

Letter written by William Bailey Cullen 2/1744, from UK to NZ.

Oaklands

Wey __ bridge (this word not distinct on the original)¹

20th March 1918

My Dear Sister

Now Alice² you will have to excuse me for being so long answering your letter but you will know the cause by this time.³

I tried to write a few lines to Florrie⁴ as soon as I could get going.

Well Alice, my hand is just about right, though I am to go under some special treatment at another New Zealand hospital.⁵ I am pleased to say that I will not be disfigured very much. I hope this note finds you and Father⁶ in the very best of health. I think I sent Father the photo of Aunt Tilly⁷ to have a look at. I will not go down that way when I get my furlough, I might go down to Father's Brother's⁸ place when I go down to Hornchurch which is very near there. Well, Florrie tells me that Edie⁹ has been down to Timaru for the holidays, I hope she and the children had an enjoyable time.

I suppose you are still living in the same place and getting quite used to the place.

My word, Tom¹⁰ will be pleased that his boy¹¹ is coming home, he will have about arrived home by this time. Remember me to Tom when you see him.

I might say that I am pleased you find time to go up to see Florrie, but I suppose she often comes down to see you. I think I told Florrie the beauty of this place, I can assure you I don't like leaving one place after getting used to it.

I will now close these few lines hoping they find you all well and the best of spirits.

I remain your Brother

W B Cullen.

Excuse long letter, or should I say short letter.

¹ Admitted to W. on Th. Hospital, February 1918 – could be Weybridge on Thames?

² Annis (Alice) May Cullen. William's sister.

³ Severe cordite burns to hands and face. (see medical file).

⁴ His wife, Florence Mabel Cullen.

⁵ Adm. To N.Z. Conv Hospital at Hornchurch, 26 March 1918.

⁶ George Cullen, Church St, Timaru. Died July 1918.

⁷ Matilda Hill nee Cullen, Langport, Somerset.

⁸ Thomas Cullen, Witham, Essex.

⁹ Edith Pearce nee Cullen.

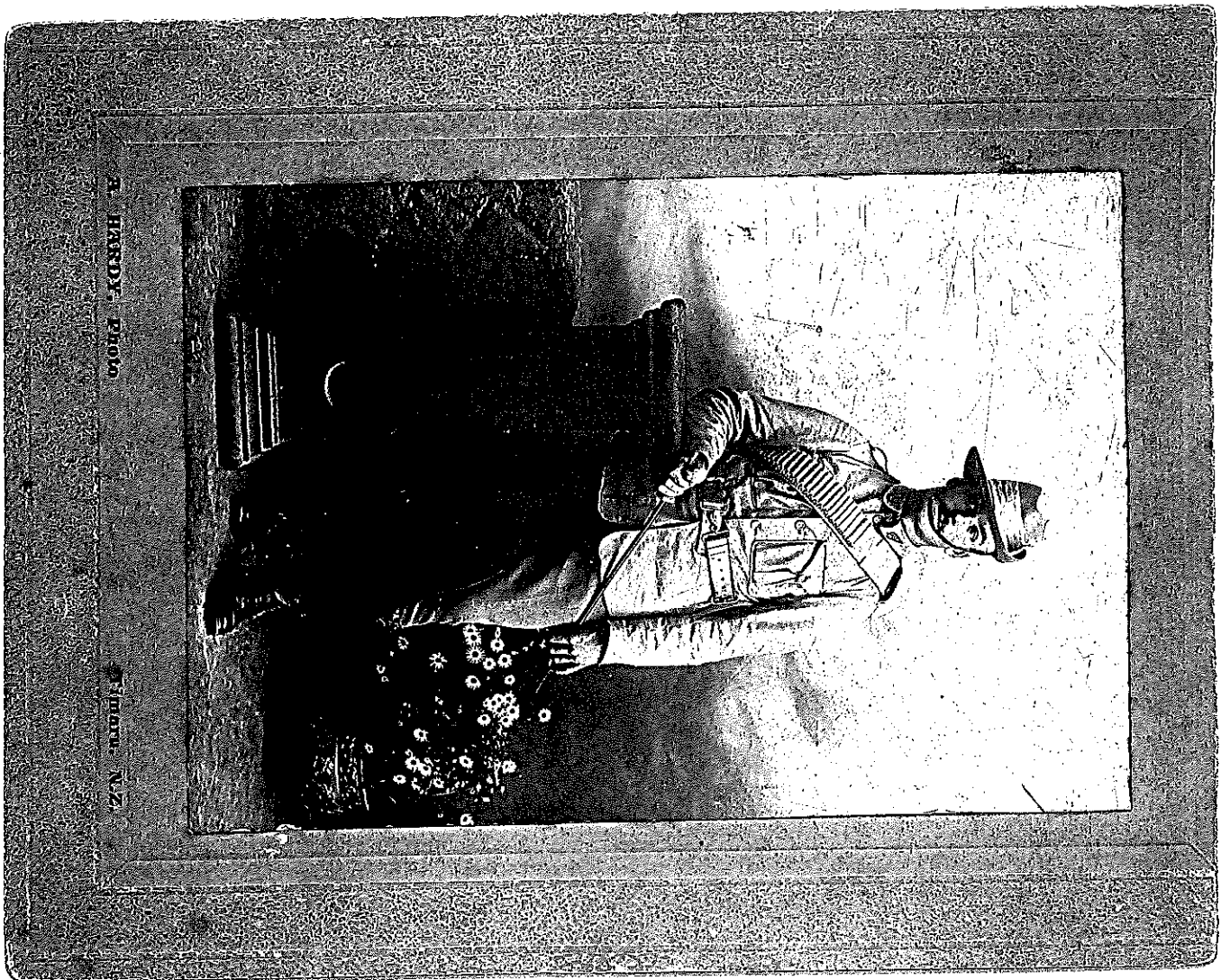
¹⁰ John Thomas Cullen, William's brother.

¹¹ Arthur Stewart Cullen. No 36421.



FLORENCE AND WILLIAM B. CULLEN

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WILLIAM BAILEY CULLEN
(SOUTH AFRICAN BOER WAR)

A. HARDY, PHOTO

Pittsburg, N.Y.

In Loving Memory

OF

WILLIAM CULLEN

Beloved husband of Florence Cullen

Died 7th January, 1925

AGED 44 YEARS.



Father is gone, but not forgotten,
Nor is the good advice he gave;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger,
Around our darling father's grave.

Long days and nights he bore in pain;
To wait for cure, was all in vain
But God alone, who thought it best,
Did ease his pain, and gave him rest.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1912.

BIRTH.

MALTHUS.—To Mr and Mrs S. Malthus, Waimata—a daughter.

DEATH.

CULLEN.—On July 19th, at her residence, Clive Street, Timaru, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of George Cullen; aged 72 years.—At Rest.

IN MEMORIAM.

MARSHALL.—In ever loving memory of Robert William, the beloved husband of Theresa Marshall, who departed this life July 22nd, 1910, in his 82nd year.

From our side how sadly we miss him
Our dear father his memory we'll keep
Never in life will we ever forget him,
Dear to our hearts is the place where he sleeps.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

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The Friends of Mr GEORGE CULLEN are respectfully informed that the Funeral of his late wife will leave his residence, Clive Street, on MONDAY, July 22nd, at 2.30 p.m., for the Timaru Cemetery.

W. J. LISTER,
Undertaker.

Phones: Shop 142, Residence 157.

MRS MARY ANN CULLEN

OBITUARY

26.07.1912

The late Mrs Cullen, wife of Mr George Cullen, who died in Timaru a few days ago, was one of the pioneers of this country who served her day and generation well. Born in Somersetshire, England, she came out to Australia in 1864, and to New Zealand in 1882, landing at Lyttelton, and in 1884 with her husband came to Timaru, where she has lived ever since. Mr Cullen occupied many positions in Timaru in the early days, and his wife was ever a valuable helpmate to him. She was the mother also of a large family—eight sons and two daughters—all of whom are married but one, a daughter who lives with her father. The oldest son is well-known as Fireman T. Cullen, of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the other son is also a member of the Brigade. The deceased and her husband celebrated their golden wedding about eighteen months ago, when all their children and their fifty-two grand-children were present. Mrs Cullen had only been indisposed a few days prior to her death, and she had reached the age of 72 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, and the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr Kirby.

DEATHS

ADAMSON, Alexander Leslie.—On January 19, 1900, at Christchurch, dearly loved husband of Vivian June Adamson, 11 Onawe Place, Shirley, and loved father of Lea; in his thirty-first year. The Funeral will leave our Chapel, 292 Cashel Street, to-morrow (Thursday), at 11 a.m., for a Service at the Crematorium, Linwood Avenue. Lamb, A., and Hayward, Ltd.

CULLEN, Annis May.—On January 19, 1909, at the residence of her niece, Mrs J. P. Lamb, 271 Otupua Road, Timaru, daughter of the late Mary and George Cullen, and beloved sister of Edith (Mrs Pearce) Christchurch; in her eighty-fifth year. (Suddenly.) The Funeral will leave St John's Church, Highfield, to-morrow (Thursday), after a Service commencing at 11 a.m., for the Timaru Cemetery. L. W. Betts and Co., Ltd.

OBITUARY.

MR W. B. CULLEN.

The funeral of the late Mr W. B. Cullen took place in Timaru yesterday afternoon, and the large number of friends who attended it bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held. It was a military funeral, the deceased having served his country in two wars—the South African War and the Great War. The funeral procession, which left the deceased's home in North Street shortly before two o'clock, was headed by a firing party from the Territorials, under Sergeant-Major Patchett, followed by the Band of the Second South Canterbury Regiment, led by Drum-Major Stevenson. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was borne on the gun carriage, and following were South African Ex-Contingents, members of the R.S.A., the Timaru Volunteer Fire Brigade (of which the deceased had been a member for many years), the Timaru Railway Fire Brigade, St. John Ambulance, members of the Druids Lodge, members of the Star Football Club, and the general public. Four Ex-Contingents acted as pall-bearers. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. G. V. Gerard, and following the church service there was a short one conducted by Arch Druid D. Bell, on behalf of U.A.O.D., Timaru Lodge No. 11. At the close of the service three volleys were fired over the grave. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave.

The deceased had been a very popular young man and one who had performed, in a very efficient way, more work for his country than is done by the average man. In civil life he was employed by the N.M. and A. Co. When men were wanted for the South African War he was among the first to offer his services, and when the Great War came along he was again among the early ones to offer for service, getting away with the 5th Reinforcement. He was a valued member of the Timaru Fire Brigade, and assisted materially in helping to build up its reputation as the most efficient Brigade of its kind in the Dominion. In his younger days he was a keen footballer and played for the Star Football Club. Of a modest and retiring disposition his guiding principle in life was to do what he believed to be right and to do it well, and in this he succeeded beyond the ordinary. He leaves a widow and four children, to whom the sincere sympathy of the

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

CULLEN—BALLEW.—On September 11th, 1869, by Rev. Mr. Bull, at St. Peter's Church, Cook's River, New South Wales, George Cullen, of Langford, Somersetshire, to Mary Ballew, of Skinton, Becclesham, Somersetshire.—Sydney papers, please copy.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Cullen, of Clive Street, Timaru, is to be celebrated to-morrow. The old couple came to New Zealand 49 years ago, and have resided in Timaru for 45 years. They have a family of ten—two sons and eight daughters—all living, and more than fifty grand children. The Cullen family is well and favourably known in Timaru.

Timaru Herald. 9 Sept 1910

The golden wedding of Mr and Mrs George Cullen, of Clive street, Timaru, is to be celebrated next Sunday, September 11th. They were both Somersetshire people, but married in New South Wales. They came to New Zealand forty-nine years ago and have resided in Timaru forty-five years. Mr Cullen's age is 76, Mrs Cullen's 71. They have a family of ten, two sons and eight daughters, all living, and all but one married, and there are over fifty grand children.

The Timaru Herald

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1925.

DEATHS.

McMILLAN.—On January 8, at Temuka, Gordon Charles, beloved son of Mrs M. McMillan; aged 13 years (accidentally drowned).

CULLEN.—On January 9, at the Timaru Hospital, 2/1744 Gunner William Cullen, of the 5th Reinforcements, and beloved husband of Florence Cullen, of 173 North Street; aged 44 years. Deeply regretted.

IN MEMORIAM.

BAXTER.—In loving memory of my brother Herbert, who died January 10, 1924; and also my mother, father, and brother George.

(Noted by the Timaru Herald) at the Temuka Cemetery.

L. G. SCRIMSHAW AND SON,
Phone 125. Undertakers.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Friends of the late WILLIAM CULLEN are respectfully informed that his Funeral will leave his late residence, 173 North Street, on SUNDAY, January 11, at 1.30 p.m., for the Timaru Cemetery. W. J. LISTER.

U.A.O.D. TIMARU LODGE No. 11.

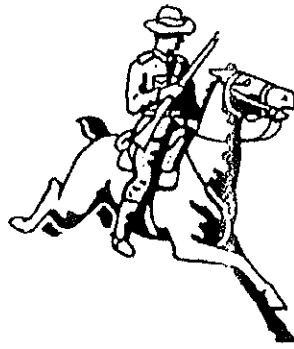
Members are requested to meet at 173 North Street, on SUNDAY, January 11, at 1.20, to attend the Funeral of their late Bro. William Cullen.
D. BELL, Arch Druid.
V. H. Keay, Secretary.

The South Canterbury Ex-Contingents' Association and Returned Soldiers are invited to attend the funeral of their late Comrade William Cullen, leaving his late residence, 173 North Street, on SUNDAY, January 11, at 1.30, for the Timaru Cemetery.
A. THORPEAU,
G. JOHNSON

New Zealand Mounted Rifles

ANGLO-BOER WAR

Medal Verification and Research



Richard Stowers
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New Zealand
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Nominal Roll:

No 3599 Private William CULLEN

Occupation: Groom

Address: Timaru

NOK: Mr. George Cullen, Clive Street, Timaru

No 19 Company, 6th Contingent NZMR

Sailed from Auckland, in S.S. "Cornwall"
on 30th January 1901.

Medal Roll: (with clasps) (5)

No 3599 Private W. Cullen

"Cape Colony", "Orange Free State", "Transvaal"
W.O./100/294/25

"South Africa 1901", "South Africa 1902" W.O./100/294/23

Richard Stowers 13/8/92

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

ATTESTATION OF

No. *100004* Name *William Bailey Cullen* Regiment or Unit *N.Z.E.F. Artillery*

Questions to be put to the recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. *Wm Bailey Cullen*
2. Where were you born? 2. *Yamara*
3. Are you a British subject? 3. *Yes*
4. What is the date of your birth? 4. *July 23rd 1880*
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. *grocer & baker*
6. Are you an indentured apprentice? If so, where, and to whom? 6. *No*
7. What was the address at which you last resided? 7. *National Mortgage, Yamara*
8. Have you passed the Fourth Educational Standard or its equivalent? 8. *Yes*
9. What is the name and address of your present or last employer? 9. *National Mortgage, Yamara*
10. Are you married? 10. *Yes*
11. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil power? If so, when and where? 11. *No*
12. Do you now belong to any military or naval force? If so, to what corps? 12. *No*
13. Have you ever served in any military or naval force? If so, state which and cause of discharge. 13. *6th Coy. N.Z. M. B. S. Africa Cape Mounted Police 7 years*
14. Have you truly stated the whole (if any) of your previous service? 14. *Yes*
15. Have you been registered for compulsory military training under the Defence Act, 1909? If so, where? 15. *No*
16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the military or naval forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? 16. *No*
17. Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated? 17. *Yes*
18. Are you willing to serve in the Expeditionary Force in or beyond the Dominion of New Zealand under the following conditions, provided your services should so long be required: For the term of the present European war and for such further period as is necessary to bring the Expeditionary Force back to New Zealand and to disband it? 18. *Willing to be vaccinated*

Note: Your discharge will not be granted before your return to New Zealand unless permission for discharge elsewhere be obtained from the G.O.C. the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

I, *William Bailey Cullen*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Signature of Recruit: *W B Cullen*

Signature of Witness: *J. W. [unclear]*

Oath to be taken by recruit on attestation.

I, *William Bailey Cullen*, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and