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## WELCOME

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► Most people are busy making history and often don't appreciate the influence that their actions are having on themselves and the society they live in. One of the ways to appreciate their actions is by keeping records of the activities they are involved in.

Many people say, "the past is the past" and focus only on the present and the future. As Christians the past is important as it informs our future. Why is it that the Old Testament is part of the canon of scripture and we use it for preaching and teaching? 'Archives are the footprints of Christ on the world.' Pope Paul VI.

Our archives not only contain the story of our Army but also the many stories of those who have served in our Army and those that we have ministered to and helped through our services.

The many inquiries we conduct for hundreds of people each year form part of the extended pastoral care for those our movement has had the privilege of ministering to in past days and years.

This month we feature the Young Peoples Cartridge Stamp Album produced in the 1920s.

What was the christian name of our 1st Territorial Commanders wife? And did you know we had a 'War Office' in Greymouth?

Captain Ebbie Jackson had an illustrious ministry with SA bands and as a composer in both NZ and Australia, especially with the Australasian Guards Bands.

Enjoy the reading and appreciate our history.

Major Garry Mellsop | Interim Director ◀

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## COLOUR MY WORLD

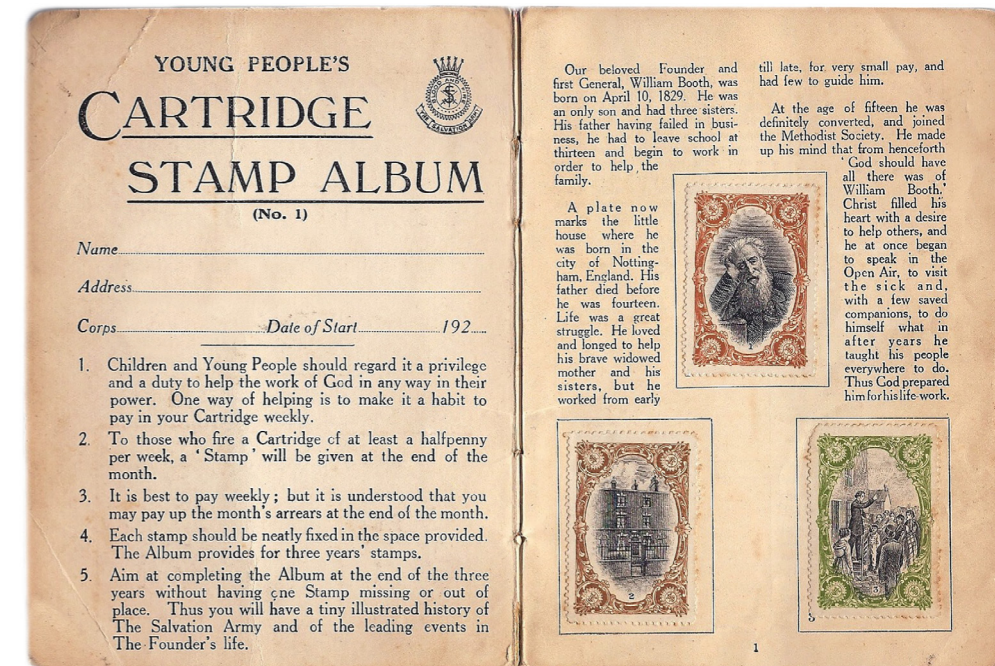
Young People's Cartridge Stamp Album 1917...

► Around 1917 The Salvation Army introduced a Young People's Cartridge Stamp Album and the stamps were given monthly to those children who gave no less than 1/2d per week in their collection. There were 36 stamps in total. Small green albums were printed in Wellington in the early 1920s for the New Zealand territory. ◀



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The Army Flag stamp was number 8.

The New Zealand version of the Young People's Cartridge Stamp Album which contained blank pages.





## THE MYSTERY OF 'M'

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► The process involved in finding information from archived records is rarely simple and it is an error to think, 'This won't take me too long'. For even when sources of information are located, a document may be incorrectly referenced, damaged, incomplete, or even found to be irrelevant.

An inquiry proceeds from a search using key words on a digital catalogue and then expands to explore microfilmed *War Cry*s, alongside paper copies of each edition beginning from 1883, the Archives library of books, journals, brochures, photographs, and clippings. There are shelves of brown waxed boxes containing brittle, yellowing papers, vertical files, large bound historic tomes, and exquisite handwritten registers. As The Salvation Army in New Zealand did not become its own territory until 1912 it can be necessary to check Australian records.

To have access to these taonga for research is an immense privilege and most queries are satisfactorily answered.

Recently a search was undertaken to discover the first names of the wives of early New Zealand Salvation Army Commissioners. Generally, the wives were titled as 'Mrs' followed by the husband's rank and name. Much perseverance resulted in joyous moments of discovery when their first names were located on service cards, Training College records, backs of photographs, in *War Cry* articles, obituaries and from 'Births, Deaths and Marriages' sites. Discoveries included Jennie Hay, Alexina Adams, Catherine Hodder and Bianca Evans, to name a few.

However, everything stalled when the search began for the name of the woman known as Mrs Commissioner W. J Richards. Her husband Commissioner Richards was New Zealand's first Territorial Commander, appointed from 1912-1914. After exhausting our resources, discovering that her initial was 'M', the International Heritage Centre of The Salvation Army in London was contacted, as the United Kingdom was her place of origin. They, while finding no records of her first name, matched 'M', with marriage records and her date of death, and found that her name was 'Margaret'. ◀



Commissioner and Mrs. W. J. Richards, the Dominion's Leaders.

Photograph: *The War Cry* 8 June 1912 page 5.

Mrs Commissioner Margaret Richards, who served with her husband William, in New Zealand from 1912-1914.



*The War Cry* 7 November 1914 page 4.

## FAREWELL MESSAGE OF Commissioner & Mrs. Richards TO THE Salvationists and Friends in New Zealand.

TO OUR OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND FRIENDS.

We have loved you well, and served you to the best of our ability—some times in weakness, but always with devotion. Now we bid you farewell, and commit you to God, Who, out of the riches of His grace will bless you with family prosperity and soul strength and power.

We shall ever pray for you, and feel confident that your petitions will ascend to the Throne on our behalf.

Render to our successors the same loyalty, love and service, as you have to us. Better you cannot do, as we have received all your hearts' service. God will give you a revelation of Himself in a great wave of Salvation, which will, as a result of your whole-hearted co-operation, sweep over the Dominion during Commissioner Hodder's command. I already have a vision of this glorious outpouring of His Spirit, and shall eagerly look for its detail, in the pages of the *War Cry*.

Again bidding you God's Speed, God's Power, and God's Sealing, we are,  
Yours affectionately in Christ Jesus,  
W. J. RICHARDS  
M. RICHARDS.

*The War Cry* 7 November 1914 page 4.

## WEST COAST WAR OFFICE

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"The War Office at Greymouth is now a thing of the past. Under the new Divisional system, the Staff-quarters consists of a smaller private residence - still in Greymouth"

*The War Cry* | 7 October 1893 | page 7.



## BANDMASTER IN AN OLD ALBUM

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Captain Ebenezer (Ebbie) Jackson, out of Oamaru Corps, transferred to Australia at the end of 1891. Recognised for his musical evangelism, he later became conductor of the Australasian Guards Band. This image of bandmaster E Jackson was found in an old photograph album in Archives.