

DEATH OF PRIVATE DICK

LETTERS RECEIVED BY HIS MOTHER.

Captain A. F. Boys, of Timaru, has written from Gallipoli to Mrs J. Dick, of North. Street, Timaru, concerning the death of her son Alec. at the Front. Captain Boys, in the course of his letter, says:—"It happened on Sunday, November 14. We had just come over from Lemnos, where we were resting, and had been there nearly a week, doing all the fatigues just behind the firing line. We had no casualties at this, but when Alec, and his two mates were sitting down to dinner, near the cookhouse, a Turkish shell landed just over the cooking place and burst right among our boys. A shrapnel bullet caught Alec. in the back of the neck and killed him instantaneously. A few of the others were also hit. He was the first of the men in my charge to go under, and I cannot tell you how much I regret his death. He was buried in a little cemetery on Cheshire Ridge, and I have asked Charlie Frascr, of Timaru to make a cross to mark his grave. I need hardly say that your loss is also our loss. We all feel his death very much and send you our most sincere sympathy."

Mrs Dick has also received two letters from Chaplain Taylor. In one of these the writer says: — "I knew your boy well as I have been with the Forces since August, 1914. He was a clean, good-living boy and did not give way to the temptations to which some yielded, and while you grieve for him you will be proud for you are the mother of a son who, when duty called, was not found wanting. I offer you my deep sympathy, and yet my congratulations, because I so admired your boy. May God bless and comfort you, and all bereaved mothers and wives."