

## Henry Joseph HOGAN, 7/65

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### HOW WAIMATE TROOPERS DIED

A SHELL KILLS TAVENDALE, OUTRIGHT.

CAMPBELL, **HOGAN** AND WALL KNOCKED OVER BY SAME.

WALL COMPLETELY RECOVERS.

Q.M.S. R. Manchester of the 8th (S.O) Mounted Regiment, who was invalided back to Egypt through having a bad leg, the result of scalding it by upsetting a can of boiling water while in the trenches on Gallipoli, writes to his mother, Mrs George Manchester, Mill Road, Waimate, as follows: -

Pont-de-Koubbeh Military Hospital, June 11th, 1916.

My Dear Mother,—I sincerely hope that this will be the last letter I will have to write to you from a hospital. I have had over five weeks of it now, and you may guess that I'm heartily sick of it. I hope to be away from here in three or four days now, but I will have to stay in camp for a week or so, as I will not be able to get back to the Peninsula until a batch of reinforcements goes. You will be sorry to hear that Bill Tavendale and Jack Campbell have been killed. A shell killed them and also three Australian fellows. It also wounded **Harry Hogan**. Blew his right foot off, and they amputated his leg below the knee. It also wounded him in both thighs, his right forearm and left thumb. I cabled to his mother for him. He is here in the hospital. Campbell died on the boat. They had to amputate his leg right at the trunk, and he didn't get over it. Major Wain got in front of a shell also, and was wounded down the side. He is getting on alright. I am going over to Helipolis to see him to-morrow; he is not in this hospital. Tom Wall was with the others when the shell came over, and the concussion knocked him five or six yards,, but they brought him round by artificial respiration. It was the concussion that killed the Australians. I have not had any letters for nearly six weeks now, and goodness knows when I'll get any. I sent word to the Peninsula and asked for them to be sent here. I suppose they'll arrive the day after I leave. Herbert Hamilton, Ben Guinness and Pilkington have been round to see me. In fact, I've had some of the chaps from camp round every day since I've been here, and they keep me well supplied with cigarettes, etc. We expect the Fifth (Charlie Mathias and Company) to arrive here about Thursday week, so no doubt I'll see them before I go back.

It may be added that Q.M.S: Manchester put on weight at the front and is now a little over 12 stone.

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## **TROOPER TAVENDALE'S DEATH.**

DESCRIBED BY LIEUT. DAILEY.

The following letter speaks for itself:—

Turkey, June 29th, 1915.

Dear Mrs Tavendale,—

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for you in the loss of your son William. Needless to say, ail the troop join with me for he was a universal favourite. For some time on Head Quarters Staff, he returned to my troop where he quickly showed his worth and was appointed a section leader and a most capable section leader he proved himself. The end come suddenly on Sunday, 27th inst. He was in the company of Troopers Tom Wall, **Harry Hogan** and Jack Campbell. Wall was uninjured, **Hogan** and Campbell wounded. In the evening the body was brought from the field hospital to our Canterbury Burial Ground, where, in the presence of the Colonel, Major Wain, and the other officers and men of the Squadron we laid him to rest. The service was performed by the Rev. Busch-King, Captain-Chaplain of the Canterbury Mounted Rifles. His mates are carving a tombstone for his grave, although it will need no tombstone to keep his memory fresh amongst them – a memory of a cheerful comrade, his duty — done.—Yours most sincerely,

G. C. DAILEY, Lieut.

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Lance-Corporal Cochrane, who returned by the Tahiti, after serving in the trenches in Gallipoli for some weeks, and being invalided for organic weakness, speaks in nothing but the highest praise of his superior officers and his mates. He describes the “fare” aboard the Tahiti as excellent. Trooper Hogan, who is reported to be cheerful and looking well, is coming along to Waimate shortly.

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### **BACK FROM THE WAR**

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It is understood that Trooper H. J. Hogan (who was wounded, and had his leg amputated below the knee) is going into a convalescent home. It is uncertain when he will reach Waimate.

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It was remarked of Trooper H. J. Hogan before he arrived home that he was just the kind of fellow to smuggle quietly into the town, and he nearly succeeded, only someone rang up from Makikihi yesterday afternoon that he was aboard the second express. With the few minutes’ notice, it was impossible to muster a Band, but there was a numerous crowd, and the deputy-Mayor (Dr. Hayes) shook the soldier by the hand and called for cheers, which were heartily given. Trooper Hogan was then “whisked off” in Mr Geo. Manchester’s car, looking bright and cheery in the trim khaki uniform. Trooper Hogan is able to get about on crutches.