

PERSONAL NOTES.

News has been received that Lieutenant Sydney H. Joubert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. J. E. Joubert, Lismore, and grandson of the late Mr. Julius Joubert, of Exhibition fame, died of wounds on September 29. The deceased soldier was 21 years of age, and had celebrated two birthdays in the firing line. He saw service at Armentieres and Pozieres, and received his first wound in the latter battle. Subsequently he was selected, with one other from his battalion, and sent to Balliol College, Oxford, where he obtained his commission. He joined his battalion in France some five months ago, and word was received a few weeks ago that he had been again wounded, but was remaining on duty. He was again wounded on September 26, and died three days later. In civilian life the late Lieutenant Joubert was on the staff of the New Zealand Insurance Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Spence, Taranga, have received the sad news that their only son, 2nd Lieutenant Walter Kennedy Spence, jun., died of wounds in France on October 2. He had been previously reported dangerously wounded (gunshot wound in head).

Mrs. E. Harth, of Goombungee, is in receipt of a letter from Chaplain Alf. Mills in reference to the death of her husband, the late Private E. H. Harth. Private Harth was voluntarily assisting a stretcher bearer to bring in a wounded comrade, but when within sight of the dressing station he was shot by a sniper, and died without recovering consciousness. Chaplain Mills pays a tribute to the sterling qualities of the deceased soldier, who by his valour and manliness had earned the respect and confidence of his officers, and the esteem of his comrades. Private Harth was the second son of Mr. J. Harth (Goombungee) to make the supreme sacrifice, his younger brother, Pioneer Chris. Harth, having been killed in action on August 2, 1916. Privates A. O. Neil and Charles Martyn, who enlisted with the late Private E. Harth, have also paid the supreme sacrifice.

Senior Sergeant Bradburn has received word that his son, Lieut. O. P. Bradburn, died of wounds on October 4, after 16 months of active service. The late Lieut. Bradburn was 23 years of age, and was educated at the Christian Brothers' College, Gregory-terrace. Prior to enlisting he was employed at the Government Savings Bank, and was a prominent member of the East Brisbane Harriers.

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Mr. J. Baulch, Lake Clarendon, has received word that Corporal E. J. De Raave died of wounds on October 4. The deceased soldier was well known at Lake Clarendon, and is the first of the boys from that district to pay the supreme sacrifice. He left with reinforcements early this year, and prior to enlisting was managing a farm for Mr. J. Baulch at Boonah.

Information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson, Prospect-terrace, South Brisbane, of the death in action on September 25 of their elder son, Gunner David Tait Robinson, who was only 19 years and 10 months old, having enlisted before he was 19 years of age. The late Gunner Robinson left Sydney in May and arrived in England in July. Letters dated August 20 were received lately, intimating that he was about to take home leave, but there was no further notification until the receipt of the cablegram announcing his death had come to hand, showing that he was in the firing line. The deceased soldier was educated at the South Brisbane State School, where, under the late Mr. Briggs, he gained a scholarship of three years, which was taken out at the Brisbane Grammar School. On leaving that school he entered the service of the Bank of New South Wales, and was afterwards transferred to the Gympie branch.

Word was received at Helidon yesterday that Private Jack M'Intosh, of Helidon, who was reported as seriously wounded on September 28, had died of wounds on October 6. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. M'Intosh to give his life for his country. Their eldest son is returning shortly with a crippled arm.

Mrs. T. J. Kerby, Yeerongpilly, late of Murwillumbah, has received the sad news of her husband's death, from gunshot wounds, in France.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Quast, of Beenleigh, have been advised by the military authorities that their son Philip was killed in action in France on September 27.

The parents of Pte. R. Stewart, of Ormeau, have received a cablegram conveying the news of his death from wounds.

Word has been received at Waterford that Frank Saunders, of Beenleigh, was killed in action on September 26.

Word was received at Ipswich yesterday that Private John James Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, of One Mile

killed in action. Private Morrisey was popular in the district, and before enlisting had been an active member of the Allora Rifle Club.

Mr. T. Collins, Berat, was last week notified that his son, Private Pat. Collins, had been killed in action, on September 26. Private Collins was an Allora native, his parents being amongst the oldest and best-respected residents.

Word has been received by Mrs. R. Nelson, Leichhardt-street, Valley, that her brother, Private Clement Bolger, of a machine gun company, was killed in action in France, on September 23. Two brothers of the deceased are at the Front.

Mrs. J. C. Peters, Reef-street, Gympie, has been notified that her husband, Private Wm. L. Peters, was killed in France on September 26. The late Private Peters enlisted at Gatton about 18 months ago, and in addition to his widow leaves three young children.

Councillor W. J. Ewart, of the Coorparoo Shire Council, has received the sad news that his brother, Charles (better known as "Sandy") Ewart, was killed in action on September 20.

The Rev. C. J. Flood, who for some considerable time was the head of the Rush Brotherhood of the Charleville district, enlisted some time ago as chaplain to the troops at the Front. He has now been called upon to leave Charleville by Thursday's mail train to proceed almost immediately for the Front.

Information has been received at Rockhampton that Private Alexander Peter Karelin was killed in action on May 7. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, and after seeing active service he was invalided to Australia. He returned to the Front on March 23 of last year, and was in the trenches up to the time he was killed. He belonged to the original 9th Battalion.

Sergeant V. L. Brown, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown, Stott's Creek, has been awarded the Military Medal.