

Timaru Herald. 21 March 1916 (Papers Past) [10/11/2016; 19/05/2017]
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Mr Val. Scott, chief reporter on the "Timaru Post," has been appointed assistant correspondence clerk in the Base Records Office, Wellington, with the rank of Corporal, attached to the Expeditionary Forces. He will take up his new duties on April 1st.

Timaru Herald. 1 April 1916 [16/08/2022]

Yesterday afternoon Mr V. Scott, of the literary staff of the "Timaru Post" left by the second express for Wellington to take up a position in the Base Records Office there. He was given a hearty send-off at the railway station by a number of friends who assembled for that purpose. On Thursday night Mr Scott was entertained at dinner in the Grosvenor Hotel by a large gathering of personal friends, when he was presented with a silver cigarette case, the gift being accompanied by all manner of good wishes. Yesterday afternoon Mr Scott was met by members of the "Post" staff, who gave him a hearty farewell and presented him with a very comfortable travelling rug. The managing editor, Mr C. East, in making the presentation, spoke very highly of the work done by Mr Scott as a member of the staff of the "Timaru Post," and expressed the hope that before long the State would be able to relinquish its claim on his services and permit him to return to the position he had filled so well in Timaru.

Timaru Herald. 14 January 1919 (Papers Past) [11/10/2016]

Press. 15 January 1919 [19/05/2017]

Mr Val. Scott, formerly of the staff of the "Timaru Post," has been appointed chief correspondence clerk at Base Records, which means a permanent appointment to the Public Service.

Timaru Herald. 14 July 1919 (Papers Past) [11/10/2016]

BOWLING.

KIA TOA CLUB'S BEPORT.

The following is the twelfth annual report to be presented to members of the Kia Toa Bowling Club, at the annual general meeting to be held on Wednesday evening: -

In presenting to you the Twelfth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Kia Toa Bowling Club for the year ended 30th June, 1919, your executive

feels that the club having surmounted the difficulties prevailing throughout the war period, members may now look forward to a dawn of a new era in the history of the Kia Toa Club in particular and in bowling generally.

The commencement of the 1918-1919 bowling season will long be remembered by all who reflect on the critical position of the world at that time. The crowning triumph of the Great War, ended by the collapse of the Central Powers before the victorious offensives by the Allied forces in all theatres of conflict, was celebrated. The enthusiasm of our rejoicings on the signing of the armistice was, however, considerably marred by the serious outbreak of the influenza epidemic which raged throughout New Zealand, causing bereavement and suffering such as had never before been experienced. While we are thankful to say that the members of the club were not affected by its dire ravages, our sincere sympathy goes out to those who have suffered loss. This plague necessitated the curtailment of bowling and other amusements, while the climatic conditions prevailing throughout a considerable part of the season interfered a great deal with the game.

After the signing of the armistice we had the pleasure of welcoming back two of our members who had been some months in camp — Mr G. Crerar and Mr E. Porter. Other members of the club who will now return to civil life, it is pleasant to know in health and strength, after serving their country in the great war are Mr G. Dawson, Mr Val. Scott and Mr W. Annand.

Timaru Herald. 16 May 1923 [26/08/2022]

Mr Val. Scott, officer in charge of the War Graves Division, Inland Affairs, Wellington, was in Timaru yesterday, and left last night for Oamaru.

Press. 25 May 1928 (Papers Past) [11/10/2016]

WAR GRAVES. THE SOLDIERS' CEMETERY. ESTABLISHMENT IN NEAR FUTURE.

After considerable delay consequent upon protracted negotiations, a definite step forward has been taken in the establishment of the Returned Soldiers' Cemetery at Bromley.

The plot will be on the lines of the war graves in France and similar to the beautiful little plot for soldiers' graves in Karori Cemetery, Wellington.

The War Graves Commissioner, Internal Affairs Department, Mr Val. Scott, and Mr P. Hyndman, representing the Public Works Department, met the president of the Christchurch branch of the R.S.A., Mr G. W. Lloyd, and the secretary, Mr E. F. Willcox, yesterday afternoon in conference, and discussed the matter of putting the work in hand as early as possible.

Mr Willcox told a representative of The Press last evening that the Returned Soldiers' Association approved the scheme completely and it was hoped that the work of final establishment of the area would be taken in hand with the greatest possible expedition. In the future, burials of returned soldiers would take place at the new site where there was accommodation for approximately 800 graves. The promoters of the scheme were looking a long way ahead and it was hoped that the needs of the next 30 or 40 years would thus be met. Each returned soldier would have the right to be buried on this special area, and headstones would be erected by the Government in cases where death was directly attributable to war service. All the graves would be arranged in uniformity.

Last year the plot was cleared by unemployed returned soldiers and all that remains to be done is levelling work. This will be carried out at an early date.

Timaru Herald. 3 June 1929 [26/08/2022]

A portion of the Timaru Cemetery will be set aside in the near future, as has been done in other centres throughout the Dominion for the purpose of a soldiers' burial ground. The request was made by the South Canterbury Branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association, and a site has been selected by Mr Val. Scott, officer in charge of the War Graves Division of the Department of Internal Affairs. The selection will be subject to the approval of the Timaru Cemetery Board.

Evening Post. 14 June 1929 (Papers Past) [19/05/2017]

The death occurred from pneumonia in the Wellington Hospital this afternoon of Mr. R. Scott, officer in charge of the War Graves branch of the Department of Internal Affairs. Mr. Scott filled his position with distinction, and carried out his duties with a conscientiousness that made him a valued officer of the Department. He leaves a widow and three children.

Timaru Herald. Saturday, June 15, 1929 [19/05/2017]

SCOTT. – Passed away on June 14th, at Wellington, Val Scott, late officer in charge of Government War Graves Department.

Evening Post. 15 June 1929 (Papers Past) [19/05/2017]

DEATHS

SCOTT.—On the 14th June, 1929, at the Wellington Hospital, Valentine (Val.), beloved husband of Julia Scott, 106, Murital road, Eastbourne (late of Internal Affairs Department); aged 48 years.

Evening Post. 15 June 1929 (Papers Past) [19/05/2017]

The funeral of Mr. Val Scott, officer in charge of the War Graves branch of the Internal Affairs Department, who died yesterday, will take place to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Scott, though not a returned soldier, is to be buried in the Soldiers' Cemetery at Karori, at the request of the R.S.A., as an appreciation of his work in connection with soldiers' graves throughout the Dominion. Mr. Scott was secretary of the Eastbourne Bowling Club, and members of the club will leave Rona Bay at 1.15 p.m. to-morrow to take part in the funeral.

Evening Post. 17 June 1929 (Papers Past) [19/05/2017]

Several matters of a personal nature were discussed at the meeting of the executive of the Wellington Returned Soldiers' Association, at which Colonel G. T. Hall (president) presided. In recognition of the valuable services rendered by Mr. J. P. Firth in connection with the Citizens' Memorial (now in course of erection in Lambton quay), a special resolution of acknowledgment was carried amidst applause, and it was stated that a framed photograph of the laying of the foundation stone had been presented to Mr. Firth. Letters of sympathy are to be forwarded to Mrs. Burnett, widow of the late Mr. J. Burnett (who did valuable work in England during the war, on behalf of New Zealand soldiers); Mrs. Pricor, widow of Captain Pricor (transport officer during the war), and Mrs. Scott, widow of Mr. V. Scott (who rendered splendid service in connection with the Government War Graves Department). For the valuable work these gentlemen had done on behalf of the "diggers," the association would always revere their memory.

The funeral of the late Mr. V. Scott, late officer in charge of New Zealand War Graves, and hon. secretary of the Eastbourne Bowling Club, took place yesterday. A very great honour was paid Mr. Scott by the Returned Soldiers' Association, when they asked that, although not a returned soldier, he should be interred in the Soldiers' Cemetery at Karori, in recognition of the great service he had rendered in connection with war graves. The funeral was a large and representative one, being attended by officers from various Government Departments, including the many officers of the Department of Internal Affairs to which Mr. Scott was attached. There was also a very large gathering of bowlers, including representatives of the Wellington Centre, the various affiliated clubs, and almost every member of the Eastbourne Bowling Club. The pallbearers were two returned soldiers, two members of the executive of the Eastbourne Bowling Club, a representative of the Department of Internal Affairs, and Mr. L. W. Cozens, of the Public Works Department. The late Mr. Scott was never happier than when working for other people's enjoyment, and among the many floral tributes sent, none was more significant than one sent by the crews of the Eastbourne ferry boats, who came in contact with Mr. Scott's genial personality during his daily trips across the harbour.