

NEWS OF GEELONG AND DISTRICT SOLDIERS.

FALLEN, WOUNDED, MISSING BULLETINS.

Casualty lists No. 360 and 361, issued by the Defence Department yesterday, contain 2133 names, made up of killed in action, 432; died of wounds, 118; died, other causes, 17; wounded, 1257; missing, 203; sick, 40; injured, 2; prisoners of war, 3. The names of the following Geelong and district are included in the list: Killed in action—Gnr. E. R. Burgess, Geelong; Pte. L. L. McDonald, Inverleigh; Pte. H. Viccars, Geelong; Pte. N. J. Fegan, Geelong; Lieut. B. H. Freeman, Geelong. Died of wounds: Pte. G. R. Gray, Geelong. Wounded: Pte. L. J. Casey, Chilwell; Pte. W. P. Hall, Geelong; Lieut. R. W. Gollan, Geelong West; L.-Cpl. W. Hardy, Geelong West; Pte. Thos. Brown, Geelong West; Dvr. W. S. Milner, Geelong; Pte. C. H. S. Dixon, Geelong; 2nd-Lieut. J. N. Freeman, Geelong; Gnr. A. G. Gilligan, Geelong. Missing: Pte. Jas. White, Geelong.

Word has been received from the Defence Department that Signaller Harold Davies has been wounded and gassed

Davies has been wounded and gassed (third occasion). Signaller Davies is attached to headquarters, and has had over two years' service, having enlisted before his 18th birthday. Writing to his mother on September 9th, he states he has only received one parcel for about eight months. In that time a good number have been sent.

By last week's mail Mr. and Mrs. D. Kearney, "Marieville," Ryrie-street, received the following letter, confirming the death of their son, Lance-Cpl. D. Kearney, from Lieut. (now Capt.) W. Beaumont. "Mr. and Mrs. Kearney. Dear Friends, — Your dear son, No. 7035, L.-Cpl. D. T. Kearney, was killed in action on 26/9/17. From what we can ascertain he was killed by shell fire in the early stages of the attack, made by our (14th) battalion. He was an excellent N.C.O., and on the ladder to promotion. I enclose the deepest sympathy and regret of all the officers and men in A Company. His loss is keenly felt by all who knew him. Please convey my heartfelt sympathy to the rest of the family in their great trouble."

In a letter to his brother, the Rev. H. W. Frederick, Machine-Gunner L. Frederick states that he is well, and doing hard work in Belgium. The need for reinforcements is much felt; he had practically with his mates been kept going without a spell for a fortnight. Machine-Gunner Frederick enlisted

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Mrs. G. Gamble, of 5 Sydney-street, Geelong West, has received notification that her son, Pte. R. H. Gamble, has been invalided home, after two and a half years' active service.

Pte. Edward (Ted) Younger has been wounded. He sailed on the troopship Ballarat; his brother, Pte. Ernest Younger, who has been on active service for three years, expects to be returning to Australia shortly, after severe wounds.

Mrs. B. Durrant, of Kilgour-street, has received the sad news that her brother, Cpl. Jim Haddrell, has been killed in action; he is a brother of L.-Cpl. Ted Haddrell, on active service.

Mrs. Clarence Keown received word this mail from her husband, Pte. Keown, who was taken a prisoner on April 11th. He said letters would be very acceptable; his address is, No 334 Pte. C. D. Keown, C Company, 14th Battalion, Kriegsgefangenen, Stam. Lager, Limberg, A. W. Lahn, Prisoner of War, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Leckie, of Newtown, have been notified by the Defence Department that their son, 2nd Air Mech. H. V. Leckie, who has been seriously ill for some time, is returning to Australia shortly.

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Prospect-road, Newtown, received letters from her husband, Driver Andrew Wilson by last mail: he was very well when writing; he said the fighting was very heavy.

Gunner F. R. Devine and Lieut. A. Devine, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Devine, of Drumcondra, are both in action in France. They met recently at the front, the night before a big battle. They had not met for 12 months. They have both been with the colors for two and a half years. Their two sisters are military nurses. Sisters M. and K. Devine are both on duty at Colaba Hospital, Bombay.

Second-Lieut. Michael Weir, of C Company, 23rd Battalion, writing under date 24/9/17, from Belgium, to Mrs. Matthews, of Fitzroy-street, says:—
Doubtless you will have already been informed of the death in action of your son, Roy, yesterday evening, and I hasten to convey my deepest sympathy.

For some weeks Roy had been acting as platoon sergeant under me, and always he had impressed me with his thoroughness and cheerfulness under adverse conditions. Only the day before he was killed he was buried under the explosion of a high explosive shell, and when he was dug out characteristically carried off. His loss to me is a very severe one, and words utterly fail to convey my high appreciations of his as a sol-

my high appreciations of his as a soldier and a man. We are all deeply conscious of how you must feel. Please accept the sincere sympathy of both the officers and men of the company. He is buried in the front area just behind the trenches which gallantry like his enabled us to gain and to hold."

HE HELPED TO WIN A BATTLE.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. Fanning, of East Geelong, concerning her son, who was killed in action. It is written by Capt. W. B. Campbell, under date of 23/9/17, from France: "Dear Mrs. Fanning,—Please accept my sincerest sympathy in the loss of L.-Cpl. J. Fanning, who was killed in action on the 20th. He had been with my company so long as a gunner that we admired his sterling qualities as a soldier. You will be pleased to know that he reached the final objective before he fell. He died a soldier's death, and has a soldier's grave near Polygon Wood. It was by deeds such as his that we were able to carry out what we consider the most successful operation in which we have taken part."