Researching Australian military service: New Zealand, 1860–66

Overview of the conflict

A brief summary of Australian involvement is included in the Memorial’s Australian military history overview series, in the entry for the Colonial period, 1788-1901. [www.awm.gov.au/articles/atwar/colonial]

Nominal Rolls

L.L. Barton’s Australians in the Waikato War 1863–1864 (Sydney: Library of Australian History, 1979) lists all Australian volunteers in the Waikato regiments, giving occupation and enlistment place.

Personal service records

Australian volunteers served in New Zealand, not Australian, regiments. Some service records may be held in Archives New Zealand; refer to Archives New Zealand Reference Guide 3 (War). [archives.govt.nz/sites/default/files/War--A49571.pdf]

Those who died while serving

As Australians who served in these wars fought in New Zealand, not Australian regiments, their names do not appear on the Memorial’s Roll of Honour.

Where did they serve


Medals and awards

Campaign and service medals

- R. Clark, New Zealand Medal: HCMS Victoria (Canberra, Military Historical Society of Australia, ACT Branch, 1971)
- Jeffrey E. Hopkins, Further selected New Zealand war medal rolls of entitlements, rejections, and applications granted up to 1900. Vol. 2 (Milton, Qld: Victoria Barracks Historical Society, 1998)
- Recipients of the New Zealand War Medal [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ourstuff/RecipientofNewZealandMedal.htm]