

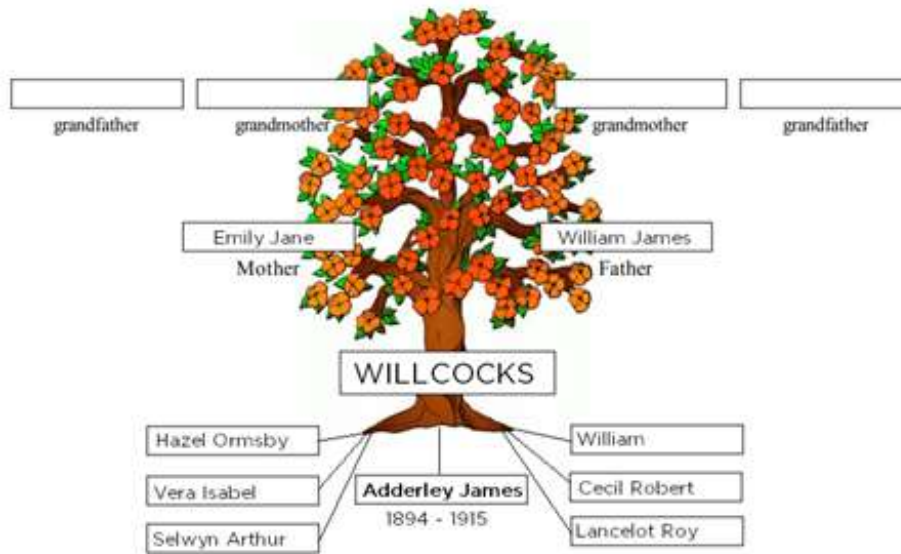
# Oddlerley James Willcocks



"He died for his country"



# Family Tree



**Adderley James Willcocks** was born in Napier in 1894 to Emily and William, and was one of seven children.

He attended Auckland Grammar School and at the time of joining up he was a Driver for a Mr Rennie in Te Kuiti.

The Auckland Star reports he had been getting farm experience as a cadet since the time he left the Grammar School on to the time of his enlistment.

Private A. J. Willcocks, son of Mr. Willcocks, of Fairfax Road, Epsom, entered the School from Bayfield School in February, 1910. He was a member of the Main Expeditionary Force, and was killed in the landing at Gaba Tepe. He was in the Modern Third of 1910, and left before the end of the third term to go farming.

(Bayfield school is in Herne Bay).

There is only one mention I can find of this family being local, and that is the Public Trust probate notice in the NZ Gazette of 1899 for Adderley's father. Under the heading "Colonial Residence" it gives "Birkenhead".

Adderley left Auckland with the 3<sup>rd</sup> reinforcement draft and at Trentham was drafted into the Canterbury Infantry Battalion. He served with them in Turkey.

He is reported wounded in hospital in Malta, and a later report says he was recently admitted to hospital suffering from acute rheumatism, though the official word that came through regarding his inclusion in the casualty list stated that he had been wounded. He has since completely recovered and has returned to the trenches.

Pte Adderley James Willcocks was killed in action at the Dardanelles on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1915.

He is remembered at the Chunuk Bair (NZ) Memorial.

# NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 6/1754 Name: Adairley James Wallcott <sup>crsk</sup> Regiment or Unit: C.I.F.

Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? ...  | 1. <u>Adairley James Wallcott</u> <sup>crsk</sup> |
| 2. Where were you born? ...  | 2. <u>Wopre</u>                                   |
| 3. Are you a British subject? ...  | 3. <u>yes</u>                                     |
| 4. What is the date of your birth? ...   | 4. <u>Sept 5 1894</u> ✓                           |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? ...  | 5. <u>armer</u>                                   |
| 6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom?  | 6. <u>no</u>                                      |
| 7. What was the address at which you last resided? ...   | 7. <u>to Rennie Le Kuit</u>                       |
| 8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent?  | 8. <u>yes</u>                                     |
| 9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer?  | 9. <u>Rennie</u>                                  |
| 10. Are you married? ...   | 10. <u>no</u>                                     |
| 11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where?  | 11. <u>no</u>                                     |
| 12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps?  | 12. <u>C.T.P.</u>                                 |
| 13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge.  | 13. <u>no</u>                                     |
| 14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service?   | 14. <u>yes</u>                                    |
| 15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where?   | 15. <u>yes</u>                                    |
| 16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds?  | 16. <u>no</u>                                     |
| 17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated? ...  | 17. <u>yes</u>                                    |
| 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 so long be required: For the term of the present European war and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to disband it? | 18. <u>yes</u>                                    |
- This should be "Willcotts"

NOTE.—Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, Adairley James Wallcott, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: Adairley James Wallcott

Signature of Witness: G. J. Powell

Oath to be taken by recruit on attestation.

I, Adairley James Wallcott, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me, God.

Certificate of Magistrate or Attesting Officer.

The above questions were read to the above-named recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed a declaration and taken the oath before me, at Greatham, N.Z., on this 21 day of Dec, 1914.

Signature of Attesting Officer: W. Stephen Simpson

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alteration.



## Description of

Adams, Jas Wilson

## on Enlistment

Apparent age: 20 years 3 months.

(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.)

Height: 5 feet 8 inches.

Weight: 154 lb.

Chest-measurement: { Minimum, 31 inches.  
Maximum, 34 inches.

Complexion: dark

Colour of eyes: brown

Colour of hair: brown

Religious profession: Ch of Eng

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

## Medical Examination.

Sight: Right eye, 6/6

" Left eye, 6/6

Hearing: Right ear, normal

" Left ear, "

Colour-vision: "

Are his limbs well formed? yes

Are the movements of all his joints full and perfect? yes

Is his chest well formed? yes

Is his heart normal? yes

Are his lungs normal? yes

What is the condition of the teeth? good

Is he free from hernia? yes

Is he free from varicocoele? yes

Is he free from varicose veins? yes

Is he free from hæmorrhoids? yes

Is he free from inveterate or contagious skin-disease? yes

Is there a distinct mark of vaccination? yes

Is he in good bodily and mental health and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties? yes

Are there any slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection? no

## Remarks.

## Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named, and find he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for service in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

18 Dec

1914

A. E. E. E.

Medical Officer.


# Casualty Record...

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental No. 61759 Rank Pte Name Willcocks, Adderby James  
 Enlisted (a) 14.12.14 Terms of Service (a) period of war Service reckons from (a) 14.12.14  
 Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }  
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
29/5/15	N.Z. 4d Amb.	Adm. to 4d. Amb.	Mudros	29/5/15	A36. Rheumatism
31/5/15	H.M. 1 Newmarket	Adm. to Newmarket	do	31/5/15	Ships roll.
6/6/15	St. Andrews Hosp.	Adm. to Hospital	Malta	4/6/15	A36. C1884
12/7/15	Malta	Emb. on s.s. Seanghie for Alexandria	Malta	12/7/15	B. Nom. roll.
17/7/15	Adv. Base	Attached to strength N.Z. Adv. Base Depot	Mustapha	16/7/15	B213
21/7/15	Emb. roll.	Emb. on s.s. Seanghie for G'nelles	G'nelles	21/7/15	Emb. roll.
8/8/15	O.C. B.	Killed in action	"	7/8/15	B212


 W. Fitz Herbert  
 CAPT.  
 O. C. Records Section New Zealand  
 for A. A. G.  
 G. H. Q. 3rd. Echelon M. E. F.

CAPT. W. R. 20.4.14  
 W. R. 20.4.14

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

[P.T.O.]

# Wounded...

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XLVI, ISSUE 150, 25 JUNE 1915

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

### PRIVATE A. J. WILLCOCKS.

Private Adderley James Willcocks, reported on Monday as among the wounded in hospital in Malta (under the name of Willcox), left Auckland with the third reinforcement draft. At Trentham he was drafted into the Canterbury Infantry Battalion, and he served with them in Turkey. He was the youngest of three brothers, and had been getting farm experience as a cadet since he left the Grammar School on to the time of his enlistment. He is only 20 years of age. His mother lives at Fairfax Road, Epsom.



ST ANDREWS BARRACKS HOSPITAL, MALTA



# Brothers in Arms...

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XLVI, ISSUE 187, 7 AUGUST 1915

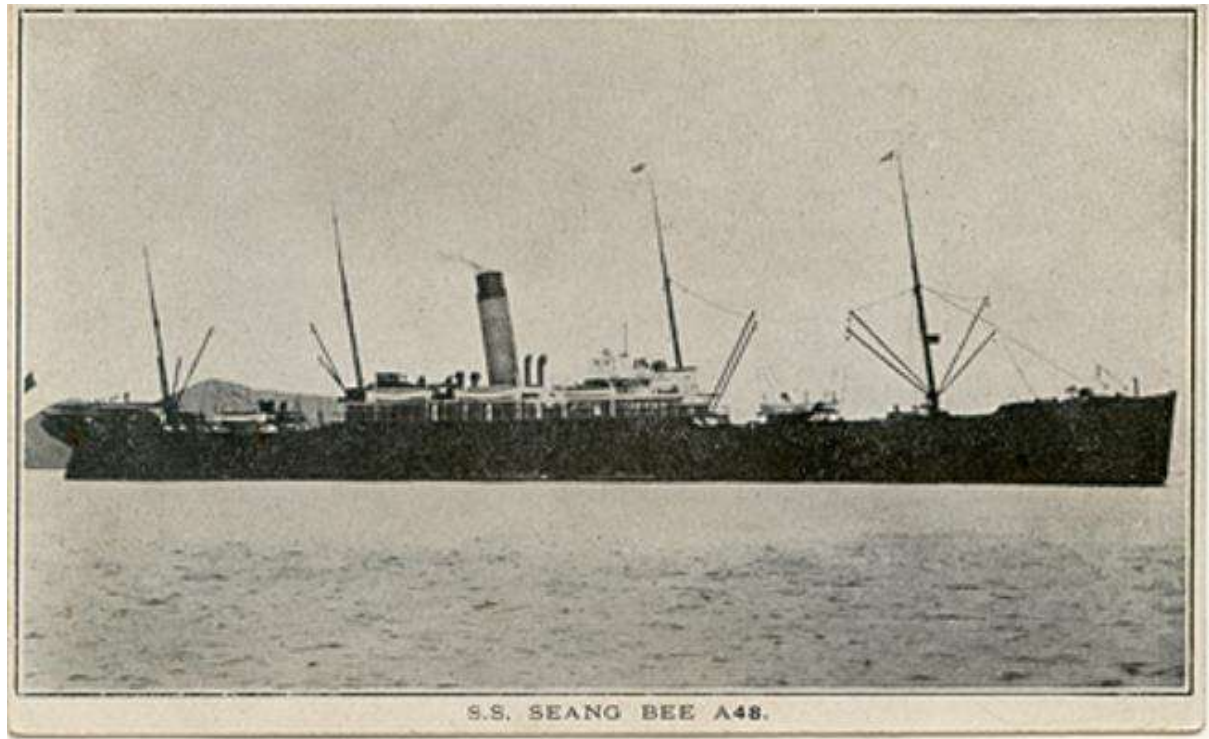
## WITH THE NAVAL BRIGADE.

Cecil Robert Willcocks, who has been wounded while serving in the British Naval Brigade with the Expeditionary Force at the Dardanelles, is a son of Mrs. E. J. Willcocks, of Fairfax Road, Epsom. He was in England at the time of the outbreak of war, with the intention of going up for his master's ticket, and immediately volunteered for active service, and was attached to the Naval Brigade. He was apprenticed to the shipping firm of J. J. Craig, Ltd., and for four years served in various vessels of the Craig line. He served also for a time in the Monowai with the U.S.N. Co. He is only 25 years of age, but had passed all his examinations in the mercantile marine, and was at Home to sit for his master's ticket. A younger brother, Adderley Willcocks, is serving with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Turkey. Adderley Willcocks was recently admitted to hospital suffering from acute rheumatism, though the official word that came through regarding his inclusion in the casualty list stated that he had been wounded. He has since completely recovered, and has returned to the trenches.

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21/7/15 Emb. roll. Emb. on ss. Seangbee for G'nelles. 21/7/15 Emb. roll.  
 8/8/15 " " Killed in action " 7/8/15 P212.



## August 1915

- 3 – Anzac: Reinforcements for the forthcoming offensive begin landing, including the [British 13th \(Western\) Division](#).
- 6 – **Battle of Sari Bair**, also known as the **August Offensive**, commences.
  - Helles: **Battle of Krithia Vineyard** diversion commences with an attack by the 88th Brigade of the [British 29th Division](#).
  - Anzac: **Battle of Lone Pine** diversion commences at 6.30 a.m. with the [Australian 1st Division](#) capturing Turkish trenches. Fighting continues for six days in which time seven [Victoria Crosses](#) are awarded.
  - Suvla: At 10.00 p.m. the [British 11th \(Northern\) Division](#), part of [IX Corps](#), begins landing.
  - Anzac: Under cover of darkness, two columns of Anzac, British & Indian troops break out to the north, heading for the heights of Chunuk Bair and Hill 971.
- 7
  - Anzac: **Battle of the Nek** At 4.30 a.m. another futile diversion virtually wipes out two [regiments](#) of the [3rd Light Horse Brigade](#).
  - Suvla: The [British 10th \(Irish\) Division](#) begins landing.
  - Helles: Fighting at Krithia Vineyard continues with an attack by the [42nd Division](#).
  - Anzac: After a lengthy delay, the [New Zealand Infantry Brigade](#) attempts to capture Chunuk Bair but fails.
- 8
  - Anzac: **Battle of Chunuk Bair** Attacking at 3.00 a.m., New Zealand and British infantry gain a foothold on Chunuk Bair.
  - Naval operations: British submarine [HMS E11](#) torpedoes the Ottoman battleship [Barbaros Hayreddin](#) off Bulair.



# Hospital Reports...

DOMINION, VOLUME 8, ISSUE 2527, 30 JULY 1915

SICK RECOVERED AND SENT TO  
FRONT.

CANTERBURY BATTALION.

KEMP, Pte. William Rothwell (No.  
6/964).

GREEN, Pte. Thomas (No. 6/1069).

LLOYD, Pte. Daniel Patrick (No. 6/1097).

HAMILTON, Pte. George Arthur (No.  
6/1216).

**WILLCOCKS**, Pte. **Adderley** James (No.  
6/1759).



# In memory of...

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME LII, ISSUE 16008, 28 AUGUST 1915

## NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

### MANY KILLED IN SARI BAIR FIGHTING.

TOTAL DEAD, WOUNDED OR MISSING, 4827.

The 161st casualty list issued by the Defence Department last night contained the names of 133 New Zealanders killed in action, most of whom fell in the severe fighting during the advance on Sari Bair commencing on the night of August 7. In addition seven men are reported to have died either of wounds or disease, making a total death-roll of 140. Of this number the Wellington Infantry Battalion lost 83 men, the Canterbury Infantry Battalion 50, the Auckland Infantry Battalion 2, the Otago Mounted Rifles 4, and the Otago Infantry Battalion 1. The list also contains the names of 11 men wounded, of whom 7 are members of the Maori Infantry. Four other men are reported to be dangerously ill. Approximately 4827 New Zealand officers and men have now been killed, wounded, or reported missing.

### MEN KILLED IN ACTION.

#### CANTERBURY INFANTRY BATTALION.

Samuel Murray Penny—Edward Henry Penny, Blenheim (father).  
Lewis Mullany—Richard Mullany, Napier (father).  
Harry Walter Nilsen—John Peter Nilsen, Kaikoura.  
Charles Robert Pacey—Mrs. M. Dorset, Napier (mother).  
Ralph Leslie Price—Joseph Price, sen., Belgrove, Nelson (father).  
Ernest Edgar Purcell—F. Purcell, Levin (father).  
James Edward Robinson—Joseph Robinson, Timaru (father).  
Alfred John Sherman—W. Sherman, Motueka (father).  
Norman Harold Sigglekow—Mrs. L. Sigglekow, Aporo (mother).  
Marten Andrew Simpson—Arthur Simpson, Wairangi, Nelson (father).  
Sidney Smith—Harry Smith, Rakaia (father).  
William Spence—Mrs. G. Taylor, Timaru (mother).  
John Turner—Miss Violet Turner, Caversham, Dunedin.  
William Henry Very—Next of kin not given.  
Joseph Henry Wallace (Sergeant)—James Wallace, Timaru.  
Charles Ward—William Ward, Carterton (brother).  
Douglas James Whitcombe—F. Whitcombe, Linwood, Christchurch.  
Hamish W. White (Lance-Sergeant)—J. W. White, Blenheim (father).  
Adderley James Willcocks—Mrs. E. J. Willcocks, Fairfax Road, Epsom, Auckland.  
Harry Errol Williams (Sergeant)—Mrs. Howells, Ballarat, Victoria.

"He died for his country"



# Roll of Honour...

THE 'AUCKLAND STAR, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1915.

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find a soul alive. But the Germans were  
there all right, and in goodly numbers,  
too, and very much alive. Machine guns  
and rifles spat at us from every angle,  
and every house left standing seemed to  
be full of the enemy: We fought from  
house to house, from room to room, in  
Loos. It was old-fashioned fighting. You  
met a man in a room, and you stood up  
and had it out. . . .

"The cellars were the worst part of  
Loos. Rifle and machine gun fire was  
poured from these cellars into us in the  
streets. The tops of the cellars were  
above the level of the road. There were  
men who took whole cellarfuls of men  
prisoners. There were many occasions  
when these Bavarians, caught like rats  
in a trap, begged to be spared, and then  
shot the men who went down to take  
them prisoner. . . . When that hap-  
pened there was only one end. The cellars  
were blown to bits by hand bombs which  
were dropped into them. . . .

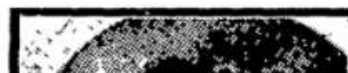
"The enemy were now properly on the  
run, and so were we—after them. Prus-  
sian Guards appeared among the Bava-  
rians armed with long whips, which they  
used, not on us, but on the Bavarians. I  
tried to get one of those whips, but I was  
out of luck, but a pal of mine picked up  
one. We took Hill 70 without much loss,  
but we were tired. The Germans counter-  
attacked, and for a moment we had to  
retire. It was now that I was wounded.  
I watched our reinforcements rush up,  
pass by me, and joined by those of us  
who were not wounded, retake with ease  
all that we had lost of Hill 70."

## THE ROLL OF HONOUR.



PTE. ADDERLEY JAMES  
WILLCOCKS,

Canterbury Battalion, killed in action  
on 7th August. His mother, Mrs. E.  
Willcocks, lives at Fairfax Road, Epsom.



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### COL. RHODES' F1

### ALL NEW ZEALAN

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Prime Minister from  
R. H. Rhodes, M.P., w  
to inquire into the ad  
New Zealand base a  
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dated October 13, refe  
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port in more detail.

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to our base depot, ar  
in our Records Office  
hours in the base post

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME LII, ISSUE 16010, 31 AUGUST 1915

WILLCOCKS.—On August 7, killed in ac-  
tion at the Dardanelles. Adderley James  
(Adden), youngest beloved son of Emily and  
the late W. J. Wilcocks; aged 20 years and  
11 months.





In Memory of

Private

## Adderley James Willcocks

6/1759, Canterbury Regiment, N.Z.E.F. who died on 07 August 1915

Son of Mrs. E. J. Willcocks, of Apia, Samoa.

Remembered with Honour

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



Roll of Honour for All Saints Ponsonby Road. "1914-1919 To the Glory of God and in Grateful Remembrance of His Servants". Image provided by Armoury Volunteer