

Lyttelton Times. 14 June 1915 [08/06/2020]

Private C. L. Cornelius (Otago Battalion), killed in action between April 28 and 30, was the elder son of Mrs C. Cornelius, of Timaru, but who is at present residing at 494, Cashel Street. He was only twenty years of age, and was educated at Waimate and Timaru. He was employed by Mr J. F. Reid, Elderslie, Oamaru, and enlisted in the North Otago section of the Otago Battalion Main Expeditionary Force. He was the first in North Otago to enlist. He was a bright lad, and has written home to his mother some interesting letters. In his last letter, written just before leaving for the Dardanelles, he added an eloquent and touching postscript: — “I always keep the little prayer-book you gave me in the breast pocket of my tunic.” He was a champion skater and was also good at swimming.

Press. 21 June 1915 (page 10) [08/02/2015]

PRIVATE C. L. CORNELIUS.

Private Charles Lyle Cornelius (Otago Battalion, killed) was the eldest son of Mrs Charles Cornelius, of Stafford street, Timaru. He was about 21 years of age. and was in the employ of Mr J. B. Reid, of Ellerslie, when he enlisted. He took an active part in the sport of swimming, and was in the Territorials. With reference to the death of Private Cornelius, Lieutenant S. Nesbit, one of the officers of the Otago Battalion, wrote from the Dardanelles to his (Lieutenant Nesbit's) mother, describing the fighting and expressing his sorrow at losing so many of his men. He said: “Many of the very best are dead, including Cornelius, who was shot beside me, and many another good man. But they acted like veterans, and although they got no support for hours, stuck to their post splendidly and didn't give an inch.”

North Otago Times. 22 June 1915 (page 6) [08/02/2015]

PRIVATE CORNELIUS.

Concerning the death of Private C. Cornelius, son of Mrs C. Cornelius, Timaru, who was killed in action, Lieutenant Nesbitt writes home to the effect that his men held a very difficult position for many hours, and though not supported, fought, like veterans and never gave an inch. Many of his best men were dead, including Cornelius, who was shot beside him,

New Zealand Herald. 23 June 1915 (page 9) [08/02/2015]

MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

PRIVATE C. L. CORNELIUS.

Private C. L. Cornelius, Otago Infantry Battalion, who has been killed in action between April 28 and 30, was the elder son of Mrs. C. Cornelius, of Timaru. He was 20 years of age, and was educated at Waimate and Timaru. He was employed by Mr. J. F. Reid, Elderslie, Oamaru, and enlisted in the North Otago section of the Main Expeditionary Force.

Otago Daily Times. 25 June 1915 (page 3) [08/02/2015]

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

PRIVATE CORNELIUS.

Private C. L. Cornelius (Otago Battalion), killed in action between April 23 and 30, was the elder son of Mrs C. Cornelius, of Timaru. He was only 20 years of age, and was educated at Waimate and Timaru. He was employed by Mr J. F. Reid, Elderslie, Oamaru, and enlisted in

the North Otago section of the Otago Battalion, Main Expeditionary Force, being one of the first in North Otago to enlist. He was a bright lad, and has written home to his mother some interesting letters. In his last letter, written just before leaving for the Dardanelles he added an eloquent and touching postscript: — “I always keep the little prayer book you gave me in the breast pocket of my tunic.” He was a champion skater and was also good at swimming. His grandfather, the late Mr R. L. Cornelius, of Timaru, fought through the Crimean war, and gave valuable service as a scout and on outpost duty.

Timaru Herald. 2 July 1915 (page 3) [17/11/2013]

ROLL OF HONOUR
CASUALTIES AT THE DARDANELLES.

Per Press Association.

THE LATE PRIVATE CORNELIUS.

Mrs Dr. Nisbet, of Dunedin, mother of Lieut. Nisbet, under whom the late Private Cornelius (son of Mrs Cornelius, Timaru) served, wrote yesterday to Mrs Cornelius, giving some particulars of her son's death. Mrs Nisbet says: “I have been thinking so much of you since the death of your brave boy that I feel I must write and offer you my most sincere sympathy. Today I had a letter from my son. In it he describes the fighting, and expresses his sorrow at losing so many of his men. He says: 'Many of the very best are dead, including Private Cornelius who was shot beside me, and many another good man. But they acted like veterans, and though they got no support for hours, stuck to their posts splendidly never giving an inch.' The fact that our sons have done their duty so nobly is a great source of pride, but it does not make the loss any the less; and it was a cruel task to set them. I had the pleasure of seeing your son once or twice and liked him very much. My son trusted him implicitly, and I am sure he will mourn for him very deeply.”

Star. 16 June 1915 (PP) [12/07/2023]



PRIVATE C. CORNELIUS,
Otago Battalion, killed in action