

## FRANCIS JOSEPH WADDELL

**Service No: 52668**

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: NZRB**

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**Unit: Reinforcements "G" Company**

**Date of Death: 6<sup>th</sup> December 1917**

**Age:**

**Casualty type: Died of Wounds**

**Grave: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.**

Francis (Frank) was the son of Francis and Amelia Waddell, of Kimbell near Fairlie in the Mackenzie Country. He was born in Oamaru 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1889. He attended the Oamaru North School, beginning on 10 November 1896 and left there on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1898 to go to Timaru where he was enrolled at the Waimataitai school 16<sup>th</sup> of July the same year. He was at the school until 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1903 when he left to go to work. His parents were living in or near Timaru at that time.

He enlisted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1917 and embarked in Wellington on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1917 bound for Plymouth, England.

Francis was in France when he was wounded in the chest and abdomen, wounds from which he died.

He was buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

He is also remembered on the Fairlie War Memorial and the Memorial Wall in Timaru