

Notes on the Children of Francis Hay and Edith née Baker

Effie, born 11 March 1904, Oamaru

Joseph Andrew, born 20 July 1906, Oamaru

*Francis William, born 25 January 1908, Oamaru

Ivan Thomas, born 21 January 1917, Nelson.

*Father of Daphne, Laurence, Glenys and Lynette Hay

Effie Baker née Hay

Effie was born on 11 March 1904 in Oamaru, the first child of Francis Hay and his wife Edith née Baker. Effie was admitted to the Oamaru South School in September 1909 and remained as a day pupil there until the end of November 1915, when the family moved to Nelson. There she attended Nelson Central Girls' School from July 1916 before the family returned south, where Effie, aged 13 years, was enrolled at the Timaru Main School on 23 April 1917; how long she remained there is not certain.

On leaving school Effie found work at the large woollen mill in Timaru, soon becoming a leading hand, but when Edith became chronically ill, Effie reduced her working hours so that she could care for her mother and the household. Later, to help make ends meet, a boarder was taken into the home, and after a time he proposed marriage to Effie. Stanley Hay in his funeral tribute to Effie records that 'the family consensus was that he was not good enough – he smoked – besides, with the men having to work, who would look after mother? Effie disappointingly declined.'

During these years Effie was an active Salvationist – a songster, guard leader and Sunday school teacher.

Edith Hay died in October 1943, after which Effie continued to look after her father in the family home. However, on 28 December 1944 she married her cousin, Herbert Samuel Baker, in Oamaru. Herb's wife, Catherine Purdie née Smith whom he had married in 1924, had died in 1940 leaving him with four children aged nine to 20 years. Herb was a shepherd managing a farm at Willowbridge, near Waimate. Soon after the marriage Herb took ill and could no longer work, necessitating a move into Waimate. Effie looked after him at home, and soon her step-daughter Margaret as well. Margaret died in 1950 at age 24, and Herb in 1953, aged 55.

Effie then moved to Christchurch with her father Frank, working for some years in a drapery shop on Ferry Road, owned by her brother Joseph. She gave up work when her father declined in health and cared for him until his death in 1961. Effie then lived alone, working in the laundry of the Salvation Army Men's Social Service Centre, Addington, managed by her brother Frank Jnr.

Effie's last years were spent in Resthaven, Christchurch, a happy time for her until she suffered a stroke some months before her death. Effie Baker née Hay died in 1992 aged 88 years, many of which had been spent in selfless and dedicated care of

the sick and dying of her family. As were all of the Hay family, Effie was a life-long, stalwart Salvationist.

Joseph Andrew Hay

Joseph Andrew was born on 20 July 1905 in Oamaru, the second child of Francis Hay and his wife Edith née Baker. He was enrolled in Oamaru South School in August 1910, but left at the end of November 1915 to travel with the family to Nelson. There is no record of his schooling in Nelson, but he was enrolled in Timaru Main School on 23 April 1917 when the family returned south.

On leaving school Joseph was apprenticed to the cabinet-maker Zechariah Berry, and eventually co-owned a successful furniture manufacturing business in Christchurch, Hay and Pizzey. He married Nellie Myrtle Annie Lee in Timaru on 23 April 1929. There were four children of the marriage: Stanley Joseph born 8 November 1931, Shirley Ann born in Christchurch on 16 September 1935, Jennifer Edith and Pamela Joy.

Joseph Andrew Hay died in Christchurch. He played for most of his life in Salvation Army bands, and served for many years as treasurer of the Christchurch City Corps.

Francis William Hay

[See separate essay]

Ivan Thomas Hay

Birth, schooling and employment. Ivan Thomas Hay was born on 21 January 1917 in Nelson. Three months later the family returned south to settle in Timaru. Ivan began his education at Timaru Main School in March 1922, but at the beginning of the next year transferred to Timaru South, where he played rugby in the 1st XV. Ivan then attended Timaru Boys' High School, 1931-34, passing the matriculation examinations (University Entrance) at the end of his final year.

What employment Ivan took up immediately on leaving school is not clear, but from March 1936 he trained as a chemist's apprentice in Oddies Dispensary, Timaru, living with his parents in the family home at 46 Bank Street. During this time he was active as a sportsman: in winter playing hockey in the Redcliff Club and in summer, tennis in the South School Club.

War service. On 4 October 1939, only a month after the commencement of World War II, Ivan applied for active service in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, but not until 10 July 1940 was he called up to take the oath of attestation, and only on 24 November of that year, 14 months after applying, was he finally enlisted, as No. NZ404357. His certificate of service records that on entry he was 5ft 6in (168cm) tall, with brown hair, grey eyes and a 'fresh' complexion. The family home at this time, still in Timaru, was at 87 Church Street.

In the air force Ivan immediately was assigned to train as an airman/pilot with the rank of leading aircraftsman (if that's what 'LAC' means), and was awarded the Flying Badge (aka 'wings') on 24 March 1941. The record states that he was most proficient at flying the Airspeed Oxford, the favourite training plane of British

Commonwealth air forces during and for some time after the war (New Zealand purchased 300 in total).

During his pilot's training Ivan was given the rank of sergeant on probation; he then reverted to LAC before being promoted to corporal on 16 October 1941. A year later he became an 'A/Sgt' (acting sergeant?) and was confirmed as sergeant on 1 January 1943, the rank he held until his discharge from the air force three years later.

Ivan didn't serve outside of New Zealand, the family information being that he was grounded due to a chronic health condition. The only evidence in his official dossier of a health problem is what appears to be a medical-related form dated 30 August 1941 in which Ivan complains of migraine suffered at times over the previous four years. Whatever the problem, Ivan was assigned on 1 July 1942 as a Link Trainer* instructor (LTI), a non-flying position he continued in for the rest of his active service in the RNZAF.

Of Ivan's 62 months in the air force, 30 were spent at the Wigram, Christchurch, air base, 14 at Whenuapai in Auckland and eight in Ashburton, the other 10 months being given over to training courses at various other bases around the country. After demobilisation on 10 January 1946 Ivan returned to Timaru.

Salvation Army service. In 1949 Ivan was accepted as a candidate for officership in the Salvation Army and moved to Wellington to become a member of the Peacemakers training session. He was commissioned as a lieutenant the following year and appointed to command the Norsewood Corps. On 3 May 1952 Ivan married Betsy Eloise Middleton, also a Salvation Army officer, and they were appointed in charge of the Upper Hutt Corps. From there, in 1954, the Hays farewelled for what turned out to be 21 years' service in India.

Their first Indian appointment lasted for eleven years in the 450-bed Catherine Booth Hospital, Nagercoil, at the southernmost tip of the sub-continent, where Ivan was, amongst other things, the pharmacy manager. Four children were born to the marriage during this time: Ruth Edith, Beverley Jean, Andrew Francis John and Noeline Ann. The family were then moved to the Evangeline Booth Hospital, Nidubrolu, Andhra Pradesh, remaining there for five years, before a further shift was necessitated by Ivan's appointment as principal of the Salvation Army officer training college, Nellore, also in Andhra Pradesh.

Health concerns for Ivan meant a return to New Zealand in 1974, and in 1975 Majors Ivan and Betsy Hay took up an appointment in Christchurch as the Sydenham Corps officers, remaining there for three years, followed by four years at the Addington Men's Social Service Centre.

Retirement and death. On retirement in 1982, Ivan and Betsy remained in Christchurch, where Ivan died of cancer on 21 April 1999. Betsy still (August 2013) lives in their retirement home at 25 Raheira St, Barrington, Christchurch.

*A Link Trainer is a flight simulator produced by the Link Aviation Devices, Inc, founded by Ed Link, and manufactured at his family's business in Binghamton, New York. These simulators became famous during World War II, when they were used as a key pilot training aid by almost every combatant nation.