

WON BY TWO RUNS

Exciting Cricket Match

As a wind-up to the 1941-42 cricket season in Wellington, a match was played on the Basin Reserve on Saturday afternoon between an Army team and an eleven representing the Wellington Cricket Association. Each side had an innings, and an exciting finish saw the Wellington eleven win by two runs. The wicket favoured the bowlers, and low scoring was the order of the day.

Wellington totalled 101 (H. F. Rice 22, F. H. L. Mooney 16, G. R. Dickinson 14, C. McCarthy 14, C. A. Blundell 14). D. S. Wilson, the Army captain, bowled effectively to take seven wickets for 51 runs off 15 overs. M. A. O'Brien, who also bowled throughout the innings, took two for 44.

Army replied with 99 (Whelan 22, O'Brien 30, D. S. Wilson 11, Rogers 10). C. A. Blundell, the Wellington club fast-medium right-hand bowler, took six wickets for 14, and J. Ashenden three for 52.

R. Allen, the Kilbirnie right-handed slow spin bowler, who took 78 wickets in the championship games this season, had the ill-fortune to strain a sinew in his bowling arm after sending down four balls for Wellington, and, after delivering the next ball underhand, had to be taken off. A notable absentee from the Army team was D. C. Cleverley.

N.Z. AIRMAN CHARGED

Dropped Gift By Parachute

LONDON, April 8.

A New Zealander, Flight Lieutenant James Samuel Humphries, was court-martialled on a charge of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline in the Air Force.

The prosecution alleged that Humphries ordered the pilot of a plane of which he was captain to fly down to 500 feet, from which height Humphries dropped three bars of chocolate, attached to a home-made parachute, over the home of a clergyman's daughter. A window from the plane fell out simultaneously. The parachute, which was produced in Court, was made from a handkerchief and string. With the package was a note saying, "Dear Cobbles,—I have just managed to buy this. Thy need is greater than mine, so I thought I would deliver it."

Humphries said that the route to his base directly passed over the clergyman's home. "I got the idea of dropping the chocolate by parachute," he said. "I asked the pilot to descend gradually so that I could throw the parachute through the window. As I threw the package my hand struck the window, which fell out."

Witnesses testified that the plane did not fly unusually low.

The Court stated that it had no findings to announce on either charge.

Humphries went to Britain in 1938 and was engaged in operational flights in France in 1940, and led a fighter section in the Battle of Britain, when he was badly wounded and was obliged to bale out.

SCOTTISH REGIMENT

Result Of Marching Competition

The 1st Battalion of the New Zealand Scottish Regiment, at present in training in a North Island camp, held its first inter-company drill competition for the

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Leuchars Trophy during the Easter weekend.

The competition, which was for the best team in drill and rifle exercises, was won by A Company, whose team, under Lieutenant D. J. Pocknall, secured 72 points out of a possible of 100. D. and H.Q. Companies tied for second place with 70 points, C Company was third with 63 points, and B Company fourth with 60 points. Captain G. MacCulloch, O.B.E., N.Z.T.S., acted as judge.

The trophy, which is the work of disabled soldiers, is a shield composed entirely of New Zealand wood, with the Scottish lion rampant in inlaid wood on

top. The centre plaque is of frosted silver and has the title "The Leuchars Shield" embossed in silver lettering. The Scottish thistle worked in paua shell is carried down both sides and is joined at the bottom to the New Zealand fern leaf. The regimental collar badges are mounted below the plaque. The trophy was donated to the regiment by Mr. J. Leuchars, Wellington, whose two sons (now overseas) had served in the regiment since its inception.

The regimental pipe band, in full kilt, was in attendance throughout the competition, and also played during a special marching display by D Company.

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