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29. MIDDLEMEAD.
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Dear Col. Grimshaw

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of Sept. 9th and I have delayed replying until I heard from my father whose letter came today.

Firstly, let me say that had I had the opportunity of dropping in to see you, I most certainly would have done but next time I hope to have the pleasure of so doing when we can have a natter.

Secondly, you are most welcome to the photos I took as my father has copies and I can always get more from the negatives. I'm afraid the Trigg on the stained glass window

did not materialise but there we are - can't win 'em all !! (2)

Some of the older slate headstones are a little bit difficult to read but all in all, they're not too bad. Hope they might be useful for the collection.

Now to the genealogical side of things. I'm afraid my father cannot help a great deal because he doesn't know where his great grandfather came from. He is almost certain, however, that his name was John and went to New Zealand as a missionary in 1848 (in actual fact, we have a hand-woven rug which he was presented with by the Maoris in honour of his being instrumental in preventing the second Maori war in the 1860s - the thing is though that the hand woven initials in the corner are

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W.W.T (the second 'W' stands for WARREN
which is the second name of us all
back to my grandfather). The
plot thickens! Incidentally, this
gentleman died at the ripe old
age of 97 around 1921 - as you will
see from the photographs, we seemed
to live quite a long time; the
children, however, were not so lucky.
But I assume that the influenza
epidemic (at that time, a killer)
may have been responsible - recall
the dreadful one after the first war?

My father also had a sister
June (christened Juanita), 3 years
older, and in 1945, she married
Joe Davis, the world snooker
champion for 20 years. I've no
doubt you have heard of him. He
died in 1978.

So, that is as much as I can

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offer but I know my father would greatly appreciate hearing from you and he did express an interest in what your military career might have encompassed — even if the genealogy trail peters out, military gentlemen always find something in common (father was on the D-day landings).

I am passing your letter to me on to him and hope he will get in touch with you too.

I, too, hope to hear from you again, but if you both correspond or talk on the 'phone, perhaps more details will come to light, who knows?

My thanks to you again and very best wishes

Kind regards, Bill Triggs