

# Remembering those who gave their lives

SCRoll (South Canterbury Roll of Honour), hosted by the South Canterbury Museum, was born out of a vision to develop short biographies of all South Cantabrians who served their country during World War I. They have been compiled to be publicly accessible in order to support the 100th commemoration of World War I. The *South Canterbury Herald* will feature some of the biographies over coming weeks. This week we profile **Sergeant Joseph Henry Wallace, No.6/568 Canterbury Infantry Battalion.**

Joseph Wallace was the son of James and Mary Elizabeth Wallace of 16 Chalmers St, Timaru.

He embarked on 16 October, 1914, heading for Egypt, and then to Gallipoli. He was killed in action on 7 August, 1915.

*Timaru Herald*, 28 August 1915: Sergeant Wallace was educated at the Timaru Main School and in October would have been 24 years of age. He left with the Main Body as a private and quickly received promotion, being made a corporal in New Zealand and rising to sergeant in Egypt.

On the hockey field he was a well-known figure and secretary to the SC Hockey Association. He also took an interest in tennis and was a member of the Wesley Bible Class.

When the Rev J.R. Sullivan returned disabled from the Dardanelles, he said that Sergeant Wallace was one of the most highly esteemed of the South Canterbury men on the Peninsula and that one of his keenest regrets in coming away was to part company with so cheerful and capable an officer.

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