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SCROLL.

RE JOHN ? FINLAYSON

4TH CHILD OF RODERICK + JESSIE (1 OF 11 CHILDREN).

WORKED "FAMILY" FARM - MIDDLE ROAD, IKAWAI (REDCLIFFS)

+ PRESUMABLY ON LOCAL AREA FARMS.

RETIRED TO FAMILY HOME @ 23 LEONARD ST. WAIMATE.

BASICALLY HOUSE-BOUND. (WALKING STICK + NOT VERY MOBILE).

WHETHER AGE OR WORK/WAR HAD GREATEST BEARING ON HIS MOBILITY (OR LACK OF IT) NO ONE CAN VERIFY.

WAS VISITED DURING HIS DAYS AT LEONARD ST. BY WAIMATE R.S.A PERSONAL, INCLUDING NOTED VET. ERIC BATCHELOR.

FAMILY STORY (MYTH?) CROPS UP OCCASIONALLY THAT JOHNNY WAS 1ST ALLIED/COLONIAL SOLDIER TO SHOOT DOWN GERMAN AIRCRAFT WITH "SMALL ARMS".

OBVIOUSLY NO ONE CAN NOW VERIFY THIS, BUT THE CONNECTION TO THE REGULAR VISITS FROM R.S.A MEMBERS MAY "ADD WEIGHT" TO THE STORY.