

HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR NEW ZEALAND.



NEW ZEALAND HOUSE,
413, STRAND,
LONDON, W. C.

15th February, 1917.

Dear Sir,

May I tender to you my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son, Private L. Garland? We mourn the loss of our bravest and best, yet what pride is ours in being blessed with such lads to go forth defending the Right.

In one of England's small market towns there is a simple shrine erected. It has beneath the crucifix two columns, one containing the Roll of the Living and the other the Roll of the Dead. Under the former are the words:-

"Give Thine Angels charge concerning them,"
and beneath the latter column

"May they rest in Peace."

Those still fighting are not forgotten, for at the foot of all is this verse:-

"Holy Father, in Thy mercy
Hear our anxious prayer,
Keep our loved ones, now far absent,
'Neath Thy care."

Our country can never forget what her brave and devoted lads have done for the cause of the Right.

With sincerest sympathy,

A. Garland, Esq.,
Seaview,
Waimate, N.Z.

Tha. Churze

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Ralph Garland

Address:—

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New Zealand

Extract from Diary.

Tues. 23rd April:-

Magdaba is a spot in the wadi, 16 miles from El Lan. It was said to be the Turkish headquarters for their advance on the Canal. The remains of a telephone wire, iron posts, & later on wooden ones bolted to the former & the wire attached, are still seen. Ten substantial stone & concrete buildings, have been erected, some of which were used as Hospital. There are marks of shell & bullets on the buildings & empty shell cases are still lying about. The Turks were driven out from this place towards the end of 1916. A wooden cross marks the spot where an Australian called Butcher, & a young N. Ger, young Garland from Wainmate, are buried. They died on 23rd Dec. 1916.

