

## CADET NOTES.

Owing to war contingencies, the Cadets this year paraded in mufti, and we have missed at inspections and parades the smart turn-out which has been a feature of previous years.

The year was commenced with a four days' barracks from February 19 to February 22; much valuable work was done, this being especially noticeable with the first-year Cadets. A feature of the course was the enthusiastic and capable work of the n.c.o.'s. Major J. A. Moore, N.Z.S.C., visited the course, and we are indebted to Captain Clelland and his staff for their enthusiastic co-operation. We wish to thank Chaplain C. M. Sullivan, who again conducted the morning service for us.

On Anzac Day 120 senior boys represented the School, taking part in the military service at the Cenotaph and afterwards at the Town Hall. On the evening of March 5 the whole battalion attended a recruiting campaign. During the Queen Carnival the battalion again attended a parade in support of the Army Queen, and, according to press reports, acquitted themselves very creditably. A tent pitching display given by four teams on the Caledonian Ground in support of the Army Queen aroused much interest among the public. Late in the third term a mock battle took place in the form of an advanced guard movement to gain contact with and drive back bodies of enemy known to have reached Cargill's Castle. No. 1 Platoon, "A" Company, a specialist signalling and ambulance platoon, operating as a Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade under Dr Howard, ably assisted in the transmission of messages and caring for the "wounded." The "battle" proved very successful in giving n.c.o.'s and Cadets training in the field.

The Moller Cup for the best sergeant was won by Sergeant J. A. Anderson.

Colonel G. Barclay, V.D., O.B.E., K.St.J., the representative of the Territorial Association, has paid us several visits, and the Association has shown its real interest in our welfare by enabling the Band to get the drums repaired. This has greatly improved its efficiency.

The Band, under the tuition of Mr Francis, is making good progress, and takes a full part in our parades. The playing of the buglers has been very favourably commented on, especially a senior group under Corporal Dunlop, which played at a military funeral.

Shooting activities have been rather curtailed this year, but we are now completing the classification practices, and our team has won top place for Otago in the Weekly Press Shield Competition.

In conclusion, we wish heartily to congratulate Major Fraser on his elevation to the rank of Lieutenant-colonel. As O.C. 1st Otago Regiment, he, together with Lieutenant Richards, has been on leave since July—first, for three months at a refresher course, and since September training the Otago Regiment at Burnham Camp.