

GALLIPOLI.

COOLER THAN EGYPT.

Mr G. H. Patrick, of Geraldine. has received letters from each of his two sons, who were amongst the first to go to the Front.

Trooper James Patrick, writing from Alexandria, said he might be going from the base shortly. He mentioned that some of the boys who were wounded when landing at the Dardanelles, and were sent to England on a hospital ship, had returned to Alexandria. He said he had received a letter from H-- who talked of joining the forces, and the trooper added: - "I believe the boys are volunteering very well now that their mates are being mown down." He also said, "There are a lot of boys coming to Alexandria with dysentery, and a great number with typhoid."

Sergt. Robert Patrick, writing from the Front, said, "There has been a good deal of dysentery and diarrhoea here, probably caused by the continuous use of preserved foods. The water is not always as good as one could wish, and the men are warned to abstain from drinking it without previously boiling it. We are getting good rations now and plenty. We have everything except butter. The weather fairly warm, as we are getting towards midsummer. On being beside the sea makes the climate more pleasant, but I would not like to be inland. As for Egypt it must be terrible. The reinforcements bring over great stories of the heat there, and if half the tales are true the place must be pretty hot. They say the horses are all right, of course they have stables now, and all the work is done at night. I don't know whether I told you of T—B's death. It occurred just four weeks ago. He had been doing good work, and had taken part in a bayonet charge the previous night. The next morning he was observing the enemy's position, and got shot in the head. Death was instantaneous. It was very hard luck. He was engaged and expected to be married as soon as he returned to New Zealand. He was a good chap, and a good soldier, well liked by all his mates.

"It must be hard for the relatives in New Zealand of soldiers not to hear of their deaths as soon as they occur, but it is only those who have been here who can appreciate the enormous difficulties the New Zealand Staff had to cope with. They have had to work pretty hard to keep track of everyone here, and probably there will be no accurate lists of losses till after the war. It was so easy to get men mixed up, and in the great rush at the beginning it was impossible to account for everyone. Things are quieter now, and correct records can be kept.

THANKS FOR COMFORTS.

“The men have appreciated fully the efforts made in New Zealand to look after them. Everyone talks about it, and although they are not very demonstrative you can see they are conscious of the work being done by those left behind. It’s worth while, too, all this work at home. Given proper facilities and comforts there are very few wounded men our medical men can’t patch up. We are all looking forward to the Maheno’s arrival. I think she will get a good reception. We all received parcels of socks and other things from the Countess of Liverpool’s Contingent Fund. Every man got a parcel addressed to himself. I also received some tobacco from the Canterbury Patriotic Fund, which was very acceptable. We are getting our mails fairly regularly; it usually takes about five weeks from New Zealand, which is not bad considering that the Germans are said to have control of the sea

This is when Philip McGREGOR & Charles William SAUNDERS died of typhoid.

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ANZAC DAY.

OPEN-AIR SERVICE.

IN TIMARU.

Anzac Day was fittingly celebrated in Timaru yesterday, when an open-air service was held in King George’s Place, and a solemn tribute paid to the honoured dead. From a cold, grey sky rain fell at intervals, the sombre atmospheric conditions being in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. There was a large assemblage of people, and the proceedings, which lasted an hour, passed off in a manner befitting the occasion.

A large wooden cross was erected on a rockery, which was made for the occasion, on the grass plot adjoining the municipal buildings. Laurel leaves were interspersed between the rocks, and a large laurel wreath, bearing the words: “In memory of our fallen comrades,” was placed by the Returned Soldiers’ Association on the rockery, at the foot of the cross. Immediately after the service the rockery was covered with wreaths placed there by parents, brothers and sisters, and friends of deceased soldiers.

From a dais in front of the Council Chambers an address was given by Pastor Nicholls. On the dais stood the Mayor (Mr Wm Raymond), the Rev. T. Wilson Potts (president of the Ministers' Association), Pastor Nicholls, Councillors T. W. Satterthwaite, J. E. Hurdley, G. J. Sealey, J. P. Murphy, H. Allchurch, A. M. H. Shirtcliff, A. Washer, and J. P. Hughson. Mr H. W. Scott secretary to the R.S.A., the Town Clerk being also present.

The military were present in strong force. The procession was marshalled at the Drill Shed shortly after 1.30, and the parade was in charge of Lt.- Col. Newman Wilson, D.S.O., M.C. Prior to marching off, Lt.-Col. Wilson addressed the returned soldiers on parade, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a representative attendance. He referred to the military training of the territorials and cadets, and hoped that some of the returned men would interest themselves in the territorial movement, as their steadying influence would do a power of good amongst the men and boys at present undergoing training. He complimented the returned men on their steadiness on parade, and expressed the hope that Anzac Day in the years to come would be even more largely attended than it had been in the past. The parade was marshalled by Staff-Sergts. Major (W. O.) H. Frank and A. M. Thatcher, under Captain H. D. McHugh, M.C. and bar, adjutant, the Reserve of Officers present being Majors Foden and Dryden. Captains Oakey, M.C., Marriott and Jackson, Lieutenants Casserly and Pennyfeather, and the following officers in charge of units: A Coy, 2nd South Canterbury Regiment—Lt. W. A. Stead, (35), 43 Coy. Cadets, Captain W. Foster (35), 44 and 45 Coy.'s Cadets, Lt. J. P. C. Walshe, (50), High School Cadet Coy., Lieuts. Cockcroft and Hind, (130), while the 2nd (South Canterbury) Regimental Band, High School Band, and the Bugle Band also took part in the procession. The returned soldiers on parade numbered about 150, and the Orthopaedic Hospital car, with members of the staff followed in the rear of the procession. The firing party of twenty returned soldiers was in charge of S.S.M. A. Mathieson. The Boy Scouts were also in attendance, and distributed the sheets on which the order of service was set out.

In his address Pastor Nicholls paid a warm tribute not only to the men of Anzac, but to all who had gone forth so valiantly to fight that we might live in peace and safety. Of those who had given their lives he remarked it could be truly said: "They saved us, but themselves they could not save." The speaker explained the derivation of the word "Anzac," and then showed how the letters composing the word could be otherwise applied — "Ascribing New Zealanders a commemoration," "asking New Zealanders a confession" and "among New Zealanders are Christians." Each of these interpretations of the word Pastor Nicholls used as the basis for a dissertation on the heroism of the brave fellows who had given their all for others, and the resultant cause for thankfulness, admiration, and gratitude on the part of those who were now living in peace and comfort. The speaker also voiced a warning against the materialistic leanings of

the age, of sin in all its forms, and said that we could best honour the dead by so shaping our lives as to show that their great sacrifice had not been made in vain. After the address, the hymn, "The Nameless Graves" was sung. This was followed by "The Dead March," (played by the Battalion Band); then the burial service was read by the Rev. T. W. Potts, after which a firing party ranged on either side of the cross, fired three volleys, the Band played the "Last Post," and the ceremony closed with the National Anthem.

During the playing of the Dead March, the wreaths were arranged at the cross by Corporal Davie. Wreaths were sent in memory of W. A. McQueen, Rifleman George Hill, Rifleman C. Burgess, officers, non-commissioned officers and cadets of Nos. 43, 44 and 45 companies Senior Cadets, B. C. Collings, E. Davis, A. Small, S. Corrigan, A. Muir, W. Kilgour, R. Girdwood, O. Halliday, J. Templeton, J. Dow, J. Anderson, D. Dow, D. Anderson, J. Barklay, Jack Mansell and Walter Harte, Tim and Gordon Langrish, Norman Stuart Young, **Corpl. C. W. Saunders, Mark Saunders, Albert Bennet Saunders**, Sergt. O. E. Davie, Sergt. E. Fairbrother, M.M., Lt.-Col. C. E. Thomas, Wilfred Turner, Lieut. Neville S. Joyce, A. H. Austin, D. Hodgson, Major David Grant, Edward Edginton, Colin Edgar Wilson, Donald and Miller Dickson, William B. Walton, Col. Bauchop and other Port Chalmers boys, Geraldine boys, Dug. Hodgson, Leonard Cecil Hight, floral tributes to the memory of the fallen by the ladies committee of the R.S.A., the Mayor and Mayoress, the Orthopaedic Hospital, Mr and Mrs E. Roland Guinness, Celtic Football Club, Zingari Football Club, Timaru Boys' High School, Y.M.C.A., Miss McLean, besides several others bearing no name but "To the memory of the fallen."

REFERENCE IN THE CHURCHES.

Appropriate references to Anzac Day were made in the churches yesterday. At St. Mary's, where the Mayor and Councillors Satterthwaite, Hughson, Allchurch were present, the service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Jacob. Mrs P. W. Rule sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth," the congregation sang the National Anthem, and "The Last Post" was played by Bugler Segar.