

Timaru Herald. 26 July 1918 (Papers Past) [23 March 2014]

PLEASANT VALLEY. SOLDIERS WELCOMED HOME.

On the 19th instant, one of the largest gatherings seen in the district assembled in the school to welcome home Rifleman C. Mulvihill, after three years' service in Egypt and France. Mr E. Murphy, chairman of the Pleasant Valley Patriotic Committee in addressing the audience, spoke of the esteem in which their guest was held, and he reminded those present that they were only carrying out the promise made when the boys left for the war. He wished the returned soldier as much luck in private life as he had had at the front.

Major Kennedy said Rifleman C. Mulvihill could rest assured that the people were glad to have him back, and that they were ready to help him on his return to work. He then, on behalf of the Valley people, asked Rifleman Mulvihill and also Rifleman J. J. Robinson (who had been welcomed at Te Moana when Rifleman Mulvihill was detained in hospital) to accept from the Pleasant Valley residents a framed certificate in recognition of their war services, and expressed the hope that each would be treasured in the spirit in which it was given.

Mr G T. Gale, on behalf of the Te Moana residents, then presented Rifleman Mulvihill with a gold medal suitably inscribed, speaking of their guest's popularity, and wishing him every prosperity. Mr Vucetich also spoke.

Three cheers were then given for the soldiers, and the people sang "For they are jolly good fellows."

Rifleman Mulvihill, in thanking them for their presents, said he was not one to minimise the fighting capacity of the enemy, and he believed there was a tough job before the mates he had left behind. He made feeling remarks with reference to some of his mates, adding that those who slept in soldiers' graves were not forgotten by him. He also mentioned that the 19th July was a memorable day for him, for on that date in 1916 occurred the biggest bombardment his company was in, and on the same date in 1917 he was in London and saw the play "Seven Days' Leave." He little thought then that his welcome home would be exactly a year later.

Ex Rifleman Robinson also thanked the people for their present.

During the evening dancing was enjoyed, and songs were contributed. Supper was served, Mr Woodhouse being the caterer. Amongst those present were Messrs Fifield of Woodbury and Levens of Temuka, returned soldiers. The proceedings were brought to a close after all had joined in singing the National Anthem.

Sun. 9 April 1919 (Papers Past) [17 September 2016]

A SEFTON MYSTERY.

RETURNED SOLDIER DISAPPEARS.

It was reported to the Rangiora police yesterday that a man named Cornelius Mulvihill had been missing from Saltwater Creek, Sefton, since daylight yesterday morning.

The missing man, who belongs to Geraldine, is a returned soldier. He is 42 years of age, of stout build, 5ft 8in in height with dark brown hair turning gray, and is clean shaven.

Mulvihill was employed on Todd Brothers' threshing-mill which was working at Mr C. Quick's farm at Saltwater Creek. He retired to his bunk on Monday evening, and was not missed until the following morning. As far as can be ascertained at the time of his

disappearance Mulvihill was clad only in his singlet and underpants. There was nothing in his demeanour to indicate that anything was wrong with him.

Yesterday Constable Roberts, of Rangiora made an unsuccessful search for the missing man, and today a party of local residents, headed by the constable, is continuing the search.

Press. 10 April 1919 (Papers Past) [23 March 2014]

MAN MISSING.

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Cornelius Mulvihill, a returned soldier, employed on Messrs Todd Bros.' threshing mill at Mr C. Quirk's farm, Saltwater Creek. On Monday evening he retired to his bunk, as usual, and was not missed until the following morning. Information was given to the police, and Constable Robertson was sent out, and made a thorough search of the district for the man, but found no trace of him. Yesterday a search party of local residents was organised, under Constable Robertson, but up till a late hour last evening he had not been traced. Mulvihill generally lived in Geraldine, and was about 42 years of age. He stands 5ft 8in, and has light brown hair, turning grey. As far as is known he was only clad in a singlet and underpants.

Sun. 11 April 1919 (Papers Past) [17 September 2016]

MISSING MAN FOUND.

RETURNED SOLDIER'S DELUSION.

Missing since Tuesday morning, Cornelius Mulvihill, a returned soldier who was employed on Messrs Todd Bros.' threshing mill at Mr C. Quirk's farm, Saltwater Creek, was discovered this morning, alive and well, but suffering from delusions. Possibly driven by hunger, he emerged from a straw stack at Sefton this morning, and presented himself to the men who were searching for him.

While at the front, Mulvihill had suffered from mustard gas poisoning and shell shock, and a return of the nervous trouble caused by the latter evidently had led to his disappearance late on Monday night or early on Tuesday morning. His statements this morning showed that he had received the impression that he had not been doing his work on the threshing mill properly, and for that someone was going to kill him. On Wednesday evening he heard searchers, passing the stack in which he was hiding, but he remained hidden because he thought the men wanted to kill him. He still had the delusion when he came out of his hiding-place this morning. Mulvihill looked none the worse for his experience. Constable Robertson, who organised the search party, took charge of him.

Ashburton Guardian. 12 April 1919 (Papers Past) [25 July 2021]

Corporal Cornelius Mulvihill, the returned soldier who was employed on Messrs Todd Bros.' threshing mill at Mr C. Quirk's farm, Saltwater Creek, and who has been missing since Tuesday, was discovered yesterday morning alive and well, but suffering from delusions. While at the front Mulvihill suffered from mustard gas poisoning and shell shock. Late on Monday night or early on Tuesday morning he was seized with nervous troubles, and this led, no doubt, to his disappearance. He was found in a straw stack, and he told those who found him that he had not been doing his work properly and that someone intended to kill him. Constable Robertson, who organised the search, took charge of him.