

**RAPID EXPANSION**

**Air Training Scheme In New Zealand**

**MORE RECRUITS POSTED**

The rapid expansion of New Zealand's air training scheme is demonstrated by the increasing numbers of men who can be handled at the various training stations as the facilities are augmented, states the Air Department. The latest batch of recruits to be posted totals 87 men, and these include only wireless operators and mechanics and armourers. The total volume of young men offering their services to the air force is very large, necessitating the holding back of the training of some till late in the year.

The list of men posted to Levin and Wigram is as follows:—

Wireless operators posted to Levin: N. A. Adams, Auckland; A. Barrie, Auckland; C. Bell, Gisborne; G. S. Briggs, Gore; D. C. Colmore-Williams, Dargaville; H. R. Dean, Porangahau; T. P. Duffy, Martinborough; G. R. Edlin, Ohakea; A. G. Fyfe, Geraldine; G. W. Hitch, Wellington; H. G. Hedge, Wellington; C. W. D. Hodgson, Invercargill; F. H. Hoy, Wanganui; W. Hutchinson, Gisborne; W. B. Maloney, Mangaturoto; J. C. McBride, Mosgiel; I. M. Milne, Stewart Island; K. D. Panckhurst, Hunterville; E. G. Reid, Auckland; J. M. Shanks, Stratford; K. W. Shearer, Waharoa; F. M. Stevens, Auckland; S. G. Stringer, Motueka; G. S. Waddell, Wellington; F. E. Woodrow, Auckland; R. H. Wybourne, Waverley; C. P. Casey, Pukemiro; J. C. E. Jamieson, New Plymouth; E. M. Gibbons, Ohakune; E. E. Gittings, Wellington; A. G. MacDonald, Auckland; F. S. Retsmayer, Wellington.

Armourers posted to Levin: D. S. Arkoll, Auckland; L. Bland, Whangarei; R. E. Booker, Waverley; F. N. Bremner, Wellington; C. M. Crawford, Gore; R. G. Dahl, Palmerston North; E. J. Gray, Auckland; K. Harrison, Christchurch; S. A. Jameson, Masterton; M. K. Lee, Waipukurau; D. A. Lewis, Hawera; J. S. McKenzie, Auckland; A. H. Martis, Hawera; S. Morris, Wellington; V. A. Oakey, Timaru; N. S. Parkes, Auckland; D. Ramsay, Invercargill; J. E. Roper, Glen Massey; E. W. Smart, Stratford; J. R. Stanley, Auckland; D. H. Stringer, Christchurch; D. N. Sutherland, Timaru; G. A. Sutton, Gisborne; R. W. Boocock, Wellington; R. E. Travers, Upper Hutt; E. T. H. Donovan, Thames; A. T. Foley, Dunedin; E. A. Garty, Wellington; G. S. Hutcheon, Whakatane; R. H. Jarratt, Dunedin; D. M. Purvis, Auckland; E. A. Rogerson, Wellington; K. H. Smith, Wellington; D. H. Stratton, Masterton.

Wireless electrical mechanics to Wigram: D. H. Barker, Geraldine; J. Blaikie, Christchurch; S. M. Green, Westport; J. L. F. Harlen, Wellington; T. Henvel, Hastings; R. G. Law, Stratford; J. A. Lynn, Hastings; S. G. MacDonald, Christchurch; I. S. J. Pringle.

Mosgiel; F. L. Smith, Foxton; C. O. Sommerville, Dargaville; J. A. Sperry, Dunedin; J. D. Stewart, Ashburton; J. M. Stewart, Auckland; D. R. Stirling, Auckland; H. K. Taylor, Wellington; G. F. West, Christchurch; H. V. Wheatley, Warkworth; F. Wrigley, Opoitiki; W. C. Crawford, Whangarei; A. J. Maris, Wellington.

**CAMP CONCERT**

**Bagpipes Presented**

On Tuesday, 12th March, at the Y.M.C.A. hut at Trentham, a set of bagpipes given by the Wellington Association of Scots Societies, was handed over to A Company, 22nd Wellington Infantry Battalion.

Mr. J. G. McKenzie, president of the association, in making the presentation, said that in every part of the world the pipes were heard, and it was fitting, when men were going overseas, that they should march to inspiring pipe music.

Accepting the gift, Captain Baine thanked the Scots societies for their generosity, and at his call the assembled men gave cheers and applause for Mr. MacKenzie, followed by the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

During the evening an excellent concert programme was given. Pipe selections were contributed by Pipers McLeod and Graham, songs by Messrs Stratmore, Fordie, Norman Grenfell, Mrs. Halvorsen, Mrs. H. McWhinnie, elocutionary items by Mr. J. B. Thomson, Highland dances by Misses Grace Mackay, Daisy Marshall, Jean O'Connor, and Margaret McKenna, and recitations by Mr. T. Walker. Miss Grace Mackay played the bagpipes. Mrs. F. W. London was the accompanist.

At the conclusion of the concert Lieutenant-Colonel L. W. Andrew, V.C., thanked Mr. MacKenzie and the entertainers. Afterwards the guests were entertained at supper by Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew and his officers.

Besides the artists there were present Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Glen, Miss MacKenzie, Mrs. Denistoun-Wood, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Gwen Webb, and Messrs. J. Lowrie and James Sterling.

**ARMY RUGBY**

**Trial Match At Cairo**

Three former All Blacks are included in the teams selected for the New Zealand Army Rugby trial at Cairo. The personnel of the teams, with provinces, districts, or clubs recently represented, follow:—

**A Team.**

Backs: McPherson (East Coast), T. C. Morrison (South Canterbury and New Zealand), Arnold (Taranaki), McMenamin (Marlborough); O'Malley and Fitzgerald (Marist, Wellington); Littler (Poverty Bay). Forwards: Thomson (South Auckland), Hart (Wanganui), McMahon, A. Phillips (Hutt), Aitken (Poverty Bay), Lochhead (Canterbury, Country), J. G. Wynyard (Waikato and New Zealand), Fleming (Manawatu).

**B Team.**

Backs: Rollinson (South Canterbury); Cochrane, Shand (Wellington B repps.), Knowles (Wellington); J. Griffiths (Wellington and New Zealand), L. Arnold (Taranaki); Parsons (South Canterbury). Forwards: Stow (Canterbury), McBeath (Auckland), Clay (Wanganui), Whittaker (Taranaki), Kidd (South Auckland), Coull (Taranaki), Anderson (Auckland), Wales (Wellington).

Emergencies (both teams):—Backs: Sutherland (Southland), Chapman (Otago). Forwards: Lawry (Waipu), Robertson (Poverty Bay).

After today's match a New Zealand team will be chosen to play a combined British Army and Royal Air Force XV on Easter Monday.

**ARMY RUGBY**

**New Zealanders' Success In Cairo**

By 20 points to nil, the New Zealand Army Rugby representatives beat a combined British Army and Royal Air Force team in a match played on Easter Monday, before one of the largest football crowds Cairo has known. The match, it is reported, was a triumph for tireless, aggressive forwards, and speedy co-operative backs. New Zealand had by far the greater share of the ball, and the combined team was on the defensive practically throughout.

The losers had some individually brilliant men, but lacked the combination of the New Zealanders, and were constantly worried by the forwards.

**The New Zealand team was:—**

Backs: Rollinson, South Canterbury; Morrison, South Canterbury; A. Arnold, Taranaki; Knowles, Wellington; Griffiths, Wellington; L. Arnold, Taranaki; Parsons, South Canterbury.

Forwards: Thomson, South Auckland; McBeath, Auckland; Stow, Canterbury; Wynyard, Waikato; Coull, Taranaki; Kidd, South Auckland; Anderson, Auckland; Wales, Wellington.

Griffiths, who captained the New Zealanders, was the key man in the back-line, and played a fine game. He was strongly supported by Morrison, Parsons and L. Arnold.

The forwards played as one man in a magnificent all-round performance. Wales, who was perhaps the best forward on the field, scored two tries. Morrison scored and converted a try, and kicked a beautiful field goal. Griffiths scored the last try. Rollinson converted.

**M.P. TO ENTER CAMP**

Mr. E. P. Meachen, M.P. for Marlborough, who has offered himself for overseas service with the New Zealand Field Engineers, has been advised that he will be required to enter camp at Burnham this month. He is expected to leave for overseas with the first reinforcement of the Engineers' Company, sailing with the Third Echelon.

Mr. Meachen had a long and varied experience in building construction work in many parts of New Zealand before his election to Parliament in 1935. In the Great War Mr. Meachen held non-commissioned rank with the Field Engineers, leaving with the Fourth Reinforcements in 1915. He served at Gallipoli and in France, concluding with the army occupation of Germany. He returned to New Zealand in 1919.

**TROOPS IN EGYPT**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**GENERAL'S MESSAGE**

The General Officer Commanding the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Major-General B. B. Berg, V.C., cables the sympathy of the troops in Egypt and states that a memorial service will be held at the Cairo Cathedral on Friday.

"All ranks of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Egypt are expressing our deepest sorrow at the death of the Prime Minister," states. "A life of service spent here with the deepest sympathy shall not forget his last message to us before we embarked. We pay our tribute to him."

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