

## ANZAC DAY 2014 - Commemoration

*The Christchurch earthquakes have shaken our lives and our memories. They have also unearthed many stories and it is thanks to the vigilance of a demolition crew that they did not throw away the tattered scrapbook found in the debris of a house last year but returned it to its family. That scrapbook provided the basis for the commemoration today.*

Lieutenant Cyril Fuller Carey

Died of wounds

November 7<sup>th</sup> 1916

Sling Camp, Salisbury Plain, England

Cyril Fuller Carey was born in 1891, the second son of Mr and Mrs A F

Carey being a well-known draper.

school to join the Union Steam Ship Company as a cadet on the training ship Dartford. He trained at sea for several years and in 1912 left to

The outbreak of war saw Cyril join up, and while little is known of his training, he is listed as a Second Lieutenant in the 12<sup>th</sup>(Nelson) Infantry Regiment which left New Zealand in March 1916 as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

The regiment spent a brief time in Egypt before moving to England to a camp on the Salisbury Plain known as Sling Camp. This was home to over 4000 NZ troops and served as a training ground for troops being sent to France and as a rehabilitation centre. The site is now overlooked by the Bulford Kiwi, carved by the soldiers into the limestone hill above the camp.

Cyril Carey

Staff as a bombing officer, training soldiers to prepare, use and throw hand held bombs and grenades. He was twice sent to France in charge of detachments of men he had trained.

