

Timaru Herald. 1 July 1915 (page 7) (Papers Past) [29 Nov 2013]

The parents of Private G. H. Logan of Timaru (who being in Australia, joined the Australian Force) have received a post card from him dated Alexandria May 12th, in which he says: "Just a few lines to let you know I am quite well. I get three feeds a day and a good bed to sleep in, to say nothing of a cap of cocoa, at 8.30 at night. I hope to be discharged soon and sent back to the Front. I have a lot to make up. My head is better now, and I am quite fit to go back, but they don't seem to think so. We can't go outside the grounds. I am beginning to think I am a prisoner. There are a lot of us slightly wounded, fit to go back. It was bad luck for a man to stop one the first day. But better luck next time." Mr John Logan has two other sons on the way to the Front with the Fourth Reinforcements.

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Mr J. Logan has received a letter from his son George, who is fighting with the Australians in the Dardanelles. He writes:—"I am having a good time, in fact, a picnic, while fighting here. I am quite recovered from my wounds and feel very fit and in the best of spirits. Just arrived back at the Front in time for a fight and came out of the ordeal first rate. I got my own back and some more with it. We could not miss the Turks when they charged the trenches, as we were only ten to twenty yards away, and as fast as we pulled the triggers we shot them [them] down. They made us sit up a bit when they began to use the artillery, but we can hold our own till Doomsday. Don't expect many letters now that I am back in the firing line again, though I am very glad to receive them; we don't have much time for writing."

SOLDIERS' LETTERS. TOO KEEN TO FEEL FEAR.

Mr J. Logan has received a letter from his son; J. H. Logan, a member of the Australian force at the Dardanelles, who was reported wounded about a week ago. The letter was written at the front on July 26th. The writer stated that he was then quite well. Things were “pretty slow” just then. Though the Turks were sending shells over all the morning they had not hit anyone. He records that he had just returned to the dug-out from the burial of some comrades, when a bomb came and killed one of the party, a man who had married just before leaving. The letter says, referring to correspondence he had received, “You seem to be worrying a lot about me. I can look after myself. You ask if I was frightened the first day. We were too keen and didn't get time to be frightened. There are too many of my mates gone now for me to want to go back. All I want is to shoot more Turks. If they get me, well I can't growl: I have got a few of them. We can't miss them. When they attacked last time they got within a few yards of the trench, and we shot them as fast as we could pull the trigger. The Turks are supposed to be massing about here somewhere, but I don't think they will come again. They got it too hot last time. We only wish they would come again. This trench work is too slow, and the heat and flies are deadly. We shall be glad when winter comes. I am taking lessons on the machine gun now, in reserve, in case any of them get knock-out.” The writer says he had just received a budget of ten letters—some of them six months old. His letter was a chance one. There was one sheet of paper and one envelope, and four wanting them. They drew for it, and he won.

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VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The .Mayor made sympathetic reference

The .Mayor, continuing, said that Mr Logan, a highly esteemed resident of Timaru, four of whose sons had gone to the war, and who some time ago received word that one of them had been killed, had received word that night that a second son had given his life. Mr Guinness said that they would all sympathise, with Mr Logan, and he moved that the Council pass a motion of sympathy with Mr and Mrs Logan and family. This was carried in silence all Councillors standing.

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PERSONAL ITEMS

Mr J. Logan of Wilson street (with business premises in Barnard street) yesterday received an official telegram from the Minister of Defence, stating that a cable had been received from the Defence Department, Melbourne, reporting that G. H. Logan, previously reported wounded and missing, was killed in action on August 8th 1915. The .Minister added that he sincerely sympathised with Mr Logan in the loss that he had sustained. Another telegram wvas an expression of sympathy from the Governor and Lady Liverpool on behalf of the King and themselves. George H. Logan was a Timaru man, born here 24 years ago, a painter by occupation. He went to Australia about four years ago, and enlisted in the Infantry for the first Australian expeditionary force.