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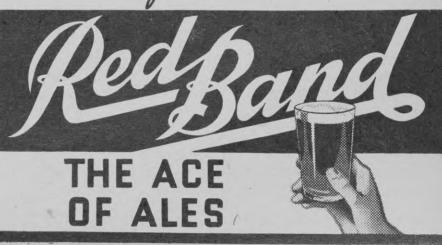
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# HITLER'S WORD

EVIDENTLY there are many people in civilised countries who still find it possible to believe that Hitler means what he says.

They were again shocked and surprised when they heard that the gangster's promise "not to make war on women and children," was broken only just last week.

Once and for all, let us get it quite clear:

For Hitler, a treaty, a guarantee, a promise, written or verbal, is a trap, devised to lull his prospective victims into a sense of security.

Hermann Rauschning, who knew Hitler well, writes thus about the word of his purjured Hun:—

"Hitler told me what was his view of the value of treaties. He was ready, he said, to sign anything. . . . Every pact sworn to was broken or became out of date sooner or later. Anyone who was so fussy that he had to consult his conscience about whether he could keep to a pact was a fool. He (Hitler) could conclude any treaty in good faith, and yet be ready to break it in cold blood the next day, if that was in the interest of the future of Germany."

Those who think that Hitler will be good up to a point are deceiving themselves.

The gangster who fails to win his gamble swiftly will fight out with every known form of violence, cruelty and treachery.

We must be under no delusions about the nature and brutality of totalitarian war.

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# WHO IS "NEUTRAL"?

ARE there any neutrals in this war?

The Huns attack neutral shipping as though it belongs to the Allies. Mr. Churchill offers neutral ships the protection of our convoys.

But naughty animals that defend themselves may easily find themselves more violently attacked.

If they sought British protection, neutrals would be charged with partisanship.

Already the charge has been levelled by Nazis against Switzerland, Rumania, Turkey, Holland, Poland, Sweden, Belgium and Norway. The countries must either help Stitler (as we may briefly label the anti-democrat) or be themselves attacked, as has happened already in many instances.

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Consternation Caused

Scene at Naval Base

Kittens Come in Crates

The soldiers on coastal defence duty near the city who, through the "Herald" recently, asked for the gift of about eight kittens to deal with the growing number of mice in their quarters, now have sufficient feline recruits and do not want any more. The men's request, however, had unexpected consequences. It was suggested that the kittens might be left in boxes at the Admiralty steps, where they would be picked up by a launch and taken to the defence point. The Navy says it spent the greater part of two days finding crates of cats on the steps. It is frightened of what might happen and has appealed to the wharf police to deal firmly with all future callers who have anything looking like a kitten.

Auckland seems to have taken the request for eight kittens as an open invitation to be rid of all recent arrivals. Long before the launch which HILLAS a refreshingly Cool daily visits the soldiers' island was due to leave, kittens had started to be delivered by the litter. Taxis were hired to carry boxes of them down to the wharves; men came with more; women appeared with large cardboard

#### Shock for Sailors

The sight of the pile of boxes and the sound of much mewing burst like a bombshell upon the astonished senses of the sailors in the first picket boat to cross from Devonport. Bystanders tried to persuade the bluejackets that the kittens were theirs. The sailors did not know better because the exact location of the soldiers who wanted the cats could not be mentioned through war regulations.

They decided to take the cargo of kittens to Devonport for further or- age. ders. Devonport telephoned North Head. The Army there did not know a thing about it. Devonport telephon-AFTERNOON TEAS

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arrived. By noon North Head reporthed that the Naval Base was ringing crooner to make him run dead.

#### Kittens Everywhere

Meanwhile some of them had escaped from their crates. One was said to be clinging to a masthead. Others had been seen in wardrooms, under the guns, on the jetties; everywhere sailors looked a kitten seemed to appear.

"They're in my ears," moaned a sailor. "Sixteen came by one boat. They're still here, but I'm not going APPEAL TO WHARF POLICE to find out exactly where. I've seen enough kittens to last me until I get on leave and way from them all. I'm scared stiff about what's going to happen when the rest of the province hears that the Army wants some kittens. One cat is all right on a ship, but we've got a zoo."

> Nor would anybody volunteer to find out what the Navy intended to do about the kittens. "If I go," said a sailor, "I'll be given the job of nurse-maid. No, thanks!"

#### Problem Still Unsolved

"Is it about the cat business," said North Head as soon as a telephone call was made there. "They've cost us about 2000 gallons of milk up to

The official amount of milk used at one meal was two gallons, which can feed a lot of kittens. But the Army's attitude seemed to be as earnest as that of the Navy, unwittingly made the destination for what would appear to be dozen of cats. The Army wants to know two things. One is how the deluge can be stopped. The other is. as an officer gently put it:-"Who was the blighter who asked for the kittens?"

And that is where the position rested. The Navy had kittens to spare; the Army was being asked to take delivery and the Army was worried. As for the soldiers who wanted the cats, they will be wise soldiers if they forget that they ever saw a mouse. However, they add their voices to those others which ask generous-minded cat-owners to give their kittens to somebody else.

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At the club, information of all entertainment (i.e., theatres, dances, concerts, etc.) is obtainable. Also general information about the district. There is a "Left Luggage" department where chaps can leave their greatcoats and parcels while enjoying themselves; a wide variety of magazines, and wireless, and bright fires all help to make the club more homely. In addition, there is a wide variety of table games, such as table tennis, bobs, darts, cards, etc., and of course, if wanted, afternoon tea or supper.

#### A.N.A. CLUB EVENINGS

#### Large Attendances

Representatives of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the merchan! navy attended the dances at the A.N.A. Club, Wellington, in large numbers on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Misses Valmai Richardson and Moya Hempton were in charge of the dancing on Friday, with Mr. Middleton at the piano, and on Saturday Misses D. Harris and Patricia Gledhill took charge. Novelty dances to the music of a bright orchestra were a feature of Saturday night's programme, and were thoroughly enjoyed by the men and their partners.

Men of the third echelon now in camp are reminded that their club is open every Friday and Saturday night, at the R.S.A. premises, Victoria Street,

#### COAST DEFENCES GENERAL INSPECTION.

Complete satisfaction with the work and bearing of the men on coastal defence work was expressed by the Chief of the General Staff ((Major-General J. E. Duigan, C.B., D.S.O.) after making a comprehensive inspection of all defence units last week. Major-General Duigan visited both batteries and guard posts and said that he found the men keen and well trained.

The ranks of the men serving at Fort Dorset have been thinned as each echelon goes into camp, one hundred and fifty of the men who have served there having gone into training for service overseas. However, the men who have replaced them have shown equal keenness and the work at the fort has been kept at a high standard.

This week the latest batch for service overseas were farewelled by friends. The Fort Dorset Association was well represented and the concert programme presented was reinforced by representatives of the local R.S.A. auxiliary committee.

# FORT DORSET MEN

150 HAVE JOINED ECHELON

On Monday week last the  $F_{\bar{\nu} \uparrow \uparrow}$ set Association gave a smoke of as a send-off to a large number men from Fort Dorset who have ed up with the Third Echelon

Nearly 100 were present, em ing the men from Fort Dorse had received orders to join the Echelon; Lieutenant-Colonel Carty, and other officers from and a large number of members Fort Dorset Association and rep. tatives of the Miramar and K R.S.A.

A concert party, comprising M. Morris, Harris, Reg. Morgan Lavin, added greatly to the ment.

To date close on 150 men from Dorset have joined the echelon most of the men at Fort Done are eligible and medically fit for seas service have offered the

#### AIR FORCE TRAINING

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The following flight riggs Wellington have been instructed by port to the R.N.Z.A.F. Training Levin, on May 31:-Alexander Gardner, A. J.; Marsden, D. & ers, D. R.; Neilson, V. W.; P. W.; Philp, A. T.; Trewin, Hughes, J.

The following flight mechanism been instructed to report to b May 31:-Caddy, A. C. (Aut 1) Ferguson, J. M. (Frankton June 19 Gerring, R. M. (Ngaruar B) Knapp, L. C. G. (Motueka): ingale, J. W. (Auckland); & A. K. (Auckland); Trotter, (Wellington); Wills, R. J. W ton); Wright, G. B. (Hamilton 12 May

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d kindly light, amid the encircl-

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on to the other—too soon to have R. J. Rush, T. Spira. ed friendships—too early to have otten the good-byes of home-a wet, stormy Sunday night, everyof comfort, warmth and cheery ded some. Gone are the well remem-We in and comfortable in the new bathe madress. Since the Hut reopened eand uesday, the time has been well ice have in breaking the ice, making cts, etc., and preparing for Sunevening, when the full activities FORG functioning. A packed house ready for the sing-song, which ERS A) with a swing, and as the men \_the old hymn "Lead kindly owing I' it seemed singularly approprihave bor have not these men taken the R.N.Z. step on a journey leading far

wing fig but lost a while." cted to making from the well-known text Younger, F. W. Zealand. Caddy A 3:16, Mr. Coppin, who is in J.M. Fast during the absence of Mr. R. M. (K) Blair, took the opportunity C. G. (Maling, simply and plainly, the V. (Auch) and aims of the work at the kland); nd pressing home to the men ; Wills cessity of assurance of peace G. B. od as they go forth. During ning, all stood and sang "Eterher, strong to save," this being no small reputation with the r iron and the hat—one might ZE iron and the hat—one might is at "peak" production. Mr. vas to have returned from home esday, but as we write news ult VA heart.

your Neach other, we look forward to st as happy a time as we had ing. pert Mthe seconds, and again give a

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#### CAMP TRANSFERS.

FROM NGARUAWAHIA.

Men who have been doing camp duty at Ngaruawahia have been transferred to the Third Echelon direct and will be drafted to units in Papakura camp as follows:-

R. A. Campbell, D. F. Coles, B. W. e first week-end in camp. Men Greig, C. A. Greig, W. I. L. Mavitty, ered from one end of the Do- C. L. O'Malley, C. B. Rae, W. L. Rae, on the 15th, from the drill hall by way

#### FROM NARROW NECK.

From Narrow Neck camp the folto depress and make miserable, lowing have been drafted to Papakura nside Everyman's Hut an atmos-J. M. Anderson, F. F. Antonelli, T. M. Archer, J. D. Arrol, G. H. Baker, I faces of the seconds, their places H. R. Barratt, H. H. Bell, W. Bell, H. the by the thirds, who look very J. Blucher, W. M. D. Bremner, N. Carson, A. Cassrels, J. Caundle, K. B. ment and the field artillery Chapman, K. D. Corke, A. E. W. Crouch, A. Day, J. D. Dempsey, G. M. Drinnan, R. R. R. Fraider, A. Gray, Taranaki Street and Vivian Street. In W. A. Griffin, L. G. Handcock, S. Har- Cuba Street the crowds along the way vey, P. R. Hodge, R. H. Horsfall, M. increased in numbers; shop girls and D. Hughes, A. F. Johnson, H. Johnson, J. W. C. Johnstone, C. C. Jones, W. C. Josephs, J. W. Leslie, C. Lovell, K. ing men. Lovell, C. H. Luckings, J. S. MacGregor, S. L. McNaughton, A. J. McQuin- vice to which they now belong, marched lan, J. H. J. Mason, H. E. Matheson, smartly, but the men in mufti showed E. Millis, C. J. Nicol, J. Pearson, J. W. an inclination to straggle, and an oc-May M-home and ending-where? The Petty, C. Preston, H. F. G. Ready, T. J.; Me holds the answer, but we pray T. K. Roberts, S. H. Sherson, J. T. Neilson he time is not far distant when Smith, B. Smith, M. J. Spence, M. W. to the spectators along the route, who A Lagain they will see the "faces Thomas, A. E. Thompson, J. White, gave the men a stirring send-off. which they have loved long R. L. Williams, H. L. Winter, T. Wood, junction of Lambton Quay and Willis W. C. Wynne, R. Yardley, I. M. Street, where the draft was given a

#### N.Z. ARMY RUGBY

#### 400 Footballs To Be Purchased

Recently steps have been taken by the National Patriotic Fund Board in o-operation with the New Zealand We the prayer for the men and use by the men of the Expeditionary t home. Mr. Coppin has estab- Force overseas. At a meeting recently of the board approval was given to the purchase through the Rugby Union of 400 footballs for this purpose.

Another decision by the board in the interests of the New Zealand troops in Egypt was to purchase a public address system which will enable open-air conthat his throat has given trou- certs to be given and will obviate the Ou and it will be towards the end necessity of the men having to congreweek before he can return. We gate in one place. The suggestion in mission or a speedy recovery and a Zealand Division of Signals, and the eturn to the work which is near members of the board agreed that it was an excellent idea.

A grant of £525 was made for Air now that we begin to under- Force regimental funds in New Zealand. Lord Galway presided over the meetthe seconds, and again give a invitation to all the men to invitation to all the Manuel Manue use of the facilities at the Hut. Colonel J. Esson and Mr. Fagan, M.L.C. were unable to be present through ill ness, and Mr. W. Mulholland was prevented from attending because of Farmers' Union engagement.

#### CHAPLAINS IN CAMP.

\* The Rev. F. Gardner Brown, of the Dominion Road Methodist Church, has been selected to represent the Methodist Church as chaplain to the forces, third class (major) at Trentham camp. During his absence his pulpit will be supplied by the Rev. H. E.

terian minister at Epsom, has also chan, J. R. Foster, S. C. Hay. been appointed a chaplain, third class, Trentham camp.

#### TROOPS DEPART

Draft For Papakura

#### MARCH IN WELLINGTON

About 190 recruits for the third echelon marched through Wellington of the main streets to the railway station, to entrain for Papakura Camp, Auckland.

The draft formed up in the drill hali at about two o'clock. About half word uniform, the rest mufti with a redand-white armband marked with a civilians on the railway stations and elsewhere along their route. There were several Maoris, reinforcements for the Maori Battalion; the remainder were recruits for the anti-tank regi-

A crowd had assembled in Buckle Street, and the draft was given a good reception as it followed the band down office workers streamed out to line the pavements as the military heralded the approach of the march

Those in uniform, feeling perhaps something of the inspiration of the sercasional uncertainty in keeping step However, the parade was an impressive one, and its significance was not lost

The crowds were densest at

rousing cheer

The majority of friends and relatives of the recruits, as well as a large body of the general public, awaited their arrival at the railway station. steps were crowded, and as the soldiers marched through a narrow lane between the onlookers into the crowded concourse, they exchanged greetings, handshakes, and even kisses, with friends who had come to say good-bye. Though the public were excluded from the troop-train platform, they lined the neighbouring one, and many of the soldiers, on falling out, climbed down on to the tracks to exchange final greet

After the train backed in to the plat form, and another local train took up its position on the next set of tracks soldiers in the troop train were able to chat from their windows to friends who had swarmed aboard the suburban carriages, not due to depart till some time later.

There was a slight wait while the baggage of the draft was loaded, and then, with a final whistle, waving of hands and cheery shouts from platforms and windows, the men set out on the first stage of the adventure hey have undertaken.

#### OFFICERS APPOINTED.

#### FOURTH REINFORCEMENTS.

A short course for officers who have been appointed to the Fourth Reinforcements will be held at the District School, Narrow Neck, after which they will proceed to the Advanced Training Company at Trentham mobilisation camp, together with noncommissioned officers selected from units of the Second and Third Echelons. The selected officers are:-

Artillery.-Lieutenants H. R. Hume, R. A. Payne; Second-Lieutenants M. B. Trower, B. W. Brock, R. J. S. The Rev. J. W. McKenzie, Presby-Rabone, A. E. Simpson, J. D. Carna-

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#### THIRD ECHELON

#### Men Leaving For Camp This Week

#### WELLINGTON DRAFTS

Recruits for the third echelon left. for their respective camps last week,

#### Draft For Burnham.

The following are the men who left for

The following are the men who left for Burnham Camp last night:—

6th Field Ambulance.—Baker, A.; Boyd, A. G.; Buxton, D. S.; Clarkin, T. P.; Davies, W. H.; Garstang, C. S.; Gambrill, J. R.; Given, K. B.; Glover, H. G.; Hakaraia, B.; Haydon, E. R.; Jardine, N. S.; Judge, R. J.; Jenkins, A.; Luckcock, B., MacDonald, S. A.; Munro, W. J.; Mantell, H. G.; Matthews, B. A.; O'Connor, B. V.; Peat, D. H.; Pearce, C.; Samson, D. W.; Tonson, R. E. I.; Thomas, A. H.; Wells, M. H.

Tonson, R. E. I.: Thomas, A. H.; Wells, M. H.
Divisional Petrol Company.—Barrett, W. J.; Brown, V. O.; Burns, G. O.; Burton, A. R.; Barr, G. W.; Bee, J. C.; Blandford, A. W.; Baillie, J. K.; Barrett, K.; Crisp, W. C.; Cowan, N. F. C.; Collis, F. B.; Clements, K. M.; Crampton, L. H.; Davis, M.; Dustin, A. P.; Edmonds, S. J. H.; Green, C. H.; Hennessy, M.; Jemmett, L. F.; Jackson, W. D.; Jowett, G. H. K.; King, A. J.; Lawer, R. A. V.; Murrell, R. C.; O'Connor, H. J.; O'Keefe, D. C.; Oliver, C.; O'Connor, F. E.; Parker, H. C.; Roughan, J.; Simmons, J. C.; Shepherd, H. J.; Smith, K. V.; Tripp, J. A.; Thornton, G. C.; Tall, F. G.; Tritt, L.; Rouse, F.

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Tawhai, H.; Houia, A.

7th Anti-tank Regiment, N.Z.A.—Aislabie, W. G.; Allan, W. A.; Andrews, W. D. S.; Armour, W. A. S.; Bendall, C. G.; Benefield, R. E.; Billings, J. P.; Briant, R. F.; Brown, G. S.; Clark, B. H., J.; Croft, D. G.; Darlington, M. S.; Denton, G. H.; Dooling, M. V.; Fitch, J. W.; Foothead, S. C.; Fuller, C. E.; Gordon, A. B.; Gorrie, A. H.; Gover, R. A.; Haliday, V. J.; Hendry, C. H.; Holmes, W. J.; Horn, C. D.; Jacobsen, F.; Johns, W. P.; Johnston, G. A.; Keswick, E. H.; Madden, J. P.; May, M.; McAllister, P. S.; MacDonald, N. G.; McKenna, J.; Nolan, M. A. E.; O'Riley, A. D.; Pearce, H. W.; Pilling, R. S.; Porter, B. S. G.; Read, E. C.; Reed, L. J. K.; Robertson, P. M.; Ross, E. J. A.; Rucoe, J. F.; Scott, G. G. L.; Sievert, F. E.; Simpson, A. Mcl.; Smith, C. J.; Smith, D. H.; Thomson, H. B.; Unverricht, T. E.; Wallis, E. R. C.; Webster, P.; Whetton, J. A.; Whitaker, D. W.; Wiley, M. H.; Williamson, M., F.; Wilson, R. W. G.; Wyeth, G. M.

6th Field Regiment, N.Z.A.—Menendez, R. R.; Agniew, L. D.; Allen, J.; Armstrong, J. A.; Barkle, C. R. H.; Barnaby, G.; Bennett, J. H.; Black, T. B.; Bradley, J. Briggs, C. A.; Blewett, L.; Cairns, G. Chapman, A. R.; Cole, C. L. A.; Connor, E.; Coonway, S.; Cromble, G. E.; Connor, C.; Cooper, C. C.; Dalgleish, R. T.; Day, H. S.; Desens, R. J.; Dickens, B. C.; Dickey, S. D. V.; Durham, J. B.; Edwards, R. C.; Edwards, W. H.; Fairclongh, R. W.; Fairbairn, R. W.; Fill, A. J.; Fishenden, W. G.; Fletcher, C. W.; Flannery, E. C. D.; Fricker, J. F.; Foster, T. P.; Gaskin, N.; Glover, W. P.; Gollop, A. N.; Grobb, J. G.; Harris, W.; Harre, P. G.; Hamilton, M. R. T.; Hall, A. W.; Hanlewson, N. E. D.; Mark, A. H.; Hey, A. E.; Hebbend, M. G.; Heckman, H. J.; F.; Fosser, M. G.; McKenzie, M. G.; McKenzie,

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An alteration in the amount members of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force will in future be required to allot from their military pay during their service in the Dominion was announced recently by the Minister of Defence, Mr. The new rate will be 4/6 a day, the same as the overseas rate, instead of a daily allotment rate of 2/6 as hitherto.

"Since the outbreak of war mem bers of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force bave been required to make an allotment of pay of 2/6 a day during their service in New Zea land and 4/6 a day while serving over seas," said Mr. Jones. "These rates an plied to first and second echelon troops but from now onward the Government has decided to apply the one allotment rate of 4/6 a day from the time mili fary pay commences.

"The main reason for the Govern ment's decision was to avoid delays in payment to dependants and to Post Office accounts that were found to occur under the old system. To main tain prompt payment it was quite a comprehensive job to change from one rate to another within the minimum of Stands at All Suburbs-54-044. time available; the clerical work with

#### SPIRIT OF OLD SOLDIERS

Enlistments At 15

#### MINISTER OF DEFENCE GIVES INCIDENTS

The Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, gave some incidents of the lighter side of Ministerial life to those who attended the annual reunion of the South African Veterans' Association in Wel Mr. Jones began lington recently. by telling of a letter he received recently in which the writer described him as one of the ablest Ministers New Zealand had. Mr. Jones said he was flattered by this, but, while reading it, he looked at the right-hand corner of the letter to see the address of the writer. It was one of the mental institutions. How a man of such perception could be an inmate of a men tal institution he could not understand said Mr. Jones.

Referring to the endeavours of exsoldiers to get themselves accepted for service in the present war, Mr. Jones recalled that in the South African war it was necessary for a recruit to be able to ride a horse. Some keen men did not find it much trouble to get a friend who could ride to take the test in their name. Men with such initiative did not require so much training, said Mr. Jones, referring to the statement of Mr. J. Cowdrey, in proposing the toast of the Fighting Services, that the first contingent of South African veterans left New Zealand only a month and a day after war was de-

Mr. Jones then referred to some of the attempts made by ex-soldiers to get into the special force for overseas. At one reunion in a provincial town be had been introduced to a returned soldier who remarked to him "You turned me down." Later in the night the chairman of the gathering introduced the oldest ex-serviceman present, aged 74: it was the same man.

Before the war was over he would probably find himself very unpopular if he did not allow some of the elderly or, should be say middle-aged men, to go overseas, continued Mr. Jones. One returned soldier who had been refused because of his age had said to him, - lose the war, then.' You can -Again on the steamer express one night, he met an ex-serviceman with some ribbons u.v. who had been accepted again. Asked how old he was when he enlisted in the last war, this soldier said "fifteen." It was surprising, said It was surprising, said Mr. Jones, to find how many ex-soldiers were now discovering that they were only 15 when they went to the Great Unfortunately for them there were files kept, and there were men at the Defence Department who sometimes looked up these files .

Mr. Perry, M.L.C.: Fancy keeping such "narks" in the department.

Voices: Hear, hear.

Mr. Jones: Well, some of these old soldiers are wangling their way again.

He added that he greatly admired the spirit of men who, having served before, were anxious to again play their part in the great struggle which the Empire was now involved.

Speaking of the Navy Mr. Jones said that the Achilles men were one up on the Leander after the Graf Spee engagement and the crew of the latter was anxious to make up this leeway. If any enemy ship comes within range of the Leander heaven help it." he

an increasingly large number of troops being considerable.

"Special facilities," said the Minister, "have been provided in each mobilization camp for soldiers to withdraw moneys from their persona' post office accounts should they desir to supplement the balance of pay they receive in camp."

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#### RMY FOOTBALL IN EGYPT

Wellington Battalion's Success

MAMPION WELSH TEAM BEATEN

Z.E.F. Official News Service.)

CAIRO, April 7. Me Second New Zealand Expeditionorce enhanced yesterday the repuwhich it has gained in the Rugby Mail world in Egypt. In an excitagton Battalion team, winners of ivisional championship competidefeated a Welsh regimental side

holds the Army Cup. score, 11-9, is an indication of har en match of the two teams." The SOLDigton fifteen did not assume the the ill the last quarter, and though began to show superiority, the Mern defence of the Welsh players the margin of their defeat down

STA ed a large crowd, composed main-ROWoldiers, who kept up continuous king as they followed the fortunes RS. JEI teams they supported. Spirited AD. exhorted the New Zealanders to their worth; Welsh supporters eeks on the goal posts and a ALS Mealander answered by placing a T DELY hat on each of the posts at of the field. Profits from the KESMare to be devoted to the funds H. CH British Red Cross Society

RD., Mington Battalion: Vernon; Hun-R& Mochrane, R. Arnold; Griffiths TES, Min), L. Arnold; Littler; Fleming.

TES, 1887, Aitken, Coull Phillips.
OFT DELSOn, Aitken, Coull Phillips.
rd, Hart, Riley.
TOPICE AND SPORT Williams, Ibbitson; Charpell Charpeters, Council Lones Peters.

Monts, Cowell, Jones, Peters.

Generice: Wing-Commander G R

ELL Mipening phase of the game Law RET Ish team repeatedly winning the TURD.

hall from the set scrums, but the close marking of the New Zealand backs prevented much use being made of this advantage. Play swung rapidly from one end of the field to the other til! the Weishmen opened the scoring with a penalty goal by Owen Welsh XV 3. Wellington 0.

The Wellington forwards hammered determinedly at the Welsh line. Fleming, Coull and Phillips broke away after a line-out and at the end of a bright passing rush Phillips scored. Griffiths at the end of the eighth and final match, the Wellington Battalion's

With the scores thus evened the match developed into a thrilling struggle for supremacy. Both teams alternately swept to the attack and stolidly defended their goal lines. The issue was decided for the time being when Owen kicked another penalty goal for the Welsh team. Welsh XV 6, Welling-

A brilliant try soon after the resumption of play brought the score level again. Fleming saw his opportunity when a Welsh back fumbled the ba!l and he took the field by surprise when he dribbled across the goal line to score. Littler failed to convert Welsh XV 6. Wellington 6.

It was now the Welsh team's turn to score, and once again it was Owen, with yet another penalty goal, who put his team ahead. Welsh XV 9, Welling-

> Little more than a quarter of an hour that the tide turned in favour of the Wellington players. The forwards took the ball at their toes and penetrated was left and it was at this late stage the Welsh territory, where R. Arnold gained possession and scored near the corner. Littler converted and New Zealand soldiers on the siderine threw their hats in the air. Now clearly on top, the Wellington team kept the Welshmen defending till the end of the

#### Signal Corps Col.-in-Chief fiths converting.

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#### INTER-UNIT MATCHES

#### Championship Won By Wellington Team

(N.Z.E.F. Official News Service.) CAIRO, April 2.

Rugby football fifteen has won the New Zealand Division inter-unit championship competition and become the first holder of the cup presented by the Divisional Commander.

Last week Wellington met and staved off the challenges of its two strongest competitors, the Auckland Battalion and the Machine-Gun Battalion. The former team went close to halting the progress of the Wellington fifteen, Willis Street :: WELLINGTON losing narrowly by two points. The other match, played on Saturday, was the decisive one, for the Machine-Gun Battalion had previously suffered only one reverse. Wellington was victorious again, however, winning by 11 points to nil.

Wellington's success was another feather in the cap of the team's captain, J. L. Griffiths, former All Black, for it was he who led the New Zealand representatives to victory against a Combined Services team at Easter.

Last Saturday's "cup final" played in abnormal heat on one of the desert grounds in the New Zealand camp area. There was every expectation that the game would be one of the closest of the series, and so it seemed for the first half, which ended without score. In the second half Wellington took advantage of greater possession of the ball, and the backs were sent away on attacking moves which the machine-gunners were unable to check. Tries were scored by Cochrane and R. Arnold in quick suc-cession, and another by Phillips, Grif-

The machine-gunners' team had undergone alterations which robbed it of some of its strength and dash. Earlier in the season its back line had been made up almost entirely of former South Canterbury representatives— Parsons at half-back, Blythe at first five-eighths, Gaffaney at centre, Morrison on the wing, and Rollinson at fullback. On Saturday, however, Parsons and Gaffaney were the only available members of this quintet.

The cup was presented after the match to the Wellington captain. Griffiths, by Mrs. Freyberg, wife of the Divisional Commander, who also presented medals to members of the team.

Results of the sixth and seventh rounds of the cup series are as fol;

Sixth round: Machine-Gun Battalion 21, Divisional and Brigade H.Q. 0; Wellington Battalion 9, A.S.C. 3; Auckland Battalion 14, Cavalry and Ambulance 5: Canterbury Battalion 14, Signals and Engineers 3; Field Regiment

0, R.M.T. Company 0. Seventh round: Machine-Gun Bat-talion 8, Canterbury Battalion 5: Field Regiment 3, Cavalry and Ambulance 0: Wellington Battalion 5, Auckland Bat talion 3; R.M.T. Company 11, Divisional and Brigade H.Q. 3; A.S.C beat Signals and Engineers by default

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#### STATE THEATRE.

"The Courageous Dr. Christian," a worthy follow-up of the successful Jean Hersholt starring film "Meet Dr. Christian," and also based on the famous "Dr. Christian" radio series comes with an outstanding cast to the State Theatre.

With Hersholt in the starring role again, this screen drama concerns the plight of a group of impoverished small town folk who have lived for many years without adequate housing. It is through the untiring efforts of the humanitarian Dr. Christian that conditions are improved.

In the new Stephens-Lang Production for RKO Radio Dorothy Lovett again portrays the role of Judy Price, which she created in "Meet Dr. Christian." As Dr. Christian's popular nurse, she becomes involved in a twoway romance with the characters portrayed by Robert Baldwin and Tom

a crime he didn't commit, and cattlerustling methods of fifty years ago, form the dual theme of "Bullet Code," RKO Radio's newest George O'Brien vehicle, screening at the State The-

Wits its locale along the Mexican border, the film deals with the methods used by cattle-thieves who used to drive their stolen herds over the line rather than risk disposing of them in this country. The star is seen as a young rancher who aids an older cattle-man in fighting a group of rustlers and who soon finds himself in a net-

work of complications as a result.

O'Brien also has been led to believe that he accidentally killed a young cowboy, but during the rustler fight he discovers that one of his opponents is the real killer. The many thrilling moments of the story, and a romance with the cattleman's daughter, make "Bullet Code" one of the star's most exciting pictures.

Virginia Vale, Howard Hickman, Walter Miller, Harry Woods, William Haade and Slim Whitaker also have prominent roles in the film. David Howard directed the Bert Gilroy production.

#### KING'S THEATRE.

Thirty years ago a far-sighted Englishman, Guy du Maurier, wrote a play entitled "An Englishman's Home. The play enjoyed an exceptionally successful run. It dealt with a sudden invasion of this country by an enemy who took advantage of a strike and a fog to descend on Britain A young Westerner's atonement for fro mwarships anchored along the

> It is interesting to recollect that in Berlin it was hissed off the stage!

> The play has been made into a film which will open at the King's Theatre this Friday, and the story modernised. A British company, Aldwych Film Productions, has produced "An Englishman's Home," making of it a film that pictures aspects of the contemporary scene with startling accuracy; England's quiet preparations, and the average Englishman pretty well convinced that it cant' happen here! Meanwhile the enemy

is preparing his plans, and getting ready for "the day." When "the day" arrives, enemy warplanes co-operating with a well-organised espionage system, drop armed parachutists at selected points whose job it is to hold their ground whilst the main battle squadrons concentrate on London.

The Air Ministry put at the disposal of the producers, whole squadrons of their latest 'planes, including Blenheim and Wellington Bombers, Spitfires, Bombay troop-carriers and Lysander machines. The result is a marvellously realistic production, with some tremendously impressive flying shots.

Albert de Courville directed this United Artists release, and the cast is headed by Edmund Gwenn and Mary Maguire with Geoffrey Toone, Paul von Hernried, Desmond Tester and Richard Ainley in the chief supporting roles.

#### PLAZA THEATRE.

#### "FOR FREEDOM."

With its delivery from the flyingboat Awarua and its preview in Auckland last Friday, the feature-length patriotic film, "For Freedom," which is screening at the Plaza Theatre, iliary Committee maintain at the made cinema history. It was but three weeks since it had been completed in the studios in England.

The players in "For Freedom" include the first officer and members of the crew of the Tairoa, members of the crews of the Africa Shell and the Ashlea, and that famed characted actor, Will Fyffe. The Tairoa, Africa Shell and Ashlea were all sunk by the Admiral Graf von Spee. Among the highlights of "For Freedom" are sequences in the Battle of the Plate, showing the Achilles, Ajax and Exeter in action, as well as sequences aboard the Altmark.

#### TUDOR THEATRE

The season's smartest get-together of romance and revelry with a top comedy cast in a story that's as modern as the world the day after tomorrow now showing at the Tudor Theatre, "Daytime Wife" open. This 20th Century-Fox film stars romantic Tyrone Power with lovely Linda Darnell, the new "find" who has won top billing with her second screen appearance.

Screen fans will delight in seeing Tyrone in the type of light comedy role in which he excels. He's a perfectly swell guy, married to a peach of a wife, but he's in trouble up to his neck because there's something about a secretary! Tyrone smashes across the gayest, most intriguiing performance of his career in portraying the hilarious goings-on of a husband who goes whistling under the wrong bal-

Brilliantly directed by Gregory Ratoff and smartly written by Art Arthur and Robert Harari, the film gives Linda Darnell the opportunity to create a real sensation and previewers agree that she does so. She's that little dark-eyed lovely who was the hit of "Hotel For Women."

Featured in the cast of "Daytime Wife" are Warren William, Binnie Barnes, Wendy Barrie and Joan Davis-all of whom are just about tops for this type of gay story.

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