

Received from Mrs Thelma Bridson for the Mount Albert Grammar School Archive Memorabilia of her late husband Peter Sidney Bridson (1936-1940) 11 February 2015.

Note: On 26 June 2014 Mrs Bridson sent Peter's blazer. It has his name in India ink on the tab on the inside back.

This gift is two medallions. Both are new to us, we do not have any other copies of these particular artifacts.

1. A heavy, two inch diameter silver medallion in a velvet lined three inch square cardboard box.

The obverse is a raised Discobolus on a base with a laurel swag below and the words ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP around the edge. The edge is not milled.

The reverse has the words AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS around the edge and at the bottom, crossed fern leaves. Above in smaller point is AWARDED TO and the engraved words

PS Bridson
1st
Throwing the Discus
Open Champ.
1940



The box has a pewter-grey wavy-patterned lid with white margins (two missing). There is a gold stamped crest in the middle. It reads:

A. KOHN LTD.
JEWELLER
BY APPOINTMENT
178 QUEEN ST.
AUCKLAND.
N.Z.



2. A bronze life-saving medallion 1¼ inch in diameter. The first Headmaster FW Gamble was a promoter of life saving and scores of boys were trained to a degree. The medal has a ring at the top. If there was a ribbon through it, it has not survived. The edge is not milled.



On the obverse are an oar crossed with a boat hook. In an interior roundel there are the words ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY and a rim roundel with the Society's motto QUEM CUNQUE MISERUM VIDERIS HOMINEM SCIAS, which the Society translates as "Whomsoever you see in distress recognise in him a fellow man."

On the reverse is a rim roundel with the words ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY ESTABLISHED 1891. In the centre are the stamped words:

AWARDED
TO

and the engraved words:

P.S. Bridson
29.12.40

In an accompanying letter Mrs Bridson said that her late husband would have been pleased that his medallions went to his old school. We are likewise, very pleased to have them.

Brian Murphy