

## Frederick Stuckey

Fred Stuckey was born on 8 April 1879, the son of Mrs F.A. Bamford, formerly Mrs Stuckey. He resided at 112 Trafalgar St, Nelson<sup>1</sup> and attended Nelson College from 1894 to 1898.<sup>2</sup>

He was a keen sportsman and was a College swimming champion 1895-6 and gym champion in 1898. Later he represented Auckland in rugby. He was also an academic and graduated with an M.A. in 1902. He trained as a teacher and was an assistant master at Kings College in Auckland.<sup>3</sup>

He enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force 16 August 1914 and served in the Auckland Infantry Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Hauraki Company, with the Main Body, NZEF. His army service number was 12/2 and he entered the war at the rank of Major. He gave his religion as Church of England when he enlisted and was unmarried. He left on the transport vessel, H.M.N.Z.T. 12 the *Waimana*, destined for Suez Canal.<sup>4</sup>

At Gallipoli, he died of wounds on 25 April 1915, on the opening day of action for the New Zealanders and his grave is unknown.<sup>5</sup> It is possible he was buried at sea, from the hospital ship.<sup>6</sup> His military record records him as wounded and missing, later died of wounds.<sup>7</sup>

His name is recorded on The Lone Pine Memorial on the road from Chunuk Bair to Gaba Tepe, in Turkey.<sup>8</sup> He is further remembered on New Zealand memorials at the Nelson Cathedral, where a service in his memory was also held December 1915, at the Auckland Garrison Officers Club and at St Mary's church in Auckland.<sup>9</sup>

His mother received his medals which were the 1914-1915 Star, the British War medal and the Victory medal.<sup>10</sup>

The Prow website has an article compiled by Debbie Daniel-Smith on Major Stuckey.

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