

Arthur Thomas ANNAR.
Born 1898. in Picton

I cannot vouch for the authenticity of what I am about to write except that this is what was told to us regards the above.

Thomas Annar and a Mr. O'Rourke fought in Alexander Square over a girl in 1914 and could not decide a winner, so they decided to enlist putting their ages on and were accepted. They remained friends for life. Thomas was mentioned in dispatches for his bravery. One of his acts was to carry Captain Holgate of Priest & Holgate on his back wounded from no-mans land to the safety of the Trenches, for which the said Captain after the war offered him a job for life in the store, but being the wanderlust he was turned the offer down. He was also chosen to play in the final trial for the Army ^{Rugby} Team that toured England, but instead did a Zee Guilford and partook of too much drink the night before and never even turned up for the trial. He came home in 1918 and at that time was just 21. However the Army did him some good because he held a responsible job with the American Forces in Wellington during World War II and was in uniform all during their time here, which can be checked through N.Z. Army records.