

Cuttings from New Zealand papers sent (by Robert Cobb, presumably) to a relative who lived in England, and who kept a scrap book which came to Donald Cobb, of Coventry -- see family pedigrees. L.B.S Jan.1999

ROLL OF HONOR.

BOMBARDIER H.F. COBB.

News came through last night that Bombadier H.F. Cobb, of Kumeroa, had been killed in action. "Pompey", as he was familiarly known, enlisted with the Main Body as a trooper, but when volunteers were called for in Egypt for the Howitzer Battery, he, with Alfred Ramsden, also of Kumeroa, volunteered, and they have been together in France almost ever since. When war broke out he was farming with Mr. O.H. Druce and was one of the first from this district to enlist. His was a particularly sunny nature, and with plenty of grit and determination, he was esteemed by a large circle of friends. Much sympathy will be felt with his mother who lives at Otaki, and with his aunts (Mrs. Davidson of Hopelands, and Miss Evans, Kumeroa).

Bombadier.H.F. Cobb, who was killed in action in France on October 11, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb, of Otaki. He was well known in the Kumeroa district, having farmed there from the time he left Wanganui Collegiate School until the war broke out, when he enlisted and went out with the Main Body. Though engaged in practically all the heavy fighting in France, being right through the Somme, the Messines and other great battles, where he did good work and was twice mentioned in dispatches, he came through without a hurt, until October 11, when he was killed in action.

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COBB - Killed in action in France, on October 11th, 1917, Bombadier H.F. Cobb, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb, of Otaki.

This is all we knew - up till now



Name : COBB

Forenames : HORACE FALCONER

Initials : H F

Date of death : Thu Oct 11 00:00:00 UTC+0100 1917

Nationality of the Regiment : New Zealand

Unit : null

Regiment : New Zealand Field Artillery.

Regiment description : N.Z. Field Artillery

Regiment description 2 : N.Z. Field Artillery

Force : Army

Cemetery name : DIVISIONAL CEMETERY, VLAMERTINGE

Grave reference : M. 17.

Country : Belgium

Locality/Area :

Location :

Divisional Cemetery Dickebusch Road is located 2 Km west of Ieper town centre. From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg(N308), is reached via Elverdingsestraat then straight over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of J. Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. 1 Km along the Poperingseweg lies the left hand turning onto Omloopstraat. The cemetery itself is located 100 metres along the Omloopstraat on the right hand side of the road.

Archive information :

DIVISIONAL CEMETERY DICKEBUSCH ROAD, VLAMERTINGHE CEMETERY INDEX NUMBER B. 35. VLAMERTINGHE is a village and commune in the Province of West Flanders, between the communes of Poperinghe and Ypres. The Divisional Cemetery is about a mile West of Ypres Railway Station, a little South of the Ypres-Vlamertinghe road, and on the West side of a bye road (Rue Brielen) leading South to Dickebusch. In Rows B and C of the Cemetery are the graves of two Belgian soldiers who fell in 1914; but the Cemetery was first used by British units at the end of April, 1915. It continued in use until May, 1916. It was reopened in July, 1917, and used (chiefly by Artillery) during and after our Flanders Offensive. It contains the graves of 188 soldiers from the United Kingdom, 65 from New Zealand, 26 from Canada, one from Bermuda, and three whose unit in our forces cannot be ascertained, and two Belgian soldiers. In Grave 18, Row C, there are buried 23 men of the 2nd Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment who fell on the 5th May, 1915, in the German gas attack on Hill 60. The Cemetery covers an area of 1,718 square yards. It is bounded by a hedge on all sides, with a fence on the East side and a concrete curb on the North and West sides. It is planted with pollard willows. The Register records particulars of 283 British and Dominion burials.

Visiting information :

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Historical information :

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