

MULCAHY John, 10/751

Free Lance. 17 Sep 1915 (PP) [24/11/2021]

Private John Mulcahy, son of Mr. P. Mulcahy, of the Wellington Town Hall staff, and grandson of the late Donald Stewart, of the police force, Lanarkshire, Scotland, is just 21 years of age, and has been in the firing line since the day of that heroic landing on the steep shores of Gallipoli. He had escaped unhurt until August 8th, when he was reported wounded. Private Mulcahy was born in Timaru, and educated at the Terrace School, Wellington.

Otago Witness. 22 Sep 1915 (PP) [23/11/2021]

Private John Mulcahy (wounded) is a son of Mr P. Mulcahy, of the Town Hall staff, Wellington, and grandson of the late Donald Stewart, of the Police Force, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He is 21 years of age, born in Timaru, and educated at the Terrace School, Wellington. He left with the Taranaki Company, Wellington Battalion, Main Expeditionary Force.

Free Lance. 28 January 1916 (PP) [26/11/2021]

A few short years ago young "Jack" Mulcahy, of Wellington, was playing marbles in the Terrace School grounds or chasing rabbits on the Tinakori Hills, when he could escape from his quiet home on the pretty slope of the hill in the Botanical Gardens. His mother always read the letters from folks in the Old Land, when the father and children were together. The letters young "Jack" loved best were those from Uncle Peter—the "Soldier Uncle"—as the children loved to call him— and mother's brother.

MULCAHY Michael Daniel Gladstone, 52854

Otago Witness. 27 January 1888 (PP) [24/11/2021]

BIRTHS

MULCAHY.—On the 24th December, at Lime Hill, the wife of Patrick Mulcahy, of a son.

MULCAHY Patrick, 10/3655

Otago Witness. 6 Dec 1916 (PP) [24/11/2021]

Private Patrick Mulcahy, jun. (wounded) was born in Timaru 20 years ago, and went to Wellington when an infant with his parents. He was educated at the Terrace School, and was serving his apprenticeship with Niven and Co. when he enlisted. His brother, Jack, has been missing since August 8, 1915. He was with his father in the trenches for some time, and his father is still in the firing line.

MULCAHY Patrick 24/2044

Evening Post. 3 March 1916 (PP) [24/11/2021]

Private Patrick Mulcahy, formerly in the City Council's service, admits to being 48, nevertheless, he is off to the front. He has one son wounded after eighteen weeks in the trenches at Gallipoli, and another son is on his way to the front. Last evening Private Mulcahy was presented by the Town Hall staff with a case of razors and a pound of tobacco. Members of the council's staff who testified to Private Mulcahy's grit and manly bearing were the Town Clerk (Mr. J. R. Palmer), who made the presentation, Messrs. Jas. Doyle, A. J. Paterson, H. L. Godber, R. Tait, M. J. Casey, T. W. Leslie, and Davey (a returned soldier). Private Mulcahy said he was glad indeed to go, and if possible be with his sons in the firing line; but he was sorry to say that although he had exhausted all sources of information at this end he had not been able to learn more about the lad reported wounded at Gallipoli than the bare fact recorded on 8th August. However, he was determined to do his bit wherever he might be sent and whatever he was called upon to do.

Dominion. 3 March 1916 (PP) [24/11/2021]

“NOT TOO OLD AT FIFTY”

Private Patrick Mulcahy, a well-known member of the Town Hall staff, who is going to the front as a member of the Tenth Reinforcements, was the subject of a presentation from the combined staffs yesterday afternoon. On their behalf the Town Clerk (Mr. J. R. Palmer) presented him with a case of razors, and a pound of tobacco, the gifts being accompanied with a hearty “God-speed” and all possible success in his mission. He was now a soldier prepared for anything, and when it was stated that his “military age” was 48 years, they would realise the spirit that was in him. Tributes were also paid to Private Mulcahy by Messrs. J. Doyle, A. J. Paterson, R. Tait, M. J. Casey, H. L. Godber, and D'Arcy. In reply Private Mulcahy said he had always been delighted to be connected with the Town Hall staff, he was proud to be a British subject, and was delighted at the privilege of getting away to the firing line. There was another reason, too. One of his boys, after being in the trenches at Gallipoli for eighteen weeks, had been wounded on August 8, since when he had not heard of him, though he had exhausted all sources of information. Another of his boys had left with the Ninths, and he had the pleasure of marching down to the ship with him. He had been four months in camp and had got through with a clean sheet. (Applause.)

Greymouth Evening Star. 30 Dec 1919 (PP) [24/11/2021]

Among the Ruahine's draft which arrived last week, was Private Patrick Mulcahy, who, though well over the military age, enlisted in 1916, and has been in France and England ever since. Private Mulcahy, who was on the custodian staff at the Wellington Town Hall, has lost three sons since the war began. Private **John Mulcahy** was killed at Gallipoli on April 8th, 1915, and Private Patrick Mulcahy fell in the battle of the Somme on September 16th, 1916. Another son succumbed to an attack of influenza in Wellington last year.

Evening Post. 14 May 1931 (PP) [24/11/2021]

DEATHS

MULCAHY.—On 14th May, 1931, at 150, Upland road, Kelburn, Patrick Mulcahy; aged 80 years. R.I.P. Rifleman N.Z.E.F., 24/2014. No flowers by request.

Evening Post. 14 May 1931 (PP) [24/11/2021]

FUNERAL NOTICES.

THE Funeral of the late Mr. Patrick **Mulcahy** will leave 150, Upland road, Kelburn, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 16th May, 1931, for the Karori Cemetery.

ISAAC CLARK AND SON.

Evening Post. 15 May 1931 (PP) [24/11/2021]

UNIQUE WAR RECORD ENLISTMENT AT OVER 60 TO AVENGE TWO SONS

There were numerous instances of youths who over-stated their age in order to get to the Front in the Great War and "do their bit" for their country. There were no doubt numbers of others

who were some years over age who under-stated their age in order to “join up.” There were probably not many men who were twenty years over age who were accepted.

The following simple obituary notice appeared in “The Evening Post” yesterday:—

Mulcahy. — On 14th May, 1931, at 150, Upland road, Kelburn. Patrick Mulcahy, aged 80 years. R.I.P. Rifleman N.Z.E.F., 24/2044. No flowers by request.

The late Patrick Mulcahy was an old resident of Wellington. He was for about twenty years an employee of the City Council — a gardener at the Botanical Gardens. When the war broke out two of his sons went to the front with early reinforcements, and were killed. At this time their father, Mr. Patrick Mulcahy, was employed in work at the Town Hall. One day he said to a friend, “I would like to go to the front and find the German who killed my sons.” “You are over age, Pat, and have no chance of being accepted,” replied his friend.

One morning shortly after Mulcahy asked to leave his work for a while, and came back with a certificate of “Fit A.” He joined up as “Rifleman Patrick Mulcahy,” and left for France with the Tenth Reinforcements. He was then sixty-five years of age, but being very fit passed as forty-five.

An instance of his determined, self-sacrificing nature may be mentioned. A friend with a large family dependant upon him had volunteered for active service, but was not accepted. He told Mr. Mulcahy of his regret that he could not go. “No,” replied Mr. Mulcahy, “your place is with your family; I will go and take your place.”

At the end of the war Mr. Patrick Mulcahy returned to New Zealand, resumed his old duties, and subsequently retired on a small pension allowance.

Mr. Mulcahy leaves a widow, and grown-up family to mourn the loss of a brave husband and father. It may be mentioned that Mrs. Mulcahy went to England shortly after her husband and did useful war service in the Motherland.

Evening Post. 18 May 1931 (PP) [24/11/2021]

The funeral of the late Mr. Patrick Mulcahy took place at Karori on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by a large and representative gathering. The service at the graveside was conducted by Father Milligan. The coffin was covered by the Union Jack, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. Michael and Terence Mulcahy and W. and P. O'Connor. The St. Patrick's Branch of the Hibernian Society were in attendance, and filled in the grave in accordance with their old custom. The Returned Soldiers' Association was represented by Captain P. Hazeldon. The Harriers' Association and the Caledonian Society were represented by a large number of members. The chief mourners were Mrs. Mulcahy and her two sons.

Dominion. 13 Aug 1917 (PP) [26/11/2021]

A Patriotic Family.

A very fine example of practical patriotism is that shown by Mrs. Mulcahey [sic], of Wellington, and her family. Her husband is at the present time fighting in France, a son fought on Gallipoli, another is fighting in France, and yet another is in camp preparatory to leaving for the front. Every son available for service is "doing his bit," and Mrs Mulcahey herself has left for England to work in a munitions factory. Mrs. Mulcahey is a Scotchwoman, one of that splendid type which was the backbone of New Zealand in the early days, and whose descendants are doing so much to make the name of this country an honoured one among the nations to-day. For some time before she left she was associated with the Returned Soldiers' Hostel at Newtown, working for the benefit of the soldiers who were inmates there.

Feilding Star. 22 Nov 1918 (PP) [25/11/2021]

DEATHS

MULCAHY.—On November 11, at Rangatawa, Hugh, second youngest son of P. and B. Mulcahy, London, and brother of Mrs A. Leuschke, Feilding, and Mrs P. O'Connor, Wellington, aged 18 years.
(Wellington and Timaru papers please copy.)

Victim of influenza epidemic.