

age in a very short space of time, for all hands and the cook were on the deck cheering with all the strength of their lungs, and if there had been a band on board, I have no doubt they would have struck up "See the Conquering Hero Comes," but as there was none, and steam whistles had not yet been invented, they only cheered the more. After I had been lifted up the side of the steamer (for in cases like this the hero is supposed to have lost the use of his arms and legs), a hundred arms were outstretched to help me, and, in fact, I have no very distinct recollection of how I got aboard, but when I did get on deck, oh, dear! my arms ache yet at the very thought of the handshaking I had to undergo. However, at last, some humane individual, seeing that my teeth were chattering with the cold from having been so long in my wet clothes, took pity on my hardship and hurried me off to a stateroom, made me strip off my clothes, put on a dry shirt and pop into bed, and when well covered with blankets, they gave me a dose (in fact, I ought to say a big overdose) of brandy. What with the brandy and the excitement, I soon fell asleep. How long I slept I do not know, but it must have been a considerable time, for when I was roused up by one of the hands with my uniform on his arm nicely dried, he told me to get up and dress as quickly as I could, for Kingston would soon be in sight, and that I was wanted on the upper deck. As soon as his back was turned, I jumped out of bed, washed and dressed myself in a jiffy and walked out to see what new hero worship I had to get through with; and, sure enough, I found a deputation waiting to escort me to the upper deck, where I found a large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled to do honour to your humble servant, the hero of the hour. Among the rest were the father and mother of the rescued child. The father at once stepped forward and shook me warmly by the hand, and then introduced me to his wife, by whom I was almost overpowered with a mother's thanks, after which came the general handshaking all round by everyone until I began to think that I would soon have no longer a hand to shake. However, everything has an end except a plum-pudding, and that, they say, has two. (Isn't that a conundrum?) After the handshaking had been got through with, an old, reverend-looking gentleman came forward and made an oration, in which he had something to say about all the heroes that had ever existed from the beginning of history up to the present time, winding up with an eulogium on poor me, whom he extolled as the greatest of them all. But to me the most interesting part of the ceremony was when he pulled out a purse containing, I don't know how much, and was about to present it to me, when, to my disgust, who should step up to interrupt the presentation but our little whipper snapper of an ensign, who, with more zeal than brains, said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I cannot allow my sergeant to receive a money reward for simply doing his duty, as a British soldier always is expected to do, whether it is in taking or saving life. The honour and glory he covers himself with is a sufficient reward for any pains he may endure. Sergeant, we are nearing Kingston; you will now go down and see that your escort is ready to leave the boat the moment she arrives at the wharf. Right about face, quick march!" and with one long, last, wistful look at the purse, down I had to go, followed by the ensign, who, I am happy to say, was greeted with a groan of indignation that must have made him feel very small—that is, if he had any feelings about him.

And thus ended my heroship; but what more could I expect? It began with a mistake, or rather with an accident, and finished by my "coming out of the small end of the horn," the usual luck of the

OLD SERGEANT MAJOR.

### At the Antipodes.

New Zealand can boast of a number of flourishing Naval Artillery corps.

New South Wales has tried, and with satisfactory results, camps of training for Public School Cadets.

Victoria has a Commissariat and Transport Corps, which has lately received several new waggons, built to a special pattern, and its train now consists of one large vehicle and eight smaller ones.

Col. Brownrigg, late Commandant of the Victorian forces, at a farewell dinner spoke in very flattering terms of the Cadet force, and advocated compulsory drill for the boys of the colony up to fifteen or sixteen years of age.

In order to encourage signalling in the South Australian force the Commandant has sanctioned pay for two and a-half days' practices a week for two men per troop, battery and company, who have passed an examination, and are certified by the Brigade-Major to read six words a minute.

On the occasion of the formal entry of the new Governor of Victoria, the Earl of Hopetoun, into Melbourne, and his swearing in, a battalion of cadets assisted in keeping the approaches to the old Treasury building, where the ceremony was performed.

A meeting of officers to consider the establishment of a Naval and Military Institute was held at Melbourne, Victoria, recently, Major-Gen. Tulloch presiding. Government has promised £100 towards fitting up the Institute, and a subsidy of £1 for £1 up to £400. It was decided to establish the institute, and the annual subscription was fixed at one guinea. Major Rainsford Hannay was appointed provisional secretary.

The New South Wales Government encourage their civil servants to render military service also. This is an extract from a recent general order: "In view of the importance of the detached whole-day parades, the Colonial Secretary approves of such Civil Servants who are volunteers being allowed to attend on those days, subject to the heads of the several departments being satisfied as to arrangements for discharge of duties."

The annual musketry course of the Victoria Garrison Artillery has been abolished, but the recruits' musketry course will be carried on. Any member of the Garrison Artillery may obtain the free grant of 50 rounds by joining a rifle club, and C.O.'s are authorized to form rifle clubs within their batteries. Some alterations have been made in the equipment of the Garrison Artillery. The shoulder-belt has been abolished, and the pouch will be carried on the waist-belt; but when the water-bottle is not worn the pouch will be carried at the back of the waist-belt. Greatcoats will be worn with the sleeves under the arm.

Major-General Edwards recently made this report on the Western Australian army: "The forces are composed entirely of volunteers. The material is good, but owing to insufficient training but little reliance can be placed in them. Albany must be fortified. The volunteers of the metropolis and neighbourhood should be converted into a partially-paid battalion 300 strong. Two companies of Mounted Infantry should be raised, and the field batteries at Perth and Fremantle amalgamated into one 4-gun battery. At Albany a corps, 100 strong, of partially-paid Garrison Artillery and Submarine Miners should be raised to assist in the defence. The number of rifles in the colony should be increased to 2,500, with 500 rounds per rifle. The erection of a small battery to protect Fremantle is not at present necessary, but a first-class torpedo boat should be procured, and would be an effective and economical means of defence." In the Legislative Council recently, by a majority of one (12 to 11) the volunteer vote—£3,160 14s. 9d.—was reduced by £400. Among the items cut out were—Easter Encampment, £250, and £150 for field-day expenses and State ceremonial.

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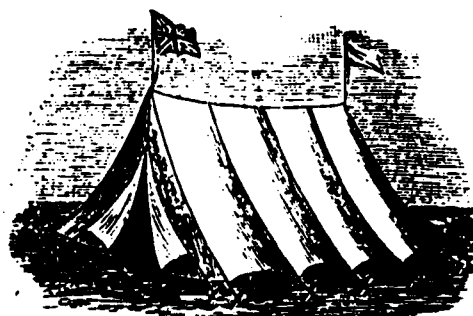
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