

Sergeant JOHN OLIVER MINTY # 15746
Of the 2nd Battalion Wellington Regiment



7th April 1897 – John Oliver was in Hastings.
 He was the son of Colin Minty and Edith Rose (nee' Haycock) of Elsthorpe

At the time of his Enlistment John Oliver Minty was a Blacksmith in the employ of Henry Cheer of Elsthorpe. He was 20 years of age, standing 6ft 2 in tall and weighed 152 lbs.



22 March 1916 – Hastings Standard

The following men being the Waipukurau sub-area quota for the fifteenth reinforcements have been instructed to go into camp on the third proximo :

J. A. Chambers, Waipukurau.
 W. Cunningham, Waipukurau.
 J. W. N. Mackie, Waipukurau.
 J. H. Drower, Waipukurau.
 H. J. Moran, Waipukurau.
 H. N. York, Waipukurau.
 P. Limbus, Waipukurau.
 J. A. McLellan, Waipukurau.
 J. J. Turley, Porangahau.
 C. S. Widt, Takapau.
 J. Brown, Takapau.
 H. L. Bambridge, Takapau.
 E. Pedersen, Takapau.
 H. Ropata, Takapau.
 A. R. Ireland, Blackburn.
 P. R. Carr, Onga Onga.
 J. A. Sullivan, Onga Onga.
 A. Symonds, Onga Onga.
 G. R. Porter, Otane.
 A. R. Jensen, Makaretu.
 J. O. Minty, Elsthorpe.
 A. D. Summers, Elsthorpe.
 R. F. Horton, Tikokino.

21 June 1916 – Hastings Standard

Privates Wm. and Alex. Simmers and J. O. Minty, of the 15th Reinforcements, are on final leave. They will be farewelled in the Town Hall on Thursday, 22nd inst.

6 Apr 1916 - Enlisted at Trentham

He saw active service in Western Europe

29 Jul 1916 – Embarked on the 'Wimaroa' From Wellington for Devonport

10 Oct 1916 – Marched into Sling & left for France arrived at Etaples Camp 11/10/1916

27 Mar 1917 – Sent to Hospital

July 1917 – Appointed T/Corporal whilst attending Training Course for N.C.O. at Tidworth

30 Mar 1918 – Promoted to Corporal – attached to NZ Com Dept at Codford

June 1918 – Marched into Sling

7 Aug 1918 - Promoted to Corporal then Acting Sergeant while holding position as Drill Instructor
 Marched into Grantham

Jan 1919 – Promoted to Sergeant

28 May 1919 – Embarked on the ship
'Northumberland' for NZ

7 June 1919 – Discharged – termination of Period
of Engagement



Convalescent soldiers lined up for the two o'clock parade
in the grounds of Grey Towers, the New Zealand
Convalescent Hospital in Hornchurch, Essex, England.
The camp band stands at attention in the foreground.

3 May 1919 – Hastings Standard

Amongst the soldiers returning to
Elsthorpe district in May are Sergt.
Gordon Duncan, and Sergt. J. O.
Minty. They are coming with draft
213, by the "Northumberland"
which is due at Wellington about 9th
inst. Private James Priest, M.M., is
returning by the "Rimutaka" which
is due to arrive about May 17th.

28 June 1920 – John Oliver Minty married Jessie
Hargreaves in Waipukurau

They had 6 children and lived in Hastings.

20 Feb 1929 - John Oliver MINTY died from
Pneumonia in the Napier Hospital aged 32 yrs.



John & Jessie Minty's son, Aubrey also enlisted
with the NZ Forces in WWII



STOKER 8407 RNZ Navy Aubrey (Charlie) MINTY

b. 1925 d. 1980

(son of John & Jessie MINTY)

Served 1942 –1945

**Minesweepers – HMS Philomel – Tamaki – Drouce
Submarines – HMS Dolphin – Cyclops – Sceptre**

