

# Plaques and headstones

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# Policy

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This document sets out policy and procedures for the provision of plaques or headstones for veterans.
- 1.2 Veterans' Affairs does not arrange for, reimburse, or subsidise burial plots, or make decisions on who can be buried in a service cemetery. These arrangements are made between the local council and the veteran's family.

## 2. Legislative Reference

- 2.1 The relevant legislation is section 156 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 (the Act). Eligibility for **burial** in a service cemetery is covered in section 15 of the Burial and Cremations Act 1964.

## 3. Plaques or headstones

- 3.1 Veterans' Affairs is responsible for providing service plaques and headstones where **burial** of eligible **veterans** (see section 5 below) and their spouses or **partners** is in a New Zealand service cemetery. In such cases Veterans' Affairs will pay the full cost of the plaque or headstone and for the installation of these,
- 3.2 A service cemetery is a part of a cemetery set aside to be used for the burial of eligible veterans, and/or their spouses or partners.  
  
*Section 156(1) of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 and section 15 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964*
- 3.3 Alternatively, Veterans' Affairs will contribute up to NZ\$1,000 towards the cost of a plaque or headstone of an eligible veteran and their spouse or partner where interment is in a private or public cemetery.
- 3.4 Veterans' Affairs will not pay the NZ\$1,000 retrospectively. If the veteran died before the introduction of this policy and did not receive a service plaque, Veterans' Affairs will not make the NZ\$1,000 contribution.

## 4. True War Graves

- 4.1 Veterans' Affairs is not responsible for the maintenance or replacement of plaques and headstones on the graves of those veterans who died within the following dates: First World War – 4 August 1914 to 31 August 1921 – and Second World War – 3 September 1939 to 31 December 1947. These "True War Graves", as they are known, are the responsibility of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

## 5. Eligibility for plaques or headstones

- 5.1 A person is eligible for funding for a **service plaque or headstone** and its installation, if they are a:
- New Zealand serviceperson who served before 1 April 1974, had specified operational service in **Her Majesty's Forces** under section 15 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and qualifying routine or qualifying operational service under the Veterans' Support Act 2014; or
  - New Zealand serviceperson who served on or after 1 April 1974, and had specified operational service in Her Majesty's Forces under section 15 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 that is qualifying operational service under the Veterans' Support Act 2014; or
  - Spouse/partner of a serviceperson who meets the eligibility criteria above.
- 5.2 The Minister for Veterans specifies which operational service provides eligibility for interment in a service cemetery. The list of specified operational service is available on the Veterans' Affairs website.

### Overseas servicepersons

#### *Allied Countries*

- 5.3 Servicepersons from allied (non-Commonwealth) countries such as the USA are not entitled to interment in a service cemetery, nor to a plaque or headstone.

#### *Commonwealth countries*

- 5.4 Under the provisions of the Burial and Cremation Act 1954, Commonwealth servicepersons who have served in specified operational service that New Zealand Armed forces have served in may be interred in a service cemetery, as may their spouses or partners.
- 5.5 Although they are eligible for interment in a service cemetery they are not eligible for a plaque or headstone under section 156 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 and their family or estate must bear the costs. The plaque or headstone, however, must conform to standards and requirements and be made and installed by Veterans' Affairs' provider. Details for inscription on the memorial will be verified by Veterans' Affairs with the relevant overseas service if the family is unable to provide the necessary service papers. (This verification can take a considerable amount of time).

#### *Spouses of Commonwealth or other allied countries' servicepersons*

- 5.6 In the past Veterans' Affairs has funded plaques and headstones for Commonwealth or other allied countries' servicepersons and their spouses/partners. In those cases, Veterans' Affairs will fund the replacement of a plaque or headstone where a serviceperson of a Commonwealth or other allied country has been buried in a New Zealand service cemetery and the spouse or partner is to be interred in the same plot (or if the spouse or partner has been interred first and the serviceperson is to be interred in the same plot).

This policy applies only if the application for the original plaque or headstone was received before 1 July 2016.

- 5.7 Veterans' Affairs will contribute as set out in paragraph 3.3 towards the replacement of a plaque or headstone where a serviceperson of a Commonwealth or other allied country has been buried in the public area of a cemetery and the spouse or partner is to be interred in the same plot (or if the spouse or partner has been interred first and the serviceperson is to be interred in the same plot). This policy applies only if the application for the original plaque or headstone was received before 1 July 2016.

#### **Police and other civilians**

- 5.8 Members of any police force and the civilian surgical team based at Qui Nhon Provincial State Hospital, Viet Nam, do not meet the requirements of section 15(1) of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 for interment in a service cemetery as they are not members of Her Majesty's Forces. They are also not eligible for a plaque or headstone under section 156 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

#### **Veterans who do not have relevant service**

- 5.9 If a person who is not eligible under the Burials and Cremation Act 1954 has already been buried in a services cemetery, Veterans' Affairs will not provide the memorial. A service plaque, however, must be made by the Veterans' Affairs approved provider to show the deceased person's name, age, date of death and an ionic cross only. No other emblems or references are added to the plaque. Funding will not be provided by Veterans' Affairs for either the service plaque or headstone or a re-make at a later date to include details of the spouse or partner.

#### **Spouses or partners of eligible veterans**

- 5.10 A veteran's spouse/partner is eligible to be interred in the same plot in a service cemetery. Where a veteran has had more than one spouse or partner, the name of only one spouse can be recorded on the plaque or headstone. (Most local councils will not allow the burial of more than one spouse or partner in a service cemetery).
- 5.11 Veterans' Affairs will fund a:
- plaque or headstone if the spouse/partner pre-deceases the veteran and the veteran is to be interred in the same plot
  - replacement plaque or headstone when the veteran's spouse or partner dies after the veteran and is interred in the same plot
  - separate plaque or headstone when the spouse or partner cannot be buried in the same plot (e.g. because double burials in the same plot are not permitted by the service cemetery's authority due to issues with the land).
- 5.12 The name of the spouse or partner will be included on the veteran's plaque only when the remains of the spouse or partner are interred with the veteran.

### **Veterans already commemorated in a Commonwealth cemetery overseas**

- 5.13 A veteran already commemorated in a Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery overseas can not be commemorated again in a service cemetery in New Zealand. In these circumstances a veteran's family can organise their own memorial in a public cemetery and can apply to Veterans' Affairs for a reimbursement in accordance with paragraph 3.3.

### **New Zealand veterans or their spouse or partner interred overseas**

- 5.14 For New Zealand veterans or their spouse or partner interred overseas, Veterans' Affairs will provide a contribution for a plaque or memorial only for those veterans or spouse or partner who meet the eligibility criteria as set out in paragraph 5.1.

### **Plaques or headstones in public cemeteries**

- 5.15 If a veteran's family or estate or representative wishes to install a service plaque or headstone, the family or estate or representative must order the plaque or headstone from the Veterans' Affairs approved provider.
- 5.16 Veterans' Affairs will contribute towards amending or replacing an existing plaque or headstone for a spouse or partner.
- 5.17 Veterans' Affairs will not provide a plaque or headstone in a service cemetery if the veteran's remains are to be left in a public cemetery.

## **6. Applications for plaques or headstones**

- 6.1 A plaque or headstone will be arranged for a deceased veteran when:
- a completed application form has been supplied to Veterans' Affairs
  - the supporting evidence required by Veterans' Affairs has been provided, and
  - Veterans' Affairs has accepted the application.
- 6.2 Where a veteran is being buried in a service cemetery, applications for the service plaque or headstone may be made by the funeral director representing the deceased veteran's estate, directly by the estate, or by a representative authorised to act on behalf of the estate.
- 6.3 Where a veteran is being interred in the public area of a cemetery or a private cemetery Veterans' Affairs will only accept applications for contributions towards costs from the deceased veteran's estate or an authorised representative of the estate.
- 6.4 A party, not authorised to act on behalf of the veteran's estate, who wishes to install a plaque or memorial needs to seek out the deceased veteran's estate and ask them to contact Veterans' Affairs.
- 6.5 If the information on a veteran's service plaque is incorrect, Veterans' Affairs will replace the plaque or headstone with one showing the correct information.

If a family member comes forward after the veteran's death seeking to correct information on a service plaque or headstone, a signed affidavit needs to be provided stating the applicant is authorised to act on behalf of the veteran's estate.

- 6.6 If there is a family dispute over a veteran's burial arrangements (including plaques and headstones) the executor or administrator of the veteran's estate has the right to make decisions. If the family wants to challenge the executor's decisions they would need to take the matter to Court. If there is no executor or administrator a family member may apply to the Court to become one. (Note: the Court will usually appoint an administrator according to a particular order). Where more than one person is claiming to be the executor or administrator of the veteran's estate Veterans' Affairs needs to see a copy of the court order granting administration for the veteran's estate or for the part of the estate relevant to the question of burial and plaques and headstones (see separate policy on *Persons with legal authority to act as executor of a claimant's estate*).

### **Application process**

#### **If Veterans' Affairs becomes aware of a veteran's death**

- 6.7 If Veterans' Affairs becomes aware of a veteran's death it will ensure the veteran's family is aware they can apply to test their eligibility for plaques or headstones in a service cemetery.

#### **Ordering a plaque or headstone in advance of a veteran's death**

- 6.8 Applications for a plaque or headstone cannot be accepted in advance of death. The veteran should advise the administrator of his/her estate of their wishes regarding burial in a service cemetery.

### **Evidence required**

- 6.9 Applicants should supply evidence to Veterans' Affairs of the veteran's service, including the deceased veteran's service number, branch of service, highest rank and unit. Note that the issuing of a certificate of appreciation or medallic recognition does not constitute verification of service.

### **Veterans who served with overseas forces**

- 6.10 For Commonwealth veterans Veterans' Affairs will check whether the service meets the required eligibility criteria and will ensure that the service details are correctly recorded on the plaque or headstone (see also section 5).

*Sections 7 – 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014*

### **Obtaining the necessary documentation well in advance**

- 6.11 It can take some time to verify service. It is helpful for a person who wishes to be buried in a service cemetery to obtain documents verifying their service well in advance.



## Timeline for applications

- 6.12 Veterans' Affairs will aim to determine a veteran's entitlement within 30 working days of receiving an application. If further information is required that Veterans' Affairs does not hold, this process will take longer.

## Timelines for unveiling

- 6.13 Families can indicate on the application form that the plaque or headstone is required for a specific date for unveiling. Applicants should be aware, however, that the provider of the plaque may not be able to meet the family's deadline. Where this is the case, the provider will advise the family direct, or will notify Veterans' Affairs who will advise the family.

## 7. Appearance of plaques and headstones

- 7.1 The type of plaque or headstone will depend on the cemetery. For uniformity, cemeteries usually only permit one type. Each option below will depend on the cemetery.

### *Bronze plaque*

- 7.2 There are three types of bronze memorials:

- a. Single
- b. Double (veteran and their non veteran spouse or partner)
- c. Double veteran

### *Granite plaque (for Rotorua Services Cemetery only, due to impacts of the environment)*

- 7.3 Granite memorials (single or double or double veteran):

- a. Rectangle (for burials)
- b. Square (for cremations)

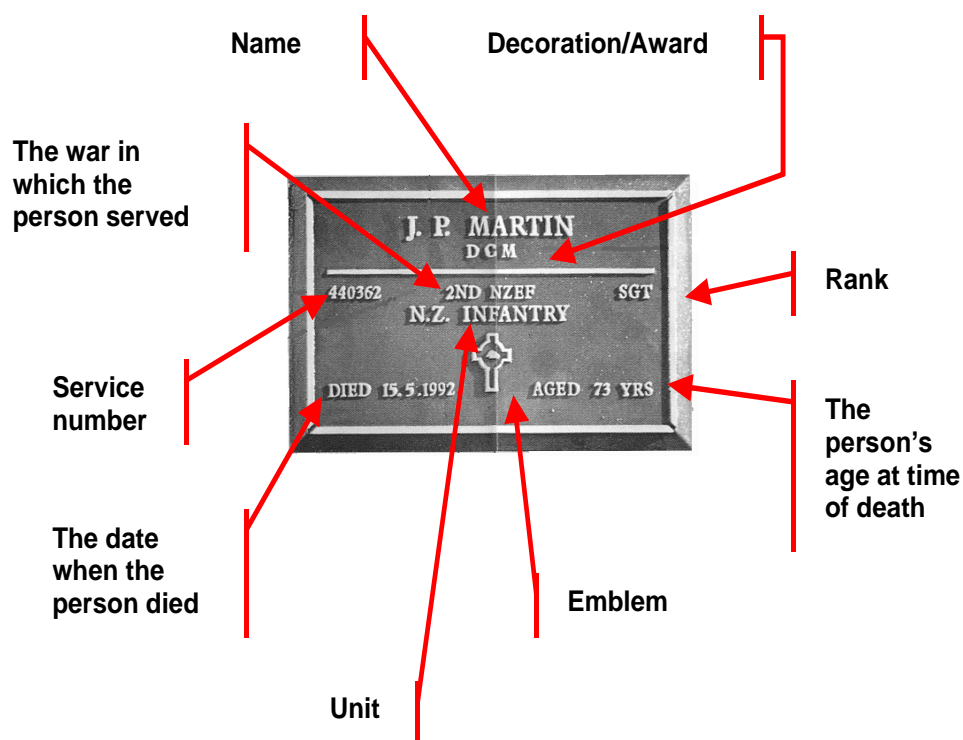
### *Granite headstone*

- 7.4 The three types of granite headstones:

- a. Single
- b. Double
- c. Double veteran

## Appearance of plaques or headstones

### Inscription example



7.5 The inscriptions on plaques or headstones within service cemeteries are standardised and it is not possible to deviate from the set format or to include any personal messages or photographs. There is no restriction on the style or content of plaques and headstones where interment occurs in a public cemetery, except that service details must be verified.

### Name

7.6 One first name can be shown in full; or a nickname may be shown in brackets after the initials. For a spouse or partner who is not a service person, the plaque or headstone will show the name, date of death and age (optional) only.

### Decorations/Awards

7.7 Decorations/awards are:

- combatant awards for military personnel for acts of gallantry and bravery in times of war or in war-like conditions
- non-combatant awards for acts of bravery in saving or attempting to save life
- civilian awards bestowed by the Queen (till May 1996), or
- honours bestowed by the New Zealand government (post 1996).

7.8 Honours or awards do not include:

- campaign medals

- Mentioned in Dispatches (M.I.D.), which is worn either as a campaign medal or a spray of oak leaves in bronze on the ribbon of a campaign medal
- Dr, which is an academic, not military title, or
- Sir or Dame (these honorifics are entailed in the award's initials, e.g. D.B.E., and K.B.E. which are permitted to appear on the plaque or headstone)
- Honours or awards for operational services for forces other than Her Majesty's Forces.

7.9 Where M.I.D. has been inscribed in error and the plaque or headstone has to be remade following the burial of the veteran's spouse or partner, M.I.D. will be re-inscribed. However, M.I.D. will not in future be inscribed when a service plaque or headstone is first made for a deceased veteran.

7.10 When a Memorial order form for an ex-service plaque or headstone includes a decoration/award to be shown in the inscription, Veterans' Affairs will:

- a. verify that the decoration/award is on the list of accepted decorations/awards attached at Appendix 1
- b. confirm verification of the decoration/award having been bestowed by:
  - requesting that the family/funeral director provides a copy of the citation, or
  - checking with the Honours Secretariat office, or
  - reviewing accepted published guides such as "Service Lives Remembered" by Howard E. Chamberlain.

### Service, including Service Number

7.11 Where the veteran has had **qualifying service** in both the New Zealand Armed Forces and another Commonwealth service, only one service number and one service emblem can be shown.

7.12 As noted in paragraph 5.9 where an ineligible serviceperson has been buried in a service cemetery the plaque will only show the name, age and date of the death of the deceased and an ionic cross.

### Rank

7.13 The highest rank attained by the veteran, regardless of whether it was obtained during war time or in post war service, is shown on the plaque or headstone.

### Unit

7.14 For those service personnel who served in the 1939-45 war but did not proceed overseas the usual inscription is N.Z. Military Forces.

7.15 The war-time unit or corps is shown using the standard abbreviations e.g. N.Z.A., or N.Z. ENGINEERS. For infantry personnel either the particular

battalion (e.g. 22 BTN) or regiment (N.Z. INFANTRY) may be shown, but not both.

- 7.16 Navy personnel will generally have the unit shown as R.N.Z.N., or R.N. If there was service on a particular ship this can be shown instead (e.g. H.M.N.Z.S. ACHILLES).
- 7.17 Similarly Air Force personnel will generally have the unit shown as R.N.Z.A.F. or R.A.F. Service with a particular squadron e.g. 74 SQN can be shown instead.
- 7.18 More than one service, or arm of service (unit reference) can be shown, for example 2<sup>ND</sup> NZEF, KOREA, or R.N.Z.A.F., R.N.Z.N..

### War

- 7.19 For those who served overseas during the Second World War in the navy or air force, the war is shown as 1939-45. However, for army personnel who served overseas during the Second World War the war is shown as 2ND NZEF.
- 7.20 For post Second World War conflicts, the specific area is used, e.g. KOREA, MALAYA or VIETNAM.
- 7.21 More than one conflict where the veteran had service can be shown on the plaque. Each conflict named has to be deemed qualifying operational service under the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

### Date of Death and Age

- 7.22 While the date of death is always shown, the age at death is optional. The date of birth is not included in the inscription.

### Personal messages

- 7.23 It is not possible to include any personal message or inscription on a plaque or headstone.

### Emblems

- 7.24 There are standard emblems for all arms of the services. An illustrated list of the standard emblems available can be found at Appendix 2.
- 7.25 Individual unit emblems may be included on the plaque or headstone. A list of the individual emblems we have used previously can be found at Appendix 3. If the emblem is not listed the veteran's estate should contact Veterans' Affairs.

## 8. Maintenance of service plaques and headstones

- 8.1 Local authorities are responsible for the upkeep of the service cemeteries, including the upkeep of plaques or headstones once they are installed, using the maintenance grant provided by Veterans' Affairs.
- 8.2 Veterans' Affairs will consider a 50% contribution to the cost of replacement of damaged or vandalised service plaques or headstones, in conjunction with the local authority.

- 8.3 Photographic evidence will need to be provided of the plaque or headstone before and after damage.
- 8.4 Veterans' Affairs will not fund replacement of a service plaque or headstone where replacement is requested due to the natural ageing process or need for basic cleaning.
- 8.5 Veterans' Affairs is not responsible for the maintenance of a private headstone or plaque.

## **9. Reviews, Appeals and Complaints**

- 9.1 Where an applicant disagrees about a decision concerning eligibility for a service plaque or headstone go to separate policies on *Reviews* and *Appeals*. If the applicant is concerned about Veterans' Affairs' administration of an entitlement or service go to separate policy on *Complaints*.

## Appendix 1: Accepted decorations and awards for inscription on a veteran's service plaque or headstone

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*Campaign medals and stars, Victory medals, Long Service and Good Conduct medals or the like are not shown on memorials.*

Title	Abbreviation
Air Efficiency Award	A.E.
Air Force Cross	A.F.C.
Air Force Medal	A.F.M.
Associate Royal Red Cross	A.R.R.C.
Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	G.C.St.J.
Baronet	Bt.
British Empire Medal	B.E.M.
Chaplain of the Order of St John of Jerusalem	Ch.St.J.
Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officer's Decoration	V.D
Commander of the Order of the British Empire	C.B.E.
Commander of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	C.St.J.
Commander of the Royal Victorian Order	C.V.O.
Companion of the Distinguished Service Order	D.S.O.
Companion of the Imperial Service Order	I.S.O.
Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit	C.N.Z.M.
Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George	C.M.G.
Companion of the Order of the Bath	C.B.
Companion of the Queens Service Order	Q.S.O
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	C.G.M.
Dame Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George	D.C.M.G.
Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath	D.C.B.
Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire	D.B.E.
Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order	D.C.V.O.
Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit	D.N.Z.M.
Dame of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	D.St.J.
Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit	D.C.N.Z.M.
Distinguished Conduct Medal	D.C.M.
Distinguished Flying Cross	D.F.C.
Distinguished Flying Medal	D.F.M.
Distinguished Service Cross	D.S.C
Distinguished Service Medal	D.S.M.
Efficiency Decoration	E.D.
Esquire of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	Esq.St.J.
George Cross	G.C.
George Medal	G.M.
Kings Police and Fire Service Medal	K.P.F.S.M
Kings Police Medal	K.P.M.
Knight Bachelor	K.B.
Knight Bachelor	Kt.Bach.
Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George	K.C.M.G.
Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath	K.C.B.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>
Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire	K.B.E.
Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order	K.C.V.O.
Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit	K.N.Z.M.
Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter	K.G.
Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	K.St.J.
Knight of the Order of the Thistle	K.T
Knight or Dame Grand Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit	G.N.Z.M.
Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George	G.C.M.G.
Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath	G.C.B.
Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire	G.B.E.
Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order	G.C.V.O.
Lady of the Order of the Garter	L.G.
Lady of the Order of the Thistle	L.T.
Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order	L.V.O.
Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit	M.N.Z.M.
Member of the Order of Merit	O.M.
Member of the Order of New Zealand	O.N.Z.
Member of the Order of the British Empire	M.B.E.
Member of the Order of the British Empire	O.B.E
Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour	C.H.
Member of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	M.St.J
Member of the Royal Victorian Order	M.V.O.
Meritorious Service Medal	M.S.M.
Military Cross	M.C
Military Medal	M.M.
New Zealand Antarctic Medal	N.Z.A.M.
New Zealand Bravery Decoration	N.Z.B.D.
New Zealand Bravery Medal	N.Z.B.M.
New Zealand Bravery Star	N.Z.B.S.
New Zealand Cross	N.Z.C.
New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration	N.Z.D.S.D.
New Zealand Gallantry Decoration	N.Z.G.D.
New Zealand Gallantry Medal	N.Z.G.M.
New Zealand Gallantry Star	N.Z.G.S.
Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit	O.N.Z.M.
Officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	O.St.J.
Principal Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit	P.C.N.Z.M.
Queens Fire Service Medal	Q.F.S.M.
Queens Gallantry Medal	Q.G.M
Queens Police Medal	Q.P.M.
Queens Service Medal	Q.S.M.
Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve Decoration	V.R.D
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration	V.R.D
Royal NZ Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration	V.R.D
Royal Red Cross	R.R.C.
Royal Victorian Medal	R.V.M.
Serving Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem	S.B.St.J.

**Title**

Serving Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem  
Star of Courage (Australia)  
Territorial Decoration  
Victoria Cross  
Volunteer Officer's Decoration

**Abbreviation**

S.S.St.J.  
S.C.  
T.D.  
V.C.  
V.D.



## Appendix 2: Standard Emblems

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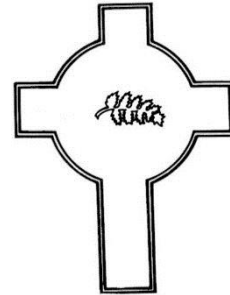
### Standard Emblems for New Zealand Service Personnel

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Navy



Army



Army 2<sup>nd</sup> NZEF  
(Overseas Service)



RNZAF Wartime Insignia



Long Range Desert  
Group



Holders of the Victoria  
Cross

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## Standard Emblems for Foreign Service Personnel

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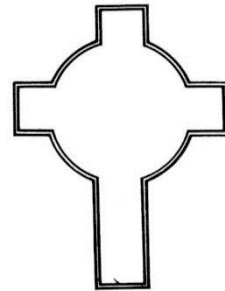
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Navy (RN, RAN)



Royal Marines



Ionic Cross



Australian Army



Canadian Armed Forces



Imperial (UK) Forces



Indian Army



South African Forces



Airforce (RAF, RAAF)

## Appendix 3: Special Emblems

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Special emblems can be ordered for ex-service memorials as an alternative to the standard emblem. There is a \$20 surcharge for these non-standard emblems. The list of emblems that follows shows the emblems currently available. The list of emblems requested is growing all the time, so if the emblem required is not listed, please contact Veterans' Affairs New Zealand.

### New Zealand Emblems

#### World War I

1 <sup>st</sup> NZEF	Machine Gun Corps
3 <sup>rd</sup> Auckland Regt	Maori Pioneer Btn
5 <sup>th</sup> M R Otago Hussars	NZ Field Artillery
Auckland Mounted Rifles	NZ Signals
Canterbury Regt	Otago Regt

#### World War II

HMNZS Achilles	NZ Engineers
HMNZS Leander	NZ Medical Corps
Fleet Air Arm	NZ Provost Corps
	NZ Scottish Regt
27 Machine Gun Btn (1 <sup>st</sup> Echelon)	NZ Veterinary Corps
NZ Army Nursing Service	NZWAAC
NZ Army Ordinance Corps	
NZ Army Service Corps	RNZAF - 14 Sqn
NZ Artillery	RNZAF - 75 Sqn
NZ Corps of Signals	RNZAF - 486 Sqn
NZ Dental Corps	RNZAF - 489 Sqn

#### Post World War II

HMNZS Pukaki	Royal NZ Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
NZ Infantry Regiment	Royal NZ Engineers
Royal NZ Armoured Corps	Royal NZ Infantry Regt
Royal NZ Army Service Corps	Royal NZ Medical Corps
Royal NZ Artillery	Royal NZ Signals
Royal NZ Army Dental Corps	RNZAF – Post War

#### British Emblems

Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders	Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
Army Air Corps	
Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS)	Royal Engineers (WWI)

Black Watch, The	Royal Engineers (WWII)
Cameron Highlanders, The	Royal Fusiliers, The
Duke of Wellington's Regt	Royal Horse Artillery
Green Howards, The (Yorkshire Regt)	12 <sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers
Hampshire Regt, The	Royal Pioneer Corps
Highland Light Infantry	Royal Scots
Indian Engineers	Royal Scots Greys, The
Kings Own Malta Regt, The	Royal Sussex Regt, The
Kings Own Scottish Borderers	Royal Tank Regt, RAC
Manchester Regt	Royal Ulster Rifles, The
Middlesex Regt	SAS
Military Police Corps	Scots Guards
Northamptonshire Regt	Seaforth Highlanders, The
Parachute Regt	Welsh Guards
QAIMNS	
Queens Own Royal West Kent Regt	Fleet Air Arm
Queens Royal Regt, The	Royal Naval Patrol Service
Robin Hoods, The (Royal Artillery)	HMS Drake
Royal Armoured Corps	HMS Gambia
Royal Army Chaplains' Dept	HMS Ruler
Royal Army Medical Corps	
Royal Army Ordinance Corps	RAF - 35 Sqn
Royal Army Service Corps	RAF - 59 Sqn
Royal Artillery	RAF - 82 Sqn
Royal Corps of Signals	RAF - 122 Wing
	RAF - 214 Sqn

### Other Emblems

(World War II Emblems unless otherwise stated)

Fiji Military Forces  
 Royal Canadian Air Force  
 Royal Canadian Navy  
 Royal Rhodesia Regt

## Glossary

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### **Burial** [section 156 (2)]

Burial includes the burial of cremated remains.

### **Her Majesty's Forces** [section 62, Part 3 of the Government Superannuation Fund Act 1956]

Means any of Her Majesty's naval, military, or air forces, whether established before or after the commencement of this Act, and whether established in New Zealand or elsewhere.

### **partner** [section 7]

Means a civil union partner or a de facto partner.

### **qualifying service** [section 8]

Means:

- (a) qualifying operational service; and
- (b) qualifying routine service.

### **qualifying operational service** [section 8]

Means:

- (a) service on any deployment treated as a war or emergency for the purposes of the War Pensions Act 1954; and
- (b) service on any deployment declared to be operational service under section 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

### **service plaque or headstone** [policy]

Means:

a standardised services bronze plaque or a headstone provided by Veterans' Affairs (or before 2000, provided by Internal Affairs).

### **Veterans' Affairs** [section 7]

Means Veterans' Affairs New Zealand (VANZ) established under section 198 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

### **veteran** [section 7]

Means:

- (a) a member of the armed forces who took part in qualifying operational service at the direction of the New Zealand Government; or
- (b) a person:
  - (i) who has been:
    - (A) appointed as an employee of the Defence Force under section 61A of the Defence Act 1990; or
    - (B) seconded to the Defence Force with the permission of the Chief of Defence Force; and
  - (ii) who took part in qualifying operational service at the direction of the New Zealand Government; or
- (c) a person who, immediately before the commencement of Part 3 of this Act, is eligible for a pension under the following provisions of the War Pensions Act 1954:
  - (i) section 19 (but only if the person was a member of the forces):

- (ii) section 55 or 56:
- (iii) Parts 4 and 5