

## **Robert Stanley Black**

Born: Arrowtown 23 August 1893. Died: France 21 September 1916

First five-eight

Represented N.Z. 1914, 6 matches, (1 International)

Points for N.Z. 9 points (3 tries)

Provincial record: Otago 1911, 13 (Pirates), 1915 (University) and Buller 1914 (White Star), also South Island 1912,14

Attended O.B.H.S. 1<sup>ST</sup> XV 1909, 1910. Impressed with his speed and acceleration. Injured in the Inter-island match 1912, which prevented him from playing for the rest of the season. Toured Australia 1914, playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> test.

Settled in Westport, and worked in the Bank of New South Wales before enlisting for service in WW1. Left New Zealand as a corporal in the Otago Mounted Rifles later transferring to the Pioneer Corps of the Canterbury Infantry Regiment.

Killed in action during the Battle of the Somme.