

ARMY RUGBY

New Zealand Team In
South Africa

BEATEN BY 8 TO 3

Though New Zealand had to cancel the Rugby tour of South Africa this year because of the war, the war has also been responsible for a team of soldier-foot-ballers from New Zealand, captained by E. W. Tindill, playing a match there recently against a University fifteen, the latter winning 8-3.

Details of the event came in a letter received by Mr. S. S. Dean, chairman of the management committee of the New Zealand Rugby Union, from Mr. R. M. Wilson, a keen Rugby supporter, and manager of the South British Insurance Co., in Cape Town.

The match took place on the famous Newlands ground at Cape Town a few weeks ago, where the New Zealanders put in an unexpected appearance. The visit was so brief as to give the New Zealand soldier-players little chance to drop their sea legs. But the opportunity of playing in South Africa was appreciated, and the hurriedly-arranged match greatly enjoyed. It was an off-day, but the word had gone round quickly, and some thousands were at Newlands for the event.

The New Zealand team was:—Greer; Gillespie, Burgess, Bartlett; Neighbours, Vincent; Tindill (captain); Graham, Hearn, Fowler, Ashman, Gardiner, Foreman, King, and Donoghue.

Greer and Vincent played for Sunnyside (Christchurch). Greer also played Rugby League in Auckland. Gillespie played for Athletic (Christchurch). Burgess is a former Ashburton and Canterbury representative. He also took part in the All Black trials last year. Tindill needs no introduction. Of the forwards, Hearn (Canterbury), Fowler (Taranaki), Foreman (Otago and Auckland), King (New Zealand Rugby League captain), and P. Donoghue (Petone) are best known.

Comments on the game show that Hearn was highly successful in hooking, and that Tindill gave a fine display behind the scrum. Lack of practice told against the New Zealanders, who, nevertheless, created a favourable impression. It was conceded that had they been fit and had had some play together, they would have been more than a match for the opposition. University scored two tries, one being converted. For the soldiers, Greer kicked a penalty goal.

EXCITING GAME

Army Team At Napier

Rugby football of a good standard was witnessed when the Army team, representing the Central Military District (third echelon), met Hawke's Bay representatives in a game on McLean Park,

Napier, on 13th inst. The result was a draw, 16-all, the progress of the scoring being such that the 2600 spectators were kept at a pitch of excitement throughout.

First blood went to the Army, Finlay kicking a penalty goal soon after play began. The home side evened the account not long after when Thomas kicked a penalty goal also. Hawke's Bay gave the Army team a hard time for a while, but they were unable to cap their efforts. Then the visitors took a hand, and the first try of the match came when Sherratt scored from a back movement, Finlay converting. They brought their tally up to 11 when Finlay kicked a penalty goal. Just before half-time, the Bay took a hand, and a try by Jackson from a forward scramble converted by Thomas, made the score at the interval, Army 11, Hawke's Bay 8.

The Army opened the second spell energetically, and Logan finished off a back movement with a try, which Finlay converted from a difficult angle. Taking matters into their own hands, the home forwards swept down the field in a rush which was too much for the defenders, and Brownlie fell on the ball for a try. The last and equalizing try of the match was also Brownlie's, after he had been fed from a scrum by the Bay half-back, Clothier. Dyer converted. With the scores even, and not a great deal of time left to play, both sides strove hard to add to their scores. The pace was fast, with backs and forwards endeavouring to find a weakness, but the score remained unaltered.

The proceeds of the match, £229, will go to Red Cross funds.

ACTIVITY IN THREE
CENTRES.

Mobilised in the Northern Military District under the new training scheme for the Territorial Force are at present about 1300 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, and in the following few months when the men of other units are called up a still larger number will be in training.

Close on 700 officers, non-commissioned officers and men of an infantry unit, the 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own), commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Worley, V.D., are to-day in the second week of their three months' training, two months of which they will be at Alexandra Park, Epsom, while living at their homes, and the third month they will spend under canvas in the park. Prior to taking over the training of the battalion the officers and non-commissioned officers were one month in the District School, Narrow Neck.

Artillery and Engineers.

To Ngaruawahia camp have gone over 200 officers and non-commissioned officers of the artillery units, the 1st Field Regiment (Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Soar, E.D.), and the 7th Battery of the 8th Medium Regiment (Captain F. M. Yendall), and the 1st Field Company of Engineers (Second-Lieutenants R. T. Toy and C. M. Taylor). On July 1 they began a course extending over two months. In September they will return to their home centres—Auckland in the case of the 1st Field Regiment and 1st Field Company, and Hamilton in the case of some of the 7th Battery—to train their men for a month. During October and November all ranks will be in camp.

To the city—District School, Narrow Neck—have come about 350 officers and non-commissioned officers of the three country infantry units—the 1st Battalions of the Hauraki (Lieutenant-Colonel B. R. Penlington), North Auckland (Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Jack, M.C., E.D.), and the Waikato Regiments (Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Mackersey). They, in addition to officers and non-commissioned officers of the Auckland Company of the New Zealand Scottish Regiment (Lieutenant P. A. Tarelton), will be in the school for three months' intensive training, after which the men of the units will be mobilised for three months' camp.

Other Northern Military District units, such as the Auckland (East Coast) Mounted Rifles, Waikato Mounted Rifles, North Auckland Motorised Regiment, 1st Composite Company of the Army Service Corps, Northern District Signal Company and 1st Field Ambulance of the Medical Corps will be proceeding to camp from next month onward.

It has not yet been decided in which camps the units will be accommodated.

AIR CASUALTY

The following war casualty was announced recently: Pilot Officer Claude Randolph Frankish, previously reported missing, killed in action. Mother: Mrs. E. H. Frankish, Wanganui.



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