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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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The New Zealand sports champion, P. F. Sharpley, but very successful day at the ham Camp athletic meeting on Wednesday including heats, he won the broad jump. In the broad jump, his successes were gained yards, 100 yards, 220 yards and 120 and 220 yards hurdles. Sharpley is a sergeant in the division he represented, not won the championship cup. ley received the cup on the 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 sergeant. P. Bay, a member of the lington Amateur Athletic Club, the mile, in which C. Wallace, Zealand cross-country champion second. 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.