

Press. 15 June 1915 (page 3) [7 November 2013]

THE FALLEN AND WOUNDED.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PRIVATE W. HARTE.

Private Walter Harte (Canterbury Infantry Battalion, killed in action) was the second son of Mr H. F. Harte, of Temuka. Born in Temuka 20 years ago, he was educated at the local school and subsequently apprenticed to the carpentering trade. He joined the South Canterbury Company of the Canterbury Infantry Battalion when the Main Expeditionary Force was raised.

Clutha Leader. 22 June 1915 (page 3) [26/04/2016]

PERSONAL.

Private Walter Arthur Gordon Harte, killed in action, was a son of Mr Herbert Harte, of Springfield road, Temuka, a well-known instructor in woolclassing, and brother to Mr W. Harte, clerk of the court, Balclutha. He was born in Winchester, and would have been 21 years of age on June 7. He was educated at the Winchester school, afterwards removing to the Temuka High School to finish his education. On leaving school he was apprenticed to Mr D. McInnes, builder, of Temuka, but did not finish his apprenticeship before leaving for the front. He was the first to volunteer from Temuka, and from advice received by the relatives it appears he was possibly the first New Zealander to lay down his life at the Dardanelles, he, with two other New Zealanders, being selected and attached to the Australians in the landing operations. All three are reported killed. As a boy he was for a number of years a chorister in St. Peter's Church [of] England, and up to his departure was a member of St. Peter's Club. He always took a keen interest in the quieter branches of sport, being an expert swimmer and a crack miniature rifle shot.—*Lyttelton Times*.

[Wilfred Knight was killed at the Dardanelles on 2 or 3 May 1915.]

North Otago Times. 18 June 1915 (page 7) [17 November 2013]

Private Walter Gordon Harte, 20 years of age, was the youngest son of Mr H. F. Harte, wool instructor, of Springfield road, Temuka. He left with the Main Body. He was born at Winchester, and educated at the Temuka District High School. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the carpentering trade with Mr D McInnes, builder, Temuka. He was keenly interested in swimming, and was a very successful rifle shot, winning a number of prizes, one of which was forwarded to him in Egypt.

Otago Daily Times. 16 June 1915 (page 8) [22 July 2013]

PRIVATE HARTE.

Private Walter Harte, killed on May 8, was the only brother of Mr W. Harte, clerk of the court, Balclutha. He was about 21 years of age, and worked at Temuka, his native town.

Lyttelton Times. 15 June 1915 [08/06/2020]

Private Walter Arthur Gordon Harte, killed in action, was a son of Mr Herbert Harte, of Springfield Road, Temuka, a well-known instructor in wool-classing. He was born in Winchester, and would have been twenty-one years of age on June 7. He was educated at the Winchester School, afterwards removing to the Temuka High School to finish his education. On leaving school he was apprenticed to Mr D. M'Innes, builder, of Temuka, but did not finish his apprenticeship before leaving for the front. He was the first to volunteer from Temuka, and from advice received by the relatives it appears he was possibly the first New Zealander to lay down his life at the Dardanelles, he, with two other New Zealanders, being selected and attached to the Australians in the landing operations. All three are reported killed. As a boy he was for a number of years a chorister in St Peter's Church of England, and up to his departure was a member of St Peter's Club. He always took a keen interest in the quieter branches of sport, being an expert swimmer and a crack miniature rifle shot.

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Timaru Herald. 26 April 1919 (page 7) [2014, 2015]

ANZAC DAY.

THE HONOURED DEAD.

A TOUCHING CEREMONY.

A touching ceremony, and one than which there could have been no nicer of its kind, took place in Timaru yesterday, when those heroic souls who gave their lives on far-off Gallipoli were paid a fresh tribute. It was Anzac Day, and the town observed a half-holiday from noon. Many country people observed a whole holiday in order to be present at the placing of a wreath on a cross which was erected in King George's Place. Some thousands of people assembled to pay silent tribute, to the honoured dead. For the occasion a cross was erected on the pretty little grass plot adjoining the Municipal Chambers. It was a stout wooden cross surrounded by rubble, the base of the latter being fringed with a corded streamer in red, white and blue.

The Returned Soldiers' Association (Messrs Davey and Dunn acting as bearers) placed a large wreath of laurels on the rubble and reared it against the cross, both wreath and cross bearing the inscription: "In Memory of Our Fallen Comrades." The Mayor and Councillors and Town Clerk, and Mrs Maling and Mrs Wm. Raymond stood by the cross while the wreath was being placed on it, the military being just outside the enclosure, while the general public filled King George's Place. Following the placing of the wreath, by the Returned Soldiers' Association, other wreaths were laid on either side of it, after which the South Canterbury Regimental Band, under Bandmaster Schnack, played "In Memoriam" (Stretton)

very artistically and feelingly, and the ceremony concluded with the touching music of "The Last Post," which was played by four cornets - Bandsman Mara, Rissell, Segar, and Taylor—and the .National Anthem.

Lieut .Colonel Mackenzie was in charge of the parade, other officers present being:— Major Matthews. A.Q.M.G., Canterbury District, Staff Officer Captain Oakey M.C. Major Foden (second in command) Lieut. A. E. Dendy (Adjutant), S.S.M. (W.O.) A. M. Thatcher, parade Sergt-Major, Captain J. E. S. Jackson, retired officer, Major E. A. Holdgate, Major A. Boys, Captain Arthur Rhodes, and Lieut. Hind, Lieut. Harwell, M.M., Lieut. Satterthwaite, returned officers, and the following ranks: - Returned Soldiers 78, Ex-Contingents 3, A. Comp. 2nd Regt. 25, No. 7, 2, A.S.C., 20, Nos. 43, 44, and 45 Senior Cadets 87, High School Cadets 150, Nursing Division St. John Ambulance 20, S.S.M. Johnson, S.S.M. Patchett.. S.S.M. Gracie, Girl Scouts 20, South Canterbury Regimental Band 25, High School Band 27, Bugle Band 21. The Mayor and Councillors walked with the procession which marched from the drill shed via Stafford, Cannon, and Sophia Streets, to King George's Place. After the ceremony the military marched via Perth, Sophia, Cannon, and Stafford Streets to Alexandra Square, where the parade was dismissed.

Wreaths were placed on the cross by the Mayor and Councillors (on behalf of the citizens), by Mrs Maling (on behalf of the Ladies' Patriotic Society), and others in memory of the following soldiers: —Major David Grant, Lieut. Guinness, Lieut. F. D. Maurice, Sergt. Oral E. Davey, Privates R. E. Watkins, Donald McK. Dixon, Millen S. Dixon, **Walter Harte**, and Jack Mansell. There were two other wreaths which bore no name.

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ANZAC DAY.

OPEN-AIR SERVICE.

IN TIMARU.

Anzac Day was fittingly celebrated in Timaru yesterday, when an open-air service was held in King George's Place, and a solemn tribute paid to the honoured dead. From a cold, grey sky rain fell at intervals, the sombre atmospheric conditions being in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. There was a large assemblage of people, and the proceedings, which lasted an hour, passed off in a manner befitting the occasion.

A large wooden cross was erected on a rockery, which was made for the occasion, on the grass plot adjoining the municipal buildings. Laurel leaves were interspersed between the rocks, and a large laurel wreath, bearing the words: "In memory of our fallen comrades," was placed by the Returned Soldiers' Association on the rockery, at the foot of the cross. Immediately after the service the rockery was covered with wreaths placed there by parents, brothers and sisters, and friends of deceased soldiers.

From a dais in front of the Council Chambers an address was given by Pastor Nicholls. On the dais stood the Mayor (Mr Wm Raymond), the Rev. T. Wilson Potts (president of the Ministers' Association), Pastor Nicliolls, Councillors T. W. Sattertliwaite, J. E. Hurdley, G. J. Sealey, J. P. Murphy, H. Allchurch, A. M. H. Shirtcliff, A. Washer, and J. P. Hughson. Mr H. W. Scott secretary to the R.S.A., the Town Clerk being also present.

The military were present in strong force. The procession was marshalled at the Drill Shed shortly after 1.30, and the parade was in charge of Lt.- Col. Newman Wilson, D.S.O., M.C.

Prior to marching off, Lt.-Col. Wilson addressed the returned soldiers on parade, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a representative attendance. He referred to the military training of the territorials and cadets, and hoped that some of the returned men would interest themselves in the territorial movement, as their steady influence would do a power of good amongst the men and boys at present undergoing training. He complimented the returned men on their steadiness on parade, and expressed the hope that Anzac Day in the years to come would be even more largely attended than it had been in the past. The parade was marshalled by Staff-Sergts. Major (W. O.) H. Frank and A. M. Thatcher, under Captain H. D. McHugh, M.C. and bar, adjutant, the Reserve of Officers present being Majors Foden and Dryden. Captains Oakey, M.C., Marriott and Jackson, Lieutenants Casserly and Pennyfeather, and the following officers in charge of units: A Coy, 2nd South Canterbury Regiment—Lt. W. A. Stead, (35), 43 Coy, Cadets, Captain W. Fossey (35), 44 and 45 Coy.'s Cadets, Lt. J. P. C. Walshe, (50), High School Cadet Coy., Lieuts. Cockcroft and Hind, (130), while the 2nd (South Canterbury) Regimental Band, High School Band, and the Bugle Band also took part in the procession. The returned soldiers on parade numbered about 150, and the Orthopaedic Hospital car, with members of the staff followed in the rear of the procession. The firing party of twenty returned soldiers was in charge of S.S.M. A. Mathieson. The Boy Scouts were also in attendance, and distributed the sheets on which the order of service was set out.

In his address Pastor Nicholls paid a warm tribute not only to the men of Anzac, but to all who had gone forth so valiantly to fight that we might live in peace and safety. Of those who had given their lives lie remarked it could be truly said: "They saved us, but themselves they could not save." The speaker explained the derivation of the word "Anzac," and then showed how the letters composing the word could be otherwise applied — "Ascribing New Zealanders a commemoration," "asking New Zealanders a confession" and "among New Zealanders are Christians." Each of these interpretations of the word Pastor Nicholls used as the basis for a dissertation on the heroism of the brave fellows who had given their all for others, and the resultant cause for thankfulness, admiration, and gratitude on the part of those who were now living in peace and comfort. The speaker also voiced a warning against the materialistic leanings of the age, of sin in all its forms, and said that we could best honour the dead by so shaping our lives as to show that their great sacrifice had not been made in vain.

After the address; the hymn, "The Nameless Graves" was sung. This was followed by "The Dead March," (played by the Battalion Band); then the burial service was read by the Rev. T. W. Potts, after which a firing party ranged on either side of the cross, fired three volleys, the Band played the "Last Post," and the ceremony closed with the National Anthem.

During the playing of the Dead March, the wreaths were arranged at the cross by Corporal Davie. Wreaths were sent in memory of W. A. McQueen, Rifleman George Hill, Rifleman C. Burgess, officers, non-commissioned officers and cadets of Nos. 43, 44 and 45 companies Senior Cadets, B. C. Collings, E. Davis, A. Small, S. Corrigan, A. Muir, W. Kingour, R. Girdwood, O. Halliday, J. Templeton, J. Dow, J. Anderson, D. Dow, D. Anderson, J. Barklay, **Jack Mansell and Walter Harte**, Tim and Gordon Langrish, Norman Stuart Young, Corpl. C. W. Saunders, Mark Saunders, Albert Bennet Saunders, Sergt. O. E. Davie, Sergt. E. Fairbrother, M.M., Lt.-Col. C. E. Thomas, Wilfred Turner, Lieut. Neville S. Joyce, A. H. Austin, D. Hodgson, Major David Grant, Edward Edginton, Colin Edgar Wilson, Donald and Miller Dickson, William B. Walton, Col. Bauchop and other Port Chalmers boys, Geraldine boys, Dug. Hodgson, Leonard Cecil Hight, floral tributes to the memory of the fallen by the ladies committee of the R.S.A., the Mayor and Mayoress, the Orthopaedic Hospital, Mr and Mrs E. Roland Guinness, Celtic Football Club, Zingari Football Club, Timaru Boys' High School, Y.M.C.A., Miss McLean, besides several others bearing no name but "To the memory of the fallen."

REFERENCE IN THE CHURCHES.

Appropriate references to Anzac Day were made in the churches yesterday. At St. Mary's, where the Mayor and Councillors Satterthwaite, Hughson, Allchurch were present, the service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Jacob. Mrs P. W. Rule sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth," the congregation sang the National Anthem, and "The Last Post" was played by Bugler Segar.