

Staff Sergeant Mark Pickett

Date of birth: 1885 in Australia

Date of death: 1941 *Memorial details:* Interred in Sarina Cemetery Queensland

Service Number: 811

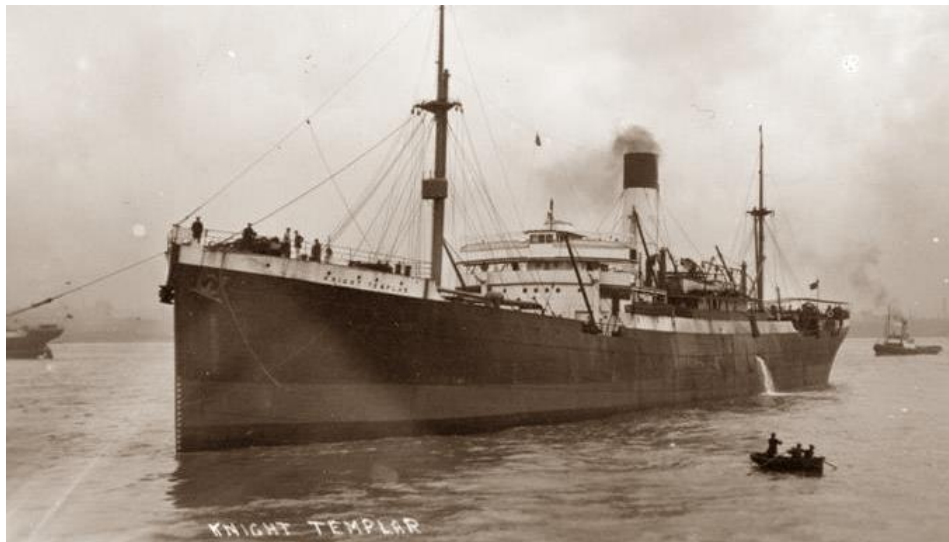
Colony or State of enlistment: NA, *Place of Enlistment:* New Zealand

Unit: 3rd New Zealand Contingent, 6th Company

Rank attained in Boer War: Staff SGT, *Date Effective:* 1902

Contingent: 3rd New Zealand Rough Rider Contingent

Ship: Knight Templar, *Date of Sailing:* 17/02/1900



Other Boer War Service: He also served in the 6th Contingent- Sgt and 9th Contingent – Staff Sergeant Major

Decorations: Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM), Queen's South Africa Medal with: Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Diamond Hill, Johannesburg clasps. King's South Africa Medal with SA1901, SA1902 DCM, CLG 27490 of 31-10-1902

Personal Characteristics: A framer from Cheviot Hills Hangaroa New Zealand. Previous service was with the North Queensland Mounted Rifles for 18 months.

Details of service in war: The Third New Zealand Contingent was largely organised and paid for by a committee of prominent Christchurch citizens and other members of the public. It sailed from Lyttelton in mid-February 1900. In mid-May 1900 the first three New Zealand contingents were organized into one regiment under Major A.W. Robin. In December 1900, the New Zealand government agreed to replace the First Contingent and provide 300 men to reinforce the other contingents. Later, after men of the Second and Third Contingents had protested about the length of their service, it was decided that this new contingent should replace the first three New Zealand contingents. The Sixth Contingent arrived in South Africa in March 1901. Two final large contingents from New Zealand, the Ninth and Tenth, arrived in South Africa in 1902, too late to see any significant action. (nzhistory.net.nz) He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (London Gazette 31 October 1902).