

KAITI-CITY (4) V. UNITED (0).

A GREAT GAME

If ever there was a match on the Domain worth watching, representative fixtures included, it was the match between Kaiti-City and United, and in this one game alone the spectators were provided with their moneys-worth. The game was played on No. 1 ground, and as had been anticipated through our columns, both teams were stronger than when they met in the opening of the cup competition. The teams were as follows: —

Kaiti-City (blue and black): Full-back, Stubbs; three-quarters, H. Pufflett, Doran, Sullivan; five-eighths, Skillen and Carruthers; half, Jury; forwards, Stagpoole, Nicolas, Murphy, Moana, Prickett, Douglas, G. Fromm; McGill.

United (red and white): Full-back, D. McLeod; three-quarters, D. Miller, J. Pollock, K. Allen; five-eighths, L. Murray and G. Pollock; half, C. Pollock; forwards, C. Wheeler, White, C. Davis, McQuarrie, S. Coleman, Moore, M. Guthrie, Sexton.

When proceedings opened United were defending the town goal, and thus had a strong sun in their eyes. From the kick-off until time was called play was willing. It was only towards the close of the game that there as any sign of lagging, and that was on the part of Kaiti-City, who were not over-anxious to expedite matters. In one instance they were penalised for wasting time, the referee's ruling being received by the onlookers with general approval. Moana as lock was an acquisition to the blue's pack, whilst the strength of the vanguard was further augmented by J. Murphy, a late Wellingtonian, and who it is affirmed was selected as one of Wellington's touring team this season. Another new hand in City's ranks was Jury, a little native from Wairarapa. He proved a nippy little half, but he evidently felt the strangeness of his surroundings. Unfortunately he made a bad beginning, for during the second spell he received prompt despatch from the referee for deliberately tripping Miller, who got a nasty fall as the result. Then City's backs included Doran, a recent arrival from Auckland. United's back division was strengthened by the inclusion of J. Pollock, the deerfoot, and K. Allen, late of the Pirate (Napier) club. Claude Wheeler also made his re-appearance on the local field amongst the forwards. He, together with S. White, erred on the side of over-eagerness and got off-side much too often.

During the first-spell Kaiti-City were mainly the aggressors, although United invaded their opponents' territory time after time and got dangerously near the line. It is a long time since such a fast game was witnessed locally. City had the strength amongst the forwards, and they did not give any more chances than could be helped to the opposing backs, a combination of Gisborne's fastest runners. Both sides had attempts at penalty goals, but the efforts were fruitless. About halfway through the first spell, Stubbs dropkicked a goal for the blues. The performance was prettily enacted by Stubbs, but it was a "soft" thing, the reds practically waiting for the kick to be made. If anything the play during the second spell was even more willing, United being the attackers most of the time. In fact on the play all round United should have won. They came within an ace of scoring quite half-a-dozen times; but at the critical moment some foolish thing would be done by a player, spoiling the chance. Twice J. Pollock lost what appeared a good opportunity through failing to pass to Miller, whilst G. Pollock claimed a mark instead of starting a passing rush amongst his backs, who practically had a clear run. City's backs |did not get going very often, but their vanguard swooped down upon the opposing side on numerous occasions; still the defence was too strong. McLeod effected some fine scores for United, but once or twice he placed his side in an awkward position through taking matters too casually and confidently. His line-kicking was excellent. His opponent in the City's team, Stubbs, excelled himself. In fact, apart from the points he

scored, he won the game for the blues by the many times he effected saves. When Jury was put off, Doran took his place behind the pack.

Carruthers received a nasty knock and had to retire, and this considerably weakened City's defence. A little while after a player was ordered off for pestering the referee. There was intense excitement during the last few minutes of the game, when United attacked vigorously, but there was no further score.

Mr W. R. Burge controlled the game, and Messrs A. Wallace and J. B. Brown were line umpires. Much credit is due to Mr Burge for the splendid manner in which he carried out his duties. For such a fast and exciting game there were comparatively few infringements that he failed to detect.

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**OFF TO TRENTHAM.  
ANOTHER LARGE DRAFT.  
MEN OF THE 12th REINFORCEMENTS.  
A FULL QUOTA.**

**ENTHUSIASTIC FAREWELL AT WHARF.**

Poverty Bay sent another magnificent draft of men away last night to undergo training for participation in "the great adventure." Recruits rolled up with a rush on Saturday, so that not only was this district's quota full when the men left, but there was a number over to make up shortages in other districts. It was feared that the quota would be short, but many recruits came forward at the last moment, some indeed only passed the doctor on Saturday, so that while all the "extras" were not sent, a fair tally went forward in excess of the number first called on from Poverty Bay. Eleven extra infantrymen would have made the number complete.

The recruits paraded at the Garrison Hall on Saturday for final instructions, and it was then seen that many who had not notified the authorities were willing to go forward. Gisborne's quota was originally set at 68 men for the 12th Reinforcements, and that number was called up in the following branches: Infantry 45, Mounted Rifles 13, Artillery 5, Engineers 4, Army Service Corps 1. Later a call came for an additional 22 Infantry and 4 Mounted men. An effort was made to get these extras, and it almost succeeded, for last night the draft that left consisted of . . . . .

In addition three men went to enter the non-commissioned officers camp and one N.C.O. on probation will be picked up at Napier, thus making a grand total of 87. A busy time was spent at the hall, filling in the men's papers, while the Women's Patriotic League distributed badges and kits to all the men going forward.

Yesterday afternoon the men were again on parade, when Staff Sergeant-Major Andrews, who goes to Trentham with the draft, assisted by Staff Sergeant S. Tait (9th Regiment) called the roll. The parade was then dismissed, and the men repaired to the Soldiers' Club, where the committee entertained them at tea.

**FAREWELLED BY THE MAYOR**

In the evening the approaches to the Garrison Hall were thronged long before 6 p.m. and when the recruits lined up at 6.30 p.m. the hall was crowded. The final arrangements did not take long. The departing men were lined up in squads at the upper end of the hall, while the National Reserve, with a strength of 106 on parade, under Lieutenants de Costa and Fenwick, and the City Band, fell in beside them. His Worship the Mayor (Mr W. G. Sherratt) had a few

parting words to say, and that was all the ceremony before a march was begun for the Tuatea. Mr Sherratt said that he had to thank the men of the 12th Reinforcements for enabling this district's quota to be full. This district had always been noted for having full compliments and for being able to fill up deficiencies in other districts. It was something they were all very proud of, and he hoped that the district would always be able to find its quota: "You are going to fight for England," continued Mr Sherratt, "not that England may win more territory, but for the honor of England and for the honor of the Union Jack, so that it can fly as it has always flown, and be feared by everyone. I am proud you all know what you have undertaken. You have undertaken a stiff job, and I am sure that you will see it through. I hope that you will have a pleasant trip, and come back safe and sound. I wish you God speed." Hasty farewells were said, the band and the National Reserve took the lead and the men of the 12th Reinforcements marched away to the strains of inspiring music.

#### AT THE WHARF

The line of route across the bridge and via Peel Street and Gladstone Road was lined by spectators and many a cheer was given the draft as they marched by. It was universally admitted that the men formed one of the best drafts from this district. Fine strapping fellows they were many just in from the harvesting field, or the shearing shed, rubbing shoulder to shoulder with the athletic clerk from Gisborne business houses or well set up shop assistants. A fine camaradie [sic] had already been established, and the smiling faces of the men showed they were possessed of the same indomitable spirit as those who have gone before them. A special launch was available to take the draft to the Westralia. The Tuatea was just ready as they reached the wharf and without bustle or delay of any kind all marched on board. A crowd of thousands had assembled to say farewell. The send off was simple but hearty. The National Reserve were assembled in such numbers that their cheers were such as could be heard, and the public soon took the cheering up. The band played one or two patriotic airs, and the Tuatea quietly slipped her moorings and moved out into the river. The cheering was hushed momentarily and the touching strains of "Auld Lang Syne" were heard. It was an impressive leave-taking and there were many damp eyes in the crowd. Then the band was silent, and the departing recruits cheered lustily for "Good old Gisborne." Three blasts from the Tuatea as she got well under way came as a final word from the recruits, whose cheers gradually died away the distance.

#### MEN OF THE DRAFT.

The following men composed the draft: —

##### INFANTRY.

Arthur Tutun Butler, Childers Road, 43 years, married, jeweller.

Leslie Baty, Whatatutu, 20 years, single, shepherd.

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##### ARTILLERY.

Jas. Kent, c/o Mrs. Taylor, Wainui Road, Kaiti, farm laborer, single, 24 years. Henry Geo.

Chilton, c/o Arch. Clark and Sons, warehouseman, single, 22 years.

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##### ENGINEERS.

Andrew Mclvor, Mangapapa, 22 years, single, storeman.

**Claude Joseph Wheeler**, 24 Lytton Road, builder, single, 29 years.

Wm. Picken, Patutahi, 20 years, single, shepherd.

Thos. Tyrrell King Hay. c/o F. H. Forge, draughtsman, single, 23 years. MOUNTED.

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#### ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

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NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

The following men left to enter the non-commissioned officers camp, on probation, for the 14th Reinforcements: —

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Infantry	58
Mounteds	17
Artillery	5
Engineers	4
A.S.C.	1
Total	83

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**WHEELER— DELAHUNT.**

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The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory brocaded crepe de chene, with inverted pleats, and carried a sheaf of arum lilies. She was attended by Miss K. Cooney, who wore a dress of cream pleated georgette with a floral pleated georgette cape and hat to match. She carried a bouquet of freesias and maiden-hair fern. The best man was Mr Jack Bearman. A large number of friends attended the ceremony, and nuptial Mass; following which a reception and wedding dinner was held at the home of the bride’s aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs D. Kennedy, “Palmdale.”

Mr and Mrs. C. J. Wheeler left later by motor for the north, and upon their return, after a brief stay in Morven, journeyed to their future home in Gisborne.

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## **OBITUARY**

### **MR. C. J. WHEELER**

Many residents of this district heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Claude J. Wheeler, which took place suddenly in Napier. Mr. Wheeler was formerly well known in Gisborne, and has relatives living here.

A cheerful, kindly disposed man, Mr. Wheeler was widely esteemed for his upright character. Born in Central Otago 53 years ago, he served in the last war with the First Field Company, New Zealand Engineers, and received promotion to the rank of corporal while his company was engaged in France and Flanders. He suffered one wound, and spent some time in hospital in England, later rejoining his unit and serving for the remaining portion of the war.

After his return to New Zealand, he took up residence in the Gisborne district, and made many friends here. Eleven years ago he moved to Napier, where he resided up to the time of his death. In recent years he had been in charge of construction under the Government housing scheme in the Napier-Hastings area, and in that capacity superintended the erection of a large number of dwellings.

A member of the Hawke's Bay Returned Soldiers' Association, he took a keen interest in the affairs of that body, and at his funeral received the tribute of a considerable representation of Diggers.

Mr. Wheeler is survived by his wife and one young son, to whom deep sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.