

Timaru Herald. 16 September 1916 [26/05/2020]

PATRIOTIC SOCIAL.

On Tuesday evening the residents of Fairlie gave a send off social to Lance-Corporal J. Robinson, and Privates J. O'Dowd, D. Coll, and J. Burgess. They were home on final leave and were returning to camp in a few days. The Patriotic Social Committee as usual, had arrangements thoroughly planned out, and the entertainment passed off successfully and enthusiastically, there being no hitch anywhere. Songs were sung by Miss Trotter, who received an enthusiastic reception after an absence of over a year in Dunedin, where she is acting as nurse in the Public Hospital. She had to respond to a unanimous encore, and barely escaped a double recall. Mr E. Millichamp gave several coon songs in character, and had to reappear. During the evening Messrs C. W. Isitt and C. J. Talbot gave short farewell addresses of a patriotic character, and cheers were heartily given the departing boys. Private W. Coll briefly responded amid applause, and more cheers. The Rev. H. O. Hanby, chairman of the reception committee, kept things going smoothly and well, and he was ably assisted by Mr C. Boulter as Master of Ceremonies. Cards and dancing filled up the evening pleasantly, and an excellent supper was provided, the committee and the ladies carrying out the work of feeding the crowd expeditiously. Good music for the dances was supplied by Messrs H. Foden (piano), W. Ormandy (cornet), and J. Braddick (violin) and several volunteers played extras. The floor was in tip top order, and the new lighting arrangements proved a distinct boon. The new "Gloria" light installation showed up the decorations most effectually, and Mr Stan Jones, of the firm of Jones and Mortimer, had kindly provided electric footlights, the electricity being obtained from the electrical plant in the firm's workshop and garage. A working model showing munitions in the making, and troops and ships in motion was exhibited by Master Bennington, and was much admired. The youthful owner collected a tidy sum in the room for the patriotic funds. The singing of the National Anthem brought the gathering to a conclusion shortly after midnight.

Timaru Herald. 27 March 1918 [10/01/2016]

FAIRLIE NOTES. SOLDIERS' SOCIAL.

A most successful social to welcome home Lance-Corporal Robinson, Sapper Stamp and Private Burgess, was held in the Fairlie Public Hall last Friday evening. There was a good attendance, and the arrangements, as usual, worked with the utmost smoothness. The hall looked pretty in its patriotic decorations, and a pleasant night's entertainment was provided with supper and a dance. The Rev. H. O. Hanby, chairman of the reception committee, presided. Speeches of welcome were given by Rev. Mr Hanby and Mr C. J. Talbot, M.P., and cheers were given for the returned men and for those now taking part in the great battle at the front. A feature of the welcome centred round the fact that one of the men, Private Stamp, had married while in England. Mrs Stamp, who was present, was accorded a specially hearty reception, and she personally thanked those present for their welcome, in a neat little speech. Special cheers were given for her very heartily.

Timaru Herald. 21 June 1919 [26/05/2020]

A most enjoyable social evening was tendered to Mr and Mrs Jack Robinson at the residence of Mrs Robinson senr., Fairlie, on Saturday last. Mr Jack Robinson, who is a returned soldier, was married recently, and when it became known that he was returning to Fairlie on Saturday a large number of his returned soldier friends and others determined to give him and his bride a hearty welcome. The toast of "The Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed by Mr Jack Sherwin and responded to by the bridegroom. "The parents of Bride and Bridegroom" and other toasts followed. Songs and other musical items were contributed by several of those present, and "Auld Lang Syne" closed a most enjoyable evening.

Waimate Daily Advertiser. 23 February 1923 [01/01/2023]

J. R. B. Robinson, the man who was picked up on the Gorge Road this week suffering from a fractured skull, died in the Public Hospital last night. Deceased leaves a wife and two children, who reside at Sarah Street Timaru. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

Press. 24 February 1923

(PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAM.)

WAIMATE, February 23.

R. J. B. Robinson, a young man, with a wife and two children in Timaru, died at Waimate yesterday. Robinson, who had been in charge of a team of horses, was found lying unconscious on the road. He was taken to the hospital, where he died.

Temuka Leader. 24 February 1923 [01/01/2023]

R. J. B. Robinson, a young man, with a wife and two children in Timaru, died in Waimate on Wednesday. **Robinson**, who had been in charge of a team of horses, was found unconscious on the road and taken to the hospital, where he expired.

THROWN FROM A HORSE **THE WAIHAORUNGA FATALITY.** **INQUEST ON THE VICTIM.**

A verdict that death was caused by being thrown from a horse was returned by the Coroner, Mr E. D. Mosley, S.M., at the inquest this morning on Robert John Beattie Robinson, who was found lying on the road at Waihaorunga with a fractured skull.

Evidence was given by Dr Edwin Claude Hayes, who said that on 20th February at 6.45 p.m. he received a telephone message to proceed to Waihaorunga at once. On arrival there he found the deceased on a stretcher on the side of the road. He was unconscious, bleeding from the right ear, and breathing stertorously. He ordered his removal to the Hospital and in spite of the treatment there he never regained consciousness. He became paralysed down the right side of the body and immediately before death his temperature rose to 108 degrees. At 5.45 p.m. on February 22nd he died, the cause of death being fracture of the base of the skull, laceration of, and haemorrhage into the substance of the brain.

Elliott Roberts Robinson said he was a brother of the deceased and identified the body as that of his brother, who was aged 29 years. He was a married man with two of a family. His occupation was that of a shepherd, and he resided in Timaru. He was working at Pentland Hills with Mr M. Meehan. He only saw him on Wednesday morning at the Hospital when he was unconscious.

Mr J. Meehan, farmer at Pentland Hills, said deceased was in his employ since October 25th, 1922, as a shepherd and musterer. On the 20th inst., under his instructions, he left for Waiha Forks with four hacks for shoeing. He left riding one and leading three. The horse he rode down to the Forks was a quiet one. The next thing he heard was a telephone message from Waihaorunga notifying him of the accident. He found the four horses at his gate. The horse deceased had been riding on the return journey had been raced. That horse was unmanageable and excitable beside other horses. The deceased was aware of the horse's unmanageableness and had no reason for riding it. He was a good horseman. It was easily seen the horse had fallen it being badly cut on the knees and side. He examined the scene of the accident at the bridge at Waihaorunga. The deceased was then lying on a stretcher. Deponent examined the bridge, which is on a slight curve in the road, and saw where the horse had lost its feet on the decking of the bridge. It had been raining two hours previous to the accident. He also saw marks where the horse had slid along the road for about six or eight yards. The only reason possible for accused riding the horse was that it was a bad leader.

W. Black, farmer, Waihaorunga, said that on his way home on the 20th he found the deceased lying on the broad of his back on the road on the north side of the bridge at Waihaorunga. He pulled up, went back and examined the man and found that he had got a very severe hurt. Blood was coming from his right ear. He went back to the telephone office for assistance, and Mr Whatman came along and they rang up for the doctor and rendered what assistance they could to the deceased in the meantime. They lifted the man on to a stretcher and covered him with a horse cover. Mrs Whatman prepared hot water bottles and put them at his feet. Everything possible was done for his comfort until the arrival of the doctor. The doctor arrived in about three-quarters of an hour. He did not see any horses about, but noticed marks of horses on the bridge. The track of the new shoes was on the bridge, which indicated to him that the horse had fallen on the bridge. The man was five or six yards over the bridge on the north side, close to the grass. Something was dragged on the bridge and on the mud, but he could not say whether it was the horse or the man.

Oral Mithaiel Golightly, plough-man, employed by Mr Giles, farmer, Waihaorunga, said on the day of the accident, about 6 o'clock he heard a noise on the road and went out to investigate. He saw three horses going along, two greys and a bay, with a man riding another bay, about half a chain away. They were going very fast. The man had a very good seat in the saddle, showing he was an expert rider. He took particular notice of the man's position. He did not know whom the rider was or who owned the horses. He did not hear any fall or stumble. His hut was about 20 chains from the bridge, which he could not see owing to a plantation of trees obstructing the view. He could see the horses again later after they went over the bridge. He did not take particular notice whether the rider was on the last horse or not. The horses in front were going steadily up the hill and everything looked alright. He saw Mr Black go past in the car. Mr Black later called out to him that a man was hurt. He then went down to see who it was. The man, a stranger, was lying on the broad of his back on the road and his right ear was bleeding. His two legs were partly doubled up. He saw the horse shoe marks on the bridge as if the man had been dragged from the centre of the bridge for eleven yards and thrown three yards to the side of the road. He was lying six yards from the north end of the bridge. His hat was 1½ yards from the bridge. His right shoulder had mud upon it as if he was dragged. The bridge was damp. Half the heel of his fight boot was pulled off, showing he had been caught in the stirrup and dragged.