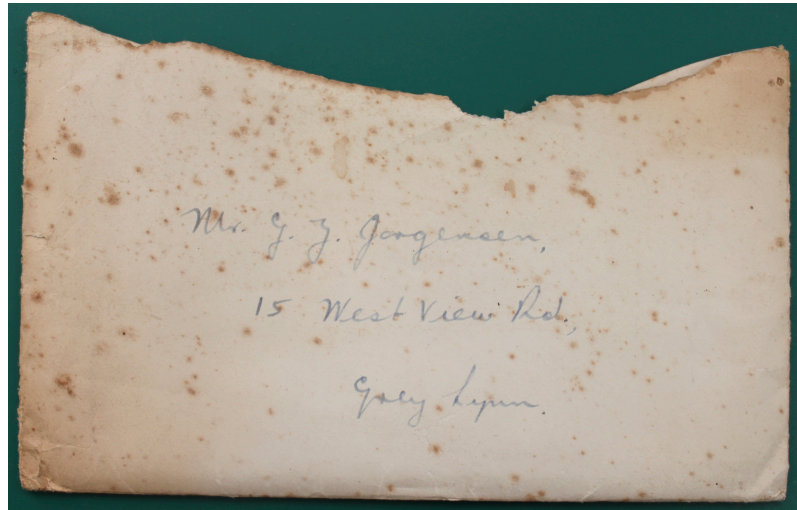


Received from an unnamed next door neighbour of the late Rex Gustave Jorgensen (1941-1945) Memorabilia for the Mount Albert Grammar School Archives - 9 February 2015.

This gift is a torn open foxed enveloped with 12 folded up school reports inside.

The envelope is 6 in x 3½ in / 150 mm x 90 mm. It is addressed to Mr GZ Jorgensen, 15 Waterview Road, Grey Lynn.



The reports are:

1941: Form 3B Terms 1, 2 and 3 signed by Form Master FE (Ted) Coulthard BSc.  
 1942: Form 4C. Terms 1, 2 and 3 signed in Term 2 by JH (Jack) Jenkin and Terms 2 and 3 signed by FE Coulthart. The third Term report has a CREDIT AWARD stamp and is depicted here:

**Mt. Albert Grammar School.**  
**REPORT FOR THIRD TERM, 1942.**

Name R. G. Jorgensen Form 4C  
 Absent 23 half days out of 192. <sup>1942</sup> Late - times  
 Absent from Prayers - times

	Place	Out of
ENGLISH, Essay } <u>His progress here has been quite satisfactory.</u>	14	12
General }		
HISTORY <u>Weak</u>	30	32
GEOGRAPHY		
LATIN <u>Not done</u>		
FRENCH <u>Can't hand it yet.</u>	12	12
COMMERCIAL	31	31
ARITHMETIC <u>Weak</u>		
ALGEBRA } <u>Fair only.</u>	9	12
GEOMETRY }		
TRIGONOMETRY		
DRAWING, Free } <u>Well below standard. He must try harder.</u>	12	13
Instrumental }		
GENERAL PHYSICS } <u>Progressing well</u>	6	11
CHEMISTRY } <b>CREDIT AWARD</b>		
MAGNETISM and ELECTRICITY		
AGRICULTURE		
DAIRY SCIENCE		
BIOLOGY		
WOODWORK		
AGGREGATE PLACE	13	13

F. E. Coulthard B.Sc. Form Master.

Headmaster's Report  
not strong, but always a worker.  
F. E. Coulthard Headmaster.

School will re-open on Tuesday, February 2nd, 1943.

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1943: Lower 5 Latin: there are two reports and signatures are MC (Murray) Marbeck BA and GM (Gwen) Hall BA, BSc.

1944: 5B Non-Latin: Again, reports for Terms 1 and 3. The Form Master is NB (Nelson) Body MA.

1945: 5 French: Also Term 1 and 3 and also Mr Body again. The Term 3 report form is much larger than the others. It is 13 in x 8½ in / 330 mm x 215 mm. All the other reports forms are 10½ in x 7 in / 265 mm x 175 mm.

The Form teachers who signed these reports deserve a mention.

FE Coulthard BSc was here from 1939-1945, and again from 1951-1956. On and off, he had been a Junior Housemaster for nine years. He coached softball and rugby, and played the piano and cello. As a biology teacher he established a significant collection of small animals preserved in alcohol or formalin. They were still around into the 1980s and inspired at least one boy to become a professional biologist. Ted Coulthard left teaching to train for the Anglican priesthood. He was vicar of Waimate North, where he was tragically murdered by a deranged intruder.

The other person mentioned in 1942 was JH Jenkin. Jack Jenkin was a foundation pupil. He came back as a member of staff and taught woodwork and instrumental drawing. While he coached rugby for 29 years he is best remembered as one of two people to establish rowing as a school sport, and he coached crews for 23 years.

The two signatures of 1943 were, first, that of Old Boy MA Marbeck BA. Murray Marbeck left to join the family music store. Enconced in his Queen's Arcade shop he was a walking encyclopaedia of classical music recording.

The other name, GM Hall BA BSc, was not that of the Fourth Headmaster, GM (Maurice) Hall. This was Mrs Gwen Hall. She was one of several women on the staff as a wartime measure. She is listed in the calendars of the time as Mrs AMP Hall, obviously her husband's initials. At the end of hostilities the ladies were sent on their way so the masters, who were serving overseas, could get their jobs back.

For the last two years the Form Master was Old Boy NB Body MA. Nelson Body was a Junior Housemaster for eight years and a major influence in both schoolboy and Old Boy hockey. Apart from his honours degree in history he had an additional qualification in French. He helped write newsletters to servicemen and undertook the enormous task of researching and compiling an annotated alphabetical list of some 2000 members of the school who served in World War II.

It is Rex Jorgensen who brings this eclectic group of teachers together.

Brian Murphy