

Fallen Heroes.

Last Monday evening the parents of Private George Bower were notified by a telegram received by Rev D. Daley that he had been killed in action in France on 26th August. He was the eldest son of Mr. Robert Bower, one of the proprietors of this journal, and resided with his parents at Oakbank-street, Newport. Twelve months ago he enlisted, just after his 18th birthday, and after a few weeks in Egypt, landed in France at the end of March. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by Walker, May and Co., a city firm of printers. He received his education at the North State School, and was a member of the Newport Methodist Cricket Club, being highly esteemed among his comrades. He had cabled on 12th August that he and three other local lads were well, and the news of his death followed last Monday.

The friends of Captain Dawns, formerly of the Victorian Pilot Service, and many years a resident of Williamstown, will regret to hear of the death of his third son Willie, who was killed in action in France on the 5th August, two days after his 21st birthday. Previous to his enlistment with the A.I.F. the deceased was following pastoral pursuits on Round Hill Estate, Cumnah, N.S.W. Capt. Dawns' two elder sons are also on active service. The elder, Eddie, having his master's certificate, accepted an offer of a commission in the Royal Navy as sub-lieutenant. He was soon afterwards promoted as lieutenant, and is now in charge of a small cruiser. The second son, Ronald, was in England obtaining engineering experience when the war broke out. He joined the army and went to Gallipoli with the Manchester Territorials. He was wounded there, and has since been on service in Alexandria. All three lads were born in Williamstown and are mainly fellows. They were members of the Williamstown Presbyterian Boys' Naval Brigade, from whose ranks over 90 members are on active service. Four of these have now unfortunately been killed in action.