

# Private Puaka Whitau



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No.16/188 A Company, 1st Maori  
Contingent.**

Embarked 14 February 1915 bound for Egypt and died in England, ex-Gallipoli, on 10 October 1915. He is buried at Wokingham (St Sebastian's) Church, Berkshire, England.

Timaru Herald 16 October 1915: Mrs Miria Kemare of Temuka has been advised that her nephew, Puaka

Whitau, died in London from bronchitis on October 10. Puaka Whitau was about 20 years of age. The early years of his life were spent at the Maori Pah, Temuka, under the guardianship of the late Mr Harry Kahu. At the time he enlisted he was living at Tuahiwi, near Kaiapoi. He was related to the Uru family, and was named after the great South Island fighting chief Puaka. His brother is at the Dardanelles, and according to a message just received, is well.