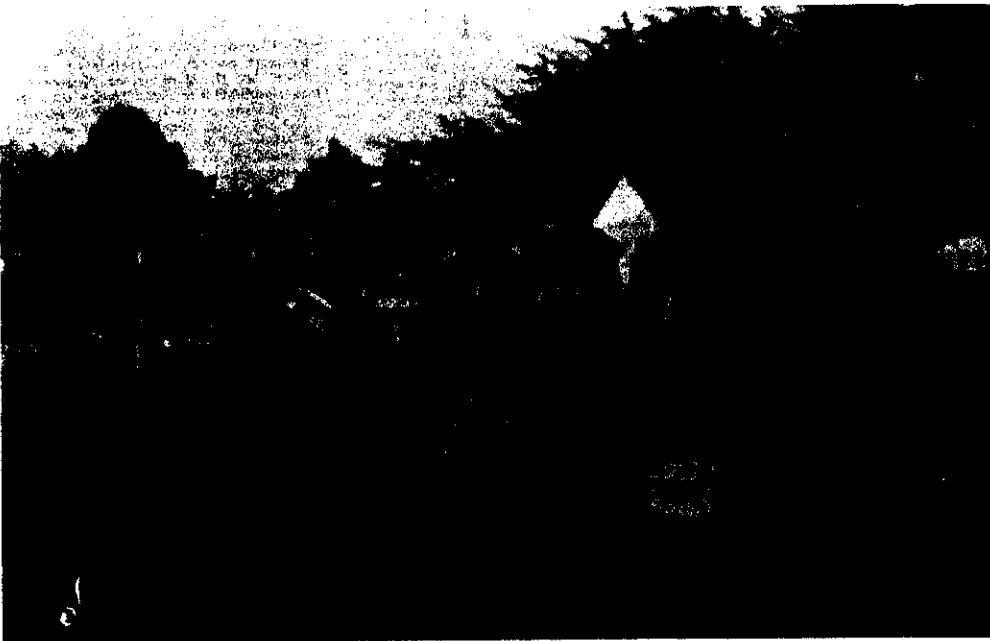


"THE CASQUETS" IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, WHERE THE EXCURSION STEAMER "STELLA" WAS WRECKED.  
[SEE ILLUSTRATIONS.]



SOME OF THE BUGLERS AND DRUMMERS AT THE AUCKLAND EASTER ENCAMPMENT.



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OFFICERS AND NON-COM'S OF THE NO. 2 NATIVES.  
AUCKLAND EASTER ENCAMPMENT.

Miss Gray, from England, is visiting her brother in New Plymouth.

Mr and Mrs Ferguson, Wellington, are paying a short visit to Wanganui.

Miss Isabel Seymour, Tynesfield, Benwick Town, is visiting Mrs Scott in Picton.

The Chief Justice, Sir James Prendergast, spent Easter vacation at Palmerston North.

Mr and Mrs W. Webster left last Friday morning by the Takapuna for Wellington, en route to England.

The Rev. W. Baumber and his family leave Wellington for Christchurch on Thursday by the Waikare.

Mr A. E. A. Clarke returned to New Plymouth last week, after spending his Easter holidays in Auckland.

Mr and Mrs Waldegrave, Wellington, have been spending the Easter holidays in Otago.

Mrs Anderson, of Wellington, is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs W. Shaw, of New Plymouth.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hume, Inspector of Prisons, returned to Wellington this week from a visit to Christchurch.

Miss Williams, Wellington, is paying a visit to her sister, Mrs Arthur Russell, at Te Matai, Palmerston North.

Mr and Mrs W. Turnbull, Wellington, are among the many Wellingtonians who spent the Easter holidays in the Wairarapa.

Mr Kibblewhite, of Petone, Wellington, was bitten by a katipo spider in the leg a few days ago, and has been seriously ill ever since. The venomous little spider was found to have bitten its victim in no less than four places before its capture.

A shark no less than twelve feet in length attacked a fishing boat in Nelson last week. When captured it was found to be of a species unknown in New Zealand waters, having a very large flat tail and unusually large fins.

Mr A. A. Duncan, Deputy Public Trustee, is to control the affairs of the Department in Wellington during the absence of Mr Martin, the Public Trustee, in Europe on a holiday trip.

Mr C. E. Horneman, private secretary to the Hon. Hill-Jones, has been appointed a shorthand writer in the Public Works Department, Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Charles Pharazyn passed through Wellington this week, on their return from their honeymoon trip to the Southern Lakes, and after staying in Wellington a few days left for 'Longwood,' Featherston, their future residence.

The Rev. A. M. Johnston, who is leaving Wellington to go to the Wairarapa, was this week presented with a very handsome American roller top oak secretaire by the members of St. Peter's Club, as a slight mark of appreciation of the many services and valuable assistance which he has always rendered to the Club.

New Zealanders have again been among the lucky winners of one of Tattersall's sweeps, Mr Henry Haybittle having with four other Wellingtonians drawn the first prize of £4,000. Mr Haybittle and his friends only invested in a single ticket, so that their luck is all the more surprising.

Lieut.-Colonel Hume left Wellington on Saturday last, in the Mokoia, for Sydney, on a visit of inspection to the principal gaols in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania and intends being away from New Zealand about two months. During the absence of Colonel Hume in Australia the Prisons' Department will be under the charge of the Under-Secretary for Justice.

Captain Ward has been the guest of Mr and Mrs W. Barton, Fareham, Featherston, and has been deer shooting in the Wairarapa Ranges with his host. Mr Harold Johnston, Wellington, also formed one of the house party during the Easter holidays.

The Rev. W. Baumber, who for the last five years has been minister of the Wesley Church in Wellington, has been transferred to the Durham-street Church, Christchurch, and his ministry during these years has been so keenly appreciated that general regret prevails at his departure. A farewell meeting to the Rev. gentleman took place in the Wesley Church at Wellington on Wednesday night, and during the evening Mr J. Kershaw, senior church steward, on behalf of the friends of Wesley Church, presented Mr Baumber with a Beeson-Baumber bicycle as a mark of their respect and esteem.