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Eva May and Robert CARTER and family

Eva and Robert Carter's names were placed on the Onehunga Corps Soldiers Roll, when they were enrolled as members, 23 August 1926. Their address was recorded as 55 Mays Rd. After Robert's death Eva's address on the roll is 50 Princes St.

Robert and Eva were married in Onehunga in 1910 and it is unclear when they first attended The Salvation Army, or when Robert joined the band.

On the Onehunga Corps Band Roll, Robert is recorded on 24 December 1928, as holding the position of Band Secretary, with an address at 99 Mays Rd. One of his responsibilities would be the filing of band music. He was a member of the band until his death in 1948.

In the mid 1930s Mrs Eva Carter and Esther Carter were Sunday School teachers (Company Guards). Mrs Carter was still active in this role in the 1950s.

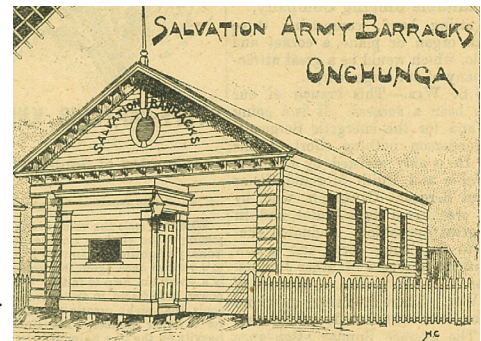
Gwen Carter is recorded as a patrol leader for the Life Saving Guards, The Salvation Army's equivalent to Guides.

In a list compiled in 1936, Esther Carter was one of several corps members designated as one of the sellers of The Salvation Army's publication *The War Cry*. This involved small teams visiting pubs and hotels and selling War Crys, and likely attending open air services.

Mrs Eva Carter was an active member of the women's group, The Home League. They met weekly and followed the principles of worship, education, fellowship and service. She held several positions, including Treasurer.



An older style Home League badge. The home is placed on top of a Bible



The Onehunga Salvation Army building. *The War Cry* 22 August 1896



The Promoted to Glory Boards. When a soldier of the corps passes their name is recorded on the board which is displayed in the corps hall. Onehunga Corps, Queen St, closed in 1972. A new corps was opened at Mangere, Mascot Ave, and the boards were preserved. The names of Bro. R Carter and Sis. Mrs E.M Carter are inscribed on the Onehunga Corps boards.

Onehunga Corps | Golden Jubilee

CORPS CENSUS LOCAL OFFICERS 1936

Standing: Sergeant-Major W. Scott, Treasurer W. Ball, Bandmaster H. Knauf, Recruiting-Sergeant F. Church

Sitting: Y.P.S.M. Mrs. Knauf, Mrs. Adj. Lord, Adj. Lord (Commanding Officer), Secretary A. Sharp.



Each of these comrades have many years of Salvation Army service to their credit, some having been connected with the Corps since its earliest days. They are men and women of fine Christian character, whose sterling worth has been proved through the years.

A BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE WORK OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN ONEHUNGA, 1886—1936.

Salvation Army work began in Onehunga on March 28th, 1886. A new hall was erected on the main street and the pioneer officers were Captain Alderton and Lieutenant Davis. A spirit of religious revival was evident in the town and many professed conversion at that time. Much enthusiasm and joy were apparent. The first local officers were Bro. and Sis. Sutherland, Bro. John Stoupe, and Sis. Mrs. Hardiman, people of the highest Christian character, respected and loved by all. They comprised the first Census Board, and were the foundation members of the Corps. Many took their place as soldiers and a good work was done both in the interests of children and adults.

Within the first year, a brass band was formed which proved a great help in open-air work, many testimonies being given to the blessing received through the message in music. Splendid service has been rendered in this connection by Bandmaster George Claydon (R.), who for 31 years had charge of the band. Work has been continued in all its branches since those days with more or less success. The present-day soldiers of the Corps are practically all Army converts.

The Self-Denial Appeal has always claimed a good deal of interest, funds starting the first year at about £25, and rising every year to over £400 during the years of peak prosperity.

The epidemic of 1918 had a trying effect on our work, as no public indoor meetings were allowed for several weeks. Officers and soldiers devoted their time to visiting and helping the sufferers. No deaths occurred in our own ranks.

As New Zealand and Australia were a joint command in the early days, we were favoured with visits from the leaders in charge. Commissioner Henry Howard visited Onehunga twice, being accompanied on his second visit by his son, now Commissioner Howard. Our founder, General William Booth, also passed through on his way from Auckland to Wellington by boat from the Manukau before the days of the Main Trunk Railway. He gave a very fine talk to the large crowd assembled on the wharf. As the boat was leaving, he sang "So we'll roll the old chariot along."

Happy relations exist between the various churches and the Army, enabling us to work together harmoniously.

Officers who have gone into the Field from the Corps are Colonel E. Burton, Adjutant Chas. Aitkenhead, Commandant Bycroft, Mrs. Brigadier Rignold, Mrs. Commandant Parsons, Major E. M. Lomas, Adjutant A. Grove, Adjutant W. Aitkenhead, Captain E. Svendsen, and Captain H. McKinnon.

Most of the early comrades have passed into their Eternal Home, and the rest are still fighting on, standing by the first principles of the Army, realising that God is still with us as our great Captain and Leader, and we follow in faith and hope of the Great Jubilee in His eternal kingdom. Thanking Him for all His wonderful grace and strength and blessings both past and present, we sing

"Some through deep waters and some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through dark sorrows, but this is their song—
God leads the dear Army along."



The Onehunga Band 1919



Sister Mrs. Eva Carter —
taken shortly before her
Promotion to Glory.

Sister Mrs. Eva Carter was promoted to Glory just two months after her son Mr. V. Carter had died suddenly. Sis. Mrs. Carter had given many years of service to the Onehunga Corps and had been faithful in her giving and in her prayer support of the Mangere Corps.

PROMOTED TO GLORY ONEHUNGA COMRADE SUMMONED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Another comrade of Onehunga Corps has been summoned to Higher Service in the person of Band Secretary Robert Carter. A sympathetic crowd gathered in the Army Hall to pay final tribute to a comrade whose influence for good was widely appreciated. Included in this number was the Town Clerk, Mr. L. Norman, councillors and work-mates. Sergeant-Major W. Scott paid a tribute to the life and work of our departed comrade, and Sister Mrs. Allan Sawyer sang. In the Memorial Service, tributes were paid by Brother R. McIntyre, Bandmaster Claydon and Mrs. Major Brown (R.). Bandmaster Martin Brown contributed a solo. The congregation stood while the Band played "Jerusalem, my Happy Home."

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Sincere Interest in Youth

Sister E.M. Carter, a veteran soldier of the former Onehunga Corps and latterly of Mangere, was promoted to Glory on November 15 at the age of 89 years. Encouraged by Christian parents she sought and accepted Christ as her Saviour at an early age.

Overcoming many difficulties of travel to attend meetings, Sister Carter

became sincerely interested in the young people's work of the corps. Over the years faithful service was given as primary leader, young people's sergeant-major, company guard and young people's treasurer.

Sister Carter was also a long-serving member of the home league, its birthday sergeant and an honours award holder.

The service of remembrance at the hall and graveside was conducted by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Russell Sawyer, who in his words of consolation, based his message on home, home where Christ is.

Mrs Lieutenant Sawyer read from the Scriptures and prayed. Corps Sergeant-Major J. Weaver was the flag bearer

and paid a tribute on behalf of the corps. Mrs Davies was pianist for the service.

The sympathy and prayers of the corps are extended to all family members.

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