

Military History – Waikato Regiments – John Dormer Delaney

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Born 1820 - Clonbrock Doonane Parish--- Queens County---Ireland

Died 21 November 1898 Opotiki New Zealand

Recruited 12/3/1838 Kilkenny

Served 11 years with 27th Regiment of Foot later Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in Kaffir Wars - arrived Cape Province Africa via “Tigris”- 3 May 1839. Discharged Grahamstown Africa March 1848.

Waikato service

Attested – Melbourne 19 September 1863

Recorded as Recruiting Sergeant under Colonel Pitt but reference is also made to being a Lance Corporal under Colonel Harrington.

Arrived NZ - aboard Swiftsure, 18 February 1864.

Regimental Number - 71 (93)

Units - 1st Waikato Regiment No 9 Co. Private (3 yrs Lance Sgt 16/12/1863)

Opotiki Rangers - Private under Col.St.John.

Bay of Plenty Volunteer Cavalry. 1870-1877 Trooper/Trumpeter

Address at time of Medal Claim - C/- Militia Office Thames & Kyber Pass Rds Auckland.

Actions present at - Tauranga Campaign, January - February 1867.

Ake Ake, 4 Feb 1867

Te Irihanga, Feb 1867, Opotiki

Waikamarama, 15 Feb 1867, Waiau

Rotorua, 26 Mar 1867, Opape

Waimana, Waioeka Redoubt

Whakatane

see National Archives ADI 1894/912 re service under Col.Pitt & Col St.John

Age at enlistment - 38 years (was actually 49)

Occupation at enlistment - Miner

Year in which medal gazetted - 1873 (Gazette No.10 20 Feb 1873)

Year in which medal issued 21 November 1873 - replacement medal 1894

New Zealand War Medal Register - (AD36/3) 560 (3450)

National Archive File Reference - AD 32:/1046-/ ADI: 1894/912

Land Grant - Town Lot 377 Section 2 Opotiki Farm Lot Lot 16 Maguires No.10 Block

There is a great deal of correspondence re John Dormers service 1863-1873 but most refers to loss of medal etc.

Burial - Opotiki but unable to find grave or record in Council Chambers 2001.