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MR J. B. POYNTER

One of the best-known residents of Poverty Bay. Mr James Benjamin Poynter, died yesterday at his residence in Stout street, at the age of 63 years. Mr Poynter had been in frail health, suffering from a pulmonary complaint, for some time, but the suddenness of his passing was quite unexpected.

The son of the late J. B. Poynter, one of the earliest settlers on the Flats, Mr Poynter was born in Gisborne and had spent most of his life here. He had, however, twice been abroad to serve in the expeditionary forces of his country—on the first occasion in the South African War, and later in the Great War. His age prevented him from joining the Royal Air Force, a new branch of the army which had a strong appeal to one of Mr Poynter's adventurous disposition and he served successively in the Maori Contingent, the Second Wellingtons, and the Third Wellingtons. He was twice wounded, and received a commission on the field, and was invalided home from the famous Ypres Salient in November, 1917.

The late Mr Poynter was in his day a representative footballer, and a member of the W.E.C.M.R. He was a foundation member of a number of different bodies, from the Gisborne Central Old Pupils' Association to the Gisborne Returned Soldiers' Association, and including such organisations as the South African Veterans' Association, the Old Settlers' Association,

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the Territorial Association, the Volunteer Re-union Committee, and the Tairāwhiti Māori Association.

He is survived by Mrs Poynter, one son, Mr R. G. Poynter, Petone, and three daughters, Mrs K. Davey, Hamilton, Mrs N. Agnew, Wairoa, and Miss J. Poynter, Gisborne. To the members of the bereaved family, the deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances will be extended.

MRS EDWARD GEORGE MORRIS

The death occurred at the Cook Hospital on Wednesday night, at the early age of 34 years, of Mrs Jane Morris, wife of Mr Edward George Morris, of Manutuke.

The late Mrs Morris was a daughter of Mr Chas. Westrupp, and had spent most of her life at Manutuke. In addition to her husband, she leaves six children.

The funeral, at which members of the Manchester Unity are invited to be present, will be held at the Manutuke cemetery this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DEATH OF INVERCARGILL JOURNALIST

(Press Association)

INVERCARGILL. Feb. 4.

The death of Mr John Ward, proprietor of the weekly paper, Southern Cross, has occurred at the age of

81 years. In his younger days he was sub-editor of the News and the Times. He was a prominent Oddfellow and held many offices.