Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Te Uare Taoka o Hākena:

Welcome to the Hocken Collections

He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou
kā uri o kā hau e whā arā, kā mātāwaka o te motu, o te ao whānui hoki.
Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

As you arrive

We seek to preserve all the taoka we hold for future generations. So that all taoka are properly protected, we ask that you:

- place your bags (including computer bags and sleeves) in the lockers provided
- leave all food and drink including water bottles in the lockers (we have a researcher lounge off the foyer which everyone is welcome to use)
- bring any materials you need for research and some ID in with you
- sign the Readers’ Register each day
- enquire at the reference desk first if you wish to take digital photographs

Beginning your research

This guide gives examples of material relating to the South African War of 1899 to 1902 (sometimes known as the Boer War or Anglo-Boer War) held in the Hocken. All items must be used within the library. As the collection is large and constantly growing not every item is listed here, but you can search for other material on our Online Public Access Catalogues:

- for books, theses, journals, magazines, newspapers, maps, and audiovisual material, use Library Search | Ketu. The advanced search - https://goo.gl/HVNTqH gives you several search options, and you can refine your results to the Hocken Library on the left side of the screen.
  The Library Search Guide https://otago.libguides.com/ketuhelp contains helpful tips and assistance for using Library Search | Ketu;
- for pictures, photographs and archives and manuscripts, use Hākena - https://hakena.otago.ac.nz
  The Hākena Search Help Guide https://otago.libguides.com/hakena contains helpful tips and assistance for using Hākena;
• some of the photographs from the Pictorial Collections are available for viewing online via Hocken Snapshop at https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/. Some other photographs and artworks can be viewed at http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/.

If you have any enquiries about ordering or other research questions please ask the reference desk staff – they will be happy to assist you.
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Publications

Examples of useful books and articles relating to the South African War are listed below. Other publications relating specifically to this war can be found with a subject search on Library Search | Ketu for *South African War*. Several sub-headings relate specifically to New Zealand, for example,

- South African War, 1899-1902 – Regimental histories – New Zealand
- South African War, 1899-1902 – Participation – New Zealand

An official New Zealand history of the war was not published until 1949 (see first item listed below). For details of earlier efforts to produce an official history see the article ‘Official war histories’ in Ian McGibbon (Ed.) (2000). *The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Military History*. Auckland: Oxford University Press. A copy of this very useful *Companion* is on the Ready Reference shelves.

General studies


John Crawford and Ian McGibbon (Eds.) *One Flag, One Queen, One Tongue: New Zealand, the British Empire and the South African War*. Auckland: Auckland University Press. A collection of 13 essays on various aspects of the war.

Richard Stowers (2002). *Rough Riders at War*. 2nd ed. Hamilton: R. Stowers. Includes a summary of the events of the war, and a detailed list of New Zealanders who served in the war, including nurses. There is a copy of this book on the Ready Reference shelves.

Alice St Clair Inglis (1902) *Souvenir of the First New Zealand Contingent South African War*. Auckland: Printed by Arthur Cleave & Co. A booklet detailing the war experience of individual members of this contingent. Includes individual photographs of members.


**Rolls**

For nominal rolls of the ten New Zealand Contingents which served in the war, see the lists in the *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives* (AJHR), available on the ready reference shelves, or online via [https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/](https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz):

- 1900 H-6 – nominal rolls of 1st to 5th contingents
- 1901 H-6 and H-6A – nominal rolls of 6th and 7th contingents
- 1902 H-6, H-6A and H-6B – nominal rolls of 8th to 10th contingents

All of these rolls include rank, occupation, address and next of kin. The rolls of the New Zealand Contingents are also available on microfiche – check the “N.Z. Military” folder on the microfiche shelves.

For soldiers who died or were wounded, see the following lists in the AJHR:

- 1903 H-6 – South African Contingents: Particulars of claims from members for pensions
- 1903 H-6a – South African Contingents: Deaths of members of in South Africa and since leaving South Africa, and particulars as to locality, etc., of graves.

**Māori and the war**

Ashley Gould, ‘“Different Race, Same Queen”: Māori and the War’ in John Crawford and Ian McGibbon (Eds.) (2003). *One Flag, One Queen, One Tongue: New Zealand, the British Empire and the South African War*. Auckland: Auckland University Press.

**Nurses and doctors**


**Women and the war**


**Pacifism and opposition to the war**


**War memorials**


War veterans

The South African War Veterans’ Association of New Zealand (established in 1920) published an annual magazine, The Veteran, which includes general articles, branch news and obituaries. The Hocken’s holdings are incomplete, ranging from 1935 to 1966 with some gaps.

Personal accounts of New Zealanders at the war


Newspapers

Local newspapers of the day included considerable information about the South African War, and are worth browsing. You can find many of these available online via PapersPast https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/. The Otago Witness is a particularly valuable source, as it included numerous illustrations and photographs of the war, and of individual soldiers. For our holdings of newspapers, many of which are on microfilm, check Library Search|Ketu.
Archives and manuscripts

Try a search for *South African War* on Hākena, the pictures, photographs, archives and manuscripts catalogue. The main items we currently hold are listed here.

**Records of organisations**

Hocken has the records of two organisations relating specifically to the South African War – the *Otago Patriotic Fund Committee* (ARC-0514/002) and the *Otago Fallen Soldiers’ Memorial Committee* (ARC-0514/004). Please note that access to these collections requires the permission of the Hocken Librarian.

The Otago Patriotic Fund was first established in 1899 to provide relief for refugees from the Transvaal, but this was soon extended to provide relief for the New Zealand Contingents to the war and their dependents. It wound up in 1905. The committee minute books include details of applications for grants from returned soldiers from throughout New Zealand.

The Otago Fallen Soldiers’ Memorial Committee was formed in 1902 to arrange for a suitable memorial for Otago soldiers – the Governor’s scheme for a national memorial, the Ranfurly Veterans’ Home in Auckland, was not thought sufficient. The Committee wound up in 1907, their monument at the Oval having been dedicated in 1906.

**Papers relating to individuals**

**Eion R Garden papers** (Misc-MS-1093). These relate to Elsie Brown Grieve and Alfred Rose Garden, a New Zealand brother and sister who were living in South Africa during the war and experienced the Boer siege of Kimberley.

**Jessie Whitehead** (Misc-MS-1900). A collection of letters written by Corporal David Whitehead to his family both from Addington Camp and the troopship *Cornwall* before his arrival in South Africa. It also includes papers relating to his death in a railway accident in the Transvaal.

**Alex R Falconer: Letter to Jack Shaw** (Misc-MS-0364). Written by Alex Falconer while serving with the 2nd New Zealand Brigade in South Africa.

**Mrs BM Christie scrapbook** (Misc-MS-0749). A scrapbook of ephemera and other items relating to the life of William Alfred Saunders, including his South African War service.

**James N Clarke: South African War diary and letters** (Misc-MS-0814). Includes copies of Clarke’s diary as a Trooper with the IX New Zealand Contingent, covering his voyage to and from South Africa and service there from March to August 1902; 2 letters to his
sisters, and tickets to the Borough of Mornington Social to our Returned Troopers, with a list of their names.

Stuart C Scott papers (Misc-MS-0987). Includes a June 1901 letter from Trooper Robert Lawrence, serving in South Africa.

Photographs

The Hocken photographs collection (upstairs) has a reader access file where you can browse through copies of photographs that are organised by place and subject. See the file titled:

- New Zealand Army (South African War 1899-1902)

These photographs can also be viewed online at Hocken Snapshop, https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/.

There are also bound copies of the illustrations section of the Otago Witness, which published numerous photographs and drawings relating to the war, including portraits of New Zealanders who died in action.

The Hocken also has a number of albums featuring South African War photographs. Among the significant albums are:

- **Falconer album** (P1969-006, Album 91). An album of South African War photographs, including rare photographs of guns.

- **Dick family album** (P1997-129/2, Album 403). Features photographs taken during the South African War.

- **Otago Volunteers album** (P1992-001/06, Album 427). An album featuring photographs of Otago Volunteers serving in the fourth contingent. All are identified.

See Häkena for details and to look for further material. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to consult the photographs collection.
Websites

New Zealand History online https://nzhistory.govt.nz This is the Ministry of Culture and Heritage’s history website. It contains considerable information on the South African War, including a database of soldiers compiled from the nominal rolls in the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives, and an index to people with connections to the war who appear in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Take the links to ‘New Zealand at War’, then ‘South African War’.

Te Ara The Encyclopedia of New Zealand https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies This includes many biographies of military people – you can find these by doing an advanced biographies search under ‘armed forces’ in the ‘occupation/activity’ field.

Auckland Museum http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/ Includes an online database, Cenotaph, of New Zealand servicemen and women who died at war, including the South African War. Follow the links to ‘War Memorial’, then ‘Online Cenotaph’.

Archives New Zealand http://archives.govt.nz/ Personnel files for those serving in the South African War are held by Archives New Zealand Head Office in Wellington. References to individual records can be found on their online catalogue, Archway https://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/, and some of these have been digitized and can be viewed via the website. Their war reference guide gives further information about their holdings http://archives.govt.nz/war.

Army Museum https://www.armymuseum.co.nz/ The Army Museum at Waiouru is a specialist military museum.

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