



Eligibility for Burial in Services Cemetery

Background

Ex-Service personnel who have had war service, or service that is defined as equivalent to war service, and their spouses/partners may be buried in a Services Cemetery.

Eligibility

1914-1918 War (World War 1)

Members of the New Zealand, Imperial, and Allied Forces who served overseas or at home between 4 August 1914 and 31 August 1921. Included are Service personnel who were attested for overseas service but did not proceed overseas; New Zealand servicemen who served in Home Service Units between 4 August 1914 and 31 August 1921; and those who served in the Merchant Navy in the waters of a war zone.

1939-1945 War (World War II)

Members of the New Zealand, Commonwealth and Allied Forces who served overseas or at home between 3 September 1939 and 31 December 1947. Included are New Zealand servicemen who were attested for overseas service but did not proceed overseas; New Zealand servicemen who served in Home Service Units between 3 September 1939 and 31 December 1947; and those who served in the Merchant Navy in the waters of a war zone. Those who served in Japan with "J" Force between August 1945 and March 1949 also qualify.

Korean War

Members of the New Zealand, Commonwealth and Allied Forces who served in Korea, or in Korean waters, between 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1957.

Operation Grapple

Members of Her Majesty's New Zealand Ships PUKAKI and ROTOITI at the Christmas and Malden Islands, during 1957 to 1958.

Malayan Emergency and Confrontation with Indonesia

Members of the New Zealand and Commonwealth Forces who served in the Federated States of Malaya, Singapore, Borneo or surrounding waters from 16 June 1948 to 1966. Personnel who served in operations on the Thailand - Malaya border against communist insurgents between 1960 and 1964 are also eligible.



Vietnam War

Members of the New Zealand and Australian Armed Forces who served in Vietnam or in Vietnamese waters between 24 December 1962 and 24 December 1972. Personnel of the United States of America, Korea and Thailand who defended the Republic of Vietnam, became New Zealand citizens and lived permanently in New Zealand immediately prior to their death are also eligible.

The Gulf War

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in the operational area between 18 December 1990 and 13 April 1991.

Peacekeeping Service

India-Pakistan

Members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who served in the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) and the United Nations India-Pakistan Observation Mission (UNIPOM) between January 1952 and 31 March 1974.

Palestine Yemen Lebanon Congo

Members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who served in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) in Palestine-Israel, and its detachments, the United Nations Yemen Observer Mission (UNYOM), the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon (UNOGIL) or the United Nations Operation in the Congo (ONUC) between July 1954 and 31 March 1974.

Mururoa Atoll

Members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who served onboard Her Majesty's New Zealand Ships OTAGO and CANTERBURY while observing French nuclear tests at Mururoa Atoll on 22 and 28 July 1973.

Rhodesia

Members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who served in the Commonwealth Monitoring Force in Rhodesia (Operation Midford) from 23 December 1979 until 5 March 1980.



Angola

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Verification Missions (UNAVEM II and UNAVEM III), the United Nations Observer Mission (MONUA), the de-mining school (INAROOE) and personnel involved in the United Nations monitoring of elections in 1992 and overseeing the Peace Accords in Angola, all between July 1991 and June 1999.

Yugoslavia

New Zealand Defence Force personnel who served with the United Nations in the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia) from 23 March 1992.

Sierra Leone

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who deployed to the United Nations' Observers Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) from 11 August 1998 until 31 October 1999 and subsequent service with the United Nations Mission Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) from 1 November 1999 onwards.

East Timor

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who deployed to the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) and the United Nations Sanctioned International Force East Timor (INTERFET) from 30 August 1999, and subsequent service with the United Nations Transitional Authority East Timor (UNTAET) from 23 February 2000 onwards.