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# WAR VERSE and PROSE

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## ARMISTICE DAY, 1918.

In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row by row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead,  
Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow  
Loved and were loved! and now we  
lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you from failing hands, we throw  
the torch.

Be yours to lift it high.  
If you break faith with those who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
blow  
In Flanders fields.

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## BASE DEPOT, 1917.

We're a mob of mangled scarecrows,  
we're the "category" corps,  
We're the ashes of the furnace, we're  
the scapheap of the war.  
We're the tins that can't be tinkered,  
we're the shoes that can't be soled,  
For the welts are off the uppers and  
the rivets will not hold:  
We're the mugs that can't be mended  
for all that's left are bits.  
We're the happy "hors de combat"  
we're the Permanent Unfits.

We've a varied stock of ailments,  
we've some pretty things in scars,  
You could dress a fancy-goods shop  
with our ribbons and our bars;  
We've bullets in our kidneys, we've  
shrapnel in our lungs.  
We've windows in our faces and slices  
off our tongues;  
We've some fancy complications, both  
curious and rare  
From trench-feet in our fingers to  
shell-shock in our hair.

Oh, we make a pretty picture every  
morning on review,  
With our feet and fingers frozen and  
our noses red and blue,  
When the P.B. Regimental and the  
P.B. N.C.O.'s

Line up the P.B. privates in ragged  
P. Breros.  
When they march us off to duty in the  
cook-house or canteen.  
To wash the sergeant's spit-pans or  
to wipe the swill tubs clean.  
To tidy up the tent-lines or to dust  
the colonel's coals,  
To mince up wiles of bully into moun-  
tains or rissoles.  
To carry lousy blankets to the fumi-  
gating store  
And other base employments in the  
noble art of war.

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Parachutists take some little time  
to get their wits after the shock of  
drop and landing. Then parachutists  
must search for weapons, stores and  
equipment, dropped under coloured  
parachutes; which means that aero-  
drome and vital point guards, if mo-  
bile and quick in seizing the opportu-  
nity, have a period in which the para-  
chutist is comparatively ineffective.

Knowledge in VDC, garrison bat-  
talions and other units charged with  
defence of localities of the develop-  
ment and employment of air-borne

# CLOSE FINISHES

## Wellington Senior Cricket

### ANOTHER CENTURY TO H. G. RICE

Some close and exciting finishes were  
seen in the third series of the Wellington  
Cricket Association's senior champion-  
ship competition on Saturday afternoon,  
which were played under ideal batting  
conditions.

Good fast bowling by J. Fortune, who  
took five wickets for 13 runs, enabled Mid-  
land-Wellington to dismiss Petone for  
108 runs, but this modest total was just  
good enough to give Petone a win by one  
run in a thrilling finish. Asplet took  
five wickets for 46 for Petone, and C. A.  
Blundell played a good fighting innings  
for Midland-Wellington.

An equally exciting finish saw Wel-  
lington College Old Boys get home from  
University by two runs. Effective bow-  
ling by D. Beard, who took five for 42, saw  
Old Boys, for whom L. V. Browne and  
Barber batted well, dismissed for 157.  
The Varsity batsmen found the slow  
bowling of G. L. Whyte, G. Reynolds and  
R. W. Burnard too good for them, and  
the last wicket fell with the score two  
runs short of Old Boys' total.

Army, with Dumbleton and Nottman  
back from leave, scored their first win  
of the season by beating Artillery by an  
innings and 73 runs, after declaring their  
first innings closed with seven wickets  
down for 219 runs. J. R. Stevens hit  
up 70 for Army, including a six and  
15 fours in half an hour, and S. Cutts  
and W. Hayward also forced the pace.  
Effective bowling by D. P. Dumbleton,  
who took six wickets for 36 runs in the  
first innings, and by M. A. O'Brien, the  
Army captain, who took seven wickets  
for 28 runs in the second innings, saw  
Artillery dismissed for 99 and 47. Youl  
carried his bat through Artillery's first  
innings for 40, and took four wickets for  
80 runs.

Karori registered their first win of the  
season by beating Air Force by ten wick-  
ets, after declaring their first innings  
closed with one wicket down for 142. J.  
Coupland (84 not out) and Sim (43 not  
out) did the scoring for Karori. Good  
bowling by G. R. Dickinson, R. W. Coup-  
land, T. Searell, and J. Coupland saw  
Air Force dismissed for 45 and 109. Bon-  
ner and Elton put on 61 runs for the  
third wicket in Air Force's second in-  
nings.

An evenly-contested game saw Hutt  
beat Institute Old Boys by 8 runs. Stear  
was the principal scorer in Hutt's innings  
of 136, and Rogers and M. Bilby did best  
for Institute, who could only total 128.  
Bartlett was the most effective bowler  
for Institute and O'Reilly, Vogther, Pegler,  
Chapman and Muir bowled steadily  
for Hutt.

Another brilliant century by H. G.  
Rice, the captain, who scored 121 in 110  
minutes, including one six and 15 fours,  
enabled Kilbirnie to declare their first  
innings against St. Patrick's College Old  
Boys with 258 runs on for the loss of  
eight wickets. Though Phillips and  
Mooney batted well for St. Patrick's, the  
remainder of the side found the slow  
spin bowling of R. Allen, who took seven  
wickets for 68, too much for them, and  
the last wicket fell at 204, giving Kilbir-  
nie a win on the first innings by 64 runs.  
Halligan was the most effective bowler  
for St. Patrick's College Old Boys.

Following are the results:—

Hutt, 136 (Stear 45, Bartlett four for  
23, J. Bilby two for 16), beat Institute Old  
Boys, 128 (Rogers 33, M. Bilby 30, O'Reilly  
three for 38, Vogther two for 15, Chapman  
two for 22, Pegler two for 30), by eight  
runs on the first innings. A 5-point win  
for Hutt.

Army, 219 for seven wickets, declared  
(J. R. Stevens 70, S. Cutts 40, W. Hayward  
33 not out, H. Nottman 23, V. G. Hill 20,  
Youl four for 80), beat Artillery, 99 (Youl  
40 not out, Dumbleton six for 36), and 47  
(O'Brien seven for 28, Dumbleton three  
for 12), by an innings and 73 runs. An  
8-point win for Army.

Karori, 142 for one wicket, declared (J.  
Coupland 84 not out, Sim 43 not out), and  
16 for no wickets, beat Air Force, 45  
(Dickinson five for 20, R. W. Coupland  
five for 20), and 109 (Bonner 46, Elton 37,  
Searell four for 24, J. Coupland three for  
19), by 10 wickets. An 8-point win for  
Karori.

Wellington College Old Boys, 157  
(Browne 38, Barber 35, Beard five for 42,  
Burnard three for 10), beat University, 153  
(Stringer 30, de la Mare 30, Adeock 25;  
G. L. Whyte five for 50, Reynolds three  
for 52, Duncan two for 20), by two runs  
on the first innings. A 5-point win for  
Old Boys.

Petone, 108 (Denzel 24, Crowther three  
for 39, Fortune five for 13), beat Midland-  
Wellington, 107 (Crawford 24, C. A. Blun-  
dell 49, Asplet five for 48, Flett two for  
8), by one run on the first innings. A 5-  
point win for Petone.

Kilbirnie, 258 for eight wickets, de-  
clared (H. G. Rice 121, Greig 27, Church  
27, Halligan four for 39), beat St. Patrick's  
College Old Boys, 204 (Phillips 63, Mooney  
30, Allen, seven for 68). A 5-point win for  
Kilbirnie.

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