

SAINT MARK'S CHURCH, WAITOTARA

A large congregation attended Saint Mark's Church on November 27, 1916, when the ceremony of consecrating the new Chancel was performed by the Bishop of Wellington, Dr. T. H. Spratt. In the course of the service, a brass tablet erected to the memory of the soldiers who lost their lives at Gallipoli was unveiled.

The Chancel of this Church was erected
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in memory of
the brave men of New Zealand who fell on The
PENINSULA OF GALLIPOLI
where they made their first landing
on ST MARK'S DAY, A.D. 1915

Bishop Spratt was assisted by the Reverends Dent (Eltham), Page (Manaiā), Barnett (Patea) and the Vicar of the parish the Rev. W. J. Hands.

One of the features of the service was the splendid performance of the choir with Mrs Allomes as organist.

After the dedication and unveiling ceremonies had concluded, the congregation and friends proceeded to the Waitotara Town Hall where a social gathering was held.

The names of 53 people who served overseas during 1914-1918 are inscribed on a war memorial in St Mark's Church.

FOR GOD, KING AND COUNTRY

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS

LESLIE BIRCH	MATHEW G. CURRY
PHILIP EDWIN WILLIAMS	ROBERT S. CORBETT
WALTER BASIL HANDLEY	ARCHIE MITCHELL
JOHN KIRKLAND	A.C. LEITH
HENRY JONES	JACK JOHNSON
ANDREW D. ARTHUR	ROBERT MAITLAND
FREDERICK C. MATHEWS	ERNEST BUNN
ALBERT ROBB HICKS	PERCY VINCENT

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

ROLL OF HONOUR

H.R. RIEMENSCHNEIDER	H.A. WILLIAMS
I. CARR	W. FERGUSON
F.K. PEARCE	T.E. WILSON
N.G. VERRY	D. WILSON
G. GORRELL	H.J. WILSON
G. HUGHES	L. HURLEY
D.G. WARNER	J.J. HURLEY
T.W. PAIRMAN	S. DUFFY
E.F. MATHEWS	A. DUFFY
C. HANDLEY	R.H. LABRON
CHARLOTTE H. MATHEWS	S. VINCENT
G. SIM	W. VINCENT
J. MAITLAND	A. M ^c KAY
W.H. HARTING	J.M. HARTWELL
W.A. HURLEY	D.G. WARNER
J. PORTER	W.D. GEE
J. M ^c KNIGHT	A. BUNN
G. THOMPSON	A. DAWSON
	G. ROACH

WAVERLEY SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL

At the annual meeting of householders for the election of a Waverley school committee, held on April 28, 1919, Mr A. J. Adlam moved that 'it be a recommendation to the newly elected committee that a memorial be erected at the school to the memory of the pupils who laid down their lives in the Great War and that a subscription list be opened to defray cost of same'. The motion was seconded by Mr A. O. Hemingway.

An amendment to first formulate a scheme for the memorial and ascertain the cost was lost. The motion was then carried.

The following month the school committee met for the purpose of considering a war memorial for the school. Mr Bromiley, a member of the committee, said he wished it clearly understood that this memorial was in no way against the larger district memorial. At the householders meeting, the public made a recommendation to the committee to erect a memorial to the pupils of the Public school and the committee were endeavouring to carry out their wishes.

A school war memorial committee consisting of members of the school committee and Mr J. Banks, headmaster, was formed. Mr H. Middleton was appointed chairman.

Towards the end of May 1919, the committee launched a public appeal for funds and advertisements, inviting donations, was placed in the *Patea and Waverley Press*.

In July, it was announced that the fund stood at £157 8s 6d. A concert and dance held in August 1919, raised £40 which was added to the amount already in hand.

That same month, Mr Grace of Wanganui waited on the committee regarding the erection of the memorial. He stated his firm were the only company in the district that could handle Coramandel granite direct. Mr Grace produced two sketches of a monument which he would erect for the sum of £175 with plumbing extra. This would be about 14 feet high with an 11 foot base. The engraving of the names was included in the price.

The committee decided to give an order for the erection of a monument, with a drinking fountain included, the granite to be supplied by the New Zealand Coramandel Granite Company Ltd. The contract provided for 66 feet of water piping to be laid.

At a meeting of the memorial committee held on July 7, 1920, the chairman, Mr Middleton, moved a resolution to the effect that the school memorial be changed from a "fountain" to a "monument". In support of his resolution he said that it was not absolutely necessary to have a fountain which in his opinion would be considerably soiled and knocked about if the children had access to it. His suggestion was that it be fenced in and kept sacred to the memory of the boys who had given their lives for their country in the Great War... A lengthy discussion then took place. Eventually it was decided that no alteration be made to the memorial as it was well on towards completion.

The following month a fence, 20 feet square, was erected around the monument at a cost of £39.

The school War Memorial was unveiled in the school grounds on October 21, 1920. The *Patea and Waverley Press* reported that there was a large and representative gathering of settlers from all parts of the district, including a number of returned soldiers.

'Proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem. Addresses were delivered by Mr H. Middleton, chairman Waverley School Memorial Committee; Mr E. F. Hemingway, who was present as representative of the Wanganui Education Board; Mr J. Banks, headmaster, Waverley School; Mr A. J. Adlam, chairman, Waverley Town Board and the Rev. D. McIvor, chairman, Waverley Patriotic League.

During the ceremony the gathering sang "O God Our Help in Ages Past", led by the school children under Mr Banks, and "Nearer My God to Thee".

A number of wreaths were placed around the base of the monument, after which Miss Elsie Southcombe released the cord and declared the monument unveiled.

The Rev. McIvor rendered a Scripture reading after which the Rev. H. F. Wilson led those present in prayer, and pronounced the benediction.

Three volleys were fired by a party of local returned soldiers. The firing party under Sergeant Major Mahoney consisted of Sgt. Conway, M.M., Sgt. A. Williams, M.M., Cpl. Old, Tpr. C. Johnston, Cpl. L. Wales, Rflm. H. Catanach, Pte. F. Christensen, Gnr. H.

Millar, Tpr. E. Howie, Pte. J. H. Heginbotham and Pte. G. Horton. The sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by Bugler J. H. Pepper brought to a close a historic event in the Waverley district.

Waverley School War Memorial

UNVEILING CEREMONY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21st. 1920.

"LEST WE FORGET"

OPENING—"God Save the King!"

God save our gracious King; Long live our noble King; God save the King! Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us; God save the King!	Thy choicest gifts in store On him be pleased to pour; Long may he reign; May he defend our laws, And ever give us cause To sing with heart and voice, "God save the King!"
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ADDRESS—Mr. Middleton, Chairman Memorial Committee.

HYMN—"O God, Our Help"—Waverley Public School Children

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home;	A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
Beneath the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine Arm alone, And our defence is sure.	Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They are forgotten, as a dream Dissolves at the opening day.
Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.	O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

ADDRESS—Mr. Hemingway, Wanganui Education Board.

ADDRESS—Mr. Banks, Headmaster Waverley School.

ADDRESS—Mr. Adlam, Chairman Waverley Town Board.

ADDRESS—Mr. McIvor, Chairman Waverley Patriotic Society

UNVEILING MEMORIAL—Miss Elsie Southcombe.

WREATHS to be placed on Monument by School Children

HYMN—"Nearer, My God, to Thee,"—School Children and Public

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee; E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me; Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.	There let my way appear, Steps unto Heav'n, All that Thou sendest me In mercy given, Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
Though, like the wanderer, The sun gone down, Darkness comes over me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.	Then with my waking thoughts Bright with Thy praise, Out of my stony griefs Beth-el I'll raise; So by my woes to be Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

ADDRESS—Mr. Middleton

SCRIPTURE READING—Rev. McIvor

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER—Rev. Mr. Wilson

THREE VOLLEYS—Returned Soldiers

LAST POST—Bugler J. Pepper

BENEDICTION—Rev. Mr. Wilson

Official programme for the Unveiling Ceremony.



Pictured is the memorial and the wreaths placed by the school children. October 21, 1920.

**LEST WE FORGET
TO THE MEMORY OF
EX-PUPILS OF
WAVERLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-18**

KILLED IN ACTION

- MAJOR J. McELMSLIE
- PTE. S. K. O'CONNELL
- PTE. C. HOWIE
- SERGT. W. L. STRACHAN D.C.M
- PTE. E. ELMSLIE
- SERGT. D. HOWIE
- CORP. W. M. O'CONNELL
- PTE. P. VINCENT
- GNR. L. FOLLETT R.N.
- PTE. M. BRETT
- PTE. H. H. SOUTHCOMBE
- PTE. F. WATT DIED OF WOUNDS
- PTE. G. CLEARY LIEUT. D. B. McDONALD
- PTE. H. KREGER SERGT. C. T. McDONALD
- PTE. W. DYKE ALBERT MANCER
- GARNETT MILNE

As far as is known the bubble fountain memorial was the only one of its kind erected in New Zealand after the Great War. The Patea and Waverley Press when describing the memorial stated that on each side of the monument were bubble fountains - one for the boys and one for the girls. There was not a constant flow of water, as when a little was removed the water rose to a certain level, at which the bubble automatically stopped the flow. The water was supplied from a well by a windmill in the school ground.

Subsequently the bubble fountains were removed from the monument.

In 1946, the Anzac Day service at Waverley commenced at the Waverley District High School. The address to the school children was given by Mr S. F. Morris, the headmaster. Mr R. M. Boyne, chairman of the school committee and Mr N. Bromiley, a member of the Wanganui Education Board also spoke.

Mrs W. Macfarlane, one of the oldest pupils, unveiled the additional names of those who lost their lives in World War II.

WORLD WAR II. 1939-45

- ALAN BRADMORE
- JOHN DICKIE
- KEITH MASTERS
- JAMES PURVES
- PHILIP RAYNER
- FREDERICK TRITT
- WINCH WYBOURNE
- MERLE WYTKIN

**SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH,
WAVERLEY**

A memorial tablet in memory of the members of the congregation who died in the Great War was unveiled and dedicated at a special service held in Saint Andrew's Church on June 22, 1921. The Rev. D. McIvor conducted the service.

The memorial tablet, of solid marble, was unveiled by Mrs Partridge and dedicated by the Rev. McIvor.

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN
OF THIS CONGREGATION WHO LAID DOWN
THEIR
LIVES FOR US IN THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918**

- MAJ. J. McG. ELMSLIE LT. D. B. MacDONALD
- SGT. W. L. STRACHAN, D.C.M SGT. C. T. MacDONALD
- TPR. A. R. HICKS TPR. E. ELMSLIE
- PTE. E. L. BELTON PTE. C. HOWIE
- PTE. J. P. JOHNSTONE PTE. J. S LAIDLAW
- PTE. E. PARTRIDGE RFLM. E. S. PARTRIDGE
- PTE. J. ROSS PTE. W. WHITE
- PTE. F. BASON

"Greater love hath no man than this."

**WAVERLEY WAR MEMORIAL
CLOCK TOWER**

The matter of a War Memorial in Waverley was raised at a meeting of the Waverley Patriotic League held on January 16, 1919, when Mr C. D. Dickie moved "that a public meeting be called to discuss the matter of erecting a memorial to the soldiers who had fallen in the war".

The Patea and Waverley Press reported that the Rev. D. McIvor presided over a large attendance at the public meeting held on February 6, 1919.

The chairman in opening the meeting said the matter of erecting a soldiers' memorial had been raised by the Waverley Town Board and Waverley Patriotic League. He stated that the meeting should decide if the residents of Waverley and surrounding district approved the establishment of a local memorial in memory of those who lost their lives during the war - if so, what form should it take?

A resident who was not present, had offered £100 towards any permanent memorial in Waverley.

Several suggestions were placed before the meeting.

- The memorial should take the form of a scholarship to be competed for by the children attending the schools in the Waverley district.

- A Memorial Club House to be erected in the town - a meeting place for boys and young men. The cost would be perhaps £1500 or £2000 but the membership fees would make it self supporting.

- A monument to be erected on the Waverley recreation grounds in memory of the soldiers.

- A gateway to be erected at the entrance to the Waverley recreation grounds with a memorial arch and the names engraved on it.

It was decided that a committee be formed to consider the suggestions, to obtain information regarding the cost of each, to receive other suggestions and report to a later meeting. The following were elected to the committee: Messrs F. Johnston, W. H. Wybourne, Rev. W. J. Hands, Rev. D. McIvor, H. Middleton, J. Walker, W. J. Muir, J. E. Palmer, H. G. Dickie, T. W. Lonsdale, J. Verry and J. Robertson.

In the week that followed, two more suggestions for a memorial were received.

- A band rotunda to be erected as a memorial to the soldiers.

- An essay competition. A sum of £200 to be set apart to provide a prize each year for the best essay on the war and the part Waverley men had taken in it.

Three sub-committees were formed to obtain full particulars of the proposals most likely to have the support of the public. A public meeting was held on May 5, 1919, to finally select the form of memorial. On behalf of the sub-committees Mr W.G. Belton outlined the schemes.

1) One proposal is that a club house or institute should

be erected, to include a memorial hall, together with billiard room, reading and writing room, rest room and tea room. The idea is that the hall should have memorial tablets and portraits of the Waverley soldiers, and that the institute should be under the charge of a caretaker, controlled by a selected committee with a view to safeguarding the conduct and influence of the establishment in the future. It is estimated that the cost of erecting such a structure would be about £3000, while the cost of upkeep would need to be provided for.

2) Failing the adoption of such a scheme it is suggested that, to begin with, the building consist simply of a memorial hall of imposing appearance, with tablets and portraits as already stated. Such a structure might be built for about £1000 and would be available as a rest room. It is considered that the cost of upkeep would not be heavy, and later on, if deemed desirable, the larger plan first outlined, might be completed.

3) Another proposal was, that a suitable monument in stone should be erected together with the necessary enclosure. Two Auckland firms forwarded estimates and sketches of a suitable memorial. J. Bouskill estimated the cost of a monument at Waverley would be about £888. The total height of this monument would be about 23 feet 6 inches. W. Parkinson & Co.'s price fixed complete at Waverley was £764. An inscription consisting of 500 words deeply cut in gilt, was included in the scheme. In connection with the monument scheme, £200 or £300 would be set aside to provide prizes to be given each year for the best essays on the war and this would serve to keep the events ever fresh in the memory of the people.

4) At the last meeting of residents, the suggestion was made that certain projected improvements to the entrance to the recreation grounds might be adopted to the requirements of a war memorial. However no information was given to the committee beyond that at the original meeting.

5) Yet another proposal was that a war memorial scholarship fund, or failing that a prize fund should be established for the express purpose of commemorating the deeds of Waverley men in particular. The mover in this matter had now decided to withdraw it.

There was considerable debate regarding the memorial hall and monument schemes. Questions were asked where the revenue was expected to come from to keep the memorial hall and club going. It was stated that it was intended that a sum of money would be set aside to assist in the matter but for the most part the club would be self supporting.

Some speakers doubted that the amount necessary for the memorial hall could be collected. Other speakers did not anticipate any problem.

Eventually it was moved and seconded that 'a memorial hall and institute be built and that a committee be set up to procure a site and arrange details'. An amendment that 'the war memorial be a monument to perpetuate the memory of the men who had died during the war' was defeated by two votes. The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried.

The committee elected to carry out the proposal was: Rev. D. McIvor (chairman); Rev. W. J. Hands (secretary); Messrs. C. D. Dickie, F. Johnston, H. P. Mitcalfe, W. G. Belton, C. R. Corfe, J. Robertson, L. W. Ferguson and S. J. Price.

It was decided that the secretary make necessary inquiries regarding a site on the Wairoa Redoubt, and ascertain if it would be available.

Messrs Belton, Dickie and Rev. McIvor were appointed a sub-committee to draw up a constitution to manage the institute.

The sub-committee presented its report and recommendations at a committee meeting held on June 27, 1919.

It recommended: That the proposed Memorial Hall and Institute be placed under the care and control of a Board of Trustees, the constitution and duties of which Board shall be on the lines of the draft constitution submitted.

'The draft submitted, provides for a Board of Trustees composed of three local Ministers of Religion and the Chairman of the Town Board, for the time being, together with three members elected annually by the Parliamentary electors of Waverley and district. The duties of this Board are carefully defined and every provision made to guard the original purpose of the Trust. According to the Trust Deed "The prime duty of the Trustees shall be to care for, administer, maintain and control the building known as the Waverley Memorial Hall and Institute and all property connected therewith, on behalf of the people of Waverley and district and to promote the objects for which the said building was erected, namely, the perpetuation of the memory of the men who fought, suffered and died in the Maori, South African and Great European Wars and the establishment of an institution which shall minister to the physical, moral and spiritual well being of the community."

The sub-committee also recommended that the Y.M.C.A. be given control under the trustees, of the Institute portion of the Memorial building which will contain billiards, games and other rooms.

'The Y.M.C.A. has already consented to take over this work and the committee felt that the offer was a good one.'

Both recommendations were adopted.

The sub-committee appointed to deal with the plans of the building also submitted its report, which was likewise adopted.

In July, that same year a prospectus was printed setting out the proposals of the Memorial Committee and appealing for public support.

The Memorial Building is to be erected in concrete. The dimensions will be, approximately: Width of front, 42 feet; length front to rear, 70 feet. The building will comprise: (a) Memorial Hall adorned with photographs, tablets, relics, records, etc., connected with the wars and battles in which local men have fought, (b) Social Institute, containing billiards, games, rest and refreshment rooms, also caretaker's residence. The committee after careful and detailed consideration, present the scheme to the public of Waverley and district, and ask for their worthy and generous support in carrying it out. The estimated cost is £2,500. Donations and gifts for the Memorial will be gladly received by any member of the Committee, or may be sent to either the Hon. Treasurer, Mr C. A. Corfe, Bank of New South Wales or the Hon. Secretary, Rev. W. J. Hands, The Vicarage, Waverley.

In October 1919, the Secretary, General Post Office, wrote to the Memorial Committee, stating that the Postmaster General had authorised the use of portion of the Wairoa Redoubt for the erection of the proposed memorial.

The Memorial Committee were particularly fortunate in securing the site as it was the most suitable in the district, being of exceptional historic value.

Although a site was available, the plan to build a memorial hall was put off.

Towards the end of 1919, there was considerable debate in town and country districts regarding the erection of halls as war memorials. The general opinion was that buildings were 'unsuitable to commemorate the memory of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War'.

The economic downturn in 1920 and 1921, further delayed the proposal to erect a memorial.

In his annual report to members of Waverley R.S.A. in 1921, the president, Mr A. E. Symes said '...he regretted to report that nothing had been done in the way of erecting a war memorial for the Waverley district to commemorate the gallant actions of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

It was 1922 before any progress was made.

In June that same year, Mr Symes and Mr H. G. Dickie waited on the Waverley Town Board regarding the War Memorial scheme. The Board offered their support as far as possible, and offered to convene a meeting to elect a committee and to formulate plans. Messrs Symes and Dickie were appointed to represent Waverley R.S.A. on the committee.

Waverley R.S.A. decided that the proceeds of the annual dance would 'form the basis of a fund to erect a

Notice of Change of the Purpose of Portion of a Reserve in the Township of Waverley, Wellington Land District.

ROBERT STOUT.

Administrator of the Government.

WHEREAS by section six of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), the Governor-General is empowered in the case of any public reserve vested in His Majesty or the Governor-General, for any of the purposes comprised in Class II of the Second Schedule to the said Act, to change the purpose for which such reserve was set apart to any other purpose:

And whereas the land described in the Schedule hereto is a portion of a reserve which was duly set apart for a site for a telegraph-station and post-office, being a purpose within Class II in the Second Schedule to the said Act, and it is expedient to change, as hereinafter provided, the purpose of portion of such reserve so set apart:

Now, therefore, I, Robert Stout, the Administrator of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by section six of the said Act as aforesaid, declare that the portion of the reserve described in the Schedule hereto is hereby changed from a site for a telegraph-station and post-office to a site for a memorial hall. And I do hereby further declare that this notice is issued subject to the provisions of section seven of the said Act, and shall take effect according to the provisions of that section.

SCHEDULE.

All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 22.4 perches, more or less, being part of Section 144, Township of Waverley. Bounded towards the west by Section 143 of the said township, 152 links; towards the north and east by the other part of Section 144, 92 and 152 links; and towards the south by the Weraroa Road, 92 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. As the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 22/2595, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, this 21st day of September, 1920.

D. H. GUTHRIE, Minister of Lands.

Extract from New Zealand Gazette, September 23, 1920. Change of the purpose of portion of a reserve.

memorial to the soldiers from the district who had lost their lives in the Great War'. The dance, held on July 14, 1922, showed a profit of £32 10s.

Community singing was a popular pastime in 1922, and Waverley R.S.A. organised five evening concerts in aid of the war memorial fund. The sings resulted in £25 being added to the fund. The last community sing of the year, organised by the ladies of Waverley, was held on September 14, 1922.

The *Patea and Waverley Press* reported that 'a community sing conducted by the ladies was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening in aid of the war memorial fund, the hall being packed to the doors.' The singing was kept up enthusiastically, the audience being greatly assisted by the ladies' choir... At the conclusion of the sing, Mr C. E. Johnston, on behalf of the R.S.A., thanked the ladies for their kindly forethought in working so assiduously and making the function such a conspicuous

success.' As a result of the sing the sum of £7 17s 6d was handed over to the memorial fund.

After the sing, a public meeting was held to consider the matter of the war memorial. The *Patea and Waverley Press* reported that the chairman, Mr A. J. Adlam, in his opening remarks, said 'the R.S.A. were determined to have a memorial to their fallen comrades and the time had now come when the public should help along the worthy cause'.

The schemes submitted for discussion were:-

- Grandstand at the recreation grounds
- Memorial gates at the recreation grounds
- Granite monument
- Clock tower

- Combined fire brigade station and club room for young men of the town.

A proposal to hold a Queen Carnival, each queen to represent a scheme, lapsed for want of a seconder.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that £1000 be raised, the form of memorial to be left till a later date and that a committee be formed to consider ways and means of collecting the money.

The following committee was then elected:-

Messrs A. J. Adlam (chairman), J. Morrison Snr, H. G. Dickie, C. E. Johnston, J. Mathieson, D. Robertson, A. L. Elmslie, T. J. Davis, W. J. Muir, A. E. Symes, I. Gardiner, Mesdames W. Wybourne, H.S. Barrow, A. G. Wallace, F. Johnston, Misses Symes, Cleary and I. Cheyne.

At a meeting of Waverley R.S.A. held on December 7, 1922, it was reported that the R.S.A. had raised £177 11s 9d for the memorial fund. The Association decided that 'the amount be paid into a P.O.S.B. account until such time as the war memorial committee require the use of the money'.

In February 1923, the war memorial committee began canvassing for funds in Waverley and surrounding districts. The total amount collected increased each month and by August that same year the total in hand was £618.

A public meeting to decide what form the memorial should take was held on October 2, 1923.

Mr A. J. Adlam, chairman, outlined the work of the memorial committee during the past year. He said that 'they now had cash in hand amounting to £706 13s 6d, with promised donations still to come. Their target of £1000 was in sight and the meeting should decide what form the memorial should take'.

There were varied opinions regarding the memorial and where it should be placed. Eventually it was decided to select four schemes and invite all subscribers to indicate, by vote, their choice of the various proposals. These were:- cenotaph, library, memorial gates and clock tower.

The poll, taken at Waverley Town Board rooms on

October 23, 1923, resulted in the clock tower gaining most votes.

During the next twelve months the committee obtained specifications and costs of memorial clock towers erected in other centres. Canvassing for funds continued, the committee was adamant that £1000 in cash was to be in hand before work commenced.

The target was reached in June 1924, and the committee was now ready to select a suitable design. Mr Patterson, of Walpole and Patterson, Wanganui, had inspected clock towers at Waipawa, Taradale and Auckland. In August that same year he submitted four plans for consideration of the committee. The design chosen would be built in reinforced concrete. The design submitted by Mr R. G. Talboys, Wanganui, was selected and he was asked to call tenders.

At a public meeting, held on October 15, 1924, Mr A. J. Adlam, chairman, reported that the lowest tender for the work was £1,245, plus extras. The details were: tower £650, clock £500, steps and gate £95. The engraved granite tablet would be an extra cost.

There was considerable discussion about the type of clock to be erected. The proposed clock was a four dial striking clock - a silent clock could be procured for £300, plus the cost of erection. Finally the meeting decided on a striking clock.

It was resolved that efforts be made within 14 days to raise a further £400 and that work be proceeded with as soon as that amount was in sight. During the next fortnight £230 was collected, many residents doubling their subscriptions.

When the meeting reconvened on October 29, 1924, it was decided that the tender for the erection of the tower be accepted. Several speakers said that work on the tower should commence as soon as possible and they felt sure the public would subscribe the balance required, once the work was started.

Towards the end of November that same year, Walpole and Patterson commenced work on the erection of the war memorial. The clock tower was completed in March 1925, with the exception of the engraved tablet and erection of the clock. The clock was manufactured by Littlejohn and Co. of Wellington and the bell imported from England.

The War Memorial Clock Tower was unveiled on October 28, 1925, by the Prime Minister, the Honorable J. G. Coates.

There was a large gathering of residents from all parts of the district.

The local troop of Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster, Reverend E. J. Daybourne, provided a guard of honour, standing at attention at each side of the steps leading up to the memorial tower. The firing party, from Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles was under Captain B. W. Harvey and Lieutenant R. Tilley. Behind the firing party

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And whereas the land described in the Schedule hereto is portion of a reserve duly set apart for a site for a telegraph-station and post-office, being a purpose within Class II of the Second Schedule to the said Act, and it is expedient to change, as hereinafter provided, the purpose of such reserve so set apart:

Now, therefore, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by section six of the said Act as aforesaid, declare that the portion of the reserve described in the Schedule hereto is hereby changed from a site for a telegraph-station and post-office to a site for a war memorial. And I do hereby further declare that this notice is issued subject to the provisions of section seven of the said Act, and shall take effect according to the provisions of that section.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 8.4 perches, more or less, being part of Section 144, Township of Waverley, and bounded as follows: Commencing at a point on the Weraroa Road, 117 links distant from the junction of the said road with Chester Street, thence by right lines towards the east, north, and west by other part of Section 144, for distances of 125 links, 42 links, and 125 links respectively; and towards the south by the aforesaid Weraroa Road, for a distance of 42 links, to the point of commencement: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less. As the same is delineated on the plan marked 247/44, deposited in the Wellington District Office, Department of Lands and Survey, and thereon edged blue.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 23rd day of March, 1925.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

**Extract from New Zealand Gazette, April 2, 1925.
Change of the purpose of portion of a reserve.**

was a large number of returned soldiers, who paraded and marched to the ceremony. The children of the Waverley school were also present under Mr. C. Browning, the headmaster.

The *Patea and Waverley Press* reported that 'the Prime Minister, accompanied by Mr J. R. Corrigan, M.P. for Patea, arrived shortly after 11 a.m. and was met by Mr A. J. Adlam, chairman of the War Memorial Clock Tower committee.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem, then Mr Adlam explained the object of the gathering. The Reverend W. Kelly followed with a reading of a portion of scripture (Rev. VII.). The hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" was sung by the gathering, after which a prayer was offered by the Reverend E. J. Daybourne.

**UNVEILING OF WAVERLEY WAR MEMORIAL
CLOCK TOWER**



The Prime Minister, the Hon J.G. Coates, is standing in front of the Union Jack.

The Reverend D. McIvor of Marton, formerly of Waverley, then delivered a stirring and eloquent address, which was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience.

He spoke of the sacrifices that had been made during the war. "To-day we mourn so many from New Zealand and particularly from the Waverley district, who were called away on the very threshold of life..."

This monument, however, he said, served to show that the people of Waverley had not forgotten the sacrifices that had been made on their behalf. He was proud and happy to have been present to express in simple, inadequate, but sincere words, his appreciation of the work of those in whose memory the monument had been erected.

Cyril Miller, a pupil of the Waverley Primary School, expressed the appreciation of the children of those who had laid down their lives in the war. The children first recited and then sang their pledge of loyalty.

Mr Corrigan then introduced Mr Coates to the gathering and said that the monument spoke volumes for the people of Waverley. It would remain long after those present had crossed the Great Divide. They all owed a duty to the widows of the fallen and those maimed in the war. They would one and all appreciate the fact that the Prime Minister had found time to perform the unveiling during the election campaign.

Mr Coates said he deeply appreciated the honour that had been done him in asking him to unveil the monument... He congratulated the citizens on the excellence of the arrangements saying that he had not seen a better setting with the children and the Boy Scouts. They had done exactly the right thing in erecting the monument on the old Wairoa redoubt where the people had taken refuge when they were at war with the Maori. He said it was a splendid thing for us pakehas to recognise that when the call of Empire came the Maori people were among the first to offer their services. It was a great tribute to the colonisation policy of Britain to find the Maori standing shoulder to shoulder with the British in their hour of danger.

Mr Coates said he had listened with pleasure to the remarks of the Reverend McIvor. It had been one of the finest addresses he had ever listened to... He could endorse what he had said with regard to the appreciation of the French of the work of the New Zealanders at the front. They were indeed splendid fellows... Dealing with the returned men, the Prime Minister said every true citizen should see to it that the wounded and maimed were provided for. "You and I should see to it that no man wounded at the war, or even a man who suffered after he returned, was allowed to be in need..."

Mr Coates then dealt with the recent peace pact at Locarno and stated that it was the first step towards a lasting peace, when a number of nations in Europe combined for the purpose of securing peace...

In conclusion Mr Coates said, "Waverley is to be congratulated on the very fine monument it has erected to its fallen men. It will be a solace to the relatives of those who fell, a permanent record of the sacrifices made. Ladies and gentlemen, I now wish to declare the monument erected on the old Wairoa redoubt to the soldiers of the Waverley district, duly unveiled."

Three volleys were then fired by the firing party, after which the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Sergeant-Major Mahoney.

Mr Coates then shook hands with the returned men and spent some time chatting to four veterans of the Maori War who were present wearing their medals. They were Mr W. Robinson, Mr J. G. Dickie, his brother Mr A. Dickie and Mr A. Wilkie.

The large gathering then dispersed after one of the most historic as well as the most successful functions ever held in the district.

FOR GOD AND HUMANITY
THEY WHOSE NAMES ARE INSCRIBED
HEREON
MEN OF THIS DISTRICT
LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT
WAR 1914-18

PVT. J. ANDERSON	TPR. A.R. HICKS
PVT. F. BASON	PVT. HIROTI RANGI
PVT. E.L. BELTON	LIEUT. H.J. HALL
PVT. J.T. BENNETT	PVT. C. HOWIE
SGT. A.S. BOYER	PVT. J.P. JOHNSTONE
PVT. R.R.W. CAMPBELL	PVT. G.P. JOHNSTON
TPR. G. CLEARY	PVT. J. KIRKLAND
SGT. F. CORMACK M.M.	PVT. H. KREGER
SGT. J.B. DALTON	PVT. J. LAIDLAW
PVT. G. ELLIS	LIEUT. D.B. McDONALD
SGT. E. ELMSLIE	SGT. C.T. McDONALD
MAJ. J. McG. ELMSLIE	PVT. E.F. MATHEWS
PVT. H. FESCHE	SGT. F.C. MATHEWS M.M.

PVT. W. O'CONNELL
PVT. S.K. O'CONNELL
PVT. E. PARTRIDGE
RFLM. E.S. PARTRIDGE
PVT. J. ROSS
PVT. J. REID
SGT. L. STRACHAN D.C.M.
PVT. L. TUCKER
PVT. W. WHITE
PVT. J. WILLACY
PVT. C. WOOD
PVT. J.A. JOHNSON

ERECTED BY THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS
IN PROUD AND LOVING MEMORY AND AS A
THANKSGIVING THAT SUCH MEN WERE OF
THEIR NUMBER

The land for the war memorial was vested in the Waverley Town Board in 1924.

In 1926 a start was made in clearing and beautifying the grounds. The work was carried out by unemployed returned men. Mr T. J. Davis donated shrubs for planting in 1934 and in 1939 the Waverley and District Beautifying Society planted roses, hydrangeas, miscellaneous shrubs, three Kowhai and two Norfolk Pine trees. To commemorate the Queen's Coronation in 1953 a Tarata tree was planted at the site by Mrs D. R. Jackson, president Waverley W.D.F.F. Camellia trees were planted in 1993 to mark the centenary of women's suffrage in New Zealand.



ANZAC DAY 1995

SECOND WORLD WAR
1939-1945

SPR. M.F. LITTLE	TPR. T.W. BELL
GNR. R.J. NEWLAND	GNR. F. MITCHELL
SGT. PT. J.G. DICKIE	PVT. J.P. DEWAR
DVR. G.K. NEWLAND	GNR. W. BOOKER

SGT. R.H.W. WYBOURNE
CPR. J. WALKER
PVT. BRIAN JOHNSTON
F/SGT. J. MOONEY

WAVERLEY
WAR MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER

WAITOTARA MEMORIAL GATES

A large crowd attended the unveiling of the memorial gates at Waitotara Domain on Saturday December 12, 1925. The memorial gates, erected at a cost of £200, were in memory of the men of the district who served and made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War. The gates, handsome in design, form the entrance to the Domain. The pillars on either side are made of Egmont stone.

The *Wanganui Chronicle* of December 15, 1925, reported that 'the service was preceded by a procession in which some three hundred people participated. The Wanganui Junior Garrison Band headed the procession, which proceeded down the main street and via Station Road to the gates. They were followed by Territorials, Boy Scouts, school children, South African War veterans and returned men, civic authorities and clergy, members of the memorial committee, visitors and residents of the district.

The Waitotara Maori were well represented and were in charge of Sergeant-Major H. Sutherland.

Those who participated in the procession formed up facing the gates, and the ceremony was commenced with the singing of the hymn: "O God our Help in Ages Past". This was followed by Scriptural reading by the Reverend W. Kelly and prayers by Reverend E. J. Daybourne.

The first speaker was Mr H. Grove, chairman of the Memorial Committee. He spoke of the significance of the gates and the necessity for looking after and preserving the monument to the memory of the men who served and died in the Great War. He was sure all would agree that the memorial gates were not only a credit to Waitotara but also to the contractors, Walpole and Patterson, of Wanganui. Mr Grove apologised for the unavoidable absence of Colonel Munro, Commanding Officer, 2nd Mounted Rifle Brigade and Father Phelan of Patea.

Colonel W. Cunningham, D.S.O., said he was honoured at being asked to speak in connection with the ceremony. He congratulated the people of Waitotara on having erected in their midst their own memorial of the Great War... Their thoughts that day naturally turned to the men of the Waitotara district who went to the War and never returned. Time had softened the grief of the relatives of those men and he hoped that they were inspired by the noble spirit with which they laid down their lives...

Mr E. A. Marchant, president of Wanganui R.S.A. said they could not have too many of these memorials throughout the country... He said New Zealand was poorer to-day for the loss of those men who died in the War. All he asked of parents and teachers of the children, was to use these memorials as object lessons to



Original Waverley Post Office with the war memorial clock tower in the background. The photo was taken in 1926. Early in 1928 the Post Office was demolished and a new Post Office built on the same site.

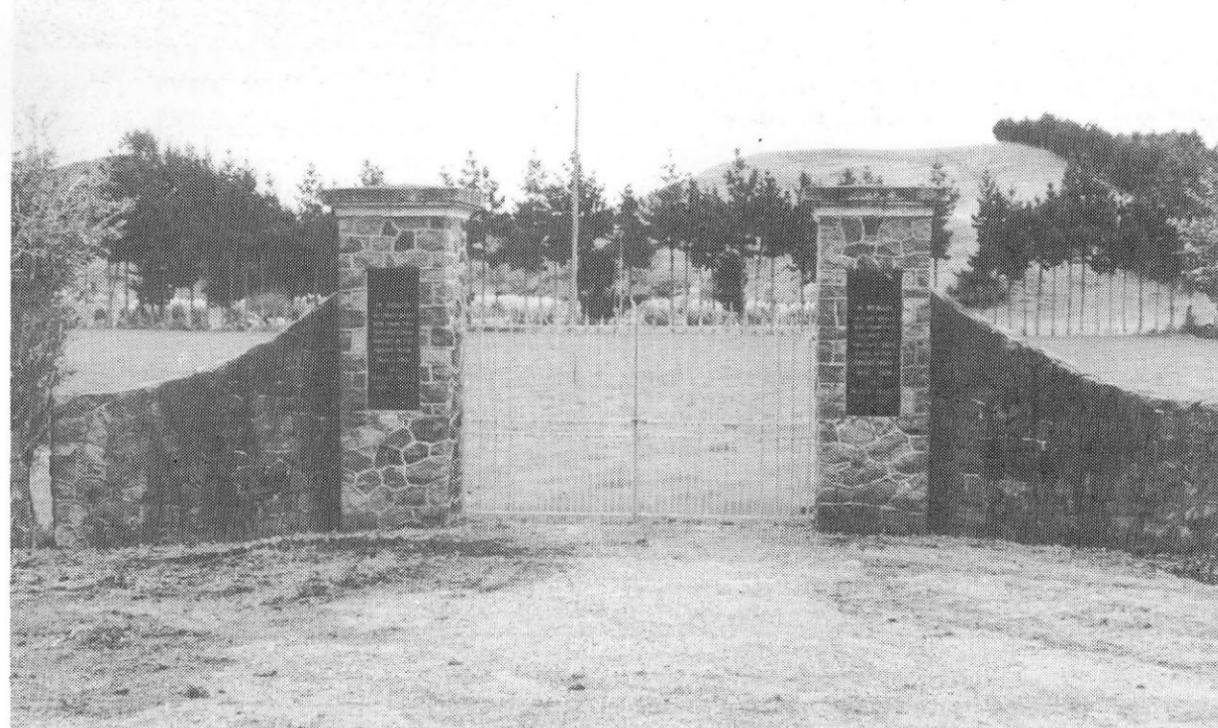
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teach the younger generation to love God, Duty and their Country.

Mr H. G. Dickie, M.P. for Patea, said he felt that no greater honour could be conferred upon him than to ask him to open the memorial gates in memory of those comrades of his and other men who laid down their lives during the War that was to make this world safe for democracy. A pleasing feature of the ceremony was the large assemblage of Maori soldiers who took part in the conflict. The Maori of Waitotara had volunteered in the same proportion as the Europeans... In Waitotara they had erected a fine memorial to the men who had paid the supreme sacrifice for their Empire and country. He hoped that whenever the young people passed through the gates they would never fail to remember that loyalty and devotion to duty were the underlying principles of the men who laid down their lives. It was indeed fitting that Waitotara should have erected the memorial... He hoped that the gates would always serve their purpose in reminding those who passed through them of the sacrifices made, and trusted that there would not be another war which would necessitate Waitotara or any other place in the country losing a son. Mr Dickie then formally declared the gates to be open.

Misses Thelma Hurley and Betty Watson then laid laurel wreaths at the foot of the gate and the Last Post was sounded. The ceremony concluded with Benediction and the singing of Kipling's Recessional: "Almighty Father Strong To Save" and God Save the King.

The procession then proceeded back to the township, where afternoon tea was provided for the visitors.'



Waitotara War Memorial Gates

SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH, WAVERLEY

A beautiful war memorial pulpit was dedicated in Saint Stephen's Church on Armistice Day, 1929.

A brass tablet, fixed on the wall behind the pulpit, recorded the names in whose memory the pulpit was erected.

Amongst the large congregation were many returned soldiers and officers and men of Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles. The oak pulpit was carved by Mr W. Andrews, Herne Bay, Auckland.

The memorial pulpit and brass tablet were unveiled by the People's Warden, Mr A. J. Adlam and dedicated by the Reverend E. W. Coles. The sermon was preached by the Reverend J. R. Young, C. F. and vicar of Hawera. The service closed with the singing of the hymn 'O God our help in ages past'.

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Replacement pews were decided upon as a memorial to those who served in World War II. Twelve were given by local families and the remainder subscribed for by parishioners.

The oak lectern, in the shape of an eagle, was gifted to Saint Stephen's Church, by Mr and Mrs W. H. Booker Snr, in memory of Gunner W. H. Booker.



THIS PULPIT
was erected
IN MEMORY OF
THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE GREAT WAR
1914-1918

PVT. F. BASON	LIEUT. H.J. HILL
PVT. J.T. BENNETT	PVT. J.T. JOHNSTONE
SGT. A.S. BOYER	PTE. G.P. JOHNSTONE
PVT. R.R.W. CAMPBELL	PTE. J. KIRKLAND
PTE. J. DEACON	PTE. E.F. MATHEWS
PVT. H. FESCHE	PTE. L. TUCKER
SGT. F.C. MATHEWS M.M.	

THIS TABLET
WAS ERECTED BY THE PARISHIONERS
OF
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
IN MEMORY OF THOSE
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

1939-1945

GNR. W.H. BOOKER	SGT/P. J.G. DICKIE
DVR. G.K. NEWLAND	GNR. J.P. NEWLAND
SGT. R.H.W. WYBOURNE	TPR. T.W. BELL
SPR. M.F. LITTLE	

IHUPUKU PA



IHUPUKU MARAE WAR MEMORIAL

Returned servicemen, Maori and European friends, gathered at Ihupuku Pa, Waitotara, on Saturday morning May 10, 1947, for the unveiling of a memorial to men who had lost their lives in World War II.

The memorial is erected of stone, tapering to a point about fifteen feet high, on top of which was a bell.

It was unveiled by Lieutenant Colonel J. Ferris, Wellington.

Members of the Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. under their president, Dr. P. V. Graves, paraded at the gathering and were the guests of the Maori.

The *Wanganui Chronicle* reported that 'speakers at the unveiling ceremony were Lieutenant-Colonel Ferris and Dr. Graves, who said how fitting it was for Maori and pakeha to be associated at such a gathering.

Dr. Graves also paid a tribute to the high standard of efficiency shown by Maori soldiers in both world wars.

After the unveiling the returned men and others present were the guests of the Maori at lunch. The toast list included "The King", absent friends and the "2nd N.Z.E.F."

The last mentioned toast was proposed by Mr. T. E. Wilson, Waitotara, associated with him being the two sons of Mr. J. Davis.

Dr. Graves, responding to the toast, paid a warm tribute to Lieutenant-Colonel Ferris for the important part he had played in organising the Maori war effort.

The R.S.A., Dr. Graves added, welcomed the co-operation of the Maori people and would do all in its power to help Maoris who had returned from war service overseas.

"It is a privilege to be associated with them," he said.

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The bell on top of the memorial was attached to a steel band. Some years later the band rusted through and the bell fell on to concrete. It was damaged beyond repair.

STANDARD OF THE WAIROA LIGHT HORSE

A historic service took place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Waverley, on September 26, 1948, when the old standard of the Wairoa Light Horse was laid up in the care of the church.

From 1911, when the Wairoa Light Horse was merged into the 2nd Regiment (Wellington-West Coast) Mounted Rifles, the standard had been in the care of the Elmslie family of Waverley. In May 1929, at a military ceremony at Waverley racecourse, a new Guidon was consecrated and presented to the Regiment. The old standard of the Wairoa Light Horse then passed into the care of Misses Barbara and Nellie Elmslie of Waverley. In 1948, they decided it should be placed permanently in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The parade, which assembled at the Waverley Post Office under Lieutenant-Colonel B. W. Smart E.D., was led by the Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles Band and Patea and Waverley District Pipe Band. They were followed by standard bearer Captain W. Davis M.B.E., E.D., and escorts Flying Officer R. MacDonald D.F.C. and Flight Sergeant J. Elmslie; former members of the Wairoa Light Horse, ex-members of Q.A.M.R., members of Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A. under Colonel P. V. Graves E.D., and Boy Scouts.

The *Wanganui Chronicle* reported that 'the service commenced with the National Anthem, followed by Scripture reading by Lieut. Colonel Smart. The Reverend M. G. Milmine read the inscription to be placed on the wall of the church below the standard.

"To generations yet unborn, when this, our flag, is tattered thread, will be reminded that men had faith and loyalty; of noble lives, and honoured dead. This is the standard carried for many years by the Wairoa Light Horse. It was carried for the last time at the

Trooping of the Colours in May 1929, when, at the racecourse, it was substituted for the war-torn guidon, which had accompanied the regiment throughout World War I. In 1866, the settlers banded together under Captain Hawes for local defence and built an excellent redoubt, where the clock tower now stands. This redoubt was held intact through Titokowaru's campaign.

The Wairoa Light Horse was formed in February 1871, by a number of these men for the defence of their homes and continued until 1911. It was later called the Wairoa Mounted Rifles. Those who commanded the unit were: Lieutenant Wilson, 1873, Lieutenant Old, 1874, Captain J. B. Walkinton, 1875-77, Captain G. Johnston, 1888-92, Captain H. A. Lomax, 1892, Lieutenant J. W. Thurston, 1894, Captain G. Howie, 1896-1903, Captain W. J. Davis, 1904-11, Captain J. McG. Elmslie, 1911. The unit began with 18 men and reached its greatest strength of 94 at the time of the South African War, when 48 of its officers and men went overseas. It was still 83 strong when, in 1911, it was merged into the territorial force.

In 1889, under the command of Captain G. Johnston, members of the unit took part in an army rifle meeting at Wellington competing against the whole of New Zealand and won the Governor's Cup. Presentations were made by the unit to Major George Howie, who served for 29 years and to Captain W. J. Davis, who served for 13 years. In 1911, the unit was amalgamated with the Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles (2nd regiment W.W.C. Mounted Rifles) and they obtained their new standard. This standard of the Wairoa Light Horse is now laid up in, St. Andrew's Church, Waverley, where in former times it led the local volunteers in an annual church parade. Here it is placed to commemorate the services of the men of all ranks who served under its command."

The standard was then presented by Captain William Davis with the words: "Reverend Sir, I ask you to accept this standard of the Wairoa Light Horse and to secure for it an honoured resting place in the House of God."

The Reverend Milmine, on receiving the standard, replied: "On behalf of this congregation, I accept his gift as a sacred trust and shall guard it reverently in honour of the faithful and devoted lives in whose memory it is given."

The dedication of the standard was by the Reverend J. D. Wilson.

The address was given by the Reverend Wilson, who was at one time a minister in the parish.

After the service, a parade formed and was dismissed by Colonel P. V. Graves, president of the Waverley-Waitotara Returned Services' Association.'

{E. R. Andrews, in his history of Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles, published in 1967, states that Sergeant J. Old commanded Wairoa Light Horse when the corps was formed on February 10, 1871. Lieutenant Wilson was the corps first officer. On October 14, 1873, Sergeant Old was commissioned and commanded the corps, 1873-75. Captain Walkinton commanded the corps from 1875 till 1886 when he handed over to Captain Johnston. Captain Johnston was commander 1886-1892, Captain Lomax, 1892-1894, Captain Thurston, 1894-1896, Captain Howie, 1896-1903, Captain Davis 1904-1911, Captain Elmslie, 1911.

The army rifle meeting was held at Wellington in 1891, and competing against the rest of the North Island the corps team won the Governor Lord Onslow's Cup.

In 1891, the corps title was changed to Wairoa Mounted Rifles Volunteers.}

WAIKAPA WAR MEMORIAL



The engraved tablet on the front of the war memorial at Waikapa Marae, Ngutuwera, is dedicated to the memory of Willie Karipa. At the back of the memorial the engraved tablets are dedicated to the memory of G.W. Pokai and W. Wereta (left), 2nd Lieutenant J. Sullivan (right) and W. Karipa (centre of the arch).

SAINT MARK'S CHURCH, WAITOTARA

Saint Mark's Church, Waitotara, was crowded on Sunday evening, May 27, 1956, for the unveiling and dedication of the Roll of Honour, 1939-45.

Before the dedication, the unveiling was performed by Mr. E. Hurley of Waitotara, a vice-president of the Waverley-Waitotara R.S.A.

Speaking at the dedication service the Reverend J. D. Orchard, Wanganui East, said 'it was fitting that they should meet and remember the men of the district who had gone forth to fight when their country had called in time of peril. Those who had gone overseas had to endure many hardships and privations before victory had been achieved and many had to lay down their lives...' The Reverend L. W. Porteous of Waverley assisted at the service.

Inscribed on the Roll of Honour are the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice and the names of the men and women who went overseas in the services from the district.

LEST WE FORGET 1939-1945

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| ★ E.D. GIBSON | ★ G.W. SANDIFORD |
| ★ W. KARIPA | ★ E. TOWNSEND |
| | ★ O.M. WERETA |
| ★ MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE | |

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| G.T. ARMSTRONG | E.J. HURLEY |
| B. BAISLEY | L.H. HURLEY |
| F.S. BOYLE | A.B. LEE |
| R.J. CARTHY | SISTER M. LETHBRIDGE |
| E. COLE | L. LINTS |
| R.A. CURRY | M. LOCKETT |
| R. DE ROSE | A.A. McCONACHY |
| R.E. ECCLESHALL | E.M. McCONACHY |
| R.G. ECCLESHALL | H.T. McCONACHY |
| S. FORYSTH | W.C. McCONACHY |
| L.K. HAMMOND | J. NOEMA |
| I.B. HANDLEY | I.D. PARSONS |
| J.M. HARTWELL | N.W. PARSONS |
| J.P. HAYDEN | K. PEDERSEN |
| N. HODGE | A. POKAU |
| B. HUNT | E. SANDIFORD |
| W.A. HUNT | N. SANDIFORD |
| S. BESLEY | |
| C.W. SANDILAND | J.R. GURNDLEHURST |
| J. TANGIPO | B. TAURI |
| R. TENNENT | L. THORBURN |
| S. THYNNE | SISTER W. TRAIN |
| J.M. TRAVERS | R. TRAVERS |
| T.H. VERRY | E.W. WATSON |
| C. WILLIS | M.E. WILSON |
| S. WILSON | J.C. WROE |
| | L. WROE |



On November 7, 1868, Colonel Whitmore with Armed Constabulary, Wanganui Maoris, Patea Rifles and Cavalry dismounted and Wairoa Rifle Volunteers marched from Wairoa (Waverley) to attack Titokowaru's pa at Moturoa. The dawn attack was repulsed and Whitmore ordered a withdrawal. The rearguard action continued till within sight of Wairoa Redoubt.

One hundred and twenty five years later, on November 7, 1993, a plaque was unveiled by Mr P.J. Gresham, MP and dedicated by Father Keevey in memory of all who died in the Battle of Moturoa.



The New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association
Incorporated

21st Anniversary - 28th April, 1937

An Appreciation

To: The Chairman, Councillors and Citizens

The New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association which was formed in April, 1916, for the purpose of guarding the interests of Returned Soldiers and perpetuating the spirit of comradeship and mutual assistance born of the war years, will this year celebrate the 21st Anniversary of its foundation. Our Association considers that this anniversary is an appropriate occasion to indicate how deeply conscious its members are of all that has been done for the ex-soldiers of the Dominion and their dependants, commencing with the supply of comforts to the men and nurses while overseas and the provision of large sums of money for the relief of those who suffered as a result of their War service, continuing through all the years, right down to the present time.

This simple memorial is intended therefore, on our part, to be expressive of a message of national thanks and appreciation to all those who have in any way (be it great or small) contributed to the support and assistance of the Association and its branches and of the Returned Soldiers generally throughout the Dominion. In particular, it is the desire of the Association and its members that this should convey to the various institutions and to the citizens of your particular community, a special message and provide a permanent record that we are not unmindful of the wonderful support that has been accorded to the Branch of the Association operating in your locality and the generous assistance that has always been forthcoming for any effort that has been promoted by our members. Our Association boasts a great record of achievement on behalf of the Returned Soldiers but we gratefully recognise that such achievement would have been impossible but for the sympathy and support that has been extended to us by all classes and for the confidence that has been reposed in our organisation, nationally and locally.

For all this and to all we repeat our deep and sincere thanks and appreciation and as we have in the past endeavoured to merit what has been bestowed upon our Association and upon our fellows, so, too, we hope to enjoy the continued confidence of the citizens of every part of the Dominion.

On behalf of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association (Inc.)

W. Perry

Dominion President.

E. Harrison

General Secretary.

**ANZ BANK LIMITED
WAVERLEY BRANCH**

The Bank of Australia opened in Waverley on December 18, 1876. It was the first bank in the town by a few hours. On hearing of the opening of the branch, the Bank of New Zealand manager at Patea travelled to the town and opened a temporary agency of his bank in the afternoon.

The branch records do not go far enough back to find out where the first premises were. The Bank of New Zealand branch closed in 1885 and the Bank of Australia bought the site and building for £250. It was a single storey wooden building which included accommodation for the manager. In 1913 the section was divided into two, the part with the building on was sold and a new building erected on the corner part of the section for £2,100.

ANZ Bank limited was formed in 1951 when two old established banks merged. They were Union Bank of

Australia, which opened March 24, 1840, in Wellington, and the Bank of Australia which arrived in New Zealand in 1864.

Waverley R.S.A was formed on February 24, 1920. The following day the Association opened an account with the Waverley branch, and has been a customer for 75 years.

Down through the years Waverley branch managers served on Waverley Patrotic League and Waverley R.S.A. committees. Messrs H.F. Law and T.Taylor, in turn, were treasurer of the Patrotic League during World War I. Mr H.J. Bradmore was treasurer of the League for several years, until he was transferred from Waverley in 1931.

Messrs W. Berridge and F.W. Sheppard, in turn, were secretary of Waverley R.S.A. during the 1930s. During World War II Mr Sheppard was treasurer and secretary of the Waverley Patrotic Purposes Committee. Mr W.S. Rinkin served on the Waverley - Waitotara R.S.A. committee during the period he was manager at Waverley.

WAVERLEY BRANCH MANAGERS

W.S. Cobham	1877-79
G.H. Norman	1879-81
W. Fawkner	1881-86
J.H. Bethune	1886-87
W.F. Kemp	1887-1900
D.M. Graham	1900-05
H.P. Bults	1905-11
J.H. Blacke	1911
H.F. Law	1911-15
T. Taylor	1915-18
H.J.W. Bradmore	1918-31
W. Berridge	1931-35
F.W. Sheppard	1935-46
F.M. Francis	1946-50
K.M. Stace	1950-55
M.F. Rhodes	1955-63
W.S. Rinkin	1963-66
J.L. Oxley	1966-69
E.R. Watson	1969-76
E.G. Whyte	1976-85
D.R. Forsyth	1985-90
P.A. Nation	1990-93
D. Finegan	1993-94
B. Simpson	1994-95
S. Hatfull	1995

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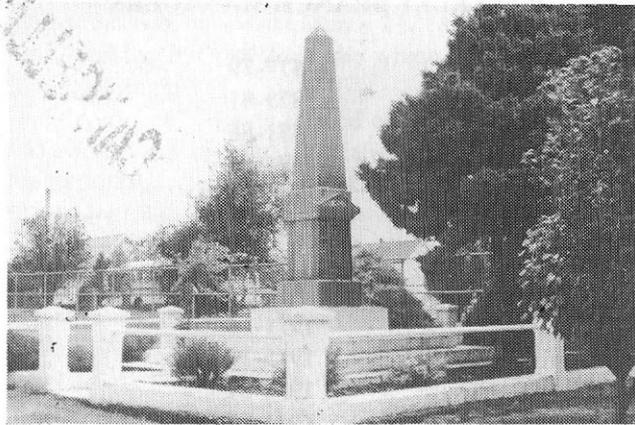


**Waverley branch staff, 1995.
From left: Stephanie Hatfull (Branch Manager), Janet Harden, Lorraine Harvey, Shirlee Barrow.**

Before breaking up for the Easter holidays in 1916, Waverley Primary School observed the first anniversary of the landing of the ANZAC forces at Gallipoli. The school commemorated Anzac according to the Wanganui Education Board's instructions - accounts of the landing at and evacuation of Gallipoli, events of the war and the geography of Gallipoli Peninsula.

The school war memorial was unveiled in 1920 and for many years the Anzac Day Commemoration at Waverley began with a short service at the school war memorial. The parade would then march to the town hall for the citizens service and later to the War Memorial Clock Tower for the wreath laying ceremony.

Since the early 1950s the school Anzac Service has been observed, with a few exceptions, the day before Anzac Day.

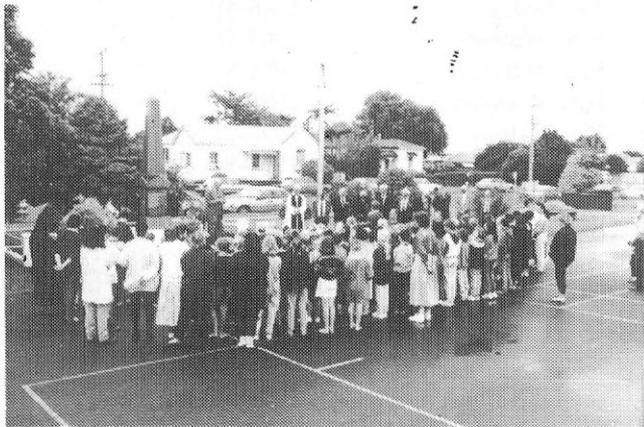


Waverley School War Memorial. 1995

Waverley Primary School Anzac Service 1995



School children placing flowers and poppies at the war memorial. Pictured from left: Logan Pudney, Nicole Parry, Arana Hillman, Linda Hooper.



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