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KILLED IN ACTION

PRIVATE FREDERICK ELLWOOD

Member of a well-known Aria family, Fred Ellwood was a brother of Mrs D. McLean, of Te Kuiti, and had been for many years in the employ of Mr R. A. Chaffey, of Otorohanga. His mother, an invalid, now resides in Auckland. A good worker and a man who took part in several sports, including football, he was well liked in the Otorohanga district. At the time of his death he was 36 years of age. It is understood that two of his brothers were killed in the Great War.

AIRMAN LOCH BENTLEY AND PRIVATE DONALD D. BENTLEY

The holidays brought great sorrow to the home of Mr and Mrs H. W. Bentley, of Waitomo. One of their sons, Loch Lomond Bentley, has been killed whilst serving in the Air Force, and almost simultaneously with the receipt of the news of this tragedy came advice that another son, Donald Dalziel Bentley, is missing in the Libyan campaign. Quiet and unassuming but universally popular, Loch Bentley was one of the best known of the younger residents of Waitomo, and his passing has been the cause of widespread regret. He lived in that district all his life prior to joining the Air Force, being educated at the Waitomo school and later being employed as a guide at the Waitomo Caves. His principal hobby was flying, and long before the war his keen interest in aviation was manifest by his taking lessons in flying in the Te Kuiti Aero Club's machine.

DIED OF WOUNDS

LIEUTENANT GEORGE LEE

WINNER OF MILITARY CROSS

Previously reported wounded, Lieutenant George Lacey Lee, who has now died of wounds, won the Military Cross on November 27 during bitter fighting in Libya. The citation said he displayed exceptional tactical skill and inspired leadership

under fire, with complete disregard for his own safety. An Auckland infantry battalion had suffered many casualties from machine-gun and mortar nests south of Bir el Hamid when Lieutenant Lee went forward in the face of heavy fire toward the machine-gun positions and guided tanks into the teeth of the nests. Then, on his own initiative, he formed a strong point at Bir Scinerat, where, with a few troops in support, he defended the eastern flank of a brigade against successive attacks by tanks and infantry until the final withdrawal. During these acts on his part Lieutenant Lee was severely wounded in the head and was later evacuated to hospital. Lieutenant Lee was farming near Arapai, Te Kuiti, when he enlisted, and he went away with a machine-gun battalion. His wife was formerly practising in Victoria and now holds an appointment in a Sydney hospital.

TROOPER J. C. GRAHAM

Mr D. T. B. Graham, of Honi-kiwi, brother of Trooper J. C. Graham, has received a letter from the Chaplain who was with Trooper Graham when he died, and who writes:—I was with him at the hospital at Athens to which he was moved and it was a good hospital, with first-class English and New Zealand doctors. I can assure you that your brother was given the best of treatment, but his wounds were too serious for recovery, and he passed away peacefully on June 20. He was not in great pain at any time but was very weak and bore his lot like a true soldier. We buried him at an Athens cemetery in a section apportioned to British soldiers. It is a very beautiful spot. I am sorry I have not been able to write before, but it was only when we came to Germany, three weeks ago, that official writing paper became available. . . . Joe Hynes, of Otorohanga, who was in the same hospital, sends his kindly thoughts and the Chaplain, the Rev. R. J. Griffiths, N.Z.E.F., his sympathy and prayers.

LOSS OF H.M.S. NEPTUNE

ABLE SEAMAN "TED" HARRIS

Able Seaman "Ted " Harris, son of Mr and Mrs Harris, of Te Kumi

Road, who is reported missing as the result of the mining of H.M.S. Neptune, joined the Navy some time prior to the outbreak of war. Prior to that he was employed for a short period after leaving school in the Te Kuiti Chronicle office.

STOKER PATRICK CARR

Stoker Patrick Aubrey Carr, who has been reported missing as the result of the sinking of H.M.S. Neptune, was born at Otorohanga twenty years ago, and was educated at the High School there. He joined the Navy twelve months ago, and was subsequently posted to H.M.S. Neptune. His parents are Mr and Mrs W. Ben Carr, of Otorohanga.

MISSING

SERGEANT HUTTON KROGH

Sergeant Hutton, or as he was invariably known, "Jim" Krogh, was a member of the office staff of the Public Works Department for several years, leaving Te Kuiti on transfer not long before the outbreak of war. He went overseas with the First Echelon. He was a very keen member of the Te Kuiti Golf Club.

BOMBARDIER ROY MURDOCH

A popular member of the staff of Messrs Dalgety and Co., and stationed in Te Kuiti for many years and up until the time of his enlistment, Bombardier Roy Murdoch has a wide circle of friends in Te Kuiti

awaiting further news of him. He also was a keen golfer. His parents, Mr and Mrs J. B. Murdoch, reside at Hawera.

PRIVATE J. BRUCE PATTERSON

Private John Bruce Patterson (missing) is a son of Mr and Mrs A. Patterson, of Te Kuiti, where he was educated. Prior to enlisting, he was employed by the Railway Department at Wellington.

PRIVATE FRANCIS ARMSTRONG

Son of a well-known Mahoenui farmer, Private Francis Armstrong prior to joining the Army was engaged in carrying work in that district.

PRIVATE COLIN CAMERON

Private Colin Cameron, son of Mr and Mrs E. Cameron, of Hinerangi Street, Te Kuiti, who is missing having previously been reported wounded, is a member of a well-known and popular family which has no less than four sons in the fighting forces, Colin being the youngest of the four. Stewart and John Cameron also took part in the Libyan campaign.

NOT MISSING BUT WOUNDED

(Previously Reported Missing)

PRIVATE MAX PODEVIN

Private Max Podevin, son of Mr A. J. Podevin, manager of the "Whataroa" farm on Trooper's Road, was well known in the southern district, where he spent much of his life. Prior to his enlistment he was a member of the staff of the Bank of New Zealand at Te Kuiti.

WOUNDED

BOMBARDIER ERIC CUTFORTH

Bombardier Eric Edward Cutforth, reported wounded, was born at Whangarei in 1908 and educated there and at the Auckland Grammar School. After qualifying in all branches of electricity, he decided in 1931 to go on the land. He married in 1932, and at the time of his enlistment was farming his own property on the

earning his own property on the Frontier Road. He enlisted early in the war and, after a period at Fiji, returned to New Zealand, eventually sailing for the Middle East with the Fifth Reinforcements. His wife, Mrs A. R. Cutforth, who now resides at Auckland, is at present on a visit to the district, and last evening received a cable stating that her husband is slightly wounded only and is remaining with his Unit.

PRIVATE LESLIE SMITH

Mr and Mrs A. A. Smith, of Otorohanga, have received word that their son, Private Leslie Smith, who was wounded, is progressing favourably.

MISSING BELIEVED PRISONER

PRIVATE JOHN TARRANT

Probably one of the best known young men of the Pio Pio-Aria districts, Private John Tarrant (son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Tarrant, of Pio Pio), prior to his enlistment was engaged in farm contracting work. He was a keen and successful sportsman, being a senior Maniapoto representative footballer, and in the horse events and in athletics he was a prominent competitor at all district sports meetings.

PRIVATE WALTER SCHOU

Private Walter Schou was particularly widely known in Te Kuiti, where he was educated and for a number of years was employed by Mr A. R. King. His wife and family reside in Te Kuiti.