

LOOKER

(4/9) JAMES HENRY (Jim) was born in Geraldine in 1893.

From the family home in King Street Jim was a laborer around the district till about 1915 when he joined New Zealand Rail in Temuka as a porter/shunter  
That year he married Kathleen Lucy Minnis (Lucy) (1893--1974).

He was called-up for Military service in WW1 & entered training at Burnham in April 1918.  
On the 13th of June he left for England with the 39th Reinforcements, C Company.  
However he was not involved in any fighting as his England training had hardly finished when the war in France was over.

He was kept in England to assist in dismantling the armies training camps & field hospitals facilities, *much the same as George was doing.*

On his final discharge in September 1919, Jim received the British War Medal.

Jim was shifted on promotion to Dunedin, & they lived at Harbour Terrace, while he worked for NZR through to retirement in 1957

After Lucy died Jim bought a house back in Temuka. He was living here when he suffered the heart attack which led to his death in November 1980, at the Timaru Hospital.

Jim's ashes are scattered with Lucy's at Anderson's Bay Cemetery, Dunedin.

They had a family of 2.

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