

Mr. Raynor C. Bell, of Masterton, has been appointed the honorary Wairarapa representative of the Associated Board, R.A.M., and R.C.M. (London), in place of Mr. A. B. Wallace, who has resigned.

The death is announced from Sydney of Mr. Henry Carey Dangar, Legislative Councillor, and a prominent pastoralist and horse-breeder.

"There are no less than 9000 total boats guarding the coast of Britain at present," declared Mr. C. J. Parr in an address at Te Aroha recently. He described the wonderful work of the minesweepers and longshoremen in the present war. "I take off my hat in admiration to the longshoremen of Great Britain," declared the speaker amid applause.

Gunner R. J. Ballantyne, the well-known Wellington athlete, ran second in a seven mile cross-country team race at Harrowby recently. A field of 185 starters, composed of New Zealanders, Australians, and British soldiers faced the pistol, and of this total the Scottish harrier was second, for which he received a gold medal. Ballantyne was blocked for the first three miles, and only lost by fifteen seconds. The winner's time was 43 minutes.

A most ingenious form of the Morse signalling lamp has been perfected for use in connection with the present war. The apparatus consists of a small fitting placed inside the barrel of a rifle, signalling being effected by means of a switch attached to the trigger. When the signaller wishes to communicate with some point he aims the rifle containing the lamp at the point at which the corresponding signal is situated. The great advantage of this arrangement is that the enemy cannot possibly intercept the signal, for the dispersion of light, even at considerable distances, is very small, and the flashes can be seen only directly along the line on which the barrel is aimed. Signals from this rifle Morse lamp have been read with the naked eye up to 800 yards at night, and with a telescope from twice this distance. At three-quarters of a mile tests have shown the lateral dispersion to be but four yards.

Dr. A. K. Newman, lecturing in Wellington on his recent experiences in England, dwelt largely on the war work women were doing. He mentioned the work of the V.A.D.'s and others in hospitals. In many all the orderly work was done by women, and whereas it had been said that women could not do many things, such as stretcher-carrying, it was found they were doing these things and so releasing men for active service. Dr. Newman spoke of several New Zealand women who were doing their bit in the Old Country. He touched also on the scarcity of food in England, saying it was necessary for such places as New Zealand to make sacrifices, and send as much as possible of our produce Home.

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