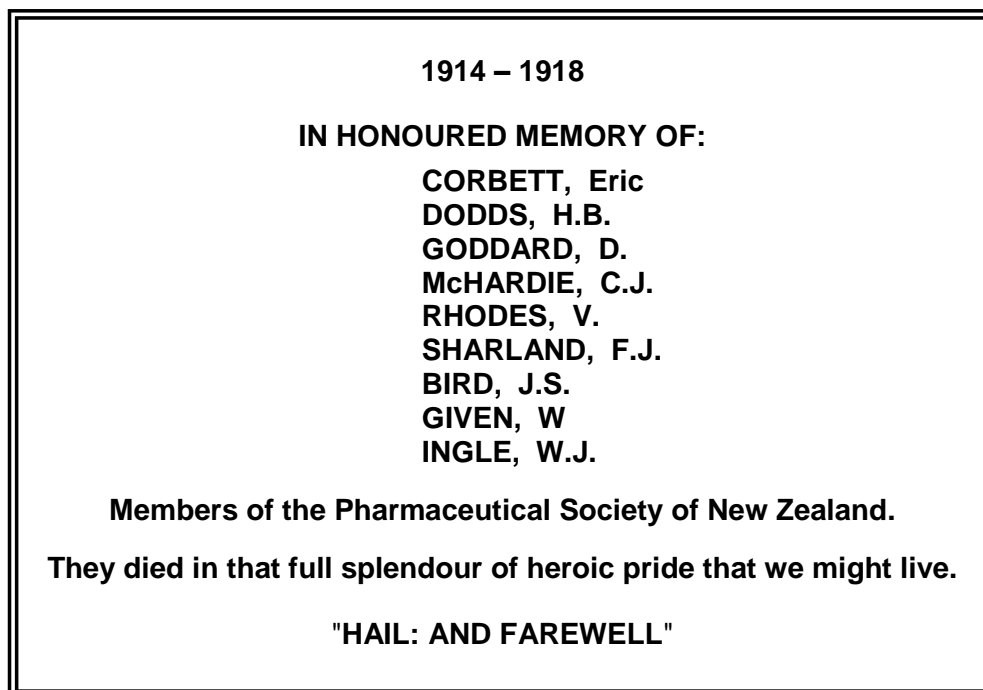


Members of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand Killed in World War 1

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This brass plaque currently hanging on the wall of the Board Room of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand office, 16 Willis Street, Wellington reads:



The quotation "Hail and farewell to those who died in that full splendour of heroic pride, that we might live" comes from John Oxenham's book of poems *All's Well*.

Neuralgia and Sciatica Cured.

The great pain relieving power of Chamberlain's Pain Balm has been the surprise and delight of many sufferers from neuralgia and sciatica. The excruciating pains characteristic of these diseases are quickly allayed by this liniment. For sale by E. H. Leigh, chemist, Woodville.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

This liniment will promptly relieve the pain of a burn or scald when applied as soon as the accident takes place. For sale by E. H. Leigh, chemist, Woodville.

Woodville Examiner 5 October 1904 page 4

He must have left Edward and the Woodville pharmacy in 1911 because in January 1912, and 1913, the annual Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists recorded his address as Featherston. There he quickly became involved in local activities because the 5 October 1911 issue of the Wairarapa Daily Times recorded him as being elected onto the executive committee of the Featherston Tennis and Croquet Club. He was also an active competitor in Featherston Athletics Club events and on the committee of the South Wairarapa Cricket Club.

His mode of transport appears to have been a motorbike, because he participated in motor cycle trials and the Wairarapa Age of 8 October 1913 reported him riding a motor cycle from his home in Featherston to New Plymouth in one day, a distance of 266 miles.

It was noted in the Wairarapa Daily Times of 3 September 1913 that "Mr D. Goddard, who has been in business as a chemist at Featherston for two years, has decided to engage in farming operations and has purchased a farm at Morrinsville, Waikato." A year later at the time of his enlistment in the Army he described himself as a self employed pharmacist in Te Poi, Matamata.

Private Goddard enlisted on 24 December 1914, service number 3/498. He left New Zealand two months later on 14 February 1915 with the 3rd Reinforcements onboard either the Troopship Maunganui (HMNZT 17) or Tahiti (HMNZT 18) or Aparima (HMNZT 19). He served in the Medical Corps, arriving at Gallipoli on 6 May 1915. On Gallipoli he was attached to the Field Ambulance, probably as a stretcher bearer, or maybe at the dressing station, or possibly his pharmaceutical training was utilised because in the Wellington Infantry Battalion Orders of 19 August 1915 Company Commanders were required to "render a return to the Orderly Room by 1800 hours today showing regimental numbers and names of any qualified analytical chemists and pharmacutists [pharmacists] of all ranks under their command, stating their experience and qualifications."

Douglas was promoted to Lance Corporal in the No.1 Field Ambulance when the New Zealand Division moved to France, but was soon seconded as an instructor to the Division Gas Defence School to train soldiers in the use of gas fighting appliances. Of interest, the Small Box Respirator (gas mask) used by New Zealand soldiers as protection from the effects of poisonous gases and aerosols was developed by British pharmacist Edward Harrison.

On 5 November 1916 he transferred from the Medical Corps to the Infantry and joined the 1st Battalion of the Wellington Infantry Regiment. Three weeks later, aged 27, Douglas Goddard was killed in action in the Sailly-Sur-La-Lys sector near Armentieres on 26 November 1916. He is buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, France, grave IV B 46.



Euan Galloway visiting the grave of pharmacist Douglas Goddard at the Cite Bonjean Cemetery April 2015

Lance Corporal Goddard is remembered on the Havelock North First World War Memorial.



and also on a memorial plaque at Saint Luke's Church, Havelock North.



and at Napier Boys' High School in the library memorial alcove.



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