

Press. 9 February 1915 [07/08/2025]

CANTERBURY MEN IN CAIRO. A CHRISTMAS REUNION AT SHEPHEARD'S.

A Christchurch member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force now in Egypt, writes to us as follows from the camp at Zeitoun: —

“When war broke out a very large number of Christchurch football teams offered their services and sometimes a whole team joined a regiment. This was particularly so with the Christchurch and Canterbury College Football Clubs. The necessity of the moment, however, caused the men to be drafted to different units and up to the present they have been sadly disappointed in their anticipation of being able to frequently get together. Communication between ships on the voyage was prohibited and almost impossible. On shore training has been severe and prolonged, commencing at 5.30 in the early morning and continuing till late in the day. Few opportunities presented themselves for cutting across the desert to friends in other parts of the camp so that men rarely saw anyone outside of their own platoon. When leave was granted invariably a dash was made for Cairo, Zeitoun, Assabieh, Helmieh, the Pyramids, or Heliopolis, snapshotting and sight-seeing. Kodaks are almost unobtainable in the shops. Nearly every soldier carries one in his kit.

“The army rations have so far been very good and liberal in quantity. The cooking has been — well, indifferent. It occurred to someone therefore that Christmas would present an opportunity to kill many birds with one stone — get old chums together, have a “slap-up” feed, celebrate Christmas in the proper style, pay homage to the absentees and generally make life happy. When it got about that Privates J. N. Aitken (ex-secretary of the Christchurch ball in honour of H.M.S. New Zealand), W. J. Mansell (Canterbury College sprinter and capping carnival entertainer), and W. S. Pratt (the West Christchurch District High School and College enthusiast) were promoting the function, no one was surprised to learn that Sheppard's Hotel, Cairo, was the rendezvous. Sheppard's, it may be said, is claimed to be the largest hotel in the world. A beer with a dash of ginger ale in it, costs 5½ piastres — 1s 1¾d. An average dinner may run you to 8s. The main dining-room is about 70 yards by 50 yards, with a ceiling about 20 feet above you. A regimental band playing in a corner seems a long way off. It is the resort of the elite, and the top-markers of the military. To sit down in a grubby uniform with tanned skin and hands with scarlet mess jacketed generals and colonels and fair women flashing with diamonds around you, gives one a feeling that his presence is an intrusion and almost an impertinence. The wine list almost staggers one, and the selection is generally made after a whispered consultation with your neighbour, who certainly is as little experienced as yourself.

“It had been originally intended to arrange a small spread for about a dozen companions, but this man and that man pleaded so earnestly to be allowed to bring A--- or B---, and this man and that man having got wind of the function, came along and insinuated that the pleasure might be his also, that it was not surprising on counting heads when all were seated to find 65 present.

“Private J. N. Aitken, with Sergt.-Majors Brant, MacMullen, and C. C. Massey as bodyguard, did the honours of the King table. At the other festive board Privates Mansell and Pratt did the honours with Privates Sapsford, L. Parson, F. L. Buttle, N. Sime, and Quarter-Master-Sergeant G. J. Russell, in close attendance.

“The diners had barely seated before the latter got to work with an autograph book and I am indebted to him for the following complete list of those present at the unique function: —

Private W. J. Mansell, 1st Canterbury Infantry Battalion.

Private J. N. Aitken, 1st Canterbury Infantry Battalion. Private Wm. S. Pratt, 1st Canterbury Infantry Battalion.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Geo. J. Russell, Headquarters' Company Army Service Corps.

Private A. G. Dean, 13th Infantry.
Rifleman R. G. Wreford, Ceylon Planters Rifle Company.
Sergeant J. W. T. Ross, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private F. L. Sapsford, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private L. H. Parson, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private F. L. Buttle, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private N. R. Sime, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private T. L. Burns, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private O. M. Norris, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private P. Porter, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment. **G. Porter**
Private A. S. Macfarlane, 13th Canterbury Infantry.
Corporal J. A. McQueen, 4th Otago Infantry.
Private T. Edridge, 13th Canterbury Infantry.
Private D. Cogan, 13th Canterbury Infantry.
Private E. V. Spear, 13th Canterbury Infantry.
Private Steed Johnson, 13th Canterbury Infantry.
Lance-Corporal Noel Ross, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Corporal Gerald Holderness, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Corporal Arthur Harrison, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Corporal C. Musgrave, 13th N. Canterbury and Westland.
Driver L. A. West, No. 3 Battery.
Private W. S. Hughes, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Lance-Corporal C. H. Ballantyne, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private **R. H. Livingstone**, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private Chas. Bain, A Company 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private H. Noel Jarvie, A Company 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private K. Jameson, A Company 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Sergeant-Major A. Brant, 1st Canterbury.
Sergeant F. S. Dyer, 1st Canterbury.
Sergeant H. M. Foster, Canterbury Highland Rifles.
Sergeant-Bugler G. Burgess, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Sergeant C. Beach, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Sergeant E. L. Robbins, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private C. H. Hutton, 3rd Battalion F Company 1st Infantry Brigade A.I.F.
Lance-Corporal W. B. Hutton, 1st Infantry Regiment, Canterbury.
Private G. M. Taylor, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private N. F. Burnett, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private Stanley Natusch, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Sergeant H. McD. Vincent, 1st Canterbury Infantry Regiment.
Private H. Philp, 6th W.M. Rifles.
Private Alan M. Smith, 6th W.M. Rifles.
Private W. E. Cookson, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private J. Erwin, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Sergeant Clyffe E. Taylor, Headquarters Company Army Service Corps.
Private F. R. Isherwood, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Corporal R. P. Petre, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Bombardier G. R. Park, 2nd Battery N.Z.F.A.
Corporal H. E. Moore, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Gunner T. G. T. Hamilton, 2nd Battery N.Z.F.A.
Private A. A. Foote, 1st Canterbury Infantry.

Scout G. A. McAlpine, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private K. de Maus, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private R. de B. Adamson, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Corporal A. K. Baker, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private B. A. Humpherson, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private H. E. Sapsford, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private J. C. Leversedge, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private Roy P. Herman, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Private L. J. J. Gulliver-Cradwick, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Sergeant-Major C. F. Macmullen, 1st Canterbury Infantry.
Staff-Sergeant-Major Chas. C. Massey, 1st Canterbury Infantry.

“Over the wines the old Cantabrians toasted the absent ones, wished them every happiness, and trusted the influence of mind concentration would carry their thoughts to those at home. Through the haze of smoke they chatted of times past and hazarded as to when they would return.

Press. 8 June 1915 [29/03/2017]

Evening Star. 8 June 1915 [01/08/2025]

Miss Ray Livingstone yesterday received a telegram stating that her brother, Private R. H. Livingstone, who is a member of the First Canterbury Regiment, had been discharged from hospital. This was the first intimation that Private Livingstone's relatives received that he was wounded. Private Robert Heaton Livingstone is the fourth son of ex-Detective T. Livingstone, of Christchurch. Prior to enlisting he had been a law clerk in Mr A. E. G. Rhodes's office. He was a student at Canterbury College, and was secretary of the Canterbury College Football Club. His eldest brother, Tom, who was a member of the Australian Expeditionary Force, which occupied German New Guinea, is with the Australians at the Dardanelles.

Lyttelton Times. 8 June 1915 [01/08/2025]

THE WOUNDED AND SICK.

Private R. H. Livingstone (Canterbury Battalion), reported discharged from hospital, was not previously reported wounded and his relatives received no intimation beyond the fact that he has been discharged. Naturally they were considerably surprised when the telegram arrived yesterday. Private Livingstone is twenty-four years of age and is the third son of Mr T. Livingstone, Durham Street. He was educated at the Boys' High School, and afterwards at Canterbury College. At both he was a prominent footballer. His brother, L. Livingstone, is joining the Reinforcements, another brother, Tom, went to Rabaul with the Australians, and is now at the front with them, and Lieutenant H. G. Livingstone is at present performing the duties of adjutant at Area Group 9 office (King Edward Barracks).

Sun. 10 August 1915 [29/03/2017]

A GALLANT SOLDIER.

“THE WORTHIEST TRADITIONS.”

Writing from Cairo on June 8, Corporal R. H. Livingstone, of the 1st (Canterbury) Regiment, sends, per the hon. secretary of the Albion Rugby Football Club, a letter of sympathy with

Mrs Cogle, of Heathcote Valley, whose son in the 1st (Canterbury) Regiment had not been heard of since the morning of the landing on Sunday, April 25.

"I may say," says Corporal Livingstone, "that he was one of a party of 14 which included F. L. Sapsford, T. L. Burns, N. R. Sime, L. H. Parson, F. L. Buttle, G. Porter, W. E. Cookson, and some other Rugby enthusiasts who went forward to reinforce the weakest part of the line on the left flank.

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"I felt compelled to write and let you know how he had upheld the worthiest traditions of the club."

Lyttelton Times. 14 August 1915 [09/08/2025]

In a letter to the honorary secretary of the Albion Football Club, Corporal R. Livingstone, of A Company, Canterbury Infantry Battalion, writes appreciatively of Private R. Cogle, son of Mrs Cogle, of Heathcote Valley, who was missing after the landing upon the Gallipoli Peninsula on April 25, and who is now reported killed in action. "I may say," says Corporal Livingstone, "that he was one of a party of fourteen which included F. L. Sapsford, T. L. Burns, N. R. Sime, L. H. Parson, F. L. Buttle. G. Porter, W. E. Cookson and some other Rugby enthusiasts who went forward to reinforce the weakest part of the line on the left flank. After suffering terribly for six hours, we were compelled to retire to the cover of the ridge, some fifteen yards in our rear, and when we counted our party R. Cogle was among the missing. He had fought magnificently throughout the long afternoon, with a courage and perseverance that won the sincere admiration of his comrades, and his absence caused profound and universal sorrow throughout the platoon and company. I felt compelled to write and let you know how he had upheld the worthiest traditions of the club."

Press. 18 August 1915

Corporal Robert Heaton Livingstone (Canterbury Infantry Battalion, wounded) is the fourth son of of ex-Detective T. Livingstone, of Christchurch, and is about 25 years of age. Prior to enlisting in A Company Canterbury Infantry Battalion of the Main Expeditionary Force as a private, he was a law clerk in Mr A. E. G. Rhodes's office. He was a student at Canterbury College, and was secretary of the Canterbury College Football Club. His oldest brother, Tom, who was a member of the Australian Expeditionary Force, which occupied German New Guinea, is with the Australians at the Dardanelles. This is the second time Corporal Livingstone has been wounded. The first time, early last June, he had a miraculous escape from death. A bullet went straight for his forehead, but was intercepted by a medallion in his cap, and being deflected, glanced along the top of his scalp, leaving a distinct parting, but inflicting no other injury.

Dominion. 18 August 1915 [29/03/2017]

LANCE-CORP. R. H. LIVINGSTONE.

Lance-Corporal R. H. Livingstone, whose name appears in the list of wounded was educated at the Christchurch Boys' High School, and at the time of enlistment was a law student at

Canterbury College. He represented the College in football, cricket, and running, and took an active part in all the students' activities

Sun. 30 August 1915 [29/03/2017]

PRIVATE T. LIVINGSTONE.

Mr Thomas Livingstone, of 436 Durham Street, Christchurch, has been advised that his second son, Private Thomas Livingstone, of the 4th Australian Battalion, is in the 1st Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis, with a bullet wound in one of his legs. Private Livingstone is 30 years old. For a time he was in the service of the New Zealand Farmers' Go-operative Association, Christchurch, but for about eight years subsequently he was a commercial traveller in Sydney. He was a member of the Australian Advance Force which seized German New Guinea. On returning to Sydney he volunteered for the Front. One of his brothers, Corporal R. H. Livingstone, of the Canterbury Battalion, who has been wounded a second time, is in the same hospital.

Press. 31 August 1915 [29/03/2017]

Otago Daily Times. 2 September 1915 [12/05/2017]

The cap worn by Lance-Corporal R. H. Livingstone, of the Canterbury Infantry Battalion, on the day he was first wounded, has been received by his relatives in Christchurch. It bears eloquent testimony to the miraculous escape he had from death. A Turkish bullet was going straight for the brain, but the medallion in the front of the cap deflected it upwards through the top of the cap, merely making a heat parting upon Lance-Corporal Livingstone's scalp. The chipped medallion and the holes in the cap made by the bullet in its upward course can be easily seen.

Otago Witness. 8 September 1915 [29/03/2017]

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Lance-corporal R. H. Livingstone (wounded), is a son of Mr Thomas Livingstone, Durham street. Christchurch. As a youth he was a pupil at the High Street School, Dunedin, and for several years has been a law student at Canterbury College, Christchurch. He was secretary and treasurer of the Canterbury College Football Club, and a clever five-eighth in the team. With other Canterbury College students he joined the Canterbury Infantry Battalion, and was wounded at the opening landing at the Dardanelles. After seven weeks in hospital, he rejoined his company, and is reported wounded a second time. He has an elder brother at present at the front, and a younger brother in training at Trentham, while another brother is an adjutant in the Defence Office, Christchurch.

Press. 1 November 1915 [11/03/2017]

Otago Daily Times. 1 November 1915 [29/03/2017]

CHATS WITH CANTERBURY MEN.

SERGEANT LIVINGSTONE'S EXPERIENCES.

Sergeant R. H. Livingstone, of Canterbury College, is known to athletes, especially University athletes all over Christchurch. He was a crack forward and runner of considerable promise. It is probably a result of his hard training on the football field that, although twice wounded, he has arrived, and looking as fit as a fiddle. He went with the Main Body, and hardly arrived at Gallipoli before he was shot in the top of the head and the back. He went to

Alexandria, and after a month in hospital, returned to the firing-line, where he spent four months, and it was in the big drive early in August that he received his second wound. He was shot in the shoulder, at daybreak, and lay all day where he fell, and beside him lay Lieutenant R. A. R. Lawry, an old Boys' High School and Canterbury College chum, and a son of the Rev. S. Lawry. Although wounded himself, Lieutenant Lawry looked after his friend, who was, as he put it himself, "in a bit of a mess." Finally they got down to the shore, and Sergeant Livingstone came back on the Willochra.

PROFESSOR MAKES GOOD.

The platoon of the Canterbury Battalion, to which Sergeant Livingstone belonged, was composed largely of Canterbury College and other University men, and was led by Lieutenant Stewart, formerly Professor of Classics at Canterbury College, who relinquished his position to go to the war, "and he did lead us, and no mistake," said Sergeant Livingstone. "Whenever we charged he was in front. I remember seeing him having a hand-to-hand 'go' with one big Turk, and a hand-to-hand 'go' it was. The Professor — I mean the Lieutenant — emptied his revolver without putting the Turk out. Then they went on with anything they could get, but the Lieutenant finally settled the Turk." Major Stewart, as he now is, was conspicuous for his dash and bravery amongst the men, who were all full of dash, and Sergeant Livingstone admitted, without wishing to boast, that his platoon also were never to be found under cover when they should have been in the open. It is illustrative of the rapidity of promotion at the Dardanelles that a soldier who went away as lieutenant should now be Major, and in command of the Otago Infantry Battalion, for that is Major Stewart's present position. When Colonel Bauchop, whose praise was sung by men from all over, was wounded, Captain Moore D.S.O., took over command of the Battalion. Captain Moore was subsequently wounded and invalided to England, and the Otago Battalion was then placed under the command of Captain Stewart, who was given his majority.

FATE OF WELL-KNOWN MEMBERS.

"Poor old Jack Mansell was shot through the heart," said Sergeant R. H. Livingstone, referring to the well known Christchurch athlete. "Le Hutton was a terror to fight; there was no hanging back about him. He was always into it. He was wounded and sent to England, and I hear he is doing nicely. A. C. W. Bain and R. J. Petre were two of a party of thirty who went on a special mission to capture a trench, and Bain we never saw again. We found Petre riddled with bullets. He was wounded and was crawling back when he got between two fires and that was 'the end of him.' Sergeant Livingstone admitted frankly that he had never stuck his bayonet into anyone, but he had four months of the fighting, and a short spell was not acceptable. "I am going back all right as soon as I am fit," he declared. "I cannot say that I am particularly fond of the life and I never expected that I would like it much, but I regard it as a duty to see it through as far as I am able."

Press. 16 November 1915 [11/03/2017]

RACING AND THE WAR.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PRESS."

Sir, — I feel compelled to write and challenge the remarks made by a returned soldier under the heading, "Disapproval of the Men," regarding the action taken by Captain Simson at the races. It is perfectly true that the men in the trenches prefer that the national life of the people shall be carried on, but with modifications. Were conscription in operation to-day there would be no responsibility for the young men attending the races; but will my friend assert that the men at the front approve of racing without conscription? The men feel too strongly for that. Let me say that the war strength of an infantry company is 227 — that the 1st Canterbury landed on April 25th with full strength; that five drafts of Reinforcements had

been absorbed up to August 10th, and that never since the memorable landing have we had an average of more than 130 men representing 227. Yet there were hundreds — yes, and hundreds — of men at the races, doing nothing. What about it? You can hold recruiting meetings in every corner of the Square and preach without end — the effect upon some men is only to persuade them to veer off into a side street and hurry by. Captain Simson spoke to the racing community what the men at the front felt. It is idle to tone the truth. When each company at the front is up to full strength, when a continuous stream of Reinforcements is assured, and when every other provision has been made for the realisation of our full duty, then let us consider how to spend leisure time. —

Yours, etc.

R. H. LIVINGSTONE,
1st Canterbury

Sun. 04 January 1917 [29/03/2017]

A private cablegram announces that Mr R. H. Livingstone, of Christchurch, has obtained a commission in the Imperial Army. He left New Zealand with the Main Body. After serving at Gallipoli and Cape Helles, he was returned to New Zealand and discharged. Subsequently he went to England, and later he went into training in County Cork, sitting for his lieutenant's examination on December 23. Lieut. Livingstone was educated at the West Christchurch District High School, Boys' High School, and Canterbury College. On his trip to England, he was accompanied by Mr A Bishop, son of Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M.

Sun. 25 April 1917

A fine record of service in the war is possessed by the family of Mr and Mrs T. Livingstone, of Durham Street, Christchurch. One son, Robert H. Livingstone, who went with the Main Body, was wounded at Gallipoli, and was invalided home. He was discharged here, but went to England and enlisted. He received a commission in the South Staffordshire Regiment, and is probably now in France. Another, Alexander, enlisted as a private and left New Zealand as a second lieutenant with the 12th Canterbury Mounted. He has since been promoted to acting-staff captain, and has taken part in the fighting in Palestine. A third son, Thomas, was also wounded in Gallipoli. He went, with a New South Wales Contingent, and was invalided back to Sydney, where he was appointed an Inspector of Customs. A fourth, Lieutenant Harry Gillies Livingstone, was called up by the Defence Department at the outbreak of war, and has been in the employ of the Defence Department ever since.

Sun. 21 May 1917

Press. 22 May 1917

Private advice has been received in Christchurch that Second-Lieut. R. H. Livingstone, of the 2nd South Staffordshire Regiment, has been admitted to No. 2 Stationary Hospital, Abbeyville, suffering from a gunshot wound in the neck, but is reported to be making satisfactory progress. Lieut. Livingstone left New Zealand with the Main Body of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and was wounded at Gallipoli. He was invalided back to the Dominion with the rank of corporal, and for a time acted as recruiting officer in Christchurch. Later he went to France, and a few weeks ago advice was received that he had been granted a commission in the Imperial Forces.

Press. 25 August 1917

Lieut. R Heaton Livingstone, 1st South Staffordshire Regiment, was wounded during recent heavy fighting in France, and is in hospital in London (writes our London correspondent under date of June 26th). Lieut. Livingstone has a good record. He was a member of the 1st Platoon Main Body, N.Z.E.F., he was in Egypt and Gallipoli with the 1st Canterbury Battalion, and as a consequence of severe wounds he was invalided back to New Zealand about the end of 1915, and discharged. He obtained his commission in December, 1916. During the fighting at Bullecourt, he was one of the two officers of the battalion who went right through the attack upon the village itself, which had previously been taken and lost several times, and which passed finally into British hands after the attack in May. 2nd Lieut. Livingstone is convalescent now, and is hoping to stay for a few weeks at the Officers' Convalescent Home, Shrewsbury, before going upon three weeks' leave.

Press. 25 August 1917

ON SERVICE.

PERSONAL NOTES ABOUT NEW ZEALANDERS.
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON. June 26.

By a strange coincidence three Anzacs who went through Gallipoli together, and were subsequently invalided back to New Zealand and discharged, only to travel to England to re-enlist, happened to meet again in London recently. They are Captain A. Coningham, R.F.C. (Wellington), 2nd Lieut. R. H. Livingstone, South Staffordshire Regiment (Christchurch), and 2nd Lieut. C. Musgrave, R.F.C. (formerly Canterbury Infantry, Main Body). They had not seen each other for nine months. Captain Coningham, now Flight-Commander, was over from the front on leave after strenuous work at Bullecourt; 2nd Lieut. Livingstone was in the 3rd London General Hospital, wounded; and Lieut. Musgrave had come to England for a much-needed rest at a Home Station after six months exacting work. A friend of the trio, Lieut. Leslie Macfarlane, R.F.C., is still on duty at the front.

Lyttelton Times. 25 August 1917

Lieutenant R. Heaton Livingstone (Christchurch), who joined the 4th South Staffordshire Regiment in January and went to the front early in April, was wounded during the heavy fighting recently at Bullecourt, states the London correspondent of the "Lyttelton Times." Lieutenant Livingstone, who served with the 1st Canterbury Battalion in Egypt and Gallipoli, until he was severely wounded in August, 1915, was invalided back to New Zealand and then discharged.

Sun. 27 January 1919 [29/03/2017]

Lieut. R. H. Livingstone, 4th Staffordshire Regiment, who left New Zealand with the Main Body of the Expeditionary Force, has received his captaincy. Since his return to France he has been attached to headquarters of the 4th Army, under General Rawlinson. Captain Livingstone was wounded twice on Gallipoli, and was invalided back to New Zealand. He was then a corporal. He went Home, and served for a time in the Royal Air Force, afterwards transferring back to the infantry, in which he had obtained a commission. Captain Livingstone was well-known in Rugby football circles in Christchurch as a member of the Canterbury College first 15.

Press. 30 January 1919

News has been received that Lieutenant R. H. Livingstone, 4th South Staffordshire Regiment, has been gazetted captain from October 24th last. Captain Livingstone left as a private with the Main Body, and saw service on Gallipoli and in France. He obtained his commission in England after serving 12 months with the Royal Air Forces, being twice wounded. He is now attached to Headquarters Staff, 4th Army, under General Rawlinson.

Star. 14 April 1919 [29/03/2017]

Mr T. Livingstone, 62, Gloucester Street, has received a cable message stating that his son, Captain R. H. Livingstone, late Adjutant of the South Staffordshire Regiment, had obtained his discharge, and left for New Zealand in April by the Paparoa. Captain Livingstone left New Zealand with the Main Body, and served on Gallipoli. He was twice wounded there, and was invalided to England. He was appointed to do recruiting work, but later he enlisted in England, and got his commission in the Third South Staffordshires. He went to the front in France, and was again wounded at Bullecourt. a bullet going through his neck. A friend, the late Captain A. W. Bishop, of Christchurch, was killed about that time. Captain Livingstone was again invalided back to England. After his recovery from his wound he joined the R.A.F. and did a good deal of flying at the time of the Zeppelin raids in England. On account of failing health he had to retire from the Air Force, and eventually he rejoined his regiment, and was appointed adjutant. Since that time he has served in France in charge of prison camps. After the armistice was signed he went to Belgium, and later got his discharge. Mr Livingstone had four sons on active service. Two were killed in action, and one was invalided back to New South Wales. Captain R. Livingstone intends to resume his studies for the law at Canterbury College.

Press. 1 October 1919 [29/03/2017]

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Captain R. H Livingstone, South Staffs. Regiment, is mentioned in Earl Haig's last despatches for gallant services in France.

Press. 22 March 1922 [01/08/2025]

WEDDINGS.

LIVINGSTONE—BENNETT.

A very picturesque wedding, which excited much interest, was celebrated at St. Matthew's Church yesterday afternoon, when Miss Nora Bennett, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. B. Bennett, Eversleigh street, was married to Mr Robert Heaton Livingstone, fourth son of Mrs Livingstone and of the late Mr T. Livingstone, Gloucester street. The ceremony was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Haggitt. assisted by the Rev. Canon Staples Hamilton, and Mr Pilgrim presided at the organ. Miss Bennett's girl friends had decorated the interior of the church beautifully with autumn foliage and berries. The bride, who was escorted to the altar by her father, wore a beautiful bridal dress of ivory satin charmeuse, the swathed sash being finished by long ends, lined with silver tissue and embroidered with crystal beads, which formed two entail graceful trains, weighted with pearl tassels. Ivory cere lace formed the long sleeves and softened and rounded neck of the bodice. A Russian bandeau of orange blossoms held in position her dainty tulle veil and a vivid colour note was her beautiful bouquet of crimson roses, tied with crimson streamers. The three little bridesmaids were the

Misses Betty and Joan Kimbell (Wellington), nieces of the bridegroom, and Miss Elisabeth Alpers, daughter of Mr and Mrs O. T. J. Alpers (Fendalton). They were dressed alike in frocks of pale primrose taffetas made with tiny frills on the hips, and wore wreaths of hydrangea and silver cord in their hair. They carried Victorian posies of hydrangea and yellow, and had pretty girdles of gold and silver cord. On Mr Ross Lascelles devolved the duties of best man. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the residence of Mr and Mrs Bennett, where a reception took place. Mrs Bennett wore a becoming dress of silk jersey cloth in *tete de nigre*, with handsome embroideries in gold thread, and a smart hat of hatters' plush in the same colour. She carried a shower bouquet of asters and begonias. Mrs Livingstone wore a beautiful black satin frock and a handsome shawl of black Spanish lace. Her little upturned hat of silver tissue was finished with grey wings. Mrs A. H. Kimbell (Wellington), sister of the bridegroom, wore a beautiful gown of midnight blue ninon, most effectively embroidered in gold and pale lavender. Her becoming black hat was trimmed with ospreys. Miss Ray Livingstone chose a beautiful frock of shot taffeta, in shades of mauve and blue. The dress was made in Early Victorian style, the skirt being finished with flat ribbon rosettes in pastel shades and the quaint little black panne velvet hat made in poke bonnet shape. Mrs H. G. Livingstone wore an oyster-grey stockinette frock embroidered in black, and a black panne velvet hat with ospreys. When leaving for the wedding trip Mrs R. H. Livingstone wore a becoming dress of brown silk stockinette finished with tassels and a smart hat of tangerine straw, and finished with a pheasant's wing.

Press. 2 September 1964 [07/04/2022]

Obituary

Mr R. H. Livingstone

Mr Robert Heaton Livingstone, who was earlier well known as a sportsman, Army officer, and lawyer, died in Christchurch on Monday.

As a primary schoolboy, Mr Livingstone was a prominent athlete and won junior national championships. He went to the Christchurch Boys' High School where he played in the backs of the first XV for several years. This enthusiasm for Rugby continued at Canterbury University College where he was a member of a notable team from 1911 to 1914.

Enlisting in the Main Body of the 1st N.Z.E.F., Mr Livingstone was in the Gallipoli landing. He was wounded and invalided back to New Zealand. But Mr Livingstone later went to Britain, served in a training depot in Ireland and was then commissioned in the South Stafford Regiment. He was a staff officer of the 4th Army in France and was wounded on the Somme. For war service he received the O.B.E.

On his return to Christchurch, Mr Livingstone completed his law degree and for many years conducted the conveyancing side of the practices of Livingstone and Burns, Livingstone and Hensley, and Livingstone and Drake.

He retired about 10 years ago.

In the Second World War he was a staff officer of the fortress command in Canterbury.

Otago Witness. 8 September 1915 [29/03/2017]



Lance-Corporal R. H. Livingstone,
Canterbury Infantry, wounded

NZ Truth. 10 April 1930 [29/03/2017]



R. H. Livingstone