

JAMES WALTER FARMER WAS BORN ON MARCH 29 1938 TO PARENTS JAMES WALTER FARMER SNR AND VIOLET FARMER (NEE EVENSEN) AT GREYTOWN NZ HE WAS EDUCATED AT GREYTOWN DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ON TO GREYTOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ( 2 YEARS). HIS FATHER JAMES WAS AN ORCHADIST. THERE WERE 8 CHILDREN BORN PLUS ONE BORN ILLEGIMATE BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 9. THE NAMES ARE:-

- A. GRAHAM HECTOR KEITH FARMER (DIED CHRISTCHURCH)
- B. ROBIN BRIAN THOMAS FARMER (DIED MASTERTON)
- C. NOEL JAMES FARMER DIED AUSTRALIA (BURIED IN GREYTOWN (ASHES)
- D. MAUREEN FARMER (TO DATE LIVING IN AUSTRALIA
- E. JAMES WALTER FARMER 3RD, (LIVING IN KAITAIA NORTHLAND 0410
- F. WARREN GEORGE FARMER LIVING IN PAHIATUA WAIRARAPA
- G. DAVID OLLY FARMER LIVING IN MATATA HAWKES BAY
- H. LEON JOHN FARMER (BORN DEFORMED AND DIED IN NELSON 7/8 YEARS
- I. RUTH (BORN ILLEGIMATE). MOTHER VIOLET HAD AN AFFAIR WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG RESULTING IN THE BIRTH. SHE MARRIED CYRIL BURTON. NOTHING HEARD OF HER AGAIN.

JAMES WALTER FARMER WENT TO THE GOLDEN STATE FOREST TRAINING SCHOOL IN NELSON TO STUDY FORESTRY IN 1954 FOR A 2 YEAR PERIOD. HE LEFT TO WORK AT THE S KIRPATRICK AND CO CANNERIES (NELSON)FOR A SHORT PERIOD BEFORE TAKING EMPLOYMENT AT THE HUME ASBESTOS MINE AT THE COBB VALLEY IN TAKAKA FOR A SHORT PERIOD. JAMES WAS CALLED UP FOR MILITARY SERVICE (CMT) AND WAS POSTED TO 1 NELSON MARLBOROUGH WEST COAST REGIMENT AND THEN LATER TO 1 WELLINGTON REGIMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS 1956/1959. HE WAS A PRIVATE WITH THE INFANTRY. HE STAYED WITH HIS FOSTER MOTHER MA HELLUM IN NELSON FOR PERIODS OF TIME. SHE WAS A GREAT LADY AND LOOKED AFTER HIM REALLY WELL. HE RETURNED TO MASTERTON WHERE HIS PARENTS WERE LIVING AND TOOK UP EMPLOYMENT WITH THE ATLANTIC UNION OIL COMPANY AS AN OIL STOREMAN AND FOLLOWED BY PROMOTION TO ATLANTIC UNION TANKER DRIVER DELIVERING PETROL TO SERVICE STATIONS. HE QUIT THE TANKER DRIVER JOB AND RETURNED TO NELSON WITH HIS COUSIN IAN FARMER ON HIS MOTOR BIKE. THEY LEFT NELSON AFTER NOT FINDING EMPLOYMENT AND LEFT FOR CHRISTCHURCH. IAN FOUND WORK AT THE CROWN CRYSTAL GLASS AND JAMES JOINED UP WITH THE NZ ARMY. HE DID NOT WANT TO GO BACK TO THE INFANTRY AND WANTED TO LEARN A TRADE SO HE CHOSE SIGNALS AND TOOK UP RADIO/MORSE/TELETYPE OPERATOR. HE WENT TO THE POST OFFICE TRAINING SCHOOL WITH PETER EASMAN (A FELLOW SOLDIER IN SIGNALS) TO LEARN TO TOUCH TYPE. JAMES REACHED A SPEED OF 65 WORDS A MINUTE USING ALL FINGERS. HE ALSO DID A MORSE COURSE REACHING 25 WPM. HIS RANK WAS SGT AND HIS SERVICE NUMBER 785362 HIS POSTINGS WERE:-

1. SD SIGNALS TROOP ADDINGTON BARRACKS CHRISTCHURCH L/CPL
2. ARMY HQ WELLINGTON COMMUNICATION CENTRE (HUB FOR ALL THE ARMY UNITS AROUND NZ) CPL
3. POSTED TO 4 BDE INFANTRY SIGNAL SQUADRON PAKAPAKA CPL
4. POSTED TO 249 SIGNAL SQUADRON SINGAPORE DURING THE INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION FOR 80 DAYS AND RETURNED TO 1 BDE SIGNALS AT SYLVIA PARK CPL
5. POSTED BACK TO 1 COMM ZONE SIGNAL SQUADRON (REPLACING 4 BDE INFANTRY SIGNAL SQUADRON) AS A SGT
6. ATTACHED TO 161 BTY ARTILLERY SGT

7. POSTED TO SOUTH VIETNAM 1966/1967 WITH 161 BTY AT BIEN HOA AND THEN TO 149/110 SIGNAL SQUADRON (AUSTRALIA) AT VUNG TAU AND CHOLON AND NUI DAT AS A SGT.
8. POSTED TO 2 COMM ZONE SIGNAL SQUADRON AT LINTON MILITARY CAMP. SAT MY S/SGT EXAM AND PASSED AND PROMPTLY RESIGNED
9. ALONG WITH MY CMT I DID A TOTAL OF 12 YEARS... MY RANK WAS SGT ON DISCHARGE (I DID PASS MY S/SGT EXAMS) BUT ELECTED TO LEAVE.

I LEFT FOR AUSTRALIA AND WENT TO BROOME WA WHERE I WAS EMPLOYED AS A RADIO OFFICER. THE RIGS IN QUESTION WERE THE GLOMAR TASMAN AND THE GLOMAR CHALLENGER. THE COMPANY DRILLING FOR THE OIL WAS BURMAH OIL CO AND THE SHIP AND DRILLING WAS CARRIED OUT BY GLOBAL MARINE FROM HOUSTON TEXAS. I QUIT THE RIGS AND LEFT AND WORKED FOR AAP (ASSOCIATED PRESS) ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THEN LATER I LEFT FOR IRIAN JAYA (WEST PAPA) NEW GUINEA WITH BECHTEL POMEROY SANTA FE FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR. I DID TELECOM/SECURITY WORK UP IN THE JUNGLE FOR 1 YEAR (3 MONTHS AND 10 DAYS LEAVE IN DARWIN). AFTER 1 YEAR THERE MY CONTRACT WAS UP AND I RETURNED TO NZ. I RETURNED FOR MY MOTHERS FUNERAL. I THEN BOOKED A TICKET FOR THE NORTH SLOPE TO WORK ON THE OIL PIPE LINE ACROSS ALASKA. (1 HOUR OUT AND 2 HOURS IN THE PORTA CABIN). GREAT MONEY, HOWEVER ON BOOKING MY AIR FARE I LANDED IN SOUTH AFRICAN AND GOT QUITE A SHOCK TO SEE PEOPLE WALKING ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE ROADS AND COMPLETE SEGRATION. AFTER NZ IT WAS INDEED A VERY BIG SHOCK. AT MY HOTEL I MET 2 MEN WHOM STATED THEY WERE RHODESIANS. I HAD NO REAL IDEA AND THEY STATED THAT THEY HAD COME DOWN FOR A LOOK SEE AND COULD NOT WAIT TO GET BACK TO RHODESIA. SO I DECIDED TO GO AND HAVE A LOOK AS IT WAS THE WAY TO MY LONDON/NORTH SLOPE TRIP.

SO ON ARRIVAL I LEFT THE AIRPORT AT SALISBURY TO BE GREETED BY A BLACK DRIVER OF THE BUS. THIS MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS BACK IN NZ. I BOOKED IN TO MEIKLES HOTEL AND THOUGHT I WOULD HANG ABOUT A BIT. MY TICKET WAS OPEN SO NO WORRIES THERE. I LIKED IT SO MUCH I BOUGHT A HOUSE AT 36 AUDLEY STREET CRANBORNE PARK. I THOUGHT I WOULD STICK AROUND AND GET A JOB. TO CUT A LONG STORY SHORT I DECIDED I WOULD DO A SHORT ASSIGNMENT TO THE RHODESIA ARMY. SO I JOINED UP FOR 8 YEARS. BANG WENT MY ALASKAN JOB.

I SERVED WITH:-

THE RHODESIA ARMY. SERVICE NUMBER WAS 725941 AND MY RANK WO2 (SSM).

1. ARMY HQ COMCEN AT KG BARRACKS IN SALISBURY FOR 1 YEAR OR SO. AS A SGT
- 2 I WAS THEN POSTED TO C SQUADRON SAS AT CRANBORNE PARK.(WHERE STRANGELY MY HOUSE WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER)
3. I DID 2 YEARS WITH SAS (SIGNALS) AS A S/SGT
4. I WAS THEN POSTED TO 1RLI (THE RHODESIA LIGHT INFANTRY SIGNALS) 2 YEARS. AS A S/GT
5. I WAS THEN POSTED TO 3 BDE (MAIN) AT THEN UMTALI (MUTARE) FOR 18 MONTHS AS A TROOP WO2.

6. I WAS THEN POSTED TO 8 SIGNAL SQUADRON (MILITARY INTELLIGENCE) AS A SSM (WO2) FOR 18 MONTHS.

MY TOTAL SERVICE IN RHODESIA WAS 8 YEARS.....

I MARRIED IN RHODESIA IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES. I JOINED THE RHODESIA ARMY IN 1972. MY WIFE AND I HAD NO CHILDREN.

WHEN RHODESIA BECAME ZIMBABWE I QUIT THE ARMY. ONE RHODESIA DOLLAR WAS EQUIVALENT TO THE BRITISH POUND BECAME 1 HUNDRED TRILLION DOLLARS.

I HAD 40.00 DOLLARS IN THE BANK AND I TRIED TO DRAW IT OUT BUT THEY SAID I WOULD NEED A SMALL TRUCK BUT ANYWAY THE CURRENCY IS WORTHLESS

CRIME WENT THROUGH THE ROOF AND THE CURRENCY COLLAPSED AND THEY STARTED TO COME UP WITH BOND NOTES AND YOU NAME IT. THE POLITICIANS UNDER MUGABE WAS TOTALLY CORRUPT AND COMMUNISM HAD TAKEN OVER. COMRAD, POLITBURO ETC HAD TAKEN OVER. MUGABE GOT HIS COMMUNIST MATES IN FROM NORTH KOREA AND MURDERED 30,000 MATEBELES FROM THE SOUTHERN TRIBE. THE PRESS STATED IT WAS NOT 30,000 IT WAS ONLY 10,000. (SICK SICK PRESS).

MY WIFE WAS WORKING AT THE DEPT OF STATISTICS WHICH FOLDED AFTER 3 YEARS. I LEFT FOR THE OMAN ARMY.

THE SULTANATE OF OMAN ARMY.

MY SERVICE NUMBER WAS ZOR440 AND RANK WAS WO1

I LEFT FOR THE GULF AND SIGNED UP WITH AIRWORKS (BRITISH) ON AN OMAN ARMY CONTRACT FOR 3 YEARS.

I SIGNED UP AS A YEOMAN OF SIGNALS AS A WO1. I WAS POSTED TO SOUTHERN OMAN BRIGADE SIGNAL SQUADRON AT HE SALALAH AIR BASE IN SOUTHERN OMAN. WE WERE AT THE TAIL END OF THE DHOFAR WAR AND THINGS WERE STILL DICEY. WE HAD YEMEN ON OUR BORDER AND I WAS SENT DOWN THERE WITH A HANDFUL OF GUYS TO DO OUR THING. 3 YEARS SERVICE.

SULTANATE OF OMAN SPECIAL FORCES.

I SIGNED A BRITISH CONTRACT (SALADIN) FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

MY RANK WAS CAPTAIN AND MY SERVICE NUMBER WAS SSF1022.

MAINLY EX SAS ALONG WITH THE OMANI SOLDIERS. MY CONTRACT WAS ALSO 3 YEARS. I DID A TOUR WITH GSG9 IN WEST GERMANY ON ANTI HI-JACKING OF AIRCRAFT AT FRANKFURT, BONN, STUTTGUART.

MY RANK WAS CAPTAIN WITH THE SPECIAL FORCES.

I TRAVELLED THE WORLD AND DID VISIT 40 COUNTRIES.

ON RETURN TO NZ WE RAN 5 SMALL BUSINESSES (ELECTRONIC, HARDWARE AND PAINT, VIDEOS IN MATAMATA, TAIRUA, ROTORUA, WHITIANGA.

THERE IS ENOUGH OF MY EXPLOITS TO WRITE A BOOK AND I HAVE ONLY INCLUDED SOME IN THE CV. A LOT IS SAD AND SOME QUITE HUMOROUS. MOST THOUGH IS VERY SAD. 58,000 PLUS KILLED IN ACTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND ALL THE THOUSANDS WOUNDED. RHODESIA SAS 42 KILLED OTHERS WOUNDED,

THE RLI78 KILLED AND OTHERS WOUNDED, RAR (RHODESIA AFRICAN RIFLES) HUNDREDS KILLED. THE RHODESIA ARMY WAS MADE UP OF 80% BLACKS. WE HAD A NZ PRIME MINISTER (GARFIELD TODD) AND ONE STAGE, WHOM RAN WITH MUGABE IN THE END AND THEY BECAME MATES (REGARDLESS OF HIS COMMUNIST TRAIT).

LATER ON MUGABE TOOK OVER HIS FARM WITH NO CASH AND KICKED HIM OFF AND GAVE THE FARM TO HIS COMMIE MATES.

FINALLY THERE NEVER WAS OR EVER WILL BE ANY COMMENT FROM THE LEFT WING PRESS WHOM LIKE TO NOT GET INVOLVED AND TWIST THE TRUTH

FOR THEIR ENDS.

#### MEDALS AND AWARDS.

##### NZ ARMY

1. THE NZ OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL
2. THE VIETNAM MEDAL ER11
3. THE NZ GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL WAR LIKE
4. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL
5. THE NZ DEFENCE MEDAL
5. THE REGULAR FORCE CLASP
6. CMT CLASP

##### THE RHODESIA ARMY

1. THE RHODESIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL
2. THE ZIMBABWE PEACE MEDAL

##### THE SULTANATE OF OMAN ARMY

1. THE OMAN 10TH ANNIVERSARY MEDAL 1980
2. THE OMAN 15TH ANNIVERSARY MEDAL (THE GLORIOUS 15TH NATIONAL DAY MEDAL 1985)

3. THE OMAN PEACE MEDAL PLUS DHOFAR WAR COMBAT CLASP
4. THE ORDER OF THE ROYAL SPECIAL EMBLEM FOR EXPATRIATE OFFICERS
5. CITATION (CROWN) PLACED ON THE ORDER OF THE ROYAL SPECIAL EMBLEM

#### THE UNITED STATES

1. THE UNITED STATES ARMY MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION
2. THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

#### FAMILY KILLED IN ACTION

#### 1ST WORLD WAR

1. HERBERT ENGBRET EVENSEN (SISTER WAS VIOLET FARMER (NEE EVENSON. SHE WAS MARRIED TO JAMES WATER FARMER OF GREYTOWN. HERBERT WAS KILLED IN ACTION AT THE SOMME. HIS MEMORIAL IS AT THE CATERPILLER VALLEY CEMETERY LONGUEVAL SOMME FRANCE. GRAVE REFERENCE IX.D.37.AWMM. DETAILS. HE CHANGED HIS NAME TO HERBERT EDWARD EVENSON. HE CHANGED HIS DATE OF BIRTH FROM 21 MAY 1896 TO 21 MAY 1894.

RANK, PRIVATE, AUCKLAND INFANTRY REGIMENT 2 BATTALION. SERVICE NUMBER 8/3252. HE CHANGED HIS NAME FROM HANS ENGBRET EVENSON.

HIS PARENTS WERE FROM NORWAY. HE CHANGED HIS NAME TO HERBERT EDWARD EVENSON BECAUSE HIS REAL NAME SOUNDED GERMAN. HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION 15-9-916. AT THE TIME HE WAS WITH D CO. 8TH RIFLES. HIS NAMES USED WERE ARTHUR EDWARD EVENSON, ARTHUR EDWARD ANDERSON.

2 GUSTAV ADOLPH EVENSEN (AKA ANDERSON.) GUSTAV WAS ASSESSED FOR CMT AND WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF HIS MEDICAL CONDITION (HERNIA). SO HE APPLIED AGAIN ( 5 MONTHS LATER) UNDER ANDERSON AND PASSED THE EXAM IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION. HE STATED HE WAS BORN IN AUSTRALIA BUT HAD BEEN IN NZ FOR 10 YEARS.

HE CHANGED HIS NAME (GUSTAV ADOLPH) TO A MORE ENGLISH NAME BECAUSE OF CONFUSION HE WAS GERMAN. PLEASE NOTE HE CHANGED HIS NAME TO ARTHUR EDWARD ANDERSON AND ALSO HIS PARENTS NAME (CARL AND LENA ANDERSON) TO COVER UP HIS NONSENSE TO GET OVER TO THE SOMME TO GET WITH HIS BROTHER AND GET AMONGST THE ACTION. AGAIN HIS SISTER WAS VIOLET EVENSEN (MARRIED TO JAMES WALTER FARMER OF GREYTOWN. HE SPENT A COUPLE OF MONTHS AT THE SOMME, HOWEVER HIS HERNIA PLAYED UP AND HE WAS SENT TO THE UK FOR TREATMENT. HE WAS CASEVACED BACK TO NZ.

HE DIED SOME MONTHS LATER AND IS BURIED IN GISBORNE. NOTE HE IS NAMED AS ANDERSON ON THE MILITARY RECORDS (AKA EVENSEN).

ALSO NOTE THAT THE NAME EVENSEN WAS CHANGED TO EVENSON LATER ON BUT NO DETAILS OF WHEN. THE MAIN REASON IS THAT EVENSEN SOUNDED GERMAN AND EVENSON WAS MORE ENGLISH.

### 3. REUBEN ARTHUR FARMER

SERVICE NUMBER 23817. RANK PRIVATE. KILLED IN ACTION AT YPRES BELGIUM. HIS NAME IS ENGRAVED ON THE GREYTOWN WAR MEMORIAL. HIS NAME IS ENGRAVED ON THE WALL AT THE TYNE COT MEMORIAL CEMETARY ZONNEBEKE WEST-VIAANDEREN BELGIUM.MEMORIAL .

I JAMES WALTER FARMER (JNR) HAD THE FORTUNE TO TRAVEL TO BELGIUM AND FRANCE FOR THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF PASSECHENDAELE.

THIS WAS FOR THE PERIOD 2017. 11 OF US TRAVELLED TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM FOR A PERIOD OF 20 DAYS. I VISITED MY UNCLES GRAVES REUBEN ARTHUR FARMER AND HERBERT EVENSON/EVENSEN. THE WHOLE TRIP WAS PAID FOR AND CONDUCTED BY THE NZ GOVERNMENT FOR WAR VETERANS..

AS THE FAMILY HAVE SUFFERED 4 KILLED IN ACTION (PTE ROBERT SMALLMAN (EX ZIMBABWE/RHODESIA) AND ONE RETURNED AND DIED IT HAS BEEN A RATHER SAD TIME).

LT TIM O'DONNELL X107058 KILLED IN ACTION IN AFGHANSTAN IN THE BAMYAN PROVINCE. HE IS BURIED IN THE FIELDING CEMETARY AT BLOCK RSA ROW 199 PLOT 132. TIME SERVED WITH THE RNZ INFANTRY REGT, 2/1 BATTALION (2/1 RNZIR). HE WAS A REGULAR OFFICER. HIS MOTHER WAS MARY-ANNE O'DONNELL NEE FARMER. HER UNCLE BEING JAMES WALTER FARMER, A SPECIAL FORCE/SAS VETERAN OF 26 YEARS. JAMES HOLDS 17 MEDALS AND AWARDS INCLUDING SOUTH VIETNAM, RHODESIA, THE OMAN ARMY, SPECIAL FORCES ZEAQ, SPECIAL FORCES BASE AND GSG9 ANTI TERRORIST SQUADRON IN THEN W/GERMANY WHERE WE UNDER TOOK ANTI AIRCRAFT HI-JACKING.

HOPEFULLY THE WORLD WILL CALM DOWN.

THE END.....