



LIEUT. T. L. CADELL,
Severely Wounded at Dardanelles.

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AN APPRECIATION.

(By L.W.)

The decision of the Australian Government to send Expeditionary Forces to aid the motherland in the present struggle called from our midst a lad whose sterling qualities had appealed to us all, in the person of Lieut. T. L. Cadell.

Always an enthusiast for military matters, Tom Cadell occasioned little surprise when he announced his intention of answering the call, while the fact that he secured a commission as a Lieutenant further intensified the admiration of his school-fellows. Before his enlistment, Tom held a commission in the Senior Cadets, where his popularity was undoubted, for he always took a keen interest in his work, and manifested a sincere eagerness to do his best. He possessed a fine military bearing, and he was in every way fitted to take his place amongst the cream of Australian manhood.

Tom was, before his entry into our school, a pupil of the Maitland High, and many of us had met him on the football field before he joined us. He was a fine footballer, and his play with and against us often excited our admiration.

It was as a footballer and a true sport that we knew him best. His deeds on the fields of sport were only an introduction to his manly conduct when the sterner side of life had to be faced. He was one of our best tennis-players, and he ably assisted in winning the title of champion High School of the state in the year 1913. At cricket, Tom was scarcely a success, for he took little interest in this sport, yet in the few matches that he played he exhibited the same manly spirit as elsewhere, and, as was always the case, did his best. He was always cheerful and good-natured in his dealing with both masters and boys, and in due course he was elected perfect, which honor he held till he made his premature departure from our ranks. He was an example to every schoolboy. A thorough gentleman, Tom Cadell has taken his place in the ranks to play the sternest game of all, and we have no doubt that he will nobly acquit himself as a worthy son of Australia.

It is such as he who help to maintain the honor and integrity of the British race, and the writer feels that Tom's conduct on the battlefield has shed honor on the name that he bears and has helped to bring glory on this young nation whose loyalty to Great Britain is lasting and sincere. When the first casualty lists were printed his name appeared amongst the wounded, and it was with deep regret that we heard of his suffering. However, I have no doubt that all who are connected with this school, and who know him in any way, will join me in wishing Tom a speedy recovery and a safe return to Australia, where he will receive a welcome worthy of his courage and his name as a soldier of the forces whose deeds in the Dardanelles have excited the admiration of the British Empire and its brave Allies.

Unfortunately, subsequent to publication of this edition of the Novocastrian, the School would have received the awful news that Lieutenant Tom Cadell had succumbed to the wounds he received from the shell burst, as detailed in the next page.



NHS 1914 Lieutenant Tom Cadell

Thomas Cadell was a former student, and Prefect, at Newcastle High School, who died as the results of wounds resulting from a shell burst during World War I. He was only eighteen and a half years old.

At School

From the 'Novocastrian'

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At The Front

A tribute from the men of his Platoon

Dear Sir, - We write to you as the men of the Platoon that was commanded by your son, Lieut. T. L. Cadell, to express our sincerest sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

The Lieutenant had gained not only our respect as an officer, but also our affection, for his thoughts are always for the welfare of his men. He had just got his men safely away, staying behind himself until the last man had got clear, when the fatal shell burst; and we feel that he had endangered himself for us. He was always bright and cheerful, and bore his wounds like a brave soldier. His last words to us were that he hoped to be back with us in a month, but God has willed it otherwise.

We feel sure, Sir, that you will be comforted in your grief by the knowledge that your son died doing his duty for King and Country.

From Corporal Longworth

His reputation among the boys was gained mostly by the fearless way he led - not showed - the way in the first few days, and the personal care he showed in noting their allotments of work, sleep and rations. Many times he went to great trouble to procure luxuries, such as tobacco, for the men, which, in the trenches, amount almost to necessities. At the moment of his being hit he was whole-heartedly engaged in getting the Platoon into shelter from shell fire, and, unfortunately, he would not take cover until all were in. The brave way he always went where danger was, and the gritty and splendid spirit he showed when badly hit, have created a lasting impression with us, and I trust, Sir, may be of great solace to you in the present time.