

Timaru Herald. 23 September 1915 (Papers Past) [03/12/2013]

David Roger Carter, Canterbury M.R., reported on Tuesday killed in action, was the youngest son of Mr D. T. Carter, one of the oldest settlers in the Pleasant Point district. He was 23 years of age.

Timaru Herald. 29 September 1915 (South Canterbury Museum)

HAZELBURN NOTES

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

DIED FOR HIS FLAG

Quite a gloom was cast over the district when it became known that one of our brightest and most promising young men had been killed in action in the Dardanelles – Roger Carter – the youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. T. Carter, of “Rockpool.” Mr and Mrs Carter have been most prominent in every patriotic movement in the district, Mrs Carter being president of the very active ladies’ guilds of Hazelburn and Raincliff. From the beginning of the war Mrs Carter has identified herself with relief work, first for the Belgians, and their [sic] after for the wounded soldiers, and the deep sympathy felt by all for the Carter family, cannot but be mingled with feelings of admiration for the brave mother, who, in spite of the fact that her youngest boy has made the supreme sacrifice, now speeds forth for King and Empire, another son, Mr Robert Carter, who goes into camp in October. Such mothers are the very backbone of any nation. Though the school flag was flown at half-mast yet a certain pride fills all ex-pupils that one, at least, of their number has done his duty. Roger was educated at Hazelburn, and afterwards at the Waitaki High School, and among the very large number of kindly messages received by his parents came one from Mr Milner, M.A., the headmaster there, in which he referred to Roger’s prowess in every kind of sport, his splendid physique, and his uniformly pleasant manner and straightforward character. A beautiful expression of sympathy also came from the pen of the gifted Jamie Mackay.

Otago Witness. 27 October 1915 (Papers Past) [08/05/2020]

Sergeant D. R. Carter (killed in action) was the youngest son of Mr D. T. and Mrs E. M. Carter. He was educated at Hazelburn and Waitaki High Schools, and was a member of the South Canterbury Mounted Rifles. He joined the Third Reinforcements as private, and was promoted sergeant in Egypt.

Otago Daily Times. 6 October 1916 (page 8) (Papers Past) [25/03/2015]

OMNIUM GATHERUM

Mr D. A. Menzies, Toogoolanan, Australia, has received a letter from a friend in the British forces at Salonika, in which he states that when on Gallipoli he picked up a watch from the side of a New Zealander who had been hit by a shell. The watch was not of much monetary value, but it would be of sentimental value to the soldier's parents. On the back of the watch was inscribed 7-827 D. R. Carter, intimating that the owner belonged to the Canterbury Mounted Rifles.