

## **William Dormer DELANEY as at 24 August 2003**

**Born 9/7/1852 in Capetown- Cape Province --South Africa. Cape of Good Hope.**

**Baptised in St.Marys Cathedral which only opened in 1851 and now known as Our lady of the Flight into Egypt - there is a photo of cathedral as at 1851.**

**Buried with full military honours 6 Dec 1907 in Karori Cemetary Wellington aged 55.**

**1<sup>st</sup> son of John Dormer DELANEY and Eleanor McDERMOTT**

**Brother of Mary Eleanor , Anne Maria, John and Michael Walter**

**William Dormer travelled from Capetown to Melbourne in the Wigram with the rest of the family arriving 24 February 1854 and lived in Golden Square -Sandhurst --Bendigo Victoria.**

**He sailed with father John Dormer in the Swiftsure on 5/2/1864 to Auckland and after arrival spent time at Drury and later at Albert Barracks Tauranga and finally at Opotiki**

### Military Service in Waikato Regiment

Taken from Richard Stowers - Medal to Colonials 1998. page 83/84 see also page re service.

Bugler with No.9 Co. joined Drury 16 May 1864 also 1st Armed Constabulary; Naseby, Otago; TeRanga 21/6/1864, Opotiki, Okotuku (Moturoa) 7/11/1868 --Gazette 1871; 492,507; AD32/2642 .

According to NZ Biography on Michael he was one-time long distance running champion of New Zealand.

There is also a newspaper article on his sister Eleanor Harrison regarding William's part in saving Opotiki from attack. In 1914 he lived at 48 Williamsons Ave Grey Lynn.

Excerpt from diary of brother Michael Walter Delaney:

"Colonel Beauchamp, who fell in the great war 1914-18, knowing Government horses were at an encampment when my brother died, gave orders to OIC Mt.Cook Barracks to hire 4 horses from O'Brien and Co. to draw the gun carriage - there was also a firing party and bugler of permanent artillery so that my brother William Dormer could be buried with full military honours."

I have found he was buried at Karori Cemetary Wellington. Position 1670R. but has since been disinterred and buried behind a Mr.Dorrigo ( site unpaid for.) Lot 378 Sect 2. Mt. Cook is a suburb of Wellington and it is believed the barracks may still exist there.

Just before his death he was staying at the Mother Mary Joseph Home in Buckle St. not far from the Barracks. Previously he had lived at Naseby, Eketahuna and Alexandria where he lost his medal. A replacement was needed for a formal veterans dinner in 1900.

On 8 January 1884 he married Mary Tighe, daughter of John Tighe and Johanna Murphy, in the Registry office at Clyde-Otago NZ.

They had the following children - according to information obtained by Con Flinkenberg.

William John Delaney 13/2/1884

Walter Dormer Delaney - born and died June/July 1885

Walter Dormer 2nd abt 1888

Annie Delaney 2nd abt 1890

Daughter 2 born about 1891

Transcript of Notice in Dominion 6 December 1907:

"We regret to record the death at Mother Joseph Aubert's Home, Buckle St., of Veteran William Dormer Delaney. The deceased who was 57 entered the First Waikato Regiment as bugler and subsequently served as a bugler and private in the old Armed Constabulary Force. The late veteran was present at several engagements

during the Waikato campaign. For the last 4 years he has been an inmate of Mother Mary Josephs Auberts Home.

The deceased will be accorded a military funeral today the Firing party to parade at the home at 10.45am.  
Burial at Karori Cemetary Wellington Lot 1670R.