Today I would like to celebrate the life of and pay our respects to:

 2343 Corporal John Wentworth **Davidson.**

John was the son of James Gibson Davidson and Mary Kathleen Davidson, of Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

John attended New Plymouth Boys High School for two years before going gold prospecting in Murchison. He volunteered on the declaration of war and was posted as a Sapper to 6 Field Company 2 NZEF 1st Echelon.

He served in Greece on demolition parties with 5 Field Regiment as they tried to stem the German advance. As the tide for the battle of Greece turned, he escaped into the hills and after 15 days on the run, he along with others, escaped by a fishing vessel to Crete. Such was their condition they were sent to Egypt.

After a period of rest, he joined the battle in North Africa where he would be involved in the battle Minqar Quim.

Following Minqar Quim he joined the Battle of Alamein where he was wounded by a mortar shell. He was evacuated to 2NZEF General Field hospital and then to NZ in January 1943 to Waikato hospital.

Unfortunately, John succumbs to his wounds at the age of 35, dying on the 18 May 1943 and laid to rest on the 21 May 1943 at Mokau Cemetery, Block IV, Plot 75.

RIP John Wentworth **Davidson.**

Thank you for your service.

Lest We Forget.