

Selected Named Medals in Mowbray Sports Auction 1

Lot	1
Medal	NZ BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES ROWING GOLD MEDAL 1950, to William James Carroll, who was in the bow position for the mens coxed four, engraved "FOUR OAR SHELL (WITH COX) W.CARROLL (BOW) NEW ZEALAND",
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Comments	Tthe only gold that NZ received for rowing in 1950, one of just 10 at the Games & the first NZ gold for rowing at any Games, MP1950/8, 63mm, gilt silver, by Mayer & Kean, in presentation box, wear with light foxing, light tone to medal, e/ks otherwise EF.
Sources:	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Carroll_(rower) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1950_British_Empire_Games#Rowing .
Documents	
Short version for catalogue	

Lot	2
Medal	Commemorative Medallion for the British Empire Games, 1950
Recipient	W.P. Somerville
Biographical notes	<p>William Prentice Somerville was born in 1888. He worked as a dentist in Wellington. He married Beryl Irene Susanna Marmont in 1921 and he died in 1951.</p> <p>He was involved in organizing boxing matches throughout the 1930s to 1950s both as an official and as a referee. There was a trophy, the Somerville Cup that was presented to the winner of the light middle-weight division.</p> <p>New Zealand had 175 athletes and 24 officials at the 1950 British Empire Games. Of the eight boxers, James Barnden performed the best, winning bronze in the men's lightweight division.</p>
Sources:	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/sport/boxing-boxer-reunited-with-prized-cup/AYTW24KJE2HWZ54Y42PPQULVPY/

Lot	77
Medal Recipients	<p>Deo Regi Fratribus Honor Fidelitas Benevolentia Masonic Medal</p> <p>P.Z.BY COMPANIONS OF WAIKATO R.A. PRESENTED TO.V.E.COMP.CHAS.SPEIGHT CHAPTER NO.22. SEPT 1920</p>
Biographical notes	<p>Charles Richard Barton Speight was born on 13 July 1870 the son of Segt-Major L Speight of the 58th Regt.</p> <p>He was one of the first New Zealand rugby union players to play internationally when he became. a member of the first national team chosen under the auspices of the New Zealand Rugby Union when it was formed in 1892.</p> <p>He was always known by the nickname "Copper," was a forward even though he only weighed around 78kg. He came out of the Parnell club, and between 1892 and 1897 he played in 12 matches for Auckland.</p> <p>The team, captained by Tom Ellison, in 1893 toured Australia. Speight played in seven of the 11 matches, including one against New South Wales and the two games against Queensland, and scored a try in the 25-3 win against Northern Districts in Newcastle.</p> <p>After moving to Hamilton, Speight served as a member of the Hamilton Borough Council and the Waikato Trotting Club committee as well as being involved with the Masons.</p> <p>He married Kate Hill in 1899 and they had four children, including Colin Augustus Speight. He died in Hamilton on 23 December 1935 and was buried at Hamilton East Cemetery.</p> 
David's comments	All parts 9 ct gold for both medals
Sources:	<p>Wikipedia; Waikato Times 23 Dec 1935 (obituary)</p> <p>http://stats.allblacks.com/asp/Profile.asp?ABID=821</p> <p>https://www.ebay.com/itm/255307168497</p> <p>https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/324649404552</p>

SPORTSMAN'S DEATH

MR C. R. B. SPEIGHT.

EARLY WAIKATO ASSOCIATION.

A FORMER ALL BLACK.

The death occurred to-day at his residence in Claudelands of Mr Charles Richard Barton Speight, one of the best known of New Zealand's earlier sportsmen, at the age of 66 years. In his 38 years' residence in Hamilton Mr Speight became a popular figure and had taken part in a multitude of civic and sporting activities.

Born in Auckland in 1869, the second son of the late Sergeant-Major I. Speight of the 58th Regiment, the late Mr Speight was educated in the city and later entered the coach-building trade. While in Auckland Mr Speight took an exceptionally keen interest in all sporting activities particularly in regard to Rugby and yachting. For many years he was a front-row forward in the Auckland representative team and was one of the outstanding players in the 1893 All Black team that toured Australia. As a yachtman he was a member of the crew of the Minola, which achieved a remarkable run of successes on the Waitemata.

Shortly after his return from Australia Mr Speight removed to Hamilton where he married Miss K. Hill, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs T. M. Hill of Hamilton. He continued his sporting activities and was for many years a representative of Hamilton and Waikato Rugby teams, a prominent member of the Hamilton Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club and a keen member of swimming and cricket clubs.

Member of Council.

During his 38 years' residence in Hamilton the deceased took a prominent part in the activities of the town. His geniality was seen at its best in the activities he performed with the original Hamilton Comedy Club and for one term his ready wit enlivened the proceedings of the Hamilton Borough Council. A member of the Hamilton East School committee for 25 years, including a lengthy term as chairman, he was in no small measure responsible for the development of the school. He has also served as a member of the committee of the Waikato Trotting Club.

After retiring from his active Rugby career Mr Speight evinced a ready interest in the administrative side of the game and for many years acted as selector for the Hamilton and Waikato Unions. While in Hamilton he was a prominent freemason. He was a Past Master of Lodge Beta Waikato 12, a Past-Grand Swordbearer of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, a Past-grand organist of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and was a life member of the Lodge Beta Waikato and the Waikato Royal Arch Chapter.

Deceased was a foundation member and present patron of the Claudelands Bowling Club and, his services to the Hamilton Rugby Union, won him life membership privileges.

Popularity with Children.

Up till last season he was a regular attendant at Rugby fixtures at Hamilton and other important sporting events. Perhaps one of the best known residents of the district, Mr Speight was widely known for his genial disposition and his readiness to help in any case of distress. He was particularly popular with all children and was regarded almost as a patron saint by pupils at the Hamilton East School. His remarkable record in sport he carried to the administrative side and his assistance in the organisation of any branch of sport was as eagerly given as it was sought after.

The late Mr Speight is survived by his wife, two sons, Messrs C. A. Speight of Hamilton and M. C. Speight of Auckland, and two daughters, Miss D. Speight and Miss H. Speight, of Hamilton.

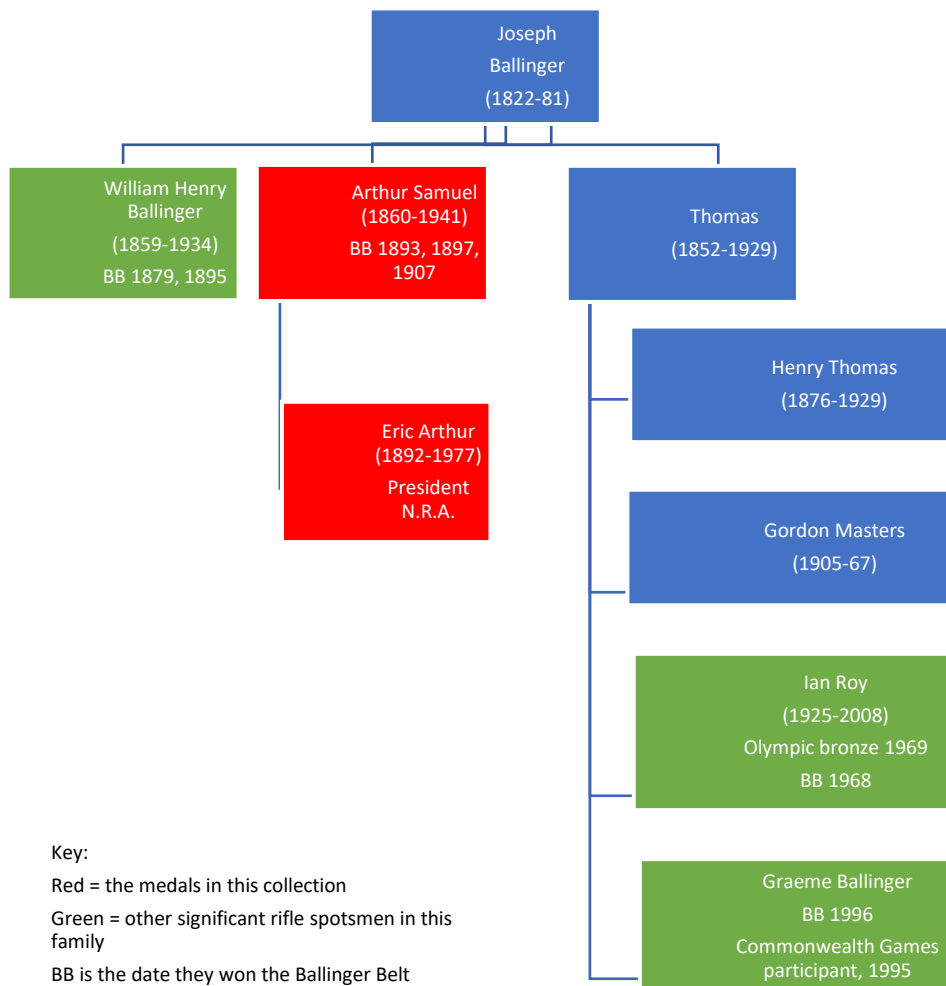
The funeral will leave the Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow for the Hamilton East cemetery.

Lot	78
Medal	Past Master Breast Jewel
Recipient	PRESENTED TO W.BRO.C.A.SPEIGHT.P.M.W.M AND BRETHREN OF LODGE BETA WAIKATO NO 12 AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION 26.6.33
Biographical notes	Colin Augustus Speight, his son, was born in 1900 in Hamilton. He trained as a lawyer and was very active in the community including the Masons. At the time of his death he was a Past Master and currently the Secretary of his Lodge. He died suddenly in 1936.
Sources:	Ancestry.com, Papers Past obit.
Documents	<div> <p>SOLICITOR'S COLLAPSE</p> <p>MR C. A. SPEIGHT'S DEATH.</p> <hr/> <p>CONNECTION WITH HIGH SCHOOL.</p> <hr/> <p>LOSS TO SPORTS BODIES.</p> <hr/> <p>Collapsing at his home in Claudelands while preparing for work, a well-known barrister and solicitor of Hamilton, Mr Colin Augustus Speight, aged 35 years, died suddenly this morning. A son of the late Mr G. R. P. Speight, he had been resident in Hamilton all his life and was prominently associated with many public and sporting bodies.</p> <p>Mr Speight was born in Hamilton and was educated at the Hamilton East School and the Hamilton High School which he attended from 1914 to 1919. Immediately after, he commenced studying for the Bar as a clerk in the legal office of Mr W. Tudhope. He completed his Bachelor of Laws degree but in 1923 suffered a serious breakdown in health and was an inmate of Pukeora Sanatorium for about 18 months.</p> <p>In 1926 the late Mr Speight entered into partnership with Mr F. W. Course in the legal firm of Messrs Speight and Course in Hamilton and had continued in practice until the time of his death. Four years ago he was appointed a notary public.</p> </div> <div> <p>Interest in Old Boys.</p> <p>Keenly interested in the Hamilton High School Old Boys' Association he acted as one of its early secretaries and fulfilling this office for many years he was prominent in establishing the association on a firm footing. For several years he was president of the association and in all served on the committee for about 16 years. He played Rugby, cricket and hockey for Old Boys' teams and was an executive officer of the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Swimming Club. His last action was to attend the ball organised by the Old Girls' Association in the School Assembly Hall last evening. He was also for a term a member of the High School Board of Governors, being the first Old Boy to be elected as a parents' representative on the Board.</p> <p>Several years ago he became associated with bowling and after filling the position of secretary of the Claudelands Club in 1934 he was elected to the presidency last year. He was actively associated with the territorial movement and was an officer in the original Second Battery. He took a prominent part in the formation of the Second Medium Battery of which he was an officer. For eight years the late Mr Speight acted as lecturer in commercial law at the evening classes of the Hamilton Technical High School with marked success. He was a supporter of the St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Claudelands.</p> </div> <div> <p>Prominent Mason.</p> <p>The late Mr Speight was a prominent member of the masonic fraternity and was very keenly interested in masonic work. He was a member and Past Master of Lodge Beta Waikato No. 12 and was secretary of that Lodge at the time of his death. He was also Past First Principal of the Waikato Royal Arch Chapter and was connected with other masonic bodies. He was looked upon as an authority in connection with the various Masonic Lodges in this district.</p> <p>Mr Speight, who was unmarried, is survived by his mother, two sisters, Misses H. and D. Speight, of Hamilton, and a brother, Mr Mervyn Speight, of Auckland.</p> <p>The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.</p> </div> <p>Waikato Times, 24 June 1936</p>

Lots	111 - 116
Recipient	Arthur Ballinger and Eric Arthur Ballinger
Comments	Given the importance of the Ballinger family to New Zealand shooting, these comments cover the entire family together.

The Ballinger Family Medals & Cups

The Ballinger family has been the preeminent family in rifle shooting in New Zealand. The top trophy, and oldest sports trophy in New Zealand was presented by Arthur Samuel Ballinger, and four other members of the family were outstanding in the sport – but their relationship to each other was complicated. The family tree below shows the four members who excelled at rifle shooting (in red and green) and these medals belong to the two in red.



Lot	111
Recipient	Arthur Samuel Ballinger
Medal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1888 W.C, McKerrow & Stephens Trophy A. Class won by A. Ballinger • Presented to Private A. S. Ballinger Rifle Champion 1893 by the Wellington Guards • 2 Ballinger belt badges. (As only he won more than once)
Biographical notes	<p>Arthur Samuel Ballinger was born in Melbourne, Victoria in 1860, the son of Joseph Ballinger and his wife Elizabeth Ann Dyer. His father was a plumber and gasfitter who established a brass foundry in Melbourne before migrating to Invercargill in 1862.</p> <p>Amongst his sons Arthur Samuel and William Henry (1859 - 1934) were both notable in their successes at rifle shooting, often ending up competing for the final prize. William won the prize of the top shot in New Zealand once (1895) but when Arthur won it for the third time in 1907, he was entitled to the trophy belt permanently. Instead he donated it to the National Rifle Association and it became known as the Ballinger Belt.</p> <p>Arthur represented New Zealand at Bisley England in 1897 (without success) and both he and William went in 1902, where William came third and the New Zealand contingent second overall to Victoria.</p> <p>Arthur also became a plumber by trade, first in Willis St Wellington and then in Petone. He subsequently became a merchant.</p> <p>He died in Wellington in 1941 leaving a significant estate of 21,562 pounds. He left two sons and two daughters, including Eric Arthur Ballinger.</p>
Provenance	Ballinger Family

OBITUARY

MR. A. S. BALLINGER

Very well known throughout New Zealand as a rifle shot, and also in business and other circles, Mr. Arthur Samuel Ballinger died on Saturday at his residence in Bolton Street at the age of 80. Mr. Ballinger could justly claim to be one of the best rifle shots New Zealand has produced, and during his career as a marksman won many major contests, including three New Zealand championship belts. His career started in the school cadets in 1872, and his national successes came at Trentham in 1893, at Auckland in 1897, and again at Trentham in 1907. He tied also in 1895 with his brother, William H. Ballinger, who had previously won the title in 1879. William won the shoot-off. His third victory gave him the belt outright. He then presented it again for competition. Today, the belt, known as the Ballinger Belt, goes each year to the winner of the King's Prize at the National Rifle Association's meeting. It can, however, no longer be won outright.

Mr. Ballinger was a member of the New Zealand rifle team which shot at Bisley in 1897, finishing second to Victoria in the Kolapore Cup competition. He was also a member of the team which a few years later was successful in winning the cup for New Zealand.

The late Mr. Ballinger was a member of the Petone Rifle Club for over 30 years, and till a few seasons ago he was competing successfully in minor association meetings and club competitions. He was also a member for many years of the Wellington Bowling Club.

The funeral took place this morning from St. Peter's Church, Archdeacon Bullock conducting the service. In addition to relatives, there were present the president and many members of the Wellington Bowling Club, the chairman of the Wellington Bowling Centre, and representatives of the National Rifle Association.

Lots	112 - 116
Recipient	Eric Arthur Ballinger
Medal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won by No. 172 Pte Eric Arthur Ballinger No 1 Co. Nelson College Rifle Cadet Best Shot in Nelson District, 1908-09 • N.B.C. Champion Shot E. Ballinger 1909 • Grand Aggregate 1921 won by Rfm E. A. Ballinger Petone D.R.C. with clasp labelled D.R.A. • North Island Championship won by Rflm E. Ballinger Petone D.R.C. 1926 • 1931 N.R.A medal (unnamed but the date suggests it is his)
Biographical notes	<p>Eric Arthur Ballinger was born in Wellington in 1892, the son of Arthur Samuel Ballinger and his wife Fanny nee Smith.</p> <p>He married Iris Eggers in 1937, and is listed in the electoral roll as a merchant,</p> <p>He was elected President of the National Rifle Association for at least a decade from 1958. He died in Wellington in 1977.</p>
Provenance	Ballinger Family

Additional information below

1. Information on the Ballinger belt from the New Zealand National Rifle Association
2. Obituary for Arthur Samuel Ballinger
3. Obituary for William Arthur Ballinger (the brother he was in business with was Thomas)
4. Olympic Committee page on Ian Ballinger
5. A few details about the cups

The Ballinger Belt

The Ballinger Belt is the oldest sporting trophy competed for in New Zealand. The Belt was presented in 1873 by the Government as a replacement for the first Government Champion Belt won outright when won for the second time in a row in 1872 by Capt Wales of Otago by competing in the annual shooting competition to find the "NZ Champion Shot". It was won in 1893 by Arthur Ballinger of Wellington who won it twice more, meaning he was entitled to retain it on the third occasion in 1907.

Arthur donated the "Champion Belt" to the NRA and it was renamed the Ballinger Belt, being presented each year to the winner of the National Championships.

The Ballinger Belt is a world-famous trophy in shooting circles and these days is keenly contested by international shooters as well as New Zealand nationals.

The winner is also presented with a badge (which past winners are entitled to purchase).

Source: <https://www.nranz.com/nationals/ballinger-belt/>

BALLINGER BELT WINNERS

1996 - Graeme Ballinger, Levin Rifle Club
1969 - I.R. Ballinger, Sydenham Rifle Club|
1907 - A. Ballinger, Petone Rifle Club (Champion Belt won outright)
1897 - Private A. Ballinger, Wellington Guards
1895 - W.H. Ballinger, Petone Rifle Club
1893 - Private A. Ballinger, Wellington Guards
1879 - Corporal W. Ballinger, Wellington

There is also a reference here which includes a photo of William and Arthur Ballinger in 1895, which is the year William won the belt.

Ian McGibbon, 'Military and sport - Military and sport overview', Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, <http://www.TeAra.govt.nz/en/photograph/38711/the-ballinger-belt> (accessed 25 March 2022)



The Belt and Arthur Ballinger's telescope



Ian Ballinger winning the Olympic medal

(His medals are not included in this auction)

<https://www.olympic.org.nz/athletes/ian-ballinger/>

New Zealand has won just one Olympic shooting medal. It was entirely appropriate that a man with the surname Ballinger should have won it.

At the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, Ian Ballinger was the oldest member of the team, even though it was his first Olympics. He turned 43 during the Games, but that didn't stop him winning a smallbore bronze medal. He was the first shooter New Zealand had sent to an Olympics.

Ballinger is one of the most famous names in New Zealand shooting history.

The Ballinger Belt is New Zealand's premier rifle shooting prize. The Ballinger family's link with the belt has been remarkable. Corporal William Ballinger of the Petone Rifle Club won the championship belt in 1879, and again in a shoot-off with Private Arthur Ballinger of the Wellington Guards in 1895. Arthur Ballinger won the belt three times, in 1893, 1897 and 1907. His third title earned him the belt outright, but in 1938, he presented it to the National Rifle Association.

Ian Ballinger, two generations later, won the belt in 1969, representing the Sydenham club. The family tradition didn't stop there, for in 1996, his son Graeme Ballinger of the Levin club won the coveted belt.

In Mexico City, Ballinger began badly. His sighting shots were bulls, but he slipped to an eight with his first counting shot. Ballinger's personal best in this nerveless sport was the Olympic record of 597 and he knew he would need to reproduce that sort of form to be in the medal hunt.

Ballinger rattled off scores of 98, 100, 100, 99, 100, equalling his best of 597. Then he had an anxious wait as the other smallbore competitors finished.

A Czech, Jan Kurka, and a Hungarian, Laszlo Hammerl, both shot 598 and Kurka won the gold on the countback. Behind them, Ballinger took the bronze on a countback from Romanian Nicolae Rotaru, bringing yet more shooting glory to the famous Ballinger family.

Ballinger continued to compete at a high level until he was in his mid-50s. He earned selection for the 1972, 1976 and 1980 Olympics, though the American-led boycott in 1980 ruled him out of competing at Moscow. His next best finish, after his bronze medal effort, was his 20th placing at Montreal in 1976.

He also competed in two Commonwealth Games, finishing fourth in Christchurch in 1974 and seventh at Edmonton in 1978.

Ballinger was born in New Plymouth and worked in the automotive spare parts trade in Taranaki until 1950 when he moved to Nelson. A few years later he shifted to Christchurch.

After some years in the sports good industry, he and Maurie Brons started Brons and Ballinger, building a successful business selling firearms. Ballinger bought out Brons in 1961 and headed the company until retiring in 1981. Ian Ballinger Ltd, as it became, was later managed by his son-in-law. As well as his lifelong passion of shooting, Ballinger developed a strong interest in lawn bowls.

Ballinger won the Lonsdale Cup in 1968.

- The teams' cups were awarded where they participated as part of their club team
- The Hislop cup was for the Volunteer Force. It seems to have been contested several times a year. The top raw scorer did not necessarily win as there were handicaps applied.

Evening Post 11 June 1883

RIFLE SHOOTING

The third competition by the City Rifles for Mr. Monteith's and Lieutenant Hislop's cups came off at the Polhill Gully range on Saturday, Volunteer F. Moore heading the list for the first time; this young shot also carried off the 500 yards' range prize for the third consecutive time. Sergeant Burton and Volunteer Moore have a good lead for the aggregates. The ranges were 200, 300 and 500 yards, five shots at each distance. The following were the scores :—

* Range prize.

The second-class shots also competed for two cups. The following made over 40 :—

* Range prize.

The Guards fired the fifth competition for Lieutenant Hislop's cup on Saturday, the ranges being 200 and 300 yards, ten shots at each distance. The weather was very fine, and the shooting on the whole very fair. The following are the scores of the ten highest men with their respective handicaps :—

	Hdp.	200	300	Tl.
Lieutenant Tayton ...	5	37	34	76
Private A. Ballinger...	—	41	34	75
Private Gannaway ...	5	38	31	74
Private Hale ...	—	39	34	73
Private Oakly ...	10	36	27	73
Captain Loveday ...	5	34	32	71
Private W. Ballinger	—	40	31	71
Corporal Barltrop ...	7	31	32	70
Private Smith ..	15	24	31	70
Private Stewart ...	10	34	26	70

And the Vaux cup

Evening Post 5 Dec 1890

The Guards held the second, and, as it proved, the final, competition for the Vaux trophy this morning. The attendance was not up to the average, owing, no doubt, to the rain. Private Ballinger won the coveted prize right out, Private Bunting running him very close. Ranges 200 and 500, seven shots. The scores made counted for company's belt. The following are a few of the highest scorers:—

There follows a very long list of shooters cumulating in

		200	500	H'p.	Tl.
Vol. A. Ballinger	...	32	25	0	— 57
Vol. Bunting	...	32	21	0	— 53
Vol. Duncan	...	30	16	6	— 52
Col.-Sergt Hale	...	30	21	0	— 51
Vol. Rosenberg	...	14	23	14	— 51
Vol. Ferris	...	28	13	17	— 48
Sergt. Stephens	...	28	17	0	— 45
Vol. Godber	...	26	11	4	— 41
Vol. Adams	...	18	11	12	— 41

Lot	123
Medal	N.R.A. Rifle clubs medal with 1907 suspender, Bronze (part of lot)
Recipient	ALBERT R.C. HONIATT BISLEY 1906
Biographical notes	Albert Robert Charles Honiatt was born in London in 1891, the son of Albert Thomas Honiatt and his wife Alice Sarah nee Lavender. He trained as a chemist and around 1914 went to India. During WWI he was a private with the Royal Army Medical Corp and received both the BWM and Victory medals.(service no 79119). He married Elise Amy Dawson in 1921, and died at Brighton Sussex in 1974.
Sources:	A medal to him is in this auction https://www.noble.com.au › docs › cats › sale_107

Lot	135
Medal	ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY SWIMMING PROFICIENCY Medallion for Swimming Exercises with reference to saving life from drowning, 1899, Drapers Schools, Purley, 59.6 g, 52mm, 1.75 oz ASW, engraved to Edgar F. L. Kain
Recipient	EDGAR F.L. KAIN
Biographical notes	Edgar Francis L Kain was born in Middlesex in 1886, the son of Francis Jonathan Kain and Maud Annie nee Protheroe. He migrated to New Zealand prior to his marriage to Eunice Elizabeth Lagor in 1916. He did not serve in WWI but was on the Army Reserve Roll. He worked as a commercial traveller and then managed his own business. He died in Wellington on 3 Mar 1961.
Short version for catalogue	Edgar Francis L Kain (1886-1961) was born in Middlesex and came to NZ prior to 1916. He worked as a commercial traveller.

Lot	138
Medal	VICTORIA AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION MEDAL
Recipient	V.A.A.A. AWARD W. Uthwatt Schools Championship 7.10.99
Biographical notes	William Andrewes Uthwatt was born in Ballarat, Australia in 1882, the son of Thomas Andrewes Uthwatt and Annie nee Hazlett. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and was ordained in 1904. He rose to be Archdeacon of Huntingdon from 1943 - 47. He died in Dec 1952.