

He saw active service both in Gallipoli and France; was wounded on three occasions, and earned promotion and high distinction, being awarded the Military Cross and a bar to it. He was married while on furlough in England.

Lieutenant Alexander Campbell Craig, an Aucklander, was killed while mountaineering on Ben Nevis.

Dr. E. W. Sharman, who has been engaged on military work during the war years, has resumed his duties as port health officer for Auckland.

Captain Phillips, ex-commander of the Makura, was presented at Sydney recently with a wallet well filled with Government war bonds by friends and persons who had sailed with him, as a mark of personal esteem and in recognition of many courtesies during the years he commanded Union Company's ships.

The kea pest was a subject of discussion at the last meeting of the Mackenzie County Council. Complaints were made that the trouble was increased by the action of Government guides who did all they could to protect the keas, as they would have them to show to tourists. It was said that through the action of the guides keas were being bred on the Hermitage reserve, to the great detriment of Mackenzie run-holders, and it was decided to join the Lakes County Council in seeking Government assistance to combat the pest.

"Sandy," one of the chargers that accompanied the late General Bridges when he left Australia on the Orvieto in October, 1914, has returned to Australia. After more than four years' honourable service (says an Australian paper) he has been brought back—partially blind, and altogether less sleek and fiery than when he went away—to spend his remaining days in the well-grassed paddocks near his master's grave at Duntroon. All the men in the First Australian Division knew "Sandy." A well-bred up-standing bay, his appearance commanded admiration, and the late General Bridges was immensely proud of him. When that splendid soldier went to Gallipoli in command of the Australian troops, "Sandy" remained in Egypt, and after his master's death he found another owner. Later he was sent to France, where, after many stirring experiences, he was gassed, after his rider had been killed by a fragment of shell. "Sandy" did not die, but the skill and care of the surgeons were powerless to save his eyesight. After many days he had recovered sufficiently to be placed on a returning transport, and arrived in Australia. Many thousands of horses have been sent to the war from Australia, but "Sandy" is the only one that has been returned.

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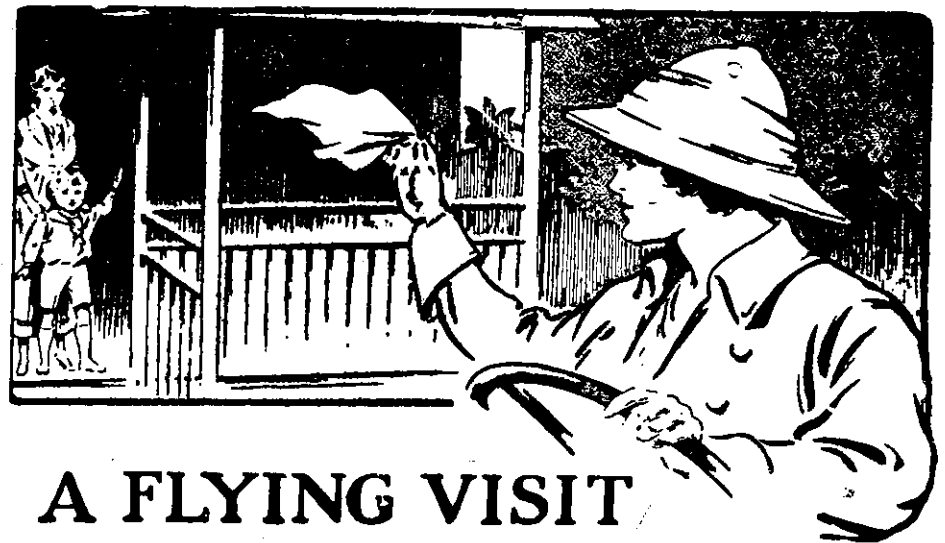
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