

Star. 17 November 1917 (Papers Past) [28/08/2019]
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**FOR KING AND COUNTRY.
PRIVATE S. KENNEDY.**

Mrs M. H. Kennedy, of 126, Clarence Street, Lower Riccarton, has received word that her eldest son, Private S. Kennedy, was wounded in France on October 4. Private Kennedy was an active member of the New Zealand Axemen's Association. On December 28, 1914, at the association's sports at Eltham, he won the world's single-handed sawing championship, cutting through a white pine log 24in in diameter in 1min 3 1.5sec, beating the previous record of 1min 9 3.5sec, held by A. E. Sullivan. He also won a large number of handicap events at various sports meetings in the North Island, the majority being from scratch. Before enlisting, Private Kennedy was engaged in bush-felling or various sawmilling companies in the Ohakune and Taumarunui districts. He left with the Twenty-first Reinforcements. His brother, Corporal P.[sic] Kennedy, who left New Zealand with the Nineteenth Reinforcements, was wounded in the head on July 6.

Star. 1 March 1918 (Papers Past) [29/08/2019]

Private Sam Kennedy, who some years ago held the New Zealand championship for wood-sawing, and has been serving his country on the western front, was wounded on October 4, and removed to hospital. When convalescent Private Kennedy was induced by the Y.M.C.A. officials to give an exhibition of sawing. He was subsequently fortunate enough to meet Private Perry, also an ex-New Zealand wood-sawing champion, and the pair joined in giving displays which have been a source of great entertainment to the Allied troops. They also cut down and prepared the Christmas-tree for the Y.M.C.A., which was loaded with presents, and was a source of much joy to the troops. Private Kennedy is a son of Mrs M. H. Strnthers, of Lower Riccarton.

[Perry corrected to Shewry]

Star. 24 April 1918 (Papers Past) [29/08/2019]

Word has been received in Christchurch that Private Samuel Kennedy was killed in action in France on April 6. Private Kennedy, who left with the Twenty-first Reinforcements, is a son of Mrs M. H. Travers, of 126, Clarence Road, Riccarton, and a brother of Mr J. Kennedy, of the Supreme Court office staff. At the time of enlisting he was working in the bush at Ohakune. He was an extremely powerful man, and during 1913 and 1914 held the world's championship for single-handed sawing. He was twice wounded and in hospital, but made rapid recoveries. On one occasion he was hit three times in the same day. Another brother, Sergeant R. Kennedy, who was a well-known representative Rugby player and swimmer, is still serving in France.

Lyttelton Times. 25 April 1918 (Papers Past) [26/08/2019]

Word has been received in Christchurch that Private Samuel Kennedy was killed in action in France on April 6. Private Kennedy, who left with the Twenty-first Reinforcements, is a son of Mrs M. H. Travers, of 126, Clarence Road, Riccarton, and a brother of Mr J. Kennedy, of the Supreme Court office staff. At the time of enlisting he was working in the bush at Ohakiine. He was an extremely powerful man, and during 1913 and 1914 held the world's championship for single-handed sawing. He was twice wounded and in hospital, but made rapid recoveries. On one occasion he was hit three times in the same day. Another brother, Sergeant R. Kennedy, who was a well-known representative Rugby player and swimmer, is still serving in France.

Star. 27 April 1918 (Papers Past) [24/03/2017]

RICCARTON WHISPERS

General regret will be felt for Mrs M. H. Travers and family, 126, Clarence Road, as word has been received of the death of her eldest son, Private Samuel Kennedy, who was killed in action in France on April 6. Prior to enlisting Private Kennedy was working in the bush country in the North Island and took interest in the wood chopping and sawing contests. He held the world's championship for 1913 and 1914 for single-handed sawing. He enlisted with the Twenty-first Reinforcements, and was twice wounded. His younger brother, Sergeant R. Kennedy, is still with the forces in France. A younger brother, J. Kennedy, is a cadet in the Justice Department, and for some years has been employed in the Magistrate's Court. This week he received notice of transfer to Masterton, and left for the North Island by Thursday evening's ferry boat. The family are held in very high esteem in Riccarton, and have received many messages of sympathy.

Star. 14 September 1918 (Papers Past) [24/03/2017]

RICCARTON WHISPERS

Mrs Kennedy [sic], of 125, Clarence Road, received a cable message during the week to the effect that her second son, Robert, had been wounded in the hip and sent to a hospital in England. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Kennedy, as it is not long since she lost her eldest son, Private Samuel Kennedy.