

ROLL OF HONOR

CORPORAL JAMES L. O'BRIEN, CHRIST-CHURCH.

Advice was received in Christchurch last week (writes our Christchurch correspondent) that 8-943, Corporal James Lawrence O'Brien (Otago Battalion) had been wounded in the foot and hand by a fall of earth. Corporal O'Brien is a Christchurch boy, and a son of Robert and Mary O'Brien, 224 Lichfield street, and formerly of Tasmania. He is twenty-three years of age, and was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, where he played with the second football fifteen. On leaving school he went sheep-farming, and was employed on the Molesworth Station, when he enlisted in the Main Force, and he was one of the Canterbury men who were sent down to complete Otago's quota. When in Christchurch he was a sergeant in the Queen's Cadets, and afterwards was a member of the Native Rifles. He left with the Expeditionary Force as a private, and although he wrote and said that he had passed his examination as a corporal, yesterday's telegram was their first intimation that he had been promoted. Corporal O'Brien's brother, 'Ted,' went with the advance party to Samoa as a member of the Railway Engineers.



PRIVATE F. O'CONNOR, D.C.M.,

(Son of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, Ashburton, who was wounded at the Dardanelles).

PRIVATE R. B. AMODEO, AUCKLAND.

Mr. P. J. Amodeo, solicitor, the well-known Canterbury representative footballer, has received advice that his brother, Private Reginald Basil Amodeo has been wounded in France, while serving with the Canadians. He is the youngest son of the late Captain Frank Amodeo, of Auckland. Another brother has gone to Australia to enlist there, whilst a third brother volunteered for service in this country. A fourth brother was living in Trieste when war broke out, and had to leave with his wife and children. For eight months he was in Venice and Bologna, and now he is in Genoa, where he will probably stay until the war is over.

TROOPER F. T. PRYOR, HAMILTON.

Trooper F. T. Pryor, who was wounded at the Dardanelles on June 9, and was later sent to Malta for treatment (writes our Hamilton correspondent), was a very active member of St. Mary's Tennis Club. He is serving in the 4th Waikato Mounted Rifles. In a letter received by his parents he gives a very interesting description of the fighting and life in and out of the trenches. During the fifteen days of active service he had had up to the time of writing—May 26—he was relieved from the trenches to recuperate for a few days. In regard to the food, he says it is good. He enjoys the strenuous life.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CLEARY

We received on Tuesday afternoon the following cable message from the Rev. Dr. Ormond, secretary to the Apostolic Delegation, Sydney:—Recent severe attacks have thrown Bishop back greatly.'

Interprovincial

In the House of Representatives on Tuesday Dr. Thacker asked the Minister of Finance if he would recognise the seriousness of allowing the banks to issue old filthy notes as legal tender. Serious diseases were going about, he said, and such notes would act as carriers of infection. Mr. Massey said that there appeared to be no legislation on the subject, but there had been a distinct understanding between the banks and the Government that when notes became filthy they should be called in and destroyed. Dr. Thacker said that was not being done.

Trentham Camp is still a hive of industry (says the *Dominion*). Carpenters are at work in fair numbers, and a large number of carters and laborers are employed in the metalling and gravelling of the place. The camp is totally unlike what it was a while back. Almost all the tents have disappeared, and the number of hutments has increased. The roads, which but a little while ago were in a deplorable condition of bogginess, are now dry, and in most cases metalled. The ground in general, also, is dry, probably owing to the absence of recent rains. A railway has been run into the camp from the Hutt line, and on this the gravel and metal are carried.

A correspondent of the *Wanganui Herald* vouches for the following story: It happened in a country township considerably less than 100 miles from Wanganui. A scheme to raise money for patriotic purposes was initiated. As money was required to pay the preliminary expenses of the scheme, a meeting was held to discuss ways and means. The meeting was largely composed of farmers. In the course of discussion the suggestion was put forward to canvass the business men for funds. Then one farmer arose, and, fixing the meeting with his eye, spoke somewhat as follows:—'Leave the business men alone! Everybody gets at them, and they are always being asked for money. Poor people are always giving, too. Let us show what we can do ourselves! We have made a lot of money out of the war. I am £3000 better off this year than last. Now I will give the whole of that £3000 if everyone present will also give the extra money he has made out of the war.' The speaker paused for a reply, but not a man stirred or spoke.

Construction work is being resumed on the new parliamentary buildings (says the Wellington correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*). The company which is to supply the marble from the quarries at Sandy Bay, near Motueka, has been reconstituted and fully subscribed, and, as the new quarry opened up some months ago is reported to give promise of plenty of good marble, no further difficulty is anticipated regarding supplies of stone. The Minister of Public Works (the Hon. W. Fraser) has assisted the contractors by building for them a tramline to the new quarry and also a small wharf, at which scows and steamers may load. This assistance amounts really, Mr. Fraser explained, to a loan to the contractors, for they incur liability to the Government for the money expended. The Minister lent them the money, but the Public Works Department saw to the expenditure of it. Work on the big building is going on more steadily now. The brick work on the walls is being resumed, the concrete flooring of the first storey having been completed. The terms of the contract required this to be done before the walls were raised above the level of the first floor.

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