

*Press.* 25 March 1915 (Papers Past) [23/03/2021]

## WAR JOTTINGS.

In a recent letter from Egypt, Trooper “**Jim**” **Bain**, the well-known footballer who was a member of the 1st Mounted Bines (C.Y.C.), but who has been transferred to the machine-gun section, briefly describes his experiences. Writing from Zeitoun camp under date of February 10th, he says: “We are still in Egypt, and **Max** and I are very well. Our infantry have been in the firing line on the Canal. On Saturday next we will have completed our training, and we are now combined with the Queensland Light Horse, so you can imagine what a sight it is when we are all out together. This is supposed to be our hardest week. Certainly in the way of hours it has been strenuous, but it is very, very interesting, and one does not notice the hours at all. On Monday last we did 19 hours, and the other days have not been quite so long, but we go out at night and dig trenches. I had not been in the machine-gun section long before I was put up No. 4 of No. 1 gun. That is sixth in the section, so I have not done so badly.”

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## “DIED AS HEROES.”

### CHRISTCHURCH FOOTBALL CLUB MEN.

#### THE WAITING GAME OF SNIPING.

Writing to a member of “The Press” literary staff, Sergeant H. McD. Vincent, of the Canterbury Infantry Battalion, says: — “It is hardly the best of jobs writing about the old crowd that have gone. “Jim” Bain, who I ran across the other day, summed it up when he said: ‘Well, Mack, I suppose you feel pretty lonely now.’ And it is. An Australian came to me yesterday. He enquired about the welfare of his brother, Gudgeon. I had to tell him that his brother was killed and his body in the hands of the Turks. I have just been reading a letter in a Christchurch paper written by Sapsford. Poor old Sappy! There is one thing, there is not a man who has disgraced the old Christchurch Football Club. They died as heroes, every one. The Battalion is having a strenuous time — (words censored). . . . .

*Lyttelton Times.* 10 August 1915 (Papers Past) [23/03/2021]

#### THE SICK AND WOUNDED.

In this morning's list of sick and wounded Trooper J. Bain (Canterbury Mounted), is given as disembarked at Malta slightly sick. This is "Jim" Bain the well-known Old Boys' Club and Canterbury football representative, who left with the main force.

*Sun.* 11 August 1915 (Papers Past) [22/03/2021]

#### TROOPER J. BAIN.

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*Southland Times.* 11 August 1915 (Papers Past) [26/03/2021]

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*Lyttelton Times.* 8 September 1915 (Papers Past) [22/03/2021]

## **PERSONAL NOTES.**

### **THE WOUNDED AND SICK.**

Private advice has been received that Trooper James Bain (Canterbury Mounted), son of Mr K. Bain, of Riccarton. is now in hospital at Malta, suffering from shrapnel wounds in the knee. Private Bain is best known in Christchurch in football circles. He was educated at the Boys' High School, where he was a member of the first eleven and fifteen for some years. On leaving, he went farming, but for some time prior to the war he had returned, and was on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand. While in town he played for the Old Boys' Football Club, in the position of full-back, and was a member of the fifteen when it was successful in winning the championship. He also represented Canterbury in the same position. He played a good game of cricket, being a member of the Riccarton club, and was very successful with the ball. He joined the Main Expeditionary Force, and of all the wearers of the Senior white jersey who enlisted "Jim" is about the last one to be accounted for, practically all the old boys of the High School who went away with the main force having been either killed or wounded.

*Press.* 08 September 1915 (Papers Past) [20/03/2021]

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*Sun.* 17 September 1915 (Papers Past) [22/03/2021]

## **MEN AT THE FRONT.**

### **SOME PERSONAL DETAILS.**

References to men who are well known in Christchurch are made in a letter written by Trooper Brice Burn, of the Canterbury Mounted Rifles, to friends in Christchurch. It was written at Anzac on July 25.

“A few particulars about fellows here, if I can think it out. . . . . Jim Bain has also turned it in on account of sickness, while . . . . .

(Since that letter was written, Bain and Harper have been wounded.)

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Trooper J. Grange, of the Canterbury Mounted Rifles, who was wounded and invalided to England, in a letter to his mother, Mrs B. B. Grange, St. Albans, mentions that he was one of the New Zealanders selected to take part in the Lord Mayor's Show. . . . . Three days later, Trooper Grange left Weymouth for Liverpool, and boarded the Olympic, in which he proceeded to Mudros, where he was at time of writing, December 12th. The Olympic carried between 8000 and 9000 troops, and Trooper Grange's cabin mates were “Jim” Bain and Douglas Deans, both of Christchurch.

*Press.* 20 November 1917 (Papers Past) [20/03/2021]

Trooper J. Bain (wounded) is the fourth son of Mr K. B. Bain, of Lower Riccarton. About 26 years of age, he was educated at the West School, and at the Christchurch Boys' High School, where he was one of the mainstays of the cricket and football teams. For one season he captained the first eleven. On leaving school, he entered the employ of the local branch of the Bank of New Zealand, and, continuing his athletic career, he quickly made a name for himself as a bowler and batsman in the Riccarton Club's first eleven, and as full-back for the Old Boys' first fifteen. Later, he entered upon a farming career, and was for some time on the Five Rivers Estate, near Clinton, Otago. Again returning to Christchurch, he re-entered the employ of the Bank of New Zealand. Incidentally, he gained his Canterbury representative football colours, and for two seasons filled the position of custodian for the province. Trooper Bain had always been a military enthusiast — he held a commission in the B.H.S. Cadets — and when the war broke out he joined the Canterbury Mounted Rifles, and left New Zealand with the Main Body. He was invalided to England from

Gallipoli and after a period of convalescence returned to the Peninsula, some time afterwards being reported as suffering from shell-shock. One of Trooper Bain's brothers, Trooper Max Bain, was killed on Gallipoli.

*Star.* 3 February 1919 (Papers Past) [23/03/2021]

## **DISTRICT CRICKET.**

### **JOTTINGS.**

Amongst the spectators at Hagley Park on Saturday was Lance-corporal Jim Bain, who has just returned from Egypt, whither he went with the Main Body of the Expeditionary Force. He will probably be found assisting his old team (Riccartou) in the remaining matches of the season. While in Egypt "Jim" made a name for himself as a fast bowler.

*Mataura Ensign.* 25 November 1919 (Papers Past) [23/03/2021] ?

The well-known sport, "Jim" Bain, met with a slight accident the other morning. He was breaking in a youngster, which threw him and tramped on Mr Bain's chest, as a result of which he will have to lay up for a few days.

*Press.* 8 October 1941 (Papers Past) [22/03/2021]

## **OBITUARY**

### **MR JAMES BAIN**

Mr James Bain who died last week was one of the best footballers in Canterbury in the years preceding the Great War and was also a prominent member of the Riccarton Cricket Club. In the seasons 1907-8 he played fullback for Boys' High School behind the H. M. Taylor-E. E. Crawshaw-R. E. Boag combination—one of the greatest ever known in secondary school football in New Zealand. On leaving school he joined the Old Boys' Club and was again associated with the above-mentioned players, and assisted to win the senior championship in 1913 and 1914. Mr Bain, a first-class full-back and a deadly tackler, also played for Canterbury in 1913 and 1914. For a long period he held the cricket-ball throwing championship of Boys' High School with a throw of 103 yards. On the outbreak of war he joined the forces and went away with the Main Body as a member of the C.Y.C. He saw much service on Gallipoli, where he was wounded. His brother, Mr Tom Bain, also a famous footballer, died last year.