

Newcastle Girls High School ,Hamilton 1940 -1945.

There was a plaque in the old Assembly Hall that was sent from the English Soldiers to thank us ; the students at the Newcastle Girls High" 1940-1945 for the hand knitted woollen socks and scarves that were sent to them during the 2nd World War . Miss Paradise was our "Task Mistress " and she would have been very thrilled about this Plaque of appreciation . Some of the scarves that I remember were not always so evenly knitted and I wondered whether they were really good enough to send . The socks were the real test of our ability and we were a "chosen few " with special ability to knit on four needles and to be able to shape the "turned heel and toe ".

I remember that I was determined to learn these special techniques because I hated trying to fix the scarves from dropped stitches and uneven tensions from all the previous knitters . An elderly neighbour was pleased to teach me and I learnt to knit the turned double knit heel and toe .

We also donated food from our own Food Coupons to make up food parcels including fruit cakes to be sent to our English Soldiers .

Miss Paradise was a great admirer of Winston Churchill .

I visited the school to take a photo of the plaque and the ladies in the Library told me that when the school was turned into Co Ed there were lots of our history removed from the school .

Is there anyone that knows where it is now ?

This is only trivia to the younger generation but it certainly brings back fond memories to me .

~~I am not able to attend but I wish you well.~~

Yours Truly,



Shirley Myles / Gleghorn