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**ARMY RUGBY****New Zealanders In Great Britain****MATCH WITH TERRITORIAL DIVISION**

(From the Official War Correspondent with the N.Z.E.F. in Great Britain.)

EAST GRINSTEAD, November 4.

In the main game of the Rugby football trials on Saturday, a New Zealand fifteen met the British Territorial Division, with which it has lately been sharing the defence of a forward area. The ground was heavy when the second spell was played, but the match provided great football. The division was led by Captain Peter Candler, England's stand-off half, and included also three international trialists.

New Zealand won by seven points (a field goal and a try, both by Simpson, the Taranaki full-back), to three (a penalty goal). Except that Metega, the Maori half, was unavailable because of injuries, the New Zealand team was the selectors' first choice for the time being.

The team was:—Full-back, Private J. B. Simpson, Wellington Battalion; three-quarters, Private J. R. O'Hearn, Auckland Battalion, Gunner J. J. Campbell, Fifth Field Regiment, Gunner R. A. Patterson, Fifth Field Regiment; five-eighths, Lance-Corporal F. J. Newghours, South Island Battalion Private M. Symons, Fifth Field Ambulance; half-back, Gunner I. G. Stirling, Fifth Field Regiment; back of scrum, Second-Lieutenant R. K. King, South Island Battalion; second row, Corporal W. J. Cooper, Maori Battalion, Lieutenant F. S. R. Thomson, South Island Battalion, Private J. McLean, Fifth Field Ambulance (skipper), Private G. R. Harrison, Maori Battalion; front row, Lieutenant H. O. Crawford-Smith, Fifth Field Regiment, Sergeant T. G. Fowler, Wellington Battalion, W. Johnston, Fifth Field Regiment.

The St. Mary's Hospital fixture has been postponed to November 30.

On November 23 New Zealand is to play Rosslyn Park Club.

**PURSE OF £800****Maurice Strickland And American****BIG BOXING CONTEST**

Articles were signed at Wellington on Monday for a heavyweight professional boxing contest for a purse of £800, the largest yet offered in New Zealand, between Maurice Strickland, the New Zealander, and the Alabama Kid, an American negro. The bout is to take place in the open air at the Show Grounds, Palmerston North, on Boxing Day night.

The Manawatu Boxing Association is promoting the fight. Articles now having been signed, application will be made to the New Zealand Boxing Council for permission to give a purse of the size offered as it is above that allowed by the rules of the council.

The articles were signed in the presence of Mr. Charles Lucas, Sydney, acting on behalf of the Manawatu Association in assisting in promoting the bout, and Mr. E. Walters, Wellington.

The capacity of the showgrounds for such a contest will be approximately 40,000. An endeavour will be made to run special trains from Auckland and Wellington, and intervening stations. It is also probable that a moving picture will be taken of the contest.

An important stipulation is that there must be a winner; there will be no draw. Mr. Lucas said yesterday that he was opposed to draw decisions; the public paid to see a fight and were entitled to a straightout decision.

Another feature will be that the referees will be announced for the first time from the ringside just before the start of the contest. There will be a double bill, in that the main bout will be preceded by one between Johnny Hutchison, the American negro lightweight, and a New Zealander, yet to be decided.

**RACING FIXTURES.**

Nov. 9, 11, 13, 16—Canterbury J.C.  
Nov. 16—Napier Park R.C.  
Nov. 16, 18—Waikato R.C.  
Nov. 23, 25—Levin R.C.  
Nov. 23, 25—Auckland R.C.  
Nov. 25—Southland R.C.  
Nov. 30—Ashburton C.R.C.  
Nov. 30, Dec. 2—Feilding J.C.  
Dec. 6, 7—Whangarei R.C.  
Dec. 7, 9—Woodville D.R.C.  
Dec. 14—Otaki Maori R.C.

**TROTTING FIXTURES.**

Nov. 23, 25—Forbury Park T.C.  
Nov. 30, Dec. 7—Waikato T.C.  
Dec. 7—New Brighton T.C.  
Dec. 21—Reefton T.C.  
Dec. 26—Ashburton T.C.  
Dec. 26—Gore T.C.  
Dec. 26, 27—Westport T.C.  
Dec. 27, 28, 31—Auckland T.C.  
Dec. 28—Winton T.C.  
Jan. 1—Canterbury Park T.C.

**DANCE IN TOWN HALL****A.N.A. Club Welcome To Men Of 4th Reinforcements**

Flags of the Empire were festooned all about the big Town Hall on Saturday night when the Wellington A.N.A. Club held a most enjoyable dance as a welcome to men of the Fourth Reinforcements. The mayor and mayoress of Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. A

Hislop, were present during the evening.

Eight hundred dancers filled the hall. Many lovely frocks were worn by girl members of the club, the khaki and air force blue of uniforms making a background against which these showed in an ever-changing scene of colour. An orchestra of 10 players played a programme of the bright musical "hits" of the moment.

The club rooms in Willis Street were open as usual and were well patronized. The executive expresses its thanks to women of Martinborough who donated a hamper for supper.

**Farewell to Maori Soldiers**

A social evening was held at Te Tatau o Te Po, the Maori Hall in Lower Hutt, on Friday night, in honour of three members of the community who are with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant A. Te Puni, Private David Parata and Private Tom Tulloch. Lieutenant Te Puni is with the 28th Maori Battalion. On behalf of himself and their friends, Major McIntyre wished the guests of the evening the best of luck. Mr. E. Erwini, representing Mr. Hapi Love, who was unable to be present, also extended good wishes to the men on behalf of the Maori community. The Rev. H. S. I. Kenney, after wishing the guests God-speed, presented them with gifts. Items by the Maori Girls' Club were interspersed with dancing, for which Mr. W. Edwin was the master of ceremonies. The music was played by Messrs. J. Warren, T. Hartley, J. Church and J. Wallace. Among those present were Mrs. J. C. Burns, wife of the deputy-mayor of Petone, Mrs. Parata Olsen, Mr. Parata's sister, and Miss Mobery, Maori deaconess. The committee comprised Mrs. Hapi Love, president, Mrs. Hio Love, Mrs. M. Love, Mrs. Te Waari and Mrs. Everson.

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