



Eligibility for Burial in a Services Cemetery

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Background

Ex-Service personnel who have had war service, or service in a specified armed conflict, peace-keeping force or other operation, and their spouses/partners may be buried in a Services Cemetery.

Specified Deployments

World War 1 - 1914-1918

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 service personnel 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.

World War II - 1939-1945 War

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 service personnel who were attested for overseas service but did not proceed overseas; New Zealand service personnel 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.

Occupation of Japan

Members of the New Zealand, Commonwealth and Allied Forces who served with Occupation Forces in Japan between August 1945 and March 1949.

Berlin Airlift

Members of the New Zealand, Commonwealth and Allied Forces who flew in the Berlin Airlift between 1 September 1948 and 11 August 1949.

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.

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.

Suez Crisis

Members of the crew of *HMNZS Royalist* who served in the Suez Crisis between 29 October and 5 November 1956.

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United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO)

Members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who served in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) in Palestine-Israel from July 1954 onwards and those who served in the following detachments:

- United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in Jerusalem and Sinai in 1956-57;
- United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF I) 1956 to 1957;
- the United Nations Observer Group Lebanon (UNOGIL) in 1958;
- the United Nations Operation in the Congo (ONUC) in 1960-64;
- the United Nations Yemen Observer Mission (UNYOM) in 1963-1964;
- Second United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF II) October 1973 to 1979;
- the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in the Golan Heights in 1974, 1982 and 1986;
- United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) 1978 to 1986;
- the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) 1988 – 1991.

Operation Grapple

Members of the crew of *HMNZS Pukaki* and *HMNZS Rotoiti* who served at Christmas and Malden Islands, during 1957 to 1958.

Malayan Emergency, Confrontation with Indonesia, Operations on the Thai Malay Border

Members of the New Zealand and Commonwealth Forces who served in the Federated States of Malaya, Borneo or surrounding waters between 16 June 1948 and 31 December 1966 as part of the Malayan Emergency or Indonesian Confrontation (Borneo). Personnel who served in operations on the Thai/Malay 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.

Thailand

Members of the New Zealand and Commonwealth Forces who served in Thailand in support of Operation Scorpion, Special Logistic Aid Thailand (SLAT) programme, Operation Crown and Thailand Feeder Road project, between 1962 and 1971.

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Cyprus

Members of the New Zealand Police who served with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNCIVPOL) between May 1964 and June 1967.

Mururoa Atoll

Members of the crew of *HMNZS Otago* and *HMNZS Canterbury* sent to observe French nuclear tests at Mururoa Atoll on 22 and 28 July 1973.

Rhodesia

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

Sinai

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai Peninsula from 25 April 1982 to the current day.

Indian Ocean

Members of the crew of *HMNZS Waikato* and *HMNZS Canterbury* who served in Operation Armilla in the Indian Ocean between 21 June 1982 and 20 September 1983.

Pakistan and Afghanistan

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Mine Clearing Training Team (UNMCTT) in Pakistan and Afghanistan between February 1989 and 31 December 1991.

Namibia

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force and New Zealand Police who served with the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) in Namibia between April 1989 and March 1990.

The Gulf War

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

Weapons Monitoring in Iraq

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force and New Zealand Police who served with the United Nations Special Commission Iraq (UNSCOM) between June 1991 and December 1999.

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) between November 2002 and March 2003.

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Bougainville

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in Bougainville or surrounding waters in support of:

- Operation Big Talk between 29 July 1990 and 5 August 1990;
- Operation Coracle in July 1997.

Members of the:

- South Pacific Peacekeeping Force (SPPKF) between September and October 1994;
- Truce Monitoring Group (TMG) between October 1997 and April 1998;
- Peace Monitoring Group (PMG) between May 1998 and 30 June 2003.

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) or were involved in the United Nations monitoring of elections in 1992 and overseeing the Peace Accords in Angola, all between July 1991 and June 1999.

Cambodia

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in Cambodia as part of:

- the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC) between October 1991 and March 1992;
- United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) between February 1992 and September 1993;
- United Nations Military Liaison Team (UNMLT) in Cambodia between November 1993 and May 1994;
- Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) and Mine Clearance Training Unit (MCTU) between December 1991 and April 2005.

Mozambique

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Operations in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) and the Mozambique Accelerated Demining Programme (MADP) between December 1992 and 30 June 2005.

Somalia

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Operations in Somalia (UNOSOM, UNOSOM II, UNITAF) between January 1993 and March 1995.

Haiti

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) between 19 September 1994 and 31 March 1995.

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Yugoslavia

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia) between 23 March 1992 and 2008, with:

- the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR);
- the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP);
- the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation (UNCRO);
- Implementation Force (IFOR);
- Stabilisation Force (SFOR);
- European Union Force (EUFOR);
- United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES);
- United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP);
- United Nations interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK);
- Kosovo Force (KFOR); and
- the response to the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo (KOSMED and KOSAID).

Rwanda

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Rwanda mission between July 1994 and September 1994.

Multinational Interception Force – Persian Gulf

Members of the crew of *HMNZS Wellington*, *HMNZS Canterbury* and *HMNZS Te Kaha*, and members of the RNZN seconded to US vessels, who served with the Multinational Interception Force (MIF) between August 1995 and November 1999.

Laos

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the Laos National Unexploded Ordinance Programme (UXOL) between 1 July 1997 and 2003.

Kuwait

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the Coalition Joint Task Force in Kuwait (CTF - K) between 1998 and 2000.

Papua New Guinea Tsunami

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in support of the Papua New Guinea tsunami relief in 1998.

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Korea

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission in Korea from 1998 onwards.

Sierra Leone

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations' Observers Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) between 11 August 1998 and 31 October 1999 and with the United Nations Mission Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) between 1 November 1999 and 30 June 2005.

East Timor

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in East Timor from 30 August 1999 onwards, with the:

- United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET);
- United Nations Sanctioned International Force East Timor (INTERFET);
- United Nations Transitional Authority East Timor (UNTAET);
- United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISSET);
- New Zealand Training Assistance Team to the East Timor Defence Force (NZTAT);
- United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (UNOTIL);
- Australian-lead Operation to Restore Law and Order in Timor-Leste; and
- United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT).

Solomon Islands

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in the Solomon Islands from 2000 onwards, with:

- Operation Purple Haze 1 and 2;
- Operation Zephyr;
- the International Peace Monitoring Team (IPMT); and
- the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI).

Afghanistan

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in Afghanistan from 2001 onwards with:

- Operation Enduring Freedom;
- Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO);
- Headquarters Coalition Joint Task Force Afghanistan (HQCJTF);
- the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT); and
- the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

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Iraq

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served in Iraq from 2003 onward serving with:

- UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS);
- UN Mine Action Rapid Response Plan (UNMARRP);
- Reconstruction Assistance, working alongside the British led International Force (MND - SE); and
- United Nations Assistance Mission (UNAMI).

Operation Sumatra Assist - Indian Ocean (Boxing Day) Tsunami

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force and New Zealand Police who served as part of Operation Sumatra Assist in support of tsunami relief after the 2004 Indian Ocean (Boxing Day) tsunami between 27 December 2004 and 26 December 2005.

Sudan

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) from 17 September 2005 onwards.

Lebanon

Members of the New Zealand Defence Force who served with the United Nations Mine Action Co-ordination Centre in Southern Lebanon (UNMACC SL) between 11 February 2007 and 7 February 2008

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