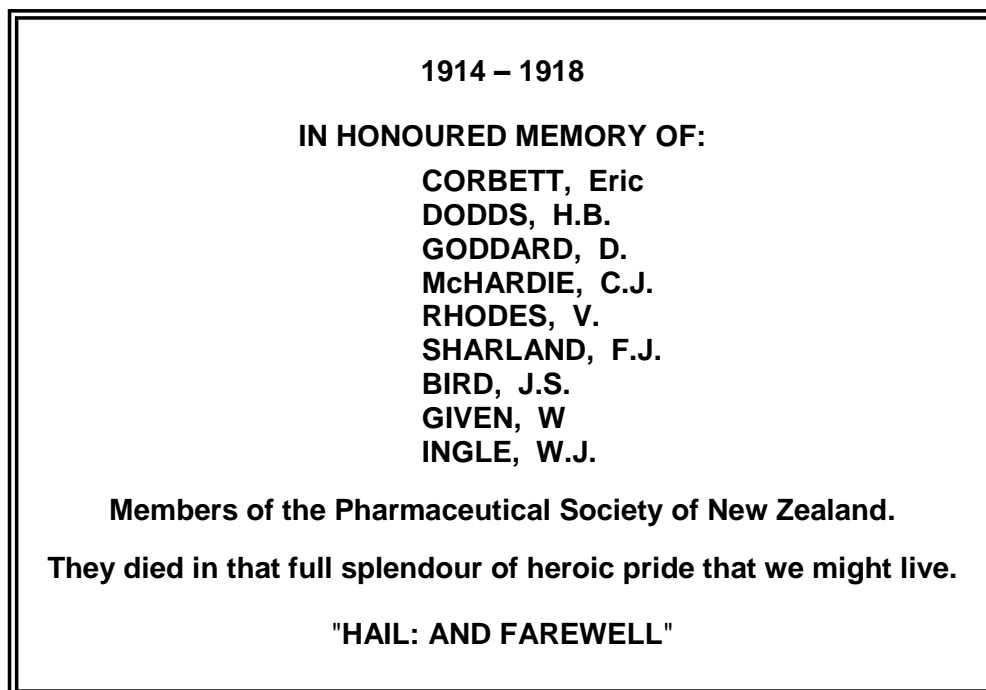


Members of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand Killed in World War 1

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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*.

The 1921 Annual Report of the Pharmacy Board of New Zealand records:

Honours Board

"A handsome brass plate on an oak mount was erected in the Board Room of the Pharmacy Board of New Zealand at 41 Ballance Street, Wellington giving the names of the ten registered chemists who lost their lives on War Service during World War 1. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr R.R. Parnham, a member of the Board and himself a returned soldier. The unveiling was done in the presence of a gathering of Chemists from all parts of the Dominion."

CYRIL McHARDIE

Cyril James McHARDIE commenced a 4 year apprenticeship on 28 June 1909 at Wood's Pharmacy, The Square Palmerston North; indentured to pharmacist James Reginald Wood. The pharmacy was well known for "Woods' Great Peppermint Cure" – for children's hacking cough and many other ailments. Cyril registered as a pharmacist on 15 January 1915, registration number 1014. His name was erased from the Register of Pharmacists on 25 January 1916 for failing to pay the annual membership fee (while overseas). He was a keen hockey player, and for some years was secretary of the Manawatu Hockey Association. He was the son of Mr and Mrs James McHardie of Marton. Cyril married Myrtle Sollitt two weeks before leaving for overseas service.

487 REGISTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS OF NEW ZEALAND.				
No. 1014 NAME.	RESIDENCE.	QUALIFICATION.	DATE OF REGISTRATION.	REMARKS.
McHardie Cyril James	Palmerston North	Passed 59th standard examination October 1914	1915 Jan'y 15th	Erased under 1908 No 143 Sec 22 by order of Board 25/1/1916 Consider Reg.
Geo. Bagley PRESIDENT Chas. W. Melrose REGISTRAR of the Pharmacy Board of New Zealand.				

Second Lieutenant McHardie enlisted on 12 May 1915, service number 3/700. His address on enlistment was Box 151, Palmerston North. He left New Zealand with the 5th Reinforcements on 13 June 1915 onboard either the Troopship Maunganui (HMNZT 24) or Tahiti (HMNZT 25) or Aparima (HMNZT 26).

He served in the Medical Corps as a Sergeant dispenser at the No.2 Stationary Hospital in Egypt. In June 1916 Cyril was posted to England to set up the pharmacy procedures in No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital that had taken over Brockhurst Hospital, Hampshire (near Southampton). He was selected for officer cadet training in May 1917 and commissioned on 31 July 1917 to be 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion of the Wellington Infantry Regiment.

Aged 27, Cyril McHardie was reported missing, killed in action on 22 May 1918 when leading a fighting patrol in no-man's-land near Hebuterne, France prior to the Second Battle of the Somme.

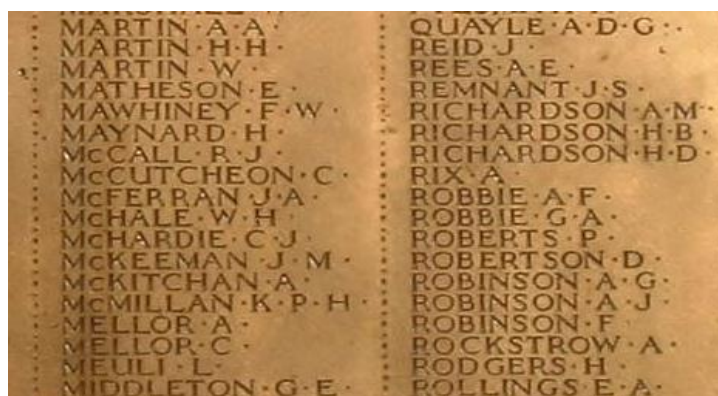


He has no known grave, but his life is commemorated on the New Zealand memorial at Grevillers, France.

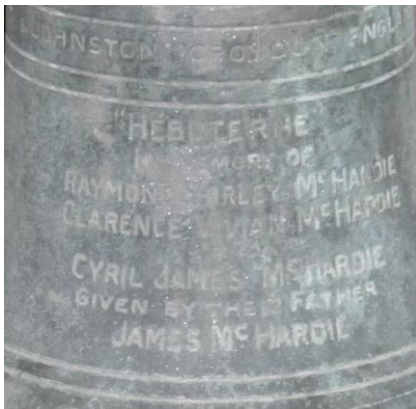


A Court of Inquiry on 10 December 1918 heard evidence from members of the patrol concerning the disappearance of 2nd Lt McHardie. The Officer Commanding the Hawkes Bay Company, 1st Battalion Wellington Infantry Regiment (Captain White) reported that the patrol was sent out to identify the enemy, but was attacked with stick bombs and rifle fire. 2nd Lt McHardie and Sergeant Freeman went forward and were not seen again. No one could state definitely that he had seen the officer either wounded or killed. Nevertheless a finding was given of "Killed in Action on 22 May 1918". The Court arrived at this decision after reviewing all the reports and circumstances of the case, and after having taken into consideration the fact that there was no record of 2nd Lt McHardie having been admitted to any hospital in the field in France or in England, nor to any prisoner of war camp in Germany.

2nd Lieutenant McHardie is remembered on the Palmerston North War Memorial:



He is also commemorated on the Hebuterne bell of the Wellington War Memorial Carillon which was donated by his father, James McHardie. His brothers Raymond (also killed in action) and Clarence are also commemorated on the bell. The original 49 bells of the Carillon were private donations in memory of World War 1 casualties and each is named after the site of a particular battle. Hebuterne is a village in France, on the Somme, the scene of a battle in March 1918 where the New Zealand Division confronted the advancing enemy.



16. "HEBUTERNE"

In Memory of
RAYMOND SHIRLEY MCHARDIE,
CLARENCE VIVIAN MCHARDIE,
AND CYRIL JAMES MCHARDIE.
Given by their Father, James McHardie.

The Hebuterne bell is 28cm high and 34cm in diameter and had the musical pitch F3. Salt air exposure and attendant corrosion has unfortunately caused this bell to go progressively flat and lose its pitch. In 1985 it was replaced and the original put into storage at the National War Memorial as an historical artefact.

After the war Cyril's wife Myrtle remarried but always held hope that Cyril would be found alive. Her granddaughter Harmony May reports (Auckland Museum Cenotaph database) that Myrtle adored her first husband and although she remarried she never forgot him, never believing he had died. She spent many months, circa 1949 visiting Red Cross hospitals in Europe looking for him. "He was my grandmother's hero" she says.

We will remember them

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