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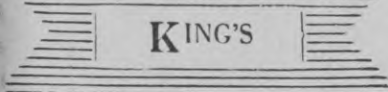
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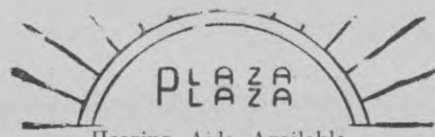
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exercised in traffic control at several
street junctions in Wellington on the
15th. Attired in their usual khaki uni-
form, with greatcoats and white sleeves,
they, under the direction of the city
corporation's officers, soon dropped into
the habit of giving correct signs to
traffic. They were, of course, the cyno-
sure of all eyes for a time, which they
found rather embarrassing, but, after
half an hour's duty, they appeared to
be getting along nicely in their new
vocation. These men are being trained
in the proper traffic signals so that they
may be able to take charge of traffic in
big camps and garrison towns overseas.
With mechanized traffic so largely em-
ployed in the Army, traffic control at
busy junctions is highly necessary.

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Friday, April 19, 1940.

Col. Fred. T.
Bowerbank,

O.B.E., E.D., M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin.,
F.R.A.C.P., N.Z.M.C.

Honorary Physician to
His Excellency the Governor-
General, Director-General of
Medical Services (Army and
Air Force).

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The outbreak of war found the medical services of the Army and Air Force in a state of preparedness and all that was necessary was to put the machine into motion. This was largely due to the preparations made by the Director-General of Medical Services, Colonel Fred. T. Bowerbank, O.B.E., E.D., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Edin.), F.R.A.C.P., N.Z.M.C., who for a long time before had worked unceasingly so that his organization could pass from a peace to war footing whenever the necessity arose.

Colonel Bowerbank has had a long experience in military medical matters, and it was he who was called upon to organize the medical side of the Royal New Zealand Air Force. He has seen it develop from nothing to its present large organization.

Colonel Bowerbank enlisted in 1914, and in June of the following year he went overseas with the rank of Captain and saw service in Egypt. A year later he was a temporary Major and was sent to England in charge of the Medical Division of the N.Z. General Hospital. The efficiency he displayed can be gauged from the fact that his services were brought to the personal notice of the Secretary of State for War. It may also be stated that during the war he was mentioned in despatches no fewer than five times, and was appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.). In September, 1917, Major Bowerbank was appointed President of the New Zealand Medical Board at Headquarters, London, and soon afterwards went to France where he was specially sent to organize a Medical Board depot in January, 1918. While in France he was President of the N.Z. Travelling Medical Board and also held the position of Senior Medical Officer at Etaples. After the end of the war Major Bowerbank was retained in England as President of the New Zealand Medical Board at Codford, and upon his return to New Zealand in the latter half of 1919 was appointed assistant to the Director-General of Medical Services at Army Headquarters, Wellington. He was appointed Director of Medical Services in 1934 with the rank of Colonel, and in 1939 was appointed Director-General of Medical Services (Army and Air).

Colonel Bowerbank again visited England in 1937-38, when he was Director of Medical Services, and spent a considerable time at the War Office and at Headquarters of the Royal Air Force where he studied the latest methods of medical administration. Upon his return to New Zealand he found the information he had obtained to be invaluable. Prior to taking up the position of Director of Medical Services, Colonel Bowerbank was Assistant Director of Medical Services for the Wellington District from 1929-34.

In addition to his military qualifications, Colonel Bowerbank stands high in his profession. He was Chairman of the Council of the B.M.A. in 1939 and is now a member of the Executive. In addition, he was President of the Military Section of the Australasian Medical Congress held at Adelaide in 1937 and has held other high offices in the ranks of the medical profession. He is well known, of course, as a heart specialist, in which branch of medicine he practised in Wellington for several years and only relinquished his practice upon the outbreak of war.

The Toc H movement is another activity in which he is greatly interested, and for several years he has been President of the Dominion Council. While he was in Britain in 1938 he attended the Toc H Conference as representative of New Zealand.

Since 1935 Colonel Bowerbank has been Honorary Physician to His Excellency the Governor-General.

He spares no pains when it comes to the welfare and health of the troops and takes a great deal of interest in the diets of the soldiers and Air Force personnel, insisting that good and appetising food shall be served at all times. Possessing organising ability above the average, Colonel Bowerbank—owing to the willing co-operation of every member of his staff—is able to put his ideas into practice without delay.

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TRENTHAM CAMP

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MODERN EQUIPMENT.

When the Second Echelon troops returned to the Central District Mobilisation Camp, Trentham, at the conclusion of leave they found the new canteen and the shopping block already in operation. The new premises were opened during the leave period immediately before Easter. The wet canteen is housed in a large building at the south-western corner of the Mobilisation Camp. It consists of two main sections, one for the dispensation of hot pies, tea, coffee, soft drinks, and ice cream, and the other where beer is on sale to the troops at certain specified hours. The troops have been quick to make themselves at home in the new building, and when "Post" representative was taken through, a number of men were sitting at the tables swapping yarns over a glass of beer, a soft drink, or a cup of tea. The men are not allowed to loiter at the counter, and there is no "outing." Each man must purchase his own requirement and then retire to a table to consume it.

The bar equipment in both sections of the canteen is complete, but the fittings of the area open to the troops have still to be installed. Meanwhile trestles and forms have been provided as temporary accommodation. The equipment for preparing and keeping in good condition the foodstuffs in one department and the fittings in the other embody every known modern refinement, as well as a number of novel and convenient ideas conceived by the canteen staff.

The main floor is concrete, but beneath the long counters and running the entire length of the building is a trough covered by wooden grating. This not only carries any liquid which but also makes it possible to mop down the floor at regular intervals. The wooden grating also provides a comfortable floor for the staff.

Electric Appliances.
The beer is kept in a specially-built refrigerator immediately behind the main counter and is fed to counter pumps by pressure. Temperature control is provided, and during hot weather all refrigerators stationed beneath the counter and connected to the pipe system may be brought into action. An electric heating unit provides a constant supply of boiling water for washing drinking and eating utensils. A novel idea produced by the staff has been embodied in the construction of the washing-up sinks beneath the counter. The draining boards on either side have been made removable so that they can be taken out and scrubbed.

The cafeteria section is equipped with a complete range of electrical appliances for storage of food. There is a large refrigerator unit for ice cream, milk shake mixers, electric warming ovens to keep pies hot, and a hot water boiler. Flanking this room is a commodious kitchen at present in process of being equipped with modern apparatus, including a large electric range for cooking pies, soup boilers, electric mixers, and so on. An expert fitter has been engaged, and practically

the whole of the perishable foodstuffs for the cafeteria will be prepared in the new kitchen.

Dry Canteen.

The dry canteen occupies one side of the big shopping block. Writing materials, cigarettes and tobacco, haberdashery, confectionery, and many other lines may be purchased here, and the long counter with its battery of cash registers ensures prompt service for the soldier customers. Some of the stock is displayed on shelves immediately behind the counter, and behind those shelves again is a long room where reserve supplies are kept. On the other side of the arcade are various offices and shops, some of which are not yet occupied. This side of the building contains an office and sleeping quarters for the canteen manager. A barber's shop is already in operation, and arrangements have been made with a photographer to open a studio there.

One impressive feature of the whole canteen and shopping arcade is the orderly manner in which they are run. Of course, the military authorities can exercise right control over all sections, but so far the good behaviour of the men has not called for the slightest exercise of discipline in this respect.

NEW ZEALAND TROOPS IN EGYPT

Camp Very Comfortable

MEN ENJOY SEEING THE SIGHTS

Letters by airmail from members of the Expeditionary Force in Egypt and some by surface mail which were posted within a day or two of their arrival there have been delivered in Auckland. They indicate that the soldiers of this new Dominion force are following the footsteps of their predecessors of 1914 in seeing all the sights, and there are some signs that they have a greater predilection for educational tours.

"We had no time at all in Suez, being put into a train immediately on arrival and whisked over the desert to Cairo, a most interesting trip, being just sand and dust all the way," a gunner in the artillery writes.

"Our camp is situated six miles south of Cairo, on the edge of the desert near a place called El Maadi. Maadi is a fine residential district of about 5,000 people; very fine homes and plenty of green trees and grass.

"The town is built right alongside the Nile. The verdant green foliage is a wonderful change for us after our camp, which is about half a mile away, and has nothing but sand and dust and a few rocks in it. The sand is really not sand at all, but a very fine dust

which gets into everything whenever there is the slightest breeze. A wind raises a veritable smoke screen of the dust.

"We all wear goggles to keep the dust and glare out of our eyes, and in a wind we tie handkerchiefs around our faces to keep the dust out of our mouths. We must look exactly like a band of 'lone rangers.' From the camp we can see across the river about a dozen pyramids on the edge of the western desert. They are a wonderful sight, specially in the evening. In a few days I hope to be able to visit the two big ones and to climb Cheops, the highest.

Good Leave to Cairo.

"There is a very good train service into Cairo from here, running every 20 minutes; so it is easy to get into town, and I have been in about six times now. They are pretty free with leave here. Cairo is a strange city indeed, a peculiar mixture of wealth and poverty, cleanliness and squalor. Practically every nationality in the world is jumbled into one seething mass. Most of the city except the central area is out of bounds.

"I had a very interesting trip through the big museum, and was able to learn much of the tremendously interesting history of this country. The treasures of King Tutankhamen make a great exhibit."

The gunner says that the camp at El Maadi is very comfortable compared with that at Ngaruawahia. "We have very big tents, only 16 in each. There is a very good canteen, with tables and chairs, and where we can buy just about everything. There is a good picture show with a new picture every night, so," he adds, "you can see we are quite well off and can't complain much."

"Every week a cheap trip is arranged for the troops," states another member of the force. "Last Saturday we went to Sakhara, 26 miles away, and had a wonderful time seeing things, arriving in camp again at 6 p.m. The cost of motor transport with a guide who described everything was only seven piastres (about 1/3), so you can see it was a cheap afternoon's outing.

"Bargaining with the natives on the way here," he adds, "I got two pairs of silk pyjamas and pairs of shorts for 10/-."

This soldier also wrote of the difficulty experienced over comforts parcels when they first arrived in Egypt. "We have been told we must pay postage on all our mail from Egypt and duty on all parcels coming into the country," he stated. "Also the duty on those we send out, so it is not so hot." Since he wrote, however, arrangements have been completed between the Governments concerned, and now all private parcels, except those containing tobacco, are free from duty, being listed as army stores.



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Three members of the National Broadcasting Service have been chosen to go overseas with the broadcasting unit which will be attached to the Second New Zealand Division overseas. Their selection, which is subject to medical examination, was announced yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones.

The men are:—
Mr. Alan B. Young, aged 51, at present programme organizer at Christchurch. He will be in charge of the unit as observer-commentator.

Mr. Noel Palmer, aged 29, assistant engineer at headquarters, National Broadcasting Service, Wellington. He will be the engineer.

Mr. Norman Johnston, aged 22, who will be the technician, is also a member of the engineering staff, National Broadcasting Service, Wellington.

54-044—Wellington Taxis.
The City's Largest Fleet—54.044

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VICE-REGAL INTEREST

Lord and Lady Galway At A.N.A. Club Dance

An official visit to the A.N.A. Club was paid by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Galway on Saturday night, when they attended the dance at the club and saw something of its organization and working.

The dance was the usual weekly event, and was attended by men of the three services, there being an excellent attendance at both the Saturday and Friday night dances.

Club members and secretaries of the various committees were presented to Lord and Lady Galway in the reception room. A cosy fire was much appreciated, and lovely flowers decorated the table.

Their Excellencies spent some time on the stage of the main room watching the dancing, Lady Galway presenting the prizes to winners of novelty dances. Later with Lord Galway she mingled with the dancers, talking with the men and their partners.

They inspected the club premises and watched the preparations for serving supper and also watched the women members helping with arrangements. Subsequently they returned to the reception room where refreshments were served.

Special thanks was extended to the Wellington and Lower Hutt branches of the W.D.F.U. for supper and goods supplied.

During the evening it was announced that the iced cake had been won by Mr. McKenzie, Trentham Camp.

Girl members of the A.N.A. Club will be in charge of the stall at the Railway Station on Poppy Day, and they will also serve coffee to the men at the Dawn Parade on Anzac Day.

Next Saturday the club will hold a special dance in the Town Hall.

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Gathering At Trentham For Spinsters' Club

In return for the hospitality which the Spinsters' Club has shown, from time to time, to the soldiers of Trentham camp, in entertaining them at social gatherings and Sunday teas, the men combined Sunday afternoon and gave a return party to members at Trentham.

Arrangements were supervised by Lieutenant R. Ross, assisted by Corporal Nixon, Sergeant Robinson and Sergeant Martin. Permission was given by Major McCaskell and one of the spacious mess rooms were commandeered for the afternoon. About 40 girls were present and a pleasant afternoon was spent with music, singing and items.

During afternoon tea a hearty vote of thanks was given to the club for its assistance in entertaining the soldiers, Miss Lorna Akroyd, on behalf of members, returning thanks for the hospitality shown by the men in inviting the girls, as their guests, for the afternoon.

SECOND ECHELON AT TRENTHAM

To Be Inspected By Chief Of General Staff

Second Echelon units in camp at Trentham will be inspected by the Chief of the General Staff, Major-General J. E. Duigan, on Sunday, April 28. The inspection was originally to have been held yesterday, but was postponed.

Intelligence officers and sergeants of the 5th and 6th Infantry Brigades and other units of the Second and Third Echelons are undergoing a six days' course in intelligence work at the Army School, Trentham.

A sniping course at the Army School is at present being attended by officers and selected personnel from the Second Echelon. It will conclude on April 18.

A further batch of officers and n.c.o.'s reported to the Central District School of Instruction, Trentham, on Saturday to begin a course of instruction in administrative duties. At the conclusion of the course they will be employed on the training and administrative staffs of the Mobilization Camp.

Military Examinations.

On Saturday 51 non-commissioned officers from territorial units in the Central Military District arrived at the Central District School of Instruction, Trentham, to undergo a week's refresher course, at the conclusion of which they will undergo an examination for first appointment to commissioned rank. The examination will be held on Friday of next week.

At the same time eight non-commissioned officers from batteries in the Central District are attending a similar course at Fort Dorset. They will also undergo an examination on Friday.

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These words seem singularly appropriate to the men who have already gone from our shores and those who are waiting in camp for their next move. In the military sense it is just step by step. The way is ordered by those higher up according to plan and all that is required of the men is just to obey orders and move on step by step, not knowing, though perhaps guessing, where they are heading for ultimately, but conscious that one day the end of the journey will be reached and then they will know more of why each step was ordered for them.

heaven and has gone back to only reliable guide to heaven the light of the world." Who alone can give you light. "I am the way, cometh unto the Father but Commit your way to Him Him lead you on step by step end of the way is reached your trials and troubles are you are safe on that beautiful

The effects of vaccination having worn off, the chills between machine gunners has been postponed till night, though the preliminary great promise. The hut filled and singing by the much appreciated. Mr. other of his straight-out on "Repentance," briefly doctrine right through stressing the need for ing back to God not but also nationally. We may be blessed to the one listening to it.

ANZAC PARADE AT TRENTHAM

On Anzac Day Expedition troops at Trentham will special service at 10.30 a.m. Sir Andrew Russell, who the 1st N.Z. Division, has to attend the camp on that address the troops.

News item: "Casualties the Western Front have ably few." Both sides busy killing time.

TO ALL SERVICE MEN.

The National Club, 166 Featherston St. (opposite General Post Office), one of Wellington's most comfortable Clubs, is to be handed over to you for the week-ends - for your enjoyment, from 2.30 till 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from 12 noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

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We are not proposing to entertain you. We want you to feel free to come and go as you wish, but everything will be done to provide for your comfort.

We hope that you will make full use of the Club.

A. L. Weston.

Chairwoman,

A.N.A.

Town Hall Dance

The A.N.A. Club dance on Saturday next, April 20th, will be held in the Town Hall and it is hoped that the work and preparation this evening will be rewarded by a bumper attendance of men of all the services. This Club is your club, and the officers and ladies work with one end in view—your entertainment and enjoyment. The Town Hall can accommodate larger numbers than the club premises, so be there and be in the time. Do not miss this function, no matter how late it is. It is the last before you leave these shores. Augmental orchestra, special band and dancing partners for all. Make up your party from your fellows and remember, Saturday next, April 20th, A. N. A. dance, Town Hall.

SOLDIERS ON LEAVE

Entertained At Y.M.C.A. Social Tea

The spacious lounge of the Wellington Y.M.C.A. was filled with a cheery gathering on Sunday last, when 100 soldiers on leave from Trentham were entertained at the social tea arranged by the ladies' auxiliary. The hostesses were the women's committee of the New Zealand Founders' Society. This organization was re-organized in force, both by committee members and by young women who had been asked to assist. Headed by Mrs. Leonard, chairman, the willing workers prepared an attractive repast for the men.

Mr. J. H. Dick, representing the Y.M.C.A. board of directors, presided, and welcomed those present. Mr. T. Faylor was pianist for a period of enthusiastic community singing. Sergeant R. E. Conradi conveyed a vote of thanks to the hostesses, which was carried with enthusiasm.

ARMY FOOTBALL

Use In Connexion With Recruiting

"There is no place where you will get more young men together than at a Rugby match," said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, yesterday at the National Recruiting Council meeting in Wellington, when he mentioned coming Rugby matches between Army teams as a valuable adjunct to the general recruiting effort.

Mr. Jones said he had been approached by Mr. S. S. Dean, of the New Zealand Rugby Union, and an Army team from Papakura would play a Maori fifteen at Auckland on April 27. It was possible that a Trentham team would play Burnham the same day.

Mr. Dean had thought that the sale of tickets for such matches would realize £3000 to £4000 which could be used to meet the expenses of the trip, equip Army teams and benefit the troops generally. These matches would be a good medium to reach young men and there seemed no reason why such games should not continue during the whole Rugby season, said Mr. Jones.

All Soldiers In Huts For Winter

The camps building programme was nearly completed and the objective was to have every man in hutments for the winter, said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, at the meeting of the National Recruiting Council in Wellington yesterday.

HAND OUT A SMILE

THAT'LL LARN IT!

The militiaman was doing his first sentry-go in the country. And when a pheasant got up, and nobody seemed near, he took a nice aim and dropped the bird.

The Colonel appeared round a field corner.

Gazing at the dead pheasant, with a triumphant air of unconsciousness that anybody was near, he said: "Try to peck me, would yer?"

* * * *

Fed-up, the evacuees were on their way to Sunday School—and they could think of many more jolly things to do.

"I'll tell you what, Bill," said one. "Let's toss up and let that decide. If it comes down heads we go fishing. If it comes down tails we'll play football . . . and if it comes down on its edge we'll go to Sunday School."

* * * *

"You were telling a lie when you said you wanted leave to go to your mother-in-law's funeral," said the officer.

"Beg pardon, sir," replied Tommy. "I didn't say there was anything wrong with my mother-in-law."

"I simply said I'd like to go to 'er funeral."

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The local education officer, visiting a school for evacuated children, came across a very dull and backward pupil.

"When Mr. Chamberlain was your age," he remarked, "he was top of the class."

"Yus," muttered the boy, "and when 'ee- was your age 'ee was Prime Minister."

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The sergeant was putting a squad of recruits through funeral drill. Opening the ranks he walked slowly down the space between them. "Now, pay attention," he snapped. "Imagine I'm the corpse."

Reaching the end of the line he turned round and regarded the recruits carefully.

"You 'ands is right, your 'eads is right," he muttered. "But you 'aven't quite got that look of regret you ought to 'ave."

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Every day for a week the little evacuees had fed on rabbit.

Came Saturday, and the foster-mother appeared with the old-fashioned country week-end medicine—a dose of castor oil.

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MAIL-DAY SCENES IN CAMP

The sound of an eager cry in the tent lines of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force is pretty sure to mean only one thing—that another big New Zealand mail has arrived. Letters from home seem unable to come too often for us, and were those who wrote them to witness the excitement they bring to the camp they would know that the time had been well spent.

Just when we are beginning to wonder how far away the next mail can be, someone comes hurrying to his tent with the news that a truck laden with bulky mailbags has just pulled up at the Division's post office. After that it's merely a matter of time before the first letters have been sorted and gathered in by eager hands.

In the last mail there were anything up to 20,000 letters for us—hundreds of thousands of words telling their stories of joys and sorrows and carrying tidbits of news from distant homes, scattered like little records of people and events which travel far through the camp by word of mouth before the day is out. Then, after the letters have been read, and re-read, we are in the mood to take out pencils and paper ourselves, and tell our side of the story.

I looked behind these mail-day scenes on a visit to the divisional post office the other day, and found that our letters are handled there almost exactly as they would be in any New Zealand mail room. Incoming mail is divided into letters and papers, which are re-divided according to the units to which they are addressed. Finally they are divided again into the principal sections of each unit. Then the sorted mail goes out, either by truck or by runner, to the units' orderly rooms, and soon reaches the individual soldiers to whom it is addressed.

On normal days the postal staff operates two deliveries of mail from local addresses and England and other countries, together with air mail from the Dominion. Outward mails are collected from unit orderly rooms after they have been passed by the regimental censors and are checked in the post office for censorship and correct postage. After the stamps have been cancelled, air and ordinary mails are separated and sorted according to principal post offices. Then they go on their way to base censorship and postal sections for shipment to their destinations.

I was interested to learn that every letter I write home is handled solely by New Zealanders from the time it leaves me till the time it is read in New Zealand. In the case of mails addressed to other countries, British and

Indian Army postal sections co-operate with us in their dispatch.

Smooth Organization.

The organization of our post office is running like clockwork. The staff has a nucleus of New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department men, and the others have quickly fallen into the routine. It took the staff only three and a-half hours to get our last big mail out for delivery.

Now and then the postal men have mysteries to solve in the way of indefinite addresses, but they have the help of a card index system handed down from the New Zealand postal organization in the Great War. Files compiled from embarkation rolls and routine orders enable them to trace every man to his correct address.

And there is humor in the job at times. After all, it must sound funny to hear some of us, just after one mail has been distributed, asking: "Any idea when the next mail arrives from New Zealand?"

PATRIOTIC WORK

Interest Of Lord And Lady Galway

The Wellington goods store of the National Patriotic Fund Board where comforts are packed for troops going overseas and those already overseas was visited recently by the Governor-General, Lord Galway, chairman of the board, and Lady Galway. They were accompanied by Lord Dormer, A.D.C.

Their Excellencies were received on behalf of the board by Mr. W. Perry, M.L.C., with whom were Messrs. L. O. H. Tripp, B. C. Ashwin and J. Roberts, also members of the board. Others present included Mr. H. O. Belworthy, representing the secretary of the National Patriotic Fund Board, Mr. G. A. Hayden, and Mr. A. McM. Patterson, officer in charge of the goods store.

Their Excellencies spent 20 minutes in the store and were shown a wide variety of goods that are ready to give added comfort to troops and which have been provided as the result of the co-operation and practical assistance of business firms and citizens throughout the Dominion.

On Tuesday morning their Excellencies visited the rooms in which, under the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the Red Cross Society, bandages and hospital comforts for the sick and wounded are being prepared and packed. They were received by Dr. A. Gillies, Lady Myers and Lady Elliott.

Yesterday afternoon their Excellencies visited the rooms of the Air Force Relations in the Marine Engineers' Institute Building, Aitken Street. The Air Force Relations take care of the Air Force personnel on behalf of the

National Patriotic Fund Board, and as yesterday was knitting and sewing-day at the rooms the opportunity was afforded their Excellencies of seeing the voluntary workers knitting various articles for the greater comfort of the air force personnel.

Apples for Troops

5000 Cases to be Sent

Troops from New Zealand who are now overseas, together with others going from this country and New Zealanders who enlisted at Home and who will be joining their fellow-countrymen in arms, will not be denied the opportunity of participating in the Dominion's bumper apple crop this season. Five thousand cases of apples are to be sent overseas for their benefit.

The fruit will be paid for and sent by the National Patriotic Fund Board. This is one of the many uses to which the board is applying the funds subscribed by business firms and individual citizens for the welfare of the fighting forces. But for this public support and the strict applications of moneys received to the purposes for which they are contributed projects of this nature could not be undertaken. The board will also be sending shortly cases of parcels for the First Echelon, the idea being that every member of the Echelon shall receive a parcel that will remind him of his homeland.

Whenever naval men arrive after patrol duty at sea steps are taken to ensure that something is provided for their extra comfort. Early in January, during the stay at Wellington of H.M.S. Ramillies, a large quantity of butter, cheese and other articles were placed on board the ship for the officers and men, who later showed their appreciation of this action by forwarding on scrolls suitably inscribed and framed the signatures of every member of the ship's company.

GREAT UNSEEN HEROES

"Those who know the heroic work of the Field Ambulances know that some of the men should get the Victoria Cross for their actions," said Sir R. Heaton Rhodes, president of the Canterbury and West Coast Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, at the annual meeting. "They work quietly and silently and are seldom seen, so that they cannot be recommended for awards." Sir Heaton said. He spoke of the war nurses, too, and said that the Order of St. John had had great nurses in the Crusades, in Crimea, had had Florence Nightingale, and would have more great nurses in the present war.

SOLDIERS DEMANDS FOR STATIONERY

One of the chief demands made of assisting authorities acting in military camps or on troopships is for stationery, and the more freely it is given out the greater the bane to the censors who have to read the letters before they are dispatched. This casts a side light on the meaning of the following extract from a Y.M.C.A. report from base headquarters in Egypt: "Our heaviest expense will be stationery. Are the boys eating it up, and are the censors blessing us!" The comment of the men themselves is the best form of appreciation for what the Y.M.C.A. is doing. "Don't know what we would do without you," is one of the commonest forms they have of expressing their gratitude for what the Y.M.C.A. officers in Egypt are doing for them.

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WINTER SPORTS

GAMES FOR THE TROOPS

Trentham Organisation Formed

Preliminary plans for arranging winter sports competitions for soldiers, including Expeditionary Force units at the Central District Mobilisation Camp, Trentham, and the various units on home-service in and around Wellington, were discussed at a meeting held at the camp on Thursday night, 11th April. Rugby, Soccer and hockey competitions, to be played on Wednesday afternoons, are contemplated. Representatives were sent from District Headquarters, Wellington, the 22nd (Wellington) Battalion, the Central District School of Instruction, Brigaded Units and the Medical Corps.

It was decided to set up a management committee consisting of permanent camp personnel and members of the Third Echelon. A committee was formed consisting of three members: the camp staff and three of the Third Echelon. The 22nd Anti-Aircraft Battery and the 15th Heavy Battery are to be invited to nominate representatives on the committee, the G.S.O.1, Central Military District (Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Foster, N.Z.S.C.) and the Camp Commandant (Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. Hugh, M.C.), are to be ex-officio members. Lieutenant P. G. Thompson was appointed general secretary.

The main sports activity is to be purely military and outside the jurisdiction of the various sports unions, but any advice offered by the unions will be welcomed.

The meeting decided that at this stage it was impossible to set

up sub-committees to control Rugby, Soccer, and hockey, but those attending the meeting were requested to ask their commanding officers to call meetings of those interested in playing the various sports be nominated to represent each sport on their respective sub-committees. Units are also to be asked to supply names of likely referees for the various sports and from those nominated a referees appointment committee will be formed.

A list supplied by the Director of Parks and Reserves of sports grounds available for use on Wednesday afternoons was submitted to the meeting. Delegates considered Anderson's Park (one Rugby ground, two Soccer grounds), Kelburn Park (one Rugby, one Soccer), Kilbirnie Park (four Rugby, one Soccer), and Hataitai Park (two Rugby), to be the most suitable grounds on the list, but it was considered that equally suitable grounds might be obtained at Lower Hutt Recreation Ground (two Rugby, one Soccer and two hockey), Petone Recreation Ground and Maidstone Park, Upper Hutt.

Two football grounds are available for practice at Trentham.

Delegates considered that more grounds could be made available at the camp by obtaining use of the oval of the racecourse, where several hockey and Soccer grounds could be formed. It was further suggested that the use of grounds at Lower and Upper Hutt might be obtained.

The meeting did not favour the provision of trophies. It was suggested that gift sports material sent by the various unions should be handed over to the management committee for control and distribution.

It was decided to play the first matches on Wednesday, May 1. An

earlier start is not possible because Wednesday, April 17, coincides with vaccination at the camp, and April 24 is the camp athletic sports day.

To provide the necessary sports equipment such as boots, jerseys, shorts, and so on it was decided to appeal to patriotic societies, the New Zealand unions controlling Rugby, Soccer, and hockey, the Returned Soldiers' Association and the Warehousemen's Association. It was also decided to approach the Wrestling and Boxing Associations for equipment for their branches of sport.

Alternative suggestions regarding the provision of sports gear were discussed. One was that a large supply of jerseys and so on should be held permanently at the camp under the control of the management committee. The other was that a steady supply should be maintained so that troops could take materials overseas with them. From the camp point of view the first suggestion was favoured.

A challenge received from the Air Force Ground Training School, Levin for a Rugby match against a Trentham team was referred to the management committee to report to District Headquarters. It was suggested that this match might be arranged as a practice game for the team to visit Christchurch on April 27.

ARMY SPORT

TRENTHAM ACTIVITIES

One of the spectators at the Rugby practice match between the University and Athletic senior at Kelburn Park last Saturday afternoon was Eric Tindill, the New Zealand Rugby and cricket representative. Tindill has joined up with the forces and at present is a member of the Pay Corps at Trentham Camp with the honorary rank of captain.

Trentham Camp is not going to be behind hand in promoting sports activities this winter, and it is plain that full use will be made of the splendid talent available out there. At the present time, of course, things are only taking shape, but recently a sports committee was formed to arrange for winter games. Incidentally Lieutenant Thompson, well known as physical training instructor at Wellington College, is the secretary of the committee.

The intention is to have teams playing Rugby, Soccer, and hockey regularly on Wednesday afternoons.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

A Rugby selection committee has been appointed, and of this Tindill is a member. The other members are Lieut.-Colonel Wilder and Lieut.-Colonel Andrew, V.C. After trials have been held, a team is to be selected to represent Trentham Camp against a team from Burnham Camp at Christchurch on April 27.

In all probability Tindill will be playing in this match. At any rate, he certainly has not put away his football gear for good.

There are a number of other prominent players in camp at Trentham. They include Wesley, Rae, Hearn (from Canterbury), and Barton from Wanganui, and reports indicate that other prominent players will be going into camp there with the Third Echelon.

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"MOTHER BY PROXY."

When in the course of Hollywood films, one comes along that is far off the beaten track, simply and tenderly filmed and intelligently and sincerely acted, too much praise cannot be lavished on all concerned. "Mother By Proxy," new Columbia drama which screens at the State Theatre, is such a film.

And too much credit cannot be paid to Margo who stars in the picture, to the superb supporting cast headed by Walter Abel, William Collier, Sr., Lyle Talbot and Wynne Gibson, and Steve Sekely whose direction adds to the realistic naturalness with which the film is imbued.

Set in a picturesque background, "Mother By Proxy" is a sympathetically-told story of heartbreak and sacrifice which, because of the sincere quality of the acting and direction, manages to avoid the pitfalls of mawkish sentimentality. The eager charm and freshness of Margo flavour her portrait of a carnival dancer, who fights for freedom from her sordid surroundings, with sympathy and understanding. The restrained and gracious performance of Walter Abel as the romantic lead, the deft portrayal of William Collier, Sr., as a broken-down doctor, the carefully-etched portrait of Lyle Talbot as the show-girl's unscrupulous husband, all tinge the film with a human quality that charms the audience.

The plot of the picture begins by presenting Margo as a side-show

dancer in a concession where her husband is the "marker." Fleeing from an argument with the police, she finds an abandoned baby and takes the child home with her. Deserted by her husband, she struggles to protect her adopted son and maintain a place in society. The return of her husband threatens to wreck her romance and her hard-won position until a startling climax sets things to rights.

PLAZA THEATRE.

BARITONE REDGRAVE

Michael Redgrave sings for the first time on the screen in a scene in the film "A Window in London," screening at the Plaza Theatre.

"Let's all sing like the birdies sing!" is the song, and it is introduced into the picture during a frivolous party sequence.

Michael would probably be the last person in the world to suggest that his voice was something to sing about, but those who heard him on the set were more than agreeably surprised at his pleasant baritone.

"You mustn't take my vocal efforts too seriously," says Michael, "as I don't pretend to be a singer. You see, according to the story, I go to a party where, due chiefly to alcoholic influences, I suddenly enter the spirit of the affair and let go. Everybody starts singing and I find myself doing a solo!"

In "A Window in London" Michael has the part of an engineer in charge of one of the cranes on the new Waterloo Bridge. His partners in the film are Sally Gray and Paul Lukas.

"A Window in London" is his fourth film in just over a year, and is being produced by Josef Somlo and Captain Richard Norton, for release by Gau-

KING'S THEATRE.

Samuel Goldwyn's newest production, "Raffles," starring David Niven in the title role, with lovely Olivia de Havilland as his leading lady, provides mystery-melodrama at its top-notch best. Superbly and excitingly directed by Sam Wood, "Raffles" was filed from the screenplay by John Van Druten and the late Sidney Howard.

David Niven, as the Amateur Cracksman, turns in a notable performance, marked by acting that is vivid, romantic and suave. Miss de Havilland's portrayal of his fiancée proves that she is an actress of brilliant talents. Other stirring performances are contributed by Dudley Digges as Inspector MacKenzie of Scotland Yard, Dame May Whitty as Lady Melrose, Lionel Pape as Lord Melrose, Douglas Walton as Bunny Manders. Minor roles are excellently handled by E. E. Clive, Peter Godfrey and Keith Hitchcock.

The story of "Raffles" is the story of a gentleman crook, a suave society man who leads a life of secret crime for the fun and adventure. Known as the Amateur Cracksman, he has been baffling Scotland Yard with his daring and spectacular robberies for months. And then, just as he is about to withdraw from his dangerous career, he furnishes the Yard with its first and only clue. From then on, the speedy action carries the story to the beautiful country estate of Lady Melrose where the famous emerald necklace is stolen and a chase to London begins.

TUDOR THEATRE

Movie fans, here's the picture for you, and we do mean you! It's Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Hollywood Cavalcade," starring Alice Faye and Don Ameche, and filmed in technicolor now transferred to the Tudor Theatre for a third week. It re-enacts and photographs anew the romance of Hollywood from bathing beauties to world premieres; tells the great human story of Mike, who wanted to make movies, and Molly, who wanted only to be loved by Mike but who instead won greatness on the screen. It tells the drama of the men and women like them who conquered the entertainment world in the romantic, fabulous, zany years of Hollywood's rise.

Staged again, with great stars of to-day and great personalities of yesterday, you'll see slapstick and custard-pie comedy, with Don Ameche directing. You'll see the Mack Sennett bathing girls, and this time Alice Faye is one. Once again, Buster Keaton, Ben Turpin, Chester Conklin and the Keystone Cops are seen in hilarious scenes from the past. Once again, Al Jolson sings the song with which he electrified the world in "The Jazz Singer." You'll see Hollywood as it was and as it is, in a three-ring circus of entertainment.

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