

# 58th( Rutlandshire) Regiment

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In 1843 it was decided that the 58th regiment ("the Black Cuffs") should take over garrison duties in New South Wales from the 80th which was going to Madras. Accordingly the 58th provided the guards on 19 convict ships that left England and Ireland during 1843-5; when they had delivered their charges to Van Diemen's Land ( Tasmania) or Norfolk Island they congregated in the Sydney area. In addition the headquarters of the regiment arrived there on the PESTONJEE BOMANJEE in September 1844 and further reinforcements, together with Lieutenant Colonel Wynyard, arrived on the ANN in June 1845. ( It appears Henry was part of this group)

Meanwhile however the activities of Hone Heke in the Bay of Islands had resulted in New South Wales reluctantly agreeing to send the 58th to New Zealand and this was accomplished during 1845 using the North Star, Velocity , bee , Slains Castle and British Sovereign. Two other ships, the Louisa and the Waterlily brought two companies direct from Norfolk Island. Nevertheless some of the 58th remained on various duties in New South Wales being temporarily attached to the 99th Regiment .

In December 1846 the Regiment left New Zealand on the Java and returned to Sydney, except for a detachment which remained at Wellington. However this did not last long and in June - September 1847 the troops all sailed back to New Zealand on the Racehorse, Thomas Lowry and Pestonjee Bomanjee, including those who had not previously crossed the Tasman. The 58th stayed in NZ for another 11 years , with its headquarters in Auckland and detachments took part in various engagements until the Regiment left on the Mary Ann for Portsmouth in November 1858. Meanwhile guards for a further 9 convict ships had been provided during 1848 -52 and later reinforcements came out on the True Bition, Egmont and Chapman.

Over 800 soldiers from the 58th took their discharge in NZ .