

PERSONALITY PARADE: NO 6.

ALEX TONER.  
( By Major Sucker O.B.E )

" The members of this tent take in washing and people generally " I read on a notice in the Building section lines, and saw below it the name of the soldier for whom I was looking. Another wronged South Islander, I thought, when those shoulders turned in my direction.

He was born in Ashburton in 19-19 and went to school there. He did not study very seriously and is glad now that he did not--he would hate to look as glum as the draughting Sgts. For a time he worked on a sheep farm and it was during that period of his life that the Ashburton Borough Council decided to shift the " Old Gents Only " and form a Civic Square in the hope of enticing at least one unsuspecting traveller to stay in their village for more than the ten minutes for Refreshments. They could get no house shifting gear and applied to Alex whose civic pride was great and who promised to help them. On Ash Wednesday, 1935, to the delight of the entire twenty three inhabitants he lifted the " Old Gents Only " ( while empty ) and carried it bodily across the road. Later, people availing themselves of its amenities were pained to find it retaliated by leaking on them. Alex was called in to repair the roof and found the work so fascinating that he gave up farming and started work as a carpenter.



He was fired with enthusiasm for the Cause of Temperance and fought valiantly for it till the elections brought success to his cause. Naturally, he and his associates arranged a party to celebrate their achievement, only to find that their success blocked them from having one. Like all true Irishmen they were "again the Government" and vowed not to rest till Prohibition was defeated. The Council thought otherwise, Ashburton had become famous ( if unpopular ) overnight and they wanted to retain that fame. Alex and his friends were immediately put in the army where their enthusiasm and energy would soon be killed.

He is looking forward to again working on the interior of expensive houses, but I fear he might whack about with axe and hammer in a manner distressing to the architect and client, to say nothing of the wood. I suggest he attempt to popularise rustic interiors by advertising " Ye Olde Worlde Intoners ".

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DOZERDUST SCOOP !!!

GONOPHONE.

Sgt. Charlie Rye who electrified readers of the ELTHAM ARGUS with his graphic and full blooded articles on NEW CALEDONIA has been signed up for a series of special meaty articles on HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF SITTING ON YOUR SUCKER. Watch for this series from the pen of one of Taranaki's slickest writers.

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Who were the revellers who serenaded outside " The Killer's " tent on the night of his birthday ?

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We have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of our distinguished contemporary " Gonophone, of the 23rd Fd. Engineers. Here is a line on the policy of the paper :-" After all, this is an rmy paper and intended primarily for men---so to hell with tender scruples---we're out for a laugh ! And judging from the articles....they get it. All the best Gonophone----theres nothing piddling about you. Ed.

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This week one of our boys received a letter address " Senior Sapper ". Promotion comes to those who wait!!!!!!