

Sun. 19 January 1918 [12/07/2016]

Mr J. Polaschek, of 14 Byron Street, Sydenham, whose brother, Private W. Polaschek, was killed in action on Oct. 13, has received the following letter from Lieut. Ivor George Prichard:— “France, 10/11/17.—Dear Mr Polaschek, —I feel I must write to you to say how sorry I am for you all on the death of your brother on the 13th of last month. He was in my platoon, and, although never too strong, was always the first to do his bit of any work; and, however tired, would keep going till a job was done. He went with us right through the 12th safely — the day on which we had the advance and the casualties. On the 13th he was one of those who volunteered for stretcher-bearing, and all that day helped to carry his wounded comrades through mud, in places up to his waist. He arrived back to us in the support line about 5 p.m., and, having scraped his puttees, was in the act of putting them on a tree to become as dry as possible when a shell landed near him, killing him instantly by the concussion. We could not carry his body out, so we buried him in No Man's Land, now our territory. We all regret deeply the loss of so fine a character, whom both his comrades and I esteemed so highly. Will you please accept our deepest sympathy at the sad loss.”

Star. 18 January 1918 (PP) [09/08/2017]

AN OFFICER'S TRIBUTE.

THE LATE PRIVATE W. POLASCHEK

On October 21 last Mr J. Polaschek, of 14, Byron Street, Sydenham, was advised by the Minister of Defence that his brother, Private W. Polaschek, had been killed in France on the 13th of that month. Last Wednesday Mr Polaschek received the following letter from .Lieutenant Ivor George Prichard ; France, 10-11-17. Dear Mr Polaschek, I feel I must write to you to say how sorry I am for you all on the death of your brother on the 13th of last month. He was in my platoon, and, although never too strong, was always the first to do his bit of any work; and, however tired, would keep going till a job was done. He went with us right through the 12th safely— the day on which we had the advance and the casualties. On the 13th he was one of those who volunteered for stretcher-bearing, and all that day helped to carry his wounded comrades through mud, in

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Temuka Leader. 22 January 1918 (PP) [09/08/2017]

On October 24th last Mr J. Polaschek, of 11, Byron street, Sydenham (lute of Teimuka), was advised by the Minister of Defence that his brother, Private W. Polaschek, had been killed in France on the 13th of that month. Last Wednesday Mr Polaschek received the following letter from Lieut. Ivor George Prichard: "France, 10/11/17. Dear Mr Polaschek, - I feel I must write to you to say how sorry I am for you all on the death of your brother on the 13th of last month. He was in my platoon, and, although never too strong, was always the first to do his bit of any work; and, however tired, would keep going till a job was done. He went with us right through the 12th safely— the day on which we had the advance and the casualties. On the 13th he was one of those who volunteered for stretcher-bearing, and all that day helped to carry his wounded comrades through mud, in places up to his waist. He arrived back to us in the support line about 5 p.m., and, having scraped his puttees, was in the act of putting them on a tree to become as dry as possible when a shell landed near him, killing him instantly by the concussion. We could not carry his body out, so we buried him in No Man's Land, now our territory. We all regret deeply the loss of so fine a character, whom both his comrades and I esteemed so highly. Will you please accept our deepest sympathy at the sad loss." (The late Private Polaschek was a native of Temuka, and had many friends here, who will be glad to read the above tribute to his worth.)