

*Free Lance*. 27 December 1902 (Papers Past) [28/04/2015]

Dr. Henry J. McLean who has just succeeded Dr. Fell as the lodge doctor for the Royal Antipodean Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, is a Timaru boy, and the son of a doctor. When Dr. Fell first became doctor to the Antipodeans, "Harry" McLean was attending the Timaru Public School. From school he went to the bank, and he was a bank clerk for several years in Wellington before he became a medical student. He was a tower of strength in the forward ranks of the Wellington Football Club for several years. Then, Mr McLean, budding banker, disappeared from the Empire City for several years — and came back to us some three years ago as Dr. McLean, and is now building up a prosperous practice. Another clever member of the Timaru family of the McLeans is the principal of the Girls' High School of Wellington. Miss McLean like her brother (Dr. Henry McLean), obtained her primary education at the Timaru Public School. One of the coincidences of her life was that when a girl she was taught by Miss Hamilton, then second mistress of the Main School. After a period of not many years — for Miss McLean is still as young a woman as she looks — she succeeded Miss Hamilton as principal of the Wellington Girls' High School. Another achievement of hers was that she became principal of the school at which she obtained part of her training — the Girls' High School, Timaru.

*Ashburton Guardian*. 13 July 1912 (Papers Past) [28/04/2015]

### **EDUCATION COMMISSION.**

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, July 12.

Before the Education Commission today, . . . . .

The President of the Wellington branch of the British Medical Association, Dr. H. J. McLean, said schoolhouses should be situated where there was a free circulation of air, no obstruction of light, and away from noises and dust. Every schoolroom should provide each pupil with 15 square feet of floor space, and 200 cubic feet of air space. Lighting and ventilation should receive careful attention. Children should not receive formal teaching till seven years of age. The kindergarten period should be extended. Physical culture was necessary for brain growth as much as mental exercise was for brain development. "As regards sex physiology," said Dr. McLean, "no one outside the medical profession knows how much is included under this. Certain facts have to be learned, and they should be learned at the proper time and in the proper way."

*Evening Post*. 3 September 1914 (page 3) [28/04/2014]

### **WHO'S WHO GOING TO THE FRONT OFFICERS AT PALMERSTON NORTH SOME INTERESTING CAREERS.**

Following are particulars of the careers of some of the officers at present encamped in the various sections of the Expeditionary Force at Palmerston North

#### **CAPTAIN H. J. M'LEAN, N.Z.M.C.**

Captain H. J. M'Lean, of the New Zealand Medical Corps, who is accompanying the Expedition, being now in camp at Palmerston, is a son of Dr. M'Lean, who came out as surgeon on one of the earliest immigration ships to Timaru, where he settled down. Captain

M'Lean was born at Timaru and was educated at the Timaru High School and at Edinburgh University. He has been in practice in Wellington for 14 years, and during that time has held honorary appointments as physician and surgeon to the Wellington Hospital and surgeon to the Children's Hospital. He joined the Wellington Bearer Corps in 1901, and later went on the Medical Reserve. He was at one time prominent in Rugby Football circles, having played at intervals for Canterbury, South Canterbury, and Wellington. He was also selected upon one occasion to play for New Zealand in Australia, but did not go.

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**With the New Zealanders in Egypt.**

**W. J. Hardham V.C.**

By the last mail I received a very interesting letter from W. J. Hardham, V.C, the well-known Petone Club and Wellington representative Rugby player. "Billy" Hardham . . . . .

**Some Well-Known Names**

"Our team is captained by H. Dewar (sergeant machine gun section), D. S. Macfarlane, G. Miller (late secretary Petone F.C.), two brothers Wilder from the Wairarapa. two brothers Baddley (Wanganui. College Old Boys). Thompson (Manawatu)—in fact, players from all parts of the Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington provincial districts. The officers of our regiment also played the Canterbury officers, and defeated them by three points to nil, after a very exciting if not brilliant exhibition of football, enthusiastically barracked by the men of both regiments.

"To give you some idea of the sports we have amongst the officers of our regiment, let me mention some of the names:—Captain Dr. H. J. McLean, Wellington; Major J. Elmslie, Wanganui and Taranaki representative; Captain Harry Palmer, who played after having retired from the game for twenty years; Lieut. James, Taranaki representative Captain Wilkie, Ohakune; Lieut. Logan, Wairarapa and Lower Hutt half-back; Lieuts. Cameron, Maunsell, and Wilder, all Wairarapa representatives. When I tell you that out of thirty officers in the regiment twenty-four were ready and willing to play, only duty stopped them, it will give you some idea of the keenness there is to get and keep fit, as well as the sporting spirit there is in all ranks.

*Free Lance.* 17 September 1915 (Papers Past) [28/04/2014]

A Wellington Mounted, hearing of Dr. H. J. McLean's wound, was quite overcome. "He is the bravest man I ever saw. He has earned the V.C. over and over again. He is in the trenches, never sparing himself, always in the thick of danger, not only attending to the wounds, but actually helping the stretcher-bearers to carry men out of danger. The chaps think there is no one like him." Good hearing for the sisters, who, thousands of miles away, wait in their lonely home in Boulcott-street until he comes home again.

*Evening Post.* 11 December 1915 (Papers Past) [09/05/2025]

Private information was received by cable yesterday that Surgeon-Major H. J. M'Lean, of Wellington, who was wounded in action, had recovered sufficiently to leave the Endneigh Palace Hospital. A private letter to hand from a medical friend of Major M'Lean describes the doctor's wound as being caused by a shrapnel bullet, which lodged in the left side about three inches from the spine. The bullet was located by means of X-rays, but on expert advice it was decided not to take surgical measures to get it out. Dr. M'Lean was also suffering from

acute joint rheumatism, but expected to return to the front at an early date. He went away with the Main Expeditionary Force.

*New Zealand Times*. 29 March 1916 (Papers Past) [09/05/2025]

Major H. J. McLean, of the R.A.M.C., who was for many months on active service at Gallipoli, cabled to his sister, Miss McLean, principal of the Wellington Girls' College, that he was leaving by the Maheno. After receiving a bullet wound in the shoulder, which penetrated to the lung, he was removed to a hospital ship and taken to the "Blue Sisters" Hospital in Malta, where he received excellent nursing. While there he had an interview with Lord Methuen. Later on, Major McLean was taken to England suffering from joint rheumatism, which so crippled him that he was obliged to use crutches. He was first at Endsleigh Palace, and afterwards at Bexton Hydro for treatment, and was sufficiently recovered to walk without help. His diary was secured by his orderly the day he was wounded, and it was forwarded to New Zealand in the care of the captain of one of the liners and safely received by his relatives.

*Press*. 30 March 1916 (page 7) [28/04/2014]

#### PERSONAL ITEMS.

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*Evening Post*. 14 April 1916 (Papers Past) [09/05/2025]

After the long wait at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon for the Maheno returned soldiers, those whose patience lasted out were rewarded with quite the most pleasant reception that has yet taken place. The speeches were few, to the point, and short — tabloid speeches, in fact, when much that was kind and appreciative was expressed in a few words. The tables were very prettily arranged with white Michaelmas daisies and autumn ixia leaves. The dainty sandwiches and cakes are always a feature at these parties, and lately fruit has been a welcome addition. The Hon. J. Allen's word of praise to the committee who provide and arrange the teas was gratifying and well deserved. Some of the men who had been welcomed were from the Main Body, and showed considerable signs of strain, but all seemed to have enjoyed the voyage, and felt wonderfully better for it. Some said they felt well enough to go back at once, and when asked if they had not already "done their bit," said they felt so far off here from everything interesting, and that they would rather go back and help their mates whom they had left behind. One said: "I was sorry to leave Wellington, but I was quite as sorry to leave my mates in Egypt, perhaps more so." Another remarked that when in the trenches in Gallipoli it made them "feel sick" to get New Zealand weeklies and see by the pictures that all amusements were still crowded with men. Among those who returned was Major M'Lean, N.Z.M.C, who came to the hall with his sisters Misses M. and A.

M'Lean, looking wonderfully well considering all he has gone through, and receiving greetings from many friends.

*Free Lance.* 20 April 1916 (page 16) [28/04/2014]

#### SOCIAL GOSSIP

Dr. H. J. McLean was met by a great collection of friends, who went out on a tug and shouted, "We want Mac." Later two happy sisters accompanied him to the Town Hall. He went south that night to see his invalid mother. Returned Anzacs speak very highly of this most popular medico major.

*Sun.* 29 July 1916 [17/09/2016]

Major McLean, of the N.Z.M.C., who left New Zealand with the First Expeditionary Force, and who was wounded at Gallipoli, will return to the front with the 15th Reinforcement.

*Evening Post.* 8 January 1919 (Papers Past) [09/05/2025]

Colonel H. J. M'Lean, of the New Zealand Medical Corps, who has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, was brought up in Timaru, where his father (Dr M'Lean) lived for many years. After receiving his education in the South Island, he entered one of the banks, but later on studied medicine and passed all the examinations with credit. When the war broke out he was practising in Wellington, and he left for the front with an early reinforcement. He did excellent work in Gallipoli and Egypt before going to Europe, and was very popular with all ranks. In former years he was a member of the Wellington Football Club's first fifteen, and he also took a great interest in yachting. Miss M'Lean, principal of Wellington Girls' College, and Nurse Agnes M'Lean, are his sisters.

*New Zealand Times.* 9 January 1919 (Papers Past) [10/05/2025]

Colonel H. J. McLean, of the New Zealand Medical Corps, who was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, is a son of Dr McLean, well-known in Timaru. After receiving his education in the South Island he entered one of the banks, but studying medicine later, he passed all the examinations with credit. At the outbreak of the war he gave up his practice in Wellington and left for the front with an early reinforcement. He did excellent work in Gallipoli and Egypt before going to Europe, and was very popular with all ranks. In former years he was a member of the Wellington Football Club's First fifteen, and he also took a great interest in yachting. Miss McLean, Principal of Wellington Girls' College, and Nurse Agnes McLean, are his sisters.

*Press.* 10 January 1919; *Timaru Herald.* 11 January 1919 (Papers Past) [12/05/2025]

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*Press.* 11 January 1919 (Papers Past) [12/05/2025]

In the reference in yesterday's issue to Colonel H. J. McLean, N.Z.M.C., who has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, it should have been stated that he was wounded whilst on service on Gallipoli, a shrapnel bullet lodging in his lungs. He was invalided home to England and had to be carried on board the hospital ship *Marama* on his return to the Dominion. Colonel McLean again offered his services, which were accepted, despite the fact that the bullet had not been removed.

*Manawatu Standard.* 2 June 1919 (Papers Past) [09/05/2025]

Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. McLean, who left Great Britain for New Zealand by the *Maunganui* on May 17th, was formerly in charge of field ambulances in France and Germany, and at Codford Hospital in England, and was appointed A.D.M.S. during the demobilisation of our troops in Germany.

*NZ Times.* 11 July 1919 (Papers Past) [12/05/2025]

### **FEATHERSTON HOSPITAL TREATMENT OF PATIENTS**

Inquiries were made by "Times" representatives yesterday with reference to the disclosures in regard to the treatment of tubercular and other patients at the Featherston Military Hospital. In a brief interview General Richardson said: — "The complaints referred to are apparently an accumulation of small matters, which should have been put right at once as they occurred. So far as the department is concerned, we have instructions from our Minister to spare no legitimate expense to make the patients in the hospitals comfortable and do our very best for them. Colonel McLean has now been appointed officer commanding this hospital. This officer has had considerable experience, both in the field in handling men, and in commanding a hospital in England. He, therefore, is not likely to allow small matters like these to go unremedied and he has full powers to put them right.

*Hastings Standard, Hawke's Bay Tribune.* 15 January 1920 (Papers Past) [28/04/2015]

Colonel H. J. McLean has been on a short visit to Mr. D. McLean, of Waipawa. The Colonel, who is assistant director of the New Zealand Medical Service, joined up with the Main Body and saw service with the New Zealand Field Ambulance at Gallipoli, where he was wounded, after which he came home to recuperate. He subsequently went to France in charge of the 3rd. Field Ambulance and was in the thick of operations at Armentieres and Passchendale. He was then appointed to take charge of the Codford Hospital, but after six months took to the field again, so anxious was he for more active service. Colonel McLean was recently in charge of the Featherston Military Hospital.

*Manawatu Standard.* 30 November 1929 (Papers Past) [22/03/2022=

### **AWAPUNI MEMORIAL HISTORIC ASSOCIATION ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

## UNVEILING CEREMONY TUESDAY

Symbolised in the unique memorial to be unveiled by the Governor-General at the Awapuni racecourse on Tuesday afternoon are the historical associations of the New Zealand Medical Corps, and the members of that body are commemorated in an obelisk of remarkable design, which has been erected by the Manawatu Racing Club.

Arrangements have been finalised for the dedication ceremony and it is expected that the function will be one of the most notable of its nature which has taken place in the Dominion.

### IN ARDUIS, FIDELIS.

“In proud Memory of the Officers and Men of the N.Z. Medical Corps who were trained on these grounds 1914-1918, and who sacrificed their lives for the Empire.”

Thus runs the inscription on the monument, and the ceaseless shower from the cascade which tumbles down the sides of the obelisk will never dim the memory which it keeps in perpetuity. The memorial is in the form of a lakelet in the shape of an ambulance cross, each section being 60 feet long, 20 feet wide, and five feet deep. In the centre of the cross, just above water level, is a concrete platform which carries a cairn of marble 12 feet high, 10 feet square at the base and reduced by sections to one foot square at the top. Through the centre a supply of artesian water runs to the top and falls down the sides in small waterfalls into the water base. A slab with an appropriate inscription is on the side. The cross is outlined with raised flower beds in which red fuchsias are planted, to show up the red cross.

Speakers at the function on Tuesday afternoon will be His Excellency the Governor-General (Sir Charles Fergusson) Bt., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.M., G.C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O., L.L.D.; Major-General R. Young, C.B., C.M.G., D. S.O.; Colonel R. Tracey-Inglis, C.B.E.; Colonel W. H. Parkes, C.M.G., V.D., C.B.E., and Mr C. Louisson (president of the Manawatu Racing Club).

### SURVIVING OFFICERS.

Invitations have been issued to all the surviving officers and men of the New Zealand Medical Corps who received their training or were stationed at Awapuni to attend, and a remarkable gathering is anticipated. Visitors from all parts of the Dominion have signified their intention of being present at what promises to be an unique function, and the ceremony will have all the associations of military tradition. Surviving officers whose names are available, and to whom invitations to be present have been extended are as follow: — Surgeon-General S. Skerman (Wanganui); Colonels R. Tracey-Inglis, C.B.E. (Auckland), E. G. O'Neill, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Dunedin), W. H. Parkes, C.M.G., V.D., C.B.E. (Auckland), P. C. Fenwick, C.M.G. (Christchurch), D. N. W. Murray, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Auckland), H. F. Bernau, O.B.E. (Napier), Hon. W. E. Collins, C.M.G. (Wellington), T. Mill, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Wellington), W. G. Will (Dunedin), D. S. Wylie, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Palmerston North); Lieut-Colonels J. H. Niel, D.S.O. (Auckland), J. L. Frazerhurst (Norsewood), K. McCormack, D.S.O. (Auckland), C. E. Hercus, D.S.O., O.B.E. (Dunedin), C. McB. Dawson (Tonga), R. W. Anderson (Christchurch), Sir Louis E. Barnett, C.M.G. (Dunedin), G. Home, C.B.E. (New Plymouth), **H. J. McLean**, C.B.E. (Wellington), R. H. Makgill, C.B.E. (Auckland), E. E. Porritt (Wanganui), P. B. Benham, M.C. (Pleasant Point), H. H. Cheeseman (Hikuirangi). J. G. Crawford, M.C. (Invercargill), B. J. Dudley (Lower Hutt), P. R. Cook, C.B.E. (Masterton), A. R. Falconer, C.B.E. (Dunedin), J. S. Elliott (Wellington), C. H. Tewsley, C.M.G. (Auckland), J. P. D. Leahy, C.B.E. (Napier), G. Craig, D.S.O. (Morrinsville), C. T. H. Newtown, D.S.O. (Christchurch), R. H. Walton, C.B.E. (Auckland), A. R. D. Carbery, C.B.E. (Wellington), R. N. Guthrie, M.C. (Christchurch), W. C. McCaw (Auckland); Majors R. L. Withers (Kaikoura), F. T. Bowerbank, O.B.E. (Wellington). P. R. Woodhouse, D.S.O., M.C. (Takaka), D. Wilson (Wanganui), I. S. Wilson (Palmerston North), T. McKibbin, C.B.E. (Wellington), G. S. Sharp (Featherston), A. N. McKelvey (Auckland), A. W. Owen-Johnston (Invercargill), H. L. Gould (Auckland), F. J. Borrie (Christchurch), H. R. Gibson

(Invercargill), W. D. S. Johnston (Nelson), A. C. McKillop (Christchurch), T. F. Corkill, M.C. (Wellington), S. H. Ward (Whangarei), R. Stout (Wellington), **W. H. Unwin** (Timaru), L. G. Bell (Westland), J. R. Boyd, M.C. (Lower Hutt), J. E. Rogers (Gore), D. F. Myers (Wellington), A. Hosking (Masterton), G. W. Harty (Wellington), W. E. Herbert (Wellington), J. L. Reed (Waipukurau), T. D. M. Stout, D.S.O., O.B.E. (Wellington), H. M. Buchanan, O.B.E. (Hokitika), F. G. Gibson (Christchurch), R. M. Gunn, (Gisborne), F. Cameron, D.S.O. (Feilding), H. Short, O.B.E. (Wellington), J. O'Connor, M.C. (Ashburton), W. Aitken (Christchurch), H. Hardwick-Smith (Wellington), W. N. Abbott, M.C. (Auckland), J. F. Brown (Auckland), D. E. Fenwick, O.B.E., (Wellington), K. F. Gordon, M.C., (Auckland), A. W. Izard, O.B.E., (Wellington), B. C. A. Leeper (Auckland), W. S. Wallis (Rotorua), G. E. O. Fenwick, O.B.E. (Auckland), H. M. Goldstein, M.C. (Auckland), T. Fergus (Dunedin), C. G. Aickin (Auckland), W. S. Robertson (Wellington), R. C. Begg (Wellington), J. W. Williams (Gisborne), I. E. Faris (Inglewood), F. N. Harvey papier, R. H. Hogg, O.B.E. (Invercargill), H. W. M. Kendall (Wellington), A. C. Purchas (Auckland), T. R. Ritchie (North Auckland), J. C. Simpson (Ngakawau), E. Teichelmann (Hokitika), A. M. Trotter (North Otago); Captains J. J. Eade (Devonport), H. Paterson (Pahiatua), K. McKenzie (Auckland), H. L. H. Steele (Wellington), W. H. Simpson (Wellington), R. G. S. Orbell, M.C. (Oamaru), W. F. Findlay (Wellington), E. D. Aubin (Auckland), J. E. K. Brown (Balclutha), T. G. Gray (Wellington), S. A. Moore (Dunedin), F. D. Pinfold (Hamilton), E. G. Anderson (Wellington), J. L. Will (Christchurch), F. M. Spencer (Hamilton), A. T. McCaw (Invercargill), G. P. Fitzgerald (Dunedin), M. McK. McRae, M.C. (Wellington), S. D. Rhind, M.C. (Wellington), G. B. Isdale (Ngaruawahia), A. D. S. White (Hastings), A. M. Ross (Otahuhu), L. A. Spedding (Auckland), R. C. Brewster, M.C. (New Plymouth), H. Hutson (Waipu), F. W. Kemp, M.C. (Upper Hutt), K. S. Macky (Auckland), C. J. A. Griffin, D.S.O. (Auckland), M. B. M. Tweed (Carterton), J. G. Stewart, M.C. (Milton), R. S. J. Fitzgerald (Oamaru). R. H. Mc. Baxter (Christchurch), B. E. Wright (Wellington), M. G. Louisson (Christchurch), J. N. Edgar (Milton), D. C. Low (Nelson), R. B. Watson (Invercargill), A. H. A. Vivian (Christchurch), A. Wilson (Wanganui), R. M. Wishart (Dunedin), W. Young (Wellington), A. H. Curtis (Otaki), T. Derrick (Wellington) J. D. C. Duncan (Rotorua), A. H. Elmslie (Otago), W. P. P. Gordon (Stratford), T. G. Harpur (Marton). E. C. Hayes (Christchurch), C. E. Howden (Waiuku), J. N. Keith (Nelson), J. Miller (Palmerston North), H. E. Good (Whangarei). W. M. Thompson (Hawera), J. R. Duncan (Christchurch), V. F. Usher (Auckland), E. C. Barnett (Palmerston North), **P. S. Foster** (Christchurch), N. H. Prior (Masterton), A. Bernstein (Morrinsville) D. S. Milne (Otaki), **W. G. Scannell** (Wanganui), T. Harrison (Cromwell), H. L. Widdowson (Christchurch), W. B. O. Ferguson (Arrowtown), W. A. Fairclough (Auckland), W. T. Simmons (Patea), F. L. Scott (Christchurch), A. Kinder (Auckland). A. C. Thomson (Christchurch), J. S. Beedie (Dannevirke), G. N. MacDiarmid (Taihape), G. S. Allen (Auckland), A. W. Hogg, O.B.E. (Wellington), J. A. Marshall (Te Kopuru), T. N. Watt (Opunake), A. D. Nelson, M.C. (Wanganui), A. M. Grant (Auckland), J. A. Pottinger (Invercargill), W. G. Borrie, M.C. (Auckland), **F. F. A. Ulrich** (Timaru), K. Ross (Dunedin), H. B. Ewen (Wellington), E. M. Wyllie (Foxton), G. H. Robertson (Wanganui), G. S. Moore (Auckland), W. W. Moore (Napier), A. S. Morton (Oamaru), F. J. Mulholland (Wellington), H. G. McAllum (Inglewood), W. J. Reid (New Plymouth), A. Robertson (Wellington), C. B. Rossiter (Auckland), I. N. Spedding (Mosgiel), J. Spencer-Daniell (Kaitangata). T. T. Thompson (Amberley) H. M. Hay (Taihape), J. McGhie, M.C. (Hawera), M. M. Earle (Wanganui), A. Kidd (Waipiata), F. W. Lumsden, M.C. (Hanmer), G. W. Russell (Auckland), G. B. Sweet (Auckland), J. M. Hyde (Waihi), B. F. Alfred (Lower Hutt), **P. A. Ardagh**, D.S.O., M.C. (Christchurch), R. D. Barron (Lower Hutt), W. H. Will (Palmerston North), A. L. Singer (Gisborne), J. A. Doctor (Wellington), E. K. Edie (Tokanui), W. H. Davy (Tauranga), W. F. Currie (Nelson), J. R. Wells (Ashburton), D. H.

Bett (Palmerston North), C. A. R. Davies (Manaia), J. D. Marks, M.C. (Christchurch), V. H. Barr (Nelson), C. A. Pemberton (Christchurch), J. A. Jenkins (Dunedin), W. H. D. McKee (Methven), L. H. Whetter (Matakana), T. A. Milroy (Hamilton), G. Walker (Whangarei), J. Reid (Auckland), T. C. Frazer (Hamilton), P. Chisholm (Hanmer), W. S. Baird (Wanganui), W. H. Young (Carterton), M. Ramsay (Kaiapoi), M. M. Hockin (Kaponga), **F. A. Scannell** (Temuka), S. H. Arthur (Wellington), L. C. Mail (Samoa), V. C. MacKnight (Western Samoa); Drs. P. T. Putnam (Palmerston North), F. J. Appelby (Whakatane), A. Cumming (Auckland), L. C. L. Averill (Christchurch), G. H. Thompson (New Plymouth), A. L. Caselburg (Wakefield), **J. A. D. Iverach**, M.C. (Dunedin).

#### FOUR THOUSAND TRAINEES.

Four thousand members of the New Zealand Medical Corps who participated in the Great War were trained at Awapuni which was a remarkable camp, noted for its cleanliness and discipline. One of the activities of the corps while at Awapuni was the organising of frequent concerts in aid of the Patriotic Society's funds, and the sum of £6500 was raised. Performances were given throughout the district, and as far afield as Napier.

The camp was commenced in September, 1915, when the 12th reinforcements were enrolled. The number that went to Awapuni at that time was 600, comprising four reinforcements and the first Field Ambulance Brigade. The camp commandant was Captain Goldingham, and he was succeeded by Colonel Hardie Neil, Colonel Tracey Inglis, Major Dudley and Colonel Gabites. Lieutenant P. E. Baldwin was adjutant for a number of years.

It was at Awapuni that the first concentration of the Expeditionary Force took place prior to the establishment of the Trentham camp.

#### HISTORY OF CORPS.

"The origin of the New Zealand Army Medical Service may be traced back to the earliest days of organised settlement in New Zealand," says Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Carbery, C.B.E., in his work on the activities of the corps during the Great War. "Although the Medical Corps as constituted at the outbreak of war dates only from 1908, a Colonial Medical Corps pre-existed and was in being with unbroken succession from the time when a small body of devoted surgeons attached to militia and volunteer formations in 1845 formed the anlage from which our present corps has evolved."

Lieut.-Colonel Carbery points out that, as the warlike Maoris were much attached to their ancestral lands and were lacking in a comprehension of the true nature of a land sale, military forces were necessary to protect the settlers. In 1845 three militia regiments were gazetted and surgeons were attached to the formations. In the following year volunteers were organised and several of these regiments had surgeons on their roll. At the commencement of the Taranaki-Waikato war P. M. O. Mouatt did valuable work in organising the Colonial Medical Service. In 1882 when the defence forces were re-organised ambulance details were organised. In 1888 regulations made it the duty of the senior officer to instruct at least three men per battalion in stretcher drill and field dressing.

Valuable work was done by the medical men during the South African War and several were mentioned in despatches. A period of stagnation followed until in 1905 provision was made for the formation of a corps of officers to be called the New Zealand Medical Corps. The Defence Regulations were amended in 1908 reorganising the corps on R.A.M.C. lines. All officers, non-commissioned officers and men connected with the medical service were for the first time included in the corps.

#### SHADOW OF WAR.

In the days prior to the Great War there was a regrettable lack of any effort to organise the N.Z.M.C. for war purposes. In 1915 Sir James Allen said: "No steps had been taken to provide a permanent army medical staff or to organise the medical department owing to

public outcry against excessive expenditure.” However, in one way or another the N.Z.M.C. officers without much encouragement prepared themselves for war.

In an introduction to Lieut.-Colonel Carbery’s book Major-General Sir W. G Macpherson, K.C.M.G., C.B., LL.D. refers to the fact that the corps saw service in Samoa in August, 1914. “They shared,” he adds, “with the Australians, the immortal fame and glorious record of the Anzac Corps. When they were transferred to the Western Front they were in a position to display their qualities in a still more distinctive manner as units of the New Zealand Division. Their efficiency was a matter of common knowledge, while their devotion to duty and unwavering cheerfulness excited the admiration of those in control. The medical profession responded nobly to the Empire’s call. Three hundred and eighty-five doctors and 3248 other ranks embarked for service overseas as did 550 nursing sisters, one of the most poignant memories of whom is the loss of 10 when their transport was torpedoed in the Aegean Sea.” After paying a tribute to the organisation of the corps, General Macpherson states: “During the battles of Messines and Ypres, in 1917, for example, the arrangements of the corps for the collection and evacuation of wounded were regarded as historically instructive on account of the careful manner in which details were prepared beforehand.”

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## **OBITUARY**

**Dr. H. J. McLean**

While on a holiday in the Taupo-Rotorua region, Dr. Henry John McLean, C.B.E., Port Health Officer at Wellington, suddenly collapsed and died while playing on the Rotorua golf links yesterday afternoon. Dr. McLean was prominent and very popular in sporting circles, and as a young man played for the Wellington Football Club, later representing Wellington in interprovincial matches.

The late Dr. McLean, who was a son of Duncan McLean, M.D., was born in Timaru in 1869. He received his secondary education at Wellington College, and on leaving school entered the service of the Bank of New South Wales, Wellington. He did not follow banking for long, however, and went to study medicine at Edinburgh University, where he graduated M. B., Ch.B., in 1900.

He practised in Wellington until 1914, when he went to the war with the Main Body of the Expeditionary Force with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He served with the N.Z.M.C. until the end of the war, and afterward went to Germany with the Army of Occupation. He was mentioned in dispatches in 1918, and later had the order of C.B.E. conferred upon him.

About six years ago he was appointed Port Health Officer for Wellington, when he succeeded Dr. Pollen, a position which he held up to the time of his death. He leaves a brother, Dr. D. P. McLean, of Waipawa, and two sisters, Miss Mary McLean, M.A., late principal of the Wellington Girls’ College, and Miss Agnes McLean, both resident in Wellington.

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## **MILITARY FUNERAL**

**Late Dr. H. J. McLean**

**MANY DOCTORS ATTEND**

By reason of his rank as lieutenant-colonel in the New Zealand Medical Corps, the late Dr. H. J. McLean was given a military funeral on Saturday afternoon. The coffin was carried on a gun-carriage, drawn by five horses, from the New Zealand Garrison Artillery. The firing

party comprised non-commissioned officers of the permanent staff of the New Zealand Defence Force.

Before the funeral a service, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Blanchard and the Rev. Dr. James Gibb, was held in Dr. McLean's late residence, 56 Mulgrave St. The chief mourners were Mr. Duncan McLean, of Waipawa (brother); Misses Mary and Agnes McLean (sisters), Mr. D. McLean, Junr. (nephew), and Miss Mary McLean, Junr., Messrs. C. and H. Healy (half-brothers), and Mr. Brabazon Ellis, of Christchurch (brother-in-law). The pall-bearers were Sir Donald McGavin, Drs. F. T. Bowerbank and Robert Stout, and Messrs. Arthur Seed, Brabazon Ellis and H. and E. Healy.

The general esteem in which the late Dr. McLean was held by all classes of the community was evidenced in the very large attendance present at the funeral. These included Sir Donald McGavin, Sir John Luke, Drs. J. S. Elliott, P. F. McEvedy, Robert Stout, H. Gilmer, A. Izard, Messrs. Guy Johnston, Harold Johnston, K.C., A. Gray, K.C., Frank Thompson, C.M.G., G. A. Troup, C.M.G., T. Forsyth, J. W. Macdonald (Public Trustee), R. Darroch (representing the Navy League), M. C. Barnett, C. M. Turrell, Major Watson (representing the Returned Soldiers' Association), A. Hollis, G. L. Stewart, Brigadier Green (representing the Salvation Army), T. E. Corkill, Hubert Nathan, C. B. Trimnell, C. M. Luke, T. Y. Seddon, W. Perry, A. Wylie, H. D. Thomson, G. Hall, A. Erskine (representing the Miramar Golf Club), T. R. Boyes, Vivian Riddiford, P. Verschaffelt, D. G. A. Cooper, C. Tringham, M. F. Luckie, David Turnbull (Timaru), the Rev. R. Blair, and many others. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

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## **OBITUARY**

### **DR. H. J. M'LEAN**

The death occurred suddenly at Rotorua yesterday of Dr. Henry John M'Lean, C.B.E., a well-known resident of Wellington. Dr. M'Lean was on holiday. He has for some years past been Port Health Officer of Wellington, and was a steward of the Wellington Racing Club.

The late Dr. M'Lean, who was a son of Dr. D. M'Lean, was born at Dunedin in 1869. He was educated at the Timaru High School, and studied medicine at the Edinburgh University, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B., in 1900. Dr. M'Lean practised in Wellington until 1914, when he went to the war with the Main Body of the Expeditionary Force as surgeon of the Wellington Mounted Rifles. He served from 1914 to 1919, holding responsible military positions in Egypt, Gallipoli, and France, and at the conclusion of the war was in Germany with the Army of Occupation. At Gallipoli he was severely wounded; in fact, the bullet was located, but could not be extracted.

On his return to New Zealand he was appointed Assistant Director of Medical Services. In 1918 he was mentioned in dispatches by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig "for gallant and distinguished services in the field." These services were further recognised by his being given the decoration of C.B.E. in 1919.

Dr. M'Lean took a keen interest in various sports, and was well known as a prominent footballer, being once selected as an "All Black" representative, but was unable to obtain leave to go to England.

Dr. M'Lean leaves a brother, [Mr.] D. P. M'Lean, of Waipawa, and two sisters, Miss Mary M'Lean, formerly principal of the Wellington Girls' College, and Miss Agnes M'Lean, both residents of Wellington.

A Press Association message from Rotorua states that Dr. M'Lean suffered a sudden heart attack following strenuous play in a bunker. Medical attention was at hand, but Dr.

M'Lean died within a minute. He arrived at Rotorua with a friend from Wellington on a short holiday, and arranged to play golf every day for a fortnight. The tragedy intervened on the second day. The game reached the sixth hole, where Dr. M'Lean's ball went into a bunker. He played out to the green, and was about to take a putt when he collapsed. Dr. McKnight, of Rotorua, who was playing nearby, hastened to his assistance, but it was of no avail. A nurse and the Rev. Mr. Hetherington also gave assistance, and a police ambulance was called. No inquest is necessary. A medical friend from Wellington stated that Dr. M'Lean had been suffering with heart trouble for some time, and that he was prepared to give a certificate. The body is being brought to Wellington by train to-day.

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## **DOCTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.**

WELLINGTON PORT OFFICER,  
(By Telegraph. — Own Correspondent.)  
ROTORUA, Friday.

Dr. Henry John McLean, of Wellington, who had been on a visit to Rotorua, collapsed and died while playing a round of golf with a friend, Mr. T. R. Lawson, also of Wellington. Dr. McKnight, of Ohinemutu, who was playing close to him, went to his assistance, but life was extinct.

No inquest will be held, as the deceased's medical adviser in Wellington will certify as to the cause of death.

Dr. McLean served in the war with the New Zealand Forces, first in Palestine with the Mounted Field Ambulance. He was promoted to assistant-director of medical services in France and he commanded the 4th Field Ambulance. After his return to New Zealand he settled in Wellington and was appointed port health officer.

Dr. McLean, who was not married, had one brother and two sisters. One is the principal of Wellington Girls' College.

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## **DEATH ON GOLF LINKS.**

**PLAYER'S SUDDEN COLLAPSE.**

DR. HENRY JOHN McLEAN.

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[BY TELEGRAPH. — OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

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Dr. Henry John McLean, of Wellington, who had been on a visit to Rotorua, collapsed and died while playing a round of golf with his friend, Mr. T. R. Lawson, also of Wellington.

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Dr. McLean took his degree at Edinburgh in 1900. He served in the war with the New Zealand Forces, first in Palestine with the Mounted Field Ambulance. He was promoted to assistant-director of medical services in France and he commanded the 4th Field Ambulance. After his return to New Zealand he settled in Wellington and was appointed port health officer. He held this position at the time of his death. He was not married. He had one

brother, who arrived in Rotorua to-day, and two sisters. One is the lady principal of Wellington Girls' College.

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## **LATE DR. H. J. McLEAN.**

### **A MILITARY FUNERAL.**

[BY TELEGRAPH. —PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

WELLINGTON, Sunday.

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The service at deceased's late home was conducted by the Revs. J. R. Blanchard and Dr. James Gibb. There was a numerous attendance at the funeral, including Sir Donald McGavin, Sir John Luke, several leading members of the medical profession and prominent business men.

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