

PRIVATE ALFRED CUTHBERT AMYES
27191, Canterbury Infantry Regiment, NZEF
Killed in action, Ypres, Belgium, Oct 12, 1917,
aged 32 years

Alfred was born October 5, 1885 at Kirwee, Canterbury, son of Alfred and Elizabeth Amyes, Motukaika, Cave, South Canterbury.

He had attended the Templeton School and prior to his enlistment he was self-employed. He enlisted in Timaru on April 29, 1916. Described as: weight 140lb, chest 32 inches, 5 foot 8½ inches tall, of dark and fair complexion, eyes grey and hair brown.

Alfred served in New Zealand from May 31, 1916 until September 24, 1916. He left Wellington on September 1916 on the *Devon* with the 17th reinforcements for England and arrived in France, December 1916.

He suffered two bouts of sickness in 1917, one serious enough to require staying in hospital in England for five months.

He returned to France in September and was killed in action less than a month later at Ypres, Belgium. Alfred was buried at Passchendaele Belle Veu Speer by Rev J.A. Leish on October 13, 1917 and is also remembered on on Tyne Cot Memorial. Alfred's war medals, scroll and plaque were sent to his father, Mr A. Amyes, at Cave.

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