

WILLIAM ALEX ANDERSON

Service No: 10135

Rank: Private

Regiment: New Zealand Expeditionary Force

Unit: 11th reinforcements

Date of Death: 16th September 1916

Age: 20

Casualty Type: Killed in Action.

Grave: Caterpillar Valley Cemetry, Longueval, Somme, France.

William was the son of Mrs Maria Louisa Anderson, of 13 Rose Street, Roslyn, Dunedin, and the late Mr William Anderson. His date of birth was 1/10/1895.

He worked in Fairlie as a carpenter for the firm of Wigley and Jones . He enlisted for service at Trentham on 15th December 1915.

He embarked on the 1st April 1916 at Wellington, bound for Suez, Egypt where he arrived on the 3rd May 1916. He served in Alexandria, and was moved to France arriving in Etaples 6th June 1916. The last unit he served with was the Canterbury Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion which he was posed to on the 28th July 1916.

He was killed in action on the Somme, France 16th Sept 1916.

William is remembered on the Catterpillar Valley War Memorial, the Fairlie War Memorial, and the Memorial Wall in Timaru.