

Otago Daily Times. 15 June 1915 (page 9) [29/05/2015]

MEN WHO HATE FALLEN PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

SERGEANT E. DEWHIRST.

Sergeant Edward Dewhirst was among the list of killed in the Canterbury Infantry Battalion. He was a son of Mr. G. F. Dewhirst, secretary of the Waikato Cooperative Bacon Company at Frankton. He was born in England in 1892, and came to New Zealand with his parents about twenty years ago, residing in Taranaki. He was educated at the Egmont Primary School and Stratford High School. He joined the Bank of New South Wales in Stratford some six years ago, and after serving in various towns was, at the outbreak of the war, at Timaru, where he held the position of corporal in the territorial forces. He was one of the first in the district to join the main body, and was promoted to sergeant before the force left.

Otago Daily Times. 17 June 1915 (page 4) [27/05/2015]

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Otago Witness. 23 June 1915 [07/04/2020]

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Sergeant Dewhirst, who was killed at the Dardanelles, was one of the most successful old boys of the Stratford District High School. He went originally from Egmont Village to Stratford, where his parents resided. He was for some years in the Bank of New South Wales at Stratford, and was looked upon as a young officer who would rise to a high position in the bank's service. [He was transferred to Christchurch, at which centre he enlisted.]

Grey River Argus. 23 December 1916 (page 4) [29/05/2015]

The half-yearly report of the Bank of New South Wales presented in Sydney last month shows that 560 members of the staff have enlisted with the military forces. The honours list includes one D.S.O., two Military Crosses, and one D.C.M. Those who have been killed belonging to branches of the Bank in New Zealand are Messrs M. Beckett (Christchurch), J. R. Cargo (New Plymouth), L. T. Davis (Tokomaru Bay), E. Dewhirst (Timaru), N. G. C. Dunsford (Oamaru), S. J. Griffiths (New Plymouth), P. Hunter (Amberley), M.W. Molloy (Hawera), W. R. Pyle (Dunedin), to the relatives of whom the directors on behalf of the company tendered their sincere sympathy. Other officers have been mentioned in despatches, and many have won promotion on the field.

Taranaki Daily News. 20 April 1918 (page 3) [29/05/2015]

STRATFORD'S WELCOME HOME.

The Egmont Club was crowded last evening with friends and visitors to extend a welcome home to several soldiers now in Stratford. The evening proved to be one of the most interesting and enjoyable ever held at the club. The president (Mr. Campbell Jackson) occupied the chair, and the soldiers able to accept an invitation were Captain Hine, Captain Hawkins, Lieut. R. Woods, Sergt. H. Masters, Privates R. Masters, T. Sullivan, T. J. Sheahan, J. Petrie, C. Rea, R. Holden, W. Fleming, and D. R. Turnbull. The chairman, in welcoming the soldiers home, made some very eulogistic remarks about the way in which the British army and their allies, and incidentally the New Zealanders, had set themselves to a task that was truly a stupendous one. It was pleasing to note that the eligibles of the Egmont Club had done their duty, 69 members being either at the front or had enlisted, giving a high percentage of 52. Fifteen had since returned, and he regretted to state that six had paid the supreme penalty—Lieut.-Colonel Malone, Captain T. J. James, Sergeant C. Kivell, Sergeant E. Dewhirst, Corporal A. F. Anderson, and Rifleman F. Kirkwood.

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Sergeant Dewhirst, who was on the bank staff here before going to the front is due to arrive back by the Marama on the 17th inst. Sergeant W. Chapman is also coming home by the Marama. We regret that Sergeant Chapman, who has seen a lot of service, is coming home as a hospital patient.

Francis DEWHIRST, Edward's brother.