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North Otago Times. 21 September 1916 (page 7) [06 August 2015]

THE FALLEN AND WOUNDED

PERSONAL NOTES.

Lieutenant R. Burdon.

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Evening Post. 27 June 1917 (Papers Past) [24/01/2022]

Second Lieut. R. M. **Burdon**, Royal West Surrey Regiment, an old boy of Christ's, has been awarded the **Military Cross** for "leading his platoon through two rows of uncut wire. Although wounded early in the attack, he continued to command his men until wounded a second time."

GERALDINE NATIONAL PARTY

BRANCH FORMED

A well attended meeting of supporters unanimously decided to form a Geraldine branch of the National Party at a gathering which was addressed by Mr S. G. Holland, M.P., at the Presbyterian Hall on Thursday. The Mayor (Mr B. R. Macdonald) presided, and associated with him was Mr T. D. Burnett, M.P. There were about 60 present.

In welcoming Mr Holland, the Mayor expressed regret that the meeting had clashed with a function in aid of the School, but Mr Holland was leaving for Rarotonga on Monday evening, and that night was the only one on which he was available to speak at Geraldine.

Mr Holland traversed the work of the session and the Government's programme, and urged all anti-Labour opinion to pull together so that they could put up as good a fight as possible at the next election.

On the motion of Commander G. H. Dennistoun and Captain **R. M. Burdon** the meeting unanimously decided to form a branch of the National Party in Geraldine, and the following committee was appointed:—Messrs J. M. Polhill, K. Mackenzie, A. Mackenzie, D. Macdonald, F. R. Flatman, Commander G. H. Dennistoun, Captain **R. M. Burdon**, Messrs J. M. Little, E. R. Guinness, Frank Charles, M. Campbell, W. Tait, G. Loach, B. R. Macdonald, P. H. Davis, A. Parr, P. Patrick, J. S. Barker and Mrs J. S. Barker.