

FINE EXAMPLES SET OF DUTY TO KING AND EMPIRE

Sub-district cricketers will regret to hear of the death in France of Lance Corporal Geoff Gladstones, son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Gladstones, of Cole street, Williamstown, writes Mr P. A. McAllister. He was a prominent member of the Williamstown first eleven, so also was his younger brother Vernon. The brothers enlisted together in 1915. Vernon was wounded last year, and is still at the front. Before enlisting Geoff was a clerk in the Navy Office. He was formerly a member of the Williamstown Boy's Naval Brigade, founded by Mr J. Cameron and Gunner Robert Kearns. The latter was the honorary instructor. It speaks volumes for the thoroughness of their training that 70 of these boys are now on active service. One of their number, Harry Willan has made rapid progress, and is now a lieutenant in the Navy. Several have fallen. The most notable being Captain Stewart Hansen (the well known league baseball umpire), who gained the Military Cross for bravery prior to his death in France.

Geoff Gladstones was a prominent debater at the Williamstown Presbyterian Literary Association, and had a most promising future before him. It is worthy of note that every eligible member of this association from the President, W. S. Philip (who has lately been promoted 1st lieutenant) downwards, have enlisted. I remember, well, one of its youngest members, the late Duncan McLean, a bright little Scotch boy—he was only a mere lad—rushing with joyous excitement to his president one morning in the train to acquaint him with the information that he had been accepted for active service. He was asked how he managed to pass the height test. He answered with a triumphant smile, that he drew the recruiting sergeant's attention to his heels, and when, he lifted his eyes gently raised himself up on to his toes and passed the test. This brave little chap was one of the first to fall in France. Another member, Harry Warnock, has recently been promoted to lieutenant. Fred Kilgour, also a member, and one of the Williamstown Cricket team's first eleven, was second in the "Anzac Hundred" run some months back in France. He was personally congratulated by General Birdwood for his fleetness. He has since been wounded in the ankle, and is on his way home to Australia. Still another member was the late Gordon Inglis, the champion amateur piper of Australia, who was one of the first to fall at Gallipoli, and over whose grave, at his

who was one of the first to fall at Gallipoli, and over whose grave, at his burial in Wales, the famous Scotch Piper Donald Fraser played "The Flowers of the Forest" with his pibroch. This was done to gratify the dying wish of the brave "Anzac."