

Pvte Thomas William Smart No 40137

Born 21st August 1885 at Fairlie South Canterbury

Eldest Son of Mary and Elijah Smart of Burkes Pass

Thomas attended Burkes Pass Primary School and worked on some of the MacKenzie Station before joining N.Z. Railways as a porter.

After various posting and positions he enlisted in the Army 16-10-1916.

Thomas married Dulcie Pennington on 30-9-1915 at Waitara.

Thomas was a soldier in the 24th Reinforcements [Second Draft]

Specilist Co. Machine Gun Section and embarked 26-4-1917 on

H.M.N.Z.T 82 "Pakeha" for Plymouth England.

Thomas was wounded in France[Gassed] 23-8-1918 and after treatment in England was invalided back to N.Z. on the "Oxfordshire"

He died 30-1-1924 as a result of his war injuries and is buried in

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Thomas was survived by his Wife and 3 Children.

Courtesy of M Willets