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**A Message of Inspiration  
 to H.M. Forces**



From the  
 Commander of  
 H.M.S. Achilles  
 Captain  
 W. E. Parry

To all of you in camp I must express my admiration for the way you have answered the call to defend the Empire. You have before you the great example set by the Anzacs in the Great War, and I am sure that the New Zealand troops of today will show every bit as much fighting spirit and determination to win as their fathers did 25 years ago.

The spirit of adventure and persistence through all difficulties, which has been handed down to you by the early settlers in the Dominion, has achieved wonderful results and will be of great value to those of you going overseas. None of us know to what countries the war may spread or for how long it will continue, but among the adventures of service overseas there are periods of stalemate and monotony. Your comrades in "Achilles" had a taste of that, but kept remarkably cheerful, and when the time came were fighting fit and keen as mustard.

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**Trentham**

P. F. SHARPLEY'S

The New Zealand sports champion, P. F. Sharpley, has had a very successful day at the ham Camp athletic meeting on Wednesday including heats, he won the 100 yards, 100 yards, 220 yards, 120 and 220 yards hurdles. Sharpley is a sergeant in the division he represented, not only won the championship cup but also received the cup on his division.

Another notable competition meeting was the British Games and New Zealand half-miler V. P. Boot, who troubled to win the championship this distance. Boot is a second lieutenant. P. Bay, a member of the Wanganui Amateur Athletic Club, won the quarter-mile, in which C. Wallace, New Zealand cross-country champion, also scored several seconds. P. H. Wallace, of Wanganui, won the quarter-mile, also scored several seconds. second in the quarter-mile.

The entries were good but the winners in the well-known athletes, Mr. T. lie was the starter, and also hand was Mr. A. C. Kitto, of the Wellington Amateur Centre.

## Everyman's Hut

Just as I am—Thy love unknown  
 Has broken every barrier down;  
 How to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come.”

When these lines appear in print,  
 as we can judge, only memories  
 of the men of the Second Echelon will  
 live with us,—memories which we  
 will live long in our hearts. The  
 men whom we have got to know inti-  
 mately, who have been regular fre-  
 quenters of the Hut not just for the  
 sake of tea or coffee, but for the sing-  
 ing and the nightly Scripture por-  
 tion and Gospel talk. We would not  
 be men if we did not feel just a lit-  
 tle pleased that our efforts have  
 been appreciated, but we are not here  
 to praise for ourselves. Anything  
 we can do for the men well, that  
 we want to do, and all we ask  
 is that they in return will give us  
 a little time every night for the  
 reading of the Word of God and the  
 accompanying talk. And what a fine  
 group of fellows we have met. Outward  
 appearances count for little, but it  
 does not take long to get beneath the  
 surface, and to find the real man.  
 This is one thing for which we are  
 thankful, and that is, that no  
 matter how many men have been in  
 the Hut, or what their condition, never  
 did we find them wanting in con-  
 fidence or respect, and always have  
 shown courtesy to the lady help-  
 ers and real appreciation of all that  
 has been done. But chiefly are we  
 grateful for the results obtained on  
 the spiritual side of the work, and  
 that of the men will no doubt be-  
 nefit for the rest of their lives for  
 the steady that guided their steps  
 in Everyman's Hut. “God moves in a  
 mysterious way, His wonders to per-  
 ceive; He can make even the most  
 of wars to be just an instru-  
 ment to execute His will on earth and  
 to give blessing to individuals in the  
 midst of their souls, and as we look  
 over our experiences with the  
 Hut, we can truly say, “Praise  
 Him Whom all blessings flow.”

It was a busy day, and many  
 were in the camp, availing  
 themselves of the last opportunity of  
 seeing friends and relations, and just  
 as we say that it is a privilege  
 something to make their visits  
 pleasant and happy as we can. The  
 day was wet and many men were  
 there, so that the attendance was  
 large, but the singing showed no  
 signs of deterioration. Mr. Blair's

text was “How shall we escape if we  
 neglect so great salvation?” and the  
 message, we trust will remain in the  
 memories of the men and cause them  
 to think of their condition and their  
 attitude towards God and His Son.  
 The message closed with the hymn:  
 “Just as I am, without one plea.”

And now we can just commit the  
 men to God—many, no doubt, we shall  
 not see again upon this earth, but we  
 remember them all in prayer and look  
 for a safe journey.

Mr. Blair expects to enter hospital  
 for removal of his tonsils this week.  
 We wish him a speedy recovery and  
 an early return to carry on the work  
 with the Thirds.

## Weraroa Camp

### MAGICIANS GIVE CONCERT.

The executive committee of the  
 Official Camp Entertainers was re-  
 sponsible for an excellent show re-  
 cently at the Levin Air Force Train-  
 ing Camp. The Wellington Society  
 of Magicians was responsible for the  
 programme, and that each item was  
 appreciated was shown by the spon-  
 taneous applause which was accorded  
 each performer.

The indefatigable stage manager,  
 Mr. Stan Philpotts, introduced each  
 one to the “boys,” and the perform-  
 ance went through very smoothly  
 owing to his untiring vigilance be-  
 hind the scenes. Mr. C. A. Forrest,  
 president of the society, and Mr. C.  
 Lindsay gave excellent performances,  
 others who maintained the standard  
 being Messrs. C. Poynter, S. Willard,  
 V. Stott, R. D. Saunders, and H.  
 Dover. Miss Joyce Smith, who will  
 leave shortly for Australia, gave  
 several clever acrobatic solos. Her  
 brother, Mr. Roy Smith, who played  
 her accompaniments, later gave a solo.  
 A talented trio of banjo players, Mr.  
 Edlin and his sons, gave items, and  
 songs were sung by Mrs. N. Welch and  
 Mr. Val Jones, accompanied by Mrs.  
 Wakelin.

At the conclusion of the concert,  
 Squadron-Leader White, on behalf of  
 his officers and men, thanked the per-  
 formers for their programme, the air-  
 men cheering the party. The guests  
 were entertained to supper by Squad-  
 ron-Leader and Mrs. White.

## Two Thousand Guests

### Maori Battalion Ball In Palmerston North

Two thousand dancers attended a ball  
 given in the entertainment hall of the  
 Manawatu and West Coast A. and P.  
 Association's showgrounds this week  
 by the officers and men of the Maori  
 Battalion for their relatives and  
 friends, and citizens of Palmerston  
 North.

The hall was decorated, under the  
 direction of a women's committee, by  
 a skilful use of autumn foliage and  
 berries, with large tubs filled with  
 chrysanthemums on a large dais at one  
 end of the room, on which the official  
 party sat.

In the absence of Lieutenant-Colonel  
 G. Dittmer, Major G. Bertrand and  
 Mrs. Bertrand acted as host and hos-  
 tess, and they were assisted by Mrs.  
 F. G. Major and Mrs. H. Petre. Mrs.  
 Bertrand wore a black and turquoise  
 blue checked taffeta frock with black  
 evening coat.

Dancing began with a grand march  
 led by Major and Mrs. Bertrand,  
 Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. J. H.  
 Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fryberg, Dr.  
 and Mrs. P. T. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs.  
 F. G. Major and other official guests.  
 The master of ceremonies was Chap-  
 lain-Captain Hadfield, who was assist-  
 ed by Captain P. P. T. Tahiwai as chair-  
 man of the dance committee. The mem-  
 bers of the committee were Lieuten-  
 ants McKay (secretary), Porter, W.  
 Clarke, Sergeant-Majors Logan and  
 Tahuriorangi, Sergeants J. Wareline,  
 N. Hare, and Te Hau, Corporal Nathan  
 and Private H. Rahui. Considerable as-  
 sistance to the dance committee was  
 given by Mr. Taylor, Y.M.C.A. officer.

During an interval after the supper  
 adjournment the mayor, Mr. Mansford,  
 thanked the battalion on behalf of the  
 citizens for a memorable evening. Their  
 thought in arranging such a gathering,  
 he said, was much appreciated by the  
 citizens.

“Tonight's gathering is only a small  
 return for all the kindnesses we have  
 received during our stay in Palmer-  
 ston North,” said Major Bertrand in  
 thanking the mayor for his remarks.  
 He thought it fair to say that it would  
 not have been possible to organize the  
 ball without the assistance of many out-  
 siders. To the heads of many business  
 firms he expressed the thanks of the  
 battalion for the loan of various neces-  
 sities. It was to the women's committee,  
 however, that special thanks were due:  
 Mrs. C. A. Small, convener of the sup-  
 per committee, Miss B. Gillies (dance  
 committee), and Mrs. H. Petre (de-  
 corations), and their helpers. He also  
 thanked Captain Tahiwai and his men.  
 On the call of Major Bertrand the  
 members of the battalion gave resound-  
 ing cheers for the citizens of Palmer-  
 ston North.

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**KATAN WINS LIVELY WRESTLING BOUT**

**Fall Taken From Blomfield**

**TORPEDO TACTICS DECIDE CONTEST**

John Katan beat Lofty Blomfield by one fall in a lively professional wrestling bout in the Wellington Town Hall Monday night. The bout was very even; Blomfield took the initiative much of the time, and three times strove to apply an octopus clamp, but on each occasion Katan wriggled through the ropes. Katan obtained his fall in the fifth round, when he broke out of a full-nelson by climbing the ropes, and projected himself head-first at Blomfield, torpedoing him in the face and sending him to the mat, where he pressed him. There was a packed house.

Sergeant Blomfield was greeted with an enthusiastic reception by a crowd whose temper had been whetted by a lively professional preliminary. He was seconded by another army sergeant, in uniform. He appeared in better physical trim than for some seasons, bronzed and fit. Katan at 16st. 10lb. had an advantage of 2lb. He stripped magnificently, and set about Blomfield in workmanlike style.

The bout was distinguished by plenty of straight wrestling with only intermittent outbursts of rough play. There was a brief exchange of jolts in the first round, but for the rest the wrestlers exchanged grips in lively style. Blomfield making an initial attempt at an octopus clamp without success.

Katan shaped a manual deathlock, but relaxed when Blomfield pulled his ears smartly. He complained, and the referee, Mr. Alf Jenkins, warned Blomfield for lodging some hearty fisticuffs. Blomfield repeatedly massaged Katan's features with his knuckles, till checked by a rap on the nose. "Watch his shoulders," suggested Katan, holding Blomfield down with an arm-bar. "I'm watching his throat," retorted the referee. Katan shifted his knee from Blomfield's Adam's apple to his ear, only to replace it on his victim's windpipe as soon as opportunity offered.

It was in the third round that the bout became lively, when Blomfield delivered a fusillade of jolts, and sent Katan bouncing and slithering across

the mat with hard headlock throws. Katan picked Blomfield up in a crutch-hold, but the referee prevented him pitching the New Zealander into the crowd. While the altercation was proceeding Blomfield took advantage of it to tumble Katan in among the ringsiders.

Katan floored Blomfield with a powerful and impressive throat-hold in the fourth session. Blomfield tied Katan's leg in the ropes, and pulled it; Katan sought a ruling from the referee on this gambit. Blomfield frog-marched Katan in a full-nelson, driving his knee into the base of Katan's spine. He belaboured Katan with forearm blows, hunting him around the ring. Katan fastened a crucifix, and whenever Blomfield tried to rise sent him crashing backward to the mat.

Katan opened the fifth round with jolts and smart flying-mares, tossing Blomfield heavily. Blomfield obtained a head-scissors, and Katan belied as Blomfield bumped his head on the mat. Blomfield battered Katan with forearm blows, tossed him with a headlock, hauled him backward by the ears, and, applying a full-nelson, forced him violently to the mat. He lifted him to his feet to repeat the manoeuvre, but when he lifted Katan for a third bump on the mat, Katan suddenly planted both feet on the top rope and precipitated himself headlong at Blomfield, at point-blank range. His head took Blomfield in the face, and sent him to the mat underneath his assailant; there Katan briskly pinned him.

Blomfield appeared little the worse for the fall, but he soon fell victim to Katan's hammerlock. "Ask him, or I'll break it off," said Katan to the referee, in a stage whisper. But somehow the arm adhered to its owner, and Blomfield turned the tables on Katan with a hammerlock of his own.

Both matmen were warned for doing forbidden things to one another's face. Blomfield took Katan into a corner, and climbed the ropes to get at him from a better angle; the referee pulled him down to earth again. Katan protested to the referee when he stopped a bunny punch.

Blomfield now took the initiative strongly. He tripped Katan and shaped the first convolutions of an octopus clamp, but Katan slipped under the ropes. Blomfield was disentangled by the referee; he promptly jumped on Katan, who still lay prone. Then he endeavoured to form another octopus-hold. Again the referee separated them in the ropes. Blomfield applied an excruciating toe-hold, of the step-over variety, but Katan declined to submit.

The final round was marked by a last, and equally fruitless, effort by Blomfield to entwine Katan, who again wriggled into sanctuary. The bout ended without further fall.

**ARMY RUGBY**

**Trial Match Played**

**Ngaruawahia Team Wins**

**VICTORY OVER PAPAKURA**

A Rugby trial match between teams representing the Papakura and Ngaruawahia Military Camps was played at the Show Grounds on 23rd April under ideal weather conditions and in the presence of about 4000 spectators, a large majority of whom were soldiers from the respective camps. The Ngaruawahia fifteen proved successful by 14 points to 3.

In view of the fact that both teams were depleted through the absence of players suffering from the effects of vaccination the standard of play was good. The teams filed on to the field to the accompaniment of loud cheering, Second-Lieutenant C. S. Pepper leading Ngaruawahia and Corporal S. Hadley captaining Papakura.

As the teams reached the centre of the field the Papakura Military Band, under the conductorship of Captain J. Buckley, played a verse of the National Anthem, an impressive spectacle being the standing to attention of the teams, the soldiers and the spectators.

The trial was confined to soldiers of the second echelon, with but the few exceptions of third echelon men being called upon to fill vacancies caused by the arm soreness of those who would otherwise have been included.

The Ngaruawahia team, which wore red and black jerseys, thoroughly deserved its victory. The forwards were heavier and did better in the rucks and on the line-outs, while the backs were a superior combination. They passed more accurately and found gaps in the defence and but for a tendency of the inside men to hold on a fraction too long and kick when openings presented themselves, the side would have scored more points.

The most prominent backs in the Ngaruawahia team were R. F. Kinder (fullback) whose handling of the ball and line-finding were very accurate, J. Campbell (centre), who made some nice openings, one of which led to a try by a forward, and R. Paterson, wing-threequarters, formerly a Wellington representative. C. S. Pepper, H. O. Crawford-Smith and H. Johnson were conspicuous in a hard-working pack.

Compared with the opposing backs the Papakura rear division was weak. The half-back, M. Shalfoon, and centre, K. J. Hanna, did good individual work, but there was a lack of understanding and too much kicking, with the result that the wingers, D. Flett (former Auckland representative) and J. R. McKenzie, had no chances on attack. Flett did some good defensive work, his speed and sound tackling saving his side several times.

The Papakura forwards worked hard under the able leadership of Hadley, who outhooked Johnson, the ex-Ponsonby front-row man. The pack gained a lot of valuable ground only to see it repeatedly lost through

mistakes and weak tackling of side backs.

Tries for Ngaruawahia were by Watson, Crawford-Smith and sey. Evans converted one and kicked a penalty goal. Shalfoon scored a penalty goal for Papakura.

Major J. G. C. Wales was Chaplain-General G. V. G. ex-South Island representative Second-Lieutenant A. G. Douglas, Sergeant-Major F. and Gunner W. Batty, three New Zealand representatives assisted in the selection of the players, Sergeant-Major being one of the line umpires.

**AUCKLAND BEATS**

**2 GOALS TO**

Soccer in Auckland had its kick-off on Saturday, April 24, a representative team defeated a team from the North by two goals to one. As a rule the Auckland team is an excellent team, but this eleven is not likely to be as good as that of former years, having a decided effect on the position of the team. On Saturday was noticeable that the Auckland team was not so much in evidence as in previous years.

**WELLINGTON BATTALION RUGBY**

Whenever the 22nd (Wellington) Battalion of the Expeditionary Force sends its 15 men out to play on the Rugby field they will be in the colours of the Onslow Football Club, which is one of the best in New Zealand, has provided a battalion with 18 jerseys. This effort was prompted by the fact that Lieut.-Colonel L. W. Anderson, officer commanding the battalion, for some time coach and instructor to the club, and several club representatives are going with the battalion.

**BOXING BRIEFS**

Al Stock, prominent welter-weight, has enlisted and will be going into camp any day.

Frank Pearcey, boxing at the Auckland Gymnasium, has been up with the forces recently and soon be donning a soldier's uniform. He had a most successful amateur, winning the weight championship of Auckland twice and the Auckland championship in 1929. He has been remarkably successful as a professional boxer, Neville Vic Caltaux and the McKays being his pupils.

An American writing in the New York paper says that many of the boys when touring Central Europe on motor-cycle, he gave Hitler the pillion. A pity he didn't stay off!

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Tens of thousands of people lined the city streets, as many six deep on sections of the route, to applaud 1900 of all ranks of the second echelon of the Second N.Z.E.F., whose official parade was held in Wellington on Saturday morning. The public gathering was larger than that which saw the parade of the first echelon, for an hour before the men were due to assemble in Parliament grounds thousands of people flocked into the city. Though there are days at holiday periods where there are extra large concentrations of traffic and pedestrians, the invasion of the city on Saturday was all within the space of little more than an hour, in contrast to other times, when it is spread over a whole day and night. With the vast crowds of Anzac Day only two days previously and Saturday's equally large gathering, it was a notable week in the story of Wellington, and an eloquent tribute to those who either fought for their country in the Great War or are about to do so now.

In his address to the troops the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, assured them that their interests would not be neglected; their dependents would be cared for and they themselves, on their return, would be reabsorbed into the community in a manner befitting the tasks they were undertaking and the sacrifices they were making.

The troops were also addressed by Governor-General, Lord Galway, Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hamlyn, the mayor of Wellington, Mr. G. A. E. Jackson, president of the Australian Capri Territory branch of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors' League of Australia and deputy-leader of the Australasian League of ex-servicemen to New Zealand on the occasion of the twenty-ninth anniversary of Anzac Day. The streets, offices, and business houses were lined fully to the mayor's appeal for their staffs the opportunity of joining the parade.

In the addresses a prayer was read by the Moderator of the Wellington Synagogue, the Rev. A. B. Kilroy. Most of the period occupied by the speeches, the men had to stand in the rain, without greatcoats and sheet capes, but they stood with true, soldierly bearing. At the end of the addresses, and for the first time since the war, the sun shined through the city.

The American custom of throwing confetti seemed to have taken hold in Wellington, and the troops were bombarded with confetti and streamers. Toward the end of the march there was an incident, as some collected ribbons and streamers from the applauding thousands, while others mounted New Zealand flags on their rifles. The speeches, and in the presence of the commander of their ship, Governor-General decorated one of three petty officers of the Achilles, who were among those who rendered conspicuous service in successful action with the Admiral

Graf Spee off the River Plate. His Excellency warmly congratulated the recipients and wished them long life, that they might enjoy the well-merited recognition of their service. Those invested were: Surgeon-Lieutenant C. G. Hunter, with the Distinguished Service Cross, and Chief Petty-Officer W. G. Boniface, Petty-Officer W. R. Hadon, and Petty-Officer A. Maycock, with the Distinguished Service Medal. It was not the first time that Wellington citizens had had the opportunity of applauding the men of the Achilles for their part in this stirring naval engagement, but the decoration of these officers was the signal for a great demonstration.

The officer commanding the parade was Colonel J. Hargest, D.S.O., M.C., V.D., and there were three group commanders, Lieut.-Colonel A. C. McKillop (19th Battalion, 27th Machine-Gun Battalion, 4-5th Army Transport Companies, First General Hospital and First Convalescent Depot); Lieut.-Colonel L. W. Andrew, V.C. (22nd (Wellington) Rifle Battalion), and Major G. M. McCaskill (Divisional Headquarters, Headquarters, Fifth and Sixth Infantry Brigades, Divisional Signals, Divisional Petrol Company, Fourth Reserve Motor Transport Company, Divisional Provost Company, Divisional Postal Unit, Base Post Office, Base Pay Office, Overseas Base, Base Depot and Second Echelon Band).

The groups were led by the Echelon Band, Pipes and Drums of the First Battalion (Wellington Regiment), and Artillery Band.

Nurses of the First General Hospital and a naval detachment, also paraded and were enthusiastically applauded by the crowds.

The route of march was lined by returned soldiers, territorials and cadets

excellent, and the groups of spectators who gathered found much to comment upon in their bearing and smartness.

Next in order came the Divisional Cavalry, the 7th Field Company, New Zealand Engineers, and the Forestry Company in their new battle dress. These units detrained at 10.5 and moved off, headed by the Papakura Camp Band.

Finally came the 21st (Auckland) Battalion, in charge of Lieutenant-Colonel N. Macky, officer commanding the parade. They were led off by the Band of 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment (C.R.O.).

## Soldiers Hold Dance

A very bright evening was had recently by all those who attended the second dance run by the Fort Dorset Kute Boys, at the Rex Hall, Kilbirnie.

Good work was done by the committee in preparing the hall for the occasion, signalling and code flags being the prominent feature of the decorations. Two popular items were rendered by pupils of Miss Marjorie Newports, Jack Blake giving a clever exhibition of solo tap, and later boys and girls combined in presenting two ballets. The Embassy Orchestra played well throughout the evening and largely helped to make the dance such a success.

The committee comprising of Sgt. Dixon, L/Bdrs, Jenkins, McDonald, Gnr. A. Harris, R. Janes, H. Wilson, E. Fredric, G. Robertson and F. Mackie are to be congratulated on their effort and all wish them every success with their next dance which is to be held on May 11th next.

These dances are being run for the comforts of the Kute Boys' Hut. We feel sure that everyone will assist to make their evenings a success.

Among those present were: 2nd Lt. Aimers, 2nd Lt. J. Burnette, B.S.M. and Mrs. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, Gnr. and Mrs. Harris, Misses Jenkins, Chudley, M. Leverstam, Mathews, P. Dean, J. Collie, M. Newport, J. Wilson, J. Turner, K. Russell, Sgt. Holden, L/Bdrs. Hendersen, Woodhouse, Atkinson, Gnr. Jowett, Admore, Gibson, Fitzpatrick, Barnett, Messrs. J. Blake, C. Cooper, B. Yeoman, R. Foster, N. Hood and many others.

## Anzac Memories

### General Freyberg's Message

The following cablegram was received by Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, commander of the First New Zealand Division, from Major-General B. C. Freyberg, commander of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, now in Egypt:

"Remembering with pride the magnificent exploits of the Anzacs on Gallipoli, the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force send you a message of affectionate regard on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the famous landing."

Sir Andrew Russell cabled the following reply to Major-General Freyberg:

"Your message much appreciated. Continue good work and do better still."

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## Troops Detrain

### SPECTATORS GATHER

With precision the troops formed and marched off after arrival at the land railway station in three detachments, between 9.50 and 10.17. The first group to arrive consisted of the 1st Field Regiment, and the 7th Tank Regiment, New Zealand Army.

These units marched off, headed by the Artillery Band, with the Auckland Band following in front of the Tank men. Their marching was

**FORT DORSET MEN ENTERTAINED**

Members of the Fort Dorset Junior Association held their second dance for the soldiers at Fort Dorset in Seatoun on Saturday night. Officers of the fort were among the guests and there were about 80 dancers present.

The chaperons were Mrs. A. Wixon, Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. A. Barr. Mr. Wixon was master of ceremonies. Two committee members, Misses Maria Chudley and Joan Kellaway, were in charge of supper arrangements, and the dance committee again supervised the evening's entertainment.

An "animal" dance was held before supper, pairs of the same kind later sitting together when supper was served.

"And when were you born?" asked the sergeant, taking the particulars of the recruits.

"December, 1917," answered the recruit.

"Ah," mused the sergeant, "I will remember that winter. It was bitterly cold."

"Cold," echoed the recruit. "I'll say it was cold. I was brought by the penguin—the stork couldn't make it."

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**General's Advice to Men**

**"LEAVE SELF BEHIND"**

At Trentham, on Anzac morning, nearly 2000 soldiers who are going away to a new war assembled on parade to join in the national remembrance of the men who fell a quarter of a century ago. An address was given by Major-General Sir Alexander Russell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., who commanded the 1st New Zealand Division. Other visitors present included Major-General R. Young, former General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Forces, and Colonel C. G. Powles, C.M.G., D.S.O. (retired list). The senior officers on parade included Colonel R. A. Row, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Central Military District, with his General Staff Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Foster, N.Z.S.C., Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. McHugh, M.C., N.Z.S.C., Camp Commandant, Trentham Military Camp, and Colonel A. E. Conway, N.Z.S.C., Director of Mobilisation, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

The parade was held in the Trentham racecourse grounds and was commanded by Colonel J. Hargest, D.S.O. M.C. The service was read by Padre J. Hiddlestone, senior chaplain, Central District Mobilisation Camp.

"The last time I had occasion to speak to a body of men like you in uniform was two or three days after the Armistice when the whole division paraded to render thanks to the Almighty for the end of the war," said General Russell. "That was, so to speak, the end of a chapter, but in the world's history it was only the turning over of a leaf. Not long afterwards, down on the Rhine when we be being demobilised, I was inspecting a Rifle Brigade Battalion. Going down the ranks I spoke to a man—we will call him Private John Smith—and I said 'What about the Armistice; it's a good thing, isn't it?' There was a broad grin on his face. I said, 'You know this war is over, but you are going back home to fight another war in which there is no armistice. You are going to fight against yourself.' I will return to Private John Smith directly.

**NEW CHAPTER OPENED**

"When you put your names down for overseas service a new chapter in your life has been opened. You have literally, perhaps unconsciously, dedicated yourself to the service of your country. That is a very serious thing. It means this—that your health, your physical well-being, belongs to your country. It means that your brains belong to your country. See that you use and develop them for the work in hand. Governing those two are those moral qualities on which you will rely in the long run for victory.

"In other words you are going to leave yourselves behind when you go to the war. Your every act must be done in the service of your country and you can't do that unless you have left yourselves behind. One wonders sometimes how that comradeship which is engendered in war among those who serve and who share the same hardships and dangers is such a precious thing, a comradeship that takes precedence even in peace time.

"At the front you will find that you have, to a large extent, left yourself behind and that you are free therefore in your friendship and in your work to live on a higher plane altogether. If you can do that you will find that you are gradually acquiring the quiet mind. You will be at peace with yourself, and because you are at peace with yourself you will be at peace with everyone else, but not at peace with evil.

"When evil appears, then your true Anzac shoulders his rifle or whatever the means are at his disposal and goes out to fight evil and because he who travels light travels far, leaves himself behind.

"Did Private John Smith realise what I intended to convey to him? Did he come back to civil life and carry on that idea of unselfishness or rather selflessness. If you come back from the war and resume your life on the somewhat dusty and humdrum plane or ordinary civil life having left the serener air you will find in the place of danger, then I think it can be truly said of you that you have copied the spirit of Anzac and made it your own.

**ROAD TO VICTORY**

"What I have been telling you, of course may be the way to the Cross, but I would add it is assuredly the road to victory. These are not things one wants to talk about, hardly perhaps even think about. They lie deep down in our unconscious being. I feel some diffidence in talking to you in such a strain, but I feel I could not let you go without some word of inspiration and it may be a word of help to you in the life which you have immediately in front of you."

At the conclusion of the service all units present marched past the saluting base on the main camp road, where General Russell took the salute. The parade was headed by the Band of the 5th Infantry Brigade, which is going overseas with the Second Echelon, and marching music was also supplied by the Trentham Camp Band.

The total strength of the parade was 1857. It included Third Echelon officers and n.c.o.'s attending the Central District School of Instruction and a group of Territorial officers who are attending a week's drill and duties course at the camp.

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**ARMY RUGBY**

**Trentham Team Beats Burnham**

**FINISH IN CHRISTCHURCH**

Packed stands and packed embankments at Lancaster Park on Saturday afternoon for the first Army Rugby matches of the war under perfect conditions. An estimated 10,000 enjoyed fast thrilling play provided by four teams remarkably fit and vigorous soldier players.

In the opening match the South Island Force team beat the North Island Force 9-8. All the players in this game came from the R.N.Z.A.F. station at Palmerston North.

In the second match, the main one of the afternoon, the Trentham Army team beat the Burnham Army team 12-9. It was a greater dash and more compact playing of the Trentham forwards gave their side the victory. The Burnham backs were also quick to grasp opportunities and slightly superior in co-operation.

Scorers for Trentham were Private D. C. Latham, Private F. Richardson (tries), and Sergeant D. G. Barrow (penalty goals). For Burnham, Lieutenant R. K. King, the 1939 New Zealand League captain, scored a try. Private J. McLean a try and a try goal.

An exciting scene before the game started as a parade of men of the second echelon were greeted with ringing cheers from all parts of the ground. Next, the Burnham camp band played the teams the field where they were inspected by Colonel E. T. Rowllings, officer commanding the southern district. The bands played the National Anthem which the crowd joined.

After the stirring spectacle occurred during the interval when non-commissioned officers of the third echelon marched the ground. Gaps were deliberately left in the ranks so that any young man wished to join could climb over the fence and do so. A call for recruits was broadcast over the loudspeaker and immediately four strode across from the eastern embankment and within minutes there were 22 recruits.

Scorers in the Air Force match were: South Island, H. P. Evans, J. E. Price, Dunstan (tries). North Island: Lucas, G. Engel (tries) and W. F. (conversion).

**MAORIS BEATEN**

**AT AUCKLAND**

The Rugby season in Auckland was opened on Saturday afternoon, the principal attraction being the match between a combined fifteen from the Papakura and Ngauruawahia camps, and a team representing the 28th Maori Battalion from Palmerston North. The combined team won by 18 points to 3, scoring four tries, three converted, to an unconverted try.

Scorers for the combined team were: Bombardier W. J. Kirkley (2), Gunner R. J. Paterson, and Second-Lieutenant C. S. Pepper. Trooper K. J. Hanna converted three. Corporal E. N. Howell scored for the Maoris.

**RUGBY FOOTBALL**

**TOUR BY SOLDIERS**

**AUCKLAND SUGGESTION**

A tour of New Zealand during the coming season of a Rugby team representing the Third Echelon was advocated by Mr. F. E. Sutherland, vice-president of the Auckland Rugby Union, at a meeting of the management committee of the Union.

Mr. Sutherland, who attended in his capacity as delegate to the New Zealand Union's annual meeting, said that as an old soldier, he could speak with conviction of the value of such a tour from a military point of view.

British Navy calling all German shoppers. It is dangerous to wrap your week-end joint in your bus ticket. It might slip through the punch hole.

**BURNHAM MEN**

**Rousing Reception In Christchurch**

**CITIZENS TURN OUT**

CHRISTCHURCH, April 27.

With a heartiness unusual in a city noted for its restraint, Christchurch paid tribute to the officers and men of the second echelon who, for the past three months, have been in training at Burnham Camp. The weather was excellent for the parade, and 1600 men marched through streets lined with cheering people to be drawn up in Cranmer Square. There speeches were given by the mayor, Mr. Macfarlane, the president of the R.S.A., Mr. Haynes, the Minister of Industries and Commerce, Mr. Sullivan, representing the Government, and the officer commanding the military district, Colonel Rowllings. Colonel Rowllings later took the salute as the troops marched past on their way back.

The spectacle was in every way worthy of the occasion. Thousands lined the streets and expressed their admiration for the smartness and soldierly bearing of the troops by full-throated cheering. At Cranmer Square there was a crowd estimated at 10,000. Five hundred returned soldiers lined both sides of Cashel Street. The roar of the cheering moved along streets to herald the approach of the parade, led by Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Falconer, officer commanding the 23rd Rifle Battalion. Next were the Railway Construction and Maintenance Unit, led by Major Rabone.

**Battle-dress Uniform.**

These troops, big and husky men, wore the battle-dress uniform. The workmanlike appearance of the unit won enthusiastic applause as it swung steadily by. The men of the 23rd Rifle Battalion wore their serge uniforms, making an interesting contrast with the railway unit. The reinforcement for the 20th Rifle Battalion, now in Egypt, was commanded by Lieutenant McKinlay. The Divisional Supply Column was commanded by Captain Creever, and the 5th Field Ambulance, under Lieutenant Colonel Kenrick, completed the long column. After the speech the mayor called for three cheers for the troops, and these were given with a will. The National Anthem was played, and then the crowd, beginning with a hesitant murmur, which quickly rose to a roar, joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The next incident was unexpected and all the more enjoyable for that. Lieutenant Colonel Falconer gestured the Burnham Band, which broke into a lively tune, and the whole parade, officers included, roared out the Burnham song, "Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major." It was a delightfully human touch just at the moment of tension when tears might have come just as easily as smiles.

**SECOND GENERAL HOSPITAL**

**Surgical Division Command**

The appointment of Dr. P. A. Ardagh, Christchurch, to the position of Officer Commanding the Surgical Division of the Second New Zealand General Hospital, with the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel, is announced by Military Headquarters.

Dr. Ardagh served in the Great War of 1914-18 in the Field Ambulance Division with the rank of captain, and had a distinguished career, being awarded the D.S.O. and M.C. He was again mentioned in dispatches and recommended for the V.C. for personal gallantry in establishing and working in an advanced medical depot which was under shellfire for 36 hours at Grove-Coeur.

Dr. Ardagh was president of the Christchurch branch of the British Medical Association in 1938, and is a member of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He will enter camp next month.

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# AMUSEMENTS

## STATE THEATRE.

Inspector Hornleigh, that likable and ingenious representative of Scotland Yard, who made such an auspicious bow to American audiences in the film bearing his name recently, makes a happy and welcome appearance at the State Theatre in "Inspector Hornleigh on Holiday," 20th Century-Fox release which arrived recently.

Gordon Harker is, of course, again the Inspector and again he is accompanied by that bungling, comic aide, Sergeant Bingham, in the person of Alastair Sim.

This new film, produced by Edward Black for 20th Century Productions, Ltd., involves the pair in an even more baffling and exciting mystery than the earlier picture.

Harker gives a grand account of himself again as the Inspector and Sim contributes plenty of humour as his aide.

The distaff side is ably and charmingly represented by lovely Linden Travers at the top of a fine supporting cast, under the able direction of Walter Forde.

America's first fun family has never had such hilarious headaches as in its latest 20th Century-Fox comedy, "Too Busy to Work." The comedy is hilarious even for the Jones Family and they are known far and wide for their continued uproariousness.

The Joneses have never been so upside down in trouble as they are in this film which is screening at the State Theatre. Dad, as you know, is Mayor of Maryville and his last weeks in office find him laying cor-

nerstones right and left. He's the chairman of so many committees he hasn't time to sit down! As a result he neglects his drug business to such an extent that once, in his perpetual haste, he orders forty cases of aspirin instead of forty bottles. But doesn't he need them for his own headaches!

The Joneses are all played by the familiar Jed Prouty, Spring Byingto, Ken Howell, George Ernest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts and Billy Mahan, while the cast also features Joan Davis, Chick Chandler, Marjorie Gateson, Andrew Tombes, Marvin Stephens, Irving Bacon and Helen Ericson.

Otto Brower directed, with John Stone associate producer.

## TUDOR 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 fiancee 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 han-

dled 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.

## PLAZA THEATRE.

The chance of a lifetime to "Pack Up Your Troubles" in your old kit bag and howl, howl, howl, awaits you at the Plaza Theatre, where joyous Jane Withers arrives in the new 20th Century-Fox comedy of that title, with those riotous Ritz Brothers tossed in to guarantee you a maximum of fun.

Yes, Jane's the bravest little Ma'am-selle in all France—and the Ritzes are in the army now! Being the Ritzes, of course, they take the liberty of telling the General off, with results that provide the picture with one of the funniest punch lines in the memory of this reviewer.

The Ritzes, a trio of out-of-work vaudevillians, enlist and are sent to France on a transport as nurse-maids to a herd of army mules, under the supervision of hard-boiled Sergeant "Angel Face" Walker.

They make friends with Jane, by way of their pet baby mule, Margie, and "Angel Face" makes friends with a French lovely, in the person of Lynn Bari, who turns out to be a spy.

Of course, the Ritzes get all mixed up, and Jane provides plenty of thrills with her bravery, while trying to save her father, Joseph Schildkraut.

Jane delights the audience with two grand new impersonations — George M. Cohan, singing "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy," and Eva Tanguay, singing "I Don't Care." She also sings "Who'll Buy My Flowers," a song by Sidney Clare and Jule Styne.

Stanley Fields is grand as "Angel Face," and Fritz Leiber and Lionel Royce are also prominently featured in the swell cast.

## KING'S THEATRE.

Brunette tressed Betty Field, the Hollywood actress who says "Unh-Unh" to glamour and means it, plays the role of Mae, the heroine of Hal Roach's production of "Of Mice and Men," the screen version of John Steinbeck's powerful novel, which is scheduled for its initial showing at the King's Theatre to-day. Produced and directed by Lewis Milestone, this new production co-stars with Miss Field, Burgess Meredith of "Winterset" fame and Lon Chaney, Jr., namesake and scion of a great movie family. In the supporting cast of the film are such top-notchers as Charles Bickford, Roman Bohnen, Bob Steele, Noah Beery, Jr., Granville Bates and Leigh Whipper.

The story of "Of Mice and Men" was transferred to the screen from a script based on the Broadway stage

hit and written by Eugene O'Neill. The play dramatizes the life of the "hard-boiled," or migratory workers on the Okra Ranch in California. An impressive pictorial background, "Of Mice and Men" highlights the lives of two men—George and Lennie. It shows the hopes and dreams of these central figures, the pathos of these central figures, the tails ranch life and its vast implications for those humans who are job to job on the path to now.

Most of the action of "Of Mice and Men" transpires on a ranch built exactly as it was described in Steinbeck's novel. It was located in a sun-seared valley 40 miles from Hollywood. Inside of eight days, radio technicians erected nine sets — not flimsy sets either, but substantial enough for actual farming poses. Men were able to sleep in a bunk-house, livestock were kept in a barn, water actually came from a well.

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