

# WAR RECORDS

## World War I

**Albert Bernard Harper**



### **Auckland War Memorial Museum / Cenotaph record:**

<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/6393.detail>

### **Westpac bank:**

[During WWI, it was known as the Bank of New South Wales (BNSW) and had seven branches in New Zealand - I guess one was in Hastings.]

<http://www.westpac.co.nz/who-we-are/about-westpac-new-zealand/our-history/100-anniversary-of-ww1/>

### **Troopship:**

[http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/collections/general/SearchResults.aspx?](http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/collections/general/SearchResults.aspx?dataset=TroopShips&c_transport_search=%22hmnzt+42%22&c_transport_logic=or&Page=0)

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### **CWGC:**

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1737915/HARPER,%20ALBERT%20BERNARD>

### **Messines Ridge memorial:**

[http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/166300/MESSINES%20RIDGE%20\(N.Z.\)%20MEMORIAL](http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/166300/MESSINES%20RIDGE%20(N.Z.)%20MEMORIAL)

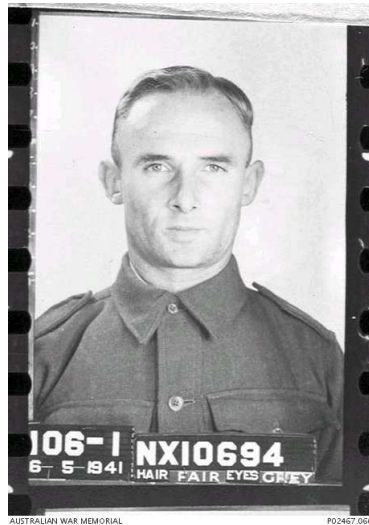
### **Pictures from our visit to Messines Ridge cemetery in 1993:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-VrJkhrRpl8aGxfQU9JcHhsRzA/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-VrJkhrRpl8UTVxSnNLUjRsc0E/edit?usp=sharing>

## World War II

### William Heyworth



#### Australian War Memorial

<http://www.awm.gov.au/people/rolls/R1689648/>

#### CWGC:

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2562057/HEYWORTH,%20WILLIAM>

#### Labuan Memorial:

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/2055400/LABUAN%20MEMORIAL>

#### Note:

I do not know much about William Heyworth. My father did not talk much about him, although they were cousins; perhaps they never actually knew each other. I seem to remember being told that he died on the notorious Burma railway (of "Bridge over the River Kwai" fame). However, that might not be correct as the records in the above files say he died in Borneo. The cemetery in which he is buried is in the Bay of Brunei but I did not know that when I visited Brunei.

## **Second Boer War (1899–1902)**

### **Robert Hugh Vallance** [Nana's father]

The Boer War was the war between the British Empire and the Afrikaners (whites of Dutch descent) of South Africa.

- He lived in Sefton, near Rangiora where Keith now lives.
- The separate pdf file gives details of his service. In 1900, at the age of 20, he sailed from Lyttelton. He was discharged in 1901 on completion of his service. His length of service was only 1 year, 97 days. Why he did not serve until the end of the war, I do not know.
- He survived the war but not a game of cricket. He died (probably from a heart attack) during a game of cricket (in Wairoa I think, where he and his family then lived) in about 1937 (I estimate, which would have made him about 57 years of age).