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## **ROLL OF HONOUR.**

On Saturday last Mr F. Saunders received word from the Hon. James Allen, Acting-Premier and Minister of Defence, that his son, 12/865, Corporal Thos. Saunders, reported, missing in France on 26th September, is now believed to be killed. Messages of sympathy were received from His Majesty, His Excellency the Governor, and Hon. James Allen. Corporal Saunders was the third son of Mr and Mrs F. Saunders, and was born in Temuka between 23 and 21 years ago. He was educated in the Temuka District High School, and on finishing his school course served an apprenticeship with Messrs J. Cooper and Son as a plumber. On leaving Messrs Cooper's employ he went to work in Timaru, and there accepted an appointment with the Hamilton Hardware Company, at Hamilton, Waikato, in the North Island. He worked for this firm for two years, and on war breaking out he enlisted, joining the 10th Waikato's, and going away with the Main Body. He was in a few skirmishes at Ismalia, and then took part at the landing at Gallipoli, where he was wounded. He recovered and was again wounded, but was on the scene at the time of the evacuation. He then went to France, and was transferred from the infantry to a trench mortar battery, and it was while serving in it that he met his death. Corporal Saunders was a fine type; of young man, whom to know was to like and respect, and much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Saunders and family.