Timaru Herald. 10 August 1917 (PP) [13 March 2014]

Mr J. Farquhar, of Clayton Station, Fairlie, has been advised by the military authorities that his eldest son, Allan, has gained a Lieutenant's commission. Lieutenant Farquhar left with the Main Body and was present at the Gallipoli landing. When the troops left for France he occupied the rank of Sergeant, and went through the Somme and Messines engagements.

Timaru Herald. 15 August 1917 (PP) [13 March 2014]

Mr J. Farquhar, of Clayton Station, Fairlie, has been advised by a letter from his eldest son, Allan, that he has gained a lieutenant's commission. Lieutenant Farquhar enlisted as a private and left with the Main Body. He was present at the action on the Suez Canal and went with his battalion to Gallipoli and took part in the landing. After serving for two months he was invalided to Egypt. On recovering he returned to the Peninsula and took part in the evacuation. He then went with the Main Body to France as Lance-Corporal and received his Sergeant's stripes after the Somme battle. Subsequently he was sent to England, sick, and after recovery received his commission.

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LATE LIEUT. FARQUHAR, M.C.

Mr John Farquhar, Clayton, has received the following letter respecting the death of his son, Lieut. Allan Farquhar, M.C., from his Company Commander:— "It is with the greatest regret that I write to offer to yourself and family the sincere sympathy of the 2nd Company, officers and men, in the loss of your son, Allan. He was taking part in the attack towards Bapaume on August 24th, and was shot through the heart by a machine gun bullet while leading his men against the enemy, and was killed instantaneously. We buried his body yesterday in a military cemetery about half a mile east of the village of Grevillers. In the Franco Prussian War of 1870, there was a big battle near Bapaume. and in this same cemetery lie the men who then fell. We were able to give Allan a Christian burial, the service being read by the Rev. M. Cruicks[h]ank, our battalion C.E. padre. To-day we have marked his grave with a cross. In your son the company has lost a fine officer and man, one who was universally loved and respected. In the fighting on August 14th, he again distinguished himself, and was recommended for a bar to his Military Cross." Lieutenant Farguhar enlisted as a private in the Main Body, and received his commission in June, 1917, and had taken part in a good deal of fighting on Gallipoli and in France. He was 24 years of age at the time of his death.

Star. 5 November 1918 (PP) [27/06/2019]

In a letter to Mr John Farquhar, of Clayton, Fairlie, the commander of the company to which the late Second Lieutenant Allan Farquhar (M.C.) was attached, says: - "Lieutenant Farquhar was taking part in the attack towards Bapaume on August 24, and was shot through the heart by a machinegun bullet while leading his men against the enemy, and was killed instantaneously. We buried his body yesterday in a military cemetery about half a mile east of the village of Grevillers. In the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 there was a big battle near Bapaume, and in this same cemetery lie the men who then fell. We were able to give Allan a Christian burial, the service being read by the Rev Mr Cruickshank, our battalion C. E. padre. Today we marked his grave with a cross. In your son the company has lost a fine officer and man, one who was universally loved and respected. In the fighting on August 14 he again distinguished himself, and was recommended for a bar to his Military Cross." Second Lieutenant Farquhar left as a private with the Main Body, and was present at the landing on Gallipoli, and after nearly three months was invalided to Egypt, returning in time to take part in the evacuation, where he was one of the rearguard. He went with his battalion to France, and saw a great deal of fighting there, including the Somme battle. He received his commission in July, 1917, returning to France shortly afterwards, and was there till the time of his death. He was twenty-four years of age. His brother, Gunner A. Farquhar, who left with the Tenth Reinforcements, was wounded the second time on September 1, and is now in hospital in England.