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## Great-nephew remembers Stanley Davey

A Temuka son who fell 15 September 1916 at the 'Battle of the Somme'

'A truly nightmarish world greeted the New Zealand Division when it joined the Battle of the Somme in early September 1916. The division was earmarked to take part in the third big push of the offensive, designed to crack the German lines once and for all. When it was withdrawn from the line a month later, the decisive breakthrough had still not occurred.'



A key date of the battle; 15 September (the day on which Stanley Davey fell): third Allied push begins; first use of tanks, by the British; NZ Division helps secure the village of Flers

Above copy and photograph: <http://www.ratstory.net.nz/war/the-battle-of-the-somme/overview>



RFLMN. S. E. DAVEY,  
of Temuka,  
Killed in action.

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph/record/C3660>

Chris Trumper is originally from Temuka, now living in Sydney. He recently travelled to France to visit the grave of his great uncle Stanley Davey, who was killed in action during the Battle of Flers at the Somme, on 15 September, 1916.

Stanley Edward Davey was born on 9 November 1893 at Temuka, the youngest of five sons, and son of George and Maria (née Finlay). He enlisted on 2 May 1915. At the time he worked as a farmhand, and lived at home in Temuka.



Chris Trumper described his visit to his Great-uncle Stanley Davey's grave as emotional, but amazing to have been present on the anniversary of Stanley being killed in action at the Somme.

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Chris described his visit to the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery at the Somme as 'emotional and amazing' to be at Stanley's grave on 15 September 2016, exactly 100 years ago to the day.

He placed a plaque on Stanley's grave and also his late father's army service medal in some poppies at the base of the grave. He left them there so they are both in Flanders Field.

Chris shares the same birthday as his great uncle, 9 November, and said, "I can't tell you how emotional it was for me that day. It would have been amazing to be there any day but to be there on 'that' day 15 September was a day I'll never forget."

  
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