

STOUT HEARTED MEN

Defeated only once - in its latest and fateful game - the 29th Rugby team is the Battalion's pride. Under the coaching of Archie Strang (All Black 1928-1930), who has written the following comments, it looked a good bet to win the rugby premiership of the island. We still think that at top form it is the best.

The players have combined excellently and at all times have worked as a team and not individually. The backs are a useful, foot-footed combination. All handle and tackle well and have played very attractive football.

The forwards are light, but active and speedy. The scrum work is machine-like, and quick hooping from rucks has paved the way for many tries.

The following members have represented the Battalion consistently during the season:-

GILLESPIE, H.G. (Ponsonby and Auckland University). Full-back. Light physique, solid tackler. Has taken hard knocks but has never let the team down.

EASTWOOD, P.J. (Wairarapa, Wellington, All Black trials)

A great scoring player, combining determination with speed.

WAUGH, H. (Manawatu). Wing three quarter. Speedy, with good hands and determination. Useful kicker.

McDONALD, H. (Grammar Old Boys and Auckland Colts). The most improved back in the side. Has made excellent openings for the wings, and never passes when his outside men are in a worse position than himself. Rucks up and tackles well.

In sympathy with the general mood of the Battalion following the loss in the Barrowclough Cup match yesterday there was a partial eclipse of the sun this afternoon. Now news travels

JORDAN, L.R. (Auckland League). Second five-eighths and vice captain. A brilliant player with pace and great penetrative powers.

BARLOW, R.H. (King Country and Auckland). First five-eighths. A classy player, with excellent hands, speed off the mark and a resolute tackler. A good kicker.

SWIMBURNE, D.S. (Pverty Bay and Combined East Coast Unions). Half back. Has given on an excellent service from the base of the scrum.

ROGERS, C.E. (King Country). First five-eighths. A sound back who backs up well. Good hands and tackles well.

THE SEASON'S

SCORES.

16	9
26	0
26	3
8	0
17	9
10	6
21	3
23	10
23	3
42	10
50	3
23	3
8	6
13	6
7	11

NOT enough practice is the moral behind the story of Capt Conder and one Pte Ward who came to grips after a scrummage on manoeuvres. A change of blows and an unwilling exchange of weapons was the result - Ward having a pistol and Capt Conder a rifle and tin hat. Referee Davis missed the incident.

THURSTON, D.H. Wing threequarter. A solid back who uses judgment and kicks with accuracy.

BOLT, G.F.H. (Southern Club Christchurch)

WRIGHT, W.A. (Now Brighton Club, Christchurch)

These two rugged forwards are great toilers and are always on the ball.

BURKE, R.B. (Canterbury, Wellington, N.Z. University) Hooker and captain. A great deal of the success of the team is due to this experienced hooker. His leadership and general ability have been at all times highly commendable.

MEADOWS, J.P. (Marist Club, Wellington) Lock.

McKENZIE, J.E. (Acherburton, All Black trials) Lock.

Two untiring workers in the night, who have also held the scrum together successfully.

McKENZIE, P.B. (Wellington) Back row. The heaviest and tallest player in the team. A splendid line-out forward and always very fit.

CONDER, N.H. (Waikato). Side row. A splendid loose forward, with reliable hands and useful speed.

EYE, J.D. (South Canterbury) Side row.

This tall forward has plenty of energy. A toiler in the tight and line outs.

GAMBLE, R. (Horowhenua) Back row. Good type of forward. Not often seen, but always on the ball.

WARD, K.L.J. (Central Hawkes Bay) A good all-rounder and forward and reserve hooker.

In my opinion, four of the players, Burke, Barlow, Jordan and Eastwood are up to New Zealand representative standard.

RUGBY B TEAM

Lieut McDonald

Thorne Borrie

Galbraith Rogers

McMahon

Horgan

Monk, Denby Gunderson Skinner

Pullin Ward Cooper