

Oamaru Mail. 27 March 1899 (Papers Past)]07/11/2023]

An accident of a rather serious nature, which might have proved fatal, occurred on Friday night. Mr and Mrs Grey and Mrs Evans were driving to Ngapara on the Toka-Rahi road, and were going up the hill between the old sheep dip and the sheep yards, when they met with an accident in the bend of the road. Here the road is very narrow, and there is an embankment 45 feet deep, with no fence to prevent anything from going over it. The horse stopped, and Mr Grey got out of the trap and went to the animal's head to hold it, but it started to run back and went over the embankment. Mrs Evans jumped out and escaped injury, but Mrs Grey was unable to do so, and was hurled to the bottom. Here, with her face fearfully mangled, she was picked up for dead, but after a while she regained consciousness, having been insensible for about two hours. Mr Grey ran over to the Toka-Rahi station for help, and soon got a few willing hands to assist him in his sad trouble. Mr Frank Botting kindly gave his services with his horse and trap, and took Mrs Grey to her home at Maerewhenua, where her wounds were attended to by her mother, who chanced to be there. She looked a terrible sight, being badly cut about the face and dreadfully bruised, but next morning she appeared to be doing as well as could be expected under the painful circumstances. Mrs Grey is a daughter of Mr George Fridd, of Borton's Siding. The horse and trap, strange to say, were uninjured. This is the third accident that has happened at this place, and surely the County Council will do something to prevent any more occurring. If they do not, someone will be killed there, and then there will be vain regrets and a hurrying to afford the protection that ought to be dictated by ordinary caution without the stimulus of a fatality.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS.

MEDALS GIVEN KINGSDOWN MEN.

A very successful meeting was held in the Kingsdown School on Friday evening, when two returned soldiers were welcomed home and presented with gold medals by the people of Kingsdown. In the absence of Mr Coster, chairman of the Kingsdown Patriotic Committee, Mr A. Ballagh occupied the chair. A motion of sympathy with Mr Coster in the loss of his son Clifford was passed by all standing.

Mr Ballagh stated that the object of the meeting was to welcome home Private W. Gray [sic] and Trooper Lynton Daniel on their return from active service, and also to make a presentation to Captain Garfield Stewart, on furlough from the Royal Flying Corps. A good programme of musical items was then submitted, and was evidently appreciated by the large audience. The following ladies furnished items: — Misses Davison, Stewart, Campbell, Robertson, Munro, and E. Jackson. Accompaniments were played by Misses Robertson, Munro and M. Daniel.

Mr J. Craigie, M.P., expressed his pleasure at being present. Private Grey he said, had taken part in the memorable landing on Gallipoli Peninsula, on April 25, 1915. He extolled the marvellous courage of those who took part in the landing and recited an eloquent passage describing the departure of the British fleet from Lemnos for Gallipoli. Trooper Daniel had served well in Egypt and Palestine. He had taken part in the advance of the British army north through the Holy Land, and had been wounded near Jerusalem. Mr Craigie said he was extremely pleased to be able to assist to honour young men with such good records of service. They had also with them Captain Garfield Stewart, who left New Zealand with the Main Body. He had seen much service on Gallipoli, in Egypt, France, and latterly in England and Belgium

in the Royal Flying Corps. Now that he was in New Zealand on leave, he had not been idle, and he was pleased to see that he preferred a New Zealand girl to an English one.

Mr Craigie afterwards presented gold medals suitably inscribed to Private Grey and Trooper Daniel, who expressed their thanks for the gifts. A travelling rug was presented to Captain Stewart, who in replying said that the men at the Front in their dark days were often encouraged when they remembered the keen patriotic spirit of the people at home.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation to Mr Craigie for his presence and help that evening, and a similar compliment was paid to the performers and also to Mr Wightman and Mr Craigie for bringing them.

After the National Anthem an enjoyable cup of tea. was handed round. The young people afterwards engaged in a dance.

A medal was also prepared for Private Martin Carter, who enlisted from Kingsdown and returned from service in France. As he is now in the North Island he was not able to be present, and his medal will be forwarded to him.