

## THE CITIZEN

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### GALLANT O.M.T.'S GIVE GLO'STER A HARD FIGHT

Gloucester found the Old Merchant Taylors a tougher proposition than they expected when the two sides met for their annual Boxing Day fixture at Kingsholm.

Although depleted by injuries the Taylors put up a very gallant fight but were defeated by a goal and two tries (11 pts.) to nil.

The visitors lost their regular scrum-half, M. Goble, after 20 minutes when he received a dislocated thumb, and they also played the whole of the second half without one of their wing forwards, E. B. Sherlock, who pulled a muscle in his thigh.

A quarter of an hour from the end Gloucester's left-centre, Stuart Troughton, also had to go off after receiving a kick in the back.

### WELL-MATCHED PACKS

The Gloucester team showed two changes from the side which had such a good win over Bath, Teakle and Hodge being unavailable.

Wally Burrows was brought in as stand-off half and Ivor Ryder went into the pack.

In the earlier part of the game the forwards were well matched and it took Gloucester's pack a long time to get the upper hand even after the visitors' pack was depleted.

Wally Burrows, at outside-half, carved out a number of useful openings and the Gloucester threequarters produced several dangerous movements.

The Taylors' marking and tackling was so keen, however, that only one of Gloucester's tries was obtained by a back.

This scorer was Stuart Troughton, who again showed up well in the centre.

### VIGOROUS PLAY

Gloucester's other tries were scored by Roy Parry and George Hastings after vigorous forward play near the Taylors' line, Trevor Halls converting one.

By no means was all the attacking done by Gloucester, however, and on at least one occasion the visitors were unlucky not to cross.

Gloucester had the measure of the Old Merchant Taylors but only just ! If the Taylors had not been handicapped by injuries the margin of victory would probably have been even smaller.