

Frederick Sturge Redfern

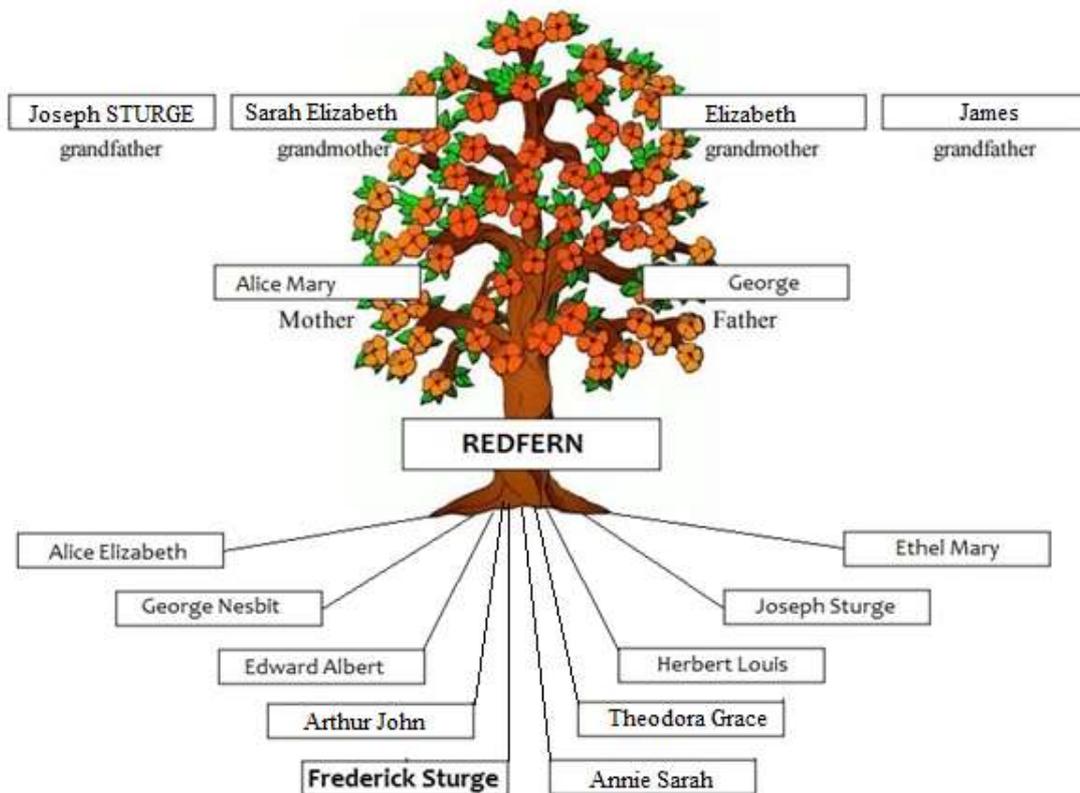


TPR. F. S. REDFERN,
Auckland M.R.,
Killed in action.



"He died for his country"

Family Tree



13/227 Q/M/Sgt REDFERN, Arthur John
MB AMR wounded, Matakohē

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George REDFERN



Alice Mary (NESBIT) STURGE,
Ethel Mary (REDFERN) WEBB, Sarah Elizabeth NESBIT
Charles Lionel WEBB



George and Alice Redfern's first house 1900-1903

New Zealand, Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981

1900 > Auckland > Eden

2831	Redfern, Alice Mary, Freeman's P.O., home duties
2832	Redfern, George, Hellyer's creek, photographer
2833	Redfern, George Nesbit, Mayfield, farmer

Frederick Sturge Redfern was born 27 March 1892, the youngest of nine children to Alice Mary and George.

Early electoral rolls show George as a photographer, initially in Eden Terrace and later from Hellyer's Creek. By the time Frederick enlisted his mother was widowed and had moved the family to Greenhithe.

At 5'7", and 150 lbs (68kg), Frederick was of fair complexion, with brown eyes and dark brown hair. He had good teeth and no other remarkable medical conditions.

Aged 22 on enlistment, Frederick was a Farmer at Wainoni and had been enlisted for compulsory military training in Takapuna.

As a Lance Corporal he joined the main body of the Auckland Mounted Rifles and with several hundred other men, including his brother Arthur, was sent to the mobilisation camp at Epsom (Alexandra Park) in August of 1914.

Frederick and Arthur, a Quartermaster Sergeant with the Auckland Mounted Rifles, departed Wellington on 16 October 1914, arriving Suez at the beginning of December.

We know Arthur contracted Malaria in the middle of July 1915, but rejoined his unit 2 weeks later. It appears the boys fought side by side until the 15th August when Trooper Frederick Sturge Redfern was killed in action at the Dardanelles.



Call to arms...

New Zealand Army WWI Nominal Rolls, 1914-1918

Vol. 1: 15 Aug 1914 - 31 Dec 1915

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, 1914—continued.

Reg. No.	Rank.	Name.	Body or Res. Movement Draft.	Unit or Regiment.	Single, Married, or Widower.
13/227	Q.M.-Sergt.	Redfern, Arthur John ..	Main Body ..	Auckland Mounted Rifles	S.
13/130	Lance-Corpl.	Redfern, Fredrick Sturge ..	Main Body ..	Auckland Mounted Rifles	S.

Last New Zealand Address.	Military District.	Name and Address of Next-of-kin.
Matakohe, Auckland ..	Auckland	Mrs. Alice Mary Redfern (mother), Post-office, Wainoni.
Wainoni, Auckland ..	Auckland	Mrs. A. M. Redfern (mother), Post-office, Wainoni.
Mackaytown, Auckland ..	Auckland	W. H. Redfern (father), Karamahaka, Thames.

Epsom Camp (Alexandra Park, Auckland)



THE AUCKLAND CAMP.

TROOPS INCREASING.

GENERAL GODLEY ARRIVES.

INSPECTION TO-DAY

VIEWS OF COMMANDANT.

Several hundred men were drafted into the mobilisation camp at Epsom yesterday, and by to-morrow it is anticipated that the whole of the Auckland portion of the expeditionary force will have been mobilised. All the infantry and the mounted men will remain under canvas at Epsom until they embark for Europe at the end of the month. Small units, such as engineers and signallers, will be trained together at Palmerston North. Twenty-one men, all mounted, of the New Zealand Field Troop of Engineers, under the command of Captain L. M. Shea, entrained last night for Palmerston North. They will be followed to-day by the Divisional Signal Company and by the A Battery of the New Zealand Field Artillery. These units will be joined at the camp by similar troops from the other military centres.

The mobilisation camp at Epsom will be inspected at ten o'clock this morning by General Sir Alexander Godley, who is going to Europe in command of the expeditionary force. Invitations to be present have been issued to several leading citizens, and the general public will be admitted.

General Sir Alexander Godley, who arrived in Auckland yesterday afternoon, stated that he was well pleased with the type of volunteer in the advance guard of the expeditionary force. Some, he said, might have been on the young side, but these were the exception rather than the rule. The greatest care, he added, was being exercised in preventing anyone from obtaining a position in the force by means of a false declaration of age.

Composition of the Force.

The composition of the expeditionary force, General Godley pointed out, did not seem to be generally understood. Each mounted rifle or infantry regiment of the territorial force furnished one squadron or company. The squadrons from the 3rd Auckland, 4th Waikato, and 11th North Auckland Mounted Rifles together constitute the Auckland Mounted Rifles Regiment. In the same way the companies from the 3rd Auckland, 6th Hauraki, 15th North Auckland, and 16th Waikato, Regiments form the Auckland Infantry Regiment. The same system applies to the forces from the other military centres. "The great merit of this organisation," continued the general, "is that each territorial regiment will be represented at the front by about a-quarter of its men, these men being the pick of the regiment."

Protection of the Dominion.

General Godley stated emphatically that the departure of the expeditionary force will not leave New Zealand inadequately protected. There would, he said, be over 20,000 territorials left in the country, organised as they were before the departure of the expeditionary force. This force of 8000 men equals about a-quarter of the present territorial force, but their places would be filled by men from the general training section and by volunteers and reserves. "I shall have far more chance of seeing some fighting by going away than by stopping in New Zealand," he added.

In conclusion, General Godley said that he was sorry to think that this would be his last visit to Auckland for some time perhaps. "I have always received much kindness at the hands of the people of Auckland, and I hope to come back again to see them. In the meantime you may be sure that I will look after the Auckland boys, who, I know, will give a good account of themselves."

General Godley leaves for Wellington again at mid-day to-day, proceeding to Dunedin and Christchurch in order to inspect the mobilisation camps in those centres. The exact date of the expeditionary force's departure from the Dominion General Godley would not disclose, but he said that the main body of the Auckland contingent would sail direct from this port.

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ATTESTATION OF

No. _____ Name: Frederick George Redfern Regiment or Unit: _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Frederick George Redfern</u> |
| 2. Where were you born? | 2. <u>London</u> |
| 3. Are you a British subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is the date of your birth? | 4. <u>Nov 27 1892</u> |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? | 5. <u>Printer</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>Wairoa Auckland</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>None</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>3rd Anti Rifle</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>See Frederick Redfern</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 re-vaccinated? | 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 disband it? | 18. <u>Yes</u>
<u>Pro attest 19/8/17</u> |

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, Frederick George Redfern, 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: Frederick Redfern
Signature of Witness: James ...

Oath to be taken by Recruit on attestation.

I, Frederick George Redfern, 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 the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Wairoa Auckland, N.Z., on this 8 day of August 1917.

Signature of Attesting Officer: James ...

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

Army Form B. 213.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Auckland Mounted Rifles

Regimental No. 13/130. Rank Trooper Name Redfern Frederick Sturge

Enlisted (a) 19/8/14. Terms of Service (a) period of war Service reckons from (a) 19/8/14.

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				
15.8.15	A.M.R.	Killed in action	Dardanelles	8/8/15	A. 213.

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 for A. A. G.
 J. H. Q. 3rd. Echelon M. E. F.

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(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.]



From
 The Kauri Museum, Matakohu.

Name/Title
 Commemorative trinket box WW1

About this object
 Commemorative trinket box purchased from a Red Cross auction by George Smith. Made from kauri and carved. Inside is a handwritten tribute: 'This box was made in Honour of my brother Pte. Fred. S. Redfern who was Killed in Action at Dardanelles August 8, 1815. Annie Redfern Greenhith', 13/130 Trooper Frederick Sturge Redfern was from Wainoni, Auckland.

Dear Ella...

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SUEZ,

2nd September, 1915.

Dear Ella,

I am very much afraid that the bad news this letter contains is only too true. We have been fighting lately on a scale hitherto unknown on Gallipoli. Whole regiments have been practically exterminated, hardly a man left untouched, and the A. M. R. has been no exception. Those who were not killed or wounded in the scrap that started on 8th September were put into it again about a fortnight later, or rather about a week after the main slaughter up, and finished off. I was slightly wounded on Sunday the 8th and sent to hospital in Cairo. Fred was going strong when I left and got through that scrap untouched, only to be killed in the later fight, such was the information I got just before I left Cairo. Col. Mackay told me, he got it from Sgt. Major Manners who helped to carry him out of the trench. Fred was engaged with Corp. Barnes in throwing dead Turks out of a captured trench when they were both shot. It is deuced hard. Hard luck for Fred, but harder for Mother. It will just about kill her. I am being sent home for a change and I think my presence at home may make things somewhat lighter for the Mater. I had only reported fit for duty after the malaria four days when I got smacked. That Sunday was the most awful day I ever lived through, and I never want to see another like it. I got a rifle bullet through the muscle of my right shoulder. It is nothing serious, but all of us who have been through the whole Gallipoli campaign and have been wounded have been sent either to England or New Zealand.

I can hardly realise that Fred is gone. He was the best trooper I had in the Squadron and now he is dead, and the rest of the Squadron are either dead or in hospital. If there was any shortage of men for fatigue Fred was always there to help, and he more than looked after me when I returned from Lemnos hospital after the malaria. Well, Ella, Fred has died doing his duty as a soldier.

It was more by good luck than management that I escaped doing the same. I had two bullets through the shade on the back of my cap, and the man next me was killed, but I got out with only a flesh wound.

I don't know how long I will be at home but I can only hope that this war will soon end. I feel that my place is at home with Mother, but I am afraid that I will be needed again to do some more of this ghastly work. I have seen enough of the glory of war but where duty calls a soldier must go.

I won't be sorry to see the last of Egypt for a while with its niggers, heat, flies, and sand. I can do with a spell. My wound is nearly healed but I feel just as weary as I know how to and I long for a sight of home and Mother. Well Ella, I know you were fond of Fred but don't grieve, I know it is hard and he was a good lad, but a soldier could not die for a better cause, or in a better way.

Address the next letter to me care of Mother.

I remain ever

Your sincere friend,

ARTHUR J.

Roll of Honour...

EVENING POST, VOLUME XC, ISSUE 55, 2 SEPTEMBER 1915

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES.

8th August.

Redfern, Frederick Sturge, 13/130, Tpr.
(Mrs. A. M. Redfern, Wainoni P.O.,
Auckland, mother)

Catchpole, Thomas Eric, 13/549, Tpr.
(A. B. Catchpole, Mokoia)

Bird, Joseph Hohepa, 13/644, Tpr. (Mrs.
Annie A. Bird, Whakatane, wife)

EVENING STAR, ISSUE 15898, 2 SEPTEMBER 1915

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

THE LATEST LIST.

The Government issued the following
list to-day:—

KILLED IN ACTION.

OTAGO BATTALION.

Corporal R. KELLY.
Private A. A. BUCHANAN.
Private R. OLIVER.

CANTERBURY MOUNTED RIFLES.

Lance-corporal H. E. RICHARDS.

AUCKLAND BATTALION.

Private W. C. Riley.

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES.

Trooper F. S. REDFERN.

New Zealand Army WWI Roll of Honour, 1914-1919

Section 1 - Died while on active service

28407	Pte.	Reddy, William David	..	O.T.B.	Died of wounds, France, 12/10/17
13 130	Tpr.	Redfern, Frederick Sturge	..	A.M.R.	Killed in action, Gallipoli, 8/8/15.
70124	Rfm.	Redmond, Berwin	..	N.Z.R.B.	Killed in action, France, 5/10/18.

"He died for his country"



In Memory Of...

AUCKLAND STAR, VOLUME XLVI, ISSUE 210, 3 SEPTEMBER 1915

Q M SERGT ARTHUR J REDFERN

Quartermaster Sergeant Arthur John Redfern, wounded, is a brother of Trooper Fred S Redfern (killed in the same action), and also worked on the settlement at Greenhithe prior to going to the front with the Auckland Mounted of the main Expeditionary Force

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME LII, ISSUE 16016, 7 SEPTEMBER 1915

A. J. AND F. S. REDFERN.

Trooper Fred. Sturge Redfern, killed in action, was the son of the late Mr. Geo. Redfern, who for many years carried on a photographer's business in Auckland. Deceased was well-known in the Greenhithe district, where his mother and sister now reside. Amongst his brothers are Mr. G. Redfern, of Takapuna, Mr. J. Redfern, of Paparua, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Arthur John Redfern, who has been reported wounded.





PTE. J. J. LOGAN, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. H. E. BROWNE, Wellington M.R., Wounded. PTE. A. G. BALLANTINE, Auckland Inf. Batt., Died of wounds. PTE. R. E. BARRETT, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. N. D. FRASER, Otago M.R., Wounded. L. CORP. C. J. JENKINS, Auckland M.R., Wounded. L. CORP. O. P. MORTENSEN, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. SERGT. E. S. PEED, Wellington M.R., Wounded.



PTE. W. A. ALEXANDER, Auckland M.R., Died of wounds. PTE. N. MORRIS, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. J. H. HAYWARD, Auckland M.R., Killed in action. PTE. T. W. MEDHURST, Auckland Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. W. L. VESTY, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. G. WINSKILL, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. ERIC B. BURR, Wellington M.R., Died of wounds. PTE. W. J. ROBERTSON, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded.



PTE. H. J. CARSON, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. A. D. BROMWELL, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded. CORP. F. W. TERRY, Auckland M.R., Killed in action. PTE. R. LEWIS, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. CYRIL I. BRIMER, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. REG. ATKINSON, Canterbury M.R., Wounded. PTE. C. N. NEWMAN, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. CORP. F. V. BLANDFORD, Field Ambulance, Wounded.



SERG. H. M. COTTON, Canterbury M.R., Wounded. PTE. S. R. ELLIS, Otago Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. R. H. GOLD, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Missing. QM-SERG. A. J. REDFERN, Auckland M.R., Wounded. PTE. F. S. REDFERN, Auckland M.R., Killed in action. PTE. C. W. MILNER, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. L. M. LEAMAN, Canterbury M.R., Killed in action. PTE. E. FARRELL, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded.



PTE. W. E. HALL, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Missing. PTE. W. F. CLARK, Wellington M.R., Wounded. PTE. R. S. SHAW, of Wellington, Australian Force, Wounded. SERGT. E. S. GIBSON, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded. L. SERGT. A. R. GREENWOOD, Canterbury M.R., Killed in action. PTE. W. C. RILEY, Auckland Inf. Batt., Killed in action. PTE. J. D. GODFREY, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. W. P. PYLE, Otago M.R., Killed in action.



L. CORP. C. MELLOR, Wellington Inf. Batt., Killed in action. PTE. A. F. MELLOR, Wellington Inf. Batt., Killed in action. PTE. JOHN MORRISEY, Auckland Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. L. A. MCCRACKEN, Wellington Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. H. W. B. LOCKETT, Otago Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. T. E. LEWIS, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Died of wounds. PTE. A. (BOB) LAWRENCE, Canterbury Inf. Batt., Wounded. PTE. T. CURRAN, Otago M.R., Wounded.

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR: NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN KILLED, WOUNDED, AND MISSING WHILE FIGHTING THE ENEMY ON TURKISH SOIL.

In Memory of

Trooper

Frederick Sturge Redfern

13/130, Auckland Mounted Rifles, N.Z.E.F. who died on 08 August 1915

Son of Mrs. A. M. Redfern, of Greenhithe, Auckland.

Remembered with Honour

Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial



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