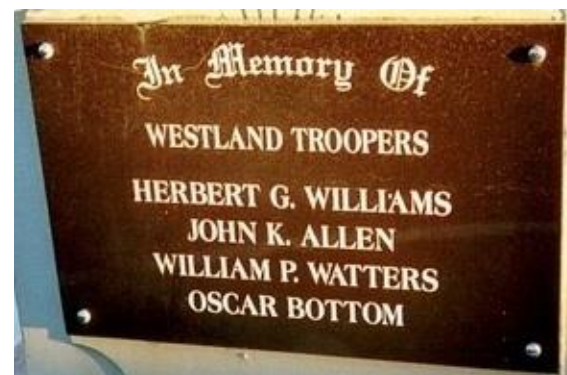




## WESTLAND SOUTH AFRICAN WAR (ANGLO BOER WAR) ROLL OF HONOUR HOKITIKA



	NAME	FORCE No.	RANK	UNIT	WHERE WOUNDED / KILLED / DIED	WHERE BURIED / COMMEMORATED	DATE	AGE
1	<b>ALLEN</b> , John Kenneth <i>(from Westland)</i> <i>(Allan?)</i>	800	Trooper	3 <sup>rd</sup> Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Served with the Rough Riders; died of disease; enteric fever in Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa.	Old Cemetery, Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa.	03/02/1901	
2	<b>BOTTOM</b> , Oscar <i>(from Buller)</i>	1371	Trooper	4 <sup>th</sup> Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Served with the Rough Riders; died of wounds (received at Ottoshoop, Transvaal) in Kimberley, Cape Colony, South Africa.	West End Cemetery, Kimberley, Northern Cape, South Africa. <i>(also on Westport ABW Memorial)</i>	10/11/1900	
3	<b>WATTERS</b> , William Paterson <i>(from Westland)</i> <i>(sometimes incorrectly recorded as Walters)</i>	797	Trooper	3 <sup>rd</sup> Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Served with #5 Company, Rough Riders; died of disease; enteric fever in Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.	Braamfontein, Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa	22/06/1900	
4.	<b>WILLIAMS</b> , Herbert George <i>( Westland High School, Hokitika)</i>	512	Trooper	2 <sup>nd</sup> Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles	Served with the Rough Riders; died of disease; enteric fever in Springfontein, Orange Free State, South Africa	Springfontein Cemetery, Free State, South Africa.	28/05/1901	

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November 2020*

### Obituary of William Paterson Watters

DEATH OF A WEST COASTER.

HOKITIKA, this day,

Trooper Watters, reported dead at the front, died on the 22nd June. Private advice announced his death some weeks ago. Delay in making the official announcement has given his friends a very anxious time. Watters is the first Westlander to succumb at the front.

*New Zealand Herald, 8 November 1900*

Military Record Will of **William Paterson WATTERS** from Rimu Westland, NZ:

Born 31 January 1876 in Scotch St, Dungannon, County Tyrone, Ireland.

Father: Robert Watters

Mother: Mary Watters née Taylor

He has 2 sisters in Ireland, a half-brother in Wellington and an Uncle in Kumara, NZ. His Will says his possessions and money goes to:

Mrs M Dunwoody, Mrs M Acheson, Miss Gretchen Acheson and Hugh Taylor Walters.

Unknown arrival in NZ but was mining with his Uncle William in Back Creek, Rimu on enlistment. His Uncle Alexander was living in Kumara and his half-brother, John Anderson Watters was living in Wellington. It appears that this name was misspelt in newspapers at the time.

Before World War I, **enteric fever**, or typhoid fever, was the scourge of armies, and in the Anglo-Boer War killed more soldiers than enemy action. It is caused by a bacteria entering the body via contaminated food or water. Early symptoms include high fever, headaches and lassitude. Follicles along the intestinal walls later become inflamed, often leading to perforation and haemorrhaging. Other complications include gall bladder, pneumonia or heart failure.

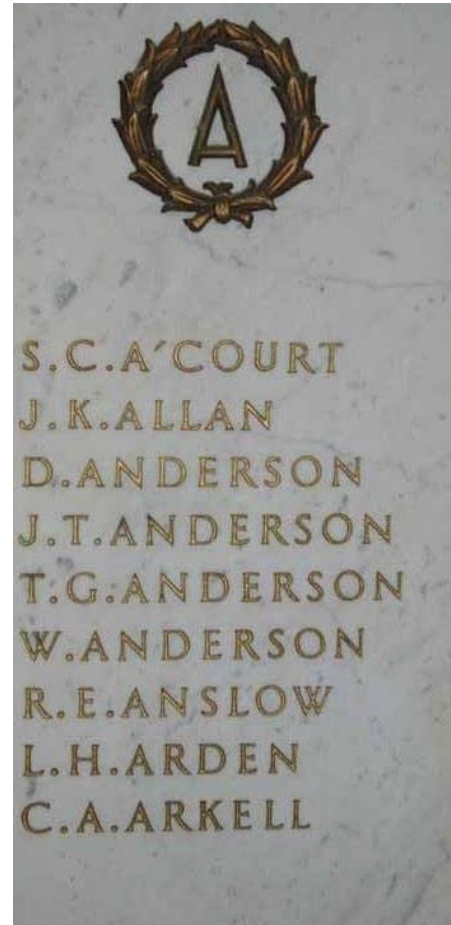
At the time of the Boer War, there were no antibiotic remedies for the disease.



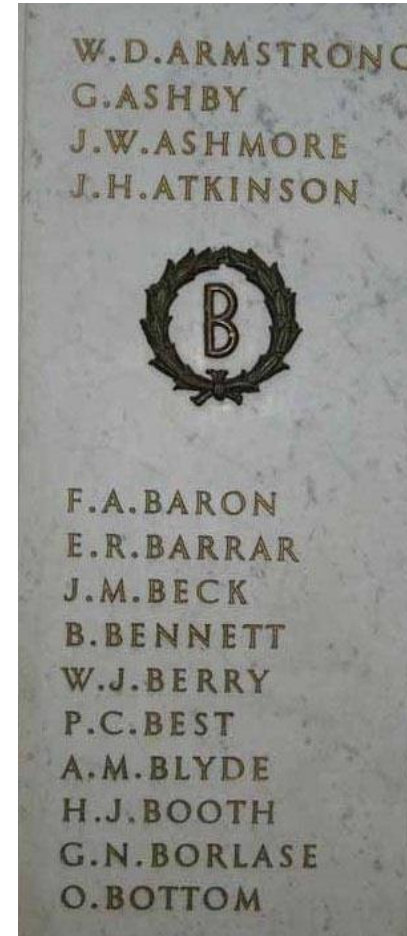
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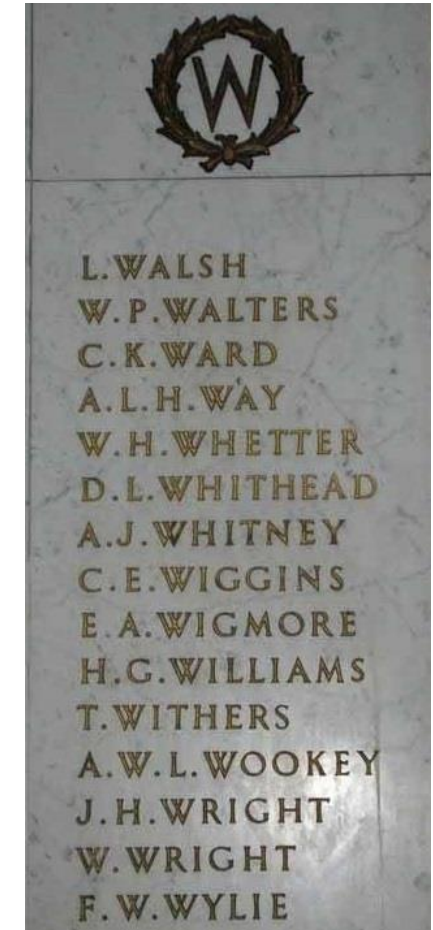
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SOUTH AFRICAN WAR**



**ALLEN, John Kenneth (sp?)**



**BOTTOM, Oscar**



**WATTERS, William Paterson  
(sp?)  
WILLIAMS, Herbert George**





**GREYMOUTH SOUTH AFRICAN WAR MEMORIAL**

**BOTTOM, Oscar**



**SPRINGFONTEIN CEMETERY,  
FREE STATE, SOUTH AFRICA**

**WILLIAMS, Herbert George**



**WESTLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
WAR MEMORIAL**

**WILLIAMS, Herbert George**