger and his keenness for operational flying, have set a fine example to the other aircrew of this squadron." His DSO was awarded for successfully bringing a crippled aircraft back after severe damage by a Junkers 88 night fighter. After giving the order to abandon the aircraft, with no Wireless Operator or Navigator, Starky regained control and brought the aircraft back to England, landing successfully at 140 mph. The return can be attributed to Starky's superb airmanship and the cooperation of his crew. The recommendation for the DSO from Starky's Commanding Officer's reads: "At 20.11 hours on the night of 5/6th September 1943, Lancaster Y (DS. 682) took off for Mannheim. The Captain, Acting S/Ldr Starky, was on his forty-seventh trip; the remainder of the crew had about twenty-sorties each to their credit. At 01.50 hours the aircraft, with starboard elevator almost completely shot away; the navigator and wireless operator missing and two more of the crew

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wounded, force-landed successfully at Ford. What follows is the story of the events in between: "The trip was uneventful until some twenty miles short of the target. The weather was clear and the aircraft was flying at 19,500 feet. Suddenly, without any previous warning, a night fighter dived in a head-on attack. Our aircraft was badly hit, the cockpit was filled with smoke and a bright light gave the impression of a fire. It then went into a violent spiral—the central column rocking violently—and being unable to regain control the Captain gave the order to abandon by parachute. "The mid-upper gunner, Sergeant Tugwell, called out that the rear gunner was stuck in his turret and the Captain made a desperate effort to regain control. The stick became a little easier, due to the dinghy which had become jammed in the tail unit blowing free, and the Captain regained control. The night fighter—a Junkers 88—then attacked again from the rear. Both tail and mid-upper gunners held their fire, and shot it down in flames: Squadron Leader Starky then attempted to take stock. He found both the wireless operator and navigator had jumped by parachute, that his engineer was wounded in the shoulder and the second pilot wounded in the arm and head. The bomb aimer, Flying Officer Beer, had attempted to jump from the front exit, but had been unable to jettison the escape hatch. When he was finally half-way out of the aircraft, he heard the Captain say: 'Hold on!' as he had the aircraft under control. The rear-gunner was now manning the mid-upper turret, while the mid-upper gunner and bomb aimer attended to the wounded. "The Captain then attempted the most difficult task of bringing his badly damaged aircraft back to base without the assistance of a wireless operator or navigator. He set an approachable course for base and carried on this for over thirty minutes. By this time the bomb aimer had gone back to do the navigation but as the navigator's log had gone he had no plan to work on. However, Flying Officer Beer produced an air plot and gave the Captain an amended course for base. On their way across France they were repeatedly fired at by A.A. batteries, and as his intercom had gone, the Captain was compelled to take evasive action only from the judgment of the gun flashes. On one occasion the bomb aimer had to go through to tell the Captain that shells were bursting dangerously near the tail. "In this precarious state the damaged Lancaster made its way back through the enemy fighter belt. The mid-upper gunner manned the wireless set and succeeded in getting acknowledgment to a laborious S.O.S. The bomb aimer tried unsuccessfully to work GEE. "Eventually the Channel was reached and as they drew near the coast the Captain and bomb aimer flashed S.O.S. on their lights. As they crossed the shore an immediate green was received and Squadron Leader Starky effected a masterly landing of his now uncontrollable aircraft, bringing it in at the air speed of one hundred and forty miles per hour. "The Story of this flight is an epic, and the return of the aircraft to this



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|                | <p>country must be considered due firstly and primarily to the superb airmanship and captaincy of Squadron Leader Starky, and actually to the magnificent co-operation of the rest of the crew. Squadron Leader Starky has already been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross for his really magnificent work during two tours of operations and I consider that his latest achievement is worthy of the immediate award of the Distinguished Service Order.” Starky was posted to a training school after completing his second tour of duty, graduating as a Test Pilot, then repatriated to New Zealand in 1946 but was selected to represent New Zealand in the UK’s Victory Parade from 15 April 1946. He rejoined the RAF there, acting as a test pilot at Boscombe Down, but moved to Armstrong Siddeley as a test pilot on 31 October 1948. In 1951, he became a Chief Test Pilot. In a test of a Canberra Bomber at 40,000 feet to prove the relighting of engines from cold after being stopped, one engine could not relight. Both engines failed and a forced landing without power followed. The Canberra flipped on landing. He relinquished his Squadron Leader rank in August 1960 and then moved to work in a second career in civil aviation. He married Dorothy M Singleton in Cambridge, UK, in 1944. He retired to South Africa and died in Cape Town on 27 April 1997. Provenance: DNW 25 June 2008, Lot 1194</p> |
| Notes on medal |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sources:       | <p>Vendor records and Correspondence, Logbooks</p> <p>‘Sandy’ Powell (Wing Commander H P Powell), “Men With Wings”, Allan Wingate, London, 1957 with chapter on Starky DSO.</p> <p>London Gazette 28 September 1943 DFC</p> <p>London Gazette 10 September 1943 Mention in despatches</p> <p>London Gazette 11 June 1942 A photo can be found at Online Cenotaph, Auckland Museum</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Medal              | Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1902, Clasps Cape Colony, South Africa 1902, Transvaal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Recipient          | 5006 HOSP: CPL: W. H. TOO HILL. N.Z.M.R. 8TH CONT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Biographical notes | William Henry Toohill was born 1879,. Training as Chemist, he lived at 31 Ingestre Street Wellington. At the age of twenty-three he was balloted into the 8 <sup>th</sup> Contingent, Northland Battalion, training at Trentham army camp. He departed Wellington aboard the HMS Surrey 1/2/1902. Arriving in Durban 15/3/1902, Toohill would have been at the centre of the Machavie Railway disaster that claimed sixteen members of the 8 <sup>th</sup> contingent, when a troop train collided with a goods train near Potchefstroom on 12/04/1902. Promoted to Corporal sometime during the conflict, Toohill would return to NZ July 1902,.He died 27/7/1936 and is buried in Aramoho Cemetery. |
| Notes on medal     | Hospital Dispenser is a rare title for a Queens South Africa Medal to bear. Only two were listed in the entire 8 <sup>th</sup> contingent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Sources:           | R. Stowers. Rough Riders at war: History of New Zealand's involvement in the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902.<br>NZ National Archives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Medal              | 1914-15 Star (2), BWM (2), VM (2), MSM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Recipient          | 12-200 Cpl J. A. GRAHAM. 1/AUCK:R<br>11/499 TPR. J. T. GRAHAM. N.Z.E.F.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Biographical notes | <p>Two Waitara Brothers</p> <p>James Alexander Graham was born in Waitara 2/14/1891, working as Carter before the war he would enlist into the Auckland Infantry Battalion 13/8/14 transported to Suez, he would embark aboard the HMAT Katuna from Alexandria 15/5/1915, landing at ANZAC Cove 5/5/1915. Three days later, the AIB was tasked with advancing over open ground dubbed the "Daisy Patch" under heavy Turkish Machine Gun fire during the Second Battle of Krithia at Cape Helles. Severely wounded during the engagement Graham was evacuated off the Dardanelles to Port Said, recovering in Helouan Hospital until 9/8/1915. Deemed fit for service, he once again embarked from Alexandria bound for Gallipoli, disembarking 28/8/1915. He spent the next four months participating in the in the defence of Gallipoli. He was evacuated to Alexandria 29/12/1915.</p> <p>Graham would depart Alexandria for France 6/4/1916, spending the next ten months in the field. His unit participated in the battle of the Somme, Fler's, and Grid Trench. He clearly distinguished himself during this period and was promoted to Corporal 1/4/1917, spending most of 1917 alternating between field service and officers' school in the UK.</p> <p>Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal 14/6/18, for valuable services rendered in the fields of France, he was promoted to Sergeant 28/7/18, Graham would spend the last month on active service before embarking for NZ 6/11/1918.</p> <p>Discharged on 21/1/1919, James Alexander Graham died 12/10/1965.</p> <p>John Telfar Graham, brother of James Alexander Graham, was born 16/2/1894 in Taranaki. Working as a farmer, he enlisted into the Wellington Mounted Rifles 18/8/1914, five days after his elder brother. He disembarked in Alexandria 30/12/1914. At an unknown time, likely May 1915, he was transported with WMR to Gallipoli.</p> <p>Graham participated in in the attack on Chunuk Bair, unluckily shot in the back during the defence of the mount 12/8/1915, and dying of his wounds in Alexandria, 20/8/1915.</p> |
| Notes on medal     | Only 56 MSM's were awarded to members of the New Zealand armed forces during the First World War. The condition is attractive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Sources:           | NZDF Army records                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Medal              | 1914-15 Star (2), BWM (3), VM (2), Memorial Plaque.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Recipient          | 23/1371 RFLM. W. A. DAVEY. N.Z.E.F<br>23/1370 CPL. L. DAVEY. N.Z.E.F<br>73036 PTE. V. C. DAVEY NZEF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Biographical notes | <p>Three Dannevirke Brothers.</p> <p>Walter Ainsley Davey &amp; Lester Davey were born 1/6/1891 &amp; 22/8/1894 respectively, to Susan Davey. Growing up in the family home at 30 Millers Road Dannevirke, both men would work as bricklayers. These two older brothers would excitedly enlist for service in WWI on the same day (23/8/1915), Lester had previous experience in the army territorials. Both men were posted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> NZRB 1<sup>st</sup> BtN E &amp; D Company, respectively.</p> <p>Rifleman Walter Ainsley Davey. saw active service in Egypt, France &amp; Belgium. Committing several disciplinary offences in 1916, he forfeited multiple weeks' pay. Likely participating in the Senussi Campaign, he was transferred to France for service on the Western Front, a part of the broader Somme Campaign. He was admitted to hospital 29/8/18 with an ankle injury.</p> <p>He was discharged 25/5/19 after 3 years, 277 days service.</p> <p>He reenlisted for service in the home defence D.E.S.C between 2/6/1942-1/1/1944.</p> <p>Walter Ainsley Davey died 19/4/1966</p> <p>Corporal Lester Davey was born 22/8/1894. Disembarked in Suez 20/12/1915, transferred to Moascar staging camp in Egypt. Transported to France from Alexandria 6/4/1916, wounded in Thigh during field service 15/9/1916. He would be sent to England for recovery, while there he underwent officer training in Brocton and Cannock camps. Promoted to Corporal in Brocton 3/11/1916. He would remain in England until training and recovery was complete. Wounded in camp by a premature grenade detonation. Transferred to France 14/9/1918, still posted to D company. Lester Davey was killed in action 5/10/1918.</p> <p>Victor Claude Davey, the youngest brother in the Davey family was born 10/9/1896, enlisting 14/5/17, into the Wellington Infantry Regiment C company 36<sup>th</sup> reinforcements. He would land in Southampton and quickly deemed medically unfit for service due to heart disease, he would be discharged 25/2/1919. Victor Claude Davey died 19/5/1947</p> |



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| Notes on medal |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Sources:       | <p>Dannevirke Evening District News.</p> <p>Army records, NZ Archives.</p> <p><a href="https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/?q=Davey&amp;isFuzzy=true&amp;c=%22field%22%3A%22associatedDate_year%22%2C%22gte%22%3A%221914%22%2C%22lte%22%3A%221920%22&amp;source=aims-archive&amp;size=100">https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/?q=Davey&amp;isFuzzy=true&amp;c=%22field%22%3A%22associatedDate_year%22%2C%22gte%22%3A%221914%22%2C%22lte%22%3A%221920%22&amp;source=aims-archive&amp;size=100</a></p> |

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| Lot number         | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Medal              | NZ WWI Pair, BWM & VM and wristwatch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Recipient          | 57647 CPL.A. DUCKWORTH. N.Z.E.F.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Biographical notes | <p>Arbor Duckworth was born in Dunedin on 4 Aug 1892, the son of Henry Duckworth and Grace Bavis Brown. At his enlistment on 26 June 1917, he was a clerk with the Union Steamship Company in Dunedin. He had been serving with the B Battery in Dunedin prior to the war, and he had been rejected previously as medically unfit.</p> <p>He served in Europe reaching the rank of Temp Staff Sergeant. 4 November 1918, Duckworth operating with his unit the 2nd Brigade NZ Field Artillery, was present at the battle of Le Quesnoy. The NZFA provided tactical fire on the defensive positions around the town, however, the unit did not bombard the town directly, choosing restraint on account of the civilian population trapped within the town walls.</p> <p>After the war he rejoined the Territorials. During WW2 he was in the Melrose Home Guard as a Temp Lieut and a Platoon Commander until his retirement on 1 Jan 1944.</p> <p>He married Lilian Florene Tulett and died in New Plymouth on 19 Jan 1975.</p> |
| Sources:           | Ancestry.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Medal              | 1914-15 Star, BWM, VM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Recipient          | SJT. H. G. WHITTINGTON. N.Z.E.F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Biographical notes | <p>Hugh George Whittington was born 1885 in Hawera. Following in his father's footsteps he trained as a bricklayer/builder in his hometown, he gained a reputation as hardworking man, participating in many community construction projects and as an active member of the Taranaki/Hawera Rugby club/unions.</p> <p>Enlisting 23/8/1915 into the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements, training in the Trentham., he disembarked from the SS Willochra in Suez 20/12/1915.</p> <p>Undertaking 2 months additional training/service in Helouan Base, south of Cairo, and likely participating in the Senussi Campaign, attached to C Company 2 N.Z.R.B, Whittington was transported from Alexandria to France 6/4/1916. He actively served in the field for 6 months, seeing action in the Battle of the Somme and other adjacent actions. Wounded 16/10/1916, he remained on strength.</p> <p>Whittington was detached from field service 16/11/16, traveling with the NZ Club Football team dubbed "The Trench Blacks" to participate in the "Somme Cup". The NZ team would face off against a French national team comprised of Soldiers picked out of the line at random; The game took place at Vincennes stadium in front of 60,000 spectators, NZ winning 40-0. Returning to service 16/4/1917, he was promoted to Lance Corporal 1/6/17 and later made Temporary Corporal.</p> <p>Staying in active service, he was promoted to Corporal to qualify as a Lance Sergeant.</p> <p>On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1917, the 2 N.Z.R.B attacked the fortified position of Bellevue around the heights of Passchendaele. Enormous losses ensued and the attack was abandoned by 3pm. 2,700 NZ soldiers were injured or killed. Badly wounded in the engagement, Whittington was admitted to Hospital in Rouen, transferred to the UK, spending time in Brocton, London and York.</p> <p>Whittington was promoted to Staff Sergeant 13/12/1918 and would go on to play as a Forward in New Zealand's A team during the 1919 Kings Cup, the unofficial first Rugby world cup held in July 1919. NZ winning 4 matches during the round robin and defeating England in the Final 9-3 at Twickenham. Thirty-eight matches were played in total, NZ winning 33.</p> |

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| Biographical notes<br>ctd | <p>While still enlisted Whittington would play for NZ during the 1919 South Africa tour between July and September, NZ winning 11 of the 15 games played.</p> <p>Hugh George Whittington was discharged 13/11/1919 and remained a very active member of the Taranaki Rugby scene, acting as a referee and coach for many years. He died in New Plymouth 24/5/1959.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Sources:                  | <p><a href="https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE20849230">https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE20849230</a> NZ archives</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/TAIDT19161104.2.18?end_date=01-01-1935&amp;items_per_page=25&amp;query=Whittington&amp;snippet=true&amp;start_date=01-12-1913&amp;title=TAIDT">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/TAIDT19161104.2.18?end_date=01-01-1935&amp;items_per_page=25&amp;query=Whittington&amp;snippet=true&amp;start_date=01-12-1913&amp;title=TAIDT</a> papers past</p> <p>Vendor records.</p> |

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**ONE MAN KILLED.**

**EIGHTEEN MEN WOUNDED.**

WELLINGTON, this day.

Casualty List No. 442, supplied by the Defence Department to-day, contains the names of one New Zealander killed in action and eighteen wounded. The list is as follows:—

**KILLED IN ACTION.**

WELLINGTON BATTALION.

Harry Miller, October 20.

**REPORTED WOUNDED.**

WELLINGTON BATTALION.

Sergeant Douglas Bostock Mackerssey, A. L. Hern, D. C. Webster, J. A. Pryor, Cpl N. Moorhead, R. Algie, W. C. Saywell, G. R. W. Scott.

RIFLE BRIGADE.

G. F. Sowter, Cpl G. H. Reid, Frank George Ingpen, October 11—E. E. Ingpen, stationmaster, Utiku, (father), J. Knighton, D. E. Regan, T. Cole.

**WOUNDED, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.**

OTAGO MOUNTED RIFLES.

E. Holtham.

FIELD ARTILLERY.

Sydney Augustine Blake.

**WOUNDED, REMAINING WITH UNIT.**

WELLINGTON BATTALION.

H. O. Clark, D. Shanahan.

RIFLE BRIGADE.

Hugh George Whittington.

**NEW ZEALANDER KILLED.**

**SECOND-LIEUT. ALAN MILLER.**

London, Nov 2.

Second-Lieut. Alan Miller, of the Yorkshire Regiment, a son of a former chief inspector in the New Zealand Post Office, has died of wounds.

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| Lot number         | 13                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Medal              | Territorial 12 years' Service Medal,                                                                                                                                                      |
| Recipient          | LT. H.V. FOSTER. R. OFO                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Biographical notes | Lieutenant H. V. Foster was a member of the NZ Infantry – Wellington Regiment, transferred to Reserve of Officers 17 <sup>th</sup> of August 1921, resigning his commission October 1927. |
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| Lot number         | 102                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Trophies/medals    | Seven silver trophies ASW 37.9oz, 6 gold medals AGW 0.547 oz                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Recipient          | L.J Heayns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Biographical notes | <p>L. J. Heayns was born 1887 and passed away 11/05/1964 at the age of sixty-six. Enlisting in the NZ army on 13/10/1917, he was quickly medically exempted and was discharged without active deployment in 1919. Returning to his pastoral roots, he became a dairy farmer, eventually becoming the manager of Hopelands dairy co-op in 1920. During his tenure, the Co. won several 1<sup>st</sup> place awards at A &amp; P shows all over the country, especially in their home base of the Manawatu.</p> <p>By 1930 Heayns had become the manager a larger Company, Pahiatua Dairy Co-op, also located in the Manawatu. Under his leadership the Co thrived, winning many first-place cheese making awards at A&amp;P shows all over NZ, at the time being the one of finest cheese producers in the country.</p>               |
| Notes on medal     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on trophies and medals:</li> </ul> <p>Murgatroyos salt co. award for best cheese 1924 – 1933, 0.925 fine, 973g, Sheffield/Thomas Bradbury &amp; sons</p> <p>Tamaki dairy co. award for best export cheese, 1927 – 1940, 0.925, 186g, London/Charles Boyton &amp; son</p> <p>Pahiatua DIARY co. award for most cheese points, 1939, 0.925, 82g, Birmingham/Adie Brothers Ltd</p> <p>Auckland winter, most points in cheese, 1929, A1 quality silver plated 462g, Sheffield/Walker and Hall</p> <p>Taranaki A&amp;P, award for best crate export cheese, 1929, A1 quality silver plated, 155g, likely Sheffield/Imperial silver (many co.)</p> <p>Waikato winter show, 1928, 0.925, 34, Sheffield/Thomas Bradbury &amp; sons</p> <p>Total 0.925: 1.275kg, ASW: 1.179kg / 37.9oz</p> |

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|          | <p>Best export cheese badge, 1926, (9ct)</p> <p>Winter show, most open cheese points 1940, (9ct)</p> <p>M&amp;W.C. NDS Export cheese 1928, (15ct)</p> <p>M&amp;W.C. NDS Export cheese 1939, (9ct)</p> <p>Dominion diary show, 1927, (9ct)</p> <p>D.D A&amp;P most points in cheese 1927, (9ct) AGW:<br/>17.03 / 0.537oz</p>                                     |
| Sources: | <p><a href="https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE24548952">https://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE24548952</a> national military records.</p> <p><a href="https://tamiro.massey.ac.nz/nodes/view/1299">https://tamiro.massey.ac.nz/nodes/view/1299</a> source of photographs.</p> |



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[Hopelands dairy co. circa 1913 \(east of Woodville\).](#)  
[HOP-9-3.1.](#)



Hopelands dairy co. Upgraded factory circa 1917  
NZI-HOP-9-9.1



Pahiatua dairy co. circa 1930, suppliers delivering milk, during time of Heayns tenure.  
NZI-MCC-9-15-1.162



Same site today, not pictured is the main regional Fonterra depot to left of camera.



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Pahiatua dairy co. circa 1930, butter being churned, during time of Heayns tenure. NZI-PA-9-5-2.2



Pahiatua dairy co. circa 1920, workers pose in front of complex, pre Heayns tenure. (still managing Hopelands at this stage).

NZI-PA-9-3.1

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| Lot number         | Lot 117                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Medal              | Caterpillar Club Pin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Recipient          | SGT – W/O Ralph Egerton Martin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Biographical notes | <p>Ralph Egerton Martin (NZ416415) was born 1/03/1923 to Wilfred &amp; Alice Martin.</p> <p>Enlisting into the RNZAF 75<sup>th</sup> Squadron, he trained as a Pilot in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. He was deployed on his first combat mission on 15/09/1943. The 75<sup>th</sup> operating out of RAF Mepal in England was tasked with attacking the well defended commune of Montlucon in France with Martin acting as Second Pilot of a Stirling Mk. III. At around midnight, the complement of seventeen aircraft dropped their payloads of 1,000lb high explosives, 30lb &amp; 4lb incendiaries over the target, observing good hits and fires. The squadron met with little resistance. Dispersed enemy flak imparted no losses.</p> <p>One day later 16/09/1943, nineteen aircraft were detailed to attack the critical mountain railway and road hub of Modane on the Italian &amp; French boarder. Martin again acting as Second Pilot of a Stirling Mk. III. Around midnight 18/19 aircraft successfully dropped their payloads over the village in a concentrated pattern, again observing good hits and fires. They encountered coordinated flak. One aircraft piloted by G.K. Williams received a hit to its inner port engine, but all planes landed safely.</p> <p>On 21/09/1943, two aircraft were detailed to lay 1,500lb sea mines in and around the coast of the Frisian Islands off Holland with Martin this time acting as Pilot of a Mk. III Stirling. He successfully dropped his payload of sea mines, observing deployed parachutes. No enemy resistance was encountered.</p> |

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|                | <p>On 22/09/1943 twenty aircraft from the 75<sup>th</sup> were tasked with attacking Hanover, which ended up as the Squadron's major action against the city. Martin was Second Pilot. The group dropped their payloads of 1000lb high explosives, 30lb &amp; 4lb incendiaries in a concentrated attack around 10pm. Numerous fires were sighted, appearing to merge into a large storm. Spotlights &amp; flak were seen over the Dutch coast, proving ineffectual. An unseen German fighter successfully hit a Stirling, damaging the petrol tanks &amp; tail but all planes landing safely except the damaged Stirling which was forced to crash land.</p> <p>Following the success of the first mission over Hanover, sixteen aircraft were tasked on 27/09/1943 to repeat it. Having seen the success of the fire storms, this time the aircraft were outfitted exclusively with 30lb &amp; 4lb incendiaries. 14 of 16 planes dropped their payload in another concentrated attack. With fire &amp; smoke rising to a height of 12,000ft, the storm was visible from the Dutch coast. Several German aircraft were sighted and engagements took place, with two JU88's shot down. Several friendly aircraft were damaged. Martin's Stirling and another crafted captained by Whitmore were shot down near Haverbeck-Hamelin. Martin achieved a successful crash landing, suffering one fatality, R. Bangs, the Mid-Upper Gunner.</p> <p>The crew was captured as POW's and held in Dulag Luft interrogation camp near Frankfurt &amp; transferred to the massive Stalag IVB POW camp north of Mühlberg. Martin was liberated by allied forces during 10 - 16 May 1945.</p> <p>Promoted to Warrant Officer, Martin returned to NZ after being discharged.</p> <p>Martin settled after the war to become a farmer in Whangarei, working diligently on his land for the next few decades, dying peacefully on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 at the age 93.</p> |
| Notes on medal | The Caterpillar club pin is an unofficial award given to aircrew who successfully bailed out of an aircraft using a parachute made by the Irvin Air company.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sources        | <p>Online Obituaries</p> <p>75<sup>th</sup> Squadron details: <a href="https://75nzsquadron.wordpress.com/martin-crew-10-9-43-empty">https://75nzsquadron.wordpress.com/martin-crew-10-9-43-empty</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |