

John Maxwell White

Ephemera from the service of John Maxwell White in WWII, including his pay book, leave pass, post office savings book and discharge papers. He was born 12 December 1921; possibly to Lionel Charles Henry White, a cabinetmaker, and Mary Ellen nee Leach according to records.

However seemingly his parents did not formally tie the knot until he was in his teens, so he was likely born out of wedlock to Mary Ellen and then later adopted by Lionel, taking his name. I have seen instances in the past research where birth details have later been updated to reflect arrangements.

Prior to enlistment he lived at 36 Kaihuia Steet, Wellington and worked as a storeman.

He joined the military in 1940, and then went to war with the 2NZEF in 1943, service number 139339, as an engineer, and was discharged in 1946.

He remained in Wellington until the late 1960s when he moved to Hamilton, Waikato.

He died in Te Koko-o-Kupe aka Cloudy Bay, Marlborough Sound in 2012, at 91 years old. He was interred with a Mary White who also died in 2012, presumably his wife.