

North Head Activities

The Garrison Artillery Rugby Football Club, newest member of the Auckland Rugby Union, is comprised of players from the 1st Hy. Gp., N.Z.A., based at Auckland. With Lt.-Col. Clayton-Greene, O.B.E., and Major Elliott (A.A.) as joint presidents, Wilding (N.H.) patron, B.S.M., Stitt (N.H.) secretary, and L. Mowat (A.A.) club captain, it over 200 member players drawn from North Head, Mount Victoria and New Neck. The Selection Committee consists of Major Wilding, Lt. (N.N.), Sgt. Castaign (N.N.), A. E. Cooke (A.A., well-known All Black), L/Bdr. E. P. Cook (N.H.), and Gnr. Turner (N.H.).

In order to become an affiliated member of the A.R.U., it is necessary to enter at least four teams in the competitions, and to this end the Club has entered a Senior, Third Open, Intermediate, and a First Junior team.

On Friday the 20th marked the unopened season and the teams played a series of friendly matches on the Devonport Domain. The results, with the exception of the Junior, played representatives of the North Shore Club, the exception being a team of Maori N.C.O.'s. The results are as follows: Seniors v. North Shore, lost 18-3; First Junior v. Maori N.C.O.'s, lost 18-3; Third Intermediate v. North Shore, lost 15-0.

It was not exactly an auspicious start and the results, on sight, do not tell sweeping victories for the various grades. Serious as these may appear, however, they are necessarily tragic, and should not be taken as indicative of future results.

It must be borne in mind that one of the strongest factors in football is the team, and whereas the Army team that day were playing for the time as combined teams, the teams contained many players who have been playing side by side for seasons. The truth of this is apparent when we see the only team similarly placed to F.F. themselves, namely, the Maori team, was defeated.

Generally, the team by which the 1st of Army football primarily judged, and that which will be the major interest of followers, is the senior team. The selectors have been busy working on this past few weeks, and after several matches those finally selected present the group on Saturday

Back: Edge (N.N.); three-quarter: Albrecht (N.N.); Bickerton (N.N.); five-eighths: Wallace Aldridge (N.N.); half-back: forwards: Baker (N.H.), A. (N.H.), Anderson (A.A.), Baig (N.N.), Overton (A.A.), Gable (N.H.), Vallilley (N.H.), Nuts (N.N.).

Forwards: Durham Stitt (N.H.); backs: Hetet

Although individual play was, in some cases good, there were undoubtedly weaknesses, and although these are inevitable, it is not for us to censure them at this stage. The team seemed to lie, firstly, as was previously mentioned, in the lack of cohesion, and secondly in the failure of the forwards, with few exceptions, to pack round the ball. There is a tendency toward individuality, which is always a bad fault, but at this period of the season, much of this is attributable to over keenness on the part of players endeavouring to shine themselves into the limelight.

The prominent among the forwards was Gable, undoubtedly the best forward game, with the others showing occasional flashes of brilliance. Gable, who is well known to most Aucklanders in football, has been playing for the Senior team for some time, and is represented Auckland. Gable was the most consistently outstanding back, and should develop

into a firstclass player. His speed and sure handling should carry him through the season with honours.

One of the best forwards in the group was unfortunately not playing on Saturday. This is Moran, who plays for Ponsonby seniors, and who sustained a cracked collar-bone in an earlier practise match.

It would be inopportune at this stage to comment on other players, as, until the season progresses, it is impossible to say exactly how they will shape. Doubtless there are some players not included in the team who are worthy of a place, but all will be given a trial, and with the talent at our disposal, notwithstanding Saturday's reversals, there is no reason why the Army team should not meet with every success.

SERVICE MATCHES.

Since the above was written the combined team to play the R.N.Z.A.F. at Hobsonville on Wednesday has been announced. As was predicted, a few changes have been made, but they concern only the backs.

J. Cook (A.A.), who played the most conspicuous forward game for the Junior team on Saturday, will be wing three-quarter, Hewitt (A.A.) will be five-eighth, Hetet (N.N.) centre, and Gibbons (N.H.), who played soundly on the wing, will be full-back.

After this match has been played the strongest team will then be selected to face Grammar Old Boys at Eden Park on Saturday, 27th, in the opening game of the A.R.U. Club championships.

FORMER LEAGUE PLAYERS.

What might easily have been a serious set-back to Group football was circumvented last week. The Rugby League Executive, following a meeting, announced that it would forbid former Rugby players who had transferred to League to return to Rugby until proper reinstatement had been sought and granted. This procedure involves no small amount of time during which some of our best players who have been playing League for the past few seasons, would have been suspended. Prompt action on the part of the Club Committee resulted in the matter being equitably settled, and the original decision has been waived.

INJURIES.

Two others in the ranks of the injured through football are Gunner P. Dunn of North Head, who sustained a dislocated shoulder when playing in the possible-probable match, and Gunner Vietch, also of North Head, who fractured his collar-bone when playing in the third grade against North Shore. Gunners Moran—who, as was mentioned earlier, cracked his collar-bone—and Dunn, should both be able to take the field again in a short while, but it is improbable that Gnr. Vietch will play again this season. This is particularly unfortunate in his case, as in the few matches he has played, he has shown unusual promise in the three-quarter line, being fast, sure-handed, and always on the ball.

Another member of the Battery on the injured list is Gnr. Nicholson, who through no fault of his own, sprained a wrist when his motor cycle skidded on the wet concrete. Strangely enough, these four men are all in the 12 lb. section, and live in the one hut, with the result that it is beginning to look somewhat like a hospital ward.

The sympathies of all are with them, however, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

PUMPKINS GROWN AT CAMP.

Rivalling the flower garden at the Papakura Camp is a large-scale vegetable plot, which throughout the season has helped largely to supply the messes with potatoes and green vegetables. One of the largest sections of the area was sown in pumpkins, and at the present time a very large crop is available. The flower garden has also proved successful, and the display of dahlias and giant marigolds in front of camp headquarters is one of the best in the district.

PAPAKURA CAMP

Plan of Street Names

Men Who Built The Army

Confronted with the task of giving names to the many streets running through the new Papakura mobilisation camp, the officer commanding the northern military district, Colonel N. W. McD. Weir, has followed a definite plan which should give pleasure to all past and serving members of the New Zealand Military Forces. The main streets are being called after the men who built the forces, and the subsidiary ones are being named after the engineers who built the camp.

The main entrance to the camp is to be Godley Street, after the man who laid the foundations of the New Zealand Army of to-day. This leads on to Russell Avenue and Freyberg Avenue, the two major streets running from west to east through the camp. Off these two avenues lead further main streets, which have been named as follows:—Robin, Chaytor, Richardson, Melvill, Young, Sinclair-Burgess and Duigan. All these men were or are major-generals commanding the New Zealand Forces in New Zealand or, in some instances, overseas.

Within the four blocks is to which the camp is divided, the main subsidiary streets have been named after engineers responsible for the camp's construction. The names are: Dyson, Rabone, Parsons, Skipwith, Jackman, and Brookes. Thus the naming of all the streets in the camp has been done to a plan, and not left to haphazard choice.

PRESENTATION TO ACHILLES

In recognition of the cruiser's part in the River Plate action against the Graf Spee, a sterling silver salver was presented to H.M.S. Achilles recently by the Auckland branch of the Navy League. The presentation was made on board by Mr. C. H. T. Palmer, president of the branch, and the gift was received by Captain W. E. Parry, commanding the cruiser, on behalf of the ship and her company. After the presentation the salver was used for the first time while several toasts were honoured. Captain Parry expressed the deep gratitude of all those in the cruiser, not only for the presentation, but also for the constant interest taken in the Navy's welfare by the Navy League.

TROOPS BAYONET DUMMY.

The soldiers at the Papakura Camp have discovered one way of keeping their minds on the job when practising bayonet charges against the usual sacking dummy. Prominently painted on the centre of the dummy is a large German swastika. Bayonet holes piercing and surrounding it testify to the accuracy of innumerable determined charges.

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