



**BRITISH GUNNERS AT SPEED TESTS.**  
A gun crew during speed tests getting a 6-inch howitzer ready for action.

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Courtenay Place, C3. 52-678
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Cuba Street, C2. Tel. 52-685
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- Midland**  
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Lambton Quay, C1. Tel. 41-686
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Lambton Quay, C1. Tel. 42-651
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**KILLED IN ACTION**  
**Former New Zealand Rugby League Player**

Footballers and wrestling enthusiasts in New Zealand and Australia will regret to learn that George Gardiner lost his life in the fighting near Tobruk. He held the rank of captain in the Australian Imperial Force.

Gardiner went to Auckland in 1924 from the Bay of Plenty district, where he made a name in Rugby as a forward and three-quarter. He joined the Marist Rugby League Club, but in 1926 changed over to the Ponsonby club, and was an eleventh-hour inclusion in the New Zealand League team which visited England in 1926-27. Many Carlaw Park enthusiasts will recall the dashing runs down the sideline by the big Maori wing, who threw his 16st. into an opponent. The great duels on the wing in the New Zealand trial games in 1926 between Gardiner and Ben Davidson are still talked about. Gardiner was also a high-class back row forward and won games for Ponsonby as a goal-kicker.

He stood well over six feet and was perhaps the biggest three-quarter ever seen at Carlaw Park. He was also a successful track runner, and had great speed for such a big man. As a high jumper he was known to have cleared 5ft. 11in.

Some years ago Gardiner moved to Australia, and made a successful debut as a wrestler under the name of Hori Tiki. He took on many prominent overseas wrestlers, and generally met with success against Australian opponents.

**BLINDED RETURNED SOLDIER**

**Training In Institute**

Believed to be the only New Zealand soldier so far invalided home blinded in the present war, Mr C H Humphries, Carterton, is now in the New Zealand Institute for the Blind which he entered some weeks ago.

Mr Humphries, who is single, was formerly employed in the freezing works at Waingawa, near Masterton. He left New Zealand with the First Echelon. The injury which caused his blindness was not due to enemy action, but to an explosion in a parcel of detonators as he was lifting it from a truck in August of last year. After hospital treatment he was sent home with a draft which arrived in February.

**WARRANT OFFICER PROMOTED**  
**Lieutenant W. R. C. Whyte**

The promotion, after nearly 30 years' service as a member of the New Zealand Permanent Staff, to lieutenant and quartermaster, of W.O.1 W. R. C. Whyte, regimental sergeant-major of the Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry, has been gazetted. Lieutenant Whyte has been appointed officer instructor at the District School of Instruction, Burnham.

Before joining the permanent staff at Invercargill in 1912, Lieutenant Whyte belonged to the Otago Mounted Rifles from 1900, and during that time he had the honour to sound the Royal Salute to King George V and Queen Mary when they toured New Zealand as the Duke and Duchess of York.

At the outbreak of the Great War Lieutenant Whyte served as a mounted rifles instructor in Expeditionary Force training camps, and in 1919 he rejoined his unit in the Southland area. In 1921 he was appointed regimental sergeant-major of the Otago Mounted Rifles, with the rank of W.O.1, and transferred to head quarters in Dunedin, where he remained till 1937 when he came to Christchurch as regimental sergeant major of the Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry, in those days a much larger unit than it is now.

Lieutenant Whyte has been awarded the 16 Years' Service Medal, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

**RACING FIXTURES**

September 27—Kurow J.C.  
September 27—Foxton R.C.  
September 27, 29—Ohinemuri J.C.

Since his return, Mr. Humphries has been assisted by the trustees of the Blind Soldiers' Fund, who still hold about £11,000 of moneys subscribed during the last war. He has already made good progress at Braille, type writing and basketmaking as a preliminary to making a fresh start in some new occupation. His cheerfulness and self-reliance have impressed both his fellow-workers and the staff of the institute.

**NAVAL BARRACKS**

Constructed on land formerly used as a parade and hockey ground, large shore barracks for members of the Royal New Zealand Navy are now nearing completion at the Devonport naval base. Three double-story buildings, two of them with long wings projecting from the centre portion, almost fill the area and already part of the accommodation is in use. When early last year he announced the Government's intention to construct the barracks, the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, said they would replace H.M.S. Philomel, now in her 51st year of service.



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