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Making my first entry Sunday 20/19/14 at
Tenthredin Camp for 3rd Reinforcements. Trying to
forget that you have been a civilian and try to
remember that you are a soldier and rank on a
level with officers of Imperial army. Expect to see
about end of January. Have some good men in Camp
ages averaging about 29 and are all previous in their
intention to get themselves to fight Germans. From my
host of 40, 1st Coy South Island Battalion drawn from 1st
(Canterbury) Regt & 12th Coler Regt. Officers: Capt. Houtcher
Reserve of 12th Regt. Priest, Capt. Wright, Coast Defence
Detachment Regt. Capt. Brooker, P. & T. Corps. Lieut. Stone
Whatnocked B. Coler, Batt. Com. Major C. Kelly
A. P. Camp Major Potts, Camp Chaplain, Capt. Eastwood
Sgt. Munn was showing men how to hold a bayonet
man "Don't you put that - plank - all
5 m. of where did you pick up that wire"
man "In tent"
Capt. White slightly inclined last night
coming from Wellington persuasive to in thinking
himself a motor boy.

Capt. Wright arrived today, showing tent will me
12/15. Sgt. Evans in old 9th Coy came in
inhibited and took to a man with a bayonet
the first man, it is computed, worked the first
100 yds in about 9 sec. Took eight men to hold
Dyl tell he was pegged down.
When we were in Wellington lines
and took to those around him with stoms, they
run like old.

A man was drunk in Camp the other day
and was put in second tent and tied to pole
but in his struggle shifted pole and brought
down the tent on himself and 2 day more
men.

Had a snoring bulldog in lines the
other night. We put him in Capt. White's tent and
then at Gallipoli and Wright's tent he got
Wright say "J. S. you - put him then in
Simpson's tent, droped him on Simpson's
Simpson grunted and exploded into profanity