

Otago Witness. 23 June 1915 (Papers Past) [07/04/2020]

Otago Daily Times. 21 June 1915 (Papers Past) [26/07/2020]

Private A. M’Cleery (wounded) was born and educated at Outram. He is 29 years of age, and started his career as a butcher with Mr Lawrence, of this city. When he enlisted he was with Messrs Kernohan and M’Cann, of Timaru, grocers, and was for some time a member of the Timaru Volunteers. Word has recently been received that Private M’Cleery is progressing favourably.

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THE TIMARU MEN.

CORPORAL J. R. SULLIVAN INTERVIEWED.

(Special to the “Timaru Herald.”)

W ELLINGTON. July 15.

Immediately the ship came to the wharf a “Timaru Herald” reporter Sullivan, of the South Canterbury men and first had a chat with Corporal J. R. Sullivan.

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OTHER TIMARU MEN.

Private McCleery, South Canterbury Infantry, a Timaru resident, was in the firing line off and on for some weeks before he got a bullet wound in the head and had to go to the hospital. He had previously got a slight wound in the ear, but that had healed at the start of operations. Private McCleery was four days in the trenches at a stretch, and he had one bag of biscuits and one bottle of water for three days. Sergt-Major Keen and Corporal Smith of Timaru, who have returned invalided, did not participate in the fighting.

RECEPTION IN OTHER CENTRES.

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THE SOUTH CANTERBURY MEN.

[Special to the 'Star.']

TIMARU, July 19.

Timaru was simmering with excitement all day on Saturday, the cause being the expected arrival of South Canterbury soldiers from the Willochra. When it was announced on Friday afternoon that the men were expected by the first express on Saturday arrangements for their reception were made, and until a telegram was received from Wellington on Saturday morning it was not known that the Willochra had been detained. There was consequently a great crowd at the railway station to meet the express at 11 o'clock, local bodies being largely represented, while the bands and the Boy Scouts made a good showing. Three Otago men were found on the train, but there was no South Canterbury representative, and the crowd suffered a severe disappointment. All that could be ascertained was that one Temuka man had returned to that place, and that there might be one or two South Canterbury men on the mid-day train from Christchurch. Many people evidently made up their minds to give a welcome to any soldier who might arrive in the afternoon, and at half-past 3 there was another large gathering at the station. This time the enthusiasm of the crowd earned some reward. Two returned men got off the train, and they were at once besieged by the waiting crowd. They modestly sought refuge in a private hotel near by, but the crowd wanted something in the way of ceremonial, and it was organised hurriedly. Mr James Craigie, M.P., who happened to be in the neighborhood, was soon pressed into the service, and met the two soldiers in the private hotel, where Mr C. J. Talbot, M.P., also joined them. Amid the ringing cheers of the crowd the party of four appeared on the balcony of the building, and Mr Craigie delivered a brief speech, expressing pride in the return of the wounded men and offering them a warm welcome. The little ceremony evoked the utmost enthusiasm. Only one of the two men (Private M'Cleery) belongs to Timaru, his companion (Private Kyle) being from Runanga (West Coast). The pair are chums, and Private Kyle is spending a day or two with his friend before going to Greymouth, where he will require treatment for a wounded hand. Private M'Cleery was dangerously wounded in the head, and his health has suffered, his principal trouble being a considerable loss of weight.

Timaru. 20 July 1915 (PP) [26/07/2020]

Private McLeery and Private Kyle had a chat with the Mayoress (Mrs E. R. Guinness) at her rooms, Council Chambers, yesterday morning, and in course of conversation mentioned the splendid way they were looked after by Colonel Pearless of the New Zealand Ambulance Corps, who landed with them, and also the splendid work of the stretcher bearers belonging to the same corps.

Otago Daily Times. 4 December 1918 (Papers Past) [26/07/2020]

BIRTH

M'CLEERY — On. November 21, at Nurse Storey's Hospital, Timaru, to Mr and Mrs A. M'Cleery—a son. (All well.)