

THE MOSSMAN FAMILY of GISBORNE

The Mossman Family of Gisborne descends from Thomas William MOSSMAN and his wife Eleanor DILWORTH (daughter of John & Mary Anne DILWORTH of Donaghmore, County Tyrone, Ireland). They married 28 Nov 1847 at Clonfeacle Tyrone, Ireland

Thomas & Eleanor Mossman arrived in NZ 1866 after having spent 13 years in USA and Canada.

Thomas & Eleanor Mossman's children were:

Born 1849 – James in Ireland

d. 1899 James in Melbourne, Australia

Born 1852 – William John in Clonfeacle, Ireland

m1. 1882 – Mary Adele Stella LONGDILL

m2. 1893 – Marion Susan SPRIGGS

d. 1933 William John Mossman died in Gisborne

Born 1856 Thomas Andrew in Canada

d. 7 May 1883 in Napier

Born 1859 – Mary Esther in Kingston, Canada

m. 1880 – David Bruce WATT

d. 17 Feb 1946 in Gisborne, NZ

Born 1861 - Isabella Ontario, Canada

m. 1882 – George STUBBS

d. 26 June 1945 in Gisborne

Born 1866 – Henry Albert in Auckland, NZ

m. Anne WHYTE of Tiniroto

d. 1960 in NZ

25 June 1899 Thomas Mossman died in Hastings

MOSSMAN.—On Sunday, 25th June, at his residence, Hastings, Thomas Mossman, formerly of Dungannan, Ireland, aged 99 years and six months. Interment private.

'MR THOMAS MOSSMAN OBITUARY

Many will read to-day with regret the notice of the death of Mr Thomas Mossman. The deceased gentleman had a large circle of friends, who were often interested in his old time reminiscences. There are very few amongst us now who can remember the return of our troops at the close of the Peninsula war, and who were able to take an intelligent interest in the battle of Waterloo. The old gentleman was born on the first day of 1800, and was therefore at the time of his death within six months of 100 years of age. He was born on Lord Powiscount's estate near Dungannan, in

Ireland. After completing his education he went to England, and was engaged in lace manufacturing for about twenty-five years. It was during this period that the notorious riots occurred and that Nottingham Castle was fired and destroyed. The Duke of Portland (whose confidence he enjoyed) swore Mr Mossman in as chief of the special constables.

At the end of this period he inherited the family home and returned to Ireland. Fifty-two years ago he married Miss Eleanor Dilworth, who was also born near Dungannan, on Lord Ranfurly's estate. After a few years' residence at the old home, he tired of gentlemanly inactivity and sold out and went to Canada and the States. He remained in America about thirteen years, and then came to Auckland at the repeated request of his brother-in-law, the late James Dilworth, of Auckland. He settled in Waikato for a number of years, finally removing to Hawke's Bay about twenty years ago. He leaves a wife and four children, **Mr W. J. Mossman and Mrs D. B. Watt, of Poverty Bay, Mr H. A. Mossman, of Hastings, and Mrs G. Stubbs, of Clive.** The deceased did not attribute his advanced age to any special system, but to habitual care to avoid all kinds of excess, and to simple living. His medical attendant pronounced him sound and free from disease. He died peacefully, perfectly conscious and happy. His childlike faith and Christian life attracted the attention of all who knew him.

OBITUARY of ELEANOR MOSSMAN NZ Herald 18 Nov 1914

The death of Mrs Eleanor Mossman occurred in a private hospital in Hastings on Saturday. Mrs Mossman was born on the Dilworth family estate in Dungannan, north of Ireland, and was a sister of the late Mr. James Dilworth, of Remuera, and was the only surviving member of the family. Her husband predeceased her by some years, having attained the age of 100 years, while Mrs. Mossman was 96 years of age. A son of the deceased lady is Mr. W. J. Mossman, of Ellerslie.

Thomas & Eleanor Mossman are both buried in the Napier Hill Cemetery

WILLIAM JOHN MOSSMAN

Son of Thomas William MOSSMAN & Eleanor DILWORTH

William John Mossman was born 1852 in Clonfeacle, Ireland. He arrived in NZ with his parents Thomas & Eleanor Mossman in 1866. The family finally settled in the Hawke's Bay some years later.

18 Oct 1882 – William John MOSSMAN married Mary Adele Stella LONGDILL (b. 1860, daughter of Pynson Wilmot LONGDILL & Harriet ROBINSON)

It is from the Longdrill side of the Mossman family have inherited the Christian names WILMOT & PYNSON

MOSSMAN—LONGDILL.—On the 18th October ult., by the Rev. Mr McAra, William John, second son of Thomas Mossman, Esq., of Napier, late of Auckland, to Mary Adele Stella, second daughter of the late Pynson Wilmot Longdill, Esq., of Auckland, formerly of England.—No cakes; no cards.

4 April 1889 Mary Adele Mossman died & was buried in the Makaraka Cemetery, Gisborne

MOSSMAN.—At Gisborne, on April 4, from typhoid fever, Mary Adele Stella, the beloved wife of William John Mossman, aged twenty-nine years.

The funeral will leave the Hospital at three o'clock to-morrow (Friday) afternoon.

William John & Mary Adele Mossman's children were all born in Gisborne:

b. 1883 - Pynson Wilmot (WWI Veteran as below)

m. 1921 – Mabel LANGLANDS

Died 25 Apr 1963 in Gisborne

b. 1885 – Esther Muriel

m. 1931 – Horace Rust RICH

Died 8 Apr 1966 in Auckland

b. 1886 – Thomas Henry (WWI Soldier)

Died 12 Apr 1915 in Cairo, Egypt (see below)

The LONGDILL cousins of the Mossman Family also had several WWI veterans in their Family as below:

Sons of George Frederick & Mary Jane LONGDILL

(George was a brother to Mary Adele Mossman):-

Tpr 13/2218 Pynson Wilmot Longdill

of the Auckland Mounted Rifles

Tpr 12/2573 George Frederick Longdill

Of the Auckland Infantry Regiment



Both Pynson (left) & his brother George Longdill were wounded during the War

Son of Emily Mary & Johan Oscar FAIR

(Emily is an older sister to Mary Ann Mossman)

Pte 21237 Bertram Rudolf FAIR

Of the 2nd Battalion Wellington Regt.

1916 - Pte B R Fair was killed in action in France



Pte. Bertram R Fair, Of Birkdale was Killed in Action

1 Jan 1893 – William John MOSSMAN married 2nd

Marian Susan SPRIGGS in Gisborne

MOSSMAN—SPRIGGS, on New Year's Day 1893, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. S. J. Gibson, William John, second son of Thomas Mossman, Napier, to Marion (Minnie), only daughter of M. D. Spriggs, Gisborne.

1933 - William John Mossman died in Gisborne aged 80yrs and his wife **Marian** died in 1948 aged 82 yrs



William & Marian Mossman's children were all born in Gisborne:

b. 1894 – James Dilworth Bradley (WWI soldier)

Died 19 May 1915 Gallipoli, Turkey – see below)

b. 1895 – William Bertram (WWI veteran see

below)

m. 1918 – Edna Dorothy RICHARDSON

Died 12 Dec 1934 in Gisborne

b. 1899 – Charles Bruce

m. Nellie Amy GRAHAM

Died 19 May 1967 in Gisborne



Charles & Nellie Mossman had 2 children

Tpr 50887 – PYNSON WILMOT MOSSMAN
Son of William John MOSSMAN and Mary Adele Stella LONGDRILL

b. 12 July 1883 – Pynson Wilmot Mossman was born in Gisborne

He was a farmer in the Tiniroto district on Awapiko Station when the war broke out and in 1917 he enlisted and embarked for Egypt. Below is a story of Pynson Mossman and his "War Horse", Star.



Trooper Pynson Mossman (left) from Awapiko Station, Tiniroto and (above) on his army-assigned "bone rattler". Sadly there is no picture of Pynson's beloved Star.

Pictures courtesy of NZ Horse & Pony

Gisborne's warhorse

Alison Corich uncovers the true story of the remarkable reunion between a Gisborne soldier and his beloved warhorse, Star, on the battlefields in WW1 . . .

The plot of the recent hit movie *Warhorse*, where a horse is reunited with his much-loved owner on a WW1 French battlefield, has been called farfetched by some critics.

Yet a similar incident did occur on the desert battlefields of the Middle East.

The similarities with the fictional story are uncanny, yet it seems unlikely that the original *Warhorse* author, Englishman Michael Morpurgo, would ever have come across the story of a Kiwi farmer from the East Coast and his chestnut mare Star.

Trooper Pynson Mossman of the Wellington Mounted Rifles was reunited in the midst of a desperate battle on the River Jordan, with the beloved mare he had last seen three years earlier at home in Tiniroto, Gisborne.

It was the family war story that his daughter Virginia Dysart, now of Taupo, loved to hear.

"Dad was farming at Awapiko Station in Tiniroto near Gisborne when World War I was declared.

"On this steep, isolated hill country property horses were vital, and mixed-type horses were

bred by all the farmers around for general farm work and transportation — mustering, haymaking, packing fenceposts and riding to town," Virginia says.

"Dad broke in and trained a chestnut stationbred-thoroughbred cross mare for riding. Star had a lovely nature, was easy to handle, and he became very attached to her."

When war broke out, the Government ordered that horses would be requisitioned, and landowners were advised to have all horses on their properties ready for inspection when

required. Some canny farmers hid their best stock before the inspectors arrived. However, when the call came for Awapiko horses to be viewed, the patriotic and honourable Pynson assembled all 30 station horses in the stock yards.

"When the officer chose Star, Dad asked if she could be left as they had formed a very close bond. But the Captain was adamant; the Army had full authority to take whatever horses they pleased, and Star was taken along with five others. Dad didn't expect to ever see her again."

'He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw Star nearby, riderless'

While Star was thought to have been sent to the Middle East on the troop ship *Aparima* in 1915, Pynson continued farming until he was conscripted to the East Coast Mounted Rifles, part of the Wellington Mounted Rifles Brigade.

After undergoing training at Trentham, "a rigorous test of horsemanship", he embarked for Egypt in November 1917.

On arrival in Egypt, Trooper Pynson was assigned a horse for the duration. Each soldier was responsible for the health and wellbeing of his mount, feeding, watering, grooming and generally looking after him.

"Dad said the horse he was assigned was a real 'bone rattler', not at all comfortable to ride, but like all the horses of the mounted rifle brigade, had to carry up to 130kg of gear across desert sands and plains, in extreme heat and cold.

"He may secretly have hoped to find Star

"He may secretly have hoped to find Star when he got to Egypt but with up to 10,000 horses having been sent from New Zealand between 1914-16, he held no expectation that he would ever see his beloved mare," she says.

But in a battle in the Jordan Valley Trooper Pynson's unit was forced to withdraw and cross a bridge. Another supporting New Zealand party stationed elsewhere also withdrew along the same route.

"There was apparently much confusion with riderless horses, dust and bloodshed. Dad had been thrown from his mount and needed to

quickly find another horse to escape.

"He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw Star nearby, riderless and with her hind leg caught up in a trailing rein."

The chance encounter enabled both rider and horse to escape unscathed. Pynson's original mount and Star's rider were presumed to have died in the confusion.

"Dad was given permission to keep her as his mount for the remainder of the war. And he did everything he could in his power to have Star returned to New Zealand after the war but his efforts were in vain."

Quarantine restrictions and cost prevented all but one of the New Zealand horses returning home, the famous Bess. Many horses were shot by their troopers to ensure they finished the war in dignity while others were taken over by members of the British army remaining in the Middle East.

"According to Dad, legendary British Army officer TE Lawrence, later known as Lawrence of Arabia, went through the New Zealand horses and took Star to add to his bloodstock line," Virginia says.

Pynson returned home to Tiniroto, farming at Awapiko and bringing up his family.

Two of his brothers died at Gallipoli. Another was injured on the Somme.

Trooper Mossman died in 1963, aged 79.



The Mounted Rifle Brigade crossing the Jordon River



Fond memories of 'Dad' Mossman

Trooper Pynson Mossman's daughter Virginia Dysart (inset picture courtesy of NZ Horse & Pony) and daughter-in-law Lois Mossman of Gisborne (picture above by Diana Dobson).

by Diana Dobson

Gisborne grandmother Lois Mossman has very fond memories of the man she called "Dad" Mossman. Trooper Pynson Mossman was her father-in-law. Lois' late husband Geoff was the oldest of 11 children, which included the identical triplets who recently celebrated their 90th birthday. She was a girl from the Coast and her father Ozzie James had also gone to war at the same time as Pynson, and while they knew each other, they weren't on the same ship. Lois and Geoff farmed their own "rehab" station Kaikino not far from where Pynson was farming Awapiko Station at Tiniroto. "We could look up from our place and see the

wool shed," she remembers. Lois knew of the famous horse Star but says she can't single her out in her memory. "He was great with horses and Star was one of many on the station," she says. "He loved his horses and hunted until he was 74... he and Geoff would have a great time out there." Pynson, who like many others of the time, had left school early and bought Awapiko Station when still a teenager. "He was a dear man who worked very hard," remembers Lois. "He was very kind too and would help all sorts of people... such a gentleman."

Trooper Pynson Wilmot Mossman # 50887 of the Wellington Mounted Rifles returned home on the Hororata in September 1919

In 1921 – Pynson Wilmot MOSSMAN married Mabel LANGLANDS (b. 1895 in Nelson)

25 April 1963 - Tpr P W MOSSMAN, # 50887 of the Wellington Mounted Rifles, died aged 79 years.



9 July 1978 Mabel MOSSMAN died in Havelock North

Paynson & Mabel Mossman's children were all born in Gisborne:

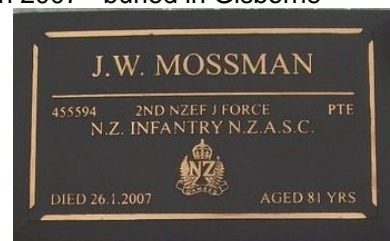
Born 1922 – Geoffrey Wilmot (WWII Veteran)
d. 6 Aug 2009 in Gisborne (RSA ash; Plot 262)

Born 1923 - Rodney Wilmot
d. 9 Oct 2013

Born 1923 - Derek (Tim) Wilmot (WWII Veteran)
d. 6 Apr 2015 in Rotorua

Born 1923 – Henry (RNZN)

Born 1925 – John Wilmot (WWII Veteran)
d. 26 Jan 2007 - buried in Gisborne



Born 1928 – Stella Muriel (Mrs Hewetson)
d. 4 Jun 1996 in Gisborne

Born 1929 - Bruce

Born 1930 - Alan Wilmot

d. 8 Dec 2012 in Gisborne

Born 1932 - Keith Wilmot

d. 24 Aug 2014 in Gisborne

Born 1934 - Colleen Emma

Born 1936 - Virginia Mabel

The MOSSMAN Triples 22 April 2013 – Rotorua Daily Post



Each has his own answer to longevity, but it's likely the Mossman triplets have all reached 90 because they're so competitive none wants to be the first to die.

It's fair to say that Tim, Rodney and Henry Mossman are pretty competitive with each other - something which family say comes with the territory for the identical triplets who were three of 11 children growing up.

The trio celebrated their 90th birthday on April 16 and were joined by more than 125 family and friends at a party on Saturday in Rotorua.

Two of the three, Tim and Rodney, live in Rotorua while Henry is based in Auckland.

The family believe they could be the oldest living triplets in the Southern Hemisphere.

Henry puts his longevity down to "sugar, salt, and beer", while Tim's wife Pauline thinks it's probably the competitive streak that runs strong, with each too stubborn to be the first to die.

The three grew up on the remote Awapika Station about an hour west of Gisborne.

Mrs Mossman said the trio all have a very sharp sense of humour.

She said they had worked hard to carve out a sense of being individuals.

Henry's son David said there were a lot of pranks between the three.

Tim said one of the strongest memories of the early part of his life was serving in World War II. Henry rates being in the Navy, and meeting a wife, who also served in the Navy with whom he had four sons, as a highlight.

At their birthday the three brothers were awarded life membership of the Dilworth Old Boys Association.

26 April 2015 – Derek (Tim) W MOSSMAN died in Rotorua

Identical triplet Tim Mossman has been farewelled in a moving ceremony. He was just a few days off his 92nd birthday, which he shared with surviving brothers Rodney and Henry when he died

Tim served in Egypt, Italy and Japan. He drove through Hiroshima after it had been decimated but luckily did not get radiation poisoning. He never really talked about his experiences there."

He had also been a brilliant stockman and a great farmer with a life-long love for antiques.

Tim Mossman is survived by wife Pauline, their three sons - Simon, Peter, and Derrick and three grandchildren.

Tpr 9/728 - THOMAS HENRY MOSSMAN

Son of William John MOSSMAN and Mary Adele Stella LONGDRILL

b. 25 Oct 1886 – Thomas Henry Mossman was born in Gisborne, NZ



Thomas Henry Mossman, service number 9/728 with his sister Esther Muriel Mossman (standing) and his stepmother Marion Susan Mossman.

Thomas Henry Mossman was a sheep-farmer from Waerenga-o-kuri, near Gisborne. When the First World War started, he was 27 years old, single, a well-known figure in his local community and a member of the Gisborne Squadron of the Legion of Frontiersmen. The Legion had been founded in England in 1904 to provide a body of trained men who would be available to serve the British Empire should the need arise. The Legion was established in New Zealand in 1911, and Thomas Mossman joined in 1912.

Thomas was the first of four Mossman brothers to enlist for war service, on 21 October 1914. The Gisborne Frontiersmen had been selected to fill a shortfall of men in the 2nd Reinforcements of the Otago Mounted Rifles. They left for the training camp at Trentham on 24 October, and the local newspaper reported that 'the men will go into camp in the Legion's uniform.' Thomas is wearing the Legion's uniform in this photograph, which must have been taken some time between his arrival in Wellington and his embarkation with the 2nd Reinforcements on 14 December.

The sitting in Berry's studio would have been one of the last times Thomas and his stepmother and sister were together. Thomas' military service was to be extremely short. He landed in Egypt on 3 February

1915, but was to die of pneumonia in Cairo on 12 April 1915.

Tragedy again struck the Mossman family a few weeks later when Thomas' younger brother James Dilworth Mossman was killed in action on Gallipoli on 19 May. Two other brothers, William Bertram Mossman and Pynson Wilmott Mossman, survived the War.

Mossman descendants still live on the family property, 'The Laurels' at Waerenga-o-Kuri. Laurel leaves are an ancient symbol of remembrance, and every year, they pluck leaves for making the Gisborne region's Anzac Day wreaths from a hedge of laurel trees that was planted over 90 years ago in memory of Thomas and James.



The Late Trooper T H Mossman
Of the Otago Mounted Rifles, who died of Diphtheria in Cairo on 11 April 1915

Poverty Bay Herald, 14 April 1915, Page 3 **DEATH OF MR TOM MOSSMAN**

Mr W. J. Mossman received the sad news to-day of the death of his son Mr Thomas Henry Mossman, a member of the expeditionary force. An earlier message came from Mr Dilworth Mossman, who is also at the front, stating that his brother was seriously ill, but a later cable conveyed the news that the unfortunate young man had been shot at the front.

Just as to what action Trooper Mossman was killed in is not certain, but it is considered possible that it was at the Dardanelles, because recently the parents of another local young man who is serving in the same company as the deceased received a cable from that locality.

Trooper Mossman was a member of the Legion of Frontiersmen, who left Gisborne on October 25, to make up the strength of the Otago Mounted section of the expeditionary force. His brother, Mr Dilworth Mossman, was one of the New Zealanders who enlisted at Home, and on arrival in Egypt he joined the same company as his brother Tom.

The news of the young man's death will be received with much regret, but some consolation will be found in the fact that Trooper Mossman died nobly serving his King and country. He was well known in this district, having been farming at Waerenga-o-kuri for a number of years, and he was extremely popular amongst his many friends.

14 August 1915 – Roll of Honour

Dilworth Mossman, in writing of his brother's (T. H. Mossman) funeral, says: "All the Legion of Frontiersmen formed the escort and firing party. The artillery had moved off, so that there was no gun-carriage, a waggon having to take its place. Lieut. Twistleton came and two other officials, and four trumpeters to sound the 'Last Post.' Tom was buried in the Protestant cemetery in old Cairo, along with many others who have died while serving their country. Perhaps there is a good deal in what Lieut. Twistleton said this evening: 'The families which have lost someone dear to them will be the proudest after the war is over.' After all, although he did not die in battle, he died as noble a death as those who have fallen in the midst of the fray. 'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.' Tom's comrades, together with Lieut. Twistleton, are erecting a cross over the grave, and I hope to be able to go out and see it before leaving for the Dardanelles."

Trooper Frank Best (nephew of Mrs Bloomfield), of Auckland Mounteds, writes from the trenches at the Dardanelles under date June 6th:—"My friend Dilworth Mossman, of 3rd Auckland Mounteds, was shot in the forehead and fell next to me. Please tell his mother he was killed instantly, died painlessly, fearlessly and honorably. He was wrapped and buried in my great coat, and I took his, also his field-glasses, which I am using and hoping to bring back to New Zealand, as I have no means of sending them from here."



9/728 Tpr T H Mossman
of the N Z Mounted Rifles Brigade, Otago Mounted Rifles
Died 12 April 1915 and is buried in the Cairo War Memorial
Cemetery

In Memory of
Trooper THOMAS HENRY MOSSMAN
9/728, Otago Mounted Rifles, N.Z.E.F.
who died
on 12 April 1915
Remembered with honour
CAIRO WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY

MOSSMAN, Trooper Thomas Henry, died at Cairo from diphtheria.

A Legion of Frontiersmen member (since 1912), Poverty Bay District, with the Expeditionary Force. When the second reinforcements were assembling at Trentham, the Otago Mounted Regt was short of 40 men and the deficiency was made up by the Poverty Bay Squadron of the L of F, Trooper Mossman being among those selected.

Tpr 13/187^B JAMES DILWORTH MOSSMAN
Son of William John MOSSMAN & Marian Susan SPRIGGS



Trooper J. DILWORTH MOSSMAN
3rd Auckland Mounted Rifles

27 March 1915, Poverty Bay Herald
Letter from Egypt

J. Dilworth Mossman (who was one of the boys from Salisbury Plain), in writing to his people in Poverty Bay, says:

They disembarked at Alexandria; then on by train to their destination. Everything was, naturally, most interesting to us on account of its foreign appearance. The cattle and sheep are the funniest things out. The old shepherd with his crook stick was to be seen as in the times of old, and the way they led the cattle about by the ears (usually the left) greatly amused me. Such long, skinny animals they are. Of course, donkeys and mules are so common that we hardly mention them, and camels in lots of half a dozen or so are also seen winding their way slowly along the road. The train seems to pass through the most fertile parts of the famous Nile Valley, and, my word, they can grow crops there! I particularly noticed the lucerne; in fact, there is such a quantity growing on both sides of the railway for miles and miles, that anyone interested in farming would at once be struck by its rich growth, the finest I have ever seen. Tomatoes growing as

we have potatoes—acres of them, and then in smaller sections, too, practically all vegetables one could mention. Every few miles we would pass through a native village—quaint dwelling-places seemingly formed of mud, and built in the most peculiar shapes imaginable. As evening began to draw on, we could see the natives rounding up their cattle, donkeys and sheep and setting off to their homes; often two or three youngsters on a cattle beast or donkey. We had to laugh on passing several great burly Egyptians astride the smallest of donkeys—so near their tails that I'm jolly well sure it would have taken very little for them to slip off. No saddle, bridle, or anything; in fact, we never see them riding with a bridle. It's great the way the donkeys get along—cut out the pace, too.

Following day arranged to go to the Pyramids with some of our number (leave being granted). We walked across sand about half a mile until we came to the Heliopolis trams. This city, which has been built within the last five years, has some splendid buildings, all looking so beautifully white. It appears that the whole place was built on such an elaborate scale because of a casino which was to have started. The British Government, however, prevented such from being built, putting a stop to everything; so now the great hotels and places, which were expected to be the homes of wealthy tourists during the Cairo season, are nothing more than great white elephants. We soon realised that a great number of others had decided to visit the Pyramids that day (I wonder who had any idea some six months back of seeing the great Pyramids on Christmas Day in the year of 1914). The trams were quite packed, and as there were so many in our party we decided to take a taxi (which are very cheap), and off we went, the distance being five to six miles, an exceedingly fine run out. Well, we arrived at the hotel close to the Pyramids, and proceeded up the slope towards these great structures, which have for so many years been one of the greatest problems of the world. It was rather late in the afternoon when we arrived there, and the time for returning came along only too quickly, with the result that we saw but a small portion of

what there is to be seen, and were obliged to leave without climbing to the top.

The Pyramids more than came up to my expectations. Almost at the bottom of a slope leading down from them stands the great Sphinx, looking exactly as you have seen it in pictures, beneath which are temples, and one stands in amazement as to how it was placed there. For a small fare we then got camels, and rode back to the tramway station, quite an experience rolling about I can assure you. The natives are very sharp, and will beat you for money unless you are very careful. We have made ourselves quite acquainted with the Egyptian money and amount of exchange for that of English, consequently knew more or less what we should pay. After dinner in Cairo, we had a look round, winding up at a French picture palace, and then all home in the train. Have decided to polish up my French, for one finds it rather difficult to get along in the city unless possessing a smattering of that language, which is spoken everywhere. As far as tourists are concerned, Cairo seems to be absolutely deserted, which is of course because of the war, for at this time of the year it is considered the most fashionable place in the world.



Tpr J D MOSSMAN
Auckland Mounted Rifles
Killed in Action

MOSSMAN.—On May 25th, 1915, killed in action at the Dardanelles, James Dilworth Bradley, eldest son of William and Marion Mossman, aged 21 years; trooper King Edward's Horse, transferred to 3rd Auckland Mounted Rifles.



AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL MEMORIAL
Trooper James Dilworth MOSSMAN,
killed in action Gallipoli, 19th May 1915,
THE SON OF Mr W J Mossman of Gisborne, was educated at
Auckland Grammar School

TROOPER JAMES DILWORTH BRADLEY MOSSMAN.

Trooper James Dilworth Bradley Mossman, who was killed on May 25th at the Dardanelles, was the son of Mr. W. G. Mossman, late of Ellerslie, but now of Gisborne. He entered Form III.B. at the School in 1910, and left us to take up sheep farming with his father in Gisborne. In June of last year he went for a trip to England, and on his way wrote for the *Chronicle* the breezy article entitled "When the s.s. 'Ceramic' was at Durban," which appeared in our last issue. He had reached England when the war broke out, and at once enlisted in King Edward's Horse, but was subsequently transferred to the British Section of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and on arrival in Egypt was attached to the Auckland Regiment of the Mounted Rifles Brigade.



Grave of 13/187B Trooper James Dilworth Mossman
NZEAF Auckland Mounted Rifles
at the Walker's Ridge Cemetery, Anzac in Turkey
died age 21 on 19 May 1915
Son of W. J. and Marion Mossman.
Remembered with Honour

Lance-Corporal 24031 WILLIAM BERTRAM MOSSMAN
Son of William John MOSSMAN & Marian Susan SPRIGGS

b. June 1895 - William Bertram Mossman was born in Gisborne

As a young man he was working on the Family Farm at Mohaka, Nth Wairoa, Hawke's Bay

9 Feb 1916 - William B Mossman, having reached the age of 20yrs, enlisted for WWI at Trentham and did his training at Featherston Camp, having joined the Auckland Infantry Regiment

April 1916 – At Featherston Camp – Pte. W B Mossman was promoted to Corporal

June 1917 – William Bertram Mossman was wounded at Messines and admitted to Walton on Thames Hospital in England on June 11th.

Oct 1918 – Private W B Mossman fourth son of Mr. W J. Mossman, of Mohaka, arrived at Gisborne from Auckland yesterday. Private Mossman, who was formerly residing in this district, enlisted from Auckland with the 13th Reinforcements. He was wounded at Messines and was in hospital in England for some months. Private Mossman has been granted three weeks furlough, in New Zealand.

He continued his Military Services in Auckland NZ and was discharged in December 1918

4 Nov 1918 - William Bertram MOSSMAN married Edna Dorothy RICHARDSON (b. 1895 - daughter of G J Richardson of Remuera, Auckland)

5 December 1918 - Hastings Standard

MOSSMAN — RICHARDSON. — On November 4th, 1918, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. E. A. Bridger, Private William Bertram Mossman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mossman, of Poverty Bay, to Edna Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Richardson, of Omaha road, Remuera, Auckland, N.Z.

William B Mossman on his return to Gisborne farmed land in the Waerenga-o-kuri district.

13 December 1934

MR. W. B. MOSSMAN

[BY TELEGRAPH—OWN CORRESPONDENT]
GISBORNE, Wednesday

The death occurred at a private hospital this morning of Mr. William Bertram Mossman, one of the most promising of the younger generation of farmers in the Poverty Bay district. Mr. Mossman underwent an operation on Friday after having become suddenly ill, and failed to rally. At the age of 19 he enlisted for active service in the Great War, at Auckland in 1916, and left New Zealand with the 13th Reinforcements. His family was one with an excellent war record, all his five brothers enlisting. Two died on active service.



NZEF, 24031 Pte W B MOSSMAN, Auckland Regt, died 12 December 1934 aged 38.

216 June 2004 – Edna Dorothy Mossman died in Taupo.

William Bertram & Edna Mossman had 3 children