

## OUR SOLDIER BOYS in SOUTH AFRICA

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### 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. Phelps, 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 3<sup>RD</sup> ROUGH RIDERS

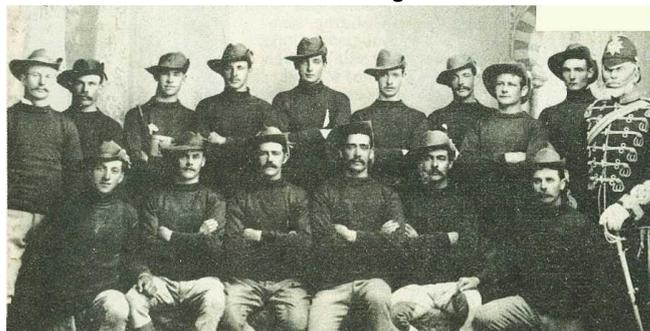
W E Langford; J Poynter; J A B Phelps; P Gordon; R Richardson; Gordon Johnstone; Graham Johnstone; A W Fowlds; M Pickett; A Woods.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Contingent



Gisborne's 4th Contingent. From left, in front: W. Gannon, J. Davidson, G. Bougen, J. Walker, Lieut. B Arthur, J. Langham, Capt. Winter. Back row: F. Peakman, F. Burch, J. J. Whitehead, F. Barton, D. Bruce, R. Fraser, J. Rogers, F. G. Sharp, F. Bruce.



**Gisborne's 4th NZ Contingent**

Mr Rogers, Mr Barton, Mr Bruce, A Bruce, F Walker, Mr Arthur, Mr Bougen, Mr Packman, Mr Sharp, Mr Langham, Mr Whitehead, Mr Fraser, Mr Davidson, Mr Gannon, Mr Burch, 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 5<sup>th</sup> Contingent.

From left, in front: J. S. Ferris, G. B. Carter, F. Parker, J. P. Thomson, H. J. Ferris, Major McCredie. Back row: G. A. C. Simpson, H. Yardley, P. Brady, W. J. Brown, M. Ryan, W. Taylor, J. D. Cameron.

**Left at own expense for South Africa to join troops there: — Kirkman, Waiomatani (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 7<sup>th</sup> Contingent**  
J Hanlon, C J Denny, T F Carlyle, N Law, P W Teesdale, W Parker, W L Cato, D Buckley, E A Guilford, T R Porter

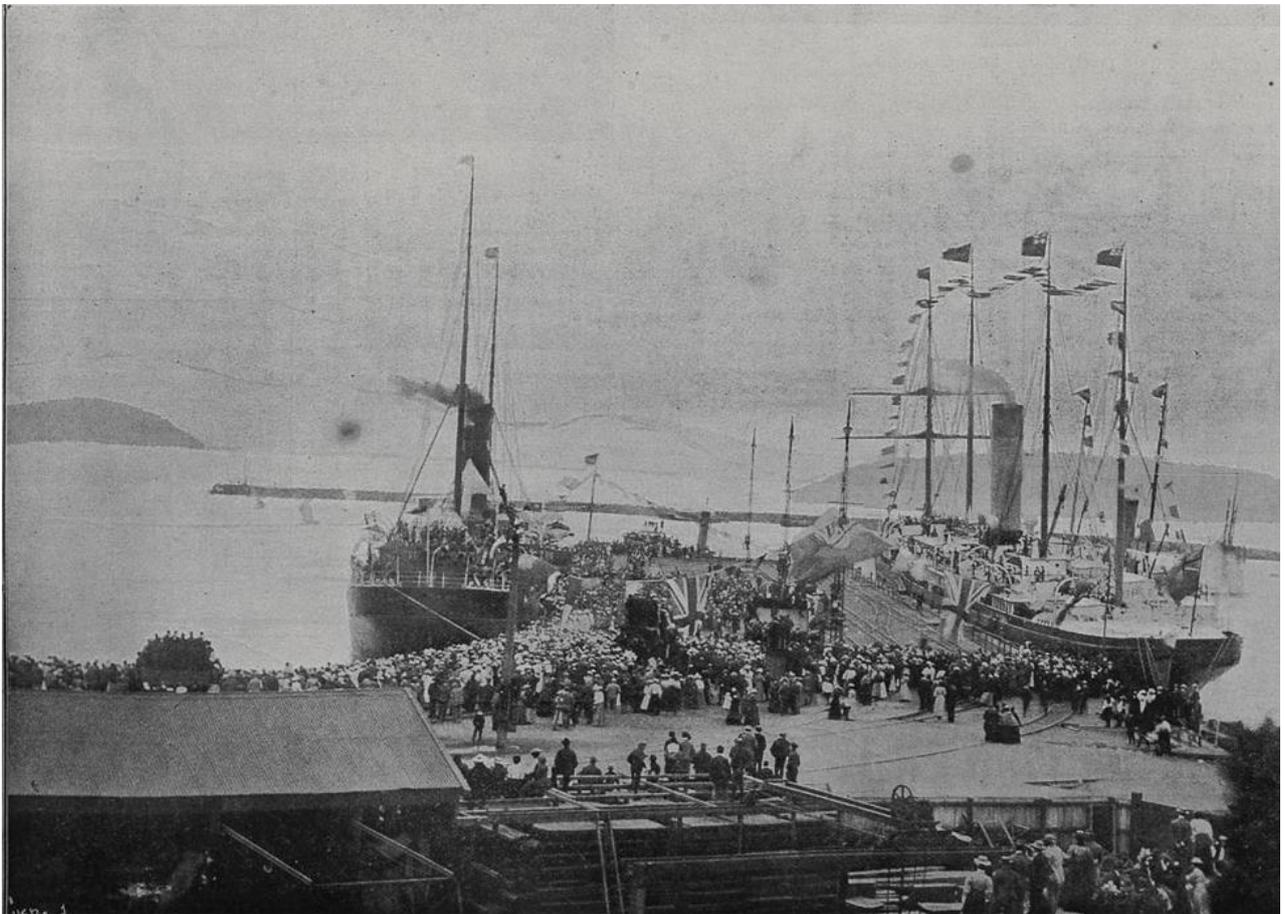


**23 Mar 1900 - THE GISBORNE 4<sup>TH</sup> CONTINGENT:**

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



East Coast Mounted Rifles Easter Camp at Te Arai Poverty Bay – The Best Kept Camp.



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

## COOK MEMORIAL.

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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. Aislable, 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.



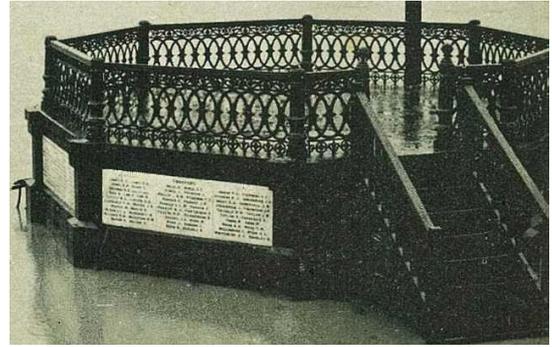
As it was in 1906  
Captain Cook Memorial at Kaiti Beach with silver plaque of SA Boer War Soldiers



As it is today  
The Cook Memorial at its site on route to Kaiti Beach. The war veterans' plaque 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 Plaque to Honour the S A Boer War Soldiers & Volunteers

Their names were then engraved on Marble Plaques that was affixed to the Gisborne Band Rotunda down by the banks of the Turanganui River opposite the War Memorial



May 1912

## TROOPERS' MEMORIAL. RECORD OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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.

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



T. Adams, Gisborne.

Unveiling of the Captain Cook Monument, Poverty Bay.

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

