

Timaru Herald. 10 August 1915 (Papers Past) [01 February 2014]

UNVEILING CEREMONY AT FAIRLIE.

Special intercessory services in connection with the war were held in the Fairlie Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 8. The attendances were very large, after all the available seating accommodation had been filled some had to be accommodated in the vestibule. At the morning service the Roll of Honour which contained thirty-one names was unveiled. Just previous to the sermon, the minister, the Rev. John Craig, read the names on the roll and asked Mrs Caskey to unveil it. The congregation stood while the roll was being unveiled, and while those whose names were on it were commended to the care of God. The sermon which followed was in keeping with the occasion. The service throughout was most impressive.

The following names, thirty-one in all, are on the roll: -

Sergeant J. H. Dines, Corporal W. Brass, Troopers J. Butters, T. J. Caskey, J. Cartwright, P. Dorman, A. Hall, T. Harvey, W. Nixon. J. N. McLeod, J. Trotter, G. Wright, H. E. Snushall and R. A. Young, Sergeant G. W. Dines, Corporal E. Drake. Privates R. Caskey, T. H. Burnett, A. Farquhar. A. Gardiner, C. Howes. J. H. Pollock. W. McLeod, J. A. McDonald, J. McConnell, W. McConnell, C. Smart and W. Loomes, Farrier J. McMillan. Trooper C. N. A. Gambrill, Private G. Rankin.

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Trooper C. P. Dorman, killed in action 1 on December 18, was the eldest surviving son of Mr and Mrs A. Dorman, Fairlie, and left with the Sixth Reinforcements. He was born in Uppingham, Rutland, and was in his 24th year. He was an active member of the Fairlie Orchestral Society, and a member of the Presbyterian Church Choir. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

Press. 24 February 1916 (Papers Past)

Otago Daily Times. 26 February 1916 (Papers Past)

Otago Witness. 1 March 1916 (Papers Past)

HOW TROOPER P. DORMAN WAS KILLED.

Particulars have been received by Mr and Mrs A. Dorman, of Fairlie, concerning the death of their son, Trooper Percy Dorman, of the 8th South Canterbury Mounted Rifles. It was during the first evacuation of the Peninsula, on December 18, that Troopers Dorman and F. J. Cameron were on a dangerous post a little in front of the trench where their squadron was posted; others were doing sentry duty. In the early morning they were subjected to fire by a sniper, and Trooper Dorman had just relieved Trooper Cameron about 10 minutes when the sniper contrived to hit him, the bullet striking him on the left temple and coming out at the back of his head. He fell back upon Cameron, who was sitting just behind him. The doctor was instantly summoned, but Trooper Dorman lived only a few minutes, being unconscious to the end. He was buried near by later on in the morning, Major Studholme reading the burial service, and nearly all the squadron was there, for he was very popular among them. Afterwards a wooden cross was made, and Sergeant Gray inscribed it: "In memory of Trooper C. P. Dorman, killed in action December 18, 1915, R.I.P." Sergeant Ken Tennent (Cattle Valley) was in charge of a patrol which was operating between the New Zealand and Turkish trenches, and Dorman was the sentry who challenged them as they passed. Sergeant Tennent was one of the rearguard in the evacuation, and one of the last to leave Gallipoli. He says that it was with heavy hearts they left it.