

Timaru Herald. 27 February 1918 [17/07/2016]

PRIVATE JAMES SMITH'S DEATH.

Mrs W. Smith, of Glen-iti, has received letters from two soldiers at the front, in which they refer to the death in action of her son James. They state that her son's death was a great blow to all of them. In him they lost one of their bravest comrades, and he was a great favourite and never tired of doing anyone a good turn. One soldier writes as follows: "I had known Jimmy since he joined us, and had always been good friends with him. In fact, all who knew him thought highly of his admirable qualities. We were within a chain or so of our objective when Jimmy was hit. Up till then I had been near him all the time. He had just preceded me out of the shell-hole we were in when he was caught by the machine gun fire. He fell back almost into my arms. You will perhaps be relieved to know that death was instantaneous. The next morning I and a few others brought his body in and gave it the burial that good fellows get, about a mile or so in front of the town. . . . We of this company join in extending to you our heartfelt sympathy in your sad loss."

Timaru Herald. 1 March 1918 [17/07/2016]

PERSONAL ITEMS

In Wednesday's issue a letter was published in reference to the death of Private James A. Smith, of Glen-iti. This letter, one of sympathy to Mrs Smith, the deceased soldier's mother, was written by two Timaru soldiers who were serving with her boy—Privates **Lake Sinclair** and J. Ramsay—whom Mrs Smith desires to thank for their kindly thought which prompted them to send it.

G. Ramsay?

Lake SINCLAIR – 32396

George RAMSAY – 32385

James Alexander SMITH – 34741

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HOME AGAIN.

THE MAUNGANUI'S DRAFT

A further draft of South Canterbury soldiers arrived in Timaru by special train from Dunedin at 5 o'clock yesterday. So far as the weather was concerned it was a most inhospitable welcome which they received, a bleak wind and a cold driving rain greeting them; but there was a very large gathering of friends and relatives to welcome the men, and the most unpleasant weather was powerless to detract from the warmth of the welcome by those who had not met for so long. The station was crowded so that not another person could have gained admission to it, and in its ill-lighted state it was very difficult to see the soldiers to the cars which were waiting for them. Darkness came in before this could be completed, and it was found impossible to keep the surging mass of civilians in check. The Mayor and Mr Craigie M.P. were in waiting to address the soldiers, but the eager, jostling crowd made this impossible. Ladies of the Patriotic Society distributed fruit and cigarettes on a liberal scale to those who were travelling further north. Messrs W. Harper, D. A. Morgan and F. H. King, as usual, had all the reception arrangements in perfect order.

The following are the names of those who detrained at Timaru: — Sergeants W. J. McIlroy, G. Hutton (Otipua), G. T. Payne, J. Hammond; Corporals S. Home, **M. J. D'Arcy**, C. Dawson, - Cox, C. F. Norton, H. R. Davison (Otipua), **J. W. Robinson**. D. F. Mackenzie; Lance Corporals C. Dawson C. F. LeCren; Sappers P. F. Latter, F.A. Halkett; Drivers W. J. Priest, F. C. Orwin, **W. Gledhill**; Privates R. S. McMillan, **L. Sinclair**, C. Hall (Kingsdown), C. R. Davison (Adair), W. Black (Glen-iti), - Smith, - King, A. McIvor, C. S. Fairbrother, - Courtis, **A. F. Kane**, W. J. Shaw, -McMillan; Riflemen G. Dunnett (Seadown), F. M. Clarkson, W. R. Shelker; Bombardier J. D. Little; Gunners R. M. Rayner, **J. Scott**.

Fairlie – Lieut. O'Dowd, Rifleman J. McDonald, Sappers H. J. Valentine, J. Hammond, J. C. Hammond, Sergeant L. C. Scott (Cricklewood), Gunner W. McDonald (Albury).

Pleasant Point —Corporal E. Cosgrove, Private J. Day (Kerrytown).

Major J. F. Tonkin, of Timaru, went on with the train to Christchurch, and Lieut. H. C. Knubley, M.C., arrived by the Maunganui, but remained in Dunedin.

Ashburton Guardian. 3 October 1936 [03/02/2023]

MR L. SINCLAIR.

Mr Lake Sinclair, who died at Christchurch on September 23, was the fifth son of Mr Peter Sinclair, Timaru. Born in Timaru, he was educated at the Main and Timaru Boys' High School. On leaving school he joined the New Zealand Loan Company and later took up farming at Westerfield. During the Great War he joined up with the New Zealand forces and saw active service in France. At the conclusion of the war he took up farming at Arno, Waimate, and married Miss Fannie Pashby. During the last few years he had not enjoyed good health, and had been living in Christchurch. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and two sons. Mr Sinclair was a brother of Mr John Sinclair, Ashburton.

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The funeral took place at the Bromley Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. R. Warnock. The returned soldiers were represented by the secretary and several members of the Association. The pall-bearers were Messrs R. Sinclair, R. Pashby, T. Pashby, A. Pashby, C. Rickman and J. Bain.