

Lance Corporal Charles Smart 7/1142

N.Z.Mounted Machine Gun Squadron .

Charles Smart born 8th June 1889 was the 5th child of Elijah & Mary Smart. The family lived in the MacKenzie Country and Charles attended the Burkes Pass Primary School. He worked on many MacKenzie runs and while ploughing on Simons Hill unearthed a Maori greenstone armulet now in the Ch-ch museum.

Returning to Mt Cook Station after mustering he received in his mail his call-up notice ,looking at Andrew Burnett he passed over his mustering stick saying "I will pick this up when I return" sadly this was not the case ,he was wounded in Palestine and died 31st March 1918 of his woundsp

His grave is in the Damascus Commonwealth War Cemetery Grave reference D68.