

THE BIRKENHEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## April May 2014 NEWSLETTER

### WHAT A TREAT!

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February members were delighted to spend an afternoon viewing a collection of National Film Unit films that were typically shown in theatres across New Zealand prior to the main film. Expanding Auckland in 1960, Weekly Review, Pictorial Parade and Auckland City of Sunlight to name a few. We were also privileged to see a copy of a film made by Betty Bird on the first commercial flight to Antarctica - one of only two copies ever made.

It was pleasing to see so many members there and to catch up after the Christmas break, a great afternoon was had by all who attended.

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**Reminder: That subs are due at the AGM and that membership has increased to \$20 Singles and \$25 for a family.**

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Does anyone have any information on the Birkenhead/Birkdale Cycle Club. We have been donated two medals and would love to have more information on the club or stories to go with the medals. Please email me or send a copy to our post box or bring to our next meeting.

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Auckland Star, Volume LXVII, Issue 40, 17 February 1936,



*REMEMBER ANZAC!—To commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the immortal landing by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, a special postage stamp is to be issued by the New Zealand Government.*

## **INTERESTING PERSON BURIED AT BIRKENHEAD CEMETERY. William Rowley ENTWISTLE**

Engineer on the Birkenhead Ferry Steamers, and previously he was with the Kaipara Steamship Company, employed on the steamers trading between Helensville and Northern Wairoa.

William and his wife lived at Marama Terrace, Birkenhead. Note: Marama Terrace was renamed Maritime Terrace in 1967. Died age 66 on 26/03/1930. Buried at Birkenhead Cemetery, Old Portion Anglican, Block 1, Plot 11.

William was in the Royal Cavalry in India, he was an Engineer and a member of the Church of England. William's wife was Emma nee Vercoe, their marriage 1891/1098. Emma was born 29 June 1872 in Helensville and died 6 Jan 1944 age 69 in Wellington.

OBITUARY MR W R ENTWISTLE. The death occurred yesterday morning, after a brief illness, of Mr William Rowley Entwistle, of Birkenhead. For the Past 20 years Mr Entwistle had been an engineer on the Birkenhead Ferry Steamers, and previously he was with the Kaipara Steamship Company, employed on the steamers trading between Helensville and Northern Wairoa. He took an active part in local musical circles, and was a member of the orchestra of the Birkenhead- Northcote Orphans' Club. Mr Entwistle was 66 years of age, is survived by Mrs Entwistle, two sons, Messrs Rowley and Henry Entwistle, and three daughters, Seeta Milestone, Ruth Arnold, and Zoe Entwistle.

Children of Emma & William :

1. Rowley ENTWISTLE
2. Emma Seeta Entwistle, b 14 Sep 1894, Maungawhare, Dargaville. (Emma married Guy Addison Morris on 31 Dec 1919).
3. Ruth Entwistle.
4. Henry Entwistle.
5. Zoe Alma Entwistle, b 15 Apr 1901, Zoe never married.

Williams life before he came to North Shore:

- William Entwistle and family were living in Helensville per electoral rolls 1893, he was listed as a Mariner.
- W.R Entwistle as a "Park Hotel proprietor" in Thames, Coromandel.
- Otago Witness , Issue 2826, 13 May 1908, Page 37 ENGINE-DRIVERS CLAIMS. William was involved in Arbitration in Auckland, with 187 firms to dispute the long ours they worked as Engine drivers. NOTE: This strike was related to the Engine Drivers who worked in the mines at Waihi strike. SHIPS IN PORT IN KENT 1881 - Vessel: "New York" William Rowley ENTWISTLE, unmarried, age 17 Birthplace, Dorchester, position: Mate.

### Emma Entwistle nee Vercoes mother

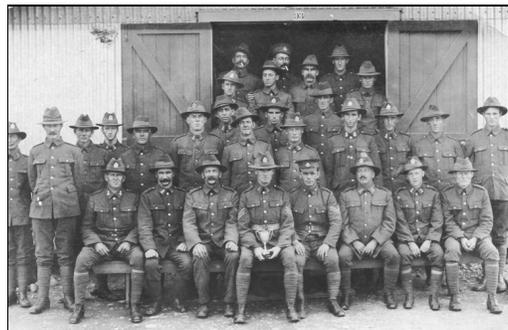
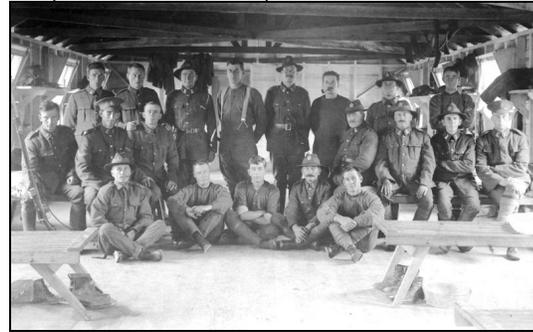
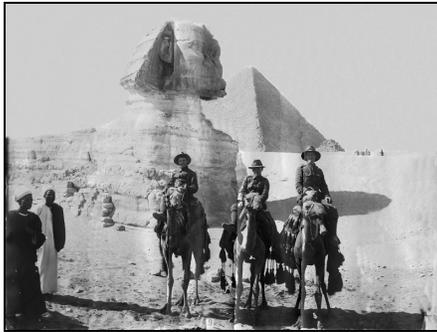
EMMA VERCOE nee Henwood was born on 23 March 1843 in St Teath, Cornwall. She died on 23 November 1928 at the age of 85 in Marama Terrace, Birkenhead, Auckland, New Zealand The death occurred at Birkenhead 23 Nov 1928, of Mrs Emma Vercoe, aged 85, (in Marama Terrace, - renamed Maritime Terrace in 1967). She was well known in the Helensville District, where her husband, the late Mr Richard James Vercoe, was a farmer. Mr Vercoe, who was born at sea in 1842, and came to Auckland at the age of 5 years. He was a prominent member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, which he joined when 18 years old, and at the time of his death at Grey Lynn, five years ago, was the oldest member of the Fountain of Friendship Lodge. Mrs Vercoe was the third daughter of the late Mr Thomas Henwood, of Mangere, being born on March 23 1843 at St Teath, Cornwall, England. She came to Auckland in 1857 on the ship Joseph Fletcher. Married Richard James Vercoe at (Matakana) on 13th March 1862 in the Anglican Church, Otahuhu, Auckland, by Rev F Gould. She is survived by a family of nine, and there are 38 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mr James Oxenbury Vercoe, b. 28 September 1863 at Matakana  
Mr Richard Vercoe, (Dick) (unmarried) Carpenter of Birkenhead  
Mr Charles Edward Vercoe, (Charlie) b. 12 June 1869, at Helensville  
Mr John Snell Vercoe, (Jack) b.27.July1880  
Elizabeth Jane (Cissy) VERCOE b. 13.May 1867, at Matakana  
**Emma Vercoe b. 29. June**  
Mabel VERCOE b. 4 Jan 1874, on Kawau Island, Auckland  
Helen (Nelly) VERCOE b. 30.Jan 1877  
Lucy May VERCOE b. 5.Feb.1883, in Helensville

## Lest We Forget



Thomas Heath WW1 (From Northcote)



Come and join us at the Museum on ANZAC Day to remember our fallen soldiers.

# COMING EVENTS

**12 April 2014**  
**St Andrews Church**  
**2pm**  
Stories Day  
Don't forget to bring your stories to read



**25 April 2014**  
ANZAC DAY  
After the Service do call into the Museum to see our ANZAC display



**17 May 2014**  
AGM  
Speaker to be confirmed



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