

Press. 26 September 1916 (page 8) [23/07/2015)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

YESTERDAY'S LIST.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAM.)

WELLINGTON, September 25.

The following is a continuation of casualty list No. 412, published this morning:—

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Reported died of wounds:—

CANTERBURY BATTALION.

(September 17th.)

Clarke D., Private (Mrs M. Clarke, 44 Shelley Beach road, Ponsonby, mother).

THE FALLEN AND WOUNDED.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Private Denis Clarke, who is reported killed in action on September 17th, was the son of the late Mr James Clarke, one of the best-known residents of Hokitika in the early days. Private Clarke was himself well known in Westland, where he was for many years a very popular musician. He enlisted in the Canterbury Battalion from Timaru, where he was a teacher of music. In a letter just received by a relative Private Clarke wrote of the impending entrance of his battalion into the second stage of the big push, which he said he did not expect to survive.

Evening Star. 26 September 1916 (page 6) [08/03/2016]

Private Denis Clarke (killed) was a member of a well-known Hokitika family, and was widely known on the West Coast as a musician. He enlisted from Timaru, where he was a music teacher. In letter just received by his relative, Private Clarke wrote of the impending entrance of the Canterbury Battalion into the second stage of the big push, which he said he did not expect to survive.

West Coast Times. 29 October 1887 (page 2) [23/07/2015]

Yesterday afternoon went to his last resting place one of the pioneers of the West Coast, a man who had been identified with the advancement of Westland from its very earliest days - Mr James Clarke. An old Victorian digger and afterwards following the same occupation in Otago, he came with the stream of people to the West Coast and was for many years carrying on a prosperous business as a storekeeper at Waimea. He then, with his partner, Mr H. Cassidy, undertook several road contracts, the firm constructing much of what is known as the Hokitika-Greystone road. Eventually the firm secured contracts for the carriage of mails to Greymouth, Greenstone, and Christchurch, contracts which were carried on successfully for many years, and in the latter of which the firm retained an interest to the day of Mr Clarke's death. Mr Clarke early displayed an interest in the conduct of public bodies and was a member of the County Council of Westland, a body brought into existence under the auspices of Mr, now Sir John Hall, and which was followed by the Province of Westland. In the last County Council of Westland Mr Clarke took a lively interest and was, at the time of his death, a member of the Kanieri riding; he was last year the County Chairman. As a man perhaps there is no one so popular as was the deceased. A man of unimpeachable integrity, kind, generous, and unassuming, he made friends wherever he went, and his death will leave a blank it will take long to fill. The funeral leaves his late residence, Gibson's Quay, at three o'clock, and St. Mary's Church at half-past three o'clock to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon.

West Coast Times. 31 October 1887 (page 2) [23/07/2015]

The funeral of Mr James Clarke, which took place yesterday afternoon was very largely attended. Old friends and acquaintances assembled from all parts of the district to pay a tribute of respect to one who was so deservedly liked. The cortege covered the distance from his residence in Gibson's Quay to the Australian Hotel, and the number following has been variously estimated at from 500 to 1200 persons. The coffin was borne on the shoulders of the mourners from the house to St. Mary's Chapel, and from thence to the cemetery where the service of the Roman Catholic Church was read by the Rev. Father Regnault. The road to the cemetery and the grounds were thronged with people, fully two thousand being present. Not only men, but women and children also joined in the procession, which also included some thirty-fire vehicles.

Hawera & Normanby Star. 16 October 1923 (page 4) [23/07/2015]

At the age of 76 years Mrs Margaret Clarke died on October 6 at Glenmore, New North Road, Auckland. She was the widow of the late Mr James Clarke, of Hokitika, who died some 36 years ago. After her husband's death Mrs Clarke moved with her family to Westport, and later to Auckland. Four of her sons predeceased her. One, Dinnis, was killed in the first battle of the Somme. She is survived by two sons, Mr Con Clarke, solicitor, in New South Wales, and Mr Patrick Clarke, for many years supervisor at Auckland Telephone Exchange.

New Zealand Herald. 17 October 1923 (page 8) [23/07/2015]

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARGARET CLARKE.

Memories of a period when travelling by coach was more in evidence in New Zealand than at the present day are recalled by the death, at

the age of 76, of Mrs. Margaret Clarke, who passed away at Glenmore, New North Road, at the age of 76. She was the widow of the late Mr. James Clarke, of Hokitika, who died 36 years ago. For many years he was a partner in the firm of Cassidy and Clarke, which ran coach services between Springfield and Hokitika, before the railway was carried through to Otira. Following upon her husband's death, Mrs. Clarke, and her family, went to Westport, and later moved to Auckland. She is survived by two sons, Mr. Con. Clarke, a solicitor in New South Wales, and Mr. Patrick Clarke, who was for many years supervisor at the Auckland telephone exchange. Four of her sons predeceased her, one, Mr. D. Clarke, being killed at the first battle of the Somme.

Auckland Star. 11 October 1923 (page 8) [23/07/2015]

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Cornelius Joseph CLARKE enlisted 2 August 1916 at New South
Wales

Discharged 26 January 1917, medically unfit.

Probably died 18 Feb 1949, NSW

AUSTRALIAN

MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *N* 30201

Name CLARKE, C. J.

Unit

Joined on 7. 5. 16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? *Cornelius Joseph Clarke*
2. In the Parish of *St. Mary's* in or near the Town of *Okatika* in the County of *Hessland N.S.W.*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *Natural born*
4. What is your age? *44 years*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Solator*
6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period. *No*
7. Are you married? *Yes*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) *(Wife) Anastasia Clarke (Cullen) Blawmont St. Campbell Sydney N.S.W.*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? *No*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? *No*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, The Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge *Yes 5th Scotch Rifles 3 1/2 yrs left the district*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? *Yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? *No*
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which, together with Pay, would reach eight shillings per day? *Yes*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? *Yes*

Cornelius Joseph Clarke do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

*And I further agree to allot not less than ~~two-fifths~~ *three-fifths* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife ~~and children~~

Date *2 Aug. 1916*

C. J. Clarke
Signature of person enlisted.

*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Description

Clarke³ C. J.

on Enlistment.

44 years 2 months.

5 feet 8 3/4 inches.

153 lbs.

Measurement 34-37 1/2 inches.

Complexion Fresh

Blue 4/6 4/4

Hair Brown Bald on Top

Religion R. O.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Lean sides of forehead
Lean on palm on surface of
tip of R thumb

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions,

... la; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or
... nia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually
... e; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of
... arked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine;
... ease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

... ee the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use

... ver i he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

... ver by active service.

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Cap Smith Capt. A.M.C.

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

his Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms

I accordingly approve, and appoint him to Reinforcements

Trench Mortar Batteries

4th Aug 1916.

N. D. Watson. Lieut

angle Park Camp
All
Officer

Commanding Trench Mortar Batteries

