

## CYRIL FREDERICK BARTRUM

**Service No: 24/40**

**Rank: Corporal**

**Regiment: NZRB**

**Unit: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, A Coy**

**Date of Death: 13 November 1916**

**Age: 23**

**Casualty Type:**

**Grave: Euston Road Cemetery, France**

Cyril was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 1895, in Geraldine, youngest son of Benjamin and Charlotte Bartrum.

He was one of 7 children. The Bartrums farmed at Raincliff, South Canterbury. Benjamin was involved in establishing St. David's Church at Raincliff.

Cyril attended the Skipton School where he was enrolled on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1904, and left on the 15<sup>th</sup> December of the same year.

He later attended school in Dunedin at the George Street School, being admitted on the 29<sup>th</sup> July and leaving there on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1907. His Guardian then was Mrs. Patrick, of 3 Albany Street. His destination on leaving was Waimate. He would have been 12 years old. He also attended Waitaki Boys High School.

His father Benjamin aged 56 was killed by a falling tree in 1910, in Wanganui.

Cyril enlisted with the Army at Trentham on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1915, giving his occupation as farmer, and was posted overseas. At the time he was working for his brother at Matahui, Wanganui River.

He arrived at Suez on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1915 and served there until April 1916 when he was sent to France. It was in France that he was wounded and admitted to the Red Cross



hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1916 and from there sent to the U.K. to the N.Z Convalescent hospital at Walton, then on to Hornchurch and discharged from there to Sling Camp in December. He left the U.K. for Etaples, France in January 1917, rejoining his unit in the field.

He was killed in action at Somme, on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1918 and is buried at the Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France.

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He is also remembered on the Fairlie War Memorial, and the Memorial wall in Timaru.

Cyril's brother Oswald also served overseas and returned home safely.

His next of kin was another brother, John, of the Auckland University.