

Fierce Willy-willy

WATERHATCH HOMESTEAD DAMAGED.

The homestead at Waterhatch, Mr O. Broun's property, some seven miles from Beverley was severely damaged at about 2.30 yesterday afternoon as a result of being struck by a terrific willy-willy. There was little warning of the disturbance and a large portion of the roof of the home was lifted off. Two verandahs were partially demolished, telephone and fencing wires were broken and roofing timber was splintered and torn in the space of a few moments. Some of the roofing iron lodged in the large peppercorn trees in the front of the house whilst other sheets were scattered further afield.

Mr. O. Broun is at present in camp with the 10th Light Horse Regiment and Mrs Broun was visiting friends at East Beverley at the time of the visitation. Her father, Mr. C. Burgess, of the city, who is holidaying in Beverley, was at the homestead but escaped injury. He effected temporary repairs to telephone lines and communicated with town and several of Mr. Broun's friends hastened out to render what assistance they could. Much work will be necessary before a complete restoration is effected, however.