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BENDIGO BARRISTER KILLED IN ACTION.

LIEUTENANT A. N. HYETT, L.L.B.

Very general regret will be expressed throughout the city today at the sad news which was received yesterday afternoon to the effect that Lieut. Alan Newcombe Hyett, L.L.B., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Barkly Hyett, of "Ascot," Epsom, had been killed in action on 2nd June in France. The deceased soldier was born in Bendigo on 26th October, 1889, and was consequently 27 years of age on 26th October last. He began his education at the Gravel Hill State School, and afterwards attended Sr. Andrew's College and Corporate High School, and the Caulfield Grammar School. On matriculation he entered as a law student at Ormond College, and attained the degree of L.L.B. in 1911. After serving his articles in his father's office he was admitted to the bar in 1913. Early in 1914 he visited Great Britain and Europe and was on the Continent when the war broke out. After some interesting and exciting experiences he succeeded in getting back to England, and embarked for Australia, which he reached in October of that same year. On his return his father took him into partnership, the firm being known as Hyett and Hyett. During the following year his brother Rex volunteered for service in the artillery, and Alan also felt the call, which ultimately proved so irresistible that, although he had had no military experience, he enlisted in February 1916. He went into the Bendigo Camp as a Private, but before the 38th Battalion left for the front in June he had won his stripes as a Sergeant. While at Salisbury in England, Sergeant Hyett and Sergeant Kurrlee were selected from the battalion for the officers' school at Tidworth and when the examination was held Sergeant Hyett did so well that he secured second place out of 82 candidates. His Commanding Officer spoke of his performance as "brilliant" which said a great deal seeing that many of his competitors had had much more military experience. He was about 3 months at Tidworth and left England for France in November 1916 and was therefore in the trenches during the dreary and trying winter which followed. In January he got his commission on the field. His last cabled message was dated 15th April, when he cabled "well." It is apparent that he has taken part in the fighting since that date, and as stated in the message, was killed in action on Saturday, 2nd June - just 10 days ago. Lieut. Alan Hyett was held in very high esteem by his many friends in Bendigo and Melbourne. All who knew him intimately admired his manly Christian character. His qualities as a soldier are spoken of in the highest terms. He was a very efficient Officer, and beloved by his men. In one of his most recent letters his Commanding Officer paid a high tribute to his work in the battalion. There will be general regret that another promising career has been brought to a close by this cruel war, and much sympathy will be expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Hyett and the other members of the family, one whom - Lieut. Rex Hyett - is now in England in the flying corps, having transferred from the artillery, and another, Captain (Dr.) Rupert Hyett, is at present on home service.

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KILLED IN ACTION.

LIEUT. A. N. HYETT, L.L.B. CITY COURT TRIBUTE.

"Every mother who is giving sons to the war is serving God and fellow beings of the Empire," remarked Mr. R. B. Anderson, J. P., who was associated with Mr. J. Denton, J. P., on the Bench at the City Court yesterday morning, in referring to the sad news received on Monday that Lieut. A. N. Hyett, L.L.B., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Barkly Hyett, of "Ascot," Epsom, had been killed in action on June 2 in the fighting in France. Mr. Anderson said they could not differentiate between any persons, for all were fighting for the one cause. But when they heard that a solicitor of the Court had fallen in battle, they could only express deep sorrow with the family from whom a brilliant young son had been taken away. Alan Hyett was a man of brains and ability, and of gentlemanly conduct. It was when such news was received that they felt the reality of war. He prayed God the war would soon pass over, and that bloodshed and misery would be finished.

Mr. E. S. Cahill, on behalf of the members of the profession, expressed regret at the sad event. He had had an opportunity of seeing some of the work performed by Lieut. Hyett, not only as a barrister and solicitor, but as secretary of the Law Association - a position he (Lieut. Hyett) held for some time. A big proportion of the members of the profession had gone to the war, and a large number had laid down their lives. An honour roll had been opened in Melbourne, and the names of members who had given their lives for King and Country would be placed thereon. Though they had all hoped the members would return, several, unfortunately, had fallen. Major Clive Connelly, Major Murdoch Mackay, and Sgt. Frank Murphy had been killed, and now Lieut. Alan Hyett had laid down his life. Lieut. Eugene Gorman had been wounded. As the chairman of the Bench had said, war was a dreadful thing, but every father and mother was doing his and her duty in giving sons to the great struggle, though they knew a great proportion would never come back. Members of the profession expressed sincere regret with the relatives.

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LATE LIEUT. A. N. HYETT, LL.B.

SINCERE EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET.

In the City Court last week reference was made to the death of Lieutenant Alan N. Hyett, LL.B., who was killed in action whilst fighting in France on the 2nd June. Mr. R. B. Anderson, T.M... (chairman of the bench) said that every mother and father in sending their sons to fight were serving God, their fellow beings, and the Empire, and they could hardly differentiate between any particular section of the community or between those who had made the supreme sacrifice, but when they heard that morning that one of their solicitors namely, Alan Hyett, had fallen, their hearts were extremely sorrowful, and they could not help expressing their deepest sympathy with the relatives, and regret at the fact that such a brilliant young life had been taken away. When young men with brains and ability, and gentlemanly conduct, such as their young friend Alan Hyett, and the late Murdoch N. Mackay, gave up their lives in this great struggle, they were reminded with dreadful reality of the grave and serious consequence of the war. They all joined in extending to the relatives their heartfelt sympathy, and prayed to God that this awful war would soon end. On behalf of the legal profession, Mr. E. S. Cahill endorsed Mr. Anderson's remarks, and said that he had had an opportunity of seeing some of the good work of Lieut. Hyett, not only as a barrister and solicitor; but also in connection with the Bendigo Law Association, of which he was secretary for some time. It would probably be interesting to the public to know that an honour roll was being prepared in Melbourne, on which would be inscribed the names of all those members of the legal profession who had gone to fight for their country. A large percentage of the members of the profession had enlisted, and he regretted that a big proportion of those would not return. Amongst the Bendigonians who had fallen were Captain Clive Connelly, Major Murdoch Mackay, Lieut. Alan Hyett, and Sergeant Frank Murphy. Lieut. Eugene Gorman and others had been wounded. There was not the least doubt that the war was a dreadful thing, and mothers and fathers were making a great sacrifice in giving their sons to fight in the great struggle. On behalf of the members of the legal profession, he joined with the bench in expressing their deepest sympathy with the relatives of Lieut. Hyett, and their extreme regret that such a promising and brilliant career had had such an early ending.

Regretful references to the death on the field of battle of Lieutenant Alan N. Hyett were made at a Mayoral welcome to Lieut. Emonson at the Town Hall yesterday week by Mayor Beebe, Mr. J. Laidler and Mr. G. Mackay, the latter stating that Lieut. Hyett and his own son (Major Murdoch Mackay, who was killed at Pozieres) were together as boys at the Gravel Hill State School. They began their University career together on the same day, and they went through their law course together. Lieut. Emonson said the news of Lieut. Hyett's death had made him very sad. He was a gallant officer, and a great comrade of the speaker's. He (Lieut. Emonson) relieved Lieut. Hyett in the front line exactly two hours before he was hit. He was a very gallant fellow indeed.

Dr. A. E. Frost, president of the Y.M.C.A., at the meeting of the board of management last week alluded to the loss of a value member of the board of control in Lieut. Hyett. The president referred to the excellent qualities of the late Lieutenant, who he said was an ardent worker in the Y.M.C.A. He was a young man of high attainments, and despite the fact that he had entered the ranks as a Private, he had soon gained promotion. He was of a genial disposition, and was very popular in Y.M.C.A. connections, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His loss was indeed a sad one to the district.

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LATE LIEUT. A. N. HYETT, L.L.B.

HOW HE MET HIS DEATH.

LETTER FROM LIEUT.-COLONEL DAVIS.

Mr. Barkly Hyett has received a letter as to his son's death from Lieut.-Colonel Davis, 38th Battalion, in which he says --"It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of your son, Alan, on the 2nd instant. He was not with this battalion at the time; as he had been detailed by division for special duty. He was riding along the road on a bicycle when a big shell fell right in front of him, killing him instantly. We all deplore his loss greatly. He was much loved by his comrades, and even for the short time he had been away from us, attached to the Pioneer Battalion, he made many friends. Colonel Law, in writing to me expressing deep regret at his loss, asked me to express his sympathy with you. He says:--'All in this mess feel that we have lost a fine comrade,' and tells of a touching incident that occurred. The Belgian interpreter attached to the Pioneer Battalion, who shared the same room as Alan, when news of his death was brought to him, covered his bed with violets as a mark of the esteem in which he held him. Alan showed great promise in his work here. He was a fine, brave and loyal soldier, and his loss to us is a severe one. I know how you all will grieve at his loss.. Yet another fine young life sacrificed in this dreadful war. The sympathy of all his comrades here, who knew and loved him so well, goes out to you and yours in your affliction.

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LATE LIEUT. HYETT. PHOTOS UNVEILED. IMPRESSIVE PATRIOTIC CEREMONY.

They died that we might live. Hail! and farewell,
All honour give
To those who, nobly striving, nobly fell,
That we might live.

Eternal honour give. Hail! and farewell,
To those who died
In that full splendour of heroic pride,
That we might live.

These appropriate lines were quoted by Mr. B. Hyett at the Bendigo Y.M.C.A. on Sunday afternoon when paying a tribute to Australia's heroes who have given their lives on the battlefield. The occasion was a gathering of soldiers and prominent citizens to witness the unveiling of two photos of Mr. Hyett's late son, Lieut. Alan Newcombe Hyett, LL.B., who was killed in action in France on 2nd June last, and who was a member of the board of management the Y.M.C.A. The photographs, which were nicely framed, showed the late Lieut. Hyett in a soldier's uniform, and in his gown which he wore when he received the degree of L.L.B. They bore the inscriptions "Patriot" and "Scholar" respectively. Every part of the large hall was crowded, the impressive ceremony was reverently delivered. Amongst those present were Messrs. G. Mackay, J. Laidler, W. D. Rees, P. Christie, and J. S. McIlroy, representing St. Andrew's kirk session. Dr. Frost (president of the Bendigo Y.M.C.A.) called on the Bishop of Bendigo as the first speaker. His Lordship said it seemed only a day since dear Alan Hyett was amongst them as a great young fellow. They looked back and remembered him with all love, affection, and esteem that men should have one for another. He was a man of refinement, of culture, and of education. Life with all its brightness and possibilities was before him. But he laid these aside in the interests of his country and went forward to fight for the liberty of our fatherland and all the dominions of Great Britain. He (the speaker) regarded it as a great privilege to have known Lieut. Hyett personally 'The deceased soldier had been a chum, on the battlefield of his own beloved son, who was there still endeavouring to do the work which Lieut. Hyett had fallen in carrying out. It was an honour to speak about a man like the one to whom they were paying a tribute that day. He was one of all others who could be least spared; one who had as good an excuse as anyone to remain at home. There was one thing that made all those who knew the late soldier feel particularly proud. That was that he was a loyal soldier of Jesus Christ. Even greater than his loyalty to his Sovereign was his loyalty to Jesus Christ. He was one who looked not on things that are seen, but lived in the light of things that are unseen - things that are eternal. When he went to the front he went without a particle of fear. We remembered him today with thankfulness; we praised God for the courage he showed and the ability he possessed. He (his Lordship) was proud to have had the privilege and honour of participating in the ceremony that afternoon, and he was sure that all present would join with him in sympathising with Mr. Hyett and his family. In concluding, his Lordship said he rejoiced in seeing so many young men in khaki present, and he exhorted them to follow the noble example set by the late Lieut. A. N. Hyett.

Mr. G. Mackay said he came to the gathering merely to pay a tribute to his young friend, Alan Hyett, by his presence, but he did not expect to utter his appreciation of this young man whom he had known as a boy and up to the time he left Bendigo. The deceased soldier was a young man for whom he had the highest possible admiration. Mr. Mackay then referred to the fact that the late Lieut. Hyett and his son, the late Major Murdoch Mackay, had been associated with one another at school, had commenced their University careers on the same day, and had both laid down their lives for their country. The work of the late Lieut. Hyett in the Y.M.C.A., as a member of the board of directors of the institution, was sufficient to show his view of life. Referring to the rolls of honour which occupied prominent positions in several churches, the speaker said they furnished the best answer to those people who had been in the habit of referring contemptuously to church adherents as "wowsers." The public had seen that large numbers of young men who had been associated with the churches had fearlessly entered the lists in their country's defence, and in some cases had laid down their lives. Many young men there that afternoon were going away to do their duty, and he had no doubt that they, like the late Lieut. Hyett, would behave not only with loyalty to the King of our Empire, but with loyalty to the greater King, who ruled over us all, the Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Frost said he desired to convey to Mr. and Mrs. Hyett the appreciation of the Y.M.C.A. for their kindness in presenting the photographs to the institution. The late Lieut. Hyett had been a co-worker with him on the board of management of the Y.M.C.A., and he (the speaker) had found out his sterling qualities. He was a young man of whom they were all proud. There was nothing ostentatious about him, although he was a barrister at law. This young man entered camp as a Private, to take any office or do any work which was allotted to him. Before he was called, away, however, they found him holding the well-merited rank of Lieutenant. He was one of the finest men that had laid down their lives for their country. Mr. Hyett, who was visibly affected, made a short and feeling speech. He said he was in a very unique position, in that he was present to do honour to his noble son. He thanked all those who had made such kind references to his deceased soldier son. His son was only one of the many thousands who had laid down their lives for their Empire. Thousands of Australians have paid the supreme sacrifice so that we might live. When he spoke of Australians it made him come nearer home and think of the Victorians and the Bendigonians who had made the supreme sacrifice. He desired to personally pay a testimony to the late Major M. N. Mackay, son of Mr. G. Mackay. There was no honour too great to pay to these young men. In the name of his honoured son, he gave all soldiers present a hearty welcome to the Y.M.C.A. He was glad that his son had given his services to the association. He felt honoured at seeing so many men in khaki present that afternoon. Whenever he saw a soldier he felt like taking off

his hat to him. In concluding his remarks to the soldiers, Mr. Hyett said:- "I honour you. Everyone in Australia honours our noble and brave lads. I trust that you will be spared to come back to us again."

Dr. Frost then removed the Union Jack, which was covering the photos, after which the "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler Sergeant J. Jarvie.

Miss Stella Clark sang the solo "Nearer My God to Thee," and the singing of the National Anthem and "God Bleus Our Splendid Men" concluded the ceremony.

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HONOUR TO BENDIGO BARRISTERS

As a memorial to Major Clive Emmerson Connelly, Major Murdoch Nish Mackay, Captain Eric Winfield Connelly and Lieutenant Alan Newcombe Hyett, four young Bendigo barristers who made the supreme sacrifice in the war, Mr Barkly Hyett, president of Bendigo Law Association, has had erected an ornamental street seat facing the entrance to Bendigo Law Courts. On it there is a marble slab bearing the names of the young men, and the inscription, "Their names liveth for ever." The tablet was unveiled this afternoon by the Earl of Stradbroke, the Governor, who visited the city in connection with the opening of the Bendigo Soldiers' Memorial Institute.