



**TEMUKA,
CANTERBURY,
NEW ZEALAND.**

**SOUTH AFRICAN WAR
(ANGLO – BOER WAR)
1899 – 1902
MEMORIAL GATES**

ROLL OF HONOUR

	NAME	FORCE No.	RANK	UNIT	WHERE WOUNDED / KILLED / DIED	WHERE BURIED / COMMEMORATED	DATE	AGE
1	CLARKE, Daniel <i>(born 28/10/1883)</i> <i>(from Geraldine)</i>	1617	Trooper	5 th Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Killed in action at Wessels farm, near Klerksdorp, Western Transvaal. Initially buried at Coalmine Drift near Kerksdorp; exhumed & reburied after the war.	Klerksdorp Cemetery, North West Province, South Africa <i>(gravestone appears to be lost)</i> <i>(also on Canterbury SAW Memorial,</i> <i>Victoria Square, Christchurch & Timaru,</i> <i>Timaru Basilica & Oamaru SAW</i> <i>Memorials)</i>	14/01/1901	17
2	COUNIHAN, John <i>(born 1875) (Connihan J</i> <i>on CC ABW Memorial)</i> <i>(from Levels near</i> <i>Timaru)</i>	4400	Private <i>(Trooper</i> <i>on CC</i> <i>ABW</i> <i>memorial)</i>	7 th Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Killed in action at Langverwacht, near Vrede.; initially buried at Langverwacht; exhumed and reburied after the war.	Vrede Public Cemetery, Free State, South Africa. <i>(also on Canterbury SAW Memorial,</i> <i>Victoria Square, Christchurch & Timaru</i> <i>SAW Memorial)</i>	24/02/1902	25

3	MONAHAN , William Gibb (born 16/6/1882) (Monihan, Monaghan?) (from Geraldine, Canterbury)	4424	Private (Trooper on CC ABW memorial)	7 th Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Killed in action at Langverwacht, near Vrede.; initially buried at Langverwacht; exhumed and reburied after the war.	Vrede Public Cemetery, Free State, South Africa. (also on Canterbury SAW Memorial, Victoria Square, Christchurch & Timaru SAW Memorial)	24/02/1902	19
4.	RODDICK , William (David William Langmuir) (born 8/4/1879) (from Levels near Timaru) (D.W. on CC Memorial)	4439	Lance Corporal	7 th Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Served with the 24 th Company; killed in action at Langverwacht, near Vrede.; initially buried at Langverwacht; exhumed and reburied after the war.	Vrede Public Cemetery, Free State, South Africa. (also on Canterbury SAW Memorial, Victoria Square, Christchurch & Timaru SAW Memorial)	24/02/1902	22

TEMUKA SOUTH AFRICAN WAR MEMORIAL GATES

The Temuka South African (Boer) War memorial comprises the formal entry gates to the Temuka Domain and Public Gardens. The memorial comprises four gate posts and substantial wrought iron gates including two walking access gates and a carriage width gate, plus a 'ticket box'. The gates are a part of the whole front wall of the Domain, and the whole was fabricated from Timaru bluestone by the mason H.B. Hall. Four engraved white marble tablets record the names, dates and place of the death of four local men who fought in the South Africa War.

Reference:

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/temuka-south-african-war-memorial>

TEMUKA is a town on New Zealand's Canterbury Plains, 15km north of Timaru and 142km south of Christchurch. It is located at the centre of a rich sheep and dairy region.

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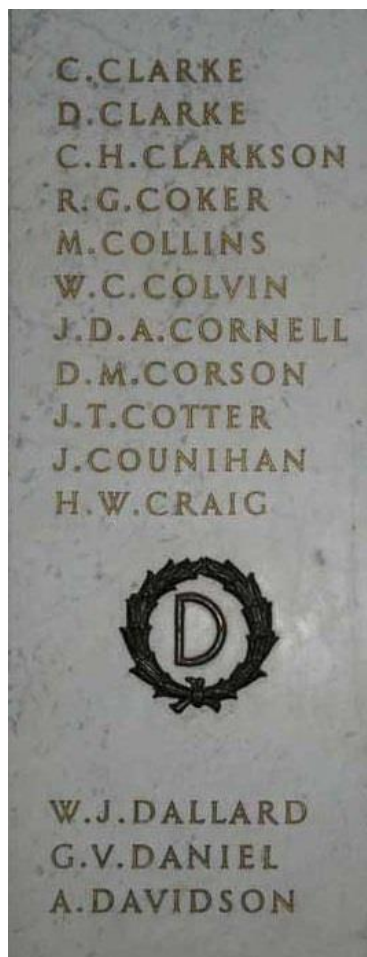


RODDICK, William

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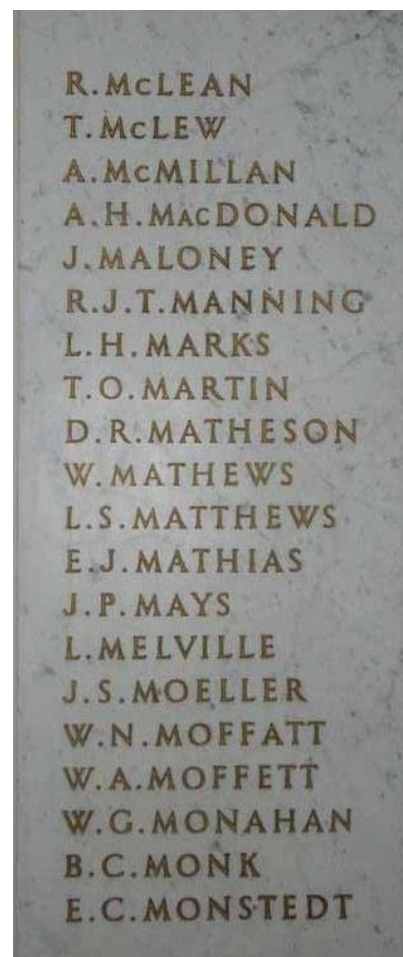


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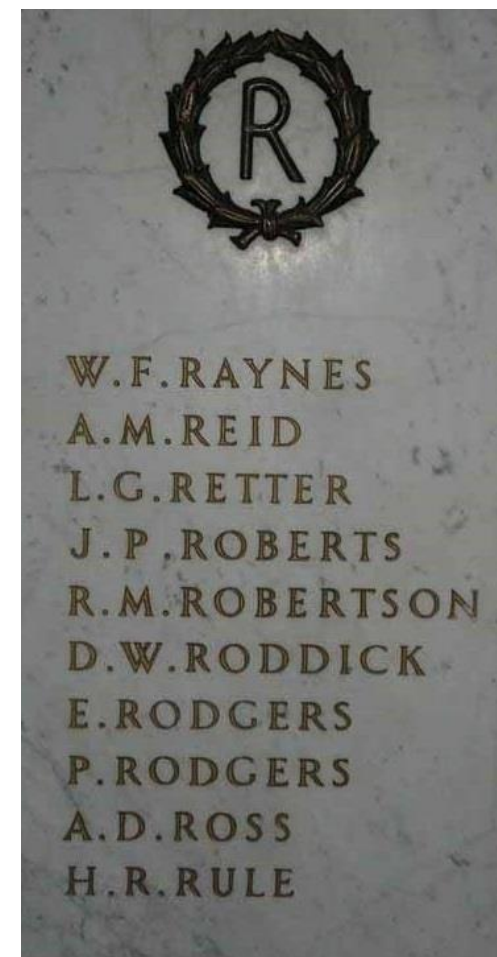
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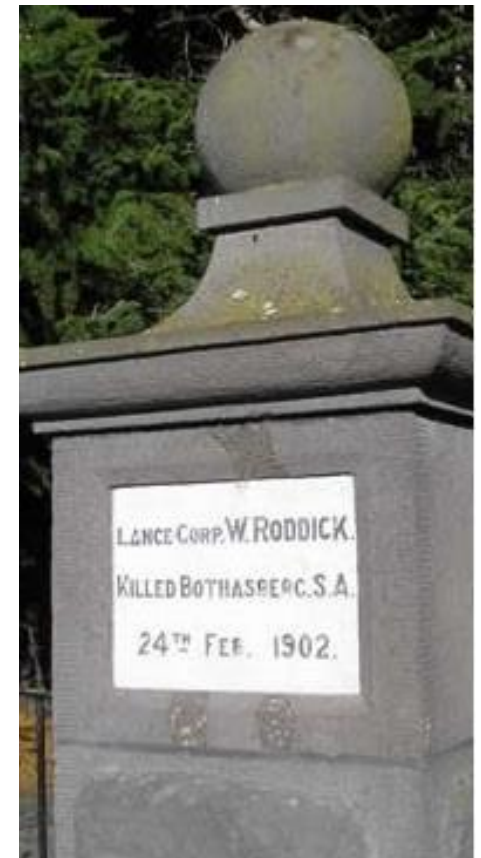
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NEW ZEALAND WAR MEMORIAL

Battle of Langverwacht
Roll of Honour
23 names



NEW ZEALAND WAR MEMORIAL

Langverwacht Hill, Free State



NEW ZEALAND WAR MEMORIAL

Battle of Langverwacht
Rededication stone
2009



NEW ZEALAND ANGLO - BOER WAR MEMORIAL

LANGVERWACHT HILL, FREE STATE

NZ MEMORIAL, LANGVERWACHT (BOTHASBERG), FREE STATE

This memorial was erected in 1905 to honour the 23 members of the 7th Contingent who fell at the Battle of Langverwacht Hill on 23 / 24 February 1902. The memorial is near the site of the battle, in the Orange Free State. The background of the battle was the British attempt to use cordons of troops to sweep the Boer commandos towards blockhouses. On this occasion Boer commander Christiaan de Wet attempted to break through the line at night using a mob of cattle as an advance screen. The assault centred on the area held by the Otago and Canterbury companies of the 7th Contingent, some 90 men. In addition to the 23 killed, 41 were wounded – a loss which was one of the most severe suffered by a New Zealand unit in a single short action in any war. The action was also called the Battle of Bothasberg.

The memorial was refurbished in 2009.

The Langverwacht NZ Memorial is on the farm that was owned by 1995 Rugby World Cup winner **Ruben Kruger**. Ruben Kruger died on 27 January 2010 after battling brain cancer for 10 years.

7th CONTINGENT, NEW ZEALAND FORCES (*Mounted Rifles*)

Total strength: 667 (including 73 details)

When the 4th Contingent had completed 10 months' service, the government decided to raise another contingent to replace it. The 7th began training at Newtown Park in Wellington in February 1901 and departed on 6 April 1901. Due to the inadequate size of the transport ship the contingent was unable to take its own horses. Commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Porter, the 7th departed from Wellington aboard the SS *Gulf of Taranto*.

"On the night of the 23rd (February 1902) a most determined and partially successful attempt to break out to the north was made by De Wet, Steyn, and some 700 of their followers. The attack was delivered under cover of darkness at Langverwacht, 18 miles south of Vrede. De Wet adopted the plan of advancing under cover of a large mob of cattle, which were rapidly driven up by natives to the point where the rush through was to be attempted. As a whole, however, the Boer force was very severely punished by the New Zealanders of Lieutenant Colonel Garratt's column. The whole of the Boer cattle and vehicles were captured, and 31 of the enemy, together with over 160 horses, were killed at the point where the attempt to penetrate our line was made. Our own casualties were also severe, 2 officers and 18 men being killed, and 5 officers and 33 men wounded."

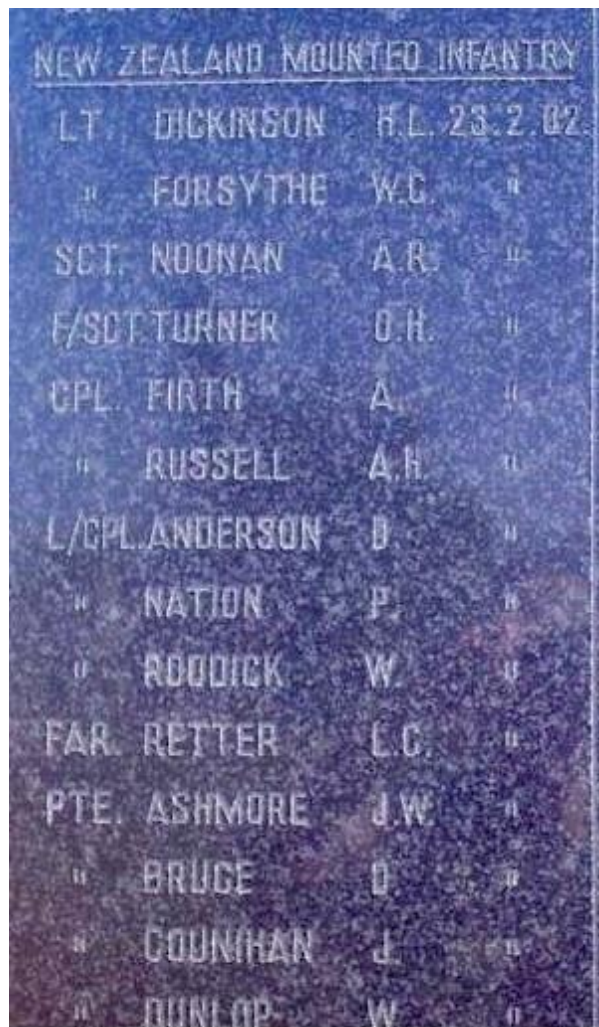
Lord Kitchener's despatch of 8th March 1902

ANGLO BOER WAR MEMORIAL, VREDE, FREE STATE.

After the Battle of Langverwacht, the dead were buried pretty much where they fell. It is recorded in "In Memoriam" by Watt that the bodies were exhumed and re-interred in Vrede Cemetery. In 1965 the South African War Graves Board erected memorial stones in the cemetery to all the British & Commonwealth soldiers who died in the nearby vicinity. This seems to indicate that the majority, if not all the graves, have been lost / destroyed by 1965.

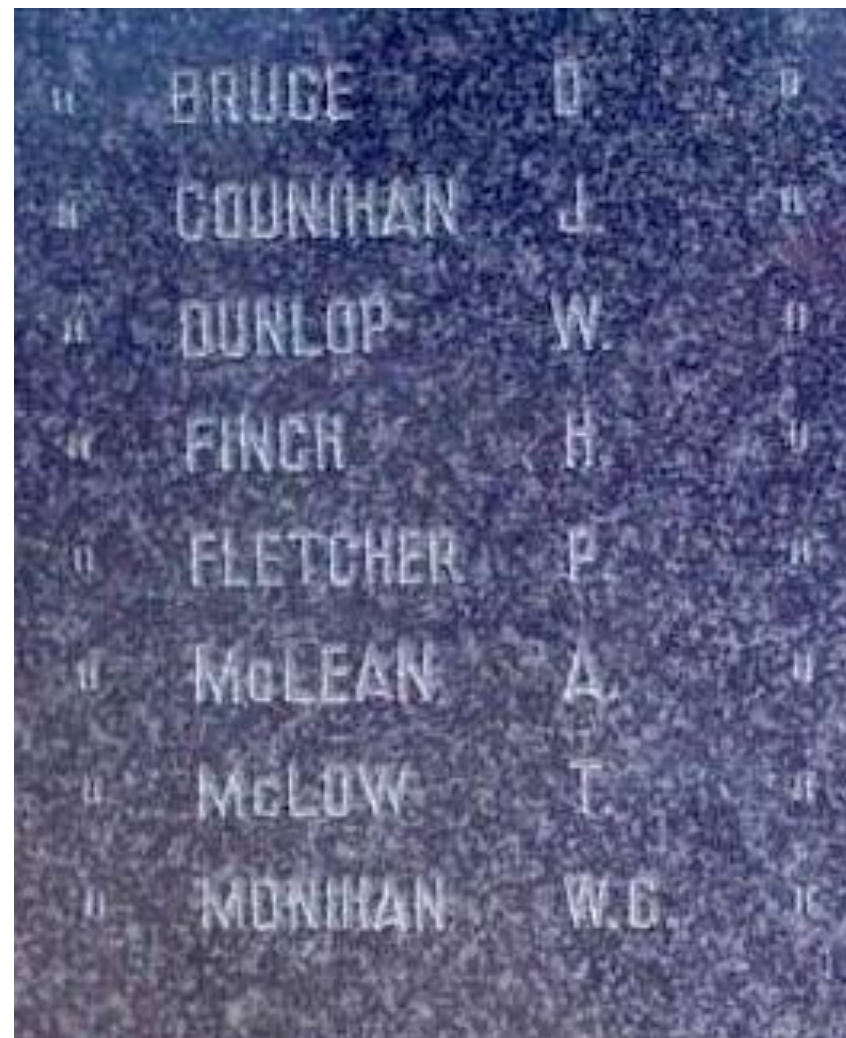


BRITISH ANGLO - BOER MEMORIAL,
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**QUEEN VICTORIA
MEMORIAL,
CHRISTCHURCH**

ANGLO - BOER
WAR MEMORIAL
(1 panel)



CANTERBURY ANGLO – BOER WAR MEMORIAL, CHRISTCHURCH
ROLL OF HONOUR (79 names)

(This panel is an appendage at the back of the Queen Victoria Memorial)

CLARKE, D.	MONAHAN, W.G.
COUNIHAN, J.	RODDICK, W.



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SOUTH AFRICAN
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Roll of Honour

CLARKE, Daniel



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CLARKE, Daniel



KLERKSDORP CEMETERY
(British ABW graves)
North West Province,
South Africa.

CLARKE, Daniel

(gravestone/ cross appears to been lost)



**TIMARU SOUTH AFRICAN WAR
MEMORIAL**



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CLARKE, Daniel
COUNIHAN, John
MONAHAN, William Gibb
RODDICK, William



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**Volunteers of the 7th
Contingent, NZMR for the
South African War**
(photographed in Timaru.)

Back row: ? ?

Second row:

Corporal G Fraser, C Klelland,
J H Nelson, W Willis,
A H Thomson, **J Counihan**,
Sergeant Major Jones, W
Wallace, **W Roddick**,
G T Cooke, Mr Bryan,
Corporal H G Tennent.

Sitting:

H Hewson, A Michell,
W Monahan, D Stumbles,
T Crawford, W Boone, T Fulton,
F Spring, G Dunford, C McKay,
J Mackenzie, Farrier W Wall.

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