

JOHN RICHARD CLAYTON RUSSELL

SERVICE NUMBER: 24/561

RANK: Rifleman

REGIMENT: 2nd Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade

UNIT: B Company

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH: Fairlie, New Zealand 30
November 1918

AGE: 35

CASUALTY TYPE: Died of influenza

GRAVE: Fairlie Cemetery, Block1, plot 46.

John was born c1883 in the United Kingdom, the son of John Clayton and Blanche Morris nee Batley, Russell. His parents had married in the March quarter of 1882 at Windsor.

At enlistment he was working at Papanui Station, Mataroa, near Taihape. In 1914 the owner of the station was Henry Matawai Korte.

He enlisted in Wellington on 22 April 1915 and boarded either the "Maunganui" or the "Tahiti" or "Aparima" or "Warrimoo" on 9 October 1915 for Suez, Egypt.

His parents lived in High St, Bedford, England.

John has a headstone at the Fairlie cemetery erected by his parents and also a RSA plaque.

At time of writing there is no digitised record at National Archives. It is unknown what John was doing in Fairlie, though his name appears on the memorial card of St Stephens Anglican church.