In 1906 a few boys invented the ‘Tell Tale’ newsletter, where they would chronicle the weekly goings on at the school, sometimes a little too truthfully. This short handwritten newsletter helped start the annual ‘Southportonian’ publication in 1907. Below is a few excerpts from the Tell Tale.

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The Tell Tale is a paper
And you'll do well to take her
On her pages half our news
Which full many do amuse

It was published in October
Nearly all were then knocked over
By the fire they found therein
And it soon rumbled in the tin

Many boys have been enquiring
Who the paper were admiring
Of the pieces treasured most
This rush soon took the post

As the copies from the press
Meet with such extreme success
The upstairs dorm showed a good fight
When they printed late at night
Our Trip to Tallebudgera:

Our trip to Tallebudgera was being looked forward to but slight grumbles were heard when we were leaving the School because we had to travel that beastly back track instead of going by the beach. At any rate we started at about 7.45 a.m. and after a bumpy journey we arrived at our destination at about 10.30 a.m. Whether it was the trip or not I can’t say but I scored a double quantity of runs to the enemy which meant a beating to the School.

We returned home (after a good dinner at about 5.15 p.m.) and had a very exciting trip home along a very good beach.

Our Trip to Tallebudgera.
MILITARY WARFARE.

Ever since cadets have been started in this School, there seem to me many more fights amongst the boys.