

(3/11) # RICHARD, was born at Kerrytown on 1892.

He was a farm laborer on the Levels Plains from leaving school, until he was old enough to get a job at the Pareora freezing works.

While he worked there, he lived with his sister, Mary, whose husband was also a freezing-worker. He was a ploughman for the Wareing brothers at Fairlie when called-up for military service in WW1.

Richard was with "C" Company of the Canterbury Infantry Regiment when he left for England on the 3rd of March 1916.

On the 1st of October during the first battle of the Somme, Richard was seriously wounded. After several days & there being no improvement in his condition, he was taken back to the British Army field hospital in Oxfordshire, England, where he died from his wounds on the 16th of October 1916. He was 24 years old.

Richard is buried in the war cemetery at Botley, in Oxford, England.
grave ref: L - 1 - Plot 65.

His name is on the War Memorial at Pleasant Point, & also on a Memorial Plaque at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Wilkins Street, Temuka.

(Of interest: In his Last Will & Testament which he made prior to going overseas, Richard left his entire estate to his immediately younger sister, Catherine (Kitty).

Photo taken Sept 2015

