

## Corpl. George Steel (Gravesend), Auckland Mounted Rifles.

### DIED OF WOUNDS.

The funeral of Corpl. George Steel, Auckland Mounted Rifles, who, as we recorded last week, was fatally wounded in the fighting at Jaffa and was brought home to the New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst, Hants, where he succumbed to his injuries, took place with military honours at the Gravesend Cemetery on Monday. The body, which was accompanied to Gravesend by a military escort, was laid to rest in a grave immediately opposite that of his mother. There were present a large party of soldiers from the Gravesend Barracks, but the military band was unable to play, being out of the town at the time. The Rev. E. H. Clarke officiated, and the mourners were: Mr. Wm. Steel (father), Mr. J. Steel (brother), Mr. Walter Doughty (brother-in-law, who has been wounded and was allowed out of hospital to attend the funeral), Misses Daisy, Dorothy and Lillian Steel and Mrs. Doughty (sisters), and Miss Whittington. The beautiful wreaths which were laid on the grave were: In loving remembrance of my dear son George, from his Father; In proud and loving memory, from Sis and Wad; In loving memory of dear George, from Sister Violet and Charles; In loving memory of my dear brother, from Lily; In loving memory of our dear brother, from Daisy and Dorothy; In loving remembrance, from Estaire Whittington; A last token of love to our dear brother, from Jim and Ethel; With deepest sympathy, from the employees; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. R. Nicholls; With deepest sympathy, "May he rest in hope and rise in glory," from Mrs. Elliott; With sincere sympathy, from H. Levings; With sincere sympathy, from Gladys; In affectionate remembrance, from G. W. Smith and family; In ever loving memory, from Mr. and Mrs. A. Redsell; In affectionate remembrance of (Daddy), from Walter and Emmie Richardson; To our own darling uncle, from his little nephews and nieces Kathleen, Janet, Jim, Frederick and George Steel.

Amongst the many letters of condolence which Mr. Steel has received, is one from the Rev. J. A. Jacob, Chaplain at the Hospital, in which he says: "I want to assure you of my most sincere sympathy in your loss. Your boy was a wonderful character—his cheerfulness, patience and pluck were an inspiration to all who saw him much. Knowing what one did from the doctors and nurses one could not wish that he should live longer. May God comfort you and yours, and the pride you have in your son, and what he has done and been, will help you to bear your grief."

Mr. Steel still has two sons serving, one in India, and the other in France.