

Timaru Herald. 27 August 1915 [08/08/2016]

SOLDIERS' LETTERS.

A FIELD AMBULANCE MAN.

ANXIOUS TO GET ASHORE.

Trooper A. D.[sic] Hawke, of the South Canterbury Mounted Field Ambulance, writing from a "Fleet Sweeper" to his mother, Mrs W. Hawke, Lingodells, Geraldine, says: —

I am again on the sea, was very glad to get away from Lemnos: was working for a fortnight in the hospital there, and it is a terrible place for wind and flies. I am detached from the Mounted Ambulance at present, and have been ever since we left Egypt. I have not managed to get ashore at Gallipoli yet, but it is my ambition to do so, and I may have the luck any day now as we are just alongside the coast every second day. We have had shrapnel landing near us, and also a few bombs from air craft, but that is nothing so long as they don't hit you. There are only nine N.Z.M.C's, that is not counting our two skippers, and we have to look after (censored). I am afraid Mr Censor will object if I give you details.

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GERALDINE

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A social was afterwards held in the Oddfellows' Hall, and the gathering was so large that the capacity of the building was fully taxed. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, led by the Geraldine Orchestra, which then played an overture of popular airs. Games and competitions, with songs by Miss Cole and Mr Knibb, and selections by the Orchestra were greatly enjoyed by young and old. Some of the competitions were most amusing, and the hat trimming competition, for which ten men entered, was voted the best item of the evening. Mr **Roy Hawke** was placed first, Mr M. Cooke second, and Mr Z. Sherratt last.

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THE CRISIS IN THE NEAR EAST

LOCAL MEN OFFER FREELY.
THE LATEST ENLISTMENTS.

Sergt-Major Patchett had a busy time at the Defence Office in Timaru again yesterday, taking the names of volunteers for service, and replying to inquiries by others. The enlistments come from all parts of South Canterbury, and from people in all walks of life. No one under the age of 20 is accepted, and for what is called the general class only single men are accepted. Some South Canterbury men have applied for enrolment at the Christchurch Defence Office. The following are the names of those who enlisted in Timaru yesterday: -

Nurse Fraser.
Goodman, A. C. R.
Cairns, J. W.
Oakey, A. N.
Goodman, C. J. W.
Mitten, J.
Small, T.
Kyne, J. T.
Allfrey, J. C.
Hawke, A. R.
Voss, C. R.
Stewart, J. B.
Dean, F. B.
Lord, T. W.
Blair, A.
Minnis, R.
Stringer, W.
Patterson, J. P.
Wilkinson, J.
Smith, E. C.
Mass, J. J.
Washington, A. C.
Stewart, D. W.
Norton, W. V.
Sutherland, E. B.
Kneale, J. T.
McMurtrie, V. G.
Barker, C. B.
Dougherty, C.
Cairns, R.
Honeyman, G. T.
Gunderson, C. W.
Dunn, M. J.
Jackson, C.
Edyvean, D.
Flaus, E. T. L.
Stowell, F.

Dodd, T.
Wotton, C. H.
Fairbrother, G.
Hilton, F. A.
Stonyer, A.
Hathaway, A.
Hoare, F.
Robertson, J.
McBride, G.
Black, W. E.
Pickering, A. S.
Attewell, T. G.
Bonnett, C. C.
West, S. H. M.
Burgoine, J.
Quantock, R. H.
Mallinson, A.
McCabe, E. J.
King, G. G.
Thompson, C. W.
Murphy, T.
Brett, J. J.
Griffin, C. P.
Bovrell, G. W.
Fleming, A. C.
Fleming, H. J.
Waller, J.
Minnies, J.
Macdonald, W. F.
Cameron, H.
Dougherty, E.
Middleditch, M.
Highet, S. R.
Fisher, C.
McMillan, D.
Dix, G.
Story, L. J. W.
Scrimshaw, E. G.
O'Shea, L. P.
Norton, C. B.
Harris, A.
Smith, S. R. W.
Horne, A.
Maguire, T.

WAIMATE'S RESPONSE.

Lieutenant Clements, who is at present conducting Territorial and Cadet training at Waimate, is still receiving applications for enrolment for service. Several residents here have taken the trouble to go to Timaru to enrol.

Names so far received here are —

Jackson, William Robert.
Davies, Francis Cecil (returned soldier).
White, William (D.C.M.).
Hope, Ernest James.
Nash, Lawrence Cull.
Woodward, Arthur James.
Landrebe, Albert Andrew.
Nicholas, Lancelot Giles.
Hampton, Joseph.
Thomson, William.
Hawkins, Jesse Charles. Kang, Leslie Gordon.
Landrebe, Frederick.
Eade, Thomas Tremagle.
Forsyth, John.
Wilson, Walter.
Hicks, Arthur John.
Lysaght, Harold George.
Bishop, Herbert Samuel.
Crichton, Cecil Adam.
Bohm, James.