

OUR SOLDIER BOYS in SOUTH AFRICA

12 March 1900 - Poverty Bay Herald

EAST COAST REPRESENTATIVES AT THE FRONT AND WITH DE- PARTING CONTINGENTS.

In a recent issue we stated that Gisborne had contributed handsomely to the needs of the Empire both with men and money, and mentioned that the aggregate amount subscribed was likely to exceed £2000, whilst forty-three men have been despatched to South Africa. The financial results of yesterday's assemblies were so satisfactory that we are confident the prediction as to the money will be realised, and as to the men, we find that there are even more than we mentioned at the front or on their way. Yesterday's quota from this district was at the last moment increased by three men, permission having been received from the Defence Department to despatch fifteen instead of twelve young men for the Fifth Contingent, thus

allowing three who had been most anxious to obtain places but had been shut out to proceed, namely, Anthony Webb (son of Canon Webb), H. Driscoll, and R. J. Stevens, the latter being from the Wai-mata. So that thirty men were despatched by the *Flora* last evening. Ten were sent with the Third Contingent from Christchurch, three went by the *Undaunted*, and in addition to the men sent directly from the district by the local Committee there have been several claiming this place as their birth-place who have joined the contingents elsewhere, and one or two who at their own expense have gone to South Africa from this district, in order to participate in the fighting. Mr Kirkman, for instance, threw up his mastership of the Native school at Waio-matani, and went to the Cape early in the war, and is now a member of Roberts's Light Horse, in which he has doubtless seen much fighting. Mr C. Nurse also left the coast and went to Canterbury at his own expense, taking his horse with him, and joined the Canterbury troop with the third contingent. Two young men named Hurrey, sons of a local settler, are believed to have gone to the front from Wanganui, though the name of only one appears in the list of the third contingent, and we are informed that another local resident named W. McKay left Wellington for the front with one of the contingents. The following is a list of 50 Poverty Bay representatives in the war:—

With First Contingent : W. Pitt (from Auckland).

Second Contingent : R. H. Trotter, and Oswald Allen.

Third Contingent : W. E. Langford, M. Pickett, J. A. B. Phellps, J. Poynter, G. C. Johnstone, R. Richardson, J. Gordon, A. Woods, Graham Johnstone, and A. W. Fowlds.

John Hurrey, from Wanganui ; and C. Nurse, from Tokomaru (joined at Christchurch).



GISBORNE'S 3RD ROUGH RIDERS

William E Langford # 806; James Poynter # 813;
James A B Philip # 812; James Gordon # 808;
Rudolphus Richardson # 814; Gordon Johnstone # 810;
Graham Johnstone # 809; A W Fowlds # 807; M Pickett # 811;
Audley Woods # 815.

On s.s. *Undaunted* with horses : H. H. Fairlie, E. A. Rees, and R. Johnstone.

Fourth Contingent : B. Arthur, F. Barton, G. Bougen, T. Burch, D. Bruce, F. Bruce, J. Davidson, R. Fraser, W. Gannon, J. Langham, T. Peakman, J. Rogers, J. Walker, J. J. Whitehead, and F. G. Sharp.



Gisborne's 4th Contingent



Gisborne's 4th Contingent:

From left, in front: Arthur W Gannon # 1518; John Davidson # 1377; George Bougen # 1381, John Walker # 1375 Lt Beckham Arthur # 1383 James Langham # 1386 Cpt Winter
 Back row: Fred Peakman # 1387; Francis Burch # 1379; Josiah Whitehead # 1374; Frederick Barton # 1384; David Bruce # 1385; Francis Fraser # 1376; John Rogers # 1504; Francis Sharp # 1378; Francis Bruce # 1382



Gisborne's 4th NZ Contingent

John Rogers # 1504, Fred Barton # 1384, David S Bruce # 1385, Francis O Bruce # 1382, John Walker # 1375, Beckham Arthur # 1383, George Bougen # 1381, Fred Peakman # 1387, Francis Sharp # 1378, James Langham # 1386, Josiah Whitehead # 1374, Robert Fraser # 1376, John Davidson # 1377, Arthur Gannon # 1518, Francis Burch # 1379, with Mr James Carroll

Fifth Contingent: P. Brady, H. Driscoll, W. J. Brown, G. B. Carter, J. S. Ferris, H. J. Ferris, J. D. Cameron, F. Parker, M. Ryan, G. A. Simpson, W. Taylor, J. P. Thompson, R. J. Stevens, H. Yardley, A. J. Webb.



Gisborne's 5th Contingent:

From left, in front: Jack S Ferris # 2472, George B Carter # 2461, Frank Parker # 2508, James P Thomson # 1389 (of the 4th Ctn), Herbert J Ferris # 1490 (of 4th Ctn), Major McCredie.
 Back row: George A C Simpson # 2517, Herbert Yardley # 2539, Patrick Brady # 2612, William J. Brown # 2452, Michael Ryan # 2515, George W Taylor # 2709, John D Cameron # 2670, (absent: R J Stevens # 2522 & Anthony Webb # 2712)

Left at own expense for South Africa to join troops there: — Kirkman, Waiomatatini (joined Roberts' Light Horse). W. McKay (reported to have left Wellington for the front); G. Hurrey (also believed to be on his way to South Africa).

Four other young men who had been excluded from the local contingent left by the Flora last evening, with the object of endeavoring to get to South Africa by hook or by crook.



Gisborne's members of the 7th Contingent

James Hanlon # 4176, Charles J Denny # 4156, Thomas Fairfax Carlyle # 4151, Norman Law # 4188, Percy W Teesdale # 4213, Edward G W Parker # 4200, William L Cato # 4150, Daniel D Buckley # 4143, Ernest A Guilford # 4167, Thomas R Porter # 4124

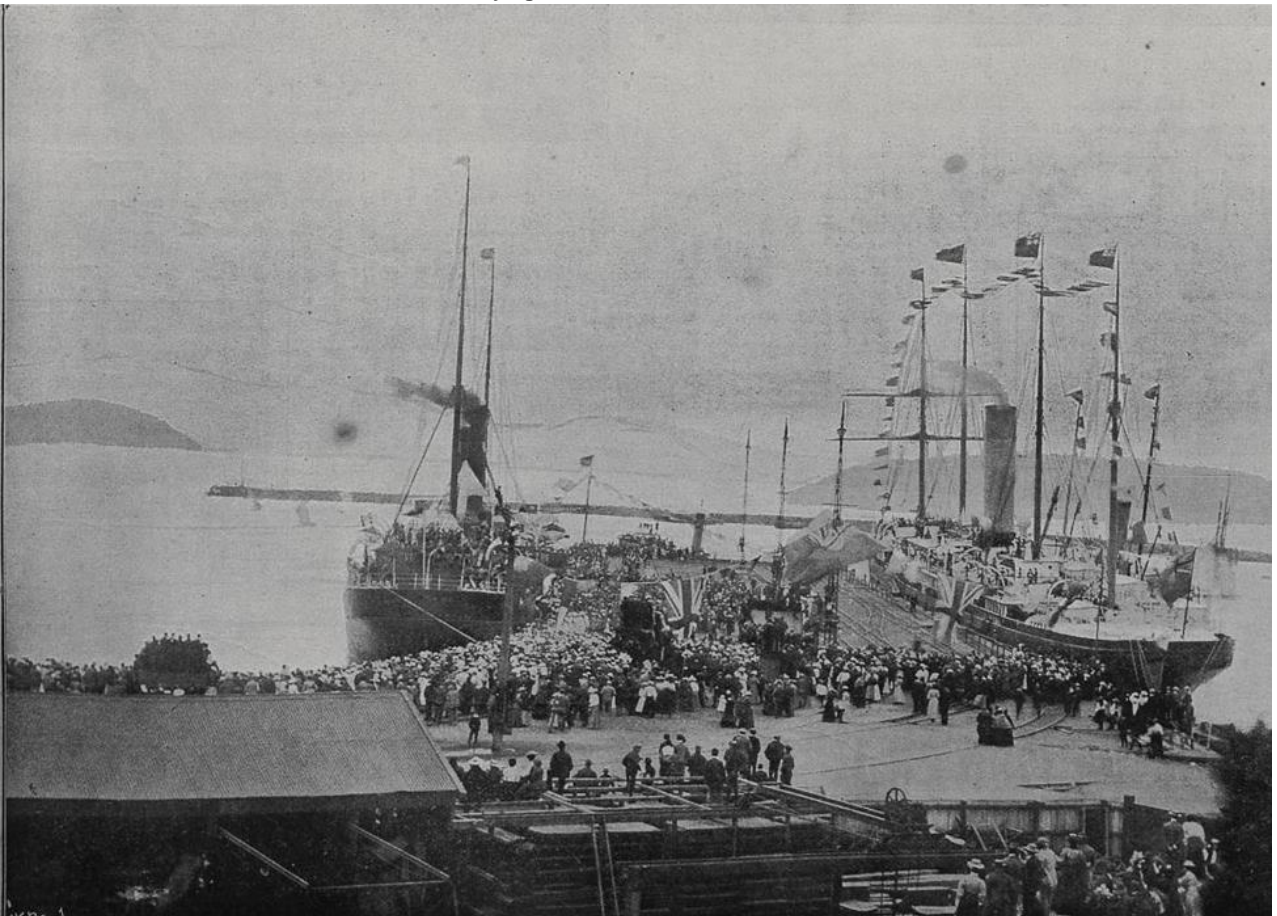


23 Mar 1900 - THE GISBORNE 4TH CONTINGENT:

A SEVERE RIDING TEST HAD TO BE PASSED BEFORE VOLUNTEERS WERE ACCEPTED FOR THE 2ND S.A. BOER WAR



C. 1892 - East Coast Mounted Rifles Easter Camp at the showgrounds Gisborne – The Best Kept Camp.
The only figure identified is "Jim McIntosh"



27 Feb 1900 - Scene at the departure of the 'Knight Templae' from Lyttleton with 3rd NZ Contingent

COOK MEMORIAL.

Poverty Bay Herald, Volume XXXII, Issue 10467,
20 September 1905, Page 3

The following list of volunteers from Gisborne who served in the South African war from 1899 to 1902 has been prepared at the request of the Mayor by Major McCredie, and it is proposed that the names shall be engraved on a tablet to be attached to the Cook memorial:—

Non-Commissioned Officers:—Sergeant. Majors G. C. Johnstone, T. R. Porter; Sergeants G. B. Bougen, A. T. W. Gannon, A. E. Haydon, J. Langham, D.S.M., J. N. Leslie, M. Pickett, J. Walker, C. G. Challis, T. Tasker; Farrier-Sergeant J. W. Parker; Saddle-Sergeant W. Taylor; Corporals J. D. Cameron, W. Cooper, W. Maxwell, R. G. Porter, R. H. Simeon; Lance-Corporals W. L. Oates, C. B. de Lautour, C. J. Denny, E. C. Hurrey, J. Hackett.

Troopers O. Allen, A. Aislabie, A. Ashdown, S. J. Ashdown, F. O. Bruce, D. S. Bruce, F. C. Burch, H. D. Beatson, H. J. Brown, P. Brady, S. G. Breingan, R. S. Breingan, H. Bushnell, D. Buckley, A. Black, W. Brown, F. C. Baker, W. Bougen, B. S. Bennett, A. Boyd, R. Barwick, O. Blowes, T. F. Carlyle, T. Cunningham, K. Campbell, R. E. Cook, A. J. Cooper, A. Campbell, J. Cunningham, F. W. Clark, F. J. Cairns, J. Davidson, H. J. Driscole, T. M. Daulton, A. Davitt, J. Dunn, M. Dwyer, A. W.

Foulds, K. H. Fraser, T. Fraser, J. S. Ferris, J. H. Ferris, E. File, H. H. Fairlie, J. Gordon, J. M. Grayson, E. A. Guilford, W. Graham, C. W. Giles, C. Glass, A. Green, E. Gregg, Irvine S. Hurrey (killed in action), J. A. Hurrey, G. Humphrey, H. F. Humphrey, J. Hanlon, F. Higgs, H. J. Harris, T. S. Hamilton, M. W. Harvey, T. Howell, G. Johnstone, R. W. Johnstone, J. H. Johnstone, R. Johnstone, E. J. Jones, A. A. Jones, R. H. Jones, E. Kenny, A. Kirk, Kirkman (died of enteric fever), A. Law, N. Law, W. J. Little, G. A. Larsen, F. H. Lawrence, J. A. Moore, W. Morris, H. Martin, J. McKinley, F. McCabe, W. McBurney, R. H. McGough, M. M. McGovern, R. McIvor, A. Nelson, R. Nicol, C. F. Nurse, L. O'Neil, J. Poynter, J. A. B. Phillip, F. C. Peakman, F. Parker, J. R. Parker, E. G. W. Parker, C. Parker, W. J. Parker, E. Partridge, R. O. Pascoe, R. Richardson, J. A. Rogers, M. Ryan, J. Ryan, C. Robson, B. Reed, R. Russell, F. C. Sharp, R. J. Stevens, E. L. Stephens, E. A. Skeet, J. W. Somervell, J. G. Swarbrick, J. Swarbrick, J. P. Thompson, P. W. Teesdale, J. R. Taylor, P. Taylor, E. A. Tardieu, W. Third, R. Thom, A. A. Wood, T. M. Wood, C. Williamson, J. J. Whitehead, A. J. Webb, H. Yardley.



As it was in 1906
Captain Cook Memorial at Kaiti Beach with silver plague of SA Boer War
Soldiers



As it is today
The Cook Memorial at its site on
route to Kaiti Beach. The war
veterans' plague was removed

In **September 1905** the list of volunteers from Gisborne who served in the S A Boer War from 1899 to 1902 was prepared at the request of the Mayor by Major McCredie and it was proposed that the names be engraved on a silver tablet to be attached to the Cook Memorial which was then sited at the Kaiti Beach frontage. There was national outcry of the "*Memorial Folly*" having the War Veterans' names on the Captain Cook Memorial. All forgetting that money raised for the monument also was given by those who supported the Plague to Honour the S A Boer War Soldiers & Volunteers



I have been told by "history experts" of today that this memorial has not been shifted, something that I find hard to believe as the beach is in easy reach of this memorial back in 1906. It was sited here so that it was always in site of the white cliffs of 'Young-Nick's Head'. Not so to-day. All you can see today when looking towards the sea is buildings and logs and there must have been an awful lot of land-fill done for those buildings to be on their present sites

Their names were then engraved on Marble Plaques that was affixed to Gisborne's Trafalgar Rotunda down by the banks of the Turanganui River, which now stands opposite the ANZAC War Memorial. However when I went to look at this site, they were not there.

TROOPERS' MEMORIAL.

24 May 1912, Page 2 - Poverty Bay Herald
RECORD OF SOUTH AFRICAN VOLUNTEERS

The work of removing the troopers' names from the Cook memorial, and the recording of the same on the Trafalgar rotunda, entrusted by the Borough Council to Messrs Frank Harris and Co., monumental masons, has just been commenced. The firm have prepared three large marble slabs, 7ft in length, and on these the names are about to be engraved. The slabs will be placed on three sides of the rotunda, provision having been made for the same in the brickwork.

As complaints have been made to the municipal authorities that some of the names are inaccurately recorded, the complete list is published below. As it is desired to obtain a complete and correct record, any necessary alterations should at once be notified to the

Borough authorities.

The lettering will be as follows:—

Volunteers from Poverty Bay who served in the South African war, 1899-1902:—

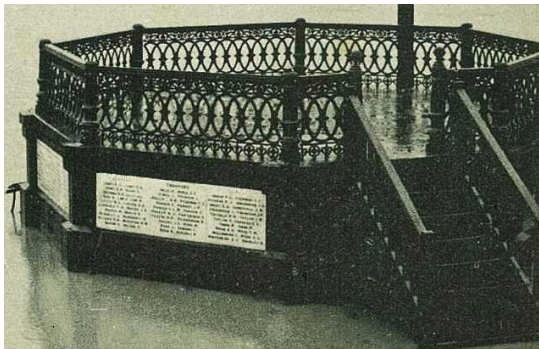
Officers: Colonel T. W. Porter, C.B. (commanded 7th and 9th Contingents), Captain B. Arthur, Vet.-Surgeon Captain C. R. Neale, Lieut.-Paymaster W. Pitt, Lieuts. W. E. Langford, R. H. Trotter, G. B. Carter, F. S. Barton, E. A. Rees, G. A. C. Simpson, R. H. Porter.

Hospital staff: Nurse Nellie Dean Redstone.

Non-commissioned officers: Sergt.-Majors G. C. Johnstone, T. R. Porter, Sergeants G. B. Bougen, A. T. W. Gannon, A. E. Haydon, J. Langham (D.S.M.), J. N. Leslie, M. Pickett, J. Walker, C. G. Challis, T. Tasker, Farrier-Sergeant J. W. Parker, Saddler-Sergt. W. Taylor, Corporals J. D. Cameron, W. Cooper, W. Maxwell, R. G. Porter, H. R. Simeon, C. B. de Lautour, R. Barwick, F. McCabe; Lance-Corporals W. L. Cato, C. J. Denny, E. C. Hurrey, J. Hackett.

Troopers O. Allen, A. Aislabie, A. Ashdown, S. J. Ashdown, F. O. Bruce, D. S. Bruce, F. C. Burch, H. D. Beatson, W. J. Brown, P. Brady, R. S. Breingan, S. C. Breingan, H. Bushnell, D. Buckley, A. Black, W. Brown, F. C. Baker, W. Bougen, B. S. Bennett, A. Boyd, O. Blows, T. F. Carlyle, T. Cunningham, K. Campbell, R. E. Cook, A. J. Cooper, A. Campbell, J. Cunningham, F. W. Clark, J. T. Cairns, J. Davidson, H. J. Driscoll, T. M. Daulton, A. Davitt, J. Dunn, M. Dwyer, A. W. Fowlds, R. H. Fraser, T. Fraser, J. S.

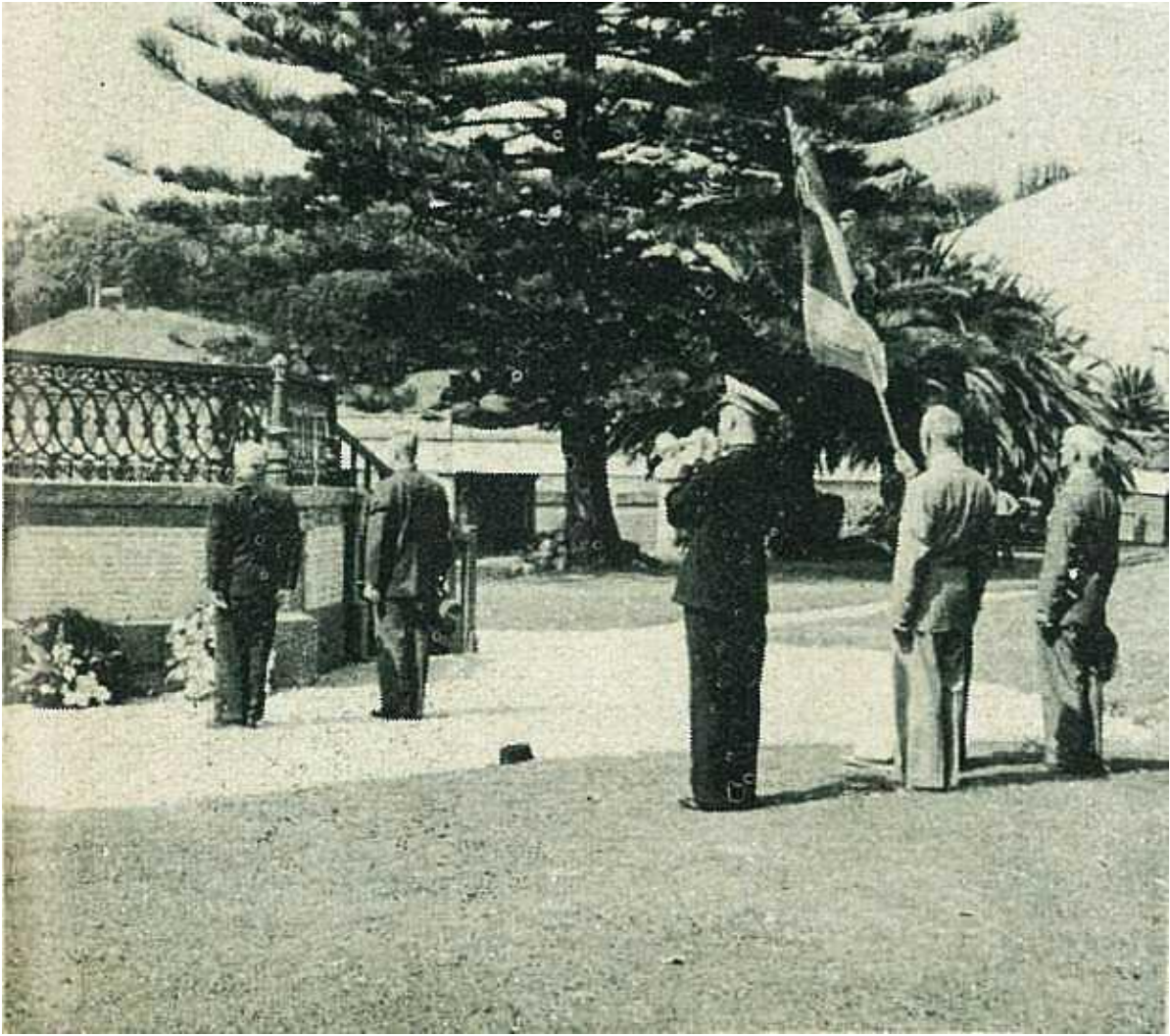
Ferris, J. H. Ferris, E. File, H. H. Fairlid, J. Gordon, J. M. Grayson, E. A. Guilford, W. Graham, C. W. Giles, C. Glass, A. Green, E. Gregg, Irvine S. Hurrey (killed in action), J. A. Hurrey, C. Humtrey, H. F. Humfrey, J. Hanlon, F. Higgs, H. J. Harris, T. S. Hamilton, M. W. Harvey, T. Howell, R. W. Johnstone, C. Johnstone, J. H. Johnstone, R. Johnstone, E. J. Jones, A. A. Jones, R. H. Jones, E. Kenny, A. Kirk, H. R. Kirkinam (died of fever), A. Law, N. Law, W. J. Little, C. A. Larsen, P. H. Laurence, J. A. Moore, W. Morris, H. Martin, J. McKinley, W. McBurney, R. H. McGough, M. M. McGovern, R. McIvor, A. Nelson, R. Nicol, C. F. Nurse, L. O'Neil, J. Poynter, J. A. B. Phillip, F. C. Peakman, F. Parker, J. R. Parker, E. C. W. Parker, C. Parker, W. J. Parker, E. Partridge, R. D. Pascoe, R. Richardson, J. A. Rogers, M. Ryan, J. Ryan, C. Robson, B. Reed, R. Russell, F. C. Sharp, E. J. Stevens, R. J. Stevens, E. A. Skeet, J. W. Somervell, J. G. Swarbrick, J. Swarbrick, J. P. Thompson, P. W. Teesdale, J. R. Taylor, P. Taylor, E. A. Tardieu, W. Third, R. Thom, A. A. Wood, T. M. Wood, C. Williamson, J. J. Whitehead, A. J. Webb, and H. Yardley.



However, these marble plaques were again removed and shifted to their present site that now sits on **the exterior wall of the RSA building** in Childers Road, Gisborne



2004-2005 - When I asked at the Gisborne District's Council's Office & Tairawhiti Museum what happened to the Marble Plaques that were on the Rotunda, no one knew. So then I asked at the RSA and no one knew, until someone suggested looking outside on the Wall and Yes, that is where the Record of the Men that Enlisted or Volunteered from Poverty Bay/East Coast for the 2nd S A Boer War are Listed



1957 - The ceremony is seen, as the Last Post was sounded.

Veldt Veterans Gather in Gisborne

"Old soldiers never die" would seem to be the impression given by more than two hundred veterans of the South African War who gathered in Gisborne last month for their annual conference. Although their average age was in the mid-seventies, they wore their years so lightly that when they formed up for parades the casual onlooker could be forgiven for mistaking them at least for men of the First World War. They came to Gisborne prepared to enjoy themselves, and they were given plenty of scope. The local South African War Veterans' Association, assisted by the Gisborne Returned Services Association and friends, turned on five days of hospitality which taxed even their undoubted powers of endurance. The weather was kind, and the whole conference was voted an outstanding success.