

Hawera and Normanby Star. 24 August 1915 (Papers Past) [07/02/2015]

ELTHAM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SEND-OFF TO THE RECRUITS.

The crowd that assembled at the railway station last night to bid farewell to 43 recruits who left by special train at 9 p.m. for Trentham, was said to be the largest that ever assembled there. The Territorials and Boy Scouts, headed by the Eltham Brass Band, marched the recruits to the station. Mr B. Dive (Mayor) and Mr C. A. Wilkmsen, M.P., gave short addresses of a patriotic nature, and urged on the gathering their duty in this great war. They also made grateful reference to the good news that had come to hand about the defeat of the Germans at the Gulf of Riga. This news would cheer them on their way. The band played several patriotic airs and three lusty cheers were given for the recruits. Owing to the great crowd the entraining was not an easy matter, but Sergeant-Major Gregor, who was in charge, carried out his duties well. The following is a list of those who entrained:

Infantry — ; M. J. Sullivan, Te Kiri;

Mounteds —

Artillery —

Army Service Corps —

Commonwealth War Graves (ancestry.com.au) [01/02/2015]–

SULLIVAN, Cpl. MICHAEL JOSEPH, 24/1493.
N.Z. Infantry. 22nd July, 1946. Age 56. Son
of Denis and Ellen Sullivan, of Marton, Welling-
ton. O. 5. 260.



Wanganui (Aramoho) Cemetery (www.nzhistory.net.nz) [06/02/2015]



(Find A Grave)

Timaru Herald. 20 October 1890 (Papers Past) [19/12/2014]

A somewhat strange fatal accident happened at Temuka on Friday afternoon. Mr M. Scannell was drawing with his traction engine a hut placed on a trolley, and a man named Dennis Sullivan was riding inside the hut. As they were going along the main road past the Maori Pah, a man walking along the road drew the attention of Sullivan to the fact that a chain was dragging loose under the hut. After going 20 or 30 yards further the man looked at the hut again, and saw Sullivan was being dragged under the trolley. The engine was stopped at once, and it was found that Sullivan was dead and greatly crushed and disfigured. It is supposed that he got down through the hole in the floor of the hut representing the fireplace, to secure the chain perhaps not thinking of the danger, and was pushed down as soon as he set foot on the road, by the advance of the load. No blame can be attributed to the driver of the engine as he could not see what was going on in the hut. Sullivan was a man about 50 years of age, and lived on a small farm at Kerrytown. He leaves a widow and twelve children, but several of them are grown up. The hut belonged to Mr P. Brosnahan and he was riding on the engine at the time of the accident. An inquest was held in the courthouse, Temuka, on Saturday, before C. A. Wray, Esq., coroner, touching the death of Sullivan. The evidence showed that the deceased, when stepping back from the window, probably fell through the hole in the floor of the hut where the chimney had been, and striking his head on the edge of the boards was rendered unconscious; that he was then dragged by the axle of the trolley, which was too low for the body to pass under, and received further injuries causing death. The coroner said that the whole affair was evidently an accident much to be deplored, but that no blame attached to anyone. A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

Press. 20 October 1890 (Papers Past) [19/12/2014]

FATAL ACCIDENT. —A fatal accident occurred at Temuka on Friday afternoon. Mr M. Scannell was removing a cottage with a traction engine and trolley from the Levels plains to the Waitohi. He was assisted by the owner of the house, Mr P. Brosnahan, and his brother-in-law, Mr Denis Sullivan. The latter was travelling in the house, while the former assisted with the engine. Shortly after crossing the Opihi bridge, a man who had overtaken the traction called out that a man was under the trolley. The engine was immediately stopped and it was found that Mr Sullivan was lying jammed between the axle and the ground, having evidently been dragged about a chain. Life was quite extinct. An inquest was held on Saturday morning, before Mr C. A. Wray, Coroner, and a jury of six, of whom Mr P. Coira was chosen foreman. The evidence showed that there was an aperture in the floor of the house where the hearth had formerly been, and it was surmised either that the deceased had fallen through this opening or had purposely stepped through to adjust a chain which connected the front and back

axles of the trolley. A verdict of “Accidental death” was returned, no blame being attributed to anyone.

Temuka Leader. 11 May 1911 (Papers Past) [25/11/2022]

A Woodville telegram states that “a young man, aged twenty-two, named Timothy Joseph Sullivan, was accidentally killed by a fall of earth at Kumeroa on Tuesday morning. He was working on a Woodville County road contract on the upper Otawhao road, where there is a good deal of excavating work to do. Shortly after starting work there was a big fall of earth, which buried him up to the neck. His mates, who were working close by, came to his assistance as soon as possible, but when released he was quite dead. All that is known about him is that he formerly belonged to Seadown, near Temuka.” The deceased was the third [sic] son of Mrs Denis O’Sullivan, of Seadown, and was well known in this district. He was just 22 years old, and a fine strapping fellow, the picture of good health. He was a member of the Temuka Catholic Club, and last season he played for the Athletic Football Club. He left Temuka for the North Island about 6 or 7 months ago, and the news of his sudden and untimely death is a great blow to his relatives and friends. His father lost his life in a threshing mill accident some 12 or 13 years ago. One of his brothers and Mr James Fitzgerald left Temuka for Wellington yesterday. They purpose bringing the remains of the deceased to Temuka for interment, and the funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday), after the arrival of the second express train from Christchurch. Much sympathy is felt for the mother and relatives of the deceased in their sudden bereavement. The members of the Catholic Club and Athletic Football Club are requested to meet at the club room at 3 p.m. to-morrow to attend the funeral of their late comrade.