Today I would like to pause and pay our respects to:

32301 2Lt James Wallace Shaw **Abernethy.**

Born into civilian life on the 18th Oct 1910, James, known for his dedication and sawmilling expertise, he enlisted in Balclutha, Otago,

In the years leading up to his enlistment, James residential address has him at P.O. Box 54, Clinton.

Throughout his military journey, James carried the love and support of his wife, Mrs. C.I. Abernethy.

As he embarked on his military service, rising through the ranks from Corporal in the 14th (N.Z.) Forestry Company, N.Z. Engineers, to Second Lieutenant in the 2nd New Zealand Divisional Engineers.

The 14th Forestry Company, New Zealand Engineers was raised at the end of June 1940 at Trentham.

The company left New Zealand on 27 August 1940 and transferred to a ship for England in Bombay on 15 September. It arrived at Gourock, Scotland on 7 November 1940 and formed part of HQ Forestry Group from its arrival. 14th Company was established in a camp at Grittleton, Wiltshire. On 15 September 1941, it had 1st Spanish Pioneer Company assisting it in its forestry operations. The company moved to Chippenham on 26 October 1942. It had a detachment at Burbage, Wiltshire in October 1942 and by 1 March 1943 another detachment at Charfield, Gloucestershire.

Little is known of James life after his discharge from the Military.

James passed away on the 13 Feb 1989 aged 78 and has been laid to rest at Oamaru Lawn cemetery, Oamaru, RSA lawn 25, Plot 5.

RIP James

Thank you for your service

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Will never forget