

Raymond Edgar (Ray) Squire

Military service items featured in images, once the property of Ray Squire including metal and woven uniform badges, postcards, letters and a portrait in uniform.

He enlisted in 1943 and served in the 23rd battalion, as a private in the Infantry Brigade of the 2NZEF. This included time in Italy in 1944, from which he saved stamps, money and coupons. AMCC presumably stands for Air Mobility Command Centre, although there are many military acronyms.

He was wounded in battle in June 1944 but did not return to New Zealand until at least 1946.

Raymond Edgar (Ray) Squire was born 1921 to Edgar Squire and Jessie née Pratt who had married the same year he was born. The Squire family was settled in Rapaura for many decades.

Ray married Joan née Vercoe in 1950. Joan's parents were Herbert James Nolan and Gertrude Mary Vercoe née Elsmore. Ray and Joan seemingly only had one child; a daughter Julie Anne Squire.

Ray passed away in 1997, specified as a retired grader driver and was interred in Fairhall Cemetery. Prior to the war he had worked as a farm hand. He had resided in the Marlborough district for life.

When something like this turns up on the market so long after someone dies, it usually means it passed to a relative who has also recently died. There is a connection to the Squire family to the names Wells and Young.