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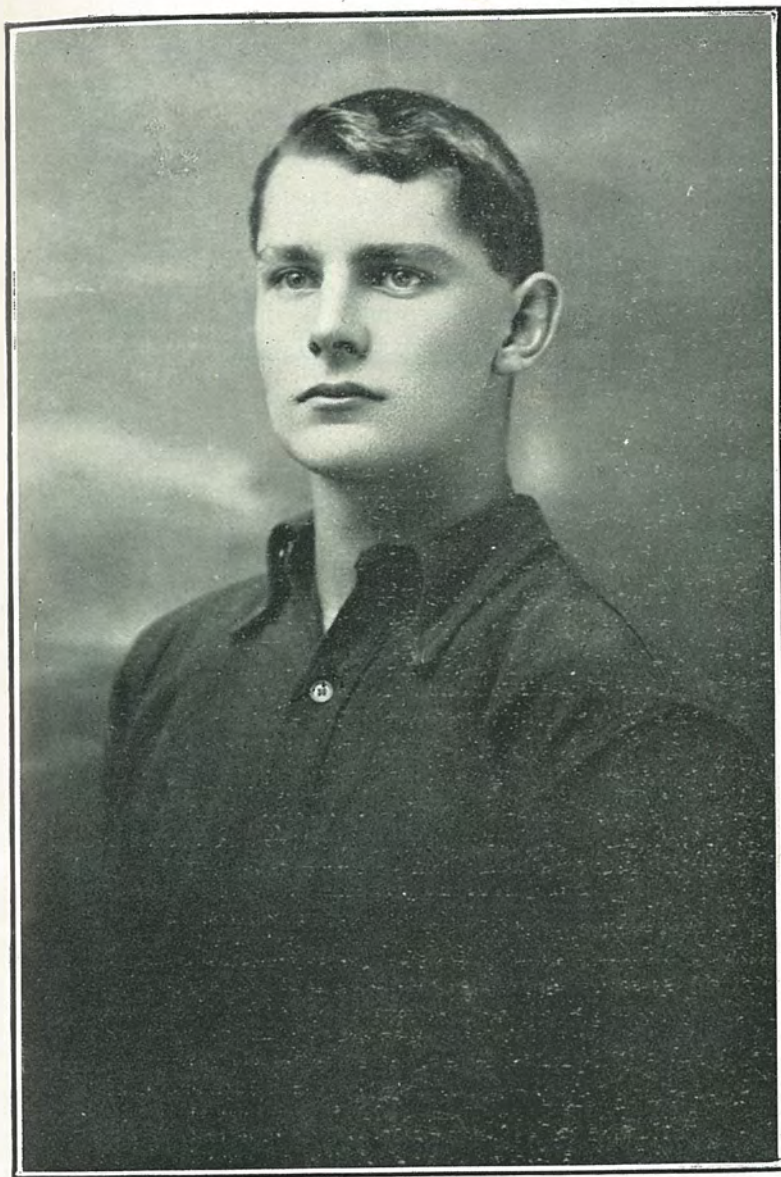
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D. F. C. SAXTON.  
*Head Boy, 1918.*



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## EDITORIAL.

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IT is with the utmost satisfaction that we announce that the new school building is well under way. When we returned after the Christmas holidays the contract had been let and an actual start made with the work. After our long weary wait since the fire of August, 1916, it seemed as if we were never to have the new building. But January, 1918, at last saw a beginning made.

The High School Board had comprehensive plans drawn, plans providing for a modern school fully equipped in every respect. After considerable negotiation with the Government a grant of £5000 was obtained, and this sum, together with the insurances, enabled the Board to proceed with the work. As the sum available was too small for the completion of the comprehensive plan, the erection of the assembly hall and of one wing had to be deferred. It was felt by everyone that these excisions would result in seriously crippling the School and in limiting its usefulness. Accordingly an influential committee of New Plymouth citizens was formed for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to carry out the original plan. An appeal was made to the public and to the friends of the School, as well as to the Old Boys. The response was so gratifying that the Board decided to proceed with the complete scheme. So far a sum of well over £2500 has been subscribed, and this has ensured the erection of the assembly hall. The contract for this has been let.



As the labours of the Citizens' Committee are by no means ended, a large number of appeals being still to be made, we are confident that the entire building will be erected. In any case, even though it should be necessary to leave out, for the present, some details, the new School will be well-equipped and in a position to do all that is expected of a good Secondary School. Ever since the fire we have been labouring under great difficulties, but the darkness of the night is passing and daylight seems at hand. Our difficulties would have been still greater had it not been for the invaluable help and ever-ready co-operation of the Taranaki Jockey Club.

In connection with the matter of the erection of the new School and of its equipment, we notice that there seems to have come over New Zealand a wave of deepened interest in the all-important subject of education. The Educational Institute of New Zealand, the corporate association of the primary-school teachers of New Zealand, recently circularised all School Committees and Education Boards, urging the claims of education and pressing for important improvements. In practically every case the circular was sympathetically received and in most cases the objects set out were heartily supported. The public is at last waking up as a whole, it would seem, to the paramount importance of the subject. War-time with all its sacrifices, difficulties and distractions, seems an inopportune time to press this subject. But we may mention two historical facts. In 1806, when Prussia was in her deepest depths of misery and poverty, trampled under the heel of the great Napoleon, the University of Berlin was established and thoroughly equipped. All the world now knows that the strength and cunning of Germany is very largely due to this consistent fostering of education, scholastic and scientific education, we mean. At about the same time France found time and means, in the midst of her military schemes, to remodel entirely and thoroughly equip the University of Paris. And who shall say that this spirit has not been of incalculable value to our gallant Allies? We in New Zealand may take the hint, and should leave no stone unturned to foster every department of education, and should spare no expense to secure thorough efficiency. All this will be accomplished as soon as the people demand it.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The War is making its influence felt in more and more different directions. We have this year experienced the utmost difficulty in procuring some of the School class-books. One illustration of this may be cited. The annual book-order was delivered in July, 1917. In normal times the supply would have been to hand in four months or so. Most of the books arrived in January, 1918. The last instalment came to hand on the last day of April, 1918. This long delay is due not only to the shortage of shipping, but also to shortage of labour and material in England. The quality of paper and of binding is distinctly inferior, and even these inferior books can be produced in sufficient quantities only with great difficulty. This diminished production is accompanied by a considerable rise in price. It is noteworthy that certain publishing firms have raised their prices by over fifty per cent., while others are content with a much smaller increase. We hear much of war-profiteering in these days, and it certainly seems wrong that any publishing firm should take advantage of the present stress. We may note here that there has also been a considerable increase in the price of stationery of all kinds, with the possible and remarkable exception of rubbers. Paper, in particular, has risen enormously in price, and there has been a corresponding decline in the quality. It seems almost certain that next year will see a further rise in price and an increased difficulty in obtaining supplies. We should suggest, therefore, that great care be taken of all second-hand books. Many of these can be used again.

Owing to the kindness of the proprietors of Everybody's Picture Theatre and the Empire Theatre, the whole of the proceeds of the pictures for one day were given to the School Building Fund. This resulted in the addition of £48 to the fund. We are exceedingly grateful to these gentlemen for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

The large increase in the roll-number along with the presence of the Preparatory School at the Racecourse has involved difficulties in supplying stationery. It has been found necessary to supply a certain class on certain days only. The present arrangement is that the class for the day takes precedence, but should no member of



that class be waiting to be served any boy from any other class will be served, if he is at hand. Now that the inevitable rush at the beginning of the First Term is over, there is much less difficulty.

The school population of the Racecourse would have increased considerably in the natural course of events this year. But there has been an abnormal increase in the addition of 75 Preparatory boys. During the Christmas holidays the "Tote" was enlarged. A partition was then put in for our convenience. Ample accommodation was thus obtained for the Preparatory School. We are now once more united, and shall remain so till our migration back to Eliot Street.

At the end of last year we bade farewell to one of our masters, Mr. R. D. Kidd, and to one of our Old Boys, "Bob" Kidd. He was a pupil of the School for five years and then, at the beginning of last year, he joined the staff. He threw himself heart and soul into his work, both outside and inside. As soon as he became of age he enlisted and immediately went into camp. On his departure he was presented with tokens of friendship and good-wishes both by the masters and the boys. Subsequently he paid us a visit on his final leave. It is almost unnecessary to say that we wish him every success and a safe and speedy return.

This Term we welcome to the teaching staff Mr. Glover. He has shown himself enthusiastic both in school and outside, and is a decided acquisition to our cricketing and tennis strength. We hope his stay with us will be long, and that he will find it a pleasant one. We take this opportunity of extending to him a very hearty welcome.

On Anzac Day, April 25th, the School Cadets turned out to take part in the procession and to attend the special services held. After marching down from the School they joined the other corps near the Fire Brigade Station. After the procession was marshalled it proceeded down Devon Street, headed by the Municipal Band. Some of the corps attended the service at the People's Picture Palace, while the rest, including the School Cadets, proceeded to Everybody's Theatre and attended the service there. After the service the Cadets were marched up to Gill Street, where they were dismissed near Mr. Newton King's building.

If Easter is notorious for its bad weather, on the other hand we are usually most fortunate in the weather for the Swimming Sports. These were held, as usual, at the Breakwater, and the weather was all that could be desired. The sea, too, was perfectly calm. We are indebted to the Harbour Board and its officials for their kindness and for their invaluable assistance. Year by year we meet with the same kindness and consideration, and take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude.

In connection with the local effort in aid of Sir Arthur Pearson's fund for blind soldiers a number of our boys conducted a penny-trail. Two chalk lines were drawn parallel along the edge of the pavement. Along this boys were stationed at regular intervals. The contributing public placed coins between these lines, and these coins were collected by the boys. The amount thus collected amounted to £45 12s 3d, of which £19 was made up of pennies.

During the First Term a fête was held in Pukekura Park in aid of the fund for the upkeep of the Park. The School provided one of the afternoon-tea places. The fine, bright weather rendered everything very pleasant. During the afternoon a number of events were decided. A crew consisting of Rawson, Rénaud and Brackebush won the final of the boat-race on the larger lake. In the Swimming Competitions, Watkins won the 50yds. Primary Championship, and the places in the 100yds. Championship under 18 were filled by L. O'Halloran 1, M'Kay 2, Rawson 3. D. Mackay won the 200yds. Running Primary Championship and Beckbessinger the 220 yds. Championship under 18.

On Thursday, March 14th, were held in the Recreation Ground the Taranaki Primary Schools' Athletic Championships. Among the competitors were several High School boys, who had entered the School this year. An arrangement had been made whereby these boys competed for their old schools. Several of the events were won by these competitors. On the programme were two Invitation Races. The 100yds. was won easily by Beckbessinger, while Whittle and K. Clemow were first and second respectively in the 440yds.

During the First Term Mr. T. G. Hirst, a member of the Board of Governors, was transferred from New Plymouth to Invercargill. Mr. Hirst at all times showed



a keen interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the School, both in his private capacity and as a member of the Board. His departure is a distinct loss, and we take this opportunity of saying good-bye and of wishing him all happiness and prosperity in his new home.

Mr. Hirst's successor on the Board is Mr. Morton, of Egmont Village. Mr. Morton has had much experience on local bodies and was a member of the Taranaki Education Board. He will, therefore, prove a valuable member of our Board.

On Monday, April 8th, Mr. Bligh, the Travelling Secretary of the White Cross League, paid the School a visit and gave an address on subjects connected with the League. In spite of the War, the work of the Society is being carried on, and Mr. Bligh makes regular tours in the interests of its work.

During the Christmas Holidays all the chairs in the buildings on the Racecourse were thoroughly overhauled and repaired. Many of the bentwood chairs were strengthened by a stout wire-brace just below the seat. This wire was tightened by a twitch. The consequence is that every sudden movement of the chair produces a musical note. The different tension of the wire in the different chairs produces notes of different pitch. This is specially noticeable in the VI A. Room. It has been observed, too, that intense mental concentration produces a more spasmodic movement of the chairs than is noticed at other times. The consequence is that during the Term examinations there is a continual game of "musical chairs." If the music thus produced does nothing else, it certainly helps to break the monotony.

A school magazine is not the proper place in which to record meteorological occurrences. But the gale and storm of March 18th and 19th were so particularly severe that they deserve mention. On the Racecourse we felt it very severely. The buildings rocked alarmingly, and rumour has it that the pundits of Form VI A. were affected by mal de mer. The wind was so violent that it actually shook the new Boarding-house, built of ferro-concrete though it is. All the trees and shrubs suffered severely, and strong words are required to express the litter of leaves, twigs and pine-needles scattered everywhere.

Last year we obtained the loan of a fine bell from the managers of St. Andrew's Church. This bell did its duty nobly until this Term, when a tragedy was enacted.

The youth whose duty it was "to agitate the tintinnabulator" was one day performing the necessary operation. The first few strokes sounded out as melodiously as of yore. Then the next blow sounded more like the clash of a stick on an empty kerosene tin. The striker's face was a study. An examination revealed the sad fact that a crack had developed. Since that day the crack has grown wider and the tone of the bell has become more and more inaudible; and it can be said, without much danger of exaggeration, that the present tone resembles two stones knocked together. Form III B. has the extreme misfortune to be situated quite near the maimed bell, and must, therefore, hear every stroke. The other classes have some shadow of excuse for unpunctuality. Like most joys this is not without alloy. If the classes cannot hear the bell, neither can the masters, and on more than one occasion has a lesson been for this reason unduly protracted. We have now a piece of iron-piping suspended by a wire, and there has been a marked extension of the radius within which the sound can be heard. Hence arises more punctuality.

On Saturday, April 20th, about 15 Boarders went out to Waitara, to Mr. Luxton's farm, for the day to procure papa for the cricket pitch. On arrival there it was found necessary to use an explosive to loosen the papa, so two boys were sent to buy some plugs of gelignite and some fuse and caps. While they were away a hole was dug for the plugs. As it was to be fired off, we were ordered away, but one youth thought it necessary to go about 150 yards off. The explosion over safely and effectively, after much hard labour we filled a large lorry and then had lunch, but, as enough bread was not taken, some boys had to be content with one sandwich each. After filling another lorry we adjourned to a neighbouring tangi. There the process of peeling potatoes and kumaras was in operation. One of our party asked where the potatoes were grown, and was told that they were grown in France. After a while he again remarked on the number of a family, and was answered in this manner, "Yes; they all belong to Billy." This produced a considerable amount of laughter, for the owner of the family has a name which closely resembles that of the questioner. So with high spirits, but empty insides, we proceeded on our homeward way.

Easter came very conveniently this year somewhere near the middle of the First Term. Most of the Boarders



went home, but a party went to the Mountain. They had a real Easter experience. They set out in threatening weather, reached the Mountain soaked through, and had abundance of rain there during their several days' stay. The trip home was not made without encountering a certain amount of atmospheric humidity, which was occasionally deposited. Why is it that Easter is so often wet? It is a moveable festival, and perhaps dodges about, and thus pretty regularly secures rain. Perhaps if Easter were on a fixed date we might sometimes, at intervals of, say twice in ten years, have a fine Easter.

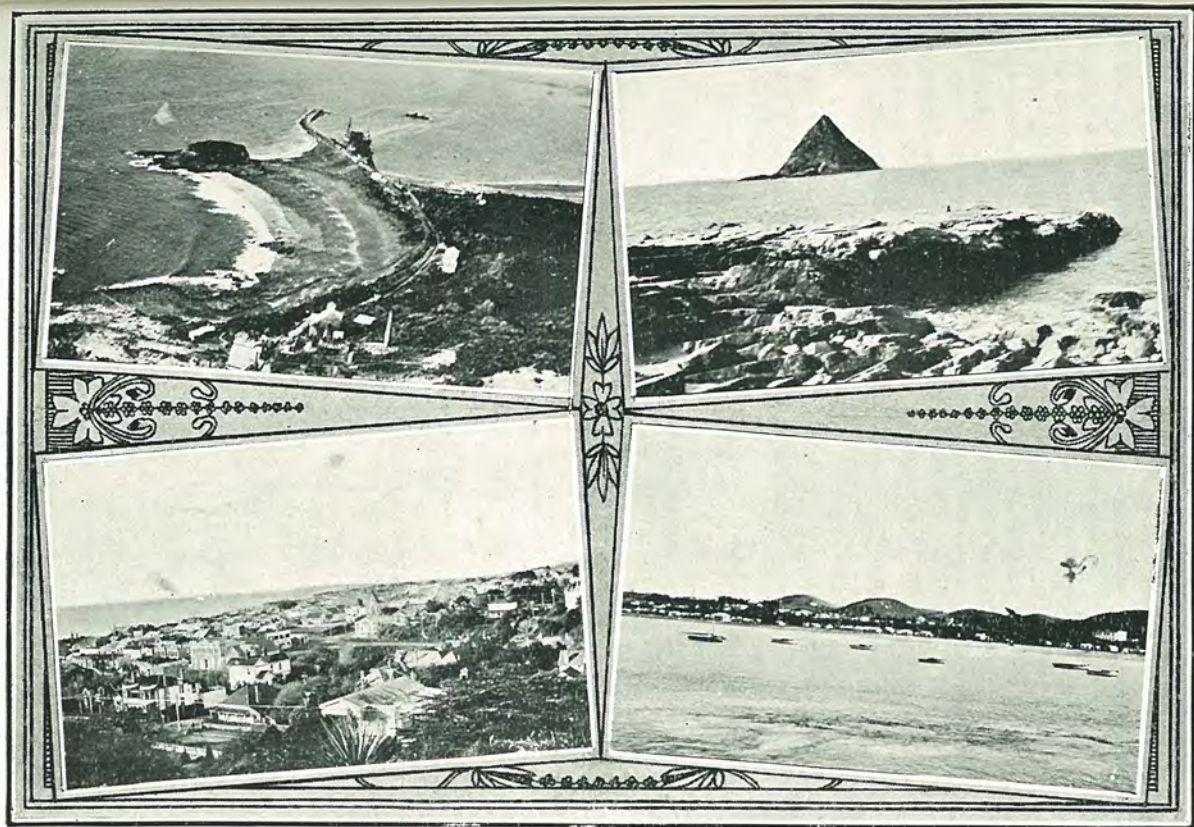
In spite of long tramps in the wet and cold on the Mountain it is remarkable how seldom these are followed by any ill results. No doubt the elevation and the brilliant purity of the air have much to do with this. At any rate, the fact remains that those who best know the long, wet tramps and the cold are just those who most keenly feel the lure of the Mountain.

On April 13th a team of masters and boys went to Inglewood and played a match against the local Tennis Club. The team consisted of six masters and six boys, the latter acting as the ladies of the team. The details of the scores appear in our "Tennis Notes." The day was brilliantly fine, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The courts were in excellent order, and the surroundings were very attractive. On arrival we were provided with morning tea, and the play began almost immediately. Lunch was provided at one of the hotels. During the afternoon a sumptuous tea was served. We wish here to express our appreciation of the kindness of our hosts, and to assure them that we thoroughly enjoyed the outing. It is to be hoped, from our point of view, that this will not be the last time that we shall visit Inglewood on the same errand.

Some time ago we saw a copy of a letter written in French (not in New Plymouth) which began: "Cher Henri, Je suis très puits." We can parallel this. So keen is the interest in French, and things French, nowadays, that one literary genius, who evidently found thinking too cumbersome a process, banded in a prose composition in which the words "She left Hatfield" were rendered "Elle gauche Hatfield." A truly sinister performance!

French is not the only language that presents difficulties to the student. It has been definitely proved that





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difficulties exist in English too. Recently Macaulay's striking series of antitheses relating to the Puritan and Cavalier parties was under discussion. The master, with that ill-timed and persistent curiosity characteristic of the genus, asked the meaning of the expression, "The Puritan would have made an affair of gallantry felony without benefit of clergy." The first part was satisfactorily explained as a love-affair. After some moments spent in profound thought, the student under cross-examination explained that "without benefit of clergy" meant "without being married." It was deemed prudent to pursue the subject no further.

Among other interesting statements made during the Term occurred the following: The word pundit means a punster, the etymology being pun, a pun, and dit, the French for said.

During the last week of school in the First Term a Boarder, whose bath-night it was, rushed into one of the studies and eagerly, in all innocence, inquired, "I say, do any of you chaps know how to light the camouflagé?" Evidently he was better up in war-terms than in those relating to the internal economy of a bath-room.

The following answer was handed in during the First Term's History examination: "Transmigration is an essential doctrine of Presbyterianism." We wonder whether this is intended as a sly hit at the system of regular transfers of clergymen. If so, we are afraid the wrong denomination was mentioned.

One afternoon about a fortnight after the beginning of the year the customary concert to initiate the new boys was held in IIIb. room. School ended at the end of the sixth period in order that all the items could be rendered in one afternoon. Patriotic, humorous, and even ragtime songs were given. One bright youth's song was not very complimentary to a certain prefect, while another's was merely a succession of "Mary had a William goat." But, as our school is becoming more and more musical every year, what with nigger minstrels, etc., most of our budding vocalists considered their musical susceptibilities offended by the gallant attempts of the performers, and, towards the end of the concert, only a few remained to appreciate them.

At the Taranaki A. and P. Show in February the Third Form agricultural boys had something like a field day in the Cow-judging Competition. Mr. E. Griffiths



acted as judge, and the first seven places were gained by members of Form IIIb. The order is as follows:—1, H. Holden; 2, R. Hooker; 3, A. MacWhirter; 4, D. Ballantyne; 5, M. Jonas; 6, R. Street; 7, A. Snowdon.

During the First Term the cricket pitch was laid down with papa and thoroughly worked. It is anticipated that in this way a really good turf-wicket will be obtained. The New Plymouth soil is unsuitable for forming cricket pitches, and the papa promises much better results. The work has involved much labour. We are indebted to Mr. Luxton, of Waitara, for his kindness in allowing us to get the necessary papa on his property.

The School Orchestra has been hard at work this term. There has been an increase in the number of members; and with the increasing number of boys learning instruments other than the piano or brass each year will see a further increase. The great difficulty at present is to obtain good music, and music of the better class is absolutely essential. This term the chief items practised have been: Selections from Martha, Greig's Berceuse, Pierne's Serenade and Autumn Memories (Adrian Hope). The personnel of the Orchestra is as follows: First violins, Bothamley, Newton, Brunette; second violin, S. White; viola, Kidson; violoncello, Rockel; clarinets, Ward, L. Walker; flute, Horner; cornet, Osborne.

'Twas night, and darkness brooded over the face of the land. Wearied mortals had sunk to rest, all save the weary toilers who still perforce laboured on, all save two venturesome and Sybaritic ones. During the hush of eve a step was heard at the dormitory door, a hand was casually placed on the switch. Forthwith there was a blaze of light, and a simultaneous ducking under a bed and vain attempts at concealment. The Sybaritic ones reluctantly came out from under, and produced their possessions. A careful checking revealed the presence of the following articles: 2 tins pineapple, 1lb. best biscuits, 2 sponge-rolls, a parcel mixed cakes, 2 fruit cakes, 1 bottle rasperryade, 1 bottle cherry cheer, 2 bottles orangeade, 2 bottles hop-beer, 2 bottles creamy-soda, 1 gallon jar claret and lemonade, 3 tumblers. The anticipated nocturnal festivities were postponed, and on the following day the Sybarites and their friends feasted without the additional flavour of contraband.

We feel that we cannot go to press without expressing our heartiest thanks to the members of the Wanganui Collegiate School cricket team for the hospitality extended to our team, and for the considerateness and courtesy so liberally extended to us.

## THE ROLL.

This now stands at 277; 87 new boys having been enrolled, while 43 left at the end of 1917. The full roll is as follows:—

### FORM VIA.

\*Boulton, E.  
\*Calder, H.  
Clemow, K.  
Denny-Brown, D.  
Greiner, R.  
\*Hine, J. M.  
Johns, B. M.  
\*Mackie, D. G. D.  
Morey, C.  
Rockel, R. M.  
\*Roberts, K. C.  
\*Syme, R.  
Saxton, D. F. C.  
Wilkie, W. G.  
\*Winfield, C.

### FORM VIb.

\*Allemann, S.  
\*Atkinson, P.  
Bayly, G. F.  
\*Beckbessinger, E.  
Bellringer, N.  
\*Boon, G.  
Boon, R.  
\*Buchanan, A.  
\*Grant, K.  
Gilbert, A.  
Grayling, B. H.  
\*Guild, I. M.  
Hamling, E.  
\*Harrison, R. I.  
\*Henderson, J.  
Howell, R.  
Jillett, J. W.  
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### FORM V.

\*Barak, M.  
\*Blundell, R.  
Boon, H. J.  
\*Candy, R. A.  
\*Cachemaille, M.  
\*Christie, A.  
Clemow, J.  
\*Dean, O.  
Hayden, S.  
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Sutton, D. W.  
\*Smith, S.  
\*Train, S.  
Taylor, W.  
\*Walter, A.



Waters, E.  
White, C.  
White, S. E.  
Whittle, J. R.  
\*Wills, R. C.  
Wright, P.

## FORM IVA.

Anthony, M.  
\*Baker, K.  
Berridge, W.  
\*Brunette, G.  
Blanchett, E.  
\*Fookes, C. A.  
Gilbert, A. R.  
\*Hunt, H.  
Healy, W. J.  
Hodder, H. L.  
Kidson, C.  
Lints, R.  
\*Meuli, E.  
O'Brien, R.  
O'Dowda, R.  
\*Rawson, L.  
\*White, E. H.  
Ward, K.

## FORM IVB.

Allen, Leo.  
Bird, H. J.  
\*Brackebush, A.  
\*Burkhardt, I. V.  
\*Brown, C. J.  
Case, L.  
Chong, A. M.  
Cleand, A.  
\*Cole, E. E.  
\*Ducker, K. A.  
\*Fox, D. J.  
Greiner, L. W.  
Gudopp, K.  
Hamblin, N.  
Honeyfield, H.  
Johnson, P.  
Moss, H. C.  
\*Musker, R.  
McRae, R.  
\*Osborne, M.  
Renaud, I.  
Short, W.  
\*Smart, C.  
\*Snowdon, T. A.  
\*Smellie, M. T.  
\*Tait, R. S.  
\*Walter, J.  
Webber, H. C.

## FORM IIIA.

Barton, I. B.  
Bellringer, R.  
\*Bothamley, A. R.  
Brokenshire, E.  
Coleman, E. C.  
\*Corney, F. A.  
Crapper, A.  
Crawshaw, R.  
Corkill, F. J.  
Dinniss, L. B.  
Dutton, K.  
\*Gibson, J.  
Griffiths, E. W. B.  
\*Hair, R.  
Hawkes, C. F. H.  
Handley, C. E.  
\*Hawkins, P. F.  
\*Hughson, G.  
\*Jonas, M.  
\*Jones, L. R.  
Morehead, J. W.  
\*Morris, L. B.  
Moore, B. W.  
\*Mackay, W.  
Mills, M.  
\*Noakes, B. De B.  
Smart, L.  
Way, B. R.  
\*Waterson, G.

## FORM IIIB.

Allan, R.  
Allen, L.  
Abbott, L. H.  
\*Burwell, D. R.  
Ballantyne, D.  
\*Blanchard, H.  
\*Carr, A. G.  
Cavaney, W. G.  
\*Coulter, A.  
\*Dixon, K. S.  
\*Duckworth, C. W.  
\*Espin, C. W.  
Frethey, L.  
\*Forbes, T. E.  
\*Honeyfield, K. W.  
Holden, H. G.  
Hooker, S. R.  
Hoby, R. P.  
Hasell, T. H.  
Hamling, H. E.  
\*Jackson, S.  
Johns, O. F.  
Jury, G. N.  
Mannix, B.

\*MacWhirter, T. A.  
\*Messenger, W. J.  
\*Moyes, A. M.  
Moss, O. D.  
\*Neill, L. D.  
\*Newton, G.  
\*Pearce, E. C.  
\*Pease, L. R.  
\*Phillips, F.

\*Rickard, H. W.  
\*Rolfe, H. W.  
\*Scown, G.  
\*Spence, D. W.  
\*Street, R.  
Teed, L.  
\*Walker, C. L.  
Wood, S. C.

## THE LOWER SCHOOL.

## FORM III.

Arthur, R.  
Butler, F.  
Bendall, A.  
\*Christie, R. H.  
Dolby, R.  
Fookes, S.  
Gibbs, J. A.  
\*Jackson, J.  
\*Mackay, D.  
Neal, K.  
\*Palmer, J. W.  
Pease, C. L.  
\*Penn, T.  
Prideaux, J.  
Roberts, H.  
Robertson, M.  
Watkins, I.  
Webster, L.  
\*Williams, F.

## FORM IIA.

\*Bell, D.  
Blundell, B.  
Carthew, V.  
Coplestone, G. A.  
Ellis, S.  
Erlandson, F. H. B.  
\*Fookes, T.  
\*Fookes, V.  
\*Fussell, E.  
\*Gibbs, B. G.  
\*Goldstone, M.  
Hoby, B.  
Hogg, J. E.  
\*Hooper, B.  
Hutchen, S.  
Kebbell, M.  
Lysons, M.  
\*MacLean, W.  
Miller, N.  
\*Old, W.  
\*Robinson, K.  
\*Rogers, C. J. S.

Saxton, C.  
Scanlan, J.  
Scanlan, B.  
Thomson, H.  
\*Williamson, R.

## FORM IIB.

Barrell, C.  
Bayly, G.  
\*Bell, C.  
Bellringer, H.  
Fookes, K.  
Fookes, G.  
\*Hair, D.  
\*Hair, G.  
Leech, A.  
MacDiarmid, N.  
McNeill, H.  
Walker, G.

## FORM II.

Browne, J. C.  
Davies, O.  
Garner, H.  
Gilmour, C.  
Leech, E.  
McNeill, C.  
Sladden, P.

## FORM IA.

\*Bell, G.  
\*Cornish, J.  
Elliott, E.  
Fookes, H.  
\*Fox, K. E.  
Griffiths, C.  
Griffiths, W.  
Jackson, E.  
List, R.  
Stronge, J.

## FORM I.

\*Fussell, A.

\*Signifies Boarder.



The following entered the School during the First Term:—\*R. Syme, \*A. G. Buchanan, M. Nicholson, \*H. L. Richardson, J. D. Willis, \*O. Dean, \*E. Meuli, \*R. S. Tait, I. B. Barton, R. Bellringer, E. Brokenshire, E. C. Coleman, \*F. A. Corney, A. Crapper, R. Crawshaw, F. J. Corkill, L. B. Dinniss, K. Dutton, \*R. Hair, C. F. H. Hawkes, C. E. Handley, \*P. F. Hawkins, \*G. Hughson, \*M. Jonas, \*L. R. Jones, J. W. Morehead, \*L. B. Morris, M. Mills, L. Smart, B. R. Way, \*G. Waterson, B. Moore, \*J. Gibson, R. Allan, Leon Allen, L. H. Abbott, \*D. R. Burwell, D. Ballantyne, \*A. Coulter, W. G. Cavaney, \*A. G. Carr, \*K. S. Dixon, \*C. W. Espin, L. Frethey, \*K. W. Honeyfield, S. R. Hooker, H. E. Hamling, R. P. Hoby, G. N. Jury, \*W. J. Messenger, B. Mannix, \*T. A. MacWhirter, \*L. D. Neill, \*E. C. Pearce, \*F. Phillips, \*H. W. Rickard, \*R. Street, \*D. W. Spence, \*G. Scown, \*C. L. Walker, S. C. Wood, \*H. W. Rolfe, O. D. Moss, \*G. Newton, A. Bendall, \*R. H. Christie, \*J. A. Gibbs, C. L. Pease, \*T. Penn, L. Webster, \*J. W. Palmer, G. A. Coplestone, \*M. Goldstone, \*B. G. Gibbs, J. E. Hogg, \*W. Old, \*C. J. S. Rogers, F. H. B. Erlandson, \*C. Bell, \*D. Hair, \*G. Hair, A. Leech, J. C. Browne, E. Leech, \*J. Cornish, \*K. E. Fox, \*A. Fussell.

\*Indicates Boarders.

The following left the School at the end of the Third Term, 1917:—M. W. Atkinson, K. R. Brokenshire, O. W. Bayly, A. R. Callander, R. Lealand, E. L. Tansey, J. J. K. Terry, C. C. Yates, D. Doile, S. F. Drake, H. H. Goss, C. C. Herbert, A. McHardy, O. McHardy, F. Train, W. Catanach, A. Boon, E. L. Reeves, A. E. Reynolds, C. R. Zinsli, E. Bedford, P. Chapman, S. Spence, P. Smith, H. Bryce, C. Butcher, K. Fox, P. E. Guscott, E. R. Knuckey, C. H. Lee, E. E. Lash, C. W. Old, R. H. Sarten, R. Ward, E. Messenger, A. D. McNeill, A. Brennan, D. Jury, W. Nicholson, E. Prideaux, C. Emmerton, R. Welch, I. Jones.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The following are the successes gained by the School in the various public examinations held at the end of 1917:—

Matriculation and Allied Examinations.—H. H. Goss, W. M. Atkinson, R. K. Clemow, D. E. Denny-Brown, R. C. Greiner, J. M. Hine, K. C. Roberts, R. M. Rockel, W. G. Wilkie, C. Winfield.

Taranaki Scholarship (University of New Zealand):  
K. R. Brokenshire.

Additional Pass for Matriculation and Allied Examinations: H. Calder.

Partial Success for the same Examinations.—E. Boulton, D. A. Doile, B. M. Johns, C. W. Morey.

Auckland University College Terms, Second Year.—J. J. K. Terry.

N.Z. University, First Section LL.B. Degree.—J. J. K. Terry.

Duntroon Military College Scholarship.—H. H. Goss, third for New Zealand.

Senior National Scholarship.—G. Webster, N. Waddle, K. C. Roberts.

Junior National Scholarship.—M. Barak.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We wish to acknowledge, with many thanks, the following gifts:—

Mr. F. Messenger has presented a very valuable donation to the Camera Club. This consists of a half-plate camera and a 5in. x 4in. reflex camera. In addition there are a telephoto lens and a number of other accessories.

Mr. Swanson has given a guinea to the Swimming Club funds, and also presented a camera for competition.

Mr. D'Arcy Robertson has presented a bat to the Cricket Club for competition.

Mr. Renaud also presented a bat to the Cricket Club for competition.

Mr. Watkins donated ten shillings to the Swimming Club.

Mr. Prideaux has given a number of books to the Library.

Harry Hine, an Old Boy, has given us a set of boxing gloves.

To one and all of these gentlemen we tender our heartiest thanks for the very acceptable donations. Valuable as these are intrinsically, we value still more highly the spirit that prompted the donors.



## FORM AVERAGES.

### FIRST TERM, 1918.

Form VIA.—Average, 53. 1, D. G. D. Mackie, 73; 2, R. Syme, 66.

Form VIB.—Average, 57. 1, C. A. Noble, 85; 2, N. Waddle, 78.

Form V.—Average, 62. 1, M. Barak, 85; 2, S. White, 80.

Form IVA.—Average, 56. 1, W. Berridge, 74; 2, L. Rawson, 64.

Form IVB.—Average, 52. 1, C. Ducker, C. Smart, M. Osborne (equal), 72.

Form IIIA.—Average, 57. 1, L. B. Morris, 89; 2, W. Mackay, 81.

Form IIIB.—Average, 49. 1, L. Walker, 70; 2, F. Phillips, 64.

### PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Form III.—Average, 73. 1, S. Fookes, 90; 2, T. Penn, 85.

Form IIA.—Average, 60. 1, M. Lysons, 85; 2, N. Miller, 70.

Form IIB.—Average, 72. 1, H. Bellringer, 86; 2, G. Bayly, 85.

Form II.—Average, 63. 1, C. Gilmour, 74; 2, H. Garner, 70.

Form IA.—Average, 65. 1, H. Fookes, 81.3; 2, G. Bell, 80.7.

## SHOOTING NOTES.

Almost immediately on our return to School after the Christmas holidays, the reorganisation of our School institutions called for our attention. As soon as possible, arrangements were made for the First Term's shooting practice to commence. When Mr. Kidd left us at the end of last year, it was doubtful whether we would be able to find a master with sufficient spare time to supervise this branch of our sport. However, Mr. Ryder took up the work, and on February 25th a meeting of all those interested in shooting was held in the VIB. room. A committee was elected and preparations were made for a good term's practice.





FIRST PRIZE CAMERA CLUB COMPETITION.



Fortunately we were able to obtain two converted Enfield rifles of the kind supplied to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs in England, and as soon as these and a supply of ammunition came to hand, the annual weeding-out process was commenced. Every boy in the School was given a chance to prove his skill, and although some trouble was experienced in picking the best shots, about eighty boys were considered worth further practice.

In order to give the less experienced shots an idea of what competition shooting is like, a friendly match was arranged with the New Plymouth Defence Rifle Club, the members of which generously decided to shoot on the miniature range in spite of the fact that they are all long-range shots. The match was fired off according to Imperial Challenge Shield conditions on Saturday, April 6th, commencing at 2.30 in the afternoon. The light was rather dull for good shooting, nevertheless some excellent individual scores were recorded.

The following are the scores for the match:—

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL v. N.P. DEFENCE RIFLE CLUB.

RIFLE CLUB.

	Application.	Rapid.	Total.
	50.	50	50.
Rifeman Browne .....	40	34	74
Rifeman Firth .....	34	30	64
President Hill .....	44	43	87
Rifeman Oliver .....	49	37	86
Rifeman Blanchett .....	47	50	97
Rifeman Coppen .....	46	50	96
Rifeman Ramson .....	46	41	87
Rifeman Moore .....	46	40	86
			—
		Grand total	677

SCHOOL.

Harrison .....	46	50	96
Grayling .....	45	48	93
Guild .....	42	41	83
Boon .....	41	44	85
Morey .....	43	43	86
Hine .....	45	32	77
Boulton .....	41	46	87
Bayly .....	45	47	92
			—
		Grand total	699



At the conclusion of the match, President Hill, in a short speech, said that an enjoyable afternoon had been spent and, on behalf of his Club, offered to supply ammunition and rifles if we would fire a match with them at Rewa Rewa. We take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Rifle Club for affording our team such valuable experience and of expressing the appreciation we feel for the real live interest they take in our shooting.

After the match with the Rifle Club, our chief object was to give the teams as much practice as possible before they shot in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition at the end of the term. Previous to this the School has never entered more than three teams in this competition, but this year eight teams were entered, one senior and one junior from each platoon of the Cadet Company. A system of practice was adopted by which the Boarders fired in the early morning before school and the Day Boys during the dinner hour and after school.

As the places in the various teams depended on the scores in the practices previous to the firing of the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, each boy was given an opportunity to fire eight practices under competition conditions. The first eight seniors were, in addition, entitled to fire off for the Searle Cup, for which their Imperial Challenge Shield scores counted as one shoot.

The Senior and the Junior Handicap Medals were decided by the best two scores on bullseye and figure target. In the event of any two scores being equal, the boy firing with the least handicap took the higher position on the list.

The best ten scores in each competition were as follows:—

#### COMPETITION FOR SENIOR MEDAL.

	Name.	Bullseye.	Figure.	Handicap.	Total.
1.	Harrison .....	47	49	scr.	96
2.	Greiner .....	44	47	4	95
3.	Knapman .....	43	44	8	95
4.	Boon, G. ....	46	48	scr.	94
	Morey .....	45	47	2	94
5.	O'Halloran, L.	47	45	2	94
	McKay .....	44	46	4	94
7.	Saxton .....	43	47	4	94
9.	Grayling .....	44	49	scr.	93
	Atkinson .....	44	43	6	93
10.	Jackson, S. ...	43	44	6	93

#### COMPETITION FOR JUNIOR MEDAL.

	Name.	Bullseye.	Figure.	Handicap	Total
1.	Abbott .....	44	47	scr.	91
	Hair, R. ....	45	46	scr.	91
3.	Hawkins .....	40	45	4	89
	Musker .....	43	42	4	89
	Pearce .....	39	46	4	89
	Williams .....	43	42	4	89
7.	Pease .....	42	44	2	88
	Honeyfield ...	42	42	4	88
8.	Jonas .....	42	42	4	88
	Mills .....	42	42	4	88

As soon as the qualifying practices were finished, it was decided to fire off for the Imperial Challenge Shields, and the teams were picked accordingly. At first the weather was unfavourable, so team practices were held, but on Tuesday, April 30th, it was thought fine enough to fire off No. 4 Platoon Senior Team. The weather was by no means perfect for our purpose and frequently the team was forced to take refuge from the rain in the Cricket Shed, nevertheless the members rose to the occasion and put on really good scores.

The following are the detailed scores:—

#### IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION. (SENIOR).

#### NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING TEAMS, 1918.

No. 4 Platoon.		Application.												
Rank.	Name.	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.	
	Sergt. B. M. Johns .....	4	4	4	4	5	—21	4	4	4	5	5	—22	43
	S.M. D. F. C. Saxton ...	3	4	4	4	4	—19	4	4	5	5	5	—23	42
	Sergt. J. M. Hine .....	3	4	4	4	4	—19	3	4	4	5	5	—21	40
	Act.-Lient. C. A. McKay	3	3	4	5	5	—20	4	4	4	4	5	—21	41
	L.-Corp. R. E. Pope ...	4	4	5	5	5	—23	4	4	4	5	5	—22	45
	Cadet I. M. Guild .....	4	4	4	4	5	—21	4	4	5	5	5	—23	44
	Cadet J. R. Kingston ...	4	4	5	5	5	—23	4	5	5	5	5	—24	47
	Cadet S. Jackson .....	4	4	4	5	5	—22	4	4	4	5	5	—22	44

Grand total 346

#### Rapid.

	Sergt. B. M. Johns .....	3	4	5	5	5	—22	2	4	5	5	5	—21	43
	S.M. D. F. C. Saxton ...	3	4	5	5	5	—22	4	4	5	5	5	—23	45
	Act.-Lient. C. A. McKay	3	3	3	4	—16		3	4	5	5	—22	38	
	Sergt. J. M. Hine .....	5	5	5	5	5	—25	5	5	5	5	5	—25	50
	L.-Corp. R. E. Pope ...	3	3	3	4	5	—18	3	3	3	4	—16	34	
	Cadet I. M. Guild .....	4	5	5	5	5	—24	4	5	5	5	—24	48	
	Cadet J. R. Kingston ...	4	4	4	5	5	—22	4	5	5	5	—24	46	
	Cadet S. Jackson .....	3	4	5	5	5	—22	4	4	4	5	5	—22	44

Grand total 348

Average—86.75 per cent.



The next day, Wednesday, May 1, the weather again turned out showery, but as the Term Holidays were approaching the competition could not be delayed, so No. 3 Platoon Senior Team carried on. Although we did not expect a very high score from this team, we were agreeably surprised to find that despite unfavourable conditions an average better than that of last year's No. 1 Team had been recorded.

The following are the scores:—

## No. 3 Platoon.

Rank.	Name.	Application.					1	2	3	4	5	Tl.	43			
		1	2	3	4	5										
Cadet C. W. Duckworth		3	4	4	4	5	—	20	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	43
L.-Crp. A. B. Sturtevant		4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	45
Corp. H. C. Newell .....		3	3	4	5	5	—	20	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	44
Cadet K. R. Grant .....		3	3	5	5	5	—	21	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	41
Cadet S. E. White .....		3	3	4	4	5	—	19	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	41
Cadet D. Penman .....		5	5	5	5	5	—	25	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	47
Cadet W. F. Short .....		3	4	4	4	5	—	20	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	43
Cadet D. A. Snowdon ...		4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	44
												—	Grand total 348			

## Rapid.

Cadet C. W. Duckworth		4	5	5	5	5	—	24	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	48
L.-Crp. A. B. Sturtevant		4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	46
Corp. H. C. Newell .....		2	4	4	4	5	—	19	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	41
Cadet K. R. Grant .....		4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	46
Cadet S. E. White .....		2	3	4	4	5	—	18	3	3	4	5	5	—	20	38
Cadet D. Penman .....		3	4	4	5	5	—	21	3	3	3	4	5	—	18	39
Cadet W. F. Short .....		4	4	5	5	5	—	23	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	44
Cadet D. A. Snowdon ...		4	4	5	5	5	—	23	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	44
												—	Grand total 346			

Average—86.75 per cent.

On the afternoon of the 1st, the No. 1 Platoon Senior Team was given a practice, the result being an average of about 93 points. The next morning a fresh mountain wind was blowing, but it was decided to allow the No. 1 Team to shoot and not run the risk of being forced to shoot in worse weather. However, the members of the team were not greatly inconvenienced, and the scoring was uniformly high.

The following are the scores:—

## No. 1 Platoon.

Rank.	Name.	Application.					1	2	3	4	5	Tl.	45			
		1	2	3	4	5										
Corp. B. H. Grayling ...		4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	45
Corp. R. I. Harrison ...		4	4	4	4	5	—	21	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	46
L.-Corp. R. C. Greiner...		4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	45
Sergt. E. Boulton .....		4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	46
Sergt. G. F. Bayly .....		4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	45
Cadet C. W. Morey .....		4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	47
Cadet G. L. O'Halloran		4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	44
L.-Corp. G. J. W. Boon		4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	45
												—	Grant total 363			

## Rapid.

Corp. B. H. Grayling ...		4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	47
Corp. R. I. Harrison ...		5	5	5	5	5	—	25	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	50
L.-Corp. R. C. Greiner...		4	5	5	5	5	—	24	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	48
Sergt. E. Boulton .....		4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	5	5	5	5	—	23	47
Sergt. G. F. Bayly .....		3	4	5	5	5	—	22	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	45
Cadet C. W. Morey .....		3	4	4	4	5	—	20	3	3	5	5	5	—	21	41
Cadet G. L. O'Halloran		3	4	4	5	5	—	21	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	45
L.-Corp. G. J. W. Boon		5	5	5	5	5	—	25	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	50
												—	Grand total 373			

Average—92 per cent.

The Senior Competition was finished when the No. 2 Platoon Senior Team fired on the 4th May. Unfortunately the difficulty that the teams had to deal with last year cropped up again. During the year we have been singularly fortunate in being able to obtain a supply of really good ammunition. However, just after the first shots had been fired it was found that there was not enough to complete the match and as none was available in town we were forced to use some of very doubtful quality. The first few shots soon proved our mistake, for instead of hitting the target reasonably near the bullseye they dropped down to the bottom just inside the "two" ring.

As the match could not be postponed until after the holidays, this unforeseen difficulty seemed likely to spoil the team's score, but fortunately two members of another team came forward with some ammunition which they had bought in anticipation of the holidays. This proved to be all right, and in the Competition the following scores were registered:—



## No. 2 Platoon

Rank.	Name.	Application.					Tl.	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.			
		1	2	3	4	5										
Corp. J. Knapman	.....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	43
Cadet L. Walker	.....	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	3	4	4	4	4	—	19	39
Cadet R. Bothamley	....	3	5	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	45
Cadet R. Wills	.....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	3	4	4	4	4	—	19	41
Sergt. H. L. Calder	....	3	4	4	4	4	—	19	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	42
Cadet I. Burkhardt	....	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	44
Cadet S. S. Allemann	...	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	44
Sergt. A. H. Buchanan	.....	2	4	4	4	4	—	18	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	40

Grand total 338

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Corp. J. Knapman	.....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	47
Cadet L. Walker	.....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	45
Cadet R. Bothamley	....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	46
Cadet R. Wills	.....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	48
Sergt. H. L. Calder	....	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	44
Cadet I. Burkhardt	....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	47
Cadet S. S. Allemann	...	4	4	4	4	4	—	20	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	42
Sergt. A. H. Buchanan	.....	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	43

Grand total 362

Average—87.5 per cent.

IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION  
(JUNIOR).NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING TEAMS,  
1918.

The Junior Teams shot off in the order Nos. 3, 1, 2, 4, on May 2nd, 3rd, and 6th respectively. It was necessary to fire two teams off in one day, but as an early start was made this was no inconvenience.

Through the whole of the shooting, windy and showery weather prevailed, and although it interfered to a certain extent, it caused less trouble than the bad ammunition which nearly disheartened one of the teams.

The following are the scores of the Junior Teams:—

## No. 1 Platoon.

Rank.	Name.	Application.					Tl.	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.			
		1	2	3	4	5										
Cadet F. Williams	.....	3	5	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	46
Cadet A. H. Morton	....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	3	3	4	5	5	—	20	42
Cadet A. Candy	.....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	45
Cadet L. Abbott	.....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	45
Cadet R. Musker	.....	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	50
Cadet E. Pearce	.....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	47
Cadet M. Barak	.....	3	3	3	4	5	—	18	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	39
Cadet R. Hair	.....	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	44

Grand total 358

## Application (Figure Target).

Cadet F. Williams	.....	2	4	5	5	5	—	22	2	4	4	5	5	—	20	42
Cadet A. H. Morton	....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	44
Cadet A. Candy	.....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	48
Cadet L. Abbott	.....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	47
Cadet R. Musker	.....	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	50
Cadet E. Pearce	.....	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	5	5	5	5	5	—	23	45
Cadet M. Barak	.....	3	3	3	4	4	—	17	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	39
Cadet R. Hair	.....	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	45

Grand total 360

Average—89.75 per cent.

## No. 2 Platoon.

Rank.	Name.	Application.					Tl.	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.			
		1	2	3	4	5										
Cadet A. MacWhirter	...	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	3	4	4	4	4	—	19	39
Cadet L. Pease	.....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	42
Cadet M. Jonas	.....	4	4	4	4	4	—	20	5	4	4	4	5	—	20	40
Cadet H. Honeyfield	....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	45
Cadet R. McRae	.....	5	5	5	5	5	—	25	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	46
Cadet A. Crapper	.....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	44
Cadet W. Rea	.....	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	41
Cadet D. Sutton	.....	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	42

Grand total 339

## Application (Figure Target).

Cadet A. MacWhirter	...	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	44
Cadet L. Pease	.....	3	5	5	5	5	—	23	3	3	4	5	5	—	20	43
Cadet M. Jonas	.....	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	45
Cadet H. Honeyfield	....	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	45
Cadet R. McRae	.....	4	4	4	4	4	—	20	2	4	5	5	5	—	21	41
Cadet A. Crapper	.....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	3	4	4	5	—	19	43
Cadet W. Rea	.....	3	3	4	5	5	—	20	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	44
Cadet D. Sutton	.....	3	3	4	4	5	—	19	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	40

Grand total 345

Average—85.5 per cent.

## No. 3 Platoon.

Rank.	Name.	Application.					Tl.	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.			
		1	2	3	4	5										
Cadet J. H. Boon	.....	4	4	4	4	4	—	20	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	44
Cadet F. A. Corney	.....	3	3	4	4	5	—	19	2	3	3	4	4	—	16	35
Cadet G. M. Mills	.....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	45
Cadet G. H. W. Holden	....	2	4	4	5	5	—	20	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	42
Cadet C. W. Espin	.....	2	3	4	4	4	—	17	3	3	4	4	4	—	18	35
Cadet A. M. Moyes	.....	3	3	4	4	5	—	19	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	41
Cadet W. H. Mackay	...	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	43
Cadet R. S. Crawshaw	.....	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	42

Grand total 327



## SHOOTING NOTES.

	Application (Figure Target)														
Cadet J. H. Boon .....	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	46
Cadet F. A. Corney .....	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	2	3	4	5	5	—	19	40
Cadet H. M. Mills .....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	3	5	5	5	—	21	45
Cadet G. H. W. Holden .....	3	3	3	4	5	—	18	2	4	4	5	5	—	20	38
Cadet C. W. Espin .....	2	3	4	5	5	—	19	2	3	5	5	5	—	20	39
Cadet A. M. Moyes .....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	46
Cadet W. H. Mackay .....	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	3	3	5	5	5	—	21	42
Cadet R. S. Crawshaw .....	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	44

Grand total 340

Average—83.48 per cent.

## No. 4 Platoon.

Rank.	Name.	Application.														
		1	2	3	4	5	Tl.	1	2	3	4		5	Tl.		
	Cadet K. Ward .....	2	4	4	4	5	—	19	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	42
	Cadet L. Allen .....	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	3	3	4	4	4	—	18	38
	Cadet J. Walter .....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	43
	Cadet K. D. Baker .....	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	40
	Cadet G. Carr .....	3	3	4	4	4	—	18	3	3	4	4	5	—	19	37
	Cadet R. Street .....	3	4	4	4	4	—	19	3	4	4	5	5	—	21	40
	Cadet L. Malt .....	4	4	4	4	4	—	20	4	4	4	4	5	—	21	41
	Cadet R. Hooker .....	3	4	4	4	5	—	20	4	4	4	4	4	—	20	40

Grand total 321

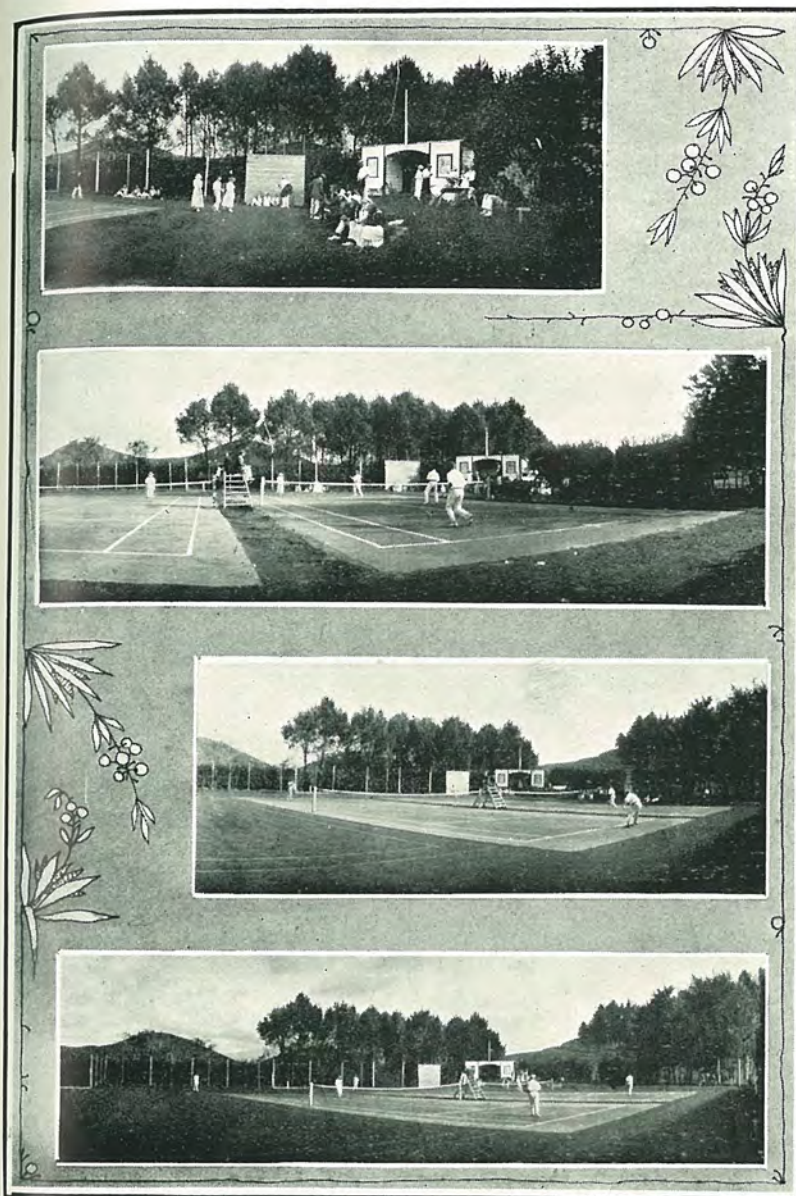
	Application (Figure Target).														
Cadet K. Ward .....	3	3	4	5	5	—	20	3	3	3	4	5	—	18	38
Cadet L. Allen .....	3	3	4	4	5	—	19	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	41
Cadet J. Walter .....	4	4	4	5	5	—	22	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	44
Cadet K. D. Baker .....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	3	3	5	5	—	19	43
Cadet G. Carr .....	2	3	4	4	5	—	18	2	3	3	5	5	—	18	36
Cadet R. Street .....	3	5	5	5	5	—	23	4	4	5	5	5	—	23	46
Cadet L. Malt .....	4	5	5	5	5	—	24	3	4	5	5	5	—	22	46
Cadet R. Hooker .....	2	4	4	5	5	—	20	3	3	4	4	5	—	19	39

Grand total 333

Average—81.75 per cent.

In entering so many teams in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition our object has been to turn out a large percentage of good rifle shots. Although our scores do not equal those of the teams of 1916, yet we can safely say that the averages are better. To enter eight teams each containing eight members between the ages of thirteen and nineteen and to have no team averaging below 80 per cent. is surely worthy of note.

We have always spent a good deal of time and money on shooting, but since shooting is of such importance nowadays and since the teams can put on scores that are worth while, we feel that neither our time nor our money has been wasted.



SNAPS AT INGLEWOOD.



## DIARY OF EVENTS.

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- Feb. 12.—Resumed School for current year. Mr. Glover joined the Staff.
- Feb. 20.—New Boys' Concert.
- Feb. 27 and 28.—Cricket Match against Wanganui College.
- Feb. 28.—Half-holiday for A. and P. Show. Agricultural boys cow judging.
- March 7.—Half-holiday on account of Pukekura Park Fête. Boys competed in all events possible. School helped with afternoon-tea.
- March 8.—Finals for Life-saving Championships.
- March 14.—Half-holiday on account of Taranaki Primary Schools' Athletic Championships. School won both Invitation Races.
- March 15.—Swimming Sports at Breakwater.
- March 16.—Tennis Match against Masters. School played New Plymouth Tennis Club.
- March 20.—Cadets turned out in evening on occasion of visit of Minister for Defence to New Plymouth.
- March 21.—Swimming Championships competed for at Baths.
- April 6.—Shooting Match against New Plymouth Rifle Club.
- April 8.—Address by Mr. Bligh, White Cross representative.
- April 13.—School (combined team of Masters and Boys) played Inglewood Tennis Club at Inglewood.
- April 25 (Anzac Day).—No school. Cadets paraded and attended special services.
- April 22 to 29.—Shooting for Imperial Challenge Shields.
- May 6.—Cadets Class-firing.
- May 7.—Broke up for May holidays.

## PREPARATORY NOTES.

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Until the new school—which is well on the way to completion—is finished we shall be in our temporary quarters in the Totalisator House at the Racecourse, because the old Preparatory School had become too



small to accommodate us all. We are quite pleased with our new quarters, for we have a comfortable airy room, with a wooden floor. Between the upper and lower divisions a substantial temporary partition has been erected.

#### NEW BOYS.

Our ranks this year have been swelled by the following new boys, 29 in all—T. Penn, J. Palmer, J. Hogg, J. Gibbs, B. Gibbs, A. Bendall, B. Hoby, C. Pease, M. Goldstone, T. Fookes, V. Fookes, W. Old, J. Rogers, G. Coplestone, R. Christie, J. Jackson, L. Webster, H. Erlandson, C. Bell, D. Hair, G. Hair, A. Leech, T. Leech, J. Brown, J. Cornish, K. Fox, W. Griffiths, C. Griffiths, A. Fussell. The total roll is now seventy-five.

#### SWIMMING.

This has been a very keen sport during the first half of the term. The following were the successful Preparatory contestants:—2nd Junior Championship, Watkins. 2nd under 14 Championship, Williams. 1st 60yds. Preparatory, Watkins. 1st Breast-stroke, Carthew. 1st 30yds. open, Neal. 1st 30yds. Preparatory, Neal. Watkins also won the 60yds. Primary Schools' race in the Recreation Grounds.

#### LIFE-SAVING.

The following Preparatory boys secured certificates:—Elementary Certificates: K. Neal, J. Scanlon, S. Hutchen, M. Kebbell and J. Palmer. Proficiency Certificates: J. Scanlon, S. Hutchen, M. Kebbell, J. Palmer.

#### RUNNING.

D. Mackay won two races at the Fête held in Pukekura Park in aid of the Park funds.

#### FOOTBALL.

In the latter part of this term we commenced "footy." Owing to our increased numbers we have no difficulty in securing two good practice teams, out of which we hope to turn out a creditable team. We shall not be lacking in weight in the forward division at any rate. We are looking forward to the usual competitions with Upper School teams next term. We hope also to play some outside teams. At the meeting called to elect officers, Frank Williams was elected captain and H. Roberts vice-captain.

#### EXAMS.

We wish to congratulate S. Fookes and M. Lysons in coming top of their respective Forms. Some of the boys in Standard VI. are beginning to "swot" up extra work for the Junior National Scholarship Examination.

#### GENERAL.

We have it on the best authority that the Lower Prep. delight in watching the racehorses train. This bears out the truth of the saying that education does not consist merely of book-learning.

In the recent examination one of the History questions was to describe the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745. One young hopeful wrote that the Duke of Yukon came across to Scotland and roused the Highlanders to rebellion. We have lately been dealing with the provinces of Canada, hence the confusion. There were many other humorous answers which raised many a laugh as they were read out.

As we could not attend the New Boys' Concert, held by the Upper School, arrangements were made for us to have one of our own. The talent exhibited was not very wonderful, the most pleasing being a decidedly clever Maori haka, performed by a Lower Prep. boy. He earned rounds of applause, and had to perform three times.

We were very sorry to hear that one of our number, R. Dolby, had broken his thigh. We are now pleased to hear that he is well on the road to recovery, and we hope he will be with us again next term.

We are very pleased with the fine spacious grounds allotted to us on the Racecourse. We have plenty of room for games and exercises, and are quite close to the football grounds.

This year we are taking Agriculture, our instructor being Mr. Browne. We have been allotted a plot in which we intend to plant various vegetables. We feel therefore on our mettle, and that we shall have to produce something worth showing.

We are pleased to hear that three of our boys, F. Williams, G. Hair, and D. Hair have gained places in the Junior Shooting Teams.

When the next Magazine is published we hope to be in our new quarters.



## SWIMMING.

The handicap events of the Annual Swimming Sports were held at the Breakwater on Monday, March 18th. The weather was all that could be desired, and an enjoyable day resulted for all. By the courtesy of the Harbour Board the competitions were again held between the Breakwater and the Wharf, and again the suitability of this locality was demonstrated. A temporary platform was rigged up between the Breakwater and the Wharf. From this the races were started. The distances were marked off along the Wharf by flags, and all events were keenly contested. This year, owing undoubtedly to the conditions of the weather and to the ease with which the spectators were able to follow the races, a larger attendance of spectators was induced than on previous occasions. As balloons and lifebuoys were unobtainable, the Balloon Race and Musical Lifebuoys had to be eliminated from the programme.

We again wish to thank Mr. Swanson for his kind donation of one guinea to the Swimming Fund, and also for a camera. The camera has been presented to the winner of the Senior Championship. Two medals are again to be purchased with Mr. Swanson's donation, one to be presented to the Senior Champion of the Long Distance Swimming, the other to the Junior Champion. We also wish to thank Mr. Watkins for a donation of ten shillings.

The results of the handicap events are as follow:—

### 30 YARDS OPEN.

First heat: L. O'Halloran (scr.) 1. Second heat: G. Boon (scr.) 1. Third heat: S. Ogle (4sec.) 1. Fourth heat: W. Penman (4sec.) and B. Hutchen (2sec.) 1. Fifth heat: B. Boon (2sec.) 1. Sixth heat: M. Osborne (1sec.) 1. Seventh heat: K. Roberts (5sec.), E. Boulton (3sec.), B. Johns (1sec.). Eighth heat: K. Neal (9sec.) 1. Ninth heat: G. Neill (7sec.) 1. Tenth heat: L. Abbott (7sec.) 1. Eleventh heat: C. Fookes (4sec.) 1. Twelfth heat: K. Baker (5sec.) 1. Thirteenth heat: A. Crapper (6sec.) 1. Fourteenth heat: E. Beckbessinger (6sec.) 1. Fifteenth heat: L. Walker (3sec.) 1.

Final: K. Neal (9sec.) 1; W. Penman (4sec.) 2; B. Hutchen (2sec.) 3.

### PREPARATORY BOYS' RACE.—30 YARDS.

First heat: V. Fookes (2sec.) 1, G. Walker (3sec.) 2, G. Bell (2sec.) 3. Second heat: Palmer (scr.) 1, K. Neal (2sec.) 2, B. Hooper (scr.) 3. Third heat: I. Watkins (scr.) 1, H. Roberts (3sec.) 2, D. Christie (2sec.) 3.

Final: K. Neal (2sec.) 1, I. Watkins (scr.) 2, B. Hooper (scr.) 3.

### 60 YARDS OPEN.

First heat: S. Ogle (7sec.) 1. Second heat: J. Kyngdon (2sec.) 1. Third heat: D. Denny-Brown (1sec.) 1. Fourth heat: M. Osborne (2sec.) 1. Fifth heat: C. McKay (scr.) 1. Sixth heat: C. Fookes (5sec.) 1. Seventh heat: Coleman (5sec.) 1. Eighth heat: G. Boon (scr.) 1. Ninth heat: H. Brackebush (3sec.) 1.

Final: Kyngdon (2sec.) 1, A. Brackebush (3sec.) 2, C. Fookes (5sec.) 3.

### NEW BOYS' RACE.—30 YARDS.

First heat: D. Christie (2sec.) 1, R. Tait (4sec.) 2. Second heat: Mannix (2sec.) 1, Grant (scr.) 2. Third heat: R. Crawshaw (5sec.) 1, H. Rickard (2sec.) 2. Fourth heat: A. Brackebush (scr.) 1, A. Crapper (2sec.) 2.

Final: Mannix (2sec.) 1, A. Brackebush (scr.) 2, Crapper (2sec.) 3.

### BREAST STROKE.—30 YARDS.

First heat: M. Carthew (7sec.) 1. Second heat: B. Hutchen (2sec.) 1. Third heat: H. Roberts (4sec.) 1. Fourth heat: I. Burkhardt (scr.) 1. Fifth heat: L. Abbott (4sec.) 1. Sixth heat: A. Way (6sec.) 1. Seventh heat: L. Walker (3sec.) 1.

Final: Carthew (7sec.) 1, B. Hutchen (2sec.) 2, H. Roberts (4sec.) 3.

### DIVING FOR PLATES.

1st, K. Ducker (12 plates); 2nd, I. Renaud (11 plates); 3rd, S. Jackson (10 plates).

### LEARNERS' RACE.—20 YARDS.

First heat: S. Smith (2sec.) 1, C. Brown (scr.) 2, Bell (4sec.) 3. Second heat: S. Jackson (4sec.) 1,



McLean (5sec.) 2, E. White (scr.) 3. Third heat: S. Herbert (2sec.) 1, W. Berridge (scr.) 2, R. Crawshaw (5sec.) 3.

Final: S. Herbert (2sec.), S. Smith (2sec.), C. Brown (scr.), dead heat.

#### 100 YARDS OPEN.

First heat: G. Boon (scr.) 1, S. Allemann (4sec.) 2.  
Second heat: C. McKay (scr.) 1, Buchanan (5sec.) 2.  
Third heat: S. Smith (2sec.) 1, B. Mannix (8sec.) 2.  
Fourth heat: L. O'Halloran (scr.) 1, K. Clew (8sec.) 2.

Final: L. O'Halloran (scr.) 1, C. McKay (scr.) 2.

#### GREASY BOOM.

1st, M. Wood; 2nd, J. Kingston.

#### BACK STROKE.—30 YARDS.

First heat: W. Smellie (4sec.) 1, M. Osborne (4sec.) 2.  
Second heat: D. Saxton (5sec.) 1, I. Burkhardt (scr.) 2, K. Roberts (5sec.) 3. Third heat: G. Brunnette (5sec.) 1, Pope (3sec.) 2, Noakes (3sec.) 3.

Final: M. Osborne 1, K. Roberts and D. Saxton (equal) 2.

#### HIGH DIVE.

1st, B. Boon; 2nd, T. Forbes; 3rd, G. Boon.

#### 200 YARDS OPEN.

L. Rawson (6sec.) 1, J. Henderson (3sec.) 2, C. McKay (scr.) and C. Smith (4sec.) equal 3.

#### PREPARATORY BOYS.—60 YARDS.

I. Watkins (scr.) 1, G. Fookes (5sec.) 2, F. Williams (3sec.) 3.

#### CORFU DIVE.

S. Ogle 1, Horner 2, L. Malt 3.

#### INTER-FORM RELAY.

Form VIb. (C. McKay, L. O'Halloran i., G. Boon, R. Howell) 1; Form IVb. (M. Osborne, I. Renaud, Brackebush, Burkhardt) 2.

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The championship events were competed for on Thursday evening, March 21st, at the Municipal Baths, and the weather was all that could be desired. Owing to the large number of competitors, both the Junior Championship and the Under 14 Championship had to be swum off in heats. In the short races a very decided improvement was noticeable in the times.

The Championship results were:—L. O'Halloran (Senior Champion), C. Kyngdon (Junior Champion), H. Rickard (Under 14 Champion).

The Old Boys' Race was keenly contested, the results being as follows:—O. McHardy 1, L. Hoffmann 2, R. Morrison 3.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Mr. Schwartz gave an interesting exhibition of fancy swimming and diving, which was most attentively watched and keenly appreciated by the spectators.

The officials were: Messrs. W. H. Moyes (starter), A. R. Ryder (call steward), D'Arcy Robertson, R. H. Rockel and C. G. Bottrill (judges), McKinney, Wynyard and Glover (stewards), Bennett (timekeeper).

The results are as follow:—

#### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

##### SENIOR.

25 yards: L. O'Halloran 1, C. McKay 2, D. Denny-Brown 3. Time, 14 2-5sec.

50 yards: L. O'Halloran 1, C. McKay 2, D. Denny-Brown 3. Time, 32 2-5sec.

100 yards: L. O'Halloran 1, C. McKay 2, D. Denny-Brown 3. Time, 1min. 25sec.

200 yards: C. McKay 1, L. O'Halloran 2. Time, 3min. 44sec.

##### JUNIOR.

25 yards: I. Watkins 1, B. Boon 2, I. Burkhardt 3. Time, 15sec.

50 yards: C. Kyngdon 1, I. Watkins 2, B. Boon 3. Time, 36½sec.



100 yards: C. Kyngdon 1, B. Boon 2, J. Henderson 3. Time, 1min. 30sec.

#### UNDER 14.

25 yards: H. Rickard 1, F. Williams 2, R. McRae 3. Time, 19 1-5sec.

50 yards: H. Rickard 1, B. Hooper 2, F. Williams 3. Time, 47sec.

100 yards: H. Rickard 1, F. Williams 2. Time, 1min. 15sec.

Senior Championship Points: L. O'Halloran 18, C. McKay 14, D. Denny-Brown 3.

Junior Championship Points: C. Kyngdon 10, I. Watkins 8, B. Boon 7.

Under 14 Championship: H. Rickard 15, F. Williams 7, B. Hooper 3.

#### OTHER EVENTS.

Awkward Entry.—M. Osborne 1, L. Richardson 2.

#### LIFE-SAVING COMPETITIONS.

Life-saving classes have been held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the Boarders and on Monday and Wednesday afternoons after school for the Day Boys.

The examiners were Messrs. Schwartz and Christiansen for the practical work, and Dr. Wade for the physiology.

The following are the results of the various Life-saving Examinations:—

Hon. Instructors' Certificates.—M. Osborne, B. Johns, L. O'Halloran.

Teachers' Certificates.—M. Osborne, L. O'Halloran, R. Boon, E. Pope.

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SWIMMING SPORTS' SNAPS.

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## LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING.

The results are as follow :—

## SENIOR.

Name.	Miles.	Yards.	Name.	Yards.
C. McKay .....	2	680	Newell .....	800
Brackebush .....	2	480	Buchanan .....	800
L. O'Halloran ....	1	906	K. Roberts .....	666
Osborne .....	1	860	C. Smith .....	666
Allemann .....		1266	Bellringer .....	666
Boulton .....		1066	Knapman .....	600
Saxton .....		1066	C. Morey .....	600
Young .....		866		

## JUNIOR.

Name.	Miles.	Yards.	Name.	Yards.
Herbert .....	2	33	Kyngdon .....	866
Henderson .....	1	1140	Malt .....	800
Watkins .....	1	773	R. Christie .....	800
C. Smart .....	1	440	S. Jackson .....	733
Walker .....	1	373	C. Fookes .....	666
Kebbell .....	1	106	Forbes .....	666
Ducker .....	1	40	Rea .....	666
Hayden .....		1733	Teed .....	666
H. Boon .....		1533	J. Walter .....	666
Richardson .....		1533	K. O'Halloran ...	666
B. Hutchen .....		1333	Wyborn .....	666
Sutherland .....		1200	Rickard .....	666
Candy .....		1200	Duckworth .....	600
Pope .....		1200	Mannix .....	600
Hassell .....		1133	Penn .....	600
Rawson .....		1066	Williams .....	600
Waterson .....		1066	Hooper .....	600
A. Walter .....		1000	Rogers .....	600
S. Hutchen .....		1000	Corkhill .....	600
E. Smart .....		933	L. Smart .....	600
Noakes .....		930	L. Allen .....	566
Jonas .....		930	Brokenshire .....	533
Grant .....		866	Barak .....	533
Harrison .....		866	Pease .....	533



Name.	Yards.	Name.	Yards.
Brown .....	466	Coleman .....	400
Ellis .....	466	J. Scanlon .....	333
Baker .....	466	Hood .....	333
Jury .....	466	J. Jackson .....	333
Bothamley .....	466	Dinniss .....	266
Robinson .....	466	Wright .....	200
G. Fookes .....	466	Street .....	200
Jillet .....	400	L. Jones .....	200
Snowdon .....	400	Moore .....	133
Rolfe .....	400	Mooreshead .....	100
Newton .....	400	Hawkes .....	100

Senior Champion: C. McKay.  
Junior Champion: S. Herbert.

Early in March the Life-saving Competitions under the North Taranaki Centre of the Royal Life-saving Society were decided. The following is the Press account of the preliminary tests:—

The preliminary tests in connection with the Schools' Life-saving Competitions under the North Taranaki Head Centre of the Royal Life-saving Society were completed this morning at the Municipal Baths. The team of girls from Chetwode School went through the drill in splendid style, and were awarded 222 points, which places them in the lead. New Plymouth Boys' High School No. 2 Team are second with 218½ points, and the No. 1 Team third with 216½ points. Eltham District High School No. 1 Team (girls) came fourth with 212½ points. Chetwode and Boys' High School Nos. 1 and 2 Teams take part in the final at the Baths on Friday night for the Taranaki Schools Championship Cup (Senior).

The finals were got off on March 8th, with the following results:—

1. Chetwode ..... 228
2. Boys' High School, No. 2 Team ..... 224½
3. Boys' High School, No. 1 Team ..... 224½

It will be noticed that the two School Teams gained an equal number of points, but No. 1 lost second place on time.

The Examiner reports: "I have to compliment those concerned on the excellent performance of both the School Teams. Both teams show by their respective gains in points as between the preliminary and the final tests that every effort was made to secure first place.

Failure to do so was, in my opinion, due to over-eagerness and confining the actual final training to too short a period. It was in the minor details of the work that the major portion of the points were lost."

No. 1 Team consisted of P. Atkinson and M. Osborne, and No. 2 of D. Denny-Brown and R. Boon. C. McKay was instructor for both.

## HOUSE NOTES.

This year the roll of Boarders has reached the record number of 120. The majority of these boys hail from Taranaki, but there is an ever-increasing percentage of boys from farther afield, and we now have among us representatives from places as far away as Dunedin and Fiji.

At the beginning of the year Mr. Glover joined the Boarding Staff. We all extend a hearty welcome to him, and trust that his stay with us will be a long and a pleasant one.

Owing to the increase in our numbers, evening preparation is for the present being done in the dining-room. This is rather inconvenient, as it entails a good deal of extra work in clearing and laying the tables; but all trouble in this direction will soon be at an end, as the new school is now well under way. Another change which has been made is the conversion of the Library into a dormitory, the Library being temporarily moved to the front room of the old house. As this room is much smaller than the original one, it is somewhat congested with tables and bookcases.

A week or two after their arrival, the new Boarders were each put through the not very trying initiation ceremony, and are now in a position to introduce future new boys to the school life in the orthodox fashion.

We had an evening off prep. on the occasion of the Swimming Championships, which were held in the Baths. The Boarders were well represented among the champions, L. O'Halloran i. winning the senior, and H. Rickard the under 14 championship.

At the close of the cricket season the Boarders who had a free day, one Saturday made a trip to Waitara to get a load of blue papa, which was to be used in making a wicket for next season. The papa proved



wet and lumpy, and consequently squads of boys had to go on in shifts to crush, roll, and sift it before it was duly laid down.

Once more we have to record that the elements have favoured us with a gale, this time one of the most severe in the history of New Plymouth, in the form of a cyclonic storm from the sea. Sundry minor damage was done at School, including the blowing down of one or two trees and the unroofing of a shed in the agriculture plots. The latter was a severe blow to the headmaster's pride, and has quite shaken his confidence in his carpentering powers. Also, the morning after the gale, we found the boot-room window quite a distance from the place it is supposed to occupy.

The tin shed recently erected between the old prep. room and the school has had a floor put in it, and is now used as a locker-room and a practice room for the Orchestra.

Two of our number, who are evidently of a decidedly mechanical turn of mind, are making a telegraph and, judging by their enthusiasm and by the mysterious silence they maintain, are meeting with some success, but all that mere outsiders can learn of their mysterious doings is gathered from such scraps of conversation as, "Did it act all right?" "Yes, stunner!"

At the end of the term the new Gymnasium apparatus arrived, and was set up in the old prep. room. Having "Gym." again will be a return to the old life for those who were here before the fire, as gymnastics are an important factor in school life. During the winter it will be a great improvement on the physical drill we now do in the morning, as the grass on the cricket-ground is often wet.

One morning before breakfast, a large squad went down to the Recreation Grounds to bring back the big roller, which they succeeded in doing after some trouble due to the breaking of links in the harness. The roller is to be used on the cricket-ground, and will prove particularly useful, as our own large roller is broken.

That armchairs and heaters are not conducive to successful "swatting" is clearly shown by the following incident:—One evening a VIb. boy announced to his room-mates his intention to "sit up and do some work," so he was left at about 10 p.m., sitting in a comfortable

armchair with a book. He was still there in the small hours, "sitting up," but very far from "doing some work." It is surmised that he awoke with a "click."

A start was made with football soon after Easter, a Senior and Junior Day Boys v. Boarders match being played. Boarders won both matches.

For several weeks at the beginning of the term the house was usually well astir by 5.30 a.m., as that was the hour when the life-saving class and the shooting boys had to rise, much to the disgust of those who remained in bed and had their beauty sleep disturbed. But now 7 o'clock is the time we get up, as the swimming season has closed, and it is too dark for shooting practice before breakfast.

One Saturday, a team of Masters and Boarders played a tennis match at Inglewood, and even Inglewoodites must admit that they received a few drops of the town's proverbial "mountain dew." However, it was not wet enough to spoil the outing, so the match was played and the School team went home victorious.

We are now no longer surprised if, on looking into any odd corner about the buildings, we find therein a small table of a kind surrounded by about a dozen enthusiastic workers seated on barrels, broken chairs, etc., for it has for some time been the rage among the III., IV., and V. Forms to have studies (?). One particular batch of these students showed considerable skill in the application of kerosene tins to building a chimney for their fireplace, the smoke from which had formerly to make its way through holes in the roof. But one "set" conceived a new idea in study construction, and as a result the hillside in the plots is now literally riddled with burrows or, more properly, dug-outs. It is understood they are to be quite gorgeous affairs, some even having electric light installed.

This Easter the boys who did not go to their homes went for a mountain tramp, an account of which will be given elsewhere.

## CRICKET NOTES.

This term has marked a further step in the history of our cricket, this being the first year in which a match has been played against a team outside Taranaki. Needless to say, such a match was looked forward to



with great enthusiasm, many of the younger players striving for a place in the eleven. Although we knew that our chances of beating Wanganui Collegiate School were very poor, we realised that the experience gained would stand us in good stead in future matches. We sincerely hope that this is the forerunner of a long series of friendly matches.

As the matches show, most were played against town teams. We greatly appreciate the sportsmanlike conduct of the members of the teams in playing an eleven below their standard simply to give us the practice we so urgently needed.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging Mr. Renaud's presentation of a cricket bat for the most meritorious performance at Wanganui. Wills is now the fortunate owner. Our thanks are especially due to Mr. D'Arcy Robertson, who, besides taking a very keen interest in our cricket, kindly presented us with a very good cricket-bag.

The following are the detailed scores:—

#### WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Baddeley, c. Hine, b. Brokenshire ... ..	71
Stowe, c. Willis, b. Sinclair ... ..	20
Hocking, b. Sinclair ... ..	3
Bryce, b. Brokenshire .. ..	6
Porrirt, b. Sinclair ... ..	59
Gilmer ii., c. Hine, b. McKay ... ..	28
Harding, b. Brokenshire ... ..	15
Stone-Wigg, b. McKay ... ..	27
Foxward, l.b.w., b. Jones ... ..	16
Canning, b. McKay ... ..	21
Gilmer i., not out ... ..	3
Extras ... ..	27
Total ... ..	296

Bowling analysis.—Brokenshire, three wickets for 98 runs; McKay, three for 69; Sinclair, three for 52; Jones, one for 43; Greiner, none for 7.

#### SCHOOL.—First Innings.

Willis, stumped ... ..	5
Sinclair, c. Gilmer i., b. Bryce ... ..	0
Hine, c. and b. Bryce ... ..	1
McKay, c. Stowe, b. Hocking ... ..	3
Brokenshire, b. Canning ... ..	6
Wills, b. Bryce ... ..	0
O'Halloran, b. Canning ... ..	0

Greiner, b. Foxward ... ..	12
Osborne, b. Foxward ... ..	0
Saxton, b. Canning ... ..	0
Jones, not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	11
Total ... ..	38

Bowling analysis.—Hocking, one wicket for 2 runs; Bryce, three for 11; Canning, three for 5; Foxward, two for 9.

#### Second Innings.

Willis, stumped ... ..	1
Sinclair, b. Gilmer ii. ... ..	11
McKay, c. Foxward, b. Bryce ... ..	1
Brokenshire, run out ... ..	2
Hine, c. Stone-Wigg, b. Hocking ... ..	9
O'Halloran, b. Hocking ... ..	2
Greiner, l.b.w. ... ..	2
Wills, c. Stone-Wigg, b. Canning ... ..	1
Osborne, c. Gilmer i., b. Bryce ... ..	13
Jones, b. Bryce ... ..	9
Saxton, not out ... ..	1
Extras ... ..	18
Total ... ..	70

Bowling analysis.—Hocking, two wickets for 18 runs; Bryce, three for 19; Stone-Wigg, none for 4; Gilmer ii., one for 7; Canning, one for 4.

#### SCHOOL v. TOWN.

##### TOWN.

Mr. McDonald, b. Brokenshire ... ..	2
Mr. Hughes, b. Brokenshire ... ..	0
Mr. Willis, b. Jones ... ..	2
Mr. Robertson, not out ... ..	38
Mr. Bain, b. Jones ... ..	5
Mr. Nicoll, b. Brokenshire ... ..	6
Mr. Bottrill, run out ... ..	5
Mr. M'Kinney, c. Wills, b. McKay ... ..	0
Mr. D'Arcy Robertson, c. and b. Brokenshire ... ..	4
Mr. Stainton, b. Brokenshire ... ..	5
Mr. Glover, b. Brokenshire ... ..	3
Extras ... ..	4
Total ... ..	74

Bowling analysis.—Brokenshire, six wickets for 30 runs; Jones, two for 16; McKay, one for 24.



## SCHOOL.

Willis, l.b.w., b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	1
Sinclair, b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	1
Hine, c. and b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	3
Brofenshire, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	1
McKay, c. and b. Mr. M'Donald	...	...	...	18
Wills, c. Willis, b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	0
O'Halloran, run out	...	...	...	0
Greiner, run out	...	...	...	1
Saxton, c. and b. Mr. Willis	...	...	...	4
Osborne, b. Mr. Hughes	...	...	...	1
Jones, not out	...	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	42

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Bain, no wickets for 5 runs; Mr. Nicoll, four for 7; Mr. Robertson, one for 15; Willis, one for 3, Mr. McDonald, one for 4; Mr. Hughes, one for 1.

## MASTERS v. BOYS.

## MASTERS.

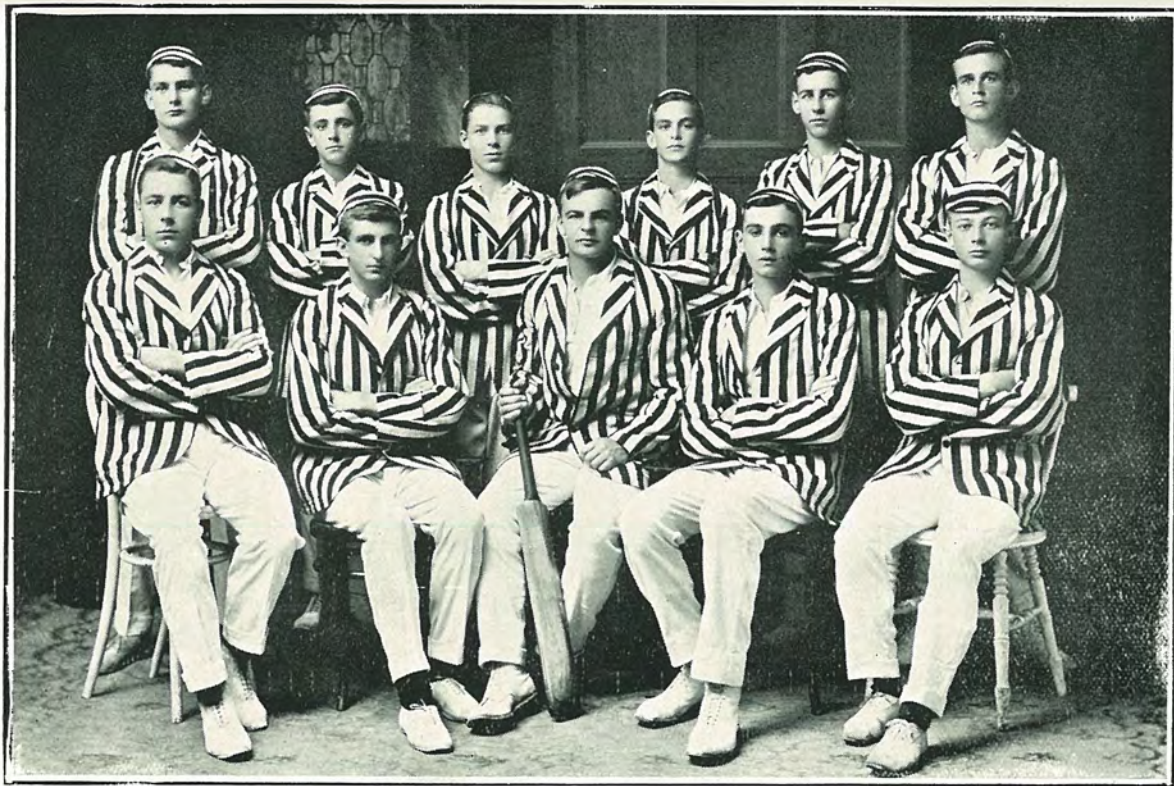
Mr. Robertson, c. McKay, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	10
Mr. McKinney, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	29
Mr. Wynyard, b. O'Halloran	...	...	...	6
Mr. Glover, b. Hine	...	...	...	0
Mr. Ryder, b. McKay	...	...	...	0
Mr. Rockel, run out	...	...	...	8
Mr. Bottrill, b. McKay	...	...	...	12
Mr. Lash, not out	...	...	...	22
Grant, b. McKay	...	...	...	1
Duckworth, c. O'Halloran, b. McKay	...	...	...	0
W. McKay, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	96

Bowling analysis.—McKay, four wickets for 22 runs; Sinclair, three for 25; O'Halloran, one for 20; Hine, one for 21.

## BOYS.—First Innings.

Willis, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	...	14
Sinclair, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	...	8
Hine, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	...	0
McKay, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	...	0
O'Halloran, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	...	1
Wills, c. Mr. Wynyard, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	...	5
Osborne, c. Mr. Lash, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	...	0
Greiner, l.b.w., b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	...	2





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STANDING : D. SAXTON, C. JONES, R. O. SINCLAIR, R. WILLS, J. R. KINGSTON, L. O'HALLORAN.

SITTING : M. OSBORNE, J. M. HINE, C. MCKAY (*Captain*), R. GREINER, J. WILLIS.



Saxton, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	...	...	10
Forbes, not out	...	...	...	...	1
Pope, b. Mr. Wynyard	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	19
Total	...	...	...	...	60

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Ryder, six wickets for 20 runs; Mr. Wynyard, four for 21.

## Second Innings.

Willis, c. Mr. Lash, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	...	...	0
Sinclair, b. Mr. Lash	...	...	...	...	0
Saxton, c. Mr. Mackay, b. Mr. Lash	...	...	...	...	0
Hine, not out	...	...	...	...	27
McKay, c. Mr. Wynyard, b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	...	...	0
O'Halloran, b. Mr. Bottrill	...	...	...	...	3
Osborne, l.b.w., b. Mr. Moyes	...	...	...	...	2
Wills, b. Mr. Lash	...	...	...	...	5
Greiner, c. Mr. Robertson, b. Mr. Glover	...	...	...	...	4
Forbes, b. Mr. Glover	...	...	...	...	0
Pope, b. Mr. Ryder	...	...	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	...	55

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Lash, three wickets for 10 runs; Mr. Moyes, three for 13; Mr. Glover, two for 20; Mr. Bottrill, one for 10; Mr. Ryder, one for 0.

## TOWN v. SCHOOL.

## SCHOOL.—First Innings.

Sinclair, c. —, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	15
O'Halloran, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	0
Hine, b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	...	0
Willis, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	9
Brokenshire, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	3
McKay, c. and b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	...	0
Wills, c. and b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	...	3
Greiner, l.b.w., b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	...	3
Saxton, b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	...	0
Kingston, not out	...	...	...	...	3
Jones, c. and b. Mr. Weston	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	...	45

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Nicoll, five wickets for 7 runs; Mr. Robertson, four for 9; Mr. Willis, none for 10; Mr. Weston, one for 9; Mr. Stainton, none for 1.



## TOWN.

Mr. Robertson, retired	...	...	...	...	17
Mr. Nicoll, retired	...	...	...	...	30
Total (innings declared closed)	...	...	...	...	47

## SCHOOL.—Second Innings.

Sinclair, b. Mr. Stainton	...	...	...	...	7
Willis, b. Mr. Stainton	...	...	...	...	0
O'Halloran, b. Mr. Willis	...	...	...	...	0
Hine, c. Osborne, b. Mr. Stainton	...	...	...	...	3
McKay, c. and b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	34
Wills, c. and b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	24
Kingston, c. Mr. Bottrill, b. Mr. Weston	...	...	...	...	8
Brokenshire run out	...	...	...	...	13
Saxton, c. and b. Mr. Nicoll	...	...	...	...	6
Greiner, not out	...	...	...	...	1
Jones, b. Mr. Stainton	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	7
Total	...	...	...	...	104

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Stainton, four wickets for 22 runs; Mr. Willis, one for 4; Mr. Weston, one for 16; Mr. Robertson, two for 21; Mr. Nicoll, one for 34.

## SCHOOL v. OMATA.

## SCHOOL.

Willis, b. Mr. Hughes	...	...	...	...	4
Sinclair, c. Mr. Hughes, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	5
Hine, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	0
Brokenshire, b. Mr. Robertson	...	...	...	...	0
McKay, c. Hine, b. Mr. Fox	...	...	...	...	23
O'Halloran, b. Mr. Waller	...	...	...	...	6
Wills, b. Jones	...	...	...	...	2
Kingston, b. Mr. Fox	...	...	...	...	1
Saxton, not out	...	...	...	...	9
Greiner, l.b.w., b. Jones	...	...	...	...	0
Osborne, run out	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	7
Total	...	...	...	...	58

Bowling analysis.—Mr. Hughes, two wickets for 10 runs; Mr. Robertson, three for 8; Mr. Bailey, none for 14; Mr. Fox, two for 6; Mr. Waller, one for 6; Jones, two for 7.

## OMATA.

Mr. Waller, b. McKay	...	...	...	...	1
Mr. Robertson, b. McKay	...	...	...	...	2
Mr. D. Hughes, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	0
Mr. Fox, b. McKay	...	...	...	...	20

Mr. A. Hughes, b. McKay	...	...	...	...	0
Mr. Bottrill, c. and b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	20
Mr. Quickfall, b. McKay	...	...	...	...	0
Jones, c. and b. McKay	...	...	...	...	1
Pope, b. Sinclair	...	...	...	...	1
Buchanan, not out	...	...	...	...	0
Espin, b. McKay	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	7
Total	...	...	...	...	52

Bowling analysis.—Sinclair, three wickets for 16 runs; McKay, seven for 29.

During the term, Form VI.B. challenged Forms IV. and V., and managed to score a win by 29 runs. Of VI.B.'s score of 59, McKay and Sinclair compiled 20 each by forceful cricket. For the IV. and V., Hayden, Wills and Jones were responsible for the majority of runs.

Not content with this victory, VI.B. offered to play the Rest of the School, but suffered defeat by an innings and 9 runs. In VI.B.'s first innings, McKay and Nicholson were the only batsmen to attain double figures, whilst in the second innings only Pope and Atkinson reached double figures. For the School, Osborne played a sound innings of 45, Kingston and Hine being the only other batsmen to make over 10 runs.

## CAMERA CLUB.

The Club has been exceedingly fortunate this term in the splendid donation of Mr. Messenger. This consists of a half-plate camera, and of a 5 x 4 reflex camera with a telephoto lens, and of a number of accessories besides. We tender Mr. Messenger our heartiest thanks, and hardly need to assure him of the great use which his present will be to us.

Besides the usual snapping and photographing, competitions were arranged. The conditions were as follows:—

Each competition will be divided into two classes:—

- (a) All sizes of photos from quarter-plate upwards;
  - (b) All sizes of photos smaller than quarter-plate.
- I. The best group of four photos of New Plymouth.
  - II. The best group of four photos of the agricultural plots and farm.



The following were the prize-winners:—

Smaller than quarter-plate size:

Agricultural Views: 1 S. Herbert, 2 B. Noakes.  
New Plymouth Views: 1 R. Hair, 2 B. Horner and B. Noakes  
(equal).

Over quarter-plate size:

Agricultural Views: 1 E. Cole.  
New Plymouth Views: 1 I. M. Guild, 2 J. Kingston.

A number of good entries were received, and a very narrow margin separated the different entrants.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

Once more the Library has had to change its quarters, this time a change for the worse. Owing to the large increase in the number of boarders, the Library was converted into a dormitory, thus necessitating its removal to the old drawing-room in the front part of the house. At present, with all the bookcases in there, it is very cramped, but we hope that this will be remedied when the new school is completed.

We are sorry to add that the membership of Day Boys has decreased, but we think that this is only another regrettable outcome of our present position, and that, with the class-room close at hand, we shall once more have a flourishing Day Boy membership.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the following books presented by Mr. Prideaux, of Pohokura:—

The Daughter of the Chieftain (Ellis); Teddy's Buttons (Amy Le Feuvre); Rollo at Work and Rollo at Play (J. Abbot); Heroes of the Empire; Kent Knowles (Lincoln); Adventures of the North (Parker); The Poison Belt (Conan Doyle); Dracula (Stoker); The Two Castaways (Lady Dixie); White Fang (Jack London); A Marble Fawn (Hawthorne); Two Years Ago (Kingsley); The One Dog and the Others (Slaughters); Pioneers (Cooper); Call of the Wild (Jack London); The Story of Lord Roberts (Selar); Great Heroes and Gallant Fights; English Battles and Sieges in the Peninsular War (Napier); French Readings (Knapp).

Two copies of "What a Young Boy Ought to Know" (Stall) were also added this term.

## TENNIS NOTES.

This term there has been a marked increase in the number of boys enrolled in the Tennis Club. The number totalling 62 members—nearly double that of last

year's club. Keen interest has been shown in the ladder matches, and consequently some interesting games have been played.

There is only the asphalt court at present fit to play on, and even this staunch old friend is getting a little out of repair. There has not been enough time or money to put on to the grass courts, which have now got a little out of hand.

Early in the term we received two dozen tennis balls from the New Plymouth Club. Needless to say, this gift was greatly appreciated, and we here wish to thank this Club very much indeed for their kind gift and interest shown to our Club.

In the early part of the term a match was arranged against the Masters. The weather was perfect, and although we were badly beaten, some enjoyable tennis was played and everybody enjoyed themselves. The results are as follows:—

### SINGLES.

Masters.		Boys.	
Mr. Ryder .....	9 v.	Hine .....	3
Mr. Glover .....	9 v.	Atkinson .....	0
Mr. Rockel .....	9 v.	Harrison .....	0
Mr. Bottrill .....	9 v.	Christie .....	4
Mr. Wynyard .....	9 v.	McKay .....	4
Mr. Moyes .....	4 v.	O'Halloran .....	9

### DOUBLES.

Masters.		Boys.	
Messrs. Ryder and Glover ...	9 v.	Hine and Atkinson .....	5
Messrs. Rockel and Bottrill	9 v.	Harrison and Christie .....	3
Messrs. Wynyard and Moyes	3 v.	McKay and O'Halloran ...	9

### Totals:

Masters .....	70 games, 7 sets.
Boys .....	37 games, 2 sets

We are greatly indebted to the Town Club for the use of courts and balls.

On the same afternoon a combined team of Masters and Boys played a match against the New Plymouth Tennis Club. A most enjoyable match resulted in a substantial win for the Club. The following are the scores:



## SINGLES.

New Plymouth.		Masters and Boys.	
Mr. Nicholson .....	9 v.	Mr. Ryder .....	1
Mr. Bloxham .....	9 v.	Mr. Glover .....	2
Mr. Griffiths .....	5 v.	Mr. Rockel .....	9
Dr. Fookes .....	9 v.	Mr. Bottrill .....	8
Mr. Davies .....	7 v.	Mr. Wynyard .....	9
Mr. Boyd .....	9 v.	J. M. Hine .....	2
Mr. Wilson .....	9 v.	P. Atkinson .....	8
			39
		57	

## DOUBLES.

New Plymouth.		Masters and Boys.	
Messrs Nicholson & Bloxham	9 v.	Messrs. Ryder and Glover	5
Messrs. Davies and Boyd	9 v.	Mr. Wynyard and Hine	3
Mr. Griffiths and Dr. Fookes	9 v.	Messrs. Rockel and Bottrill	6
			14
		27	

## Totals:

New Plymouth	... 84 games, 8 sets.
High School	..... 53 games, 2 sets.

On Saturday, April 6th, we arranged a game against the Girls, and played it on the courts at their school. The Girls very kindly provided morning tea. The weather was glorious, and although the scores are a good deal in favour of the Boys, the games were all contested eagerly up to the last point. Following are the results:

## SINGLES.

Girls.		Boys.	
Miss E. Ballantyne	... 32 v.	Hine	..... 40
Miss M. Coleman	..... 25 v.	Atkinson	..... 40
Miss N. Dell	..... 24 v.	Osborne	..... 40
Miss L. Hurle	..... 34 v.	McKay	..... 40
Miss D. Watkins	..... 26 v.	Christie	..... 40
Miss V. Johns	..... 26 v.	Harrison	..... 40

## DOUBLES.

Girls.		Boys.	
Misses E. Ballantyne and M. Coleman	..... 32 v.	Hine and Atkinson	..... 50
Misses N. Dell and L. Hurle	38 v.	Osborne and McKay	..... 50
Misses D. Watkins and V. Johns	..... 36 v.	Christie and Harrison	..... 50

## Totals:

Boys	..... 390 points, 9 sets.
Girls	..... 273 points, 0 sets.

The following Saturday we journeyed out to Inglewood, where we played the Ladies, while the Masters played the Men on the Inglewood courts. The Inglewood ladies very kindly provided both morning and afternoon tea, as well as dinner. We left school by the morning train and returned on the mail tired but very happy after a splendid day's play. Following are the results:—

## SINGLES.

Ladies.		Boys.	
Mrs. Bullard	..... 9 v.	Hine	..... 3
Mrs. Grant	..... 9 v.	Atkinson	..... 4
Miss Nutting	..... 7 v.	McKay	..... 9
Mrs. Patterson	..... 7 v.	Osborne	..... 9
Miss Nutting	..... 6 v.	O'Halloran	..... 5
Miss Winfield	..... 3 v.	Christie	..... 6
			14
		Men.	
Mr. Wagstaff	..... 5 v.	Mr. Ryder	..... 6
Mr. Blackburn	..... 2 v.	Mr. Rockel	..... 6
Mr. Sutherland	..... 0 v.	Mr. Glover	..... 6
Mr. Armstrong	..... 5 v.	Mr. Bottrill	..... 6
Mr. Eggleton	..... 6 v.	Mr. Wynyard	..... 1
Mr. Greig	..... 6 v.	Mr. McKinney	..... 3

## DOUBLES.

Inglewood.		School.	
Mesdames Bullard and Grant	... 4 v.	Hine and Atkinson	..... 9
Mrs. Patterson and Miss Nutting	..... 3 v.	O'Halloran and Christie	... 4
Messrs. Wagstaff and Sutherland	..... 2 v.	Messrs. Ryder and Glover	... 6
Messrs. Armstrong and Blackburn	..... 7 v.	Messrs. Rockel and Bottrill	9
Messrs. Eggleton and Greig	... 6 v.	Messrs. Wynyard and McKinney	..... 2

## COMBINED DOUBLES.

Inglewood.		School.	
Mr. Wagstaff and Mrs. Bullard	9 v.	Mr. Ryder and Hine	... 7
Mr. Sutherland and Mrs. Grant	2 v.	Mr. Glover and Atkinson	6
Mr. Blackburn and Miss Nutting	4 v.	Mr. Rockel and Osborne	6
Mr. Armstrong and Miss Winfield	2 v.	Mr. Bottrill and McKay	6
Mr. Eggleton and Mrs. Patterson	6 v.	Mr. Wynyard & Christie	0

## Totals:

New Plymouth	: 119 games, 13 sets.
Inglewood	..... 110 games, 8 sets.

Following are those in our team this year in order of merit:—Hine 1, Atkinson 2, Osborne 3, McKay 4, Christie 5, Harrison and O'Halloran 6.



## FOOTBALL NOTES.

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A new year has come and brought with it its usual routine football. As the First Term is not 'the' football term and as these notes are written early in the season, no very good idea can be obtained of the First XV.; but judging from appearances in the scratch matches already played and in the practices, they will probably be a "nippy" team, though not very heavy.

This year it was decided that some form of distinction was necessary for the Day Boys and the Boarders in the junior groups. Accordingly amber and black has been adopted for the Boarders, while Day Boys retain the ordinary black and white jerseys.

The first matches of the season, Day Boys and Boarders, senior and junior, were played shortly after Easter. The Boarders were successful in both cases, the seniors winning by 15 to 6, and the juniors by 25 to nil. No doubt there will be several other such matches next term.

About a fortnight before the end of the term a match was arranged between a team of Old Boys and the School. After an exciting game the School won. Our team played a good game, the backs showing very fair promise. Hamling scored the first try for the School, and Beckbessinger the second. After a good passing rush by Old Boys, Hughes scored almost under the goal. Ryan converted. Old Boys were kept, for the most part, in their twenty-five. After several passing rushes by our backs, which resulted in tries, half-time sounded with the score, School 20, Old Boys 5. In the second spell Old Boys played up, but were outclassed by our backs, who, handling the ball well, set up passing rushes which several times resulted in scores. The whistle finally sounded with the scores—School 41, Old Boys 5.

## AGRICULTURE NOTES.

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The general aim of the cropping done this year is to grow at least two crops, instead of only one, in a season; the first a crop which will mature rapidly, the other an ordinary field crop. This is possible when the first is the early potato, planted in July or August, and maturing in October or November; since, if the potatoes are lifted as early as this, they may be followed by carrot,





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mangold, or even turnip—indeed, any ordinary field crop, not excepting a second crop of potatoes. Another advantage of this cropping system is that, since the soil will necessarily be in constant cultivation, weed control should be an easy matter.

In addition, to ensure weed control, the lower levels of the soil will be left undisturbed by adopting, as far as possible, surface cultivation; for if deep cultivation is practised, weeds and weed seeds that have been turned in by previous ploughing will be brought to the surface again, and those that are not dead allowed to grow. Indeed, it is now definitely known that repeated deep cultivation in a light soil tends to stock the ground with weeds.

An important aim in our future work will be to show the advantage of consolidating the loose soil of which our farm is composed by rolling, before sowing any crop. A start was made in this direction just before the Term Holidays, when all the Boarders turned out and marched in close formation over one of the plots for about half-an-hour; thus making what was to all intents a large Cambridge roller. However, this method of rolling is not recommended unless labour is very cheap.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

At the beginning of the year, a new arrangement came into force, whereby the Education Board's instructors—Mr. Browne and Mr. Burley, with Mr. Dean as assistant—take charge of all our work; and as a result of this, a rather late beginning was made. However, at the time of writing the various farm operations are well on the way, and much more is being done.

As this year we have a roll of thirty-two boys—eleven seniors and twenty-one juniors—evidently a fair number of parents recognise the advantages a school training in Agriculture possesses in preparing a boy for later work.

The Senior group, which reached an average of 67 per cent. in the recent Exam., comprises R. Brown, O. Dean, K. Ducker, D. Fox, K. Honeyfield, C. Jones, C. Moss, A. Snowdon, D. Sutton, A. Walter, and J. Walter. The Junior group consists of D. Ballantyne, D. Burwell, K. Dixon, C. W. Duckworth, T. Forbes, L. Frethey, R. Hooker, H. Holden, K. Honeyfield, S. Jackson, A. MacWhirter, A. Moyes, L. Neill, G. Newton, E. Pearce, L. Pease, H. Rickard, G. Scown, D. Spence, R. Street, S. Wood.



The Potato-moth caterpillar was very evident this Autumn, causing considerable damage. As the potatoes were not banked up very high, tubers became exposed on the plants, and these gave harbourage to the caterpillars, which later developed in large numbers into the moth stage. The attacks of this insect may be combated by burning all old sacks and affected plants likely to give shelter, and by well banking up the plants.

Some seed-potatoes were placed in sheltered racks, for sprouting; but unfortunately there is difficulty in obtaining early seed potatoes suitable for sprouting and setting out in July or August.

The plots of carrots did not do well, owing to insufficient weeding there was a fine crop of weeds in evidence after the long Christmas holidays. However, they were well cleaned out when we came back, but it was too late to do much good.

It is worth while noting that some "oats" were sown, and came up as barley. But perhaps a different method of cultivation should have been used, in order to have persuaded oats to grow. This crop in particular showed in its growth, or rather lack of it, the bad effects of having too loose a soil.

The lucerne paddock is now well established, and should, for some years to come, increase in productiveness. A plant of similar growth, but one apparently easier to establish, is to be experimented with in one plot to follow potatoes. This plant is Burseem, or Egyptian Clover, and has already proved itself an excellent fodder crop elsewhere in Taranaki.

A curious effect of the recent March storm was that, following the defoliation of the fruit trees in this district, the majority of them started into bloom during April and May. This is always a bad sign, as it means a lessened fruit yield next season. It is interesting to know that one may always judge the Spring flowering of fruit trees by the number of fruit buds produced during Autumn—a dry Autumn being especially productive of these.

Each Agriculture pupil is expected to be at least an expert pruner at the end of the season; but, since to attain this we need practice, will anyone step forward and offer his orchard to be exposed to our tender mercies?

We received some useful information on the laying down of a cricket pitch last term, although it could

hardly be termed Agriculture. The match pitch needed improving, so much "papa" clay was obtained and finely crushed (alas for clean boots and hands), and with this a new, firm pitch was laid down. Enough time has not yet elapsed for us to judge of results, but doubtless they will be up to expectations.

#### DAIRYING NOTES.

The cows were all dried off by the end of January, and two, Daisy and Fatty, were sold. At the beginning of February, Pansy, a new cow, came in; and the other new cow, Nugget started milking at the end of April.

A regular daily record of the milk given by each cow, night and morning, has been kept, and the sub-joined table gives the weekly averages of this record:—

		Pansy.	Jessie.	Polly.	Nugget.
Feb. 9	.....	M. 11lb. E. 8lb.	— —	— —	— —
Feb. 16	.....	M. 17lb. E. 12lb.	— —	— —	— —
Feb. 23	.....	M. 19lb. E. 13lb.	— —	— —	— —
Mar. 2	.....	M. 19lb. E. 13lb.	— —	— —	— —
Mar. 9	.....	M. 19lb. E. 13lb.	— —	— —	— —
Mar. 16	.....	M. 19lb. E. 13lb.	M. 20lb. E. 17lb.	— —	— —
Mar. 23	.....	M. 18lb. E. 14lb.	M. 23lb. E. 17lb.	— —	— —
Mar. 30	.....	M. 18lb. E. 13lb.	M. 25lb. E. 18lb.	— —	— —
Apr. 6	.....	M. 17lb. E. 13lb.	M. 23lb. E. 18lb.	— —	— —
Apr. 13	.....	M. 16lb. E. 13lb.	M. 23lb. E. 17lb.	— —	— —
Apr. 20	.....	M. 16lb. E. 12lb.	M. 24lb. E. 17lb.	— —	— —
Apr. 27	.....	M. 15lb. E. 12lb.	M. 25lb. E. 19lb.	M. 20lb. E. 14lb.	— —
May 4	.....	M. 11lb. E. 8lb.	M. 20lb. E. 17lb.	M. 18lb. E. 14lb.	M. 21lb. E. 17lb.

A beginning has been made with testing the farm herd, a test being made each week, and as this is continued we will be able to decide which cows are worth keeping and which need culling out. An official record of all the farm operations has also been begun, and will be continued in the future.



## CADET NOTES.

This year the Company has been greatly increased in size. This is due, not only to increase in the School roll, but also to the fact that some of the Preparatory boys drill with the Company. The total Company roll is 251.

Nearly all the drill this term has been squad drill, the number in each squad averaging ten. The drill was all elementary drill without arms, so as to keep both recruits and last year's boys on the same drill.

For a greater part of the term Sergeant-Major Hunt took the N.C.O.'s for a class on Fridays, during the dinner recess. This was a great help, as all squads were being instructed on the same lines.

On Thursday, March 20th, Sir James Allen came to New Plymouth to present medals to soldiers in the Coronation Hall. This meant our first public parade, and all the Company movements had to be practised in three parades. However, the recruits did credit to the Company. We fell in, two hundred and forty-one strong, at 6.30 p.m. on the cricket-ground. We then marched to the Hall and waited until 9.15 p.m., when Sir James Allen arrived, having been delayed by the bush fires. The Company were dismissed at 9.45 p.m.

Our net parade was on Anzac Day, when the Company paraded two hundred and twenty-three strong. The School was given a holiday, and we fell in at 1 o'clock on the cricket-ground. From here we marched to the Coronation Hall, where we fell in with the other companies. The whole parade then marched to the Fire Brigade Station, where the Citizens' Band was waiting. The School Company went to the People's Pictures, where one service was held; afterwards we all fell in outside and marched through Devon Street to lower Gill Street, where we were dismissed.

As only two Masters now take us for drill, four of the boys have been placed in command of the platoons.

On Monday, May 6th, a full-day parade was held on the Rewa Rewa range for the class firing. All boys of fourteen and over went out to the range at 9.30, some cycling, some walking, and some taking the tram part of the way.

Each boy fired five rounds grouping and five snap-shooting, the time for each shot being five seconds. The firing ceased at 4.45. The weather was bright, but a cold breeze was blowing, and the last men on the mound had the low western sun in their eyes.

## OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We clip the following from the "Taranaki Herald":  
—"Mr. J. E. Wilson, barrister and solicitor, of New Plymouth, received advice on Friday evening that he has been appointed a relieving magistrate. Mr. Wilson has had an almost life-long association with New Plymouth. He was born in Canterbury in 1873, but came to Taranaki in 1886 with his father, Captain Wilson, and family, who settled at Urenui. After attending the Urenui School for a short time he won an Education Board scholarship and attended the New Plymouth High School, which he passed through with credit and distinction. On leaving school he joined Mr. Roy's legal office. Subsequently he commenced practice on his own account, and later he was joined by Mr. Geo. Grey. In 1914 he was elected Mayor of New Plymouth, and again the following year, when he was compelled to retire on account of a serious illness. For some years he was on the High School Board of Governors, but resigned as a protest against the conservative policy of the Board, thus helping to bring about the reorganisation of the School that has resulted in its becoming one of the most successful of the secondary schools of the Dominion." We need hardly add our heartiest congratulations to one of our most prominent Old Boys, as every boy, past and present, is greatly pleased at the honour conferred.

"Weed" Hamblyn writes from Tidworth, Wiltshire:—

It is some time since I last wrote to you. If I remember rightly I was at Hornchurch in Essex; now I am here on the Salisbury Plain attached to the 5th Reserve Training Battalion, that is the Rifle Brigade Training Battalion. I left Hornchurch after putting in two months there, on August 21st, and reported at Codford on September 5th, after my fourteen days' sick leave. It was a great sensation to feel free once more, and I enjoyed every single day. Two days I stayed with friends at Leigh-on-Lea, then three more in London, and the other ten at Barnstaple in North Devon. An Auckland boy and myself made Barnstaple our headquarters, and from thence visited Clovelly, Ilfracombe,



Lynton, Lynmouth, Bideford and Hartland. The people couldn't do enough for us, and we, it appears couldn't do enough for them, because it was impossible to stay as long as we liked at half-a-dozen different places. However, we made many friends down there, and will have no trouble if ever we go back in finding somewhere to stay. You see we were quite novelties, as only one or two of our boys had been there before. The country itself was looking grand, though the continued bad weather had somewhat spoiled the harvest. We soon made acquaintance with many of the best orchards, and while cycling or motoring along the country roads we were often invited into the farm-houses for refreshments in the way of fruit and Devonshire cream and cider. By the way, coming back from Lynton we met Bishop Crossley and his wife, who gave us a good time for two days. The Bishop was asking after Jack Shaw; and, of course, I could tell him very little.

After this bit of a holiday jaunt I came to our Command Depot, and, being still unfit, did light drill and physical exercise for a week, when our Major at Tidworth sent down for me and a few more of his old N.C.O.'s to come to this camp and take on instructors' jobs, freeing men who have been here since the Tenth eighteen months ago. They won't let us old hands go back to France, but we are getting good jobs here on the instructional staff for the winter at least. Some good! Plenty of leave, good quarters and the best of everything, and time too, seeing I've just had my first spell and leave in two years, while hundreds who have never seen the firing-line have been here enjoying themselves. I believe the Main Body up to the 3rd will soon be back in New Zealand. Of course many of them saw about two hours' fighting; but they deserve it, because, although one can have a very good time here, there is only one place for us, after all, and that is our own land. So far I have done nothing here, but will soon go to a school, though, as the Major says, as far as the Lewis gun goes, I could teach them all new things. Still, I have to get a sergeant-instructor, then back here to work.

I have seen four boys here with the 26th, Albert Bayly, Charlie Fair, Stan. Grayling and Pat. Paterson. They all look well and enjoy the life. They will soon be leaving for France. I believe some of the newer arrivals have commissions—good luck to them, but it's a shame for all that, as there are hundreds of chaps over here who are, from experience, far more fitted for the job. However, the N.C.O.'s are still the backbone of the show, and all officers, especially one-star artists, can always fall back on the good old order, "Carry on, Sergeant." Don't think for a moment I mean anything by the above except that the principle of the thing is wrong. You know it yourself. We have to teach them all as they come along, and those that can't be taught are soon sent back to New Zealand or to some soft job at a base, all leave and little work.

Alister McHardy writes to tell us that he is now a cadet on a farm at Morrinsville. He finds the life very congenial, and says that he much prefers it to life at Duntroon. He sends his congratulations to all his contemporaries who have been successful at the last exams.

He goes on to say:—"I was pleased to see by the papers that the old School is being rebuilt at last, and I suppose that when I come back to New Plymouth the old building will hardly be remembered. But it will always remain fresh in my memory, and sometimes when I think of the many pleasant hours I spent inside its walls I wish that the fire had never taken place. However, when I see the new buildings they will only be to me the old School in which I spent some of the happiest days of my life. My address is c/o. A. Orr, Te Mimi, Morrinsville."

Owen Bayly and Jack Terry are attending lectures at Auckland University College with a view to graduation in Law.

Mr. Searle writes from France:—

I'm trying to write this in one of those familiar old trucks branded "Hommes 40: Chevaux (en long) 8." After having spent a rosy time in billets for the last three weeks, we are now on our way back to the line again. Reveille was at 3 a.m., and about an hour later we had breakfast and were marching off to the skirl of the pipes. The villages were as yet asleep except for here and there an old soldier, who, seeing some of his mates in the crowd, would hail him with "Cheerio, digger! Good luck!" A four hours' route-march with pack up brought us to the train, and here we are now, bowling along merrily at about an average speed of four miles an hour, with French kids running alongside bawling out for "Souvenir, souvenir," "Bully-beef," etc.

I have been reading the June number of the School Mag., and, needless to say, it has brought back many old memories. My own mail has been wandering round somewhere for the last three months; but I managed to get this from Bill Eyre, whom I dug up yesterday at a village about five miles away. Bill has been promoted to Lance-Corporal, and was busy in instructing a squad in musketry when I came across him.

The sketch of the proposed new School looks very imposing—some college, eh, what? I hope it's completed by the time I return. You'll note that I don't anticipate being smacked out completely; but "just quietly," I'd have no objection to a nice little "Blighty" to see me over the winter.

I met old Mac over here, and jolly pleased I was to see him. He is with the Taranaki Company, 1st Wellington Battalion, and is "official company buyer," which, being interpreted, means that he has to go round buying spuds and swedes from the Frenchies. In our last billets Mac used to blow along nearly every evening for a game of chess, and about a week ago we had the pleasure of suitably celebrating my birthday together.

Our French is coming in very useful (for many purposes!) and we can now "parler the lingo" in good style.

While in England I had a boscer time—three lots of leave of four days each—some "bon!" It would take too long to tell you of all my experiences in "Blighty"; but when you know that I



met some New Zealand friends over there who have a six-cylinder Hudson, you can guess I did no harm. The Strand, Piccadilly, and Bond Street are just about as familiar now as Devon Street or Avenue Road. When in London I saw the Imperial Challenge Shields won by our teams last year. They were exhibited in the New Zealand High Commissioner's window and seemed to be attracting a good deal of interest. I felt quite proud of our boys, I can tell you.

Well, we've reached our destination now, and, incidentally, had another two hours' tramp; so I'm "très fatigué." I met Mac again and handed on the School Mag. for his perusal. We had a good laugh over the Master's motor-byke experiences, and ditto over the garden.

I came across Strathie Ewing and Mr. Diprose in Sling; also Grayling and Fair in Capetown; both in good condition. My address is: 39727 Lieut. H. V. Searle, 16th (Waikato) Company, 2nd Auckland Infantry Battalion, N.Z.E.F., France. Write "tout de suite." Compris?"

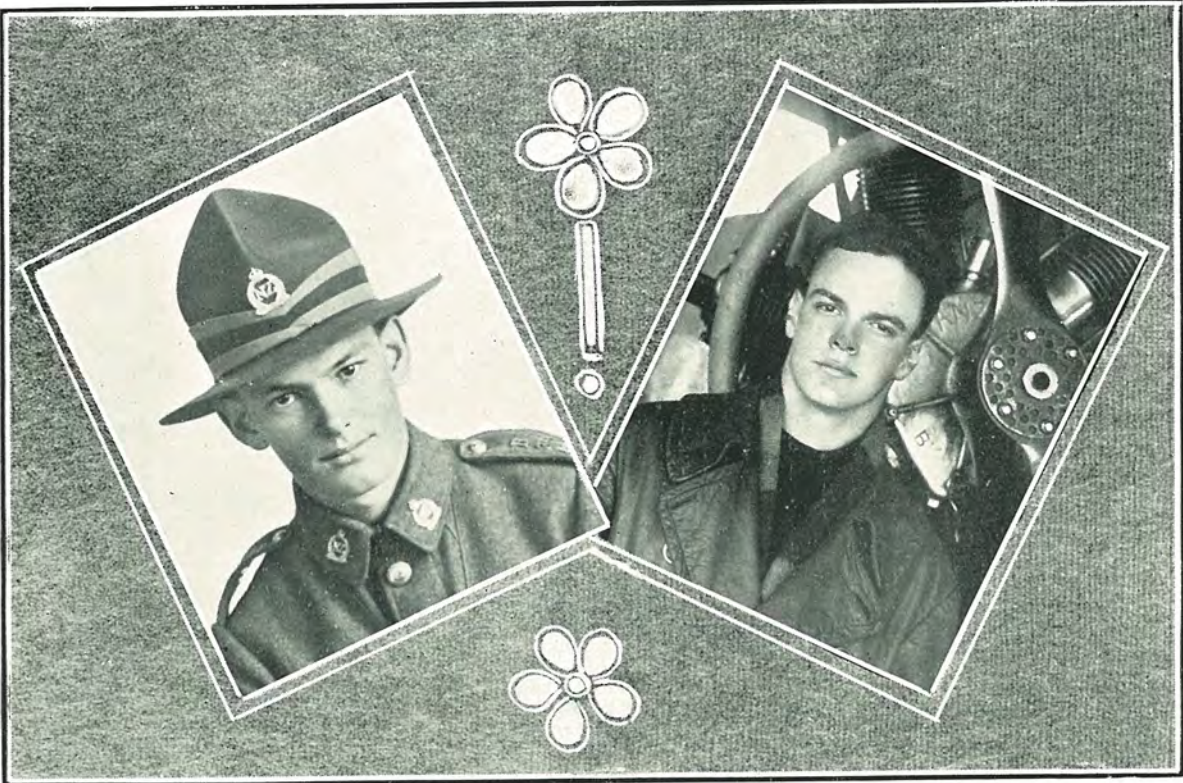
Norman Little writes:—

Jan. 28th.—I've been getting the "Taranakian" regularly, and have been very much interested in School matters, and I have always read the Old Boys' Notes with a lot of interest. I feel quite ashamed of myself for not having written before to let you know how all the chaps are getting on out here, and which of the crowd I've run up against.

The only Old Boys in the Company with me are E. C. Stanley and Allen Mathews, both of whom are very fit. Allen, in particular, is very popular with all of us—he's a splendid chap. Hugh Fraser was with us a few months ago. He's in England here somewhere now, sick. (I'm writing from London, on leave.) I've a lot of New Plymouth chaps in my platoon, but they're not Old Boys of the School—Syd. Gyne, Sid. Quickfall, and Kendall, among others, while Belcher and Bill Howson, Charlie Wood (from Waitara), and a good many more chaps from the district are with the Battalion. "Ned Kelly" was with me, and was killed beside me on the 4th of October at Ypres. Old Ned came to light in great style out here, and it was very rotten luck his being outed like that. I lost two of my best pals that day, Doug. Harle being the other. He was in this Battalion (2nd Wellington) though in a different Company. I saw John Grey a few months ago. He was in the 1st Wellington—just the same as ever. Eric Grant was with our Battalion for a while, also Bernard Glasgow; but I don't know exactly where they are now. There's one hard old member of the crowd that I've seen pretty often lately, and that's McIsaac. He's got a job on our Brigade Headquarters and gets a very good hearing with everybody, as you can imagine.

I was out at Hornchurch a couple of days ago, and saw Ronnie Adlam, who is looking quite fit again after having accidentally broken his leg up in the trenches. I believe that Dick Mace and Ian Pott were both out in the camp there, though I didn't manage to run across either of them. As I was walking





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up Southampton Row the other day I met Eric Cutfield, and had a short yarn with him. He says he hasn't much chance of being classed "A" yet.

London is just the same as when I was here six and twelve months ago—no visible signs of shortage of anything—can feed yourself blue in the restaurants; the taxis and busses rush round as usual, and the theatres are doing bigger business than usual. If it wasn't for the various kinds of khaki (mostly colonials of different sorts) and the conductresses and lift-girls, you'd hardly think there was a war on. Occasionally you see a sugar-queue or a sign "Sorry, No Meat." I've noticed only one building dented by a bomb, and that was in Southampton Row.

I saw Mr. Searle at a football match last September and had quite a long yarn with him, about the School chiefly. I saw Charlie Fair at the base about the beginning of December, but haven't heard anything of him since. I saw Golding at the match where I saw Mr. Searle, and had quite a long yarn with him and John Grey.

By the kindness of Mrs. Hoby we are enabled to publish some extracts from the last few letters of her son, Stanley, who was killed in action on February 4th. Writing on January 16th he says:—

I am sorry I have not written lately, but I've been very busy and also very ill. I got into a pretty stiff corner about a fortnight ago; in fact "Gundy" couldn't see for a few minutes how he was getting out of it, but, thanks to a little use of my brains, I got out with nothing worse than a bellyful of gas. How that stuff stinks! I came down from the guns two days later and went to bed, and yesterday was my first day up. My heart went very crook, and the doctor told me when he sounded me that it was very irregular and nervy, and that I'd better go away. Anyhow I didn't reckon I was bad enough; so I stayed here, and think I'm nearly fit for fighting again. I had a very good Christmas dinner, turkey and ham, but there's no place like home. Just you wait till I do come home, and it will take ten like Billy to hold me, as I'll go clean mad. Tine Stanley came to see me the other day, and is looking real well. We had a great old chat.

On the 22nd of January he writes:—

I'm feeling much better now and will soon be fit for scrapping again. I've got a little bit of news for you—when you read this it's a letter from "Sergeant" Hoby. So things are looking up, aren't they? I got fifteen letters the other night, and wasn't I a happy kid, and one was Billy's "Budget." So I had something to take my mind off the war for a minute or two. You talked about my strength getting undermined; well, I don't mind admitting that the monotony of bully-beef and biscuit doesn't tend to keep one in the best of health. Anyhow, now that I'm a Sergeant, we have a mess and put in 10 francs a fortnight and get real good tucker, fruit, etc., and, my hat, isn't it a change!



His last letter is dated January 26th. In it he says:

I wrote to you a few days ago, but having a bit of time I thought you'd like another. I'm feeling A1 again now, and it's a pleasure to feel fit again, I can tell you. Things are very muddy here at present, but we had a lovely warm day yesterday, and it went well after bitter cold rain and snow. Of course this country is always muddy, but I'm quite used to it now."

We add the following letter from the commanding officer:—

During the absence in hospital of our O.C., Captain Jeffery, it devolves on me to convey to you the sincerest sympathy of both officers and men of this battery in the loss of your dear son. I feel sure you would like to know a few of the details of the sad occurrence. I was with your son the whole afternoon of the 4th till 4 p.m., when we opened a strong fire on the enemy's position. We had been firing continuously for over half an hour, when the Hun commenced shelling our battery position. Before anything could be done, the third enemy shell burst right in the gun-pit of which Sergeant Hoby had charge. It was a terrible blow to all of us, and even now we can hardly realise that such brave good fellows have gone—your son and the whole of his detachment were killed. It is a little comfort to know that the boys suffered no pain, for death was instantaneous.

Your son's last resting-place is in a little New Zealand Military Cemetery just on the outskirts of that now famous town, Ypres. The burial service was yesterday afternoon, and was attended by two officers, all Stanley's fellow-sergeants, and a large number of his old chums. Our own trumpeter played the "Last Post" over the grave. As long as we are in this sector the grave will be attended to by our own boys. Arrangements are already under way for the erection of a suitable cross, and I trust that before long a small photo of the grave will reach you.

Stanley was a great favourite with both officers and men. He was a splendid N.C.O. and a great fighter. His cheery nature and ever sunny smile often brought brightness at the blackest of times. As an example of keenness, he came to me just before he was killed and asked if he couldn't have an extra allowance of ammunition for this particular stunt.

We deplore his loss in that it means that there has gone for ever from us one whose genial presence meant such a lot to us. We are sure you in your bereavement will surely find some slight consolation in the knowledge that your son died "a hero and a man." Yes, he died a true soldier's death, and was fighting his gun up to the last.

Mrs. Hoby has received a number of letters from those who were in close touch with Stanley at the Front, and all these letters speak in no uncertain tone of the sterling qualities of him who has gone.

R. Lealand writes from Dunedin:—

We are getting well into the running down here now and like it very much. The students seem a very chummy lot, and there is not much trouble in getting to know them. There is

plenty of work to do now in Biology, for all this is new work to us. We started cutting up frogs last week to see the inner workings. There is a fairly full programme in mechanical dentistry to get through, but I like this work better than all the rest.

The Physics professor is about the best I have met to get through the work. We generally end up the lectures with writer's cramp. He has taken us right through Mechanics and has started on Hydrostatics already. But he is very decent in explaining anything we are not clear about, and goes to no end of trouble to set us right.

Before I came here I thought that the windiest place in New Zealand was New Plymouth, but Dunedin is strides ahead. It has been blowing every day since we came here, and at the beginning of this week we had a taste of what winter is going to be like here. Just fancy hugging the fire in the middle of March! It seems as if New Plymouth had a rough time lately with a gale, from what the papers say. But it proves that the harbour is safe even in the roughest weather.

Brokey and I have joined the Officers' Training Corps run in connection with the University. We have already been issued uniforms, the first parade coming off just after Easter. There was a splendid parade of the military in Dunedin to-day, a gymkhana being held in aid of the Y.M.C.A. It just dwarfed anything I have seen before.

I expect the new school is well on the way to completion; so we hope to be able to admire it when we return. The University keeps going very late here, the year not ending till December 13th. The Intermediate comes off in the first week in October, but an extra term is put on after this.

Miles Atkinson writes from Braeholm, Grassmere, Marlborough:—

I am very glad to hear that the new school is being started at last. From the vivid description sent me by Don. Saxton things are moving. I had a letter from Eric, and he seems, like myself, to be turning into a regular old farmer. He tells me he has just ploughed 25 acres of bush land. Don remarks, "I pity his ribs," and it struck me as rather to the point.

To speak of myself, I am learning that even the old game of farming takes a lot of learning. The country here is all tussock hills and flats. English grasses flourish in it, and this section of the country is considered one of the healthiest sheep districts in New Zealand. It originally belonged to Sir George Clifford, and was bought by the Government and cut up into smaller sections averaging about 1000 acres. The country has the impression of being a very dry, barren district with very little feed. On the contrary it abounds with good sheep-feed, and the alluvial flats make grand cropping land. The ground consists of a dark, almost papa soil, although it is a little finer and darker than papa. Then comes a clay subsoil and, after a depth of about six feet, a shingle bottom.



The thing which is making the country and doubling its value is lucerne. The rich, dark-green leaves make a strong contrast with the barren appearance of the native tussock. Every time I look at it I think how you and Mr. Ryder would like to see it. It is the custom here to get a good cut of hay in November and then shut up for seed; cut for seed about the end of February, and then graze it until next spring. I believe Marlborough is one of the few places where it is possible to harvest lucerne seed. The lucerne reaches a height of one to two feet and flowers looking very pretty. Then it dries off as the seed ripens, and when fit is cut with a side delivery (a machine like a mower but having a platform and sweeps which deposit the lucerne in heaps). Dry weather is essential for harvesting, as the seed grows very easily. Needless to say, it is a very paying proposition, as each sack is worth about ten or twelve pounds. Last year was an especially good lucerne harvest, and a neighbour of ours made £800 off 30 acres. You will be growing lucerne now instead of dairy-farming on that scheme you worked out. And you must remember that you cut about £100 worth of hay in the spring.

Another crop I was very much interested in here is peas. The farmers grow peas for the merchants, Cooper and Sutton, etc. They are sown in the spring, and grow to a height of about a foot, and are cut and harvested like hay. They are hard to handle in a wind, as they are inclined to break and blow about. I have done a good deal of harvesting and threshing peas, and rather like it. They are usually in company with several lumps of dirt, and after a day's threshing you look like a regular nigger.

I am very eager to hear whether you will play Wanganui or not. I hope you do.

Harry Goss has begun life in earnest at Duntroon. He finds the work very interesting, and that, on the whole he is well up in the subjects he took at school here. The chief burden of his letter is the desire for letters from as many as possible. He says that a few letters help to bridge the Tasman Sea. So our fellows can begin building as soon as they like.

D. Winfield has applied for admission to the Aviation School at Christchurch. He writes as follows:—

I have left the office in New Plymouth, and am at present working on my father's place, seven miles out beyond Tarata. That is about twenty miles out from Inglewood, but I manage to get home for week-ends, so it is not so bad. If ever you want a job for the term holidays apply to "Lardy." We used to have two men on the place before the war, but they have both been killed in action, and there has been only one casual labourer since then. Consequently there is whips to do, mostly draining and fencing. It is good to see that they have at last made a start with the new building at School. I expect VIA. will shine in better quarters now than in the old "Tower."





LANCE-CORPL. FRANK BROWN.

SERGEANT A. R. BAYLY.



A. R. Callander thus gives an account of himself:—

I have commenced work here in Wellington as a cadet in the Secretary's Office of the Staff Division in the G.P.O. As I have got Matric., which is equivalent to the Public Service Senior Exam., I am hoping that things may be all right yet. At present my duties are not of a very arduous nature, although they require a certain amount of accuracy, and a slip may lead to a lot of extra work. I started last Saturday week, and am only just beginning to get properly into the swing of things. However, I hope to be able to keep things going.

Yesterday I met Loftus Russell. He is working here in the Eastern Extension Cable Company's employ. At any rate he looks anything but unhealthy in his environments. I also met Mr. Ted Boulton. He was in Wellington for a few days on his way up to New Plymouth.

Mr. Diprose in a letter says:—

We had a London fog the other day, and any accounts I have read of them are not in the least exaggerated. You can't see a foot in front of you. People get hopelessly lost and traffic has to be entirely suspended. We also had a couple of air-raids last week, and a serious one when "John Bull's" premises were destroyed and a number of people killed in the basement, which was supposed to be a bomb-proof shelter.

We are getting plenty of good food, though outside there is a distinct shortage of such staple commodities as butter, margarine, meat, tea, sugar. The trouble is that English people are so conservative; they have been used to having certain kinds of food and are unwilling to take substitutes. They prefer to stand five hours or more in a queue for half a pound of margarine, and then perhaps go away disappointed. Honestly, I believe many women believe that by so doing they are making great war sacrifices, when in reality they like the chance of gossiping.

Since Lieutenant Diprose's recovery from his wound he has, prior to returning to the French front, spent several days in London seeing what is to be seen. Singularly enough his companion in this leave was the Rev. Raymond Ambury, an Old Boy of the School, but at present on active service. Evidently the world, in spite of its size, is not always a large place. Mr. Diprose was severely wounded in the back by shrapnel. But he is now just about convalescent, and probably is, at the time of our going to press, once more in the ranks.

In a recent examination at Duntroon Military College, Australia, two of our Old Boys, Staff-Cadet Sutherland and Staff-Cadet Leech, took the first and second places respectively. The former gained 80, the maximum marks, while the latter gained 78.



Mr. J. T. White, of Devonport, and formerly of New Plymouth, has received word that his son, Cyril, who was wounded in one of the recent battles, has gained the Military Medal for gallantry on the field of action. Lance-Corporal White is an Old Boy of the New Plymouth High School, and for some time before the family went to reside in Auckland he was on the staff of Messrs. Govett and Quilliam.

Gordon MacDiarmid, who holds the rank of Captain, is now in the Camp at Featherston on the medical staff there.

In the early part of the year, K. C. Webster had a serious motor-car accident on a side-cutting on a road in Rangitikei. A car passing in the opposite direction with the hood up gave him too little room, and his car went over the bank. He was badly shaken and had his collar-bone broken. The curious thing is that all attempts to identify the other car have hitherto failed. However, K. C. Webster has quite recovered from the effects of the accident.

Ian Grant (Lieut.) is now in a Trench Mortar Battery, locally known, we believe, as the "Suicide Club." He is somewhere in France in certainly one of the most dangerous positions possible.

H. B. Gibson, at the University Law examinations in November, passed in contracts, criminal law and law of property.

Captain T. L. Buxton has been appointed Ship's Quartermaster on Transport No. 14.

C. Lepper, who saw much service at Gallipoli and subsequently in France, has been awarded the Military Medal. He went away with the Main Body.

H. L. Lucena has gained a first-class ticket for flying at the Aviation School at Christchurch.

H. H. Goss, who won the third place for New Zealand in the recent Entrance Scholarship Exam. for Military Cadets, has now gone over to Duntroon and has begun life there in earnest.

Among those who have returned to New Zealand from Europe lately are Private H. S. Blythe, Private V. Kirkby and Lieut. J. N. Bullard. The latter has gone to Gisborne to resume the practice of his profession as a solicitor.

F. Train is farming up the Waitotara River, and is, no doubt, putting into practice all the agricultural knowledge he has gained in New Plymouth.

R. and L. Fussell are both on their father's farm at Lepperton. Every contemporary will remember their almost hereditary cognomen.

K. Duckworth is sheep-farming on Glover Road, Hawera.

L. and H. Bryce are both following the same essential occupation at Pemberton and KIWITEA.

F. E. Clarke, who a year or two ago was transferred from the local office of the Flour-millers' Association to the Wanganui Office, has changed his address to c/o. Wood Bros., Ltd., Wanganui. While in New Plymouth he was of invaluable assistance in connection with the "Old Boys'" department of the "Taranakian."

E. L. Tansey is on his father's farm at Ohakune. He has decided to go on to the land instead of taking up a professional career. And there is no doubt that we cannot have too many good men on the land. New Zealand is essentially first a pastoral, and secondly an agricultural country. We therefore feel that our old friend has chosen wisely, and wish him every success, at the same time assuring him that we are very sorry he is not back with us this year again.

G. M. Salt has passed the first section of the examination for the B.Sc. degree. His health, we are sorry to say, has been somewhat indifferent lately, and this has interfered materially with his work. We hope to hear soon that he has quite recovered.

M. G. Yates has been transferred from the local railway service to that at Wanganui.

C. Ducker is farming at Newall Road. His address is Okato.

Gilbert Brown has gone on to his father's farm at Mangamingi, near Eltham.

Johnnie Wyborn is farming near Te Aroha. Any letters addressed to him c/o. Mr. McDonald, Te Aroha, will find him.

F. B. Burkhardt is also on the land, on his father's farm at Kaimata.

P. Meuli is on the staff of the electric engineering department, Stratford Borough Council.



E. W. Snowdon is still in the Bank of Australasia, Hawera. We hear, on good authority, that he now goes to and from his work on a motor-cycle (in a standard work, such as the "Taranakian," we cannot admit colloquialisms like "bike"), ahem!

W. Smellie is first assistant in the Hillsborough Dairy Factory.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

### "FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."

GRANT, ERIC.—Corporal Eric Grant, news of whose death in action was received, was the third son of Mrs. Grant, of Vivian Street, and of the late Mr. J. Grant, who was headmaster of the Inglewood School. When his father retired and took up his residence in New Plymouth, Corporal Grant attended the Central School and then the Boys' High School, where he passed the matriculation examination. He joined the commercial staff of the Taranaki Herald, but subsequently entered the service of the Bank of N.S. Wales, and was later transferred to Hastings, from which place he enlisted with the 19th Reinforcements. His eldest brother, Sergeant Alf. Grant, who was a member of the Samoan Contingent, leaves New Zealand shortly with one of the reinforcements. Lieut. Ian Grant has been serving with the forces for over two years. Mrs. Grant's youngest son, Donald, leaves for camp in a month or two. It will therefore be seen that the family has a splendid patriotic record. Eric Grant, like his brothers, was an excellent athlete, and his clever play in the three-quarter line of the High School and Rovers football teams will not easily be forgotten by those who saw the matches.

GREY, JOHN.—The sad news of the death in action of Private John Grey, younger son of Mr. George Grey, of New Plymouth, came to hand. Private Grey is yet another Old Boy of the High School to lay down his life for the Empire's cause. On leaving school he entered his father's office, and on the outbreak of war was one of the first to volunteer, but an attack of pneumonia while he was in camp at Palmerston caused his rejection.

tion. On returning to New Plymouth he worked in several offices in town, and then went farming down the coast. Still keen to get away, he was at last accepted, and sailed with the 21st Reinforcements. He was about 23 years of age.

MOORE, W. E.—W. E. Moore was one of our Old Boys who enlisted early. At the time of his enlistment he was in the practice of his profession of solicitor in Auckland. During the fighting on the Somme two years ago he won the Military Cross. Later on he was promoted to the rank of Captain. And recently we heard of the death in action of this gallant soldier.

HOBY, STANLEY.—Corporal Stanley Hoby, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hoby, of Bell Block, is reported killed in action. He is yet another of the Old Boys of the New Plymouth High School to lay down his life for his country. A bright, forceful young man, and physically a splendid specimen, he was very popular with all who knew him. On leaving school he entered the local branch of the Bank of New Zealand, and remained there until he enlisted a considerable time ago. His age would be about 25.

KIMBELL, ERIC.—The New Plymouth friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kimbell will regret to learn that their son, Sergeant Eric Kimbell, was killed in action in France on January 20. Eric Kimbell was a student at the New Plymouth High School for two or three years and then went to Christ's College. On leaving school he studied engineering at Canterbury College. He was afterwards a member of the Government party which made a flying survey of the railway line to Opunake. A member of the Territorial Artillery, he was called up for service at the Wellington Fort, where he served until going into camp with the machine-gun section of the 26th Reinforcements. He was only 23 years old, and the family will have the sincerest sympathy of a large circle of friends in Hawera, Stratford, and New Plymouth, where they are well known.

NEWELL, DARCY.—Lance-Corporal Darcy Newell has died from wounds. He was wounded some time ago, but was discharged from hospital. Later, however, he was reported in hospital again dangerously



ill, complications having evidently arisen. Deceased left with the 6th Reinforcements, and was at Gallipoli. His early schooling days were under Mrs. Dowling, and then at the High School. He was at Mr. Roy's office, and then joined the staff of the Bank of New Zealand, and was with the bank when he enlisted. Darcy Newell took a keen interest in football and cricket, and was much esteemed by all his comrades on the playing field. His is another sacrifice made for the great cause.

**THOMSON, BASIL.**—News was received of the death in action in France, on March 26th, of Private Basil H. B. Thomson, youngest son of Mrs. J. Bell Thomson, of Te Henui, and of the late John Bell Thomson. Private Basil Thomson enlisted with the 26th Reinforcements from Auckland, and soon after laid down his life for the sake of duty. Prior to enlisting he was practising his profession as a dentist at Te Kuiti. He was a pupil of the local Boys' High School. Lieutenant Harold Thomson, another brother, is also serving in France, having left New Zealand with the 32nd Reinforcements.

Since our last issue the following have been wounded:—

C. W. Fair, Pvt.	F. C. Hawke, Pvt.
E. Armstrong, Sergt.	S. Grayling, Pvt.
A. W. Diprose, Corp.	K. E. Ewing, Lieut.
E. P. Blanchard, Pvt.	(second time).
R. C. Adlam, Sergt.	G. M. Beck, Q.M. Sergt.

#### ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Sykes, D. S.	Rollo, J. S.	Patterson, H.
Woods, A.	Norman, B.	Wright, P.
Quilliam, N.	Kidd, R. D.	Drake, S. F.
Candy, C. S. S.	Corkill, T.	
Stohr, L. B.	Lovell, L.	

We are well aware that the above lists are incomplete. We, therefore, strongly urge all those who have any further information to help us in the important matter of keeping our lists complete. It is almost certain, too, that mistakes appear in our lists. We shall be grateful for any corrections.



"FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."  
SERGEANT STANLEY HOBY.



The following is a complete list, inclusive of the names mentioned above, of Old Boys who are or have been on active service:—

**KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS.**

Atkinson, S. A., Capt.	Kelly, T. B., Pvt.
Baily, R. H., Pvt.	Kimbell, E., Corp.
Bendall, G., Pvt.	Kirton, C., Pvt.
Bollinger, G. W., Lieut.	Lepper, H. M., Lieut.
Brown, D. B., Pvt.	Mason, T. E., Gunner.
Burkhardt, A. P., Pvt.	Mulloy, Wattie, Sergt.
Coates, F. H., Pvt.	Newell, D. R., Lance-Corp.
Collis, D., Q.M.-Sergt.	Okey, S. M., Sergt.
Crone, C., Pvt.	Okey, A.
Eyre, L. G., Corp.	Paul, Sydney, Lieut.
Grey, J., Pvt.	Quilliam, Reg. P., Corp.
Grant, Eric, Corp.	Rider, F. H., Pvt.
Griffiths, S. J., Pvt.	Serpell, S. L., Capt.
Guild, W. A., Sergt.	Sole, L. P., Corp.
Hall, V. J. B., Corp.	Stoddart, J. H., Pvt.
Harle, D. A., Lieut.	Warren, L. A., Pvt.
Hoby, S., Sergt.	White, R. W., Corp.

**WOUNDED.**

Adlam, R. C., Sergt.	Hurle, S., Capt.
Armstrong, E., Sergt.	Jenkinson, W. H., Pvt.
Baker, S. G., Pvt	Kirkby, V., Pvt.
Beck, G. M., Q.M.-Sergt.	Knight, G., Trumpeter.
Beck, W. C., Sergt.	Little, N. F., Lieut.
Billing, F. H., Corp.	Linn, B., Corp.
Blanchard, E. P., Pvt.	Lusk, D. A., Lieut.
Blythe, H., Gunner.	Mackie, H. J., Pvt.
Bradbury, H., Sapper.	Matthews, A. B., Sergt.
Cliff, A., Pvt.	Malone, T., Trooper.
Cliff, J.	Matthews, N., Capt.
Dowling, R. E. C., Sergt.	Monteath, R. M., Pvt.
Diprose, A. W., Corp.	Morshead, H. B., Pvt.
Ellerm, E. B., Corp.	Mulloy, Wm., Pvt.
Ellis, W., Pvt.	McConnell, T., Corp.
Ellis, T. J., Corp.	McIsaac, A. R., Lieut.
Espiner, R. H., Lieut.	Okey, R. L., Lieut.
Ewing, K. S., Lieut. (twice).	Okey, W. P., Sergt.
Fair, C. W., Corp.	Patterson, W. B., Pvt.
Fraser, H., Sergt.	Richards, L. C., Sergt.
Grayling, S., Pvt.	Simmons, W., Trooper.
Hamblyn, C. J., Sergt.	Smith, L., Lance-Corp.
Hawke, F. C., Pvt.	Stanley, E. C., Corp.
Haworth, L. G., Pvt.	Tuohy, T. V., Pvt.
Hendrickson, C., Pvt.	West, V. W., Pvt
Hill, L. G., Sergt.	Whitham, A., Sergt.
Howell, I. J., Sapper.	

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE.**

Adlam, R., Sergt.	Avery, H., Lance-Corp.
Alexander, W., Pvt.	Avery, F. S., Pvt.
Arthur, W., Pvt.	Baker, F. R., Lieut.
Avann, L., Pvt.	Bayly, C., Lieut.



Bayly, A. R., Lance-Corp.  
 Bates, T. H., Pvt.  
 Bacon, C. L., Corp.  
 Bacon, A. T., Lieut.  
 Barker, H., Pvt.  
 Baillie, R., Pvt.  
 Bellringer, L., Pvt.  
 Berry, —, Pvt.  
 Blanchett, R., Lance-Corp.  
 Blanchett, P., Gunner.  
 Blanchett, W., Pvt.  
 Blyde, W. H., Pvt.  
 Blundell, K., Pvt.  
 Blundell, R., Pvt.  
 Beck, G. M., Q.M.-Sergt.  
 Bradbury, G., Pvt.  
 Bruce, F. A., Lieut.  
 Brokenshire, R., Sergt.  
 Borrie, S., Pvt.  
 Bullard, J. N., Lieut.  
 Buxton, T., Capt.  
 Bollinger, H., Pvt.  
 Callaghan, F. F., Gunner.  
 Candy, C. S. S., Pvt.  
 Carter, S. G., Pvt.  
 Cartwright, A., Pvt.  
 Chappell, N. M., Pvt.  
 Clarke, E. F., Lieut.  
 Clark, H., Pvt.  
 Chong, G., Pvt.  
 Coker, A. C., Pvt.  
 Cook, H. L., Lieut.  
 Corkill, T., Pvt.  
 Cliff, J., Pvt.  
 Claridge, A. R., Lieut.  
 Clemow, F., Pvt.  
 Colson, E. D., Corp.  
 Cornwall, C., Major.  
 Cornwall, N., Capt. R. N.  
 Court, S., Pvt.  
 Cutfield, E., Sgt.-Major.  
 Day, E., Sergt.  
 Drake, S. F., Pvt.  
 Dumbleton, A. G., Pvt.  
 Ewing, W. H. G., Pvt.  
 Faris, E. I., Capt.  
 Foote, S. C., Sergt.  
 Foote, G., Pvt.  
 Fordyce, W. B., Pvt.  
 Gray, R. B., Pvt.  
 Gray, A., Pvt.  
 Grayling, F. S., Pvt.  
 Gibson, C. T. E., Pvt.  
 Grant, I. P., Lieut.  
 Grant, A. H., Corp.  
 Glasgow, B., Sergt.  
 Gaukrodger, R., Driver.  
 Goss, L., Lieut.  
 Gibbons, J., Gunner.  
 Hancock, R. T., Pvt.  
 Hawkins, G. J., Lieut.  
 Hedley, E., Pvt.  
 Heppell, W., Pvt.  
 Healy, N. R., Pvt.  
 Healy, A., Pvt.  
 Heldt, J. A., Pvt.  
 Hempton, M., Pvt.  
 Hill, S. A., Sergt.  
 Hill, W., Corp.  
 Hine, H., Flying Corps.  
 Hirst, J. B., Corp.  
 Heldt, F., Pvt.  
 Hobson, P., Pvt.  
 Hooker, H. S., Driver.  
 Hooker, G. B., Pvt.  
 Hooper, L. W., Pvt.  
 Jackson, R. M., Sergt.  
 Jeffries, D., Pvt.  
 Jennins, L. C., Pvt.  
 Johnson, H. N., Pvt.  
 Kelly, W. F., Lance-Corp.  
 Kibby, R., Sapper.  
 Kidd, R. D., Corp.  
 King, T. L., Pvt.  
 Laing, R., Pvt.  
 Langmuir, E., Pvt.  
 Lovell, L., Pvt.  
 Lucena, H. L., Flying Corps.  
 Luxton, W. T., Flying Corps.  
 Marfell, A., Pvt.  
 Marfell, L., Pvt.  
 Mace, F., Pvt.  
 Mander, J. H., Lieut.  
 Martin, V. H. S., Pvt.  
 Mackenzie, R. W., Lieut.  
 Mander, G., Trooper.  
 Medway, J., Trooper.  
 Martin, G. H., Pvt.  
 Monk, A. G., Sergt.  
 Morey, Alf., Pvt.  
 Morey, A. W., Pvt.  
 Moore, W. E., Lieut.  
 MacDiarmid, A. M., Capt.  
 McArthur, A., Sergt.  
 McMurray, V. S., Corp.  
 McAllum, L., Pvt.  
 MacDonald, A. M., Pvt.  
 Mace, L., Pvt.  
 Norman, B., Pvt.  
 Olson, E. E., Pvt.  
 O'Driscoll, A. J., Pvt.  
 Oliver, P. S., Pvt.  
 O'Brien, O. A. E.  
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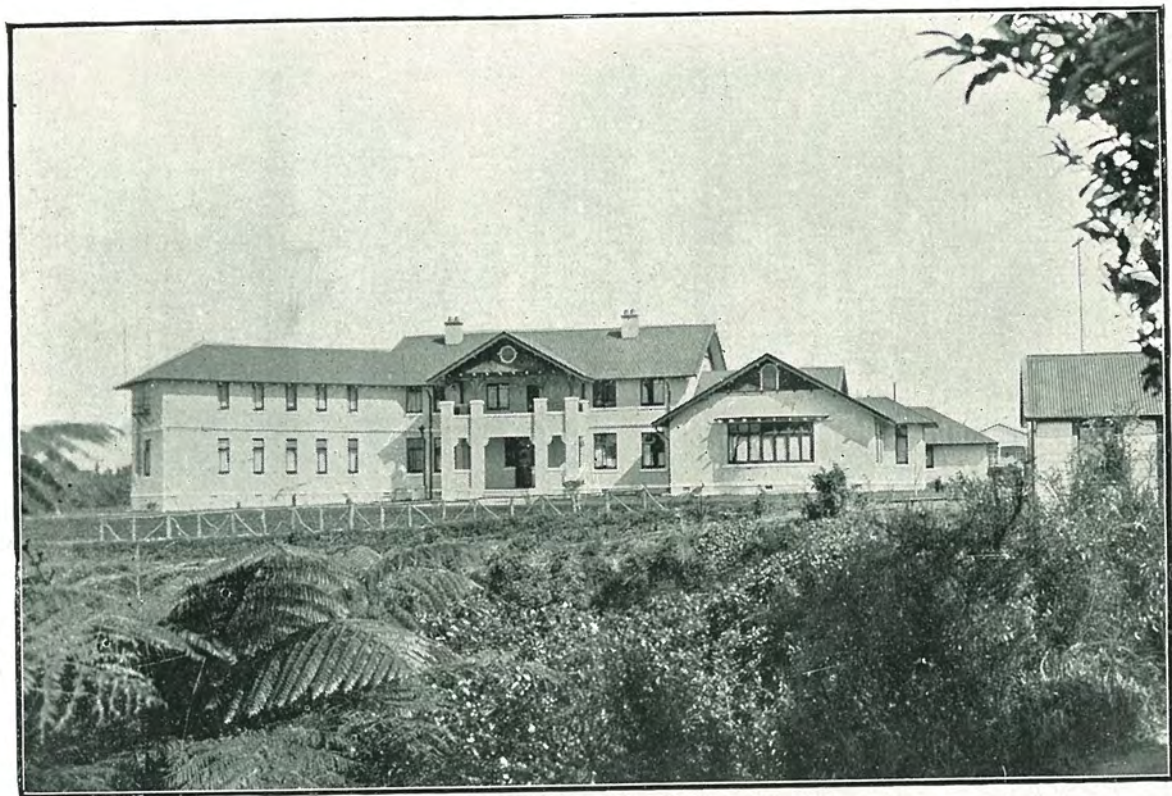
## PROSPECTUS.

### NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

(Established in 1882).

THE NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL is situated on what is probably one of the finest school sites in the Dominion. Standing on the edge of a plateau that stretches inland from the coast, it commands a magnificent view of the town and the ocean on the one hand, and of Mt. Egmont on the other. It is within 15 minutes' walk of the Post Office and the Railway Station, and is within two minutes' walk of the far-famed Pukekura Park.





ONE OF THE BOARDING HOUSES.



THE SCHOOL GROUNDS cover an area of 17 acres, which are laid out in lawns, tennis courts, cricket ground and agricultural plots. In addition to this, 8 acres adjoining the School have been leased for the agricultural work in connection with the School. A further area of 11 acres next to the School has been permanently secured for football grounds.

THE BOARDING DEPARTMENT is under the supervision of the Headmaster, who is assisted by six resident Masters. At present there are 134 boys in residence. There are two houses containing 38 and 20 rooms respectively. These, with the exception of one small portion, are built of reinforced concrete, and are absolutely fireproof. Electric light has been installed throughout, and no expense has been spared in furnishing.

The Dormitories are large and well-ventilated. Each is placed in charge of a prefect, and is in close proximity to a room occupied by a resident master. All dormitories are furnished with the best hospital beds.

The domestic arrangements are in charge of an experienced Matron.

The Headmaster is personally responsible for all boys entrusted to his care, and sees that they receive proper moral and religious training.

#### BOARDER'S OUTFIT.

##### School Uniform.

Three Uniform Shirts.	Two Singlets (if worn).
Two Uniform Knickers.	Eight Handkerchiefs.
Three pairs School Stockings.	Four Collars.
One Dark Suit for Sunday.	Three Bath Towels.
One Overcoat.	One Necktie (School Colours preferred).
Two pairs Boots.	Brush and Comb.
One pair House Shoes.	Clothes Brush.
One pair Rubber Shoes.	Tooth Brush.
One School Cap and Badge.	Tooth Powder.
One Leather Belt.	One pair Braces.
Two Pyjama Suits.	One Prayer Book.
Two Soft Shirts.	One Boot Outfit.

All articles MUST be marked distinctly and a list fixed inside the trunk.

BATH.—All Boarders have a cold shower each morning; if for any reason exemption is desired, the Headmaster should be communicated with.



LETTERS.—A letter is written by each Boarder once a week. Parents are requested to notify the Headmaster if the letter is carelessly written.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.—All Boarders attend church once every Sunday. Scripture classes are held at the school and arrangements are made for boys to attend Bible Classes and Confirmation Classes when desired.

MUSIC.—The musical instruction is in the hands of qualified teachers, who conduct lessons at the school.

DANCING.—A dancing class is held at the school during the winter term. Care is taken not to let this interfere in any way with the evening "Preparation."

PHYSICAL TRAINING, ETC.—All boys are expected to take part in the various games. Boarders exercise in the gymnasium every night and morning and are supervised in their work by the resident masters. In addition to the work done in the gymnasium, all boys take physical drill once a week.

POCKET MONEY.—Parents are requested not to supply their boys with too much pocket money. Arrangements can be made with the Headmaster to supply boys with a small amount each week. Sixpence a week is considered sufficient.

#### ORGANISATION, ETC.

(I.) THE UPPER SCHOOL.—This consists of Forms VI., VA., and VB. In this department boys are prepared for the following examinations:—

- (a) Junior University Scholarship.
- (b) Taranaki Scholarship.
- (c) Matriculation.
- (d) Engineering Preliminary.
- (e) Solicitors' General Knowledge.
- (f) \*Entrance Examination for Duntroon Military College.
- (g) Public Service Senior Examination.
- (h) Pupil Teachers' Entrance Examination.
- (i) Accountants' Preliminary Examination.

\*This examination is held in December of each year. The subjects are:—Compulsory: English, History, Elementary Mathematics, Geography, General Knowledge. Optional (two of the following): Mathematics (Div. II.), Physics, Chemistry, French or German.

The course at Duntroon extends over four years, and from the day of their admission to the Royal Military College cadets need cost their parents nothing. The Government provides £200 a year for each boy, who is, moreover, able to contribute from the age of 16 to the Public Superannuation Fund. On completion of training at the College at the age of 20 or 22 years, the cadets will join the New Zealand Staff Corps, with the rank of Lieutenant, at a salary of £250 per annum. At the usual rate of promotion they will attain in seven or eight years the rank of Captain at a salary of £350, and successively the rank of Major with a salary of £475 after 15 years' service, of Lieutenant-Colonel at £600 after 22 years' service, and of Colonel at £750.

(II.) THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.—This consists of Forms IVA., IVB., IIIA., IIIB., and prepares boys for the Upper School. The following examinations may be taken by pupils in this section of the school:—

- (a) Public Service Entrance.
- (b) Senior Free Place.
- (c) First Pharmacy Examination.
- (d) Senior National Scholarship.

(III.) THE LOWER SCHOOL.—This prepares boys for the Middle School. The boys in this department are those who have not passed Standard VI of the public schools. The curriculum is the same as that of the State schools.

This department, numbering at present 85 boys, of whom 35 are boarders, takes boys who have not passed the Proficiency examination of the Education Department and prepares them for the Middle School. The boys range in age from 8 to 15 years.

The Masters responsible for this section of the work have had Training College experience, and possess special qualifications for preparatory work.

Boys in this department are eligible to compete for Junior National Scholarships and for Junior Free Places (Proficiency Certificate). They have the benefit of a Secondary School training in the way of gymnastics and the supervision of all school games.



## COURSE OF STUDY.

To the Upper and Middle School there are three sides, viz. :—(1) The Classical. (2) The Agricultural. (3) The Commercial.

**THE CLASSICAL SIDE.**—Subjects of Instruction: English, French, Latin, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Elementary Mechanics, Physical Science, Chemistry, Drawing.

**THE AGRICULTURAL SIDE.**—English, French, History, Geography, Book-keeping, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Botany, Agriculture, Dairying, Animal Physiology, Chemistry, Elementary Mechanics, Physical Science, and Drawing.

**THE COMMERCIAL SIDE.**—English, French, Commercial Correspondence, Book-keeping, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Physical Science, Elementary Mechanics, and Drawing.

The practical work in agriculture is carried out on an area of 13 acres adjoining the school grounds. Schemes of work are supplied by the Agricultural Department. At present the work in agriculture is being conducted by the agricultural instructors of the Taranaki Education Board, under the supervision of Mr. R. S. Browne, the Director of Agriculture for Taranaki. Thirty boys are receiving instruction in this subject.

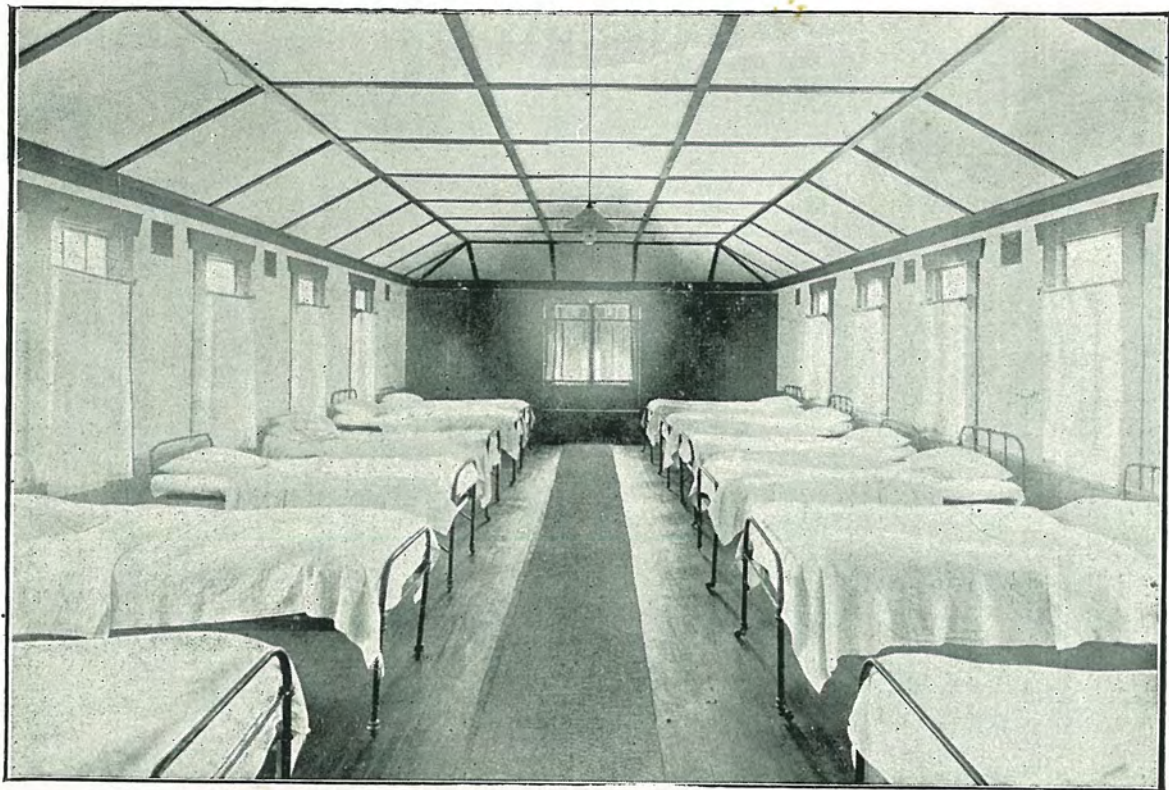
## SCHOOL SPORTS.

All boys are expected to take part in the various games.

**SWIMMING.**—The School offers exceptional facilities for fresh and salt water bathing. The Henui River runs within a stone-throw of the School grounds, and the East End beach is within ten minutes' walk of the School. Throughout the summer, classes in swimming and life-saving are taken every morning. The Annual Swimming Sports are held in the first term of each year.

**CRICKET AND FOOTBALL.**—In both these games teams are entered for the town championships. Both in cricket and football the boys are divided into groups, and all games are supervised by Masters.





A DORMITORY.



ATHLETIC SPORTS are held in the third term on the School grounds.

CADETS.—There are two Cadet companies, officered by Masters.

SHOOTING.—A speciality has been made of this branch of School activity. Practice with rifles fitted with aperture sights is conducted regularly under the supervision of a Master. In 1916 the School won both the Senior and Junior Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions.

TENNIS.—Asphalt and grass courts are provided.

GYMNASTICS.—Until the gymnasium was destroyed by fire gymnastics were compulsory for all boys. In the buildings now in the course of erection provision is being made for an up-to-date gymnasium.

#### SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

MAGAZINE.—This is edited by the boys, contains about 80 pages, and is published in June and December.

THE CAMERA CLUB possesses a dark room fitted up for enlarging and lantern-slide work. The club's property includes an expensive enlarging apparatus and a valuable projection lantern. The subscription is 1s. per term.

THE LIBRARY, which contains a large number of volumes, is open to all boys attending the School. The committee subscribes to the following Magazines:—Auckland Weekly, The Popular Mechanic, The National Geographical Magazine, Punch, Life, Pearson's, Chums, and The Captain.

THE CONCERT CLUB holds meetings throughout the year.

#### GENERAL.

ADMISSION FORMS may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board or from the Principal.

INTERVIEWS with the Principal may be arranged. The most convenient time is after 4 p.m.

HOMEWORK is set for every evening of the week except Saturday. This varies from half-an-hour in the Lower School to three hours in the Upper School.



BOOKS AND STATIONERY may be obtained at the School at town prices. Each boy is provided with a book which can be inspected at any time by his parents and in which is entered a list of all articles obtained by him.

UNIFORM.—This consists of blue shirt and knickers, with school stockings and cap. Boys must wear this uniform while at School.

REPORTS are sent to parents and guardians at the end of each term.

COLOURS.—The School colours are black and white.

#### FEEES (PER TERM)

For Upper School and Preparatory Department.

TUITION.—£3, reducible to £2 10. if paid within 31 days.

BOARD.—£16, reducible to £14 if paid within 31 days.

WEEKLY BOARDERS.—£13 10s., reducible to £12 if paid within 31 days.

In cases of removal, six weeks' notice must be given to the Secretary, otherwise parents are liable for half-a-term's fee.

#### \*SUBSCRIPTIONS (PER TERM).

GAMES.—Upper School 4s., Lower School 2s.

LIBRARY (compulsory for Boarders), 1s. 6d.; Day Boys, 1s.

MAGAZINE (compulsory), 1s.

#### \*EXTRAS.

Dinner for Day Boys, £2 10s.

Dancing, 15s.

Music, £2 2s.

Boxing, 10s.

\*These fees and subscriptions are payable in advance along with tuition fees.

N.B.—As the boarding accommodation is now taxed to its utmost, early application is necessary for space for 1919.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

In order to meet disbursements for pocket money, church money, etc., parents of Boarders are required to deposit with the Secretary, at the beginning of each term, the sum of £2 per pupil. From this amount disbursements when needed will be made to the boys and will be duly accounted for to parents.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS.

Pupils attending the School may compete for the following Scholarships:—

(1) JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.—These vary in value from £5 to £35 per annum, and are open to boys under 14 years of age.

(2) SENIOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.—Open to boys under 16 years of age. Value varies from £5 to £35 per annum.

(3) TARANAKI UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.—Tenable for four years. Value £60 per annum. These are awarded on the results of the Junior University Scholarship Examination, and in order to obtain a scholarship a candidate must gain a place on the credit list of that examination. The scholarships are open to all boys who have attended a school within the Taranaki Provincial District for not less than two years, and who are between the ages of 16 and 19 years on the first day of December nearest to the date of the examination.

(4) JUNIOR UNIVERSITY AND SENIOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.—Value £50 per annum for three years.

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## TERMS CLASSES.

A Terms Class is held for those boys who have matriculated and who have no intention of competing for University Scholarships. By attending this class a boy is able to complete the first section of the B.A. Degree while at school.

## TERMS.

The School is divided into three Terms of thirteen weeks each. The Terms are approximately as follows:

First Term: From February 6 to May 6.

Second Term: From May 28 to August 27.

Third Term: From September 18 to December 18.









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#### No. 1 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander: Acting-Lieutenant D. F. C. Saxton.  
Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant J. M. Hine.

#### Section Commanders:

Sergeant E. Boulton.  
Sergeant A. Buchanan.  
Corporal C. Newell.  
Lance-Corporal A. B. Sturtevant.

#### No. 2 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander: Acting-Lieutenant K. Clemow.  
Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant R. Boon.

#### Section Commanders—

Sergeant G. F. Bayly.  
Corporal R. I. Harrison.  
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#### No. 3 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander: Acting-Lieutenant R. M. Rockel.  
Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant D. E. Denny-Brown.

#### Section Commanders:

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Corporal J. Knapman.  
Lance-Corporal E. Beckbessinger.

#### No. 4 PLATOON—

Platoon Commander: Acting-Lieutenant C. A. McKay.  
Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant B. M. Johns.

#### Section Commanders:

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Corporal D. G. Mackie.  
Corporal R. G. G. Howell.  
Corporal G. J. W. Boon.

#### No. 5 PLATOON—

Platoon Sergeant: Sergeant H. Calder.

#### Section Commanders:

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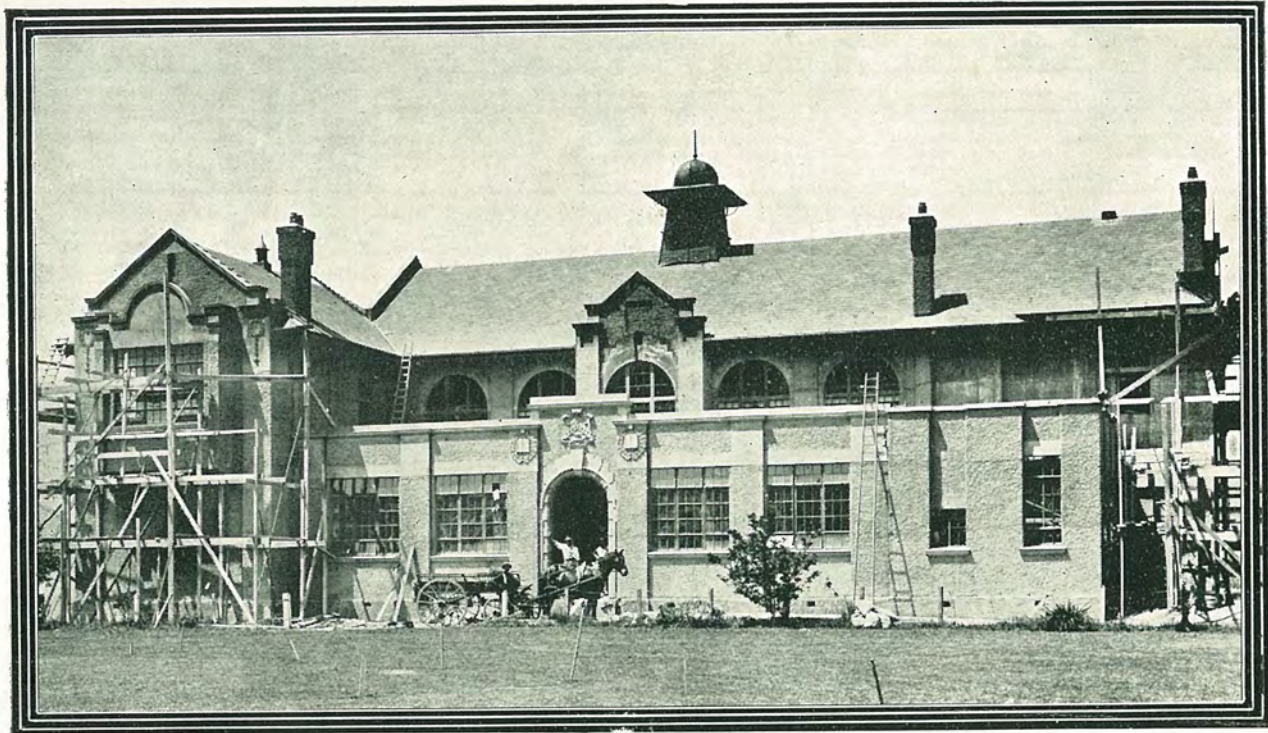
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## EDITORIAL.

[D. DENNY-BROWN.]

THE EXAMINATIONS in Primary Schools for Proficiency Certificates and for Free Places in Secondary Schools are held towards the end of each year. Therefore parents and guardians who desire to give, by means of these advantages, further education to their sons or charges, have then to decide upon a course at a Secondary or a Technical School, a course which is to prepare those sons or charges for some profession or trade.

A bullet, not definitely aimed, cannot be expected to find its mark; and so, in the first place, all will agree that it is imperative that the boy should make a definite choice of his future trade or profession as soon as possible. Should he not do so, he may enter upon a classical course and find later that he has a talent and taste for accountancy. The result is that he has wasted two or three years in studying classical subjects when he could have been learning shorthand, commercial correspondence and typewriting.

Many insist that an apprenticeship in some trade will eventually give the boy a better start in life than will any course at a school; but the Primary School, although it carries out its work commendably, cannot give the boy the necessary general knowledge to enable him to become thoroughly efficient in whatever course is afterwards followed.



Many parents say that they lack the means to afford their boy a full secondary education; but they forget that, by means of scholarships and free places, any moderately clever boy may obtain a full Secondary School course while involving his parents in but a slight expense.

Parents, too, often possess very little knowledge of the work of Secondary and Technical Schools and of the various courses available: they know of only one course and, perhaps, have never heard of one having as its ultimate aim, say, the Diploma in Journalism. Accordingly, it is a wise precaution that, before allowing their sons to decide upon a course, both parents and sons should thoroughly understand the merits of every course available and thus be able to choose the most suitable. Above all, a course should not only be decided upon but also be strictly adhered to.

First let us consider the Secondary School. The most important object of this branch of our educational system is to prepare students for a course at a University. Whether studying for Divinity or for Engineering, a student must first of all pass the Matriculation Examination and, to attain this standard of education, three or four years of study at a Secondary School are necessary.

The work at these schools is arranged into two or three main divisions, which are preparation for Professional, Commercial, and Agricultural courses. In some cases the latter course is omitted from the curriculum. The Professional course trains the student for Law, Medicine, Divinity, Teaching, Engineering, and Army Entrance. Every year a number of boys leave the Secondary Schools and enter the Universities to qualify for the Professions. There is only one Profession which is not popular among New Zealand students—the Profession of Divinity. For some reason, the New Zealand boy does not seem to be attracted by this course, for there are few who have felt the call of the Church.

In several respects, however, the Secondary School overlaps the functions of the Technical School. Those respects are the teaching of Agriculture, of Dairy Science, of Typewriting, and of Commercial Correspondence. These are essentially practical subjects; hence they belong by right to the Technical School. The excuse for their presence on the Secondary School curriculum is that, to obtain the Degree of Bachelor of Agriculture, the Mat-

riculation Examination must be passed. Hence the student must learn two languages, English and either French or Latin, Mathematics, and either Geography, History or Drawing, subjects which are all strictly Secondary School subjects.

Now let us consider the Technical School. Its primary function is to afford a boy enough practical knowledge to fit him for one of the mechanical arts or trades without the necessity of a long apprenticeship. A properly-equipped Technical School affords a valuable means to a lad of improving himself in his daily work; night classes especially affording this opportunity, and it is the duty of the Government to foster this branch of Education.

The Technical School aims at teaching Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Woodwork, Art, Typewriting, Shorthand, Agriculture and Dairy Science. In all the large centres the Technical Schools are equipped with an extensive Engineering workshop, an efficient Carpentering workshop, laboratories and rooms for the teaching of Art, and, in some cases, a small amount of land is kept for instruction in Agriculture. But the Technical Schools do more; they attempt to teach English and other strictly Secondary School subjects. Some Technical Schools even attempt to educate the boy up to Matriculation standard, but they rarely succeed; besides, this work is entirely outside their scope.

Thus it may be seen that the overlapping by both schools produces a great deal of economic waste, of waste of effort and expense, and of waste also of many golden hours. In Europe, America, and parts of the British Isles there has come into existence a system which is better by far than our present system. This new system consists of a combination of Secondary and Technical Schools under one head. A boy, on admission, has his course carefully mapped out, and, should he desire an education partly secondary and partly technical, it is there given him in the one establishment. By this means waste is minimised and the boy receives the best possible teaching in every subject.

Nearly every member of the present Education System is working hard to right the matter, either by obtaining a clearly defined scheme of work for each school or by other means, but the whole present system requires remodelling.



Parents should consider the course they intend their boy to take, and whether their son is likely at any time to enter for the Matriculation Examination. If so, he should by all means take a course at a Secondary School. On the other hand, should he desire to learn some mechanical art, manual work, or trade, the Technical School will afford him the training necessary. It must be borne in mind that, with the increasing application of Science in every direction, a University training will enable a boy to obtain a high place in any mechanical art; but it should never be forgotten that no University recognition of work done in any course can be obtained without Matriculation. Parents, then, should see that their son obtains every advantage possible, and, above all, that he should obtain a good education; for, when all is said and done, the absence of such good general education renders futile much of what would otherwise be efficient work.

### A NOTE OF APOLOGY.

We owe our subscribers an explanation, if not an apology, for the belated appearance of the "Taranakian." Owing to the influenza epidemic it has been impossible to produce the Magazine until after the New Year. Not only has the closing of the School and the illness of many of the Masters and boys prevented this, but the staffs of the printing offices have been reduced to such an extent that no work was possible beyond the ordinary newspaper production. Our readers will also note the absence of many of the articles usually found in the December number, such as the Annual Sports, Boxing, Annual Break-up, etc. None of these functions could be held on account of the epidemic; but it is hoped that all these will take place early next year. One further word of explanation is also necessary. Although the "Taranakian" will appear early in 1919, we have, for convenience sake, retained the date as December, 1918.

In view of all the circumstances mentioned above, we ask our subscribers to be good enough to pardon our apparent dilatoriness and the unusual lack of variety in our pages.

## OLD BOYS' NOTES.

IN THE SOLOMONS.

(Gersham E. Hurle.)

While in Sydney I was offered a position in the Solomon Islands. Thinking of all the romantic things I had read in connection with life in the Pacific Islands—the waving palms, languid lagoons, wondrous tropical moons and all the rest of the novelist's standard "props," I thought it would be a great opportunity to see these things for myself, so after a little consideration I decided to accept the post with the firm of Burns, Philps and Co., Ltd.

Leaving Sydney at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 30th, 1917, on the s.s. Mindini, we had a most delightful trip up the coast, reaching Pinkenba at 8 p.m. on Monday, July 2nd. As the Mindini was due to sail again at noon next day, a number of the passengers caught the train into Brisbane that night so as to be able to get an early start next morning to see as much as possible of that city. However, we were unable to visit any of the places of interest, as the time was so short, so after a walk through the main streets of the town we caught train back to Pinkenba and rejoined the ship.

I will draw a curtain over the next four days; be it enough that we encountered heavy weather, and for the period already mentioned I was interested in neither man nor beast. After that I managed to get along on deck and pretend to be interested in the things that were happening aboard. Things went fairly well until the last night before reaching port. As each day passed we could notice the difference in the temperature, so many of the passengers gave up the attempt of trying to sleep down below in the cabins, but instead had bunks made up for them on deck. I was amongst the number who preferred the fresh air. Shortly after midnight of our last night at sea, we ran into a very heavy gale, which tossed our ship about as if she had been a piece of cork. One huge sea caught her broadside on with such force that she lurched so far over that all on deck were thrown with some violence against the rails. Then began a general sorting of ourselves from the mass of bedding and deck chairs that had slipped over with the crowd, and when we had examined ourselves and found no bones broken we thought it advisable to spend the rest of that night in our bunks below.

Next morning was the beginning of a most perfect day, and on reaching the deck I beheld a very beautiful sight. The ship was steaming along quite close to the shore, and it was then that I received my first glimpse of the tropical scenery. We were abreast the island of Guadalcanar, the largest of the group, while



Savo was just making herself visible on our starboard side. All along the water's edge the coconut palms were growing, and the land sloped back from the beach, gradually rising until it reached the foot of a long line of high hills, which were thickly covered with shrubs and trees.

Shortly after breakfast we came in sight of Tulagi, and the next item of interest was when the high masts of the wireless station could be seen standing out clearly against a cloudless blue sky. As the boat steamed closer inshore the different buildings, such as the hospital, Governor's residence, were pointed out to me. I was also informed that as soon as we turned round the end of Tulagi, my future home, Makambo, would be visible. So interested was I in watching the natives running about on Tulagi that I did not notice that we had turned the point until I heard someone remark that Makambo was in sight. I looked, and what met my gaze was enough to dishearten anyone.

About half-a-mile away was a barren, desolate-looking strip of sand-fringed rock sparsely sprinkled with a few dwarf shrubs, the whole representing a sight as unattractive and dreary as the rest had been beautiful. I just gasped while I looked and tried to realise that this disfiguring blot of rock was the place where I was expected to make my home for the next few months to come. Right there I decided it could not be done, and that the return ship to Sydney would carry me back as a passenger. However, the excitement and bustle of landing, and the routine of the Customs officials, for the time being made me forget my troubles.

Makambo is an island with an area of seven acres at low tide, coral reefs completely surrounding it, and boasting a business centre containing the stores and offices of Burns Philps, the manager's house, the storekeeper's house and the bungalow where I, in company with two other employees, have taken up my abode.

The island is merely a soap-stone hill, on the one side rising straight out of the water, while on the other side there is a flat area sufficiently large to hold the store and offices. At the top of the hill our bungalow is situated, and it is the delightful view obtained from there that saves the place from being absolutely unbearable to the new arrival, everything else is so hopelessly desolate on Makambo.

From our verandahs it is said we have one of the finest views obtainable of the Solomons, commanding as it does a panorama of the whole group.

My first few weeks were made a perfect misery by the spiders, lizards, and other creeping things that infest the island; no place was free from them. If one picked up a book a huge spider was sure to be underneath it; boots taken off at night were a favourite resting-place for the lizards, who had to be evicted in the mornings before one could complete dressing operations. And so it was with everything. As for ants, well, I did not think it possible that there could be so many ants in the world as there are on Makambo. I feel confident that when I get back to civilisation and do not get a few stuffed, stewed, baked or boiled ants in every dish I eat, not to mention their presence in the sugar, the flavour of the cooking will not be at all home-like, as we know the word in the islands.

When one speaks of the spiders it is not the specie one sees in New Zealand, but a big, ugly brute as hairy as an Irish terrier and often measuring as much as seven inches from leg to leg. That may seem slightly exaggerated, but I have seen and measured them myself and found them to be that size. It is a matter of only a short time before one becomes completely used to these creatures—they are so numerous that one forgets to jump every time one of them uses one's arm or leg as a public thoroughfare. They are very useful in keeping down the mosquitoes and other small fly, and it is no unusual sight to see two or three large spiders running over the walls in any house that one may visit. They do not build a web, so we are spared the annoyance of seeing cobwebs all round the place. The absence of house flies is quite surprising; it is a most unusual thing to see this common pest in any of the houses. Lizards are in thousands—of every size and colour—and many of these find their way into the house. They are all quite harmless, and do a big share towards keeping down the mosquitoes, too. Some of them become quite tame, and I know of one case where two of these creatures come from behind the pictures on the wall whenever the owner of the house whistles to them, and he can go up and handle them quite freely. Snakes are very few on Makambo. I have seen only one since my arrival, but we have to be careful of scorpions and centipedes. I believe a bite from either one of these creatures results in the most excruciating agony.

Looking down into the waters of the harbour from our verandahs it is no rare sight to see huge sharks, tortoises and an occasional alligator swimming about.

Apart from the creeping things that infest the island, we have some of the most gorgeous butterflies and moths that it were possible to imagine. Shortly after my arrival here, I was taken across to Tulagi to spend the evening, and on our way to the house we had to pass along through a long avenue of coconut palms. It was a perfect night and a full moon showing at the time, while amongst the gently waving leaves of the palms thousands of tiny fireflies were flitting to and fro. To try and give any adequate description of the scene is quite beyond my powers, but just for that short space of time I felt as though I had been suddenly whipped away from the ordinary course of things and the doors of Fairyland had been held open for me to have a peep. It was magnificent, and could that atmosphere be reproduced on any stage the effect would cause a sensation.

Of the native people there is not much that can be said of them as far as I have seen them. They are a particularly dirty and lazy type, and in every way far inferior to our Maori. Their chief form of amusement is to gamble, and they are born gamblers. It is rather a strange and weird sight to see a group of these natives crouching down over a small lantern while they sit at play. Everything is in deep shadow all around them, and the faint light from the lantern shining upon their faces often gives them most strange and distorted expressions. I have watched them at their dance, but in this the movements are both slow and heavy, and it would need a very great deal of imagination to see anything resembling gracefulness in their dancing. I believe in some of the islands farther west the type of native varies a great deal, and many of the tribes out there are far more advanced than the natives round about here and Gala.



My first visit to a banana plantation took place about three months' after my arrival in the Solomons, and it was one of the most enjoyable outings I have experienced. A party of us left Tulagi early one Sunday morning and, with the assistance of three native rowers, made our way up the harbour toward our picnic ground. After about three miles of pulling we came abreast of a small river that turned off from the main stream of the harbour. Up this stream our boat was steered, and from that on it was one long feast of natural beauty. The creek was a narrow one with the trees on either side high and spreading so much that they had intertwined their branches to such an extent as to form a huge cave of growing greenery. Every tree was a mass of wonderful moss or climbing vine, all the branches being draped with long festoons of climbing plants. On many of the trees gorgeous-coloured orchids were growing in thick profusion, and I thought what some of the people in civilisation would give could they but transplant a few of the gayer varieties into their green-houses.

We had about a mile of this gorgeous scenery to pass through before reaching the landing stage where we were to disembark. From there began another walk of a mile or so through tropical scenery, which reminded me of the descriptions I had read of journeys through the African forests. Quite suddenly we came out of the bush upon a clearing planted with bananas. Before our eyes the whole of the plantation stretched out with its hundreds of lines of palms planted with such regularity as to give the impression of a huge army of soldiers drawn up for inspection.

At the far end of the plantation a small natural terrace rose up, on which the planter had built his home, and when we reached that spot, on looking down we were given a bird's eye view across the whole place. A more ideal situation for the dwelling would be impossible to find.

The beauty of the surroundings did not end here. Behind this terrace arose a high wall of rock, down the face of which a very picturesque waterfall was rushing. This waterfall proved, later on, to be of more use than merely adding to the beauty of the place, for after lunch the party proceeded to climb some couple of hundred feet of the rock face to a large basin formation in the rocks, which made a delightful swimming pool. The water, too, was almost cold, and once in it was indeed hard to drag oneself out again. Then followed a general look round the place, and during the afternoon huge flocks of brilliantly-plumaged parrots passed over our heads.

By the time we turned on our homeward journey it was getting well on toward dusk, and here, too, the fireflies came out in their thousands, the air being positively alive with them as we wandered down through the bush to where our boat was tied.

At first the anguish of loneliness is terrible coming to a place like this, and the time between arriving and receiving your first mail seems endless. After the strangeness has worn off it is that very loneliness that fascinates—the solitude seems in some strange way to grip your soul and casts over you a spell which you find hard to define.

The mail arrives from Sydney once every six or seven weeks, mail day, of course, being the event of all happenings down here. It is strange how little one appreciates letters when you are receiving them every day, but in an out-of-the-way place like the



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Solomons one soon learns what letters really mean. On the arrival of the steamer, too, we have fresh meat for two days, but apart from that our food is all tinned stuff, even to our vegetables. We do have onions and potatoes from Sydney every steamer, and until recently had hams and bacon, but the export from Australia of these goods has now been prohibited, as the supply is required for the various training camps.

One would expect that fresh fish would be a common article of diet, but strange to say it is even a greater luxury than fresh meat. Of the twelve months I have been in the Islands I have had fresh fish only twice.

Although the waters are teeming with fish of every size and variety it is next to impossible to hook a single one. Even the natives fail in this respect, but occasionally at night you will see a party of natives out on the reefs with flaming torches trying to spear a few for themselves. Their catch is always a very small one, and by no means rewards them for their time and energy.

A word about the fish themselves may be interesting to some. The waters of the harbour are most wonderfully clear, giving one an excellent opportunity to study the fish in all its natural habits. Even at a depth of many fathoms it is possible to look right down to the bottom of the water as clearly as if you were looking through glass. For brilliancy in colouring and queerness of shape the tropical fish are rivalled perhaps only by the butterflies. It is not often one speaks of the gorgeous colours of a fish, but it is different down here. I have watched the fish swimming about in the water and have been absolutely astounded to see what brilliant creatures some of them are. There is one variety that resembles nothing so much as it does the petal of a pansy, both in shape and colour. The head is the same as the pansy petal where it joins on to the pistol, the body gradually broadening until it assumes the shape of the outside edge of the petal. At the head it is a pale cream colour, deepening to a bright yellow on the body, with a band of black about an inch in from the outside edge.

Again, there are varieties with striped or spotted bodies, in every imaginable colour, while another, known as the parrot fish, is extremely gay with a body resembling a piece of green shot silk, reflecting a perfect rainbow of hues. Not only has it the colourings similar to a gaily plumaged parrot, but also the mouth is the same shape as the beak of that bird. No uncommon sight is to see whole shoals of those strange little flying fish sporting about in the water. They will chase each other about, then suddenly leap out of the water and fly along the surface for quite long distances. Schools of porpoises are often visible swimming about the harbour. There are a few pretty native flowering plants and shrubs to be found in the bush, the most beautiful of course being the orchids, but taken altogether our New Zealand bush can furnish, not only a greater variety, but also a more beautiful collection of flowers than the bush of the Solomons.

During the Easter I was fortunate enough to be granted sixteen days' leave, which time I spent over on the Guadalcanar coast at the Marovovo Plantation. This is a large coconut plantation owned by the Melanesian Mission, which has its headquarters in Auckland and sends the mission steamer "Southern Cross"



to visit us twice a year. This craft is due to arrive here at the end of this week and, personally, I am awaiting her arrival with anxious curiosity.

Arriving as she does direct from New Zealand, I am generally fortunate enough to have an extra letter and parcel delivered to me, as the captain of the ship very kindly brings anything of the kind down to me that my people give him before leaving Auckland.

Although there is a wireless station situated on Tulagi, the news we receive from the outside world is very little indeed; in fact, until we receive our papers by the steamer from Sydney we are almost entirely ignorant of what is happening on the other side.

The greatest drawback of all to living in the Solomons is the amount of malaria everybody is subject to. There is hardly an exception who does not go down with it at least once every two or three weeks. Even if one keeps fairly free of it while in the group, as soon as he gets to civilisation it is sure to break out. On Makambo we are extremely lucky, and have less fever than any other island, although I am very well content that I do not get more than I do. So far my longest spell of fever has lasted only three days, the first attack coming upon me quite suddenly as I was sitting down to my Christmas dinner. That was the end for me, and instead of the good fare our Chinese cook had prepared for us, I retired to bed to make a ravishing feast of several glasses of soda water.

Extracts from letters from Private G. H. W. Ewing:—

#### COLOMBO.

Five days ago we changed escorts, then one fine morning the uninteresting sameness was changed into lively interest by the sight of land. That night the transport slid silently to anchor, and the excited soldiers at last rolled themselves in their blankets to snatch a few hours' sleep in anticipation of a strenuous day on the morrow.

The entrance, viewed with all the twinkling lights of the many and varied craft around us as a foreground and the lights of the city as a background, was certainly most beautiful, but to our land-hungry eyes not to be compared with the view in the morning. Vessels of all nationalities lay around us, prominent amongst them being the British cruisers. Dozens of row and motor boats flashed through the water, and the picturesque dress of the natives gave the scene just that touch of oriental colour which, mingling with the clusters of palm trees on the shore, was all that was needed to impress one with the fact that we had reached the Near East. Soon along came a tug with a string of barges, into which the troops tumbled, and we set off down a long line of shipping to the shore, from which a sickly sweet odour proclaimed it to be something vastly different from any place we had visited. The wharf was a huge double-decked affair, the top supported on great white pillars. We formed up and marched away to the barracks, the snap of orders, the staccato bark of the sergeant-majors, and the familiar beat of our own big boots being the only unusual sounds around us. We were dismissed at once and proceeded to gorge ourselves with all sorts of tropical fruits offered for sale at, to us, ridiculously

low prices. We then rushed a row of rickshaws and had a spin round the town. We dined at a native restaurant in good style and then hired a French car for a trip into the suburbs.

You in New Zealand can have no idea what that drive was to us. The road was splendid, lined with shady trees. We passed through the native quarter, the houses being filthy hovels. Presently we drew up before a Moslem temple. Here we gazed in wonder at two huge images of Buddha; they were in rooms most exquisitely carved and decorated. After inspecting this temple we again continued our trip and began the most wonderful trip I have ever been. The houses we passed were more like palaces, with their imposing architecture and beautiful gardens. The Englishman's Club was worth the whole trip; that of the Singalese tried hard to rival it; whilst the German Club came a close third. Everywhere tropical vegetation grew and flourished into rich green gardens, bowers and summer houses. We passed the Museum, Racecourse, Lipton's Tea Gardens, and the homes of the richest men in the province, and so back to the town. Oh, it was like a little time in Paradise all right, but like all good things the end came all too soon, and presently we were back into our barges singing our marching songs and were towed back to our temporary home tired, yes tired, but perfectly satisfied with our day's outing. That night, as silently as had been our arrival, we steamed away, and soon our Island Paradise was many miles astern.

Since leaving New Zealand we certainly have been blessed with the best of weather and, but for the greater freedom which we shall have, we shall be sorry when the time comes to disembark.

#### EGYPT.

We arrived here one fine morning and after gathering up belongings into our kit bags we filled in the time watching the antics of the several millions (more or less) of the natives. Until the present I have been labouring under the impression that some of us had reduced the art of loafing on a job to a fine point, but here and now I hand the bun to those fellows. For pure unadulterated laziness they are "it." Compared with them the myriads at Colombo were shining examples of energy personified.

We finally got our goods into a thing intended for a boat, which no doubt was in first-class order before being picked from the flood which made Noah famous. However, we landed at last and marched to our camp, which we found, to our disgust, lay a long three miles away. The road was good, however, and nobody kicked very much, and arrived at our present temporary abode—this time on the sands of the desert. The days are hot, nearly as hot as the hottest place you can think of, but the nights, just to get one back on to the daytime, are really cold, especially towards morning. The heat doesn't cool the bite of that perverse insect "efficiency," and we form fours and play at soldiers just as though good old New Zealand was still around us. When I survey the wondrous—desert, and consider that all ranks are, figuratively and literally, fed up with sand, I cannot help telling myself what a Mecca little New Zealand would be should the war stop tomorrow. The town here is "the" filthy place in Egypt once the tourist leaves the main streets. We have had no mail, and goodness only knows if we shall ever get any. We have three canteens here. Perhaps we shall buy up the lot of their supplies before we get another move.



R. Monteath writes from Walton-on-Thames on September 11th, 1918:—

You will see from the address that I am in Walton Hospital. I got here nearly six weeks ago with a wound in the leg, and it's nearly healed up now, so I will soon be off to Hornchurch Convalescent Camp. The bullet went right through my thigh and made a pretty big hole there. It was operated on twice and stitched up. I got it when we were pushing near Bapaume. We had taken the village (what was left of it) and had advanced every day for three more days when I got hit, and I can tell you I was not sorry to get out of it again, as it wasn't too healthy there. I am afraid I have been rather lax about writing to the School, so will give you a bit of back history. I landed in France in February, 1917, and went up the line at Ploegstreet Wood and was in that Messines stunt. Then two months later in La Basse Ville, where I got wounded in the leg. After that, in October, we went over at Passchandaale, where I got another smack (in the arms this time) and was sent over to Blighty. I went through all the camps in which they gradually get you fit again, namely: Walton, Hornchurch, Codford and Sling Camp. At the end of six months I again went over to France and was put in the Entrenching Battalion, where we had a very hard time when the Huns advanced against Ypres and took Mt. Kemmel. It was there that, in the big casualties, Bill Eyre was killed. Bill, Jenky, John Mander and myself were all together at that time, and you can guess how sorry we were to lose old Bill. He got a small fragment of shell right in the spine, and died immediately, I believe. From there we were shifted to a place called "Pas," where we were working for a month or two. In August we were sent to reinforce the division, and on September 1st I got the third wound. None of them have been bad enough to send me home (worse luck!) so if the war lasts much longer I suppose I will be back there again. However, at present it doesn't seem as if it could go on much longer. I have met no end of Old Boys everywhere I have been. Leo Hooker and Eric Cutfield are in this hospital. I met Willard Ewing in London last Sunday. He had come in from Hornchurch for the day. I was very much interested to hear about the cricket of the School. Evidently Wanganui has a pretty strong team. I played a lot of cricket over in France the last two summers. Before leaving this last team I managed to get into a team picked from the Entrenching Group, and we played a lot of Tommy teams, having a good percentage of wins.

Eric Tansey writes from the centre of the Island, from Mangatiti, Murumuru, about eight miles from the Wanganui River, about eighteen miles above Pipiriki.

He is engaged in sheep-farming and finds the work exceedingly interesting. Indeed, he is enthusiastic about it. The soil is very rich, and will produce almost anything.

We have a fine flower and vegetable garden, while practically all fruits, and especially small fruits, produce wonderful results. Grapes, figs, dates, and even orange trees grow with a little care. The old Maori orchards are a thing of delight in late summer and autumn, the fruit being in most cases left to rot. Last season I saw a small creek absolutely dammed up with apricots. Wild pigs coming out of the bush on to the grass during the winter have been a very persistent pest, and last winter we spent quite a lot of time in trying to eradicate them. A tally of 87 stands to our credit for about four months; but a neighbour a few miles away killed over 300 in the same time. They have rooted up as much as 20 or 30 acres of his country in a night. So he has retaliated by rounding them up with his dogs and shooting them, often from 30 to 60 in a mob. It is rather interesting that a trig-station on our place is in an exact line between Egmont and Ruapehu, and from it we can see all the mountains and also an extensive portion of the country.

“Mike” Chong writes from France on September 30th:—

I have been at a convalescent depot, where I've been swinging the lead for three weeks. A sprained ankle was responsible for my evacuation, and I am glad to say that I am now quite fit. But what a crash yesterday! Classification for our Company, and I was marked a large A! I expect to make tracks for the base to-morrow night. What a delightful journey! It's consoling to know that as soon as I return to my unit I shall be going on Blighty leave. Through newspaper clippings, etc., which my mother always sends, I have been enabled to keep in touch with the changes and progress.

Oct. 6.—Early this morning I landed at the base, having endured an awful night in a very rickety cattle-truck. I made innumerable attempts to slip into dreamland, but all in vain. My head still sings and throbs. I had not been in camp half-an-hour before I ran into Bob Kidd, Leo Richards and one of the Jones's. Richards is a full-blown sergeant, while the other two are lance-jacks. They are all looking remarkably well, especially old Bob. Jock McAllum and “Rosa” Arthur are here too; the former, lucky dog, is awaiting a medical board, and, from what I can gather, has a very good case. To-morrow I shall be up before the doctor, but am afraid there is nothing for me but “active.” Gordon



Carter, who has had a long spell in hospital, has rejoined No. 1, and carrying on in his usual style. "Spot" Osborne is in No. 2, and, when I last saw him, he was looking very cheery. I have not encountered many Old Boys lately, so can't give you much news. I take this opportunity of wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

"Jenkie" writes from Somme Where in France, on September 10th:—

I am sorry, but I am afraid I must open this note with bad news. Poor Mr. McDonald was killed about a week ago. He was shot through the head whilst charging a German machine-gun, and killed instantly. Poor old Mac—he was liked very much in the Company, and the boys feel his death immensely. I helped to bury him, and have taken a note of the place both by map-reference and name. I will let you know as soon as possible where his grave is. I cannot tell you now owing to the Censor. I have his badges in my possession and will let you have them, as perhaps you will know some relation or friend of his who will value them. "Monty" was wounded the same day. "A nice Blighty." He got a machine-gun bullet through the fleshy part of the thigh, and was able to walk out. I suppose he is in England now. I am anxiously waiting a letter from him. I miss him very much, for we have been together for almost twelve months now, and are very firm friends. I am glad to think he is out of it all for a few months anyhow. I am writing this in what we call a "bivvie." It is, in fact, a hole in the ground with a sheet or two of tin over it. We are a fair way behind the line; but, just the same, one feels much safer when one knows that one is below the surface of the ground. For, after all, Fritz's shells carry a long way. I am sure you must be having a strenuous time of it the last year or two, and things don't promise to be any better unless this war comes to an early finish. Perhaps it will do so, for we seem to have Fritz on the run just now. We have pushed him back for miles and miles on this sector, though one must admit he has made a very orderly retreat.

Eric Colson writes from Codford on August 22nd:—

It is now close on twelve months since I left France and must confess to having had a very pleasant spin in England. I had a month's spell in Walton-on-Thames Hospital, from there to the convalescent camp at Hornchurch for about ten weeks, and the remainder of the time in this depot. Of course all this has been interspersed with a good deal of leave. In fact, I have at times considered myself quite a Cook's tourist. I have been kept

in the Codford Depot by the Wellington Company to take part in the inter-company cricket competition and have enjoyed some jolly good games. I have also been doing a bit of running here, where there are periodically held some very good meetings. So you see it has not been all hardships for me, and I have been able to keep up old times to a great extent. Anyhow I have come to the end of my tether now, and, in the language of the soldier, "the string has broken." In a few days' time I leave on draft for our training base at Sling Camp; so probably by the time you get this I shall be across the water once more. The war seems to be progressing much more in our favour now, and we are all hopeful here that the end is in sight now—not too soon either. As regards myself, I am just O.K. and quite fit to carry on again, as it is just about time, I think.

"Weed" Hamblyn writes from Brocton Camp on September 25th:—

Now that Lucena is over here I hear very little of the School. Just lately though, there have been no less than half a dozen of the younger Old Boys in the camp, namely: McMurray, Kidd, Fair, Grayling, Richards and myself. Mac is away to France now, Kidd is on leave and will soon be off, Fair is getting a job in Headquarters, which will last him some months, if he sticks to it, while Grayling is working in the Model Platoon (a platoon of old hands kept for instructional purposes). They go through stunts for officers and new drafts to show them how things are done. Dugald Patterson and Bayly are both somewhere in England. Richards is now at an Infantry School in York. As for myself, my time here is long overdue, and any time now I shall be off to the trenches. The position at present is rather uncertain, and uncertainty is a thing I hate above all. Our Division has been badly cut up, and wants many men. We have already sent 700 this last fortnight. Another 200 go to-night, and 600 are wanted within a few more days. Well, we had none of the 39ths, here, and the poor old 40ths are still in isolation and have lost over 100. Some disease they picked up on the way, I believe. So we have hardly any men left, and to get the necessary draft every available man will be required and, like many more waiting to go to the O.T.C., I shall probably be off too. Hard luck again, but seems so long as a chap is living he can be thankful. Though going back to it all with just as big a chance of being knocked out isn't a brilliant outlook. However I never expected to have such a long spell and really don't mind much which way it goes. I do know there are more chances of getting on over there, and it's only by exceptional work we can hope to get promoted here. Still, my papers have been in for a star some time, but luck again was against me, as not one of the officers I had served under was still with the battalion; so I had to sit back and watch recent applications go through before mine. Still, as I said before, up here a sergeant is far better off than anyone else, and it's only for one's people that promotion is worth having. I haven't heard anything of the numerous Old Boys in France, so can give you no news of



any who may be there. Lucena, of course, writes often. It appears he has done well in athletics and has represented his squadron both in swimming and running too. He says little of work, but seems to be enjoying some parts of it. Some of our present-day airmen lead charmed lives, and every day English papers publish marvellous accounts of fights and raids, etc., and their honours lists are growing by leaps and bounds. With the latest machines and methods the casualties, considering the number flying, are very low. Tanks, of course, are another innovation producing wonderful results. The Huns are being tested properly for once, and sorely tried too. On all sides things seem to be progressing favourably and, believe me, the silver lining is at last apparent.

Since last writing I have had eight days' duty leave and a few week-ends. During the eight days I was in Nottingham, and among other things visited a huge steel works, lace factory, and went through Players' cigarette factory. Part of the time I spent in old-fashioned, dreamy York and had another look round the many beauty spots of the quaint Cathedral City, which I had already visited.

For close on two months now hardly a day has passed without rain, and most of the corn crops were cut ready for harvesting when this long spell started. So it is still out in the stooks, hundreds of acres, thousands in fact, and growing too. All over the Northern and Midland Counties the crops have been spoiled, and they were the most prolific yet grown during the war.

These strikers here get on one's nerves. Just now the railway men of South Wales and Great Western main lines are out, and all for 5s a week more, after just receiving 5s extra. The poor Tommies may not strike, and their wage is all too inadequate. The strikers all over the country seem to think that whatever they ask must be granted, because if they cease work the Government cannot carry on. But, as in more than one case, the soldiers will carry on and do the work for them. That is what will happen in this case, though. Oh, if they could only go through one half of what the boys in France have suffered they would then perhaps realise what it is they are up against. They won't somehow undergo the least hardship if they think by intimidating the Government they can have what they want. Getting what they want is quite all right. We should all do that, but when it comes to starving thousands of honest women and children, stopping soldiers on leave from seeing their people, holding up coal and food and munitions, every ounce of which is needed in France to keep up the pressure, I should say they are committing a crime against the nation deserving of capital punishment. Ignorance, I believe, is the true cause, and the sooner they overhaul their system of education here the better.

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Private Lawrence Rudd, an ex-pupil of this School, and one who was extremely popular and respected, is now a prisoner of war in Germany. He was a member of the N.Z. Entrenching Corps—a number of which were cut off and captured some time in March last. It is quite refreshing to hear that at least some of our boys are decently and humanely treated at the hands of the Hun, as the





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following extracts from some of his recent letters will show. Through the courtesy of the "Herald" we are able to publish these extracts:—

In his first letter, dated June 23, he says: "We had a shift ten days ago from the Numden Camp to this. To-day is Sunday, which is a little different from other days. We got up at 7 instead of 6 (though the 7, because of the daylight-saving scheme, is really 5.30). Church service is at 10.30. Last Sunday, for the first time, I heard a Rev. Williams, formerly the minister at the English Church in Berlin, who now spends his time going from one laager to another. He was a very happy sort of chap, and had everybody in the room laughing at him. At other times one of the old prisoners has taken the service. In one respect we are much better off in this camp than we were at Numden, for there is quite a good library here, with over 1000 volumes of all sorts of stuff. I've had a new book almost every day, and you can imagine how much more endurable this makes our life here. I've not yet attempted to learn any German, though I know some words from often hearing them, but I want to learn enough to read it. I hope to be able in a week or so to send a copy of a camp paper, which is to come out then, and as it can be sent in addition to the rationed letter, I'll get a few, whatever it's like. The ration is four cards and two letters per month. I've met so far only four New Zealanders in Germany; two of these stayed at Uinden, and one came from there with me—Melvine, an Otago sergeant, and one was in camp when we arrived, MacGavan, also from Otago. We never see the civilian prisoners. We see a good deal of prisoners from other armies—this room is half-full of French, whom we get on with fairly well, and in some other parts of the block there are Portuguese, Serbs, and Italians. The room itself is big enough, holds about 180, and as it is whitewashed inside it looks bigger. Most of us have hammocks to sleep in, and I find mine comfortable enough."

In a later letter Private Rudd announces the arrival of his first parcel from England, and in expressing his delight at getting it, he remarks that it also shows that his letters were getting through all right. Before joining up, Private Rudd was a law student at the Auckland University, and a passage in his letter shows that the German authorities are willing to grant facilities to accredited students for pursuing their studies. In asking his people to get a letter from the registrar of the Auckland University vouching for the fact that he had been a student at the college and stating what subjects he had passed in, he emphasises the necessity of sending the information in a letter, as no printed matter is allowed to go through.

In a recent letter, Lieut. Norman Little (M.C.) states that he and Lieut. L. Goss were on leave together and were touring England and Scotland. Both these Old Boys are now attached to the Brigade Headquarters in France. In a letter written on July 29th, Lieut. Little states:—

"Have seen quite a lot of old friends lately. Have run across Leslie McAllum several times the last few days—he is quite near us for a short while. Looks very fit and says his knee is pretty



right now. I saw Corporal Charlie Robertson the other day again, and he put me on to Sergeant Ken. Blundell. Ken. looks as fit as ever. They are both in one of the entrenching battalions, and therefore half-way up the line battalions (as it were), for the people from England are drafted into these before joining us up—a sort of gentle introduction to the war. In the same crowd is Corporal Jim Ryan, who used to captain our University football team, and whom I am very chummy with."

In a further letter, written on 6/8/'18, Lieut. Little writes as follows:—

"We are at present staying at a farm—not bad though—but not like old Bairnsfather's with the dead cow and the brick ruins. It has been a very flash place—though somewhat in disrepair now, but the caretaker and his wife and family are still here. The central courtyard is quite 100 yards square, with berries round three sides of it and the house on the other. The buildings are two-storied, of solid brick, with sloping tiled roofs; very substantial and quite unusually large. There is a large square-built tower over the entrance, and it contains several pigeon lofts. The house is almost like a chateau. The room I'm in is large and airy, with a fine paved floor and quite decently-papered walls. So you see we do sometimes strike some comfortable sort of homes, even up here—where we are not very far from the line—only five or six miles away. I keep on running across chaps who have just joined up and whom I know very well. Among them is Charlie McAllum, who has come to our battalion and is looking A1. I also saw today, for the first time, Arthur Osborne, though he is not a recent arrival."

Trooper Vernon Stanton writes from Palestine as follows:—

Now I had better allow my thoughts to wander away back to the day when we bundled all our goods and chattels and ourselves into one of these soldiers' trains at the Moascar siding and prepared for the long, long trail to join the New Zealand Mounted Brigade in Palestine. That was a little off two months ago, but during the intervening period much has happened, and I have traversed much country—interesting, some of it, but some quite the reverse. While journeying from Egypt into Palestine one passes through some very fertile country, and the desert sands give way to the general hard, bricky soil of this country. The palm trees, which grow most prolifically along the banks of the Canal, disappear, and the olive and orange trees become so numerous that at last the groves extend as far as the eye can see over the hills. When nearing Richon all becomes one vast grove, and in the season one could pick oranges as the train passes through. The inhabitants of this district seem more energetic than the general native, as the ground is well cultivated and produces those world-famed Jaffa oranges. Of course Jaffa itself is on the coast, but Richon and Ramleh are the inlying districts.

Proceeding on the journey, another distance of about ten miles says good-bye to all the good oranges, of which we are so fond, and brings one among the hills, which become more and more rocky and precipitous as you advance. The rock is mostly in strata and

of the limestone formation, so you can imagine what effect the dust from the roads have on one's eyes. Up and down you go by a continuous long hill until the Judean Hills, with all the hairpin corners, warn one that Jerusalem is not far distant. So at last we reached the Holy City, and it teemed with rain while we made haste to a rest camp in the vicinity. By the time we were under canvas the sun was shining brightly, so we retraced our footsteps back to the City in order to view some of its wonderful sights. But where there is one misfortune another is sure to follow, and we learnt to our disappointment that owing to the festivities of the Greek Easter we would be unable to enter the Old City that afternoon. However, we just said "malesch" (never mind in Arabic) and had a cruise through the new part of the city of many sieges. The military authorities desire that every man should be given the opportunity of going within the walls and seeing some of the most beautiful architecture the world has known, but I have not been lucky myself as yet, but many leave parties went through while we were camped near Bethlehem only a few weeks back. Many are disappointed with the City, but I think the state of filthiness which prevails among most of the towns formerly under Turkish control is the due cause. The Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of Omar are very beautiful, but it takes one with a love for beauty to adequately appreciate the ancient architecture. We, as Bill Massey's tourists, are always pleased to learn the history of the scenes of strife, etc., in this country, for without a little Biblical knowledge this wilderness proves very uninteresting. Above us at present towers the Mount of Temptation, and there is such a history connected with that alone that it would require more time and space than I have at my disposal to relate. However, all the good children that attend Sunday School regularly will no doubt be familiar with it.

From Jerusalem, which has an altitude of some 3000 feet, a descent is made by a round-about route to Jericho—the Jericho of to-day. The Jericho as mentioned in the Scriptures is what we term "mafeesh," as there remains but a few ruins. Its position, too, is somewhat different. Around Jericho stretches the plain of the same name, and a few miles to the south the Dead Sea, fed by the swift-flowing and muddy waters of the Jordan River. Now had it ever dawned to any of us that we would cross the Jordan and "go to Jericho?" No, I think not, but such is the case, and we have even bathed in the Dead Sea. I am afraid the surf along the New Plymouth foreshore is far more enjoyable, as you cannot dive in the Dead Sea, and the excessive saltiness makes the eyes very sore.

It was only the matter of a few weeks after I joined the New Zealand Brigade in the Jordan Valley before we moved back on to the hills near Bethlehem to enjoy the cool air once again. It was quite agreeable getting away from the heat and flies for a while, as the valley, being so far below sea level, is very hot and at times fever stricken.

The fortnight on the Hebron Road passed quickly, and we dreaded the day when we had to return here. The heat is now over 120 degrees every day, but since we returned I have never felt better since we arrived in Egypt. Unluckily all the boys cannot say the same, and during the last week the Red Cross wagon has been a frequent visitor around here. We had issued to us



fly-nets and also mosquito-net "bivvies" in which to sleep and obtain protection from these beastly ravaging mosquitoes. However, there are times innumerable when one cannot carry his mosquito-net out, on "post," etc., and in consequence the mosquitoes attack very severely. Mosquitoes are the chief carriers of the malaria germ, so day after day our boys are getting seedy and being hastened out of this valley into hospital with the malaria fever. Were it not for the excellent water obtained from the Wadi Aujah (not the river of that name which flows out north of Jaffa) this stream runs into the Jordan, I am afraid there would be even more sickness, but at present we can keep our clothes and ourselves very clean, and even our horses enjoy a bath.

The following graphic description of a "stunt over the top" is written by the late Corporal Macdonald in a letter to his mother:—

"I don't know if I'll have time to do justice to the subject of to-day's letter, for at the present moment I am 'standing by'—ready to move up the line again at any moment. You will have read in the papers that we have been 'over the top' once again with our usual success, and it is for the purpose of describing our 'stunt' that I am sitting down to write this. It has been a bit of an 'eye-opener' to me to see how rapid our advance has been, and each day sees the enemy pushed further and further back. The New Zealanders have taken a prominent part in the offensive, and have attacked on several occasions, though our battalion has only had one 'stunt' as yet, with the probability of another one in the near future. We are all impatient to drive this push home with the utmost vigour, so we are not growling at the roughness of our life consequent on the disorganisation caused by our mobility. We believe that this is the beginning of the end for old Fritz, though he still fights with amazing tenacity, causing our ground to be bought at the price of human lives; but it is surprising how few lives are lost. When I wrote my last letter I told you that we were suddenly removed from the front line and taken to the reserves for some unknown reason. Well, the big offensive commenced on the day following that. We waited in reserve for several days, during which time we were armed with bombs, extra ammunition, iron rations and other preludes to a 'stunt,' so we knew that it was a case of 'over the top with the best of luck' in a few days. It therefore came as no surprise when we were marched up over recently occupied territory to an old Fritz trench and told to settle there until further orders. Nor did we express surprise when we were awakened in the early hours of the following morning and were told that we had to go up to the front line and 'go over' at a quarter to five—a few hours after we had been awakened. We could see on all sides the preparations for an offensive—the guns moving up, the never-ceasing stream of pack-mules, limbers and lorries, and, above all, the huge squadrons of 'tanks' and 'whippets' which were moving like great prehistoric monsters to the scene of the morning's battle. The march to the front occupied about an hour, and we soon began to approach old Fritz's flares rather more closely than we had anticipated. We took up our 'hopping off' position along a narrow sunken road, among a large number of Fritz's abandoned guns and dead horses (not to mention men). Our attack was to be a surprise one—without a





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barrage of fire from our artillery. By a strange error the company on our left moved off to the attack about an hour before it should have done. As our platoon was next to this company, our officer ordered us to advance also, in order to keep touch with our left flank. By doing this we lost touch with the rest of our company on the right, and thus half the line advanced long before the other half. It is a wonder we were not annihilated; as it so happened, the attack was a complete surprise to the enemy. We ran into him before we had gone a hundred yards, and I can tell you the air was full of screeches and cries of 'O, Kamerad—mercy!' and so on. Our advance was in the dark, so we had to dig old Fritz out of his hiding places, where he was sleeping unconscious of our advance. As we went forward we met what I took to be a Fritz patrol—at any rate there were five of them coming towards us in 'Indian file.' One of our chaps called out 'Halt!' and they suddenly saw our advancing line. Immediately they turned and fled, while everyone of us stood and fired at them. I think we accounted for the lot; at least all I know is that they disappeared. It being still dark, we ran across the machine-guns before the gunners were aware that we were coming, so our casualties were still slight; but when we were half-way up the hill (which was our objective) we found that the company on the left was held up, so we took advantage of the cover of a rough trench and some shell holes, and waited. It now broke day, and on looking behind us we saw the 'tanks' advancing, followed by the remainder of the wave—and here were we only a couple of hundred yards from our objective. We decided to await the arrival of the 'tanks,' and the machine-gunners on the crest of the hill opened up a withering fire over our rough trench, and at the advancing 'tanks' and infantry. Up till now everything had gone smoothly with our platoon, and we had lost hardly a man; but now we were confronted with a new double menace. The 'tanks' were unaware of our premature departure, and would probably try to exterminate us when they arrived. At the same time the anti-tank guns began to open out, and the shells were bursting all around our trench. One darned old 'tank,' as if to draw the fire on us, wheeled at right angles and crawled along the back of our trench, while the guns from Fritz poured in a withering fire of anti-tank shells. We waved our tin hats on the ends of our bayonets to disclose our identity to the 'tanks,' but we also disclosed it to Fritz, and for a time he made things very hot, but we suffered very few casualties under the circumstances. With the advent of the 'tanks' and the main line of infantry we now had to proceed to the crest of the hill, and I can assure you it was done in short, rapid rushes from hole to hole. When we gained the crest, with one accord dozens of machine-guns opened up on us and spat their lead all around us. We had to hug Mother Earth very fondly for some time, and we began to dig in. The enemy's artillery was firing point blank at us, and the place seemed quite untenable for a long time; but, later, he had to move his guns, so we were spared any more anxiety from them for a while. Our advance was now completed, and we had captured well over a mile of territory without one shot from our own artillery. There is nothing much to mention about the holding of the line during that day and the night following, but we had to keep a keen vigil, as we expected Fritz to counter attack. However, nothing happened till dawn on the following morning, when a Tommy division leap-frogged us and advanced under cover of a good barrage to capture a further



objective. It was a wonderful sight to see for miles the advancing lines of men—their bayonets flashing in the rising sun as they walked on unconcernedly towards their objective. I followed after the Tommies for a little way in the hope of picking up some souvenirs, but there were none to be had, as I was too late, and I nearly got 'outed' with a jolly machine-gun which opened on 'yours truly' as he walked across an open space. We were relieved during the course of the morning and went back to the reserve, which, by the way, was only just where we had hopped off from on the previous morning. And here I remain awaiting further developments in the huge offensive which is driving old Fritz ingloriously back over the territory which cost him so dearly to conquer only a few months ago."

#### Letter from Lieut. L. G. Goss:—

After a most uneventful trip across, we landed only at Cape Town for a day and a half. I arrived at Liverpool on September 16th. The train journey through to Sling was mostly during the night, but the little I did see of England was an education. We passed through Birmingham, which, of course, astounded me from a point of view of factories, etc. My stay at Sling was not of much interest, and five weeks' grinding at stuff I had had ground into me for two years at Duntroon didn't appear at all humorous to me. One of the N.C.O. instructors who were turned loose on us was Billing. I think he left School just before you came. From the men's point of view the training at Sling was very good. It was frightfully strict, and just the thing required after two months on board ship, which naturally makes discipline very bad.

I left for France on November 1st, after five glorious days in London. Most of my time was spent, of course, in theatres and seeing the sights of London. I also went down to Southampton.

I joined my battalion on November 8th, about ten days before the Division went back into the line from a month's rest after the Ypres show. My Brigade (1st) was put on to working parties which went up every day from a camp about five miles behind the line. It was a pretty miserable show as we pitched tents on the mud. I lasted about ten days and then went to hospital with measles. I got back just before Christmas, and was sent to Brigade Headquarters as Brigade Intelligence Officer. Of course I knew absolutely nothing about the job, and did a three weeks' course under the Divisional Intelligence Officer at Divisional Headquarters, returning in time to go into the line with the Brigade on January 21st. My job consists in keeping the Brigade supplied with maps, aeroplane photos, etc., and compiling every day a summary of the operations and information which is gained about the enemy. This is, of course, obtained by trained observers, of whom each Battalion has 30 and each Brigade 8 Brigade observers. These men are provided with such things as telescopes, compasses, alidades and sextants. Each Battalion has an Intelligence Officer, who sends in a report summarising all the information his observers have gained during the 24 hours, and from these and the reports of my own observers and any reports from other people, such as machine-gun companies, trench mortars, etc., I make up my daily summary. This usually takes me three or four hours in the morning, as everything has to be checked. In the afternoon I usually

go to some part of the line and have a talk to the observers and check their work. Afterwards I put any information received on a map which is, I hope, of some little use when there is a bit of a stunt on. The job, perhaps, does not seem very important, but when all the reports are gathered together it gives people behind some idea where the enemy is and what he has in different places, and furnishes targets for our artillery.

I carried on with this job, and early in March the Division got relieved, and we went back to a peaceful little French village for a month's rest and training. We had done nearly a fortnight of it when the Boche started his stunt, and we had to push off at short notice. After a miserable journey in a miserable French train we were unloaded at 2 a.m., having a vague idea where we were and absolutely no idea what was going to happen to us. At about 6 a.m. I was sent on ahead on a horse to arrange billets for the Brigade, and after getting four different orders finally got things squared up, and after a feed got into bed at 11.30 p.m. An hour later a message came ordering the Brigade to assemble about 10 miles away. I got to the spot at 2.30 a.m., and spent my time till about 11 a.m. arranging bivouacs for the Brigade and getting the Battalions into them. At 12.30 p.m. we were ordered to advance and fill a gap which had been made in the line. There followed a piece of open warfare for which everyone had longed for years. The Brigade went forward and met the enemy about two miles further on than we had expected, so they proceeded to push him back. There was an absolute lack of artillery fire from the enemy, because he had advanced too quickly to get his guns up. We had a few guns covering our advance. By seven o'clock we had a sort of line established in some old trenches from the 1916 campaign, and little bombing and rifle scraps were going on all the time. We took about 30 prisoners and 16 machine-guns from him. In the evening the two battalions in the line wanted some bombs and ammunition, and as I had been temporarily put in charge of the ammunition supply for the Brigade I went off up with some limbers to a point (as I afterwards learnt) about 300 yards behind the front line. The next three days were just a series of little bombing and rifle fire scraps, which used up the ammunition, and every night for about a week I used to take up ammunition. The enemy used to greet me with a hail of machine-gune bullets from a hedge about 600 yards from where I went. One night I counted five guns popping off. Fortunately he never hit a soul, although one night I had 14 limbers up there. The worst he did was to put down a crash of 7.7in. shells, which made it impossible to unload the limbers while the horses or mules were in, so we had to take them out and gallop them back, finish the unloading and manhandle the limbers half-a-mile down the road. We finished at 2 a.m.

After three days the Brigadier took me up to have a look at the country, and he decided that we had to take the hedge. This we did at 2 p.m. one day after two minutes' bombardment with artillery and trench mortars. We killed at least 1500 Huns and took 230 prisoners, 104 machine-guns and two trench mortars. Our casualties were extremely light. For the next three nights there was practically no machine-gun fire at the spot where I took the ammunition. I suppose he hadn't any M.G.'s left. Then he got a little bit annoyed and pushed a lot of stuff over. Since then we have been at the old trench warfare again—twelve days in the line and six out.



I have seen a good many of the Old Boys from time to time and have kept pretty well in touch with the School's doings, both from the "Taranakian" and from chats with Old Boys. I see a lot of Norman Little, as he is in the Second Battalion of my Regiment (Wellington).

Captain Jack Dockrill, R.A.M.C., has now entered his fifth year of war, and the whole of that period he has spent in France. He has had a wide and varied experience, both in the Field—at the Dressing Stations—and also at the Base Hospitals. Some short time back he was in Rouen Hospital, but subsequently was transferred to a new American Hospital at Canban, south-east of Paris. Recent letters state that he was having a very busy time there, but was enjoying excellent health.

Private A. Osborne, who went away in the Medical Corps, attached to the 23rd Reinforcements, is "Somewhere in France."

William Okey, who went away with the Main Body and saw considerable service on Gallipoli, being wounded there, has now returned. He is at present Secretary to the Taranaki Metropolitan Agricultural Association.

L. B. Stohr, who toured California with the famous 1913 All Black team, went away in the Medical Corps of the 34th Reinforcements. Prior to joining the forces he was on the staff at Teed's Pharmacy.

Private Albert Marfell left with the 24th Reinforcements. He has been sick in hospital in England for some time, but latest reports state he is progressing favourably.

Private Les. Marfell, who played in the 1918 2nd XV., left with the 37th Reinforcements.

C. McKay, captain of our 1918 1st XV., is now a member of the Flying School at Sockburn.

Percy Meuli, who until recently was employed at the Borough Electric Light Station in Stratford, where he had a narrow escape from being electrocuted, is now qualifying for his commission in the Flying School at Sockburn.

Burford Norman is now attached to the 41st Mounted Rifles, N.Z.E.F.

Cabled advice reports that Gunner G. Mander was wounded on September 14th and had been admitted to hospital in France.





PRIVATE R. J. AMBURY.

"FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."

PRIVATE L. G. EYRE.



Howard Mackie, who left with the Main Body and was wounded at the Somme, has now been declared unfit for further active service. He has been on the staff at Walton-on-Thames Hospital. He is bringing an English wife back with him, and hopes to commence teaching again soon after his return.

Bryce Stoddart, who played in the forwards in the redoubtable 1914 1st XV., is now in Cairo, having been invalided there from Palestine. He left with the 28th Mounted Rifles.

Houghton Renaud volunteered for active service on his 20th birthday. Prior to going to camp he was on the staff at the local G.P.O. He sailed with the 32nd Reinforcements, and on arrival in England was put into a Signalling Corps in Sling Camp: he soon obtained a First-class Signallers' Badge. Recent letters state that he was still at Sling, but expected to go over to France at an early date. He has been associated with Lieut. H. V. Searle, one of our ex-Masters.

Lieut. G. J. Hawkins, a very popular Old Boy, recently returned to New Zealand, and has since been discharged.

Lieutenant L. C. Jennins left with the 39th Mounted Rifles. Cabled advice reports the safe arrival of the 39th's in Egypt.

Private Trevor Hawkes is attached to the 43rd Reinforcements.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of William Edward Dockrill at the comparatively early age of 35. The son of E. Dockrill, Esq., the late Chairman of the High School Board, he was in business as a boot and shoe importer and had by his industry, good management and high probity established his business on a firm foundation. He was one of the victims of the influenza epidemic. To his bereaved relatives and friends we extend our sincerest sympathy.

We tender our sincerest sympathy to the relations and many friends of Sydney Drake, who died in Auckland while on a short holiday there. While at School he took an active part in all the School activities. He made good progress in his studies, was a good athlete and a member of the First XV., and was a prefect. A promising life has been cut short at the very beginning.



A cable received on December 4th reports that Trooper Gordon Salway had arrived at Port Said "all well." Trooper Salway left with the 12th Reinforcements, and was taken prisoner in Egypt two and a half years ago. He has during that time been a prisoner of war in Turkey, and for the whole of that time was able to get only two or three post-cards through to his people at Bell Block. In these brief messages he wrote that his principal trouble in the prisoners' camp was the scarcity of food.

We were pleased to receive a letter from Cedric Gibson. At the time of writing he was in a field hospital in France recovering from sickness. Speaking of the American soldiers whom he had met he says: "They are fine tall chaps, all in the prime of life, and well-equipped. They are very keen to get right into the game and bring it to a finish. They have none of the brag about them usually associated with America."

Yet another Old Boy has gained distinction on the field of battle. We refer to Gerald Chong, who recently was awarded the Military Medal. Particulars of the deed for which he received the above decoration have so far not come to hand. However, we offer to him our heartiest congratulations and hope to see him once more back in our midst.

Lieutenant R. G. B. Sinclair has been seriously ill in Codford Camp, but latest reports state that he was then in the convalescent stage and was about to go on furlough in England.

Amongst those who recently returned to New Zealand was E. C. Stanley. He has lately been promoted to the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant. Q.M.S. Stanley went away with the Main Body.

Latest advices state that Captain Sten. Hurlle was still going strong "somewhere in France."

Private David S. Sykes left with the New Zealand Medical Corps 38th Specialists. The 38ths went to England via America, and Private Sykes has written several letters descriptive of the American ports touched at. He writes in highest praise of the kindness of the American citizens—specially mentioning Mr. Quinn, a gentleman of Newport, who entertained a number of the boys at Rueger's Hotel, Richmond, Virginia—an hotel famed for

its cooking. After luncheon he took the boys in his automobile to see the sights of Richmond City. After leaving Newport News, they proceeded to Halifax, and were convoyed to Blighty with the American troops. In his last letter he states that he was selected to represent New Zealand in the high jump at Aldershot Military Sports, and succeeded in taking third place.

Alister McHardy, who played wing-forward in the First Fifteen last year, is now a cadet on a sheep run, Morrinsville.

Keith Fox, one of the front-rankers in the scrum in the 1917 First Fifteen, is engaged in farming pursuits near Waverley.

Arthur Moody is now on Newton King's clerical staff.

Bracken Wilson is a clerk in the office at the Smart Road Freezing Works.

Miles Atkinson is still engaged in farming pursuits at "Braeholm," Grassmere, Marlborough.

Phil. Chapman has joined the staff of the Public State School at Waitara.

Don. ("Towser") Jury is now working in the Auckland branch of Sargood, Son and Ewen.

R. Harvey ("Toosday") is farming at Pungarehu. He has recently recovered from a severe attack of influenza.

Allan Mackie is now on the permanent staff of the Palmerston North Fire Brigade. He is in charge of one of the large motor fire-engines.

Chas. Yates is now in the National Mortgage and Agency Co., Dunedin.

Guy Rodgers is now in the head office of the Farmers' Co-operative, Hawera.

E. L. Reeves is working as a cadet on a large sheep run—"Te Awaite"—near Martinborough.

W. Short is employed in his father's monumental yards, New Plymouth.

Robert Donald is cadet on a farm at Kaupokonui.



K. Gudopp is assisting his father on the farm at Frankley Road.

Geoff Bayly, who represented the School in the First Shooting Team (1917-1918) is now on a sheep run at Awakino.

Cecil ("Punch") Brown is farming at Mangamingi.

Arthur ("Spud") Walter, who left at the end of last term, is now working on his father's farm at Douglas.

Varey Tate is now in partnership with his father, doing road contracts, at Waitara.

Fred Tribe is manager of Reynolds and Co.'s cycle agency, New Plymouth.

Redgar Musker is working on his father's farm at Uruti.

Len. Sole is on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth.

Donald Doile, who played in the 1917 2nd XV., is also on the local staff of the Bank of New Zealand.

Baden Moverley is taking up chemistry and is working on the staff at Davies' Pharmacy.

Andrew Hastie is employed on his father's farm at Kaupokonui.

Ernest W. Deacon is at present on the clerical staff in L. A. Nolan's office.

Pat. O'Carroll is following up the legal profession, and at present is living in Inglewood.

George M. Clinch has secured a position on the staff at the Bank of New Zealand, Balclutha.

Tommy Johns, who left school at the end of 1917, is now on his father's farm at Ohinepoutea, Ruatorea.

Percy Blane and R. O'Brien are both in the warehouse department in Newton King's.

Leslie Day, who held the Junior High Jump and Long Jump Championship for several years, is now a Training College student at Victoria University. He was successful in keeping his Second Year's Terms this year—gaining either First or Second Class Passes in all his subjects.

We are extremely pleased to see Roy Goldsworthy able to be about again after his lengthy serious illness. He is clerking in the main office at Newton King's.

F. L. Stohr, who captained the 1918 Rovers 2nd XV., is in the motor department in Newton King's garage.

Ronald Ward is assisting in his father's drapery business in town.

It is intended that the official opening of the new school will take place some time during the First Term of next year. The opening of this fine building marks a new era in so far as the School is concerned, and it is particularly desired that as many Old Boys as possible should be present to witness the function.

Furthermore, with the return of a great number of ex-pupils from the front, it is hoped that an Old Boys' Reunion will be held annually. We are very much indebted to those Old Boys who have kept in touch with the School, either by correspondence or by personal visits. And we further urge every Old Boy to let us know occasionally where he is, as it greatly facilitates the work of compiling the Old Boys' column. At the present juncture, work is in hand in compiling an "Old Boys' Register," showing the destination and occupation of all old pupils of our School. We will be extremely pleased to hear from anyone who knows of any Old Boy who lives outside New Zealand.

We are very pleased to see Harold Kirkby once more able to get about, after his recent serious injury to his knee.

John Connett—one of our very old boys—contested the Taranaki seat in the recent by-election. He stood as the National Government's candidate and, after a great tussle, was narrowly defeated by Mr. Syd. G. Smith.

F. A. Pearson is land agent for Matthew Bros., Land Agents, Hamilton.

K. Brokenshire and R. Lealand were both successful in recently passing their Intermediate Examination at Otago University, the former for Medicine and the latter for Dentistry.

Tom Fouhy, who left at the end of 1916, is now at the Otago Boys' High School. He played in the 1st Fifteen during the last football season.



R. Fussell is farming on his father's farm at Lepperton.

Richard Cottier is auctioneer for Newton King at the Stratford branch.

Denis Hursthouse, until recently the travelling representative for the A.M.P. Society in New Plymouth, has been recently transferred to the Hastings branch of that Society.

Ray Cocker is employed at Arnolds', ironmongers. He was playing in the forwards of the Rovers' 2nd Fifteen this year.

Roy Hill, who went into C1 Camp, but was subsequently discharged, is now in the Union Steamship Co.'s office in Napier.

Noel Fookes is now an assistant purser on one of the U.S.S. Co.'s ships trading on the West Coast. He has recently recovered from a severe attack of influenza.

Jim Fouhy, who played in the School 1st Fifteen in 1916, is now in the Public Trust Office in Wellington.

W. Ellerm is farming at Mangorei.

Jack Matthews is employed at Young's Printing Works, Palmerston North.

Cyril Way is on the staff in the Records Office, Wellington.

Harold Blundell, after five months' training at Featherston, has been discharged on account of deafness, resulting from an attack of mumps.

Roy Murray now attends King's College, Auckland.

L. Fagan ('Pat') is also a pupil at King's College. He paid us a visit during his recent term holidays.

Harold Morey, owing to ill-health, has been reluctantly compelled to relinquish his school studies.

G. and L. Graham are now employed on their father's farm at Motonui, near Urenui.

R. E. Dowling, who has returned after seeing active service on the Western front, where he was severely wounded, is now dispenser in the United Friendly Society's Pharmacy at Hawera.

Percy Guscott is on his uncle's farm at Uruti.

M. G. Yates is clerking in the booking office at the local Railway Station.

J. K. Nodder is an apprentice in the cabinetmaking trade with Norman Johnson, New Plymouth.

We are extremely indebted to two of our Old Boys—Lindsay and Hugh Bryce—for a very valuable and handsome cup, to be given to the boy who puts up the fastest time in the Senior Steeplechase. It is to be competed for annually.

W. Wood is now employed at W. Plumtree's—mercier and clothier—New Plymouth.

R. Morrison is on the staff at Sargood, Son and Ewen's, New Plymouth.

Eric Knuckey is farming near Eltham.

Guy Morey is now a fully-qualified chemist, and is employed on the staff at Davies' Pharmacy.

William Noble, who formerly was engaged on the clerical staff in the Railway Department, is now practising as a solicitor in Masterton.

Sydney Cottier is accountant on the staff of Weston and Weston, solicitors, New Plymouth.

Ron. Paul is one of the partners in the J. P. Hardware Co., New Plymouth.

H. G. Philpott is now employed in one of the Government Offices, Wellington.

Ken. West, who left at the end of 1917, is working in the Phoenix Insurance Office in town.

Norman Kibby is now engaged on the staff at the Borough Electric Light Department, New Plymouth.

Fred Huggard is working at Smart Bros. (plumbers).

Len. Sampson, who previously was employed at Webster Bros., auctioneers, is now working on his father's farm at Egmont Road.

H. Pitt is now helping on his father's farm at Bell Block.

Herbert Ferguson, who left at the end of 1916, is now farming with his brother, near Eltham.



Cyril Hughes is a clerk in the office at Webster's, auctioneers.

Bob Williamson is engaged on his father's farm at Hunterville.

Cecil Duckworth is now a cadet on a farm at Tahiti, Hawera.

Ken. Allen, who has taken up chemistry, is employed at Teed's Pharmacy.

Charlie Kidson is assisting his mother in business in town.

Ivor Sole is working on a farm at Taumarunui.

Newton Mitchell, who left at the end of 1917, is on the clerical staff at the Patea Freezing Works.

A. Mounsey is working on his father's farm at Makahu.

Owen Bayly, who played centre three-quarter for the School 1st Fifteen last year, has taken up the teaching profession in Auckland.

D. Meikle has taken up a commercial position in Whitianga, Mercury Bay. He intends later to enter the ranks of teachers.

W. Nicholson, the winner of the 1916 Steeplechase, is now attending the District High School, Stratford.

Alex. McNeil is employed in farming pursuits on his father's farm, near Wanganui.

Alan Brooker is now on the staff in Brown and Stewart's, wholesale stationers, Auckland.

Algie Traill is employed at the Patent Slip, Wellington.

Hector Pirrett is now in the Native Lands Court at Rotorua.

Flight-Lieutenant Hine paid a visit to the School recently. He qualified for his certificate at the Flying School at Kohimaramara.

Lance-Corporal Tom Corkill, who prior to his enlistment was in the local branch of the A.M.P. Society, left with the 38th Reinforcements. He is now in training at Sling Camp.





LIEUT. L. C. JENNINS.

C. MCKAY (*Flying Corps*).

W. T. LUXTON (*Flying Corps*).



Sergeant Eric C. Day, who was wounded at Messines, is now on the Headquarters Staff, London.

Norman Howell went away with the Main Body and returned seriously wounded in the leg. He has quite recovered now, and at present is manager in the mercery department at Ambury's.

Eric B. Ellerm, who went away with the Main Body and saw considerable fighting on the Peninsula, is now back in New Plymouth. He is at present on the clerical staff in L. A. Nolan's, auctioneers. We are extremely indebted to him for the use of his photograph album, several snaps from which will be included in the next number.

Chas. Webster, who was invalided back to New Zealand, is now quite well again. At present he is working with his brother, Mr. E. P. Webster.

Alistair Sutherland, who gained a scholarship while at this School, thus enabling him to enter Duntroon College, is now in his final year at the College. At a recent riding test he topped the list of competitors.

C. S. S. Candy, who has been farming in Canterbury, is now in camp attached to the 42nd Reinforcements. He was well known throughout the School as a crack shot and also as a good cricketer. He represented the School in the 1913 Shooting Team and also in the 1st XI. of the same year.

Amongst the recent arrivals back from the front is Lieut. Strathie Ewing. He was wounded in France, receiving several pieces of shrapnel in his lungs. He expects to be discharged shortly.

Word has been received that Private W. Hope Jenkinson, 8th Reinforcements, has been wounded in the abdomen and was admitted to hospital in England on October 16th. Private Jenkinson was previously wounded at Messines.

Sergeant S. Chisholm is included in those who were seriously ill with influenza, which broke out amongst the 40th Reinforcements on their way to England.

Gunner P. A. Tunbridge, who left with the 23rd New Zealand Field Artillery, is at present on tour in England with the Artillery orchestra. Previously he was on active service in France for over twelve months.



Sergeant-Major Eric Cutfield left with the 6th Reinforcements. He was seriously ill in England for some time, but recovered sufficiently to go across to France. He was wounded in October, receiving a severe gunshot wound in the left shoulder, fracturing the shoulder-blade. Latest reports from Walton-on-Thames Hospital state that he is doing well.

H. B. Gibson, who has been associated with Wright and Lawrence, solicitors, Stratford, since he left School, is shortly to enter the Flying School at Sockburn.

Flight-Lieutenant T. Luxton, who has passed all the necessary examinations at the Flying School, Sockburn, expects to leave New Zealand at an early date.

Private W. H. G. Ewing, who met with a severe accident in Egypt, is now in the Convalescent Camp at Hornchurch.

Private Leslie McAllum left with the 13th Reinforcements. He was severely gassed in France on September 15th and has since been an inmate at Walton-on-Thames Hospital. A recent cable states that he was about to be invalided back to New Zealand.

Corporal Russell Matthews left with the Engineers attached to the 43rd Reinforcements. Letters received state that he was thoroughly enjoying the trip on board ship.

Stanley Smith is now amongst the ranks of the Camp Police at Featherston Camp.

Newton Quilliam is at present employed in the Bacteriological Laboratory in Wellington.

Private Gordon M. Sykes, who volunteered for active service, and was rejected, but was afterwards drafted into C1 Camp, is now attached to the 43rd Reinforcements of the N.Z.M.C.

Flight-Lieutenant H. Lucena is now in a Flying School at St. Leonards-on-Avon. In a recent letter he gives a very graphic description of his experiences of an air-raid in England. He had also been on furlough, going as far north as Inverness.

Corporal S. W. Court left with the 41st Reinforcements. We have just received a letter from him describing life at sea aboard a transport. He states that the conditions are not nearly so congenial as at Trentham. The transport he was on went home via Cape of Good Hope. He acted as Orderly Sergeant on the trip Home—a position which seemed to suit him admirably.





LANCE-CORP. DARCY NEWELL.

PRIVATE BASIL THOMSON.  
"FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."

LIEUT. R. L. OKEY, M.C.



## ROLL OF HONOUR.

"FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE."

**MORSHEAD, HORACE.**—It is with regret we have to record the death at New Plymouth Hospital of Pvt. Horace Morshead, a returned soldier, who left with the Main Body, saw active service at Gallipoli, and who returned to the Dominion over two years ago invalided. He sufficiently recovered to be able to take up employment in the Hawera Telephone Bureau, but after working there for several months, had a recurrence of his trouble, eventually having to go to the New Plymouth Hospital, where he had been laid up for about twelve months. Deceased, who was 27 years of age, was well liked, and bore his suffering with great fortitude. His mother and sister are residents of Hawera, and much sympathy will be felt for the family in their sad bereavement.

**SECOND-LIEUTENANT ROY OKEY.**—It was with profound regret that word was received on Sunday, October 13th, that Second-Lieutenant Roy Okey was killed in action on September 30th. The late Lieut. Okey left New Zealand with the Main Body and saw practically the whole of the fighting at Gallipoli. Some little time before the evacuation he was wounded and invalided to England. Recovering from his wounds he returned to Egypt, where he remained until the close of this campaign. He was with the first New Zealand contingent to leave for France, and went through all the Somme fighting. Later he was one of the first twelve New Zealanders to be selected for commissions and went Home to undergo a special course of study and training at Cambridge Military College. He returned to New Zealand on duty 18 months ago, and for a time was engaged in instructional work at Trentham and Featherston camps, and was subsequently drafted to the 35th Reinforcements, going Home as adjutant of the transport carrying this contingent. He stayed in England for a while and could only have been in France a few weeks before he was killed. He was educated at the Central and New Plymouth High Schools, and then joined Mr. Newton King's New Plymouth staff, being associated with the insurance



department. At the time he enlisted he was in charge of the insurance business at the Stratford Office. He was a particularly fine type of young man, popular with all with whom he came in contact, and with none more than those who had served with him in the field. To his bereaved father and other members of the family general sympathy will be extended by a very large circle of friends.

PRIVATE LEWIS GODFREY EYRE, son of Mr. R. B. D. Eyre, Collector of Customs, New Plymouth, was born at Northcote, Auckland, in 1897. He began his education at Mornington School, Dunedin, continued it at Brooklyn, and completed the primary course at Blenheim, where he won the Gold Medal for premier place in the Proficiency Examination. He began his Secondary course at Marlborough High School, and proceeded later to Westport D.H.S., where he won his Senior-Free Place in 1912, and matriculated in 1913. He entered the Auckland Grammar School in May, 1914, and was placed in VA.—and at the end of the year he stood twelfth in the credit list of the Public Service Entrance Examination. His parents then moved to New Plymouth, and he attended the local High School the following year, where he kept first terms for his degree of LL.B. He remained at school here till June, 1916, when he enlisted in the 18th Reinforcements, and arrived in England in December of that year. He went to France in February, 1917, and whilst engaged with the Tunnellers was wounded in the scalp by a shell fragment on March 28th. At the end of March, 1918, he had fourteen days' furlough in England and Ireland, and returned to France on April 3rd. He was killed in action on May 10th.

CORPORAL A. M. McDONALD left New Zealand with the 21st Reinforcements. Just prior to his enlistment he left our High School Staff in order to take up a position in charge of the Secondary Department at the Coromandel District High School. During his stay of eighteen months with us he proved himself a most capable and sound teacher. Furthermore, he became extremely popular among the boys, as his interest in them was not confined to the school-room, but extended to their sphere of activities on

the sports field. We are deeply grieved to hear of his early demise and extend to his sorrowing mother and relatives our sincere sympathy in the great loss which they have sustained.

An Appreciation of A. M. McDonald.—It was, indeed, with great regret that the sad news of Mr. A. M. McDonald's death reached us. During his term here, as a Master on the staff, he became extremely popular, not only with his fellow teachers but also with the boys. He possessed many excellent qualities, but the ones which endeared him to us mostly were his characteristic unselfishness and modesty. A most capable teacher, conscientious; thorough, tactful, sympathetic and strictly impartial, our beloved late Master won golden opinions. Whether in the classroom or on the playing fields, Mr. McDonald always set a manly example, and because of his genial disposition always shed a cheerful and sunny influence around him. By his untimely death a most promising career has been cut short, and the teaching profession is much the poorer.

TROOPER CHARLES POTTS, who left this School some few years back, was killed in action in France on October 9th. Prior to leaving for the front, Trooper Potts was for several years employed in the office of Mr. T. H. Penn, and was highly thought of there. He was wounded some months ago, and had not long returned to the field when he was killed. To his sorrowing mother and sisters we tender our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

CORPORAL R. D. KIDD.—General and sincere regret was expressed when it became known that Corporal R. D. Kidd had died of wounds in France on November 5th. Corporal Kidd entered this School in 1911, where he remained till the end of 1916, being then in VIA. In the same year he matriculated, and then joined the teaching staff of the School as one of the Junior Masters. On reaching the age of 20 he enlisted and left the School at the end of 1917 to join the 37th Reinforcements. In recent letters received at the School, "Bob" describes his trip Home—especially mentioning the Panama Canal and a visit to Jamaica. His reinforcement called at Halifax, and during their stay at this port two teams



from the reinforcement gave an exhibition of football. Great enthusiasm was created over this match. Bob played a great game at half-back for the A's, the winning team. On his arrival in England he was fortunate to join up with another ex-teacher, V. S. McMurray, in the Rifle Brigade. At School here, as a pupil, Bob was extremely popular. During his last year he was a prefect, and probably no better athlete has ever been turned out of the School. As a Master he was greatly liked, and showed great promise for a most successful career. To his sorrowing relatives we offer our sincere sympathy; but we are sure they will find comfort in knowing that he gave his life for "The Great Cause."

The following is a complete list, inclusive of the names mentioned above, of Old Boys who are, or have been, on active service:—

#### KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

Ambury, R.	Kirton, C., Pvt.
Atkinson, S. A., Capt.	Lepper, H. M., Lieut.
Bailey, R. H., Pvt.	Mason, T. E., Gunner.
Bendall, G., Pvt.	McDonald, M. A., Corp.
Bollinger, G. W., Lieut.	Moore, W. E., Lieut.
Brown, D. B., Pvt.	Mulloy, Wattie, Sergt.
Burkhardt, A. P., Pvt.	Newell, D. R., Lance-Corp.
Coates, F. H., Pvt.	Okey, R. L., Lieut.
Collis, D., Q.M.-Sergt.	Okey, S. M., Sergt.
Crone, C., Pvt.	Okey, A., Pvt.
Dustow, Sergt.	Paul, Sydney, Lieut.
Eyre, L. G., Corp.	Potts, C. H., Pvt.
Grey, J., Pvt.	Quilliam, Reg. P., Corp.
Grant, Eric, Corp.	Quilliam, C., Lieut.
Griffiths, S. J., Pvt.	Rider, F. H., Pvt.
Guild, W. A., Sergt.	Rowlands, F. W., Pvt.
Hall, V. J. B., Corp.	Serpell, S. L., Capt.
Harle, D. A., Lieut.	Sole, L. P., Corp.
Hoby, S., Sergt.	Stoddart, J. H., Pvt.
Kidd, R. D., Corp.	Warren, L. A., Pvt.
Kelly, T. Pvt.	White, R. W., Corp.
Kimbell, E., Corp.	

#### WOUNDED.

Adlam, R. C., Sergt.	Blanchard, E. P., Pvt.
Armstrong, E., Sergt.	Blythe, H., Gunner.
Baker, S. G., Pvt.	Bradbury, N., Sapper.
Beck, G. M., Q.M.-Sergt.	Cliff, A., Pvt.
Beck, W. C., Sergt.	Cliff, J., Pvt.
Bellringer, L., Pvt.	Cutfield, E., Sergt.-Major.
Billing, F. H., Corp.	Day, E., Sergt.

Dewling, E. C., Sergt.	Little, N. F., Lieut.
Diprose, A. W., Corp.	Linn, B., Corp.
Ellerm, E. B., Corp.	Lusk, D. A., Lieut.
Ellis, W., Pvt.	Mackie, H. J., Pvt.
Espiner, R. H., Lieut.	Mander, G., Trooper.
Ewing, K. S., Lieut. (twice).	Matthews, A. B., Sergt.
Fair, C. W., Corp.	Malone, T., Trooper.
Fraser, H., Sergt.	Matthews, N., Capt.
Glasgow, B., Sergt.	Monteath, R. M., Pvt.
Grayling, S., Pvt.	Morshead, H. B., Pvt.
Hamblyn, C. J., Sergt.	Mulloy, W., Pvt.
Hawke, F. C., Pvt.	McConnell, T., Corp.
Haworth, L. G., Pvt.	McIsaac, A. R., Lieut.
Hendrickson, C., Pvt.	Okey, W. P., Sergt.
Hill, L. G., Sergt.	Patterson, W. B., Pvt.
Howell, I. J., Sapper.	Richards, L. C., Sergt.
Howell, N., Pvt.	Simmons, W., Trooper.
Hooker, L. W., Sergt.	Smith, L., Lance-Corp.
Hurle, S., Capt.	Stanley, E. C., Corp.
Jenkinson, W. H., Pvt.	Tuohy, T. V., Pvt.
Kirkby, V., Pvt.	West, V. W., Pvt.
Knight, G., Trumpeter.	Whitham, E., Sergt.

#### ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Alexander, W., Pvt.	Chappell, N. M., Pvt.
Arthur, W., Pvt.	Clarke, E. F., Lieut.
Avann, L., Pvt.	Clark, H., Pvt.
Avery, H., Lance-Corp.	Chong, G., Pvt.
Avery, F. S., Pvt.	Coker, A. C., Pvt.
Armstrong, W., Corp.	Cook, H. L., Lieut.
Baker, F. R., Lieut.	Corkill, T., Pvt.
Bayley, C., Lieut.	Claridge, A. R., Lieut.
Bayley, A. R., Lance-Corp.	Clemow, F., Pvt.
Bates, T. H., Pvt.	Colson, E. D., Corp.
Bacon, C. L. Corp.	Cornwall, C., Major.
Bacon, A. T., Lieut.	Court, S., Pvt.
Barker, H., Pvt.	Drake, S. F., Pvt.
Baillie, R., Pvt.	Dumbleton, A. G., Pvt.
Berry, —, Pvt.	Ewing, W. H. G., Pvt.
Blanchett, R., Lance-Corp.	Faris, E. I., Capt.
Blanchett, W., Pvt.	Foote, S. G., Sergt.
Blanchett, P., Gunner.	Foote, G., Pvt.
Blyde, W. H., Pvt.	Fordyce, W. B., Pvt.
Blundell, K., Pvt.	Gray, R. B., Pvt.
Blundell, R., Pvt.	Gray, A., Pvt.
Beck, G. M., Q.M.-Sergt.	Grayling, F. S., Pvt.
Bradbury, G., Pvt.	Gibson, C. T. E., Pvt.
Bruce, F. A., Lieut.	Grant, A. H., Corp.
Brokenshire, R., Sergt.	Grant, I. P., Lieut.
Borrie, S., Pvt.	Gaukrodger, R., Driver.
Buxton, T., Capt.	Goss, L., Lieut.
Bollinger, H., Pvt.	Gibbons, J., Gunner.
Callaghan, F. F., Gunner.	Gibson, H. B. (Flying Corps).
Candy, G. S. S., Pvt.	Hancock, R. T., Pvt.
Catanach, W., Pvt.	Hawkins, G. J., Lieut.
Carter, S. G., Pvt.	Hedley, E., Pvt.
Cartwright, A., Pvt.	Heppell, W. Pvt.



Healy, N. R., Pvt.	Paul, G., Sergt.
Healy, A., Pvt.	Paul, Stan., Sergt.
Heldt, J. A., Pvt.	Pearce, H., Pvt.
Hempton, M., Pvt.	Pepperill, C. E., Pvt.
Hill, S. A., Sergt.	Perry, N., Pvt.
Hill, W., Corp.	Perry, W. L., Corp.
Hine, H., Flying Corps.	Pott, I. W., Trooper.
Hirst, J. B., Corp.	Pott, Joe, Pvt.
Heldt, F., Pvt.	Pott, G. H., Lieut.
Hobson, F., Pvt.	Pridham, C., Capt.
Hooker, H. S., Driver.	Putt, C. H., Pvt.
Hooker, G. B., Pvt.	Quilliam, N., Pvt.
Hawkes, T., Pvt.	Quilliam, R. H., Lieut.
Jackson, R. M., Sergt.	Renaud, H., Pvt.
Jeffries, D., Pvt.	Roope, L., Pvt.
Jennins, L. C., Sergt.-Major.	Roope, J., Pvt.
Johnson, H. N., Pvt.	Rudd, L. W., Pvt.
Kelly, W. F., Lance-Corp.	Russell, G., Q.M.-Sergt.
Kibby, R., Sapper.	Ryan, L., Pvt.
King, T. L., Pvt.	Salway, G. F., Trooper.
Laing, R., Pvt.	Searle, V. H., Lieut.
Langmuir, E., Pvt.	Sinclair, R. J. B., Lieut.
Lovell, L., Pvt.	Skelton, N., Pvt.
Lucena, H. L., Flying Corps.	Standish, I. T., Lieut.-Col.
Luxton, W. T., Flying Corps.	Standish, A. R., Lieut.
Linn, D., Sergt.	Stanton, V. W., Pvt.
Marfell, A., Pvt.	Stoddard, B., Pvt.
Marfell, L., Pvt.	Stohr, L. B., Sergt.
Mace, F., Pvt.	Sykes, D. S., Pvt.
Mander, J. H., Lieut.	Sykes, G. M., Pvt.
Martin, V. H. S., Pvt.	Stapp, A. D., Driver.
Mackenzie, R. W., Lieut.	Taylor, G. D. R., Pvt.
Meuli, P., Flying Corps.	Teed, T. L., Corp.
Medway, J., Trooper.	Thompson, A. R.
Martin, G. H., Pvt.	Throssell, F., Gunner.
Monk, A. G., Sergt.	Tunbridge, P. A., Gunner.
Morey, Alf., Pvt.	Tuohy, T., Pvt.
Morey, A. W., Pvt.	West, B. F., Pvt.
MacDiarmid, A. M., Capt.	West, H., Pvt.
McKay, C., Flying Corps.	West, V. O., Pvt.
McArthur, A., Sergt.	Weston, I. W., Pvt.
McMurray, V. S., Corp.	Wells, Decimus, Pvt.
McAllum, L., Pvt.	Whitaker, G. L., Pvt.
Murray, Ken., Flying Corps.	White, C. J., Pvt.
Mace, L., Pvt.	White, K. S., Pvt.
Matthews, R., Corp.	Winfield, D., Flying Corps.
Norman, B., Pvt.	Woodhouse, R., Sergt.
Olson, E. E., Pvt.	Woods, A., Pvt.
O'Driscoll, A. J., Pvt.	Wright, C. G. R., Pvt.
Oliver, P. S., Pvt.	Wright, P., Pvt.
O'Brien, O. A. E.	White, A., Pvt.
Paterson, D., Pvt.	Whitcombe, Fred., Sergt.
Paterson, H., Pvt.	

The above lists are not complete, and very possibly there are serious omissions and errors of detail. For any information or corrections the business manager of the "Taranakian" will be very grateful.



## IN MEMORIAM.



ARTHUR HAMILTON AMBURY.

*"In Memoriam."*

ARTHUR HAMILTON AMBURY, an Old Boy of the School, gave his life on Mt. Egmont on June 3rd in an heroic attempt to save a climber who had slipped on the ice. He and his wife, with two other friends, were on the lower slopes, when calls for assistance were heard above. He took his wife to the track and then proceeded with a rope to the assistance of his friends, who had gone up in search of the climbers in trouble. He had just met them at an altitude of 6300 feet when William Edward Gourlay, in the rear of the descending party, slipped on the ice. Arthur Ambury, who had only an alpenstock, attempted to save him, but both were swept from the steps and were killed almost instantly after. It was a fine deed to attempt, as his chances of success were very small, but he acted without hesitation. His heroism has been recognised by the Royal Humane Society, and a cairn commemorating the deed is to be erected near the Mountain House by the public of the town. A fitting memorial is to be erected also at the School during the course of the year.

Arthur Ambury was born at Cheltenham, England, in 1881, and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ambury, to New Plymouth in 1893. He was at the School from 1895 to 1899, and on leaving entered his father's business. While at school he played football, and, as an Old Boy, was always keenly interested in School sports, being invariably a spectator at all our football matches. He played football and hockey with town teams, and was a member of the United, Fitzroy and Park Tennis Clubs at various times. He was interested in music and was a member of the Male Choir till his death. He was a member of the St. John's Ambulance (holding his medallion) and was a keen worker in the local Ambulance Corps. His cheery nature endeared him to all, and much sympathy is felt by the School for his widow and four little children and his bereaved parents, who lost their only remaining son in France recently. The School realises that it has lost one of its best supporters and friends, and his memory will long be revered.



RAYMOND JOHN AMBURY, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ambury, of New Plymouth, was born at Cheltenham in 1886 and came to New Zealand in 1893. He entered the School in 1901 and left in 1905, having matriculated. He followed the engineering profession for five years, and afterwards studied at Knox College, Dunedin. He then accepted the pastorate of the Wanganui East Baptist Church and left New Zealand with the 32nd Reinforcements. He was killed by a German sniper on August 30th, 1918. Raymond Ambury was the brother of Arthur Ambury, who sacrificed his life on Egmont in the tragedy of June 3rd of this year, and the sympathy of the School is with his wife and his relatives. He will long be remembered for the keen interest he took in sport and for his unassuming, sympathetic nature.

W. E. DOCKRILL.—Yet another Old Boy has fallen a victim to the influenza scourge. We refer to W. E. Dockrill, eldest son of Mr. E. Dockrill, who for many years was Chairman of the New Plymouth High School Board. Mr. Dockrill, who was only 35 years of age, was a boot importer and retailer, and had built up a very successful business in town. Though of a very quiet and unassuming nature, he had won the respect of a wide circle of friends. He was particularly interested in the welfare of the School, especially in regard to sport. A brother of Mr. Dockrill's—Captain J. Dockrill, who is also an Old Boy, is on active service in France with the R.A.M.C. We extend our sympathy to his bereaved parents in their loss.

SYDNEY F. DRAKE.—We very much regret to hear of the death of a very popular Old Boy in the person of Sydney F. Drake. He was admitted as a pupil to this School in February, 1914. Prior to this he had completed his primary studies at the State School in Inglewood. During his last year at the School he was one of the Prefects, and was also a member of the First Football Fifteen. He played as wing-threequarter, and on the football field possessed a great turn of speed: during the 1917 season he scored some very brilliant tries. He was an extremely keen athlete, and was sadly missed from the sports' field on his departure. To his sorrowing relatives we tender our sincere sympathy.

## ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

(R. M. Rockel.)

The Annual Steeplechase was run off on October 18th on the Waiwakaiho Golf Links. This is the first time that we have used the golf links; so the times given below cannot be compared with the times of last year's and preceding steeplechases. The course also was very much smoother, except on the sandhills, but had the great advantage of being visible from the golf-house. This, we hope, will greatly increase the interest taken by visitors.

This year it was decided to hold two steeplechases—one for the juniors and one for the seniors. The junior course was about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles and coincided with the senior course, with the sandhills and beach cut out. The senior course was  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles long. The course was marked out by flags and a paper trail through the sandhills, as time did not permit any training on the actual course.

### THE JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.

In the junior event there were about 60 competitors. The limit boys had three minutes' start, and the final lay between three of them. H. Fookes, a little fellow of 9 years, ran splendidly throughout and won by a narrow margin from K. Fox, with J. Cornish third. Fifty boys finished the course, and there was barely five minutes between the first and last home.

The following were the first twenty to finish:—

	Min.	Min.
1. Fookes, H. ....	3	15.55
2. Fox, K. ....	3	16
3. Cornish ....	3	16.20
4. MacDiarmid ....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	14.55
5. Hoby, A. ....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	15
6. Walker ....	2	15.35
7. Paget ....	3	16.40
8. Browne ....	3	16.50
9. Scanlan, J. ....	1	14.52
10. Mackay, D. ....	scr.	13.53
11. Scanlan, B. ....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	15.40
12. McNeill, C. ....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	15.45
13. Sladden ....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	15.47
14. Campbell ....	scr.	14.26
15. Blundell ....	1	15.28
16. List ....	3	17.29
17. Bellringer, R. ....	scr.	14.32
18. Fookes, G. ....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	16.10
19. Ballantyne ....	scr.	14.40
20. Jeffries ....	scr.	14.41



The ten best actual times from scratch were:—

	Min.
1. Mackay, D. ....	13.53
2. Campbell .....	14.26
3. Bellringer, R. ....	14.32
4. Ballantyne .....	14.40
5. Jeffries .....	14.41
6. Jury .....	14.45
7. Gibbs, B. ....	14.55
8. Jackson, J. ....	15.30
9. Erlandson .....	15.38
10. Corkill .....	15.40

### THE SENIOR COMPETITION.

In the senior competition there were about 190 starters, the limit boys having five minutes' start. Starting from near the pavilion, the boys ran straight down to the beach and were in full view practically the whole of the way. Then they disappeared behind the sandhills and had to run a considerable distance on the sand, which was very heavy going, coming into view again near the cliff overlooking the mouth of the Waiwakaiho River. The leader at this stage had an advantage of 50 or 60 yards. The competitors now remained in view of the spectators. The second man gradually caught up the leader and they ran the last mile or so abreast at a good pace. As they came closer to the crowd they were recognised as Allen and Dixon, and they were fully 100 yards ahead of the field, which was strung out for some distance. They kept together until near the end, when Dixon collided with, and fell over, a sheep which happened to cross his path. It was unfortunate, and robbed the race of what would undoubtedly have been an exciting finish. About 140 boys finished, eight minutes being about the difference between the first and last boy home. The first twenty to finish were:—

	Min	Min.
1. Allan, R. ....	3½	26.40
2. Dixon .....	4	27.25
3. Hair, G. ....	3½	27.15
4. Hair, D. ....	3½	27.25
5. Roberts, H. ....	4	28
6. Snowdon .....	2½	26.37
7. Boon, B. ....	scr.	24.8
		(fastest time).
8. Hogg .....	5	29.25
9. Wright .....	3	27.35
10. Jonas .....	4½	29.17





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	Min.	Min.
11. Jackson, S. ....	3½	28.17
12. Knapman .....	scr.	25
13. Morton .....	3	28.10
14. Renaud .....	scr.	28.12
15. Allemann .....	1½	26.47
16. Walter .....	2½	27.47
17. Train .....	3	28.20
18. Cavaney .....	4½	30.5
19. Wyborn .....	2	27.36
20. O'Halloran, L. ....	scr.	25.38

### SCHOOL NOTES.

(D. G. D. Mackie.)

On June 27, Mr. Foston, a travelling lecturer, gave us a very interesting lecture on North Auckland, a district of which most of us knew little. His lecture was illustrated by a set of excellent lantern slides, which helped us to understand more easily the nature of the country. The lecture aroused keen interest in some of the boys, who thought the Peninsula would be a good place for a holiday tour.

On Tuesday, October 8th, Keith Clemow met with a nasty accident, which, fortunately, was not attended by serious consequences, as he was motor-cycling to School after dinner. He was accelerating his engine so as to get up the Gover Street hill. At the corner of Gover and Pendarves Streets his machine hit the radiator of a car coming out of Pendarves Street, with the result that he was thrown against the kerbing. He sustained a broken nose and a gash above the left eye. However, he quickly recovered and was back at School again about three weeks later, minus the motor-bike.

This Term, two paper chases have been held. The first went down Cameron Street, behind Marsland Hill, to the beach near Kawaroa Park, and left the beach again near Eliot Street. The second was along the beach from East End to the mouth of the Waiwakaiho, along Devon line, up the Old Hospital Road to Lemon Street, and then to School. In neither case were the hares caught, but in the second, one of the hares twisted his ankle.

Every Term sees an extension of the work done in the Gully. The widening is constantly pushed forward, but there has been too much wet weather for great improvements to be made.



A "stunt" which greatly accelerated the work in the Gully was the institution of a competition. The Form which won the competition was to get the Friday off before exeat; but, owing to "flu," and the false declaration of Peace, we all had a holiday.

The half Term holiday was to have been Monday, November 11th, but the School was closed on Thursday, November 7th, till Monday, and then we were again closed for another week. All this suspension of work was due to the influenza epidemic.

Numerous have been the celebrations this Term. The first one was the rejoicing at the surrender of Bulgaria on October 7th. The following Monday we were given a holiday. The next celebration was for the surrender of Turkey on Thursday, October 31st. In this connection we got Friday afternoon as a holiday.

The third celebration was for the armistice with Austria, on Monday, November 5th. In the afternoon our Cadet Company paraded and was marched down town to the front of the Public Library, where a large meeting of townspeople was addressed by His Worship the Mayor. After we were dismissed, a "crocodile" was formed, and soon kerosene tins were obtained and a tin-can band was formed.

Another tin-can band was also mobilised on Friday, November 8th, to celebrate Peace, as a telegram had arrived to that effect. A couple of hours later we found there was no official telegram, so all were deeply disappointed.

Naturally, when Peace was officially declared on Tuesday, November 12th, our tin-can band again turned out in force; and in the afternoon the Cadets paraded and marched down to the Railway Station, where a large gathering of townspeople and returned soldiers was addressed by the Mayor and Colonel Weston.

On Wednesday, November 13th, a day of thanksgiving was held. A procession, in which our Cadets took part, marched from the Railway Station to Pukekura Park via Eliot Street. An appropriate service was held and addresses given.

On Monday, November 11th, Ron. Boon met with an accident at the corner of Devon and Eliot Streets. Luckily the accident was not serious, as next day he was on crutches with only an injured foot.

On June 26th, Mr. Tait, a returned soldier, who had seen service at Gallipoli, gave, after school, an exhibition of juggling and balancing in the temporary assembly hall. His feats were splendidly done, and his apparatus was of the simplest. For weeks—aye, and for months—afterwards, balancing sticks, knives, bats, chairs, etc., and juggling with plates, balls, etc., were the order of the day.

During the Second Term the School Orchestra turned out to play at the distribution of prizes by the North Taranaki Swimming Centre. The function took place in the Good Templars' Hall.

The Hawera A. and P. Association at its Winter Show offered prizes for the best essay on the "Advantages of Higher Education." The competition was open to the whole of Taranaki. The subject was a somewhat difficult one upon which to write either an attractive or impressive essay. The first prize was won by N. Waddle, the third by R. Syme, and D. Saxton's essay was highly commended.

On August 1st and the two following days the School was visited and inspected by Messrs. Cresswell and Parr, the Education Department's Inspectors. A thorough inspection was made, and the candidates for Senior Free-places received special attention. Just at the same time Mr. Wynyard left and Mr. Day joined the School.

We take this opportunity of farewelling Mr. Wynyard, and of expressing regret at his departure. We wish him every success in his business venture, and trust that he will look back upon his stay with us with a certain amount of pleasure. We are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Wynyard as our Commercial Instructor in place of Mr. Falconer, who has gone to Wanganui.

We welcome to the staff Mr. N. Day, an Old Boy of the School. Mr. Day has had much experience and much success as a teacher in primary school work. We trust his stay with us will be a long and pleasant one. It is pleasant to see Old Boys on the staff.

On August 5th the Cadets paraded and marched down to Everybody's Theatre on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Declaration of War. Appropriate addresses were given, and the usual patriotic resolution was carried.



The event of the second half-year has been the visit of the Nelson College and Auckland Grammar School football teams. These triangular tournaments foster a spirit of keen and friendly rivalry, and prevent the growth of any spirit of isolation or self-satisfaction. In every way it is a good thing to meet other teams and other schools. We sincerely hope that every year will see us engaged in some such triangular contest. A more detailed account of the tournament will be found in the Football Notes.

On October 15th, a deputation of members of the Citizens' Committee waited on Sir James Allen and the Hon. D. H. Guthrie and asked for a Government subsidy of pound for pound on the amount raised by the Committee. The Ministers gave the deputation a friendly hearing and promised to do what could be done. The Ministers visited the new building and inspected the plans, expressing themselves in most complimentary terms at the public spirit displayed in connection with the School. After the meeting with the Ministers, we have just lately been much disappointed to hear that only £1000 has been placed upon the estimates by Parliament. The Committee is, however, relaxing no efforts to secure a larger sum.

On October 12th, the Red Cross Mart was run by the School. All the produce sold was given by boys and parents, and the selling was undertaken by those connected with the School. There were no guessing competitions or raffles. A good day's business resulted in a very material sum being handed in to the funds of the Society.

It is now certain that the new class rooms and Assembly Hall will be ready for occupation at the beginning of next Term. Since the fire we have had temporary class rooms at the Racecourse, and we are now keenly anticipating the pleasure of well-equipped and suitable accommodation. As the accompanying photograph shows, the building is handsome in design, and is built on a site commanding a magnificent view. The rooms are large, modern in design, and provide every facility for up-to-date work. The Assembly Hall in particular will enable us to carry on the gymnastic work abandoned for over two years, and is amply large enough for school concerts, prize nights, and the numerous purposes for which it is required.





PRIVATE T. CORKILL.  
PRIVATE H. LINN.

TROOPER V. L. STANTON.  
PRIVATE G. SYKES.

"ON ACTIVE SERVICE."

TROOPER H. BLUNDELL.  
PRIVATE D. SYKES.



During the influenza epidemic the boys remaining in the Houses, some 48 in number, proceeded to the Mountain. They occupied the old House and the Cottage, and managed to make very comfortable quarters for themselves. Prefects and orderlies for each day were appointed, and some very fair talent in the cooking line discovered. Unfortunately it was wet most of the time, so excursions were limited, but on the few fine days glissading, climbing and exploring in the gorges were in full swing.

The only difficulty lay in the commissariat department, for appetites were distinctly good and transport, owing to the disease in town, distinctly bad. However, all had a very good time, and the object of the trip, freedom from the 'flu, was achieved.

Like all other institutions, the School work has been largely disorganised this Term by the influenza epidemic. In its early stages quite a number of boys suffered from mild attacks, but fortunately we escaped with no serious cases. We were compelled to cease work on November 6th, and finally decided on medical advice to close down for the year. As a result, Prize Night, Sports Meeting, Sports Dinner, and all the usual School functions of the year-end have had to be abandoned.

As most of the boys responsible for articles in the Magazine have been called home, we must crave the indulgence of the reader if the present number does not reach the standard of preceding ones. We sincerely hope that before long the last traces of the epidemic will have disappeared and that we shall be able to have an uninterrupted year's work in our new buildings.

The fire which destroyed the class rooms took place in August, 1916, and since then we have been housed in temporary quarters at the Racecourse. We have been fortunate in getting such satisfactory accommodation so close to the Houses and have been able to carry on work with a minimum of disorganisation. For the use of the Racecourse buildings the School is much indebted to the Taranaki Jockey Club, whose kindness to us we must acknowledge with gratitude. We must also express our thanks to Mr. J. Blewman, the custodian of the course, and to Mrs. Blewman, for their unflinching courtesy and kindness. The presence of the School there must have interrupted their work to a considerable extent, but they have always assisted us in every possible way.



On Tuesday, October 8th, we received a visit from the Rev. A. T. Thompson, M.A., B.D., the newly-appointed travelling secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. After roll-call he addressed the assembled School for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. He emphasised the ever-increasing issues of the Bible in an ever-increasing number of languages. The Society now publishes the Bible in over 500 different languages. The War has made great demands upon the resources of the Society, and millions of Bibles and Testaments have been issued to troops of all nationalities. It is worthy of note that not even in Berlin and Vienna have the hostile Governments closed the depots of the Society.

We have to acknowledge two bequests to the School by Old Boys who gave their lives for the Empire in France. B. Kelly, who left in 1914, bequeathed £10, which is to be devoted to the purchase of a Cup for competition in the Schools of the Empire match. He was especially interested in shooting, and was a member of the School team in 1914.

E. Mason, who left in 1913, bequeathed a similar sum, which will purchase a Cup for competition in the Athletic Sports, in which he was particularly interested.

## SHOOTING NOTES.

(E. Boulton.)

In the First Term, during practice for the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition, arrangements were made to count some of the scores for the School Shooting Championships. In all the Cup Competitions each competitor fired twice at both bull's-eye and figure targets, his Imperial Challenge Shield Competition score counting as a third shoot. Only members of the Senior Shooting Team were allowed to fire for the Searle Cup. The following are the scores for the Senior Cup:—

### COMPETITION FOR THE "SEARLE" CUP.

Name.	1st Shoot.		2nd Shoot.		3rd Shoot.		Total.	Aver- age.
	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.		
R. I. Harrison ...	45	46	50	46	47	48	282	47.00
G. J. W. Boon ...	44	43	50	45	44	45	271	45.17
B. H. Grayling ...	43	45	47	45	44	44	268	44.67
E. Boulton .....	46	41	47	46	43	40	263	43.83
R. C. Greiner ...	41	43	48	45	42	42	261	43.50
C. W. Morey ...	41	42	41	47	44	45	260	43.33
G. F. Bayly .....	40	42	45	45	43	43	258	43.00
G. L. O'Halloran	47	43	45	44	35	36	250	41.67

The competitions for the Junior Cup were decided under the same conditions as those for the Searle Cup, with the exception of the figure-target shooting, which was deliberate instead of rapid. The scores for the Under 16 Cup presented by Mr. Hamblyn are as follows:—

### COMPETITION FOR THE "HAMBLYN" CUP.

Name.	1st Shoot.		2nd Shoot.		3rd Shoot.		Total.	Aver- age.
	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.		
R. Musker .....	45	44	50	50	43	44	276	46.00
L. Abbott .....	46	46	47	45	42	42	268	44.67
A. Candy .....	45	43	48	45	43	39	263	43.83
B. Burkhardt ...	45	41	47	44	40	42	259	43.17
E. Pearce .....	38	38	45	47	47	44	259	43.17
R. Bothamley ...	42	39	46	45	40	41	253	42.17
R. Hair .....	41	38	45	44	41	39	248	41.33
M. Barak .....	39	41	39	39	40	45	243	40.50
F. Williams .....	43	36	42	46	34	35	236	39.33

The following are the scores for the Under 15 Cup presented by Mr. Loveday:—

### COMPETITION FOR THE "LOVEDAY" CUP.

Name.	1st Shoot.		2nd Shoot.		3rd Shoot.		Total.	Aver- age.
	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.		
R. Musker .....	45	44	50	50	43	44	276	46.00
L. Abbott .....	46	46	47	45	42	42	268	44.67
A. Candy .....	45	43	48	45	43	39	263	43.83
E. Pearce .....	38	38	45	47	47	44	259	43.17
R. Hair .....	41	38	45	44	41	39	248	41.33
M. Barak .....	39	41	39	39	40	45	243	40.50
H. Honeyfield ...	38	37	45	45	34	36	235	39.17
F. Williams .....	43	36	42	46	34	34	235	39.17

Musker thus wins both the Hamblyn and the Loveday Cups. He has shot consistently well throughout the year; and by making the possible of 100 points has set up a record which will never be beaten.

There were only six competitors for the Under 14 Cup presented by Messrs. McLeod and Slade; nevertheless there was keen competition for first place. The following are the scores:—

### COMPETITION FOR THE "MCLEOD AND SLADE" CUP.

Name.	1st Shoot.		2nd Shoot.		3rd Shoot.		Total.	Aver- age.
	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.	Bull.	Fig.		
L. Pease .....	43	42	43	42	43	41	254	42.33
R. Crawshaw ...	39	42	44	42	37	41	245	40.83
M. Barak .....	39	41	39	39	40	45	243	40.50
A. Moyes .....	39	37	46	41	38	36	237	39.33
F. Williams .....	43	36	42	46	34	34	235	39.17
G. Carr .....	33	38	36	37	39	31	214	35.67



As soon as the Championship had been decided, the final for the Junior Handicap Medal was shot off. During the First Term, when the Medal shooting was completed, it was found that Abbott and R. Hair tied for first place, both firing from scratch and scoring 91 points. The shoot-off resulted as follows:—

Name.	Bull.	Figure.	Total.	Average.
Abbott .....	42	42	84	42
R. Hair .....	39	41	80	40

During the present Term several practices have been held on the Rewa Rewa Range, and it was proposed to shoot off for the Championship Belt and the Lady Godley Cups towards the end of the Term. Owing to the premature closing down of the School, however, these competitions had to be abandoned.

The return match with the New Plymouth Defence Rifle Club, to be fired at 500 and 600 yards, was at first postponed owing to wet weather, but is now further postponed indefinitely. We hope that next year's team will give a good account of itself when it meets the Rifle Club.

With regard to the Imperial Challenge Shield competitions, the only information available so far is the following cable:—

For the Imperial Challenge Shield, presented by Colonel Fennell, a South African, 888 teams competed in the senior division and 575 in the junior division. New Zealand wins eleven prizes. The Senior Naval Cadets at Fremantle won the senior shield with an average of 95.8, the Naval Brigade, Hobart, being second with 92.6, the Naval Brigade, Thursday Island, being third with 92. The New Plymouth High School, Sydney Naval Brigade, and Cairns tied for fourth place with 91.3. Bisley Farm School won the Junior Shield with 94.5, New Plymouth High School being third with 89.6.

## COLONEL WESTON'S LECTURE.

(R. Syme.)

On October 30th, Colonel Weston, who has been at the Front for over three years, kindly came up to the School and gave us a most interesting lecture, illustrated by a map on the black-board.

After expressing his pleasure at being enabled to give an address, Colonel Weston first gave an explanatory account of the composition of an army, from army corps down to company. He emphasised the fact that it was a war of companies, as the indi-

vidual knew little of what was occurring outside of his company. The division, however, is the smallest unit on the field, and it is to divisions that the line is apportioned.

Colonel Weston then went on to describe the battle of La Basse Ville, which took place on July 31st, 1917, and was part of a concerted attack from the sea to the Lys, with the object of breaking the enemy's line. The German line in this particular sector was very strong, with frequent machine-gun posts. The British line was here held by the 1st Taranaki Company, which was only notified of the impending attack two days before, and this necessitated hurried preparations. Arrangements were made as to a barrage. Great care was required here, and especially in the hedgerows to the north, to avoid hitting our own men. Two rapid-firing mortars were brought up near the hedgerows, which constituted a serious obstacle to the advance. Communications were provided for by runners, and, in one place, by an underground cable to headquarters. Everything was prepared for the attack at 3.50 in the morning of the 31st.

On this morning the guns opened on a front of 50 miles, and our men went over the top. Unfortunately the weather was atrocious, and it is doubtless due to this that a more successful outcome of the day's battle was not attained. The taking of the village was assigned to the West Coast troops, under Captain McKinnon. It was taken with a rush, but there was some street-fighting at the eastern end.

To the north, however, the Wellington troops, under the able leadership of Lieut. Biss, were held up by the hedgerows, where were two machine-guns. One of his sections was practically annihilated. A diversion, however, was made by the timely advance of Sergeant Andrews up the railway line, on the flank of the hedgerows, which enabled the machine-guns to be taken by frontal attack; whilst the garrison, after several had fallen from flanking fire, surrendered. All objectives were now reached in this region.

Dispositions had now to be made for defence against a counter-attack. Three platoons were stationed in the village, and positions consolidated. Severe as the losses in the attack had been, they were equalled by those incurred in holding the village. The losses were grievous, and may be attributed in some part to the weather. Three German counter-attacks—one cleverly made under cover of the bank of the Lys—were beaten off by means of a barrage, which had been arranged for beforehand: whilst those who had fought were relieved and marched off to the rear.

Many distinctions were gained that day by officers and by men. One V.C., several D.C.M.'s, and no less than 22 M.C.'s were awarded for conspicuous valour.



Colonel Weston, whilst unable, owing to lack of time, to give a further account of the battle, finished an interesting evening by detailing the composition of the Wellington Battalion.

At the close of the address he was thanked by Mr. Moyes, who called for three hearty cheers. These were given, and, with the applause for the lecture, showed how we appreciated the address. Colonel Weston, in reply, said that we should be proud to bear the glorious name of New Zealanders. Our country had a great and noble future, and was packed, not only by the great traditions of Britain, but also by our own in the making. In conclusion, he said that each and all we must do our best to uphold the name New Zealand will have.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## HOUSE NOTES.

(K. C. Roberts.)

This year, owing to the fact that the School was closed earlier than usual at very short notice on account of the prevailing influenza epidemic, many important School functions have had to be postponed until the First Term of next year, and consequently there is rather a dearth of news for this number of the "Taranakian," and this section of the Magazine has had to suffer in common with others.

During the Winter Term we had seven weeks of almost unbroken wet weather, and, in consequence, many Boarders, in order to conserve their supply of School clothes, had to appear in various other garbs, thus producing a very variegated appearance. The incessant wet also had a rather detrimental effect on the recently excavated dug-outs, several of which collapsed, engulfing wheelbarrows, shovels, etc., in their fall. Curiously enough, one of these was called the "Dew Drop(ped) Inn."

This weather culminated in a few days of the coldest weather experienced here for many years. However, "it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good," for one day it was so cold in our temporary quarters on the Racecourse that we had to cease school for the day. On this occasion we had a general tidy-up, and also brought rocks up from the Te Henui River. These were placed in Hendrie Street, where they were utilised in carrying out improvements; rockeries were constructed and an

entrance to the new house built. In addition, several tree-ferns and young oaks have been planted beside the street. They are all thriving excellently, and are a great improvement to the appearance of the grounds.

Mr. Wynyard left us during the Second Term to take up business in town. His place as a Boarding Master was taken by Mr. N. Day, an Old Boy, to whom we all extend a hearty welcome.

Over at the Racecourse, the almost invariable cry of the Boarder with respect to books, written exercises, etc., is: "I left it over at the house, sir." This monotonous cry has now become a standing joke, and is particularly noticeable in certain cases. One VIA. youth, for instance, regularly every Monday morning, for a whole Term left his Latin prose "over at the house" instead of bringing it to class, so that the house seems to have become a kind of limbo.

For a long time past we have been short of lockers, but these have now been supplied. The little old dark-room has been demolished, and fifty spacious new lockers built in the original locker-room. These were apportioned to the Senior boys, while the original lockers were moved into the old Prep. Room and allotted to the younger boys.

Central Boarders were runners-up in the 1st Junior Football Competition, which was won by the Day Boys' team. Boarders' B won the 2nd Junior Competition.

During the Second Term, a few of our number were stricken down by a mild attack of chicken-pox, and had perforce to withdraw from the gay scene for a short time. The afflicted ones, none of whom, judging by appearances, were very bad, spent a most enjoyable week or so convalescing in the sunshine on the balcony amidst all the luxury of rugs, armchairs and books.

A youth who is evidently a keen follower of the "movie" world, one day handed in for the post a letter with the following address:—

MISS JACKIE SAUNDERS,  
Balboa Film Producing Coy.,  
Long Beach,  
CALIFORNIA.

It is surmised that his object was to obtain the photograph of this celebrated film star, which, doubtless, he in due course received and now admires in his leisure moments.



At the beginning of the Third Term, the occupants of the dormitories were changed round, so that all the houses were evenly matched as far as cricket was concerned. This was done for the purpose of organising a competition, but owing to bad weather, the Inter-Form Gully Competition, and training for the Sports, a start could not be made before the influenza was upon us.

A number of Boarders attended the Girls' High School Annual Dance, and, as is always the case at this function, one and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our own long-night dance was held at the end of the Second Term at the closing of the Dancing Class.

An excellent war-map of the Western Front has been put up in the corridor, and up until the signing of the armistice by Germany, the daily advances were marked. We were thus enabled to see clearly what splendid work was being done there, and to follow closely the course of the important events which took place immediately previous to the signing of the armistice. However, the sphere of action has since moved beyond the limits of this map, and another one, showing a good slice of the "Vaterland," will be necessary to keep us in touch with coming events.

In common with most other places in the world, we have received a visit from the "bacillus influenzae"; considerably over half of the Boarders were smitten, but fortunately, owing to the care and promptness exercised in dealing with the epidemic, all the cases were of a mild nature, and before the Christmas holidays commenced, the house was once again quite clear of cases. In order to prevent the attack spreading, the Health Department thought it advisable that the School should be closed from Wednesday until the following Monday while the buildings were being fumigated, and that the Boarders should be kept within bounds for a few days. However, when the bells rang and the sirens whistled on Friday morning proclaiming (falsely, as it turned out), that Germany had surrendered, we were allowed to break the latter restriction, and were soon all, except the unfortunate patients, taking part in the rejoicings. Not the least important incident in connection with the "flu" was the taking of a tonic "three times a day after food." One morning we saw a large glass bottle on one of the breakfast tables, and immediately guessed what it was for.



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There was great apprehension among us as to what its contents would taste like, but after the first dose we realised that there was no cause for alarm.

For some time now owing to the war we have not been able to get a really good boxing instructor, but this year we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Mr. Dunlop. Mr. Dunlop has had wide professional experience in the art of self-defence, and is also a physical culture expert, so that under his guidance, boxing has received a new stimulus. Unfortunately, as we closed down several weeks earlier than usual at the end of the Third Term, the Boxing Championships could not be held this year.

In place of the usual gymnastics we are at present doing physical drill. This has been greatly hampered by wet weather, and, in consequence, the physique has no doubt suffered deterioration, but a complete set of modern gymnastic apparatus is now on order, and will be installed in the hall in the new building by the beginning of next year, so that there will soon be an end to one of our greatest hardships.

With the coming of summer, tennis has begun again, but this game, like almost all other sport, has been seriously hampered by the unusually wet season. There are one asphalt and two grass courts available for play this year.

Two concerts were held in the old Prep. Room during the Term, and both, in spite of the inevitable unrehearsed items, were keenly appreciated by the audiences. The first was given by the Day Boys, and the second by Day Boys and Boarders combined, the former supplying the instrumental and the latter the vocal part of the programme. The humorous sketches given by a well-known quartette were a feature of both concerts. There was also an impromptu concert held one evening while the "flu" was raging.

The beginning of next year will see the back of many of our hardships, one of the chief among which is the want of proper accommodation for the Library. Since the fire, the Library has been buffeted from pillar to post, and is now occupying temporary quarters in the despised, but nevertheless all-important, tin shed. However, now that the additional wing is being added to the new School, the Library will soon be once again set up in quarters worthy of the name "Library."



## CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

(J. Kingston.)

Towards the end of the year there was an increase in the number of members, the roll now standing at 46. Owing to the unusually bad weather it was impossible to do as much photographic work as would otherwise have been the case. An extra covering of ruby fabric has been placed over the windows and lamp, making our temporary dark-room as light-proof as possible. Towards the end of the Term photographs were taken of all the football teams. In spite of the unfavourable weather the results were on the whole very satisfactory. The competition this Term consisted of four photos taken anywhere in New Zealand, one section over quarter-plate size and one under quarter-plate. Some very fine entries were received. As usual, those in the smaller size were more numerous. The results were:—

Over Quarter-plate: 1 B. Horner, 2 S. Jackson, 3 J. Kingston.

Under Quarter-plate: 1 L. Richardson 2, B. Noakes.

## CRICKET NOTES.

The House matches arranged for the Term had to be postponed on account of the most unseasonable weather in October and later because of the prevailing epidemic. The only matches played were the usual practice games between the 1st and 2nd XI.'s. Details of these are given below.

The chief interest this Term has lain in the experimenting with soils for wickets suited to this fickle climate. We found that a mixture of blue papa with local soil, lightly dressed on the turf, gave for surface and durability a highly satisfactory result. Consequently it seems that we may now hope to banish the old matting substitutes and get reasonable wickets to play on. The matches which have been played on the new wickets have been most pleasurable and productive of vastly improved batting.

1st XI. v. 2nd XI.

1st XI.—1st innings 89 (Sinclair 12, Hine 19, Greiner 15).

2nd XI.—1st innings 60 (Mr. Willis 16, Wyborn 9). Sinclair 2 wickets for 2, O'Halloran 3 for 14, Greiner 5 for 40.

1st XI. v. 2nd XI.

1st XI.—1st innings 104 (Willis 17, Sinclair 11, Osborne 11, O'Halloran 17, Saxton 22, Pope 11).

2nd XI.—1st innings 29 (Webster 9). Greiner 2 for 14, O'Halloran 5 for 8, Sinclair 3 for 5.

2nd XI.—2nd innings 72 for 7 wickets. O'Halloran 5 for 11.

## CONCERT CLUB.

At the beginning of the Second Term a general meeting was held to elect a Concert Committee. The following were elected:—Mr. McKinney (chairman), K. Clemow, D. Saxton, M. Osborne, C. Morey. The year's work has been characterised not so much by an increase in the number of concerts given as by the improved quality of the various items rendered. So much so has this been the case that it was fully intended to hold a concert towards the end of the year in the Good Templar Hall in aid of the School Building Fund. But we left School so hurriedly on account of the influenza epidemic that it was quite impossible to do anything of the kind.

The first concert, which was held early in the Term, was given by the Day Boys. It may be remarked here that this year the Day Boys have taken a much keener interest in the Club than ever before. Formerly the great bulk of the work fell on the Boarders. But this has changed markedly for the better. The programme was as follows:—

1. Pianoforte Solo ..... N. Bellringer.
2. Recitation ..... C. Noble.
3. 'Cello Solo ..... R. Rockel.
4. Song ..... H. Barton.
5. Recitation ..... E. Coleman.
6. Clarionet Solo ..... K. Ward.
7. Song ..... R. McRae.
8. Violin Solo ..... S. White.
9. Pianoforte Solo ..... R. Hoby.

Interval.

10. Pianoforte Solo ..... N. Bellringer.
11. 'Cello Solo ..... R. Rockel.
12. Recitation ..... K. Neal.
13. Clog Dance ..... R. McRae.
14. Clarionet and Violin Duet ... K. Ward and S. White.
15. Dialogue, "The Photographer," D. Denny-Brown,  
B. Johns, K. Clemow, C. Morey.



Later on, about half-way through the Term, a second concert was given, this time by a combined team of Day Boys and Boarders, the latter rejoicing in the name of "Moonshiners." Every evening between tea and "prep." there could be heard for weeks previous the melodious strains of the company practising. The public passing by must surely have guessed that the mountains were in labour; and truly more than a "ridiculous" mouse was born. The programme was as follows:—

1. Pianoforte Solo ..... S. Hayden.
  2. Recitation ..... K. Neal.
  3. Duet ..... B. Johns and C. Morey.
  4. Song ..... H. Barton.
  5. Pianoforte Solo ..... N. Bellringer.
  6. 'Cello Solo ..... R. Rockel.
  7. Dance ..... R. McRae.
  8. Clarionet and Violin Duet...K. Ward and G. Brunette.
- Interval.
9. Opening Choruses ..... (a) Entrance of Bing Boys.  
(b) Are we all here?
  10. Song ..... "Moonlight Bay" ... M. Cachemaille.
  11. Recitation ..... L. Pease.
  12. Kipling Walk ..... B. Horner.
  13. Humorous Sketch ... B. Johns, K. Clemow, C. Morey,  
B. Sturtevant, A. Candy.
  14. Song ..... "The Midshipmite" ..... A. Buchanan.
  15. Song ..... "My Sunbeam Lou" ..... D. Saxton.
  16. Song ..... "Joan of Arc" ..... B. Moore.
  17. Recitation ..... A. Candy.
  18. Chorus ... "We Pushed Them Through the Window"  
Company.
  19. Song ..... "Bells of Peace" ..... G. Hughson.
  20. Closing Choruses ... (a) China Town (b) Good Bye-ee.

### FOOTBALL NOTES.

(B. M. Johns, C. A. Noble, J. W. Jillett.)

With the passing of the Winter Term another football season has closed. This season has seen us once more definitely entered into the sphere of Secondary School football, a triangular tournament having been held with Auckland Grammar School and Nelson College.

This year the First XV. has been fairly successful, although only runners-up for the Northern Championship of the Taranaki Rugby Union. The forwards were

a heavy, hard-working pack, and in almost every match quite equal to their opponents. Their most noticeable fault, however, was a certain amount of slowness in following-up. The backs, several of whom were somewhat light-weights, were a fast lot and compared, on the whole, favourably with back teams of former seasons.

During the season the First XV. played 11 matches: 5 were won, 2 drawn, and 4 lost: points for 82, against 108. In addition to these matches several games were played against Old Boys and town teams on Saturdays.

The following were the members of the First XV.:

Forwards—		st.	lb.
Atkinson	.....	9	8
Buchanan	.....	12	4½
Knapman	.....	9	1
Saxton	.....	11	0½
Osborne	.....	11	13½
Burkhardt	.....	13	3
Calder	.....	10	5½
Wing forward—			
Boon	.....	11	4
Backs—			
Hamling	.....	9	3
Wills	.....	8	0
Willis	.....	10	5
Brackebush	.....	10	1
Beckbessinger	.....	8	11
McKay	.....	11	11
Smart	.....	10	0½
Emergencies—			
Boulton	.....	9	6
Howell	.....	8	13
Average for forwards		11	11
Average for backs		9	13
Average for team		10	6.6

The Junior Grades have, this year, shown much enthusiasm, and among these are many players of much promise. These will form a valuable recruiting ground for the First XV. next year. This season a Junior Competition was arranged for North Taranaki, for which competition the School entered two teams.

The Second XV. were a solid hard-working team, but were unfortunate in outside matches. The forwards were a good pack, but the backs were somewhat disappointing, on the whole. The Third XV. was, in all respects, almost as good a team as the Seconds. Indeed their backs appeared, at times, to be a little superior.



## FIRST XV. v. STRATFORD

(Won 6 to 3).

This match, which was played at Stratford on June 19th, was played in a drenching wet day on a very sloppy ground. Consequently play was largely confined to the forwards.

## FIRST XV. v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE

(Won 9 to 3).

This match was played on the Racecourse on July 4th. During the first spell School made a forward game of it, but in the second spell they made use of a strong wind behind, and the backs began to throw the ball about. Two tries were gained, one of which McKay converted.

## FIRST XV. v. ROVERS

Drawn—No score.

This match was played on the Recreation Ground on June 27th. The wet weather and the sodden state of the ground rendered any back or open play out of the question. After much forward play up and down the field the whistle went with no score on either side.

## FIRST XV. v. STRATFORD

(Lost 10 to 6).

Played on the Racecourse on July 25th. The Stratford team played well and the individual players were all in good form. The School team did not show as much dash as usual. The game closed with the score in favour of Stratford, who deserved their victory. The School score was made up of a try by Hamling and a penalty goal kicked by McKay.

## FIRST XV. v. TECHNICAL COLLEGE

(Drawn 3 to 3).

On August 15th. School met the Technical College on the Recreation Ground. Neither side scored in the first spell, but in the second spell each side got over the line. Boon scored for School.

## FIRST XV. v. WAITARA

(Lost 5 to 6).

On August 8th the team travelled to Waitara and met a very heavy team on a sodden ground. In spite of the wet, heavy ball the backs attempted some passing rushes, one of which resulted in a score. McKay converted. Waitara scored two tries.

## FIRST XV. v. ROVERS

(Won 13 to 8).

This match was played on the Racecourse on July 18th. Rovers opened by scoring near the corner, but failed to convert. A little later School equalised matters by a penalty goal. In the second spell Rovers gained a converted try, while Hamling and Osborne scored for School, both tries being converted by McKay.

## FIRST XV. v. WAIMATE

(Won 9 to 6).

On Saturday, July 6th, the team travelled to Hawera to try conclusions with Waimate. The ground was in rather bad condition both on account of the rain and on account of a match having been played just previously. In the first spell Waimate scored twice, neither try being converted. In the second spell the School backs opened out the game in fine style. Waimate was kept for nearly the whole spell on the defensive, while Hamling scored twice and Beckbessinger once for School.

## FIRST XV. v. WANGANUI OLD BOYS

(Won 8 to 3).

This match was played on the Recreation Ground on July 27th. A good exhibition of Rugby was given by both sides. The teams were very evenly matched, and both sides had a fair share of defence and attack. Wanganui, playing one man short, immediately set up a vigorous attack, and Harrison at full-back had plenty to do to save. Several times the visitors nearly got over, and their persistence was finally rewarded by an unconverted try by Rowe. The second spell opened with up and down play, and soon the scores were equalised by a penalty goal kicked by McKay. An attack by the visitors was spoiled by a passing rush by the School forwards, and the ball was forced out at the Wanganui 25. From the throw-out Hamling secured the ball and raced over the line. McKay converted, and the game closed without further scores.



## SECOND XV. v. STRATFORD D.H.S.

(Lost 8 to 0).

On July 18th, the team travelled to Stratford and played in a high wind. School had the wind in the first spell, but were unable to score. The second spell opened with up and down play till Kettlewell scored from the line-out. A few minutes later Thorpe got across the line. Connell converted.

## SECOND XV. v. STRATFORD CADETS

(Lost 8 to 6).

This match was played on the Racecourse on July 25th. In the first spell School, playing with the wind behind them, scored twice, Mackie and Greiner being responsible. Neither try was converted. In the second spell Collins kicked a penalty goal for Stratford, and after a passing rush Anderson scored. Connell converted.

## SECOND XV. v. ROVERS JUNIORS.

(Drawn 3 to 3).

In the first spell Hoffmann secured the ball from a cross-field kick and scored for Rovers. The kick at goal failed. A little later Whittle secured the ball near half-way and ran clean through the Rovers and scored between the posts. The kick failed. In the second spell there was no further score.

## SECOND XV. v. CLIFTON JUNIORS

(Won 11 to 3).

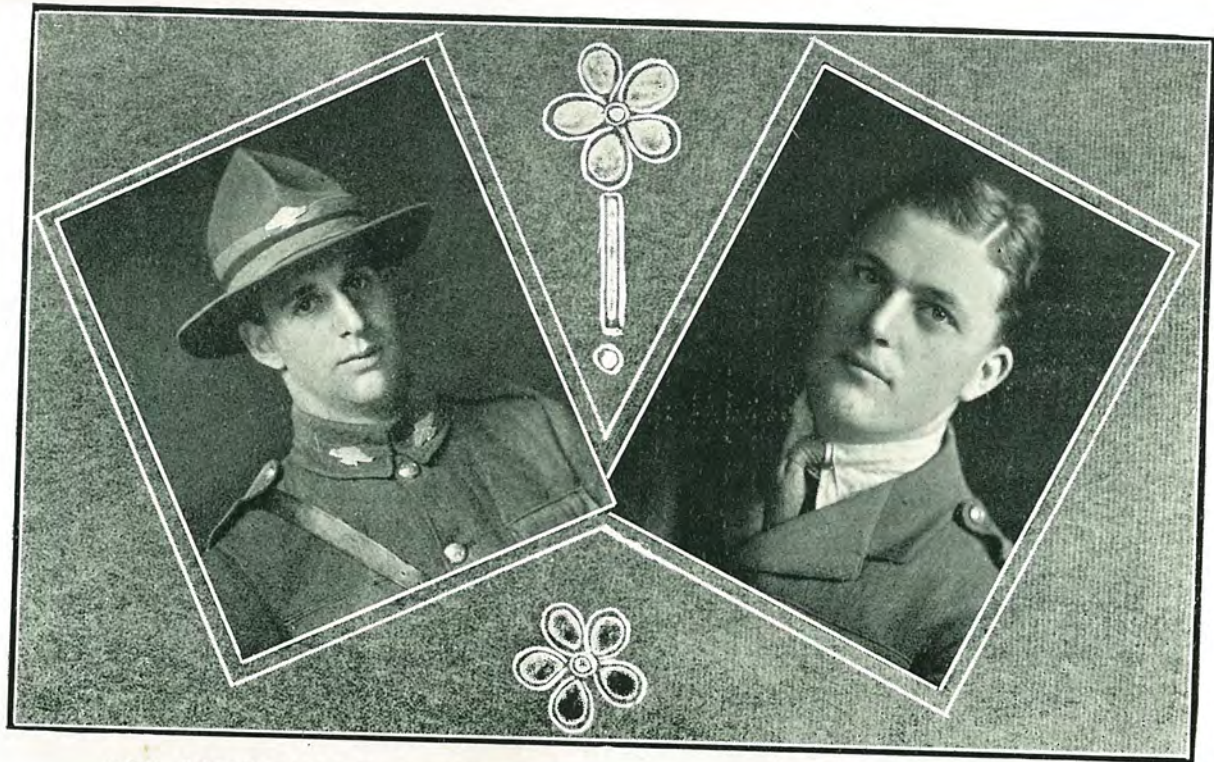
Clifton came in on a Saturday and played a friendly match on the Racecourse. In the first spell School played with the wind, and Knapman and Renaud each scored, neither try being converted. In the second spell Procter scored for Clifton and Smart for School. Denny-Brown converted the latter.

## THIRD XV. v. TECHNICAL CALLEGE II.

(Won 39 to 0).

From the first it was evident that School was the better team. Tries were gained by K. Clemow (4), L. O'Halloran (2), Fox (1), Boon (1), Walker (1). Of these tries Hine converted six.





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## THIRD XV. v. ROVERS II.

(Won 16 to 3).

Played on the Recreation Ground on July 25th. In the first spell after give and take play O'Halloran scored near the posts. Hine failed with the kick. In the second spell Rovers scored, while School added 13 points to their score. Tries were obtained by Hine (1) and Grayling (2), Hine and Grayling each converting one of the latter.

## THIRD XV. v. STRATFORD D.H.S. FIRST.

(Lost 9 to 0).

Played on the Racecourse on August 8th. The ground was very sodden and slippery, and rain fell during the game. Consequently the backs had little to do in the attack. Stratford scored three times in spite of the stubborn defence put up by School. The heavy ground and slippery ball certainly told against our lighter team.

## TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

(B. M. Johns.)

Towards the end of the football season, great excitement prevailed when it was made known that a tournament had been arranged between Auckland Grammar School, Nelson College, and ourselves, and that the matches were to be played in New Plymouth.

On Friday, August 23rd, the Masters and a number of the boys assembled on the wharf to welcome the Grammar School team on its arrival from Auckland. The boys who were billeted were introduced to their hosts. On the Friday afternoon the Auckland team went to the Sports Ground for a short practice.

Saturday broke rather cloudy, and with every prospect of being an ideal football day. The morning was spent in showing the visitors the sights of the town, and in the afternoon the opening match of the competition was played before a large number of spectators. While the game was in progress, the Nelson College team arrived, after travelling by slow train from Wanganui. The team was brought to the Park in time to witness the conclusion of the match. At the conclusion of the game the Nelson team was taken to the School, where the members were met by their hosts. In the evening the visiting teams were entertained by the School at Everybody's Pictures.



On Sunday morning the teams attended a special service at St. Mary's, and in the afternoon assembled at the School, where a number of motor-cars were waiting to take them for a spin round the country. Waitara was first visited, then Inglewood, and the return journey made through Egmont Village. The outing was greatly enjoyed by all the visitors.

On Monday afternoon the match between Auckland Grammar School and Nelson College was decided, and in the evening a dinner was held at the School, in honour of the visiting teams.

On Tuesday morning the Auckland team left for Palmerston by the express. At 9 o'clock the Nelson team gathered at the School, where cars were assembled to take them to Egmont. Although the weather was not very good, the team spent an enjoyable day, quite a number of the visitors going up to the snow.

On Wednesday, the day of the final match, the weather was not at all promising, as a light rain fell all the morning. However, the rain ceased before play commenced and held off during the afternoon. In the evening the Nelson and the School teams were entertained at a dance by the New Plymouth branch of the Nelson College Old Boys' Association.

On the following morning there was a large gathering at the station to farewell the Nelson team.

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Auckland Grammar School.—Won 2. Points gained 75, points against 13.

Nelson College.—Won 1. Points gained 16, points against 31.

High School.—Won 0. Points gained 19, points against 66.

#### HIGH SCHOOL v. AUCKLAND GRAMMAR.

The opening match of the tournament was played on the Sports Ground on Saturday, August 24th. Conditions were ideal, the ground being in good order and the weather cool and dull. Faster, heavier and cleverer than the local backs, the visitors handled the ball with machine-like precision. It was to the incisiveness of their attack, as well as to the weak tackling of the local

backs, that they owed their victory. The forwards were fairly evenly matched. The visitors won by 53 points to 10. Mr. Johnston refereed. The game was played in four spells of 20 minutes each.

Almost from the kick-off, Grammar School gave a taste of their ability. A fine pass by Badeley gave Kronfeld an opening, and he scored after a fine run. McCullough converted. For a short time play was confined to the forwards, but a passing bout resulted in Kronfeld scoring his second try, and a few minutes later he scored again. Badeley converted the latter, and the first quarter ended: Grammar School 13, High School 0.

On changing over, High School worked past midfield, where Kronfeld intercepted a pass and nearly scored. Then from a scramble Peart got over. The local forwards then took a hand, and a free kick by McKay failed. A passing rush by the visitors was intercepted by Hamling, and a few minutes later a rush by High School forwards resulted in a score by Atkinson. McKay converted. Back play by the local team was intercepted by Badeley, Stretton scored, and McCullough converted. A little later a kick from the ruck by Crawford landed a neat goal, and half-time sounded. Grammar School 21, High School 5.

Grammar backs got moving, and in quick succession Kronfeld and Badeley scored. High School forwards worked hard, and Hamling took play to the 25. A rush by Stretton was checked by Beckbessinger. A passing bout saw Kronfeld score again, and McCullough goaled. High School forced play to the visitors' corner, but Grammar cleared, and McCullough scored. Almost immediately Stretton scored from a passing rush, and Badeley made a fine attempt to convert. The third quarter ended: Grammar School 42, High School 5.

A long kick by McKay found touch at the 25. A pass by McKay was intercepted by Grierson, but Wills stopped him, and the local forwards, following up, smothered Auckland's full-back, and a score by Osborne was converted by McKay. Grammar retaliated, and Kronfeld scored. In the concluding stages Grammar School maintained the advantage. Brown scored two tries, the latter being converted by McCullough. The game ended: Grammar School 53, High School 10.



## GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. NELSON COLLEGE.

This match, which ended in a win for Auckland, was played on the Park Sports Ground on Monday, Aug. 26th. The ground was wet and slippery, and Grammar were unable to toss the ball about, as they had done against High School. Added to this, Nelson's tackling was very deadly. The first quarter of the match was almost without incident, the teams being fairly evenly matched. The only score gained during this quarter was by Mill, the Nelson captain, who got over after a fine swerving run.—Nelson 3; Auckland 0.

The second quarter saw Nelson almost continually on the defensive, but good tackling and good general defence frustrated Auckland's attempts to score. During this quarter Auckland tried several penalty kicks, but owing to the condition of the ball these failed.

On resuming after half-time Auckland gave several glimpses of their Saturday's form, but all rushes were stopped by the Nelson backs. Grammar had four shots at goal, but all failed. From a scrum on Nelson's corner, Wright worked the blind side, and dashed across. The kick missed, and the third quarter ended—Nelson 3; Auckland 3.

With the last quarter the critical time had arrived, and it was evident that Grammar were putting new vigour into their play. Twice, sweeping passing rushes went right up to the line, but excellent tackling by Nelson stopped them just in time. Then Grierson, the Auckland captain, got over, and the next score was registered by Badeley. Both kicks failed. From a scramble on the line, Peart got the ball, dived right over the scrum, and scored near the posts. McCullough converted. Kronfeld next got over near the corner, but the kick fell short. The final try was registered by Brown and converted by Badeley. The game ended—Auckland Grammar School 22; Nelson College 3.

Mr. C. H. Wynyard refereed.

## NELSON COLLEGE v. HIGH SCHOOL.

The final game of the tournament was played on Wednesday, August 28th, when Nelson College defeated School by 13 points to 9. The teams were very evenly matched, and in many respects the game was the most interesting of the series.





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School opened up almost immediately and made great efforts to break through Nelson's defence. Willis gave Beckbessinger an opening, but the latter, after a fine run across the line, lost the ball.

At the opening of the second quarter, Mill made a dashing run, but was held up on the line. However, a few minutes later, he got the ball from the loose and dashed right through. The try was converted. School soon after had Nelson on the defensive, and McKay kicked a fine penalty goal. This closed the first half, with scores—Nelson 5; High School 3.

McKay almost directly after resuming, manoeuvred cleverly from the scrum and passed to Beckbessinger, who sailed over near the corner. Nelson attempted some dashing passing rushes, but these were successfully resisted by the School forwards.

The last quarter was full of excitement. School was awarded a free kick, and McKay, from a difficult angle, placed a fine goal. Nelson worked down into High School's 25, where Mill scored another try, which was converted, making the score 10-9 in favour of Nelson.

School worked hard to equalise, but Nelson kicked high and cleared their 25. Sutherland soon got away and made an opening for Baxter, who scored. Desultory play followed, and the final scores stood—Nelson 13; High School 9.

Mr. J. Johnston refereed.

During the match, Harrison (New Plymouth), McDonald and Langbein (Nelson) had to leave the field owing to injuries.

### PREPARATORY NOTES.

This last half-year has been without any very marked School incidents. The celebrations on account of the surrenders of Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria, and the signing of the armistice by Germany can scarcely be called School events, however important they are in the history of the world. On each occasion, of course, we had a holiday and joined the crowd of those rejoicing. The unusually wet weather has interfered with many of our outside activities. Even football had to suffer to some extent. For the first time the Prep. won the Junior Inter-forms Competition; while in outside matches we had a fair measure of success.



Owing to the continued wet weather there have been very little cricket practice and no outside matches. The unavoidable postponement of the Annual Sports, Boxing, etc., owing to the influenza epidemic has enabled us to put an unusual amount of energy into our School work. So much so has this been the case that a new teacher has been appointed.

We wish to welcome Miss Campbell, and hope that she will have a pleasant and long stay with us. We have now three teachers in the Prep.

The roll number stands at 88 at the end of the year, and it has been found necessary to provide three rooms for us. We wonder whether we shall reach three figures next year in our own old quarters.

We were all shocked and grieved towards the end of the year to hear of the deaths of Mr. McDonald and of Mr. Kidd, both of whom, though they never actually taught us, were very well known to us in other ways. They always had our highest respect and were very popular with us. We feel that we have lost two real friends.

So far the weather has been too cold and stormy for swimming. But next year will show what the Prep. can do in the water.

This year the Proficiency Certificates have been awarded on the class results obtained throughout the year. Out of twenty candidates eighteen obtained Proficiency Certificates, while two failed. The names of those successful are: R. Arthur, F. Butler, A. Bendall, R. Christie, R. Dolby, C. Drader, S. Fookes, J. Gibbs, J. Jackson, B. Lash, D. Mackay, K. Neal, J. Prideaux, J. Palmer, T. Penn, M. Robertson, F. Williams, L. Webster.

It will be seen that we have a very quiet record since the last number of the Magazine; but we hope that the First Term of 1919 will be one much fuller of incident.

## AGRICULTURE.

It has been often said that Agriculture is the foundation stone of our national life and progress. Therefore a sound and a widespread knowledge of it is highly important. It is of greater importance now, for on the products of the land our Dominion must primarily depend.

At the School these facts are kept in mind in connection with agricultural education. Attached to the School are grounds to the extent of 15 acres, which are placed at the disposal of the Agricultural Class. This enables extensive experiments to be carried out, and, as Taranaki is pre-eminently a dairying province, top-dressing of pastures and general treatment of pasture receive much attention. Owing to the lack of artificial manures, comparative tests were not carried out this year, but all the experiments demonstrated the beneficial results obtained by proper pasture top-dressing. A horse-drawn lime and manure spreader greatly facilitated this work. It may be noted that there was no lack of offers to drive the machine, the boys entering into the work whole-heartedly.

In addition several paddocks were ploughed and cultivated and, having been limed and manured, were sown down. The following crops are making good growth and should give satisfactory results—potatoes, carrots, parsnips, oats, peas, beans. In a smaller plot, radishes, lettuce, mustard, onions, etc., were planted.

Several visits to farms and gardens were paid during the year. At Mr. Fussell's, Waiongona, a pruning demonstration was given, and afterwards an inspection was made of the farm. A very instructive and enjoyable day was spent, and the thanks of the class are due to Mr. Fussell for placing his orchard at the disposal of amateur pruners. We would also like to thank Mr. D'Arcy Robertson for allowing us the use of his trees for further pruning work.

During October a shearing class was held, the sheep being supplied by the Freezing Works Co., at Smart Rd., through the kindness of the manager, Mr. Milne. This class proved very popular, and, it is to be hoped, an instructive one. It would be of considerable benefit to our prospective farmers were this class to become an annual one and extended in certain directions.

Instruction in cow-judging was also given, and although our cows did not possess all the desired good qualities, yet they served to demonstrate what to look for in estimating the value of a cow, apart from her milking records.

The indoor work included Agricultural Botany, Agricultural Chemistry, Dairy Science, Farm Book-keeping, and General Agriculture. Owing to lack of suit-



able class-rooms, apparatus, etc., some of the work had to be abandoned, but when the new buildings are completed this defect will be remedied.

A welcome and much-needed addition was made to our supply of tools and farming implements during the year, with the result that work has been carried out with greater efficiency. But several additions could yet be made with advantage, and we hope next year to have a complete outfit.

A word of praise is due the Preparatory School boys for their keenness and good work in their section. By the time they reach the Senior Classes they should have a good knowledge of agriculture.

Owing to the influenza epidemic and the "Peace" holidays, some of the field work had to be abandoned, but a good start will be made next year to keep our farm in working order.

This year all the agricultural work has been done under the supervision of the Taranaki Education Board's instructors, Mr. R. A. S. Browne and Mr. J. W. Connell. Mr. Browne spent a couple of months in camp at Trentham, but, on the conclusion of the war, returned to Taranaki. We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming him back. During his absence, Mr. J. W. Connell, assisted by Mr. W. Dean, had charge of the work.

### CADET NOTES.

(R. M. Rockel.)

Since the last issue of the "Taranakian" we have had platoon, section, and company drill. These have been carried out on alternate days except when special work has interfered.

At the beginning of the Second Term a competition among the sections was held, and Sergeant-Major Hunt judged the finals. The results were as follow:—

1. Right half, No. I. Platoon—Platoon Com. D. F. C. Saxton.
2. Left half, No. III. Platoon—Platoon Sergeant D. Denny-Brown.
2. Right half, No. IV. Platoon—Platoon Com. C. McKay.



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CORP. H. H. BARKER.

SERGT. G. B. HOOKER.

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The N.C.O.'s classes have been continued by Mr. Ryder and Sergt.-Major Hunt. These classes have been held for instruction in extended order drill, artillery formation, and rifle drill. On Friday, October 11th, a short examination was held, on which promotions partly depended. During the last Term several promotions have been made to bring the N.C.O.'s up to full strength for the barracks.

At the end of September we were fortunate enough to secure forty rifles. Although this number was not nearly sufficient for the whole Company, one platoon was able to receive rifle instruction each parade.

On November 7th, Lieutenant King, the staff musketry instructor, came up from Wellington to visit us. Those of the seniors able to parade he broke up into three squads; No. 1 containing the N.C.O.'s, which he himself took, and Nos. 2 and 3 made up of privates, which were taken by Sergeant-Majors Hunt and Crompton respectively. The nomenclature of the Lee-Enfield rifle and its parts, sighting, aperture and barleycorn, and loading were taken. The class was to be continued on Friday morning, but just before we were to start, the false news of Germany's surrender came through; so there was no work done that morning.

On October 28th, the Citizens' Band Committee asked us to put on a display of rifle drill. A squad of forty boys were picked and drilled by Mr. Moyes until we had a fair knowledge of the drill. D. F. C. Saxton then took charge, as he was to drill the squad in Pukekura Park. The display was given during the afternoon at the Band Carnival.

On August 4th, the fifth anniversary of the declaration of war, the Company paraded on the School ground at 2 p.m. and marched to the Coronation Hall, where the Band and other units were to fall in. The parade then marched through Devon Street to Everybody's Theatre, where the public meeting was held.

The next parade on November 4th, three months later, was to celebrate Austria's surrender. We fell in on the School grounds and marched to the Fire Brigade Station to join the procession, which then proceeded through Devon Street and Brougham Street to the Soldiers' Club, where the Mayor made the declaration. Afterwards the procession marched once round the town and then dispersed.



The next parades gave us still higher spirits. On November 12th, when the official news of the signing of the armistice by Germany came through, there were wild scenes of rejoicing, which slackened off about mid-day, when preparations were being made for the afternoon's procession. The School Company fell in as usual on the cricket ground and joined the other units at the Fire Brigade Station, from which we all proceeded to the Railway Station, where the Mayor made the declaration and Colonel Weston made a brief speech.

On the following day the units fell in along St. Aubyn Street and followed a tortuous route to the Recreation Grounds, where the Mayor and some of the public men of the town made short speeches after the Union Jack had been saluted. The company was dismissed on the grounds.

In conclusion it might be added that it was intended to hold a military camp under Colonel Sleeman in December, but owing to the closing of the School on account of the epidemic this was put off.

### BIRTHS.

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ELLERM.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ellerm, August 8th, 1918—a son.

QUILLIAM.—To Lieut. and Mrs. R. H. Quilliam, April 7th, 1918—a daughter.

BEWLEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bewley, on November 10th—a son.

HAWKINS.—On December 11th, 1917, to Lieut. and Mrs. G. J. Hawkins—a son.

HEPPELL.—On November 15th, the wife of N. O. HepPELL—a son.

### MARRIAGE.

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SIMPSON—LEATHAM.—On September 18th, 1918, at St. Mary's Church, Keitha Alice Leatham to Trevor Chilman Simpson.