

Timaru Herald. 21 June 1915 (PP) [27/10/2019]

BATHING HORSES.

A LETTER FROM EGYPT.

Trooper Jack Tennant, son of Mr George Tennant, of Timaru, writing to his father from Egypt, prior to leaving for the Dardanelles, says inter alia: - I do hope that your surmise that we are likely to stop here indefinitely is incorrect, although at times we are of the same opinion. But we have done away with all our extra gear and are ready to move off at the shortest possible notice. Friday we went to a place called "Delta Barrage" (which is about 28 miles from Zietoun [sic] camp and a sort of back water of the Nile), to swim our horses, and things went off very satisfactorily. The stream was perhaps 150 yards wide and the horses had to swim practically as soon as they went into it. The doctors would not allow us to ride the horses through, by reason of the fact that there is supposed to be some germ in the water, and if it once gets into the system it is very hard to get rid of. To put the horses through, we had an endless rope which, was stretched across the stream, then down the bank for about 50 yards, across the stream again and then up the other bank. As the rope was going round and round, being pulled by about a dozen fellows on each side, some chaps were walking up the bank tying horses on while others were walking down the opposite bank taking them off, and so there were horses on the rope all the time. We put our squadron of 175 horses through in 174 minutes. The General was up seeing the performance and I believe was highly pleased as he complimented the men on their work. . . . I have done away with the little mare I took from Timaru although I was very sorry to part with her. I have had a lot of scouting and advance guard work to do, which meant covering a good deal more ground than the rest of the squadron, and her front legs were beginning to show signs of the strain. Jim Cochrane has been transferred to the Divisional Train. I believe he is going to have a team of four mules, a large number of which are to arrive today. Jack, Jim and myself are all tip-top, but rather anxious for a shift-on which I hope we will not have to wait for long.
(Since this letter was written the much desired "shift-on" has been given.)

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Mr George Tennant, of Wai-iti road, Timaru, has received advice (says the Timaru Post) that his son, Troop-sergeant Jack Tennant, who left New Zealand with the Main Body as a trooper in the 8th Regiment, Canterbury Mounted Rifles, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant for meritorious work in the field.

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Mr George Tennant has received word that his son, Second Lieut. J. Tennant, was wounded on April 19th. The Chamber of Commerce passed a vote of sympathy with Mr Tennant on Monday.