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Team.	Captain.	Deputy-captain.
1st XV	D. Coakley.	R. Johnstone.
2nd XV	V. Raines.	W. Bewns.
3rd XV	T. Howie.	C. Lambeth.
4th XV	E. Officer.	J. Cameron.

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Team.	Captain.	Deputy-captain.
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Saturday Juniors..	R. Mills.	

Library—Librarians: L. Hensley, G. Cameron.

Cocoa Club—J. Gilkison, L. Gilkison, T. Howie, E. Service, P. Service.

Swimming—Secretaries: C. Noble-Campbell, A. Kingsland.

Southlandian—J. M. Mackenzie (Editor), T. James, R. McDowall.

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EDITORIAL.

'Till the war-drum throbbed no longer, and the battle
flags were furl'd

In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.

—Tennyson.

We are passing through a wonderful era—the era of reconstruction. The last few months have been full of momentous happenings; the history of the world has been written afresh. A year ago our armies were fighting an apparently invincible foe; to-day our statesmen are dictating peace to a shattered enemy. It appears probable that before these lines are in print Germany will have signed the peace terms. We are brought into closer touch with these events by the return of our fighting men. Some are already back among us again gradually returning to the old daily round of life. Others will never return; they are sleeping the long sleep on battle scarred Gallipoli and in shell-torn France. They have done their duty as we would hope to do if the call came to us.

Appalled by the hideous phantasmagoria of the last four years, the nations of the world have met in conclave to find means of preventing wars, and to join the world in one great brotherhood. The League of Nations is the result. With it must come a wider outlook. In the past we have been tied down by narrow traditions and conventions; radical changes must take place in the future. Nationalism

will give way to internationalism. Nations will not be allowed to spend millions of pounds on armaments for aggressive purposes, as Germany has done. Foreign Policy will give way in a great degree to Home Policy. In this era there will be a betterment of social conditions and educational facilities. Learning, geographical, mechanical and scientific discovery will advance enormously. Let us hope that no longer will nations be bled white with the loss of their noblest manhood, no longer will there be the strife, the slaughter, the murder, the atrocity of war, but rather that to this world of ours there will come everlasting peace and prosperity.

Immediately after the armistice the dreaded influenza epidemic made its appearance in the town. The School was in camp at the time and soon after the resumption of school work it was found necessary to close down indefinitely, and afterwards till the next year. Consequently there were no third term examinations, and the presentation of prizes was delayed till this year. The public examinations were postponed till the middle of January. School was resumed on January 28, so that we have had a long holiday; however for some it was not a holiday. Although there was no loss of life in the school during the epidemic, some of us lost relatives and friends. To these we extend our deepest sympathy.

Presentation of Prizes.—The annual prize-giving ceremony took place in the Gymnasium early in the term. The Mayor (Mr John Stead) kindly presented the prizes. The Board of Governors and the staff were present, while the boys reclined in more or less striking and elegant positions on the floor of the Gymnasium. The Rector mentioned that the dux of the school, Sydney Hall, had gained a junior and senior scholarship and he expected him to gain a University scholarship. He has now done so. After the prize-giving the school was closed for the day at the request of the chairman. The feature of the function was the giving of books as prizes. In the past years of war, by the unanimous wish of the school, the prize money was given to the various patriotic funds and parchment certificates were substituted.

This year a large increase in the number at school is evident. Many of the class-rooms are uncomfortably crowded. There are now 225 on the school roll. Although no definite announcement can be made concerning the new school, the Board are taking active steps in the matter and have already conferred with the Minister of Education regarding the Government grant. More information will probably be given in our next issue.

The cricket season was unfortunately short due to the inability of the school to secure matches against outside teams. Last term will be remembered chiefly as having witnessed the revival of the annual junior match with Otago. The junior eleven gained a brilliant innings victory over Otago. The fine batting of the school on a sticky wicket was a notable feature of the game.

The swimming sports, held under ideal weather conditions, were a great success. An increasing number of entries and competitors was noticeable.

With a short cricket season, tennis became very popular, the courts being always occupied. Two matches were played in conjunction with the sister school.

Owing to the nearness of the two holiday periods and the early examinations, football was not commenced till the second term. This year the secondary schools' tournament will be held in Timaru.

N.Z. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SCHOLARSHIPS.

Our soldiers deserve rewards. Among those already in operation is the award of a limited number of scholarships to specially selected members of the Expeditionary Force. These scholarships are a gift from N.Z. to her soldiers, and the bestowal of them is entrusted to the Board of Governors of the N.Z.E.F. educational scheme. The scholarships are available for the following subjects:—Afforestation, agriculture, architecture, arts, engineering, medicine and science. Their annual value will be between £175 and £250 per annum. They will be tenable for three years and may be extended at the discretion of N.Z.'s Minister of Education. Holders must satisfy the authorities of the college selected and attended by them. They will require to sign a contract: (a) to return to N.Z. within a year of the expiry of the scholarship; (b) to reside in N.Z. for not less than three years after their return. Failing the fulfilment of these conditions, they will be expected to refund to the Minister of Education 50 per cent. of the scholarship money paid.

We congratulate at least four of our Old Boys on being awarded N.Z.E.F. scholarships.

Sgt. C. Lindsay Bennet, of the 1st Auckland Regt., formerly of Pukerau and Gore, has been granted a scholarship to enable him to take an Arts Course at an English University.

Driver Geoffrey V. Wild, of the N.Z. Field Artillery, has been granted a scholarship to enable him to study Agriculture in Britain.

Lieut. Ernest George, M.C. (Bluff) has been granted University of London Training to enable him to study for the Associateship in Civil Engineering.

Pte. John Findlay, M.M. (of Orawia), has been granted a bursary in Education at a Normal Training College, England.

STAFF.

After four years' service Mr Stobo is leaving us to join the staff of the Technical School, where he has already been giving his services for evening work. We regret his departure but congratulate him on promotion.

Mr J. B. Mawson, M.A., who has been appointed to the vacancy in the staff, is at present teaching at Wellington College, where he was engaged prior to going on active service. Mr Mawson is a graduate of the Otago University, where he gained his M.A. with honours in Latin and English. He left with the Eighth Reinforcements, with the rank of lieutenant, and served abroad during 1915-16-17. He fought through the Somme in 1916, where he was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery, and carried on until severely wounded at Messines in June, 1917. Mr Mawson has had a good sports career. For four years he played with the University football fifteen, and was selected to play for Otago in 1913.

We were within an ace of losing Mr Alexander last March. He was offered the position of Agricultural Instructor to the North Canterbury Education Board; but, fortunately for us, did not accept the position.

Miss Jessie McKay, an ex-pupil of the Girls' School when it was adjacent to us here, and who has seen ten years' service under the Southland Board, joined the staff in March.

Capt. L. J. Chapple is acting as Quarter-Master in Sling Camp. He sends his regards to the School.

Mr J. L. Cameron has passed his Lieutenancy examination, both oral and written.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, 1918-19.

University National Scholarship—Sydney Hall. University Bursaries—J. M. Alexander, R. G. Stevens. Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge and Medical Preliminary—A. T. Howie, E. W. Kerr, W. F. M. Ott, C. D. Read, R. F. Roberts, A. J. Sligo.

Matriculation—A. Buckingham, R. T. Burt, E. R. W. Ennis, A. R. Ford, W. T. Johnson, C. M. Marshall, H. D. Morgan, T. R. Pryde, J. O. Sanders, E. Undrill.

Partial Pass—J. T. Gilkison, J. M. Hoffmann, T. James, J. M. McKenzie, E. J. McLauchlan, E. F. Thomson.

Public Service Entrance—R. Burt, J. P. Joyce, G. Tuson, V. Moss.
Senior Free Place—E. Miller.

Higher Leaving Certificates—J. M. Alexander, J. Bell, A. Buckingham, J. Ewart, S. Hall, T. R. Pryde, R. G. Stevens, H. Jefcoate.

We have pleasure in acknowledging a copy from the author of "Soils and Manures in N.Z." by Leonard J. Wild, M.A., B.Sc., F.G.S., Lecturer at Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln. We congratulate Mr Wild on his authorship and hope his little handbook will have a large circulation. It is suggestive and stimulating.

SCHOOL NEWS.

Prefects.—The following have been appointed School Prefects for the year:—T. James, A. T. Howie, H. Morgan, A. Sligo, R. McDowall, E. Diack, A. Kingsland.

After a very protracted holiday, due to the occurrence of the "Flu," the school resumed on February 4th. We had broken up somewhat abruptly at the end of last year owing to the epidemic, which had been hailed with such stirring cheers by the juvenile section of our community as they anticipated the long holiday before them. Little did they think at that time of the amount of suffering and distress to be caused in our city by the dread agent which they greeted in such a defiant manner. During that anxious time we were all very sorry to hear of the death of the wife of one of our masters, Mr McGrath. The sympathies of us all went out to him, and to his family, in their sad loss.

Shortly before the opening of school we were sorry to hear of Mr Dakin's illness, which prevented him from being present at school till a fortnight after work had begun. However, we are all glad to have Mr Dakin with us again as hale and hearty as he used to be.

We wish to extend to Miss McKay, who joined the staff at the beginning of the year, a very hearty welcome.

When the school opened, several of the seniors were absent at examinations, and it is with pride that we are able to say they put up a good show in that feature of the work. Sydney Hall gained a University Scholarship and G. Stevens and J. Alexander qualified for University bursaries. There was the usual batch of matriculants. Their names are elsewhere in this issue.

A large number of new boys presented themselves for the usual yearly ablutions. Many evinced a great desire to examine the soapy contents of the bath, and provided little sport for the "hard-working"

seniors. So anxious for a little fun were these "gentlemen" that they made an excursion to the Tec., bringing back in great glee two or three of those "beautiful scarlet-runners," who, on being released, showed that they merited the latter part of their name; but as to why they had been given the former the onlookers were left in "darkness."

Shortly afterwards the Girls' sports created a diversion from the toil of school. The Rector gave a period off and large numbers migrated to the Girls' High School grounds. This was quite natural, as doubtless, many of the chaps had sisters competing.

A week or so later the good-natured relations between the schools was made more evident. A tennis tournament was arranged, a match being played on the girls' courts and a return on our own. A most enjoyable part of the tournament (so we are told) was the afternoon tea provided by the Rector.

The Caledonian sports were begun on 12th March; but unfortunately the heavy rain came on, and after six events the sports were postponed. Almost all the prizes were carried off by the school.

We congratulate the junior eleven on their victory over Otago. Cricket was carried on in a desultory fashion this year, with the result that there were no senior matches between the schools.

Outing.—In hired drags, by push and motor bike, by motor car and dogcart, the School spent the 27th of February in proceeding to Riverton beach via the Bay Road. There was a chill sea breeze unfortunately that did not suggest surfing. Otherwise, behind the shelter of the sandhills, the day was a pleasant diversion and was enjoyed by one and all.

Swimming sports of 1919 were a great success. We hope that the innovation of boys' and girls' events on the same programme will become a permanent feature of these sports.

Red Cross collection on the last day of February produced £2 1s 6d.

Our young friend that embraced a trampoline in his furious motoring has taken to footing it nowadays.. The smile is still there, however.

V.A MALAPROPSMS.

"The lion is an avaricious animal."

"The Gabardine Swine."

We were given twenty minutes to discuss peace celebrations and what we should do. Some ridiculous proposals were put forth. A certain number advocated the wearing of an "up-side-down" dress. He generously offered to show what he meant, but the Rector deemed it inadvisable.

We have been advised to shake milk before we drink it.

Il lui a fait mal.

Translated by A. C.: "He made himself ill."

Teacher: Remark on the form "woman."

Pupil: "Woman" means "one who woos."

FIRST YEAR VERSION OF HAMLET'S SOLILOQUY.

To work or not to work, that is the question
 Whether 'tis better in mind to suffer the slings and arrows of a
 detention room
 Than to take up arms against a sea of home work,
 And by hard work end it.
 To work; perchance to fail; ay, there's the rub.
 For in the work what mistakes may come.
 There's the respect that makes calamity of a night's hard work.
 For who would bear the whips and scorns of mistakes
 When he himself might miss them by doing no work.
 Who would burdens bear;
 But that the dread of something after a night's rest
 The well-known room from whose bourn
 No traveller returns till after half-past three, puzzles the will
 And makes us rather bear those ills we have
 Than fly to others that we know not of.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Association was held at the School on Friday, April 4, 1919. Mr J. T. Carswell (Vice-President) presided over a meeting of about 25 Old Boys. The election of Office-bearers resulted as follows:—

Patrons—Hon. J. A. Hanan and Mr T. D. Peace.

President—Mr Wm. Macalister.

Vice-Presidents—Messrs John Gilkison, J. R. Martin, J. T. Carswell, T. D. A. Moffett, J. H. Reed, J. P. Dakin, Rev. J. Collie, and Rev. J. A. Asher (Napier).

Committee—Dr MacGibbon, Messrs D. Cuthbertson, G. Henderson, M. Alexander, G. J. Reed, S. V. Raines, R. A. Coutts and R. Fraser.

Secretary—Q. G. Christophers.

Treasurer—J. L. Cameron.

It was decided to congratulate Rev. J. A. Asher (Napier) on being elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand for the present term.

Lieut.-Col. James Pow, D.S.O., was elected a Life Member of the Association.

Mr Pearce took the opportunity of thanking Old Boys for their assistance in connection with the Inter-Schools Football Tournament held last year, and made special mention of the useful work done by Mr Geoff. Henderson.

Several matters in connection with the Association were discussed, the most important being that advocated by Messrs Raines, G. Reed, and Rev. J. Collie, viz., the formation of a club for Old Boys with a social and intellectual sphere. The Committee was instructed to consider the proposal and it was afterwards decided to call a special general meeting in the Floral Tea Rooms on May 23.

This meeting was attended by about 35 Old Boys and the President (Mr Wm. Macalister) presided. The majority of the speakers said that there was not sufficient support to start a club, but that if reunions of Old Boys were held more frequently they would provide a substitute for the club. It was finally decided to hold, say, three or four reunions each year to be held more frequently if desirable.

The meeting then took the form of a smoke concert and an enjoyable evening was spent under the chairmanship of Mr J. H. Reed, as the President was unable to stay. Mr T. H. Watson's songs greatly helped the success of the evening.

The meeting was able to welcome four returned soldiers:—E. Brodie, W. R. Mabson, Les. Greig and I. Lindsay. The two former were added to the general committee.

Mr Wm. Macalister mentioned that the design for the Memorial of Old Boys who lost their lives in the war, had been ordered from England, and it was hoped to have it soon for consideration and approval.

A fresh supply of Old Boys' Badges has come to hand and they may be obtained from the Rector or the Secretary at the cost of 2/-. The Badges are a good design and all Old Boys should procure one. There are also a number of School Pennants to be disposed of, price 2/-. The Pennants were designed about two years ago and make a very good memento of the school.

Old Boys are reminded that the Subscription to the Association—3/- per annum—is now due, and is payable to the Treasurer (J. L. Cameron), c/o Boys' High School; or to the Secretary (Q. G. Christophers), c/o Bank of New South Wales.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1918.

The first re-union held was a smoke concert in May. We were fortunate in having our President (Hon. J. A. Hanan), with us. The function was well attended, though chiefly by Old Boys of the younger generation.

The most important event of the year was the Schools' Football Tournament held in September, which was won by the School Fifteen. Your Committee assisted in the arrangements of billeting and enter-

taining the visiting teams and, on the evening of the first round of matches, entertained the four teams at the Federal Rooms. We are indebted to the members of the Orphans' Club who provided a very good musical programme.

In honour of their victory the Association entertained the First Fifteen at a dinner on October 9. This was much appreciated by the players, and was well attended by Old Boys; though the Committee would have liked to have seen a larger attendance of older Old Boys.

In November the Old Boys' combined with the Old Girls' Association in giving a dance. This was very successful and made a suitable end to the year.

We were unfortunate in losing the services of the Secretary (Mr E. H. Smith) who has gone to Dunedin. Mr Smith did good work in starting the Association and it is hoped a good successor will be found.

During the year about 85 members were enrolled, and by active canvassing, this should be increased this year. Branches of the Association should also be formed in other centres.

The financial position is good, the credit balance for the year being £3 13/-.

Since last meeting we have seen the end of the great war, and with the large number of Old Boys coming home, we should look forward to greater activities in the work of the Association.

THE FALLEN.

Private John Mann McLeod (32696), formerly of Wallacetown, of the 23rds, died of wounds in France, April 7, 1918, at the Canadian C.C. Station; aged 27 years. At school, 1905-6.

Arthur D. Lindsay (son of John Lindsay, Strathmore, Otautau), died at Invercargill, on December 2, 1918; aged 24 years. At school, 1908.

Major John M. Mehaffey, died at Melbourne on January 1; aged 32 years. Attended Otago University and London Hospital. Captained the London Hospital team and played in important matches. Practised for a few months in Southland, and then went to New South Wales. Proceeded with the First Australian Exped. Force to New Guinea. Wounded in the landing and attacked by malaria, he was left in poor health. At school, 1900-03.

Bombardier Oswald L. Gilmour, died of influenza in France on November 29, 1918. He was a member of the N.Z. Field Artillery and left with the 3rds; aged 27 years. At school, 1904-05. He was farming

with his brother at Clinton; saw service on Gallipoli and in France; wounded at the Somme; gassed at Bellevue Spur; went unscathed through the 1918 campaign.

Private Henry C. Critchfield, of the 42nd, died of pneumonia in England on November 19, 1918; aged 21 years. At school, 1913.

THE LATE SURGEON-CAPTAIN WILLIAM BROWNIE.

A framed, illuminated memorial photograph of the late Captain W. Brownlie was presented to the High Street School, Dunedin, last March, by the teachers of the school. Beneath the photograph is inscribed the following:-

"Captain William Brownlie, M.C., M.A., B.Sc. (N.Z.), M.B., Ch.B. (nine times medallist), Edin. Extract from letter received from the Rev. Charles Close, Padre 13th Yorks Battalion: 'What his loss means to us as a battalion no one can tell. Officers and men loved him intensely, as well they might. He simply wore himself out on our behalf. Every other battalion envied us our "doc." He was the ablest and most heroic M.O. in the whole division. He lived such a life that he gave the whole battalion a lofty tone. His very presence brought good cheer. How glad I am that I knew him! Surely we must all be the better for that privilege. We are enriched with the memory of noble life nobly ended in a good cause.'

THE LATE LIEUT. REG. CHRISTOPHERS.

The manner of death of the late Lieut. Reg. Christophers was communicated to his father in a letter from the Front. Reg. was leading his company through a gap made in the Hindenburg line, when there was a sudden flash of light revealing the advance. A German officer shot Reg. through the neck.

WAR NEWS.

ON SERVICE.

Lieut. James McQueen was highly honoured in March as the single N.Z. representative on the Commission despatched by the French Government to Morocco to report on its farming possibilities. In this commission were two Australians.

Trooper Eric Russell, of the Veterinary Corps, on being appointed a Grade I Instructor, was gazetted a 2nd Lieutenant with the temporary rank of Captain during his employment under the Army Education Scheme in Palestine.

Lieut. Don. L. Cameron, B.Sc. in Engineering, was gazetted as Acting-Captain, while lecturing on Machine Drawing under the Army Education Scheme at Sling Camp.

Leon. Lopdell is captaining the Egypt Football Team that is trying conclusions with other teams in England.

Captain Cedric W. Salmon, D.C.M., of the Maori Battalion, has been promoted to be Major and has been appointed D.A.A.G. to the N.Z. Division.

2nd Lieut. Ernest W. George gained a Military Cross just at the close of hostilities last November.

Private John M. Findlay (Orawia) was awarded the Military Medal in 1918.

2nd Lieut. Ed. A. Horan was gazetted Acting-Captain in the London Gazette of September 18, 1918.

Lieut. John Mayer was awarded the Military Cross last December. He was also appointed Adjutant to the 2nd Brigade, N.Z.F.A., with rank of Acting-Captain.

L.-Corpl. J. M. Hall (Popotunoa, Clinton), who had been a prisoner of war for a considerable time, was repatriated last December.

Private Wallace Foster (Thornbury), prisoner of war for nine months in Germany, was repatriated last January.

Walter Findlay, Bay Road, six weeks before armistice day, was laid low in France, with a severe attack of pleurisy.

Lieut. George H. Seddon gained his Military Cross last February.

Carlyle Irving, of Roslyn Bush, has been lecturing, under the Educational Scheme, on "Agriculture" in England.

Lieut. Fred Wilson (Orepuki) was appointed O.C. of the Transport Co. of the Pioneer Battalion in 1918.

RETURNED MEN.

Lieut. Harry Gray, M.C., returned in May and intends completing his course at the Otago School of Mines.

C. H. Ive has rejoined the staff of "The Southland Times."

Eric Macalister is settling as a chemist at Greymouth, Wairarapa.

Lieut. Morrell Macalister has returned from India and is once more taking up Law.

Sergt. Horace Macalister has also returned and resumed the practice of Law.

Jack Macalister, along with his brother Willie, has become a farmer at Kauana.

Peter Gilfedder has resumed the study of Law at Victoria College.

R. F. (Bert) Foster has been travelling for Messrs Lewis and Co. for some months.

Lindsay Foster and his brothers have bought Sutton's farm at Thornbury. He and Frank Findlay, of the lower Waimatuku, play for Riverton in the Western District Football Tournament.

Ronald Stevens has resumed work in the National Bank at Riverton; Dallas, his brother, in the Bank of New Zealand.

David and Escott Bonthron returned to Southland within a fortnight of each other, the former from his stint with the Mounteds in Palestine, the latter from his service in France. Both are looking remarkably well. The former will resume fruit-growing at Tauranga.

Norman Stead is looking fit and well and is resuming football. James L., his brother, has also returned.

Ken. G. Archer visited the School in May, looking well. He resumes the study of Law at Victoria College.

Hubert Ryburn has resumed attendance at Otago University.

Will. Richardson is local manager for the National M. and A. Co., Wyndham. His brother, George, has not yet returned.

David Vallance, after ten months in hospital, having had the muscles torn off his right shoulder and arm, has resumed work in the Advances to Settlers Office.

Sergt. W. J. Smellie returned last February.

Lieut. J. W. Hinton, M.S.C., has begun his medical studies, with a bursary, at Otago University.

Al. Brass and S. J. Thompson have also resumed their medical courses.

Corpl. Oliver Smith, of Gala street, after an unpleasant sojourn in Germany as a prisoner of war, reached England last December, having dwindled to six stone. He was in the Black Hole of Lille. He knows all about mangel wurzel soup and its sustenance as an article of diet. He has enjoyed his regained British citizenship so well that he has put on five stone in five months.

Rupert Hay and Martin Kean returned at the beginning of June.

Matt. Robertson (Ben), of Riverton, has returned none the worse for his wounds; he was playing full-back for Riverton recently.

Colonel Gordon Ross Mitchell, D.S.O., of Clydevale, who was in command of the Otago Mounted Battalion, returned in May. He was very warmly commended by his superior officer for his services. His brother Jack (George) is still in Russia. In connection with the award of his D.S.O. the following are the details:—Colonel Gordon Ross Mitchell, Otago Mounted Rifles, for bravery and excellent leadership. During the operations on the Somme, from August 22, 1918, to September 13, 1918, Colonel (then Major) Mitchell, with his squadron, was attached to a division on the left flank of the 3rd Corps and during the whole time, owing to his splendid leadership, his squadron obtained information of the utmost value to the division. On August 24, in the vicinity of La Boiselle, when the position was obscure and special information was required of the country and the enemy in front, he

personally went forward, and, in spite of heavy machine-gun and shell fire, carefully reconnoitred the country and brought back to Divisional Headquarters information of valuable assistance to the G.O.C., who afterwards stated the information to be absolutely reliable, and probably the means of saving numerous casualties. Always, by his cool, courageous manner, he set a splendid example.

Geo. Agnew, who was a member of the "Hush" Brigade that travelled through Mesopotamia, and Persia to the Caucasus, got back to Southland about Easter. The expedition consisted of men picked on the western front. There were some trying times in the desert, and some harrowing scenes of the misery and wretchedness of the Persians and Armenians along the ways they traversed.

Archie Brown, Chas. Robertson and Douglas Small, our representatives in the Motor Boat Patrol in the English Channel, all returned safely to Invercargill in May. All are in good health.

Lieut. Harry G. K. Adamson returned to Orepuki last March. He looks well.

Sergt. Andrew Chrystal also returned in March. He will probably settle down as a solicitor in the North Island.

Sergt.-Dispenser Stan. Hanan returned last November. He was relieving in the U.F.S. Dispensary in Invercargill during December, January and February.

Les. Greig has resumed work in the Bank of N.Z. at Invercargill.

Rob. Edwards (Invercargill) and Rob. Baird (Myross), and John F. McDougall (Cardrona) have also returned.

Corpl. Colin McDonald has now recovered from severe wounds in the chest.

Charles and Thomas Lewis, of Messrs Lewis and Co., returned to Invercargill on January 31st. Charles was twice wounded; Thomas escaped with trench fever.

Fred. H. Traill commenced business in Esk street as a land and insurance agent in January last.

J. Houston (Gorge Road) returned last month and is resuming work in the Tourist Department, Wellington.

Sergt. Cecil Webber has resumed Law with Mr Walton, of Timaru. He saw service in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. At the end of 1916 a severe attack of rheumatic fever caused him to be evacuated to England. In October, 1917, he was attached to the Welsh Guards Brigade stationed in London. In 1918, he returned to New Zealand on duty with the rank of Q.-M. Sergeant. He was sent into the country to recuperate from the fever but was finally discharged as unfit for further service.

SPLENDID TRIBUTE.

TO NEW ZEALAND DIVISION.

VALEDICTORY ORDER BY GENERAL HARPER.

"UNSURPASSED RECORD."

Deserving a special frame for itself, and a place on the walls of every barrack room, drill hall, and school in New Zealand for all time is the final divisional order issued at Headquarters in France on December 9, on the occasion of the departure of the New Zealand Division from the Fourth Army Corps, of which it formed part. The order is as follows:

VALEDICTORY.

The following letter of farewell from Lieutenant-General Sir G. H. Harper, K.C.B., D.S.O., commanding the Fourth Army Corps, is published for general information:—

"As the New Zealand Division is leaving the Fourth Corps, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the valuable services they have rendered, and to thank all ranks for the magnificent fighting qualities they have invariably displayed.

"The division joined the Fourth Corps at a critical time on March 26, 1918, when it completely checked the enemy's advance at Beaumont Hamel and Colincamps, and thus closed the gap between the Fourth and Fifth Corps. By a brilliant stroke it drove the enemy from the commanding ground at La Signy Farm, and gained observation over the enemy's lines, which greatly assisted in his defeat on April 5, 1918, when he made his last and final effort to break our front. Throughout the summer the division held portions of the corps front with but a short interval for rest. During this period I never had the least anxiety about the security of this portion of the front; on the other hand, by carefully conceived and well-executed raids, the enemy was given little respite, and identifications were procured whenever required. In this connection I deplore the loss of that brave man, Sergeant Travis, V.C.

"It was the ascendancy gained by this division over the enemy that compelled him to evacuate the ground round Rossignol Wood.

"At the commencement of the great attack on August 21, 1918, only a minor part was allotted to the division, but subsequently, on the night of August 24, the division was ordered to attack, and swept the enemy from Grevillers, Loupart Wood, and Biefvillers, and gained the outskirts of Bapaume. Stubborn fighting was experienced around Bapaume, but eventually the enemy was overcome and pushed back to the east.

"From August 24 till September 14 the division was constantly engaged, and drove the enemy back from Bapaume to the high ground west of Gouzeaucourt, where very heavy fighting occurred at African Trench. After a short period of rest the division was put in again on September 29 to complete the capture of Welsh Ridge, and to gain the crossings over the Canal de l'Escaut. A night advance over difficult country, intersected by the trenches and wire of the Hindenburg line, was brilliantly carried out and entirely successful, and resulted in the capture of over 1000 prisoners and over 40 guns. On October 1 the division captured Crevecoeur against strong opposition, and held it in spite of heavy shelling and several counter-attacks throughout the subsequent days until the great attack on October 8, when the division broke through the northern portion of the strongly organised Masnieres line, and penetrated far into the enemy's line at Esnes and Haucourt.

"Going out to rest on October 12, the division was again in the line on October 23, and drove the enemy back from the outskirts of Romeries to Le Quesnoy. Finally, on November 4, the division, by an attack which did much to decide the finish of the war, forced the surrender of the fortress of Le Quesnoy, and drove the enemy back through the forest of Mormal, the total captures by the Fourth Corps on that day amounting to 3500 prisoners and some 70 guns.

"During the period the New Zealand Division has been in Fourth Corps, they have captured from the enemy 287 officers and 8745 other ranks, 145 guns, 1319 machine guns, and 3 tanks, besides much other material.

"The continuous successes enumerated above constitute a record of which the division may well be proud. It is a record of which I may safely say has been unsurpassed in the final series of attacks which led to the enemy's suing for peace.

"In conclusion, I wish to thank you and your staff for the willing support which you have invariably given, and the helpfulness shown in all circumstances.

"I send every man of the division my heartfelt good wishes for the future."

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

A. Jaggers, of Nightcaps, has joined the N.Z. Railways.

Syd. Hall is entering upon his University Scholarship at Victoria College, Wellington.

Geo. Tuson has joined the National Bank, Riverton.

J. M. Alexander and Geo. Stevens have both gone on the land.

H. O. Jefcoate has begun an Arts Course at Otago University.

Chas. V. Marshall has entered the Medical School.

Gellatly has joined the staff of the Invercargill Savings Bank.

Percy Meffin is a pupil teacher at Orepuki; John Bell, at the South School; John Ewart at Waihopai; Reg. Cox at St. George's.

Oswald Sanders has entered the office of Mr Hall-Jones, barrister and solicitor.

Eric Undrill has joined Mr E. R. Wilson, architect.

Alf. Buckingham has entered the School of Engineering, Christchurch.

H. Vernon Moss, of Bluff, has joined the Native Division, Public Trust Office, Wellington.

Hudson Hawke is with Mr Matheson at Five Rivers.

Rob. F. Watson remains at O.B.H.S., although his parents have returned to Pahia.

Har. Royds is surveying in Nelson. His address is Otawhai, near Nelson.

Edw. Whitmore has been transferred to the Public Works, Nelson. He complains of little work.

Jas. Macfarlane Laing has been granted a University Bursary and is attending Canterbury College in the School of Law.

Walter Laing is farming at Otara.

W. Todd is champion swimmer of the training ship, "Amokura."

A. Ernest Reynolds is now Clerk of the Court at Queenstown.

Rev. W. W. Brown, of Mataura, was called to East Taieri last December.

Allan B. Macalister passed in Evidence and Procedure in the Law Professional Examinations last March.

Frank W. Spite was badly hit by the influenza.

Will. Whyborn got a bullet in his leg last January, with no bad results.

Dave Cody has left the N.Z. Railways and joined the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-operative at Waipukurau.

Allan Ford has accepted a Dental Bursary and has entered the Dental School at Otago University.

George Ford has had a transfer from Wellington to Invercargill P.O. Savings Bank.

W. Whyborn is now the Wellington agent for the school badges and pennant.

Ossie Melhop is now in Wellington.

Sam Barnett has left Wellington for Christchurch.

Arnie Junker has had a transfer from Wellington to Invercargill.

H. Neas has entered the Civil Service in Wellington.

Findlay McKay has commenced his theological studies at Holy Cross, Mosgiel.

T. Sheppard has left the Lands Office and joined Mr Keddell, surveyor.

Walter E. Taylor has been promoted to be local manager of the National Mortgage and Agency Company on the retirement of the Hon. A. F. Hawke from the position he has so worthily filled for so many years. We congratulate Mr Taylor on his promotion. He entered the Company's service on leaving school and has been with it ever since—some twenty years.

Hawton Jackson is assistant at Nightcaps School.

W. J. M. Henderson is at the Training College and Otago University. He has gained his first section of B.A.

Norman Matheson is in the service of the Otago Education Board.

D. Hay has been appointed to Glencoe School.

Chas. L. Carter has gained his B.Sc. and been awarded a Senior Scholarship by the N.Z. University in Chemistry. He has been appointed an assistant to Professor Inglis.

H. E. Dyer and Fred. McDowall are demonstrators in Chemistry.

Alex. Milne has joined the staff of McGlashan College, Dunedin.

C. S. Slocombe, B.Sc., is now House Master at Lincoln College.

Wilfred Ryburn is a full-fledged medical student.

Crichton Prain is in the office of Messrs Russell & Sons, Solicitors.

H. Hartley is in the office of Messrs Carswell & Co.

Rev. J. A. Asher, B.A., ex-pupil of this school in its first year of existence, was in February last elected Moderator for the 1919 Synod of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. This body meets in Invercargill next November.

Mervyn Mitchell was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court at its March meeting.

D. Holz is at Wyndham as a teacher of the violin.

Mr Thos. Meredith retired in June from the firm of Messrs Macalister Bros., solicitors, to enter into partnership with Mr Eustace Russell. Mr Meredith entered the office after leaving school twenty-five years ago, and rose to be a partner in the firm. He now joins another Old Boy in Esk street in the legal business.

DUX MEDAL.—The Rector desires to acknowledge the receipt of Subscriptions towards the Dux Medal of 1918 from—Geoff. V. Wild, J. R. Pay (McKay Bros.), R. Royds (Dalgety & Co.), Cec. Lopdell (Survey Dept.), F. Hinton (S. News Office).

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS, 1919.

PASSED FOR CLASS C—A. Lindsay McCaw.

PASSED FOR CLASS D—A. F. Baxter, C. Y. A. Stuck.

PARTIAL PASS FOR D—W. R. Brash, H. W. Clode, D. H. Hay, E. Hoare, E. M. McLauchlan.

PASS IN 3 GROUPS FOR D—J. W. Bell, J. F. Ewart, W. J. M. Henderson.

PASS IN 2 GROUPS FOR D—A. G. Linn.

LAW PROFESSIONAL—Passed in Wellington, Frank Haigh.

ACCOUNTANTS'—Passed in Wellington, S. Green.

MARRIAGES.

MURDOCH—KERSE.—At Gore, in December, 1918, John H. Murdoch, M.A., to Helen Kerse, M.A., both of the staff of the Gore High School.

MACALISTER—PETERSON.—At Dunedin, at Easter, Allan Macalister, of Invercargill, to Miss Peterson, of St. Leonard's.

CARSWELL—PARRINT.—At Easter, Frank Carswell, of Invercargill, to Miss Parrint, of Christchurch.

LEWIS—COLLINS.—In March, Thomas Lewis to Kathleen Collins, both of Invercargill.

DEATHS.

MORRIS.—On Nov. 22, at Raetihi, Graham Cecil Morris, son of the late Alex. Morris, of the Bank of N.Z.; aged 30 years. At school, 1903-04.

MORRIS.—On Nov. 30, at Raetihi, Arthur Alex. Morris, younger son of the late Alex. Morris, of the Bank of N.Z.; aged 29 years. At school, 1905-06.

Both brothers died of influenza. Graham left a widow and two children. Arthur had been badly wounded at Gallipoli, had returned and recovered his health. Both were in the employ of Messrs Dalgety and Co.

MACDONALD.—On Dec. 8, at Balclutha, Alex. M. Macdonald, only surviving son of Donald Macdonald, of Edendale Estate; aged 26 years. At school. 1906.

GRIGOR.—On March 23, at Invercargill, William James Grigor; aged 47 years. At school, 1881-1889. The only son of the late Dr Grigor, so long a resident of Forth street, the late Mr Grigor entered the school at a very early age and was in attendance for nine years. He particularly studied the wool trade in New Zealand, in New South Wales, and in England. He was for some years with the National Mortgage and Agency Co. in Invercargill and in Timaru. He bought back a portion of his father's Clifden Estate, but after the death of his wife he sold out again. There was a large attendance of friends at the graveside.

BEGG.—At East road, Invercargill, on March 13, Leith Begg; aged 24 years. At school, 1909-10. He had been in failing health for some time.

MCGRATH.—At Invercargill, last December, after a brief illness, the wife of J. S. McGrath, of the staff of this school. Old Boys will join with present boys in sympathy with their friend, Mr McGrath, in his sudden and unexpected loss.

WAR CORRESPONDENCE.

WITH THE MOTOR BOAT PATROLS.

(From Archie Brown; dated 30th October).

I am still going strong on the job and keeping fit, although at times I get very shaky with my nerves. Still, that's the hardest part of this job, and we shall just have to put up with it until this lot is over. We are still on patrol work in the Channel; but this last month (October) old Fritz has not been about, and we believe that submarine hostilities have ceased pending an armistice and negotiations for peace. However, we are taking no risks and the navy is carrying on as usual. From August 8th to September 24th we bagged two submarines, and if I am lucky, will receive prize money for both these sinkings. The last stunt we had I thought it was going to be the last one for us. After the scrap was over, we had a hard job to make port and had to be assisted by a torpedo boat. Just after midnight on the 24th September, about 17 miles out of Plymouth, we were escorting six large colliers when the last one in the line was torpedoed and she sank in about five minutes. The day was pretty breezy, and we were in the act of trying to pick up the crew when old Fritz came up and opened fire on us from about two miles off; so there was nothing for us to do but about ship and fight. There was only another motor launch with us. However, we stuck to our guns and for the first ten

minutes we gave her "socks," and were gradually gaining on her until a shell struck our little packet just near the bows, but luckily above the water-line. Of course at the time I did not know what had happened from where I was, in the engine-room; still the shock told me that we had been hit. But I was too intent on making 500 horse-power do its utmost to take much notice of anything else. So on we went. I was expecting a shell through the side of the engine-room every minute, when the skipper rang for the engines to be stopped, and told me to come on deck and see the crew of 40, two men having been either drowned or killed when the vessel was struck by the torpedo. It was the last of old Fritz. One of our torpedo-boat destroyers had borne down on her from the opposite direction and had soon put the finishing touches to her. We had only one of our chaps hurt, but two chaps were killed on our other launch, a shell striking the bridge. Our chaps fired 98 shots in 15 minutes. I guess old Fritz thought it was raining shells. Fritz was armed with two 3.5 guns and we have only one 2in. quick-firing gun each; so we put up a good fight. Before we got into port our foremost compartment had filled with water. Luckily the watertight bulkhead saved the situation, and I kept the pumps running at top speed until we got safely into dock that evening, where we were soon put in sea-going trim once more. These are the minor happenings from week to week that the outside public and the people in the colonies never hear anything about.

THE LAST STAGES.

(From Carlyle Irving).

From Etaples, our base camp, we were sent up fully equipped for active warfare, loaded like pack mules, gas mask, tin hats, ammunition, personal belongings, even the proverbial iron rations. That journey—will I ever forget it—the bumping of the train, the uncomfortable attitudes, and everything so new, it was miserable to say the least. That was until we reached the old battlefields—that desolation—not until then did I realise what war was. The awful loneliness of those ruined villages, the old concrete pill boxes, battered tanks, broken guns, lorries, a heap of wreckage showing where an aeroplane had come to grief—all spoke of war.

At last we are there. We struggle with our equipment; at last it is on; we grab our rifle, and pour from the train all eagerness and excitement. And what meets our gaze—another ruined village, but this one has a fresh interest—our boys took it. Through the battered streets we march, gradually our braces cut into our shoulders; our packs seem to be made of lead; but still on we go, left, right—left, right, and always drawing near that great adventure.

That night we slept in a big marquee at the Entrenching Battalion Headquarters, which were just about a mile from Bapaume. Next day we left for our different Battalions, most of my mates and I going to "C" Company, 1st Battalion, N.Z.R.B. They were out resting after having taken Bapaume and were camped on a hill in a pleasant farming district. We new hands soon made friends with the old boys; yes, and with our little holes in the ground. At nights the aeroplanes would come over, sometimes it would be ours, at other times we would sit with bated breath. "That's him," an old hand would say, "Lights out," and out would go all lights. Perhaps he would drop one or two bombs near us; generally he had enough to do to look after his own safety. One chap, I laugh when I think of him, his name was Honor, when Fritz came over, he used to swear he was after him. "Hear him," he would say, "Orn-er, orn-er, orn-er, orn-er, that's him. He's after me." Their engines made a noise just like that. However, they never got Honor.

Then we moved up to what to me was the greatest day in my life. The Auckland and Wellington boys were already at death grips somewhere on the Hindenburg line; we were to relieve them. Long marches, little rest, was the order of the day. The prisoners came flocking in, we knew the boys were doing all right; still Cambrai didn't fall. We moved up to support, and away on our left we could see the spires of Cambrai. When would that beautiful city be delivered from a ruthless foe was the question. News came down our boys were doing famously and had crossed the canal and taken Crevoecour. It was our turn. In a pitch black night we took over Crevoecour from the Wellingtons; next morning we experienced Fritz's stand-to, and for the next four days hung on in spite of heavy shelling. Then the day of the big stunt dawned. 8th October, long before dawn, though, we had come to grips, and as old King Sol's smiling face appeared Fritz was on the run. The boys fought splendidly; it was a great success. That night Crevoecour lay three miles behind us. Yes, and what had that three miles cost? Those good old pals who never more would see another day on this old earth; those poor shattered mates, stifling their groans as they were carried back. Such is war. And what of the rest, we who had come through were once more connecting up the great Western Front, hoping for the best, prepared for the worst.

Then we were relieved for another short spell, and so life went on until Le Quesnoy, our last stunt. Yes, thank God! it didn't last much longer after that.

At the time the Armistice was signed we were back in Beauvois spelling, and although the news meant so much, there was practically no cheering with our boys; they were sort of dazed, it seemed too good to be true. Not so the Tommies. Some of them were very excited.

To give you an idea, some of our boys had gone up to a paddock, to, as they put it, have a feed of some raw swedes. They had reached the paddock; some were munching away at the turnips; others were smoking, and yarning, when down the road came some Tommies yelling and cheering. "It's over, chums." "It's over, chum." "What's over?" "The war!" "The Armistice is signed." Well, as one of the boys said afterwards, all they did was that those who were eating turnips took an extra big bite, those who were smoking took an extra long draw, and one and all stared at the Tommies. Nevertheless, when the news did sink in, we were all overjoyed. The conversation at once took a change, from topics such as a certain sniper in such and such a tree, or a machine gun paussie, or some "tout suiter" of a shell that had nearly got so and so—to what I am going to do when I get back to New Zealand and so forth.

We were billeted in Beauvois for quite a while, then we set out on our march to Germany. I started and did the first day, when I was told to report to Blighty to undergo a refresher course in Agriculture. I had been picked to instruct and lecture in Agriculture in this Educational Scheme; so here I am in Hornchurch. My course is just finished, and I expect to go to Sling almost any day to begin my new duties.

I have been very fortunate, coming through without a scratch. I have just recovered from the measles, the first time I've been in hospital since leaving New Zealand. I was promoted corporal on the 8th October, so have had a much better time since then. I have very little time to write, being busy preparing lectures and studying, which I am taking very kindly to.

Since coming here I have met quite a number of old High School boys. Some of them are—H. Strang, W. Smellie, Hannah (Bluff), Sanders (Invercargill). There are others, too, but for the moment I have forgotten them. We are all looking forward to getting home ere long, but I expect it will be some time before I leave England.

I often think of the days I spent at the Southland High, and often regret I did not spend more time there than I did. I send my kindest regards to any of my old masters who are still there.

FROM DRIVER GEOFF. V. WILD.

France, November 11, 1918.

Dear Mr Pearce,—I have to acknowledge the receipt in good order and condition of the June "Southlandian," which I read with much interest and pleasure. I have also just recently received the exceedingly pleasing news of the result of the last School Football Tourney. I really cannot adequately express in words my delight at the School's wins. I wish I had been there to cheer.

I had meant to write from England to give you some account of our Reinforcement's trip from New Zealand to England as it was quite a unique one as regards route; but stress of other correspondence coupled with a sudden depearture for France prevented me. However, I shall try and give you some idea now, though I am not so sure of being able to get it through.

Our journey was in three stages. The first stage was undertaken in H.M.N.Z.T. 102, a well-known troopship, and an equally well-known passenger vessel of pre-war days. We journeyed in her from Wellington to Port Tewfiz, calling en route at Albany and Colombo. At the former port we were granted a route march, which was a rather disappointing way of viewing the country. At Colombo we were rewarded with about three hours' leave on shore, and I made as much use of my time as I could. I would rather like to see the town again.

On arrival at Port Tewfiz, the port of Suez, we disembarked and proceeded in open trucks the three or four miles to a camp just beyond Suez. Port Tewfiz, by the way, is European, while Suez is native and indescribably filthy. There are a few places in France to beat it for filth, though, in my opinion.

We had a stay of five weeks on the sands of the desert at Suez. There was plenty of leave, but the only available places of interest were the two I have already named, with the exception of some rather sordid views of the Canal where it passed by the towns. There was a fair amount of sickness during our stay; so that, although the experience was interesting, and the work not hard, we were all pretty glad to shake the summer sands of the desert from our feet.

An all-night journey in the inevitable open trucks brought us to Alexandria early in the morning. We embarked almost immediately and put out into the harbour, where we lay at anchor for twenty-four hours. I believe I saw Pompey's statue; but otherwise the fact was sternly borne upon us that we were not Cook's tourists.

Anyway we lay there, facing the dreaded Mediterranean, viewing just outside the harbour what was left of half-a-dozen or more merchant vessels, and listening to all the tales of what had happened round about in the past few weeks. Eventually we put out and the troopships formed up in line, convoyed on all sides by destroyers, and guarded from aloft by three or four seaplanes. Another part of the escort was a tiny motor boat that bobbed and tossed about with us for a few hours, until the recognised most dangerous part of the whole trip was accomplished in safety. We had been shown our boat stations, been given our life-belts, and had gone through several "alarms" while in port. Now the order came out that no alarm would be given at sea unless it was genuine.

However, a week-end trip brought us absolutely without incident to Laronto in the heel of Italy. There a very fine naval sight greeted

our eyes. We entrained on the universal military carriage that bears the words, "Hommes 40 Chevoux (en long) 8." There were about 27 in the truck I was in, but as we carried a full kit-bag and various haversacks and a waterbottle each, we had none too much room. The truck was our home for a full week, a dining-room and bed-room combined for 27 men. Our route took us to Brindisi, up the east coast of Italy in full view of the Adriatic to Ancona, across country through miles of tunnels (after we had crossed the Lombardy Plains) to near Genoa; thence along the Mediterranean once again, through the Riviera and across the border to Nice, Monte Carlo, Cannes, to Marseilles, which we passed through—at night. Such was our luck with a number of famous places. From Marseilles we went due north to Versailles, round the outskirts of Paris—at night—and across country to Cherbourg. After a few days' spell there, we obtained a boat to take us to Southampton, and thence we entrained for our English camp.

Subsequently I had a week-end and four days' leave in London, and saw most of the sights. But, I suppose you have heard from a good number all about a draft leave in London.

I came to France about two months ago and was drafted to the 7th Battery. The great and final push had just commenced, and I was in the line until we had got well past the Hindenburg mythical line. I say "mythical" with meaning, for this time at least the British troops simply breasted right through what are really admirable natural fortifications of valleys and woods in hard chalk country, strengthened by line upon line of trenches and devilish-looking barbed wire.

A little over a fortnight carried the advanced from the "furthest back" to what I reckon was the beginning of the line. There we had a fortnight's steady work in one camp, while no doubt great preparations were in progress for the assault. The whole formidable defence work, about eight miles in depth in our sector were carried in less than a week, and our troops reached for the second time since 1914, a famous canal. This was the last obstacle, and over it all bridges had been practically destroyed. Hubert Ryburn told me later that our own "Digger" outposts crossed it in file by night in a most precarious fashion, and directly under a Hun machine-gun post, the occupants of which, fortunately, were totally unaware of the proceeding!

From there we have had the Germans practically always on the run; so that in order to keep in touch with them, it was necessary to advance some of the guns almost with the infantry. Naturally, this led to a few more exciting happenings, especially as Fritz counter-attacked a good deal. On one occasion a counter-attack on the flank brought his line back on a level with our advanced guns, and not very far off, either.

I write to-day (11th November) with the knowledge that hostilities ceased at 11 this morning, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th

month. Many other interesting little things have happened, but they will be in the history books before this reaches you. War apparently finished for me a fortnight ago, for about that time our battery had the great honour of being selected to act as Instructional Battery at the Artillery School of the Army to which our Division belongs. So we are doing peace-time work well behind the line, polishing up steel work and soaping saddles, to look spick and span when the officers and N.C.O.'s practise upon us.

The main topic of interest now is: when and how are we going back to "Pig Island."

THE TREK TO COLOGNE.

(By Geoff. V. Wild).

We were now attached to the 2nd Army which was to be the first Army of Occupation. We had to wait about a fortnight in Quievy until it was our turn to move forward; that time came about the end of November, and the long trek to Cologne commenced. At first we thought we were going to trek as far as Charleroi and then entrain; when that little theory was knocked on the head, the rumour flew round that Liege was our destination by road. However, to make a long story short, the infantry "padded the hoof" across the border and then entrained; while the artillery trekked on to Cologne and crossed the mighty Rhine over the magnificent Hohenzollern bridge. From the southern end of this huge steel structure, two gigantic Hohenzollerns, mounted on horseback, gazed on the invading hosts; whilst two similar statutes of Austrian rulers watched them pass beyond.

Many epithets, both good and bad, can be applied to that trek. It was a month of hard toil, long hours, bad weather, and incessant attention to horses and harness. On the other hand, it took us through the heart of Belgium, and into the heart of the Belgians. We saw numerous big cities and were everywhere treated with a joy that had been pent up for four years. I never experienced the Belgians of the coast and in the Ypres sector; but the evidence of my ears says that few "Diggers" have a good word for them. But in this new part of Belgium we entered, we met the Walloons, who, as I have said, did their best to spoil us completely.

Quievy is in that part of France that less than two months before the Armistice was well behind the German lines, and quite unscarred by war. During the hasty retreat little damage was sustained by shell fire, but the Huns wrecked pretty nearly everything and forced most of the civilians—old and young, men and women alike—to go back with them. During our stay at Quievy we were continually viewing

the pitiable spectacle of these civilians returning to their broken homes. Vehicles of all sorts were piled up high with the family belongings, and were dragged along mostly by the owners themselves. It really was a pitiful sight sometimes to see an old man dragging a cartload of furniture and bedding along by a rope passed across his shoulders and an old feeble woman pushing behind. Their cheerfulness, on the whole, however, was marvellous. At last the war was over, and the Boche had "parti-ed."

Cold and wet weather almost spoiled a trek that was, however, too crammed full of interest to be spoiled. It was none too pleasant hooking-in in darkness on a cold morning; it was decidedly unpleasant loading up in pitch darkness and rain, with the task of bivouacing, watering and feeding the horses, and getting to our own billets, before us. But by day when the sun sometimes shone, our hearts were made glad by the interesting country around us. A short trek from Quievy took us entirely out of the war area, and into a land that seemed like a part of England. There was no mark of war, the people were well dressed and healthy looking, trains were running, flags were flying everywhere; and, indeed, it gave the appearance of a country-side "en fete." Especially was this so in Belgium.

Shortly after we crossed the border we halted for a few days near Charleroi, in a great industrial district. A few days further on we camped on the railway line between Namur and Brussels, and had opportunities of visiting both towns. Namur is a bit of a "dud" town, but would no doubt have proved more interesting if we could have reached the forts. Brussels gave one the idea of never having known what a war was in many ways. The streets were well lighted and thronged with people. The shops made attractive displays of articles at an enormous price. The cost of everything seemed to be on a par with the cost of ordinary boots, and that was £5 to £100 a pair. The extreme cost of butter compelled a majority of the country people to resurrect the "sabot," which, I understand from the Belgians, were unusual before the war.

Unfortunately I did not have anything like a long enough time in Brussels—only a few hours in the evening. But one memorable thing I saw was the statue, erected in one night to the memory of Nurse Cavell. At present it is only in plaster, but it is an exact model of what the real marble statue will be. It is erected just outside the square in which she was to have been shot; but, if I remember right, she was finally murdered by the German officer just outside the square; and the statue marks the spot.

Further on we struck the valley of the Meuse near Huy, and during a few days spell there, we got leave to Liege, which is not at all a bad city, but not to be compared with Brussels. Here, again, we did

not have enough time to reach the forts, which I was disappointed not to see. However, I spent several hours wandering round a famous city.

Leaving Huy, we trekked up the exceedingly thickly populated valley of the Meuse until opposite Liege, and then we moved up another valley towards the frontier. Signposts bearing the name "Spa" indicated our nearness to the former German general headquarters, but we did not follow that road far. Our last big town before crossing the border was Verviers.

Then one day about dinner time we topped a fairly high hill where there was a Belgian guard—and on one spot bearing the words "Douane de Belgique," or something like that; a few yards further on the same kind of a post with German writing. So we were actually "somewhere in Germany."

A few words can describe the rest of the trek. All flag-wagging and acclamation was at an end; we were treated rather with indifference than with contempt. Another noticeable difference was the change in the density of population. Belgium is the most thickly populated country in the world, I believe, and the evidence of one's eyes is sufficient to prove that. But in our route through Germany we passed the townlet of Eupen about a mile from the border, and thereafter we passed through about 20 miles of afforestation reserve, with only one clearing containing enough houses to billet the division of Artillery. At the end of the forest we rode down on to the splendid Valley of the Rhine. A few miles on we stopped a day for Christmas; on Boxing Day we crossed the Rhine and camped immediately beside the larger of the two main bridges.

We have had a pretty good time in Cologne, and have had a good look round. The world-famed Cathedral is the main object of interest. Beyond that Cologne is somewhat of a "dud" town, as a certain war correspondent described it. On the whole the people seem not averse to our presence for they were undoubtedly sick of the war. This feeling may be accentuated by a sense of insecurity on account of the political situation. Indeed there is quite a bit of animosity between the people of Cologne proper, which is in the Rheinproving on the south side, and the suburbs and outlying towns on the north side. The elections have just finished here, quietly enough. But in Cologne the Socialists came first, the "Centruwspartei" second, some breed of Independent third, and the Sparatcus element was a bad last. A few miles out (where the N.Z.D.H.Q. is situated) the result was just the opposite.

CRICKET.

There has not been a great deal of cricket in the school this term, though four teams were entered in the competitions—the 1st XI in the Senior Grade, the 2nd XI in the second grade, and the 3rd and 4th XI's in the third grade. The fact was that the Southland Cricket Association did not promote a cup competition and thus few matches were played. The 1st XI did not play any matches in the senior grade, though they easily defeated Appleby, who played 2nd grade. The 2nd XI played two matches, and, with the aid of a few 1st XI players, won the second very easily. The 3rd XI played only one match, which was won without much difficulty. The 4th XI did not play any matches. The 1st XI received a challenge from Otago Boys' High School 1st XI, but for various reasons this was not accepted. This was rather a pity as the team improved during the season, and with very little coaching might have developed into a powerful side. But in the absence of any matches, no trial of the team could be made.

The Juniors had more cricket than the Seniors as they played from the beginning of February until near the end of April. Our Juniors challenged the Otago Juniors, and a team was picked to practise. Many thanks are due to Mr Alexander for his coaching, and it is safe to say that without it, they would not have won. The Juniors deserve praise for the keenness they displayed, whilst for their play in the Otago match, Mills and Walker deserved special mention—Mills for his bowling, and Walker for his bowling, batting, and fielding. A. Greig made a very efficient captain.

SCHOOL JUNIORS v. OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS.

This match resulted in a win for the School by an innings and 53 runs.

School lost the toss and were put in to bat. It was soon evident that the bowling was not of the standard our boys had been used to playing, thanks to the games in which Coakley and Diack had given them practice against well-pitched balls. In most cases when a player was put out, it was due rather to careless play than to good bowling by Otago, but on the whole the standard of batting was distinctly good. Gimblett 26, Mitchell 21, and Walker 17 not out, gave the best exhibitions; Gimblett's exhibition being the best of the match, both as to score and style. The school total was 107.

In Otago's first strike it was soon evident that both Mills and Walker were on the spot, and they succeeded in keeping the score down to 14. Otago followed on, and this time they made 40. Mills took 11 wickets for 26 runs, Walker 6 for 16, and Gimblett 1 for 10.

The School fielding was good all round, but deteriorated near the end of Otago's second innings. Cheyne's exhibition behind the wickets was a distinct credit to him, and Rout at point took four smart catches. Mills and Walker in the slips did not make one mistake all day. Following are the scores:

SOUTHLAND (1st Innings).

Mitchell, c Finnegan, b Robinson	21
Gimblett, c Wilson, b Robinson	26
Mills, b Duncan	4
Greig, l.b.w., b Duncan	14
Isaacs, b Duncan	0
Cheyne, b Duncan	13
Walker, not out	17
Laing, c Robinson, b Duncan	5
Howie, c Finnegan, b Robinson	2
Rout, b Robinson	0
Fitzgerald, b Robinson	0
Extras	5
Total	107

Bowling:—Sinclair, 0 wickets for 25 runs; Robinson, 5 for 35; Duncan, 5 for 35; Robertson, 0 for 5; Finnegan, 0 for 2.

OTAGO (1st Innings).

Gardner, b Mills	0
Clayton, c Rout, b Mills	4
Robinson, c Cheyne, b Walker	1
Duncan, b Walker	4
Shepherd, run out	0
Finnegan, c Cheyne, b Walker	0
Jolly, run out	2
Robertson, c and b Mills	1
Sinclair, c Cheyne, b Walker	1
Wilson, c Cheyne, b Mills	1
Lyson, not out	0
Total	14

OTAGO (2nd Innings).

Gardiner, c Rout, b Mills	1
Clayton, c Howie, b Mills	0
Robinson, b Mills	0
Duncan, b Gimblett	5
Shepherd, l.b.w., Mills	5

Finnegan, b Mills	5
Jolly, l.b.w., Mills	0
Robertson, c Rout, b Mills	13
Sinclair, c Rout, b Walker	5
Wilson, hit wicket, b Walker	3
Lyson, not out	2
Extras	1
Total	40

SWIMMING.

Mr J. Cameron in charge.

Hon. Secs., A. Kingsland, C. Noble-Campbell.

The swimming season this year was much shorter than usual on account of the broken weather. If anything, the interest increased towards the close when the school tournament and Invercargill Regatta provided keen competition. The second annual tournament was held at the Waihopai Bathing Pool on March 5. The weather was ideal, and by 2 p.m., the hour of starting, a large number of spectators had gathered to witness the exhibitions of aquatic prowess. The entries showed a considerable increase owing to the introduction of events for the Girls' High School.

One surprise of the tournament was the competition shown in the long distance events, twelve starters out of fourteen finishing in the half-mile. The 440yds record was broken by T. Howie, who also won the 880yds. It is to be hoped that next year a mile race will be instituted. The senior championship was won by Kingsland, with Robinson a very close second. R. Howie, who swims a good breast-stroke, won the Junior Championship from Todd by six points. Both these competitors swam well, and should soon be striving for honours in the senior event. In the diving Cleland showed good form, and this part of the programme provided the spectacular events of the afternoon.

At the Invercargill Regatta several members of the school won events, which was very creditable as they were up against some of the "cracks" of the city.

Owing to a hitch in arrangements one of the longer members of the school had to stand in midstream to hold one end of the finishing tape. Towards the end of the programme his chattering teeth con-

vayed the impression that his enthusiasm was being damped. Evidently one hoary member of the Sixth Form relay team found some difficulty in negotiating the shallow part of the course.

The thanks of the school are due to Mr Cameron who worked hard to make the tournament a success, and also to Miss Loudon and Mr T. D. Lennie, who acted efficiently in the capacity of judges of the diving. The sister school also lent much assistance both in competition and as spectators.

1. FORMS' RELAY RACE (Boys)—1st, VB.; 2nd, VA.; 3rd, IVA. A great race, VB and VA being separated by inches only.
 2. JUNIOR SPRINGBOARD DIVE (Boys)—Cleland 1st, N. Robertson 2nd.
 3. SENIOR SPRINGBOARD DIVE (Boys)—Robinson 1st, Noble-Campbell 2nd.
 4. JUNIOR 50YDS CHAMP. (Boys)—1st Heat: Pickford 1st, A. Cameron 2nd; 2nd Heat: G. Todd 1st, R. Howie 2nd. Final: G. Todd 1st, R. Howie 2nd.
 5. SENIOR 50YDS CHAMP. (Boys)—Kingsland 1st, Robinson 2nd.
 6. FORMS' RELAY RACE (Girls).—VA 1st, VB Lower 2nd, IVA 3rd.
 7. 12FT DIVE (Boys)—Cleland 1st, Lambeth 2nd.
 8. JUNIOR 50YDS HANDICAP (Boys)—Stewart 1st, Francis 2nd. Time, 40 4-5sec.
 9. SENIOR 50YDS HANDICAP (Boys)—E. Service 1st, Diack 2nd.
 10. SENIOR 30YDS (Girls)—1st Heat: N. McCarthy 1st, M. Vyner 2nd. 2nd Heat: Brookesmith 1st, Todd 2nd. Final: Todd 1st, McCarthy 2nd.
 11. LEARNERS 25YDS (Boys)—I. Rout 1st, Mills 2nd.
 12. JUNIOR 20YDS (Girls)—F. Hurst 1st, J. Todd 2nd.
 13. SPRINGBOARD DIVE (Girls)—Vickerman 1st, Preston 2nd.
 14. EX-GIRLS 50YDS—Vickerman 1st, McQueen 2nd.
 15. 20FT DIVE BOYS—Cleland 1st, Lambeth 2nd.
 16. 50YDS BREASTSTROKE (Boys)—T. Howie 1st, M. Ott 2nd.
 17. JUNIOR 100YDS CHAMP. (Boys)—Todd 1st, R. Howie 2nd.
 18. SENIOR 100YDS CHAMP. (Boys)—Kingsland 1st, Robinson 2nd.
 19. 50YDS BACK RACE (Boys)—Davies and T. Howie (equal) 1st.
 20. 440YDS (Boys)—T. Howie 1st, R. Wilson 2nd, R. Howie 3rd.
 21. 880YDS (Boys)—
 22. JUNIOR 100YDS HANDICAP—Stewart 1st, Francis 2nd.
- CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS—Senior Champion: A. Kingsland, 14 points; L. Robinson, 12points; R. Wilson, 7; C. Noble-Campbell 3. Junior Champion: R. Howie, 16; G. Todd, 10.

TENNIS.

During the fine weather of the first term, tennis attracted considerable attention, all the courts being fully occupied when possible. As a result of this consistent practice we have now some very fine players in the school and also several who are showing promise. Two matches outside the school were played. Each match took the form of friendly games with the S.G.H.S. The first was played on the latter's courts. The school was represented by Read, MacGregor, Diack, Holz, Kingsland, Noble-Campbell, James, Squires. Tennis and cricket and an impromptu dance for those not actually on the courts helped a very enjoyable afternoon to pass all too quickly. The second match was played on our own courts, when all the matches were keenly contested. We desire to record our thanks to the Rector and Mrs Pearce, who so hospitably provided afternoon tea. Several of our team played very well. Perhaps the most brilliant exhibition was the play of Diack, who maintained throughout the season his high standard. Read and MacGregor also proved very formidable opponents, and the occasions on which they faced each other across the nets provided some very pretty play. We are sorry to record that Read has left us for Dunedin, as he was one of our keenest tennis enthusiasts. We hope that the weather of the third term may prove congenial for at the present time a very close contest in the annual championships seems assured. We are glad to notice the younger members of the school are taking up tennis so heartily. We would urge them to persevere in their endeavours to improve their game so they may in the future ably represent the school in this most popular summer pastime.

FOOTBALL.

1st XV.—D. Coakley (Captain), R. Johnstone (Deputy Captain). Committee—Coakley, Johnstone and Arnott.

Owing to the nearness of the two holiday periods and the intervening examinations the football season did not commence until the second term. This year the school has five teams in the weekly competition, while there is an inter-form tournament for those not in the Wednesday teams, on Tuesday and Thursday. The large number at school this year has made this possible.

Of last year's first fifteen, nine remain at school. Our greatest loss is in the backs where only three of last year's team remain. We

have lost Jefcoate who has been in the team for the last three years, and who was the mainstay of the team last year, Cleland a promising young five-eighth, Stevens the captain, and Mackay a sound defender. We are also without Pryde, Fouhy and Hartley, three hard-working forwards.

At the beginning of the second term Coakley was unanimously elected captain, Johnstone was made deputy-captain and Arnott committee-man.

The team is very slowly getting into condition and combination is not very evident. The team must remember that the tournament will come off in two months and a rigorous course of practice and training is essential in preparing for this forthcoming contest at Timaru. Former teams travelling "up north" have invariably found the northern grounds as hard as a board, and hard and fast games the rule.

The following rules were agreed to at the last meeting of the N.Z.R.F.U. meeting in Wellington recently:—(1) Abolition of the wing forward; (2) The advantage rule to apply to line-out play. The second rule does not require much explanation; the first evidently does. At any rate many players display a great amount of ignorance in respect to it. With the first goes a qualifying rule:—"When a scrummage occurs, and while the ball is in the scrum, no player out of the scrum may advance past a line drawn through the middle of the scrum parallel to the touch-line." The rule is of course to allow the half-back greater freedom of movement. Therefore no "extra half back" may advance past his hookers, on the side of the scrum until the ball is out at his opponent's end of the scrum. Many players either carefully disregard this rule or they are ignorant of it.

CADET NOTES.

Officer Commanding: Lieut. J. Stobo; Platoon Commanders—Lieuts. Flannery and Cameron; Company Sergt.-Major, T. James; Platoon Sergeants—No. 1 H. D. Morgan; No. 2 E. Diack, No. 3 I. Miller, No. 4 A. T. Howie; Section Commanders, Corporals Noble-Campbell, Kingsland, Robertson, McCallum, Kitto, Trotter, Holz, Service, Lance-Corporals Cox, Cameron.

Beyond the usual routine of squad and platoon drill, there is little to chronicle in this branch of school life. Early in the year, Mr Stobo, whose interest in the company has been the means of keeping it up to a fair standard of efficiency, conducted a class for the N.C.O.'s. This was attended by most of the newly-promoted non-coms., and

as a result the various section commanders are now able to manage their sections with some degree of confidence. The uniforms for the young recruits were somewhat slow in arriving, and this fact marred the uniformity of our parades. During the term one parade, on Anzac Day was attended by the School Company. All are in hopes that under favourable climatic conditions we may repeat our camping experience of last November.

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