

As he was born in 1898, Charles Dell would have been too young to join the first wave of enlistments for WW1. His service time extended for 19 months, from 5 April 1918, when he enlisted at the age of nearly 20, to the end of October 1919.

He was a clerk in Te Kuiti from 1914-18, and on enlistment he was posted as a Private into the 43<sup>rd</sup> Specialist Company. He joined the NZ Army Pay Corps and rose to Sergeant in this capacity.

He travelled to the UK, arriving in London on 30 October 1918. Apart from one session in Tidworth Military Hospital with Rubella, he spent his time at Hornchurch and in London.

He served in the 40<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, then 43<sup>rd</sup> Specialist Companies, then the Canterbury Regiment, transferring to the Otago Regiment as a temporary Corporal on 1 Feb 1919 at Hornchurch. He was promoted to Sergeant on 15 July 1919, then left for New Zealand from Plymouth on 14 August that year.

As his pre-war job was a pay clerk with NZ Railways in Te Kuiti and his mother was living here, he returned to this area after the war, and is listed in the electoral rolls as a clerk in Rora St Te Kuiti, in 1919.

In 1921 he married Eketahuna Helena Fox (Ekkie) from Dunedin, and in 1922 they were in Rata St, Te Kuiti, with Charles working as a clerk. This job took them to Ngaruawahia in 1925 and to Taumarunui in 1935. By 1938 he was working as Station Master at Te Kauwhata, and by 1946 they had moved to Napier where he was listed as a railway employee. By 1949 he was a Shipping Officer in Wellington and they were living at Karori. His final job was as Senior Station Master, in 1954 at Marton.

He died that year, aged 56, and is buried at Purewa Cemetery in Auckland. Ekkie died in Auckland in 1961 at the age of 65, and was buried with her husband at Purewa. They had one child, a son named Raymond George.



Charles George Dell  
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