



Edward Kelsall

Edward Kelsall was born on 15th July 1889, the oldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Kelsall of Fairsnape, Bleasdale. He and his five brothers and sisters were brought up on the farm and went to Bleasdale School.

In 1910, at the age of 21, he emigrated from Liverpool aboard the Steamship Cornwall, bound for Auckland, New Zealand.

Name of Ship *Cornwall* Date of Departure *25/7/10* Where bound *Auckland* Port of Departure *Liverpool*
 Steamship Line *Federal Australia Line*

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

Port of Embarkation	Contract Number	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	Class	Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passenger	ENGLISH		WELSH		SCOTCH		IRISH		BRITISH COLONIAL		Port at which passengers have contracted to land
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		<i>Alfred Chapman</i>		<i>Wagoner</i>											<i>Wellington</i>
		<i>Thomas Robinson</i>		<i>Wagoner</i>											<i>Wellington</i>
		<i>Edward Kelsall</i>		<i>Wagoner</i>											<i>Wellington</i>
		<i>Alfred Chapman</i>		<i>Wagoner</i>											<i>Wellington</i>



Photo from the internet

By 1916 he was at Waimahaka on South Island, not far from Invercargill where, in February, Edward enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF). His medical records show him as being fit and healthy, 5' 8" tall and weighing just on 11 stone, with a fresh complexion, blue eyes and brown hair.



He then moved to Trentham Military training camp near Wellington, North Island and 3 months later left NZ on the troop ship 'Maunganui' bound for England and the New Zealanders' training camp at Sling, on Salisbury Plain. He returned there at the end of the war to be demobilised and was at Sling when the Kiwi was carved.

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.
 ATTESTATION OF INFANTRY
 Name: *KELSALL EDWARD* Regiment or Unit: *4th Bn. NZEF*

Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment:

1. What is your name? *EDWARD KELSALL*
2. Where were you born? *LANGSHIRE ENGLAND*
3. Are you a British subject? *YES*
4. What is the date of your birth? *15th JULY 1889*
5. What is your trade or calling? *LABOURER*
6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and by whom? *NO*
7. What was the address at which you last resided? *4/4 DR. RODGERS TOLTOI STATES WAIMAHAKA*
8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? *YES*
9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? *MR ROGERS WAIMAHAKA*
10. Are you married? *NO*
11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? If so, where and when? *NO*
12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? *NO*
13. Has you served in any military or naval force? *NO*
14. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? *NO*
15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1907? *NO*
16. Have you ever been reported as unfit for the military or naval service of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? *NO*
17. Are you willing to be vaccinated on requisition and to receive the inoculation? *YES Edward Kelsall*
18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions: provided your services should be required for the term of the present European war and for such further period as it may be necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to discharge it? *YES*

Signature of Recruit: *Edward Kelsall*
 Signature of Witness: *Wm. McLean*
 Signature of Attesting Officer: *Wm. McLean*



Postcard of Sling Camp

KIWI Embroidered out of Cloth by the N.Z. Forces to commemorate their occupation of Sling Camp, Bedford, during the Great War. The body covers an area of 11 acres, Height 120 ft., length of Hill 150 ft. Height of letters N.Z. 6 ft. Total area enclosed 41 acres. The Embroider has been registered as a Military Emblement by the Imperial Authorities and on behalf of the N.Z. Forces, its maintenance has been undertaken by the KIWI PATENT CO. Pty. Ltd., London.

CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE. Army Form B. 103

Regiment or Corps: *4th Bn. NZEF* Name: *Edward Kelsall*
 Enlisted: *8/5/16* Duration of War: *18/10/18*
 Date of promotion to present rank: *18/10/18* Date of appointment to lance rank: *18/10/18*
 Extended: *18/10/18* Re-engaged: *18/10/18* Qualification: *6*

From when	To when	Place	Remarks
<i>18/10/18</i>	<i>18/10/18</i>	<i>WELLINGTON</i>	<i>Disembarkd. Ex. Maunganui</i>
<i>19/10/18</i>	<i>19/10/18</i>	<i>DEVONPORT</i>	<i>Embarked. Ex. Devonport</i>
<i>20/10/18</i>	<i>20/10/18</i>	<i>FRANCE</i>	<i>Arrived. France</i>
<i>21/10/18</i>	<i>21/10/18</i>	<i>FRANCE</i>	<i>Wounded. France</i>
<i>22/10/18</i>	<i>22/10/18</i>	<i>FRANCE</i>	<i>Returned to duty. France</i>
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Edward fought in France with the NZEF Machine Gun Corps until June 1918. He rose to the rank of Sergeant and he left the Army on 17th February 1919. On returning to Bleasdale he settled down at Fairsnape with Mary Ellen Huddleston of Blindhurst Farm, whom he had married in October 1918, whilst on leave after recuperating from an injury. Edward eventually took over the farm from his father, Thomas.

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from the Great War

Name	Days	Rank	Regt. No.
<i>Wincock</i>	<i>S.M.A.M.C.</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>85400</i>
<i>Herbert</i>	<i>R.O.S.E.Bd</i>		<i>31213</i>
	<i>MM.</i>		
	<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>	

Herbert Wilcock was born in 1898 in Longridge, second son of Stephen and Margaret. By 1901 the family were living at Fell End Cottage, Bleasdale. Herbert enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps in June 1916 and after arriving in France in June 1917 he immediately travelled to Marseilles, then on to Egypt, arriving on 9th July. In Feb. 1918 he was transferred to the King's Own Scottish Borderers' Regiment and returned to France to the Front. He was promoted to Lance Corporal then Corporal by August 1918 (as well as injured in that month) and on 15th November was promoted to Sergeant. He returned to England on 9th Oct 1919 and was demobilised four days later.

Herbert Wilcock

Herbert Wilcock was awarded the MILITARY MEDAL on 29th October 1918. Mr Hunt, the headteacher of Bleasdale School, wrote in the school log book:

"Corporal H. Wilcock - pupil of Day and Evening Schools awarded the Military Medal for leading wounded under heavy fire."



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Fell End Cottage

Fell End Farm