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### End of a Fuehrer

We have just received the latest news of Fritz Khun, America's pocket Fuehrer, who aped Herr Hitler most of his time and indulged in larceny for the rest of it.

He is now in Sing Sing and has had to receive special protection from Jewish and Polish prisoners, who apparently do not care greatly for his Nazi politics.

As a result of these precautions he has been removed to a special wing of the prison.

It is known as "The Squealer's Paradise."

A fitting end for a Fuehrer.

So perish all of them.

### Safety-first Glory

One of the Young Mussolinis (we think it was the Bruno specimen) once wrote a poetic account of the beauties of bombing Abyssinian natives from the air.

It was a heartless game at best.

We're wondering if the Nazi airmen who have and are machine-gunning defenceless fishermen aren't getting a similar sadistic pleasure out of their vile task.

Certainly there is no heroism in it.

And any credit that may be attached to it is of the depraved type that can only appeal to twisted perverts of the Nazis.

It is glory on the strictly safety-first plan.

Frederick the Great, Bismarck, Kaiser Wilhelm and Adolf Hitler—why, it's like stepping from a throne (slightly blood-stained, true) to midden.

### Unforgivable Outrage

As hard pressed as the Allies may be, their indomitable spirit would never give way to a murderous gangster and his bestial followers who slay innocent children and revel in it.

The following article from the "Post's" London representative, and published in the "Evening Post" on June 15th proves to us that Hitlerism **MUST BE DEFEATED:**—

"From the time of the taking of Bydgoszcz, agents of the Gestapo have been pursuing the Polish Scouts. They rounded up more than a hundred of them and herded them in front of the Town Hall. They were young boys of between 10 and 16 years of age, wearing either Scout uniform or school clothes. At the same time they took other victims until they had collected about 150.

Passers-by did not realise, at first, what it was all about. The guards suddenly spread out and the Scouts were lined up in front of the wall of the Town Hall. Opposite them the Germans set up a machine-gun.

The Scouts realised at last what was to take place and took off their hats; from a nearby church a priest came out and forced a way for himself through the crowd towards the intended victims. The Germans held him back, but the priest raised his hands and with the crucifix held aloft gave benediction to those youngsters who awaited their death. The Scouts knelt and offered up their prayers.

From the Germans there came a short order. The soldiers manned the machine-gun, whilst the Scouts sang the Polish National Anthem, "Boze cos polsce." At this moment the priest was removed by force and the Scouts straightened up, crying out "Long Live Poland!"

The stutter of the machine-gun broke out and the line of Scouts slowly grew less as the victims fell one after the other, with a last cry of "Long Live Poland." Even some of the Germans could not bear to witness this dreadful sight and one after the other they went away murmuring "Diese kleine Helden" (these little heroes).

In the distance the motionless priest held the crucifix in his raised hands. When the last Scout had fallen the Gestapo agents threw themselves on him to arrest him. He was condemned to clean the latrines. Since that time his fate is unknown.

The above information is given by the Boy Scouts' Association."

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"UNLUCKY" DAN— THE WRESTLER MAN.

(From the Auckland "Star.")

Sure, now, isn't he the unluckiest bhoys, that Daniel O'Connor? And isn't he the broth of a bhoys, too? But, ochone, he shouldn't have been after hittin' that big Lofty feller in the restin' place of the 'tators. It wasn't the sort of thing that Red Hugh would have been after doin', no . . . nor bold Phelan Brady, either.

But, however they are talking about it around the inglenooks in Ballymeath this day the facts remain that red-headed "Drop-kick" Dan O'Connor did hit Lofty Blomfield below or on the Plimsol line, and that the referee, the McLean himself, did raise the hand of Blomfield in the fourth round of the wrestle at the Auckland Town Hall on the King's Birthday. We said it. The fourth round, believe it or not. What is more to the point, Blomfield already had a fall in hand at that stage.

SAMPLES AND REBOUNDS.

When Blomfield handed out a sample jolt at the kick off, unrolled a length of rope work and poured out a punch. . . . And when O'Conner roughed up his own hair as a settler to pent feelings and quietly tossed Lofty for a couple of "perlers" in headlocks, the wise birds murmured darkly, "It won't be long now." It wasn't, but there was a lot of sore throats between that and the curtain fall. The crowd was in full cry throughout, and there was plenty to cry about, too.

Mr. McLean was early in the picture, tossing the he-men aside with the abandon that comes from comparative immunity in the box-seat position. From one of those little side issues Daniel emerged with a bad case of "trouble" in his eye, and a smacking left to Lofty's jaw rocked the New Zealand champion on his size nines. It was "body line" stuff, and Lofty sailed in with face, rope and ear work that ended suddenly in a startled "Watch him, ref!" from Blomfield. From the blind side it seemed that some nasty fellow had bitten some other fellow.

THE HEAT WAS ON.

So to the second—one of the most action-filled rounds yet encountered. From an opening jolt account Lofty tried a leg trip, but swift as ever rolled the barrel, so rolled Dan to the feet of the Press, there to wag an inviting "try again" finger. So they went to jolts. What jolts! And that was Lofty's. The ref. said they were

blows and exchanged a shove for a shove with O'Connor. Twice Lofty threw Dan by the hair. "Stop it," said Mr. McLean, and Lofty listened, to be taken off his guard with a butt. He dodged two tackles but stopped a punch in the eye . . . and again; with a warning by Mr. McLean to Dan for each.

Toe-to-toe, with jolts working at war-effort pace in the third. Face work by Lofty that had O'Connor beating the floor in rage, and then . . . action. Twice O'Connor threw tackles that lowered Lofty, but it was a trap . . . a third tackle met an oncoming jolt and Dan went down under a press. He dodged that, but again Blomfield was in, with three ringing jolts to the jaw, two dumps and a press. Nice work, really, and a fall to Lofty!

The end was not long distant. Things quietened with a punishing Indian death-lock, applied with the arm, on O'Connor. Mr. McLean broke that under the ropes, and then Dan came swinging. Under a shower of jolts Lofty went back, and then, suddenly, he doubled up. A power-plus right-arm jolt had taken him amidships. With that ended Mr. McLean's patience . . . and the match. Lofty had won on a penalty plus a fall.

Afterwards, it may be added, Dan said that if it was a low blow it was accidental, and he was sorry.

OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s

New Method Of Selection

REINFORCEMENT DRAFTS

The new method which is to be adopted for selecting commissioned and non-commissioned officers for drafts of Expeditionary Force reinforcements following the third echelon, now in camp, was explained recently by Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Foster, general staff officer at district headquarters, in a statement.

Henceforward drafts entering camp to form the Fourth Reinforcement and onward will take with them sufficient number in excess of the strength of the reinforcement to provide N.C.O.'s for the next reinforcement and commissioned officers for the next but one reinforcement, Colonel Foster said.

The First and Second Reinforcements trained with their respective echelons, and the Third Reinforcement is now in camp with the third echelon. The next body of recruits to be trained will constitute the Fourth Reinforcement.

At a date in June yet to be decided additional personnel will be dispatched

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to the mobilization camps to join the Third Reinforcement and to provide the number of N.C.O.'s required for the Fourth Reinforcement and the commissioned officers required for the Fifth Reinforcement. At the end of June battalion commanders will select from the Third Reinforcement, including the additional personnel, a sufficient number of men to provide the officers and N.C.O.'s mentioned, and they will commence a course at the Central District School of Instruction. At the conclusion of that course a selection will be made of men to attend the next Advanced Training Class to be trained as officers for the Fifth Reinforcement, and the remainder will be the N.C.O.'s for the Fourth Reinforcement. A similar procedure will be adopted to provide officers and N.C.O.'s for all subsequent reinforcements.

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**MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Army Appointment**

Captain R. Copeland, formerly of Palmerston North, has been appointed Staff Officer and Quartermaster to the New Zealand Army Medical Services, Army Headquarters, Wellington, in succession to the late Major G. A. Gibbs.

Captain Copeland served with the New Zealand Medical Corps in the last war. He went with the New Zealand Force to Samoa in 1914, but returned to New Zealand and went overseas with the 3rd Field Ambulance in 1915. He served throughout the remainder of the war in France, gained his commission on the field and was mentioned in dispatches. He went to Cologne with the New Zealand Section of the Army of Occupation and left there when the last New Zealand troops were withdrawn. On his return to New Zealand he was posted as Records Officer to the Military Orthopaedic Hospital, Timaru, and remained there till it was closed down. He was then transferred to the Reserve of Officers, but has been brought back to the active list for his present appointment.

**Team to Play Army**

The main attraction at Athletic Park on Saturday will be the meeting between the Wellington representatives and a Trentham Army side. The latter is expected to include such players as Bowman, Carson, J. Watt (All Blacks), Barton, McAneny, Sherratt, Rae, Rhind, McPhail, Finlay, Fraser-Smith, all prominent representative footballers.

Mr. A. McDonald, the sole selector, has chosen the following team to represent Wellington:—

- Full-back: Taylor.
  - Three-quarters: A. Wright, Thurston, Gillespie.
  - Five-eighths: L. Thomas, Veitch.
  - Half-back: O'Halloran.
  - Back-row forward: Todd.
  - Middle-row forwards: Kemp, Cassidy, McNicol, Gunn.
  - Front-row forwards: McCarthy, Hegglun, A. Kenny.
- Emergencies: Backs, J. Burns and Sanson; forwards, Ongley and Kirschberg. Dwyer was not available.

**Ricochets**

Among the least illuminating features of the war are the black-outs.

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Traveller says that tribes in New Guinea use razor blades for currency. Everything sold at cut rates?

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"Buy British Eggs," urges an advertisement in a contemporary. And scorn the foreign yolk.

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**STEEPLE BATTERY**

(Contributed by Gnr. Glestonbury, E.L.E.D. Section)

Steeple Battery welcomes to its ranks Gunners A. E. K. Codlin, C. W. Rayner, L. W. Mildenhall, I. T. Peterkin, K. W. Tong and M. R. Terry, and regret very much the loss of Gnrs. T. A. Garner and I. M. James, who have departed for Beacon Hill.

On Wednesday, 5th June, a very enjoyable evening was spent by as many of Steeple Battery complement as could be spared, at a dance given by the Junior Fort Dorset Association. The Battery has the privilege of having two good men on the men's committee in L/Sgt. J. E. Duignan and Gnr. R. F. Davies. The two novelties were enjoyed by all and our congratulations to Bill Russell in carrying off the first prize in the "Chicago Foxtrot." The "Paul Jones" Monte Carlo would make it appear that the members of the committee are still unattached, as this was typically a leap year dance. Steeple Boys would like to know how one Bombardier (a married man) made himself the focal point of three of Seatoun's prettiest belles. Just a reminder to Bob that most of Steeple Battery chaps are still single men. Everyone is looking forward to the next dance.

We are told that the censor is still busy working on Steeple's efforts for the next camp concert. The boys are all of one mind that the censor can be beaten, so just a tip to other Batteries to get moving. The pace is going to be hot.

The last football match between Steeple and Exam. was a gruelling contest and although Exam "C" relief managed by some unknown means to defeat us by 11 points to 3. We are still willing to accept a challenge from any team.

**SPECIAL NOTICES.**

**LOST**—One tin of green white-wash, by a new gunner who desired to obtain same from the Quartermaster.

**FOUND**—A Long Weight, by a Steeple Battery gunner who tried to procure one from the M.G. Store. Half an hour was quite long enough.)

**OBITUARY.**

The death occurred at the Home of Compassion, Wellington, on June 1st, 1940, of H. 35228 Gnr. Nicholas Woods, of the E.L.E.D. Section, 15th Battery, Fort Dorset, at the age of 44 years.

During the Great War 24/627 Pvt. Nicholas Woods left New Zealand with the 7th Reinforcement and by the end of the war held the rank of C.Q.M.S.

Gnr. Woods joined up with the E.L.E.D. Section, 15th Battery, in November, 1938, and had been on service with the 15th Battery at Fort Dorset from the outbreak of war until his removal to hospital on January 23rd, 1940. He was accorded a military funeral and was buried in the Soldiers' Cemetery, Karori, on June 3rd, 1940.

54-044—Wellington Taxis. Will Catch Your Train—54.044.

**EXAMINATION A. v. EXAMINATION C.**

(Contributed by G. E. Murdock, Examination Battery)

In an exciting game of fortunes the "C" Relief team of the Examination Battery defeated the "A" Relief team of the same Battery on Wednesday, 12th June.

From the commencement the "A" Relief backs showed to advantage and pressed hard until a forward rush took "C" into enemy territory, where Wilson scored a good unconverted try, to give "C" Relief the lead 3—0.

"A" Relief, stung by this set-back, set up a series of attacks in which Sherratt and Gerard were prominent. Their efforts were rewarded when Rayner pounced over for a try and Gerard added the extras to give the "A" Relief the lead 5—3.

"A" kept up the pressure and a good field goal by Gerard increased the "A" Relief lead so the score read 9—3. Half-time still showed the score 9—3.

The second spell started briskly and with the backs rearranged and the wind behind them "C" Relief began to make up the headway. Good line kicking by Lynch kept "C" in "A" ground until from a forward scramble Jenkins scored. The kick failed "A" 9, "C" 6.

"A" came again and as a result of good work by Sherratt worked play to "C" territory, where Mai crossed for Gerard to convert, making the score "A" 14, "C" 6.

Inspired by their success "C" again pressed and from a scrum near the line, Lindsay received from the half on the blind side and crossed to score under the posts, but the kick failed. "A" 14, "C" 9.

Though "C" forwards were taking control of the game, the "A" backs worked up to "C" twenty-five line where Jenkins made a breakaway, running the length of the field to score just as he was tackled by Sherratt, who came across very fast. "A" 14, "C" 12.

Both sides made intense efforts and a great forward struggle ended in the "C" forwards sweeping to the "A" line where, securing a clearing kick, Sandle raced over beneath the posts. The kick was unsuccessful, and after a period of up and down play, the final whistle blew with the score: "C" 15, "A" 14.

Bdr. "Davey" Jones was the referee.

**WELLINGTON COLLEGE v. FORT DORSET.**

(Contributed by P. A. Bennetts, Examination Battery.)

Punctually at 15.30 hours the two teams took up their positions on Picadilly. The ground was rather soft owing to the previous night's rain, but it did not affect the play. The weather was of Wellington's usual standard: dull and grey with plenty of wind from the north, and shortly after the start of the game a light drizzle came on, but even this did not damp the ardour of the players. The play started and Dorset attacked, opening the scoring with a neat goal by Schollam. College replied to Dorset's attack and after some hard hitting by both sides, Ting scored a well-deserved goal for

College as a result of a fine passing rush. This made the score one all. Dorset rallied after the goal and Sgt. Dixon scored, making Dorset lead by one goal to two. Again Dorset attacked, but this time College awarded a penalty and cleared. College forwards made a number of brilliant rushes marked with accurate passing and good shooting, but Dorset defence proved as sound as their attack and when half time sounded the score was still two to one in favour of Dorset.

The ball was bullied off and College pressed, but Schollam cleared the ball on his stick and College played to College's twenty-five line. This time the rain was sweeping the ground. College were again on the attack and sticks were given against College attacked again and again, but the defence still held. Sticks were then given against Dorset, and after a desperate attack, College scored a great goal. The score now read two all. Dorset and College were alternately on the attack and defence but neither side managed to score. The final whistle blew with the score remaining at 2 all.

The teams were:—  
Fort Dorset: Burns, Brookland, Ker, Sandle, Poutney, Prosser, Chappell, Schollam, Beattie, Wick.

Wellington College: Slater, Steinberg, Quinn, Hobson, Knighton, Capp, Ting, Johansen, Lian.

Referees: Lieut. Patterson, Lieut. Bliss.

**SHERRY PARTY**

**Engineers Entertainment Company**

The rooms of the New Zealand Institute of Engineers were the scene of a pleasant sherry party on the evening, when the Professional Engineers Entertainment Association entertained the men serving with the Field Company, New Zealand Engineers, at Trentham. This is the first company to be trained for service in the camp and an opportunity made for serving members from various parts of New Zealand to meet Wellington engineers and their wives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Newhouse were host and hostess. Captain L. A. Coln headed the party from the Field Company in the unworldly presence of the Officer Commanding Major E. R. McKillop.

The five o'clock parties held in association are maintaining their popularity. About 80 members and wives assisted in making the evening a fitting welcome to Wellington serving engineers who could not be from duty.

**CAMP DUTIES. HOME SERVICE MEN**

Further men from No. 1 (Wellington) area who have been transferred for home service and have been assigned for camp duties. They are:—  
For Papakura.—W. H. Collins, Ham, W. B. Jerome, E. M. Loe, Morris, L. Piraner, S. W. Rookwood, H. Walker, S. C. Waters, V. White, F. T. White.  
For Narrow Neck.—A. G. Bennett, J. Hamblin, C. L. Hill, W. B. Hill.



# Everyman's Hut

unity of love and power brethren shield in danger's hour, rock and tempest, fire and foe, let them wheresoe'er they go; evermore shall rise to Thee hymns of praise from land and sea."

... minds of all just now bear thoughts of our friends and yemen who have gone forth to the enemy, braving perils by land and tempest, fire and foe," and even that as night by night the of the hymn quoted above are by the men gathered at Every-Hut, they are sung from the Ere long they too, in all pro- will be faring forth, and not be a comfort and stay to know that their successors sing the same prayer for them. we to be so faithless as not on the ve that God will hear and will our prayer if we make our Him from a pure heart. Many at 2 o-day are beginning to doubt the existence of a God for say they: "But is a God of love why does He, Poutow this terrible slaughter to Schollan?" But people who ask this have never really given any to God or His word. Man is re of free will, and as a man (ation) sows, so shall he reap. not individually or nationally God's claims upon us and ex-escape the consequences of our

When the younger son, tired life and wanting to see the manded his share of the farm ut to enjoy himself, he spurn-ather's advice and pleading his own way. Do we ask his father loved him, did he son to sink so low as to e and even eat their husks e his hunger?" Was it not he son chose his own way, ise he would not brook guid- had to reap the results of s, until he came to his senses sed his responsibility to his As soon as the son was ready home repentant, the father ing—more than that, he ran im, to welcome home his son ward boy, whom he had loved me, but who had to learn by e. And when we learn that ires heart service and not lip when we acknowledge his pon us, and our own way- which has led us away from e. R. McE when we come to Him con-our sins and seeking His for- then will we see the forces verthrown and peace triumph-

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## PROSPECTIVE OFFICERS. COASTAL DEFENCE UNITS.

The selection of a number of men from coastal defence units for training as prospective officers was completed by headquarters staff of the Northern Military District. The following will commence a course of six weeks at the District School, Narrow Neck, as from June 18th:—

1st Heavy Group.—Sergeants G. D. Beresford, I. C. Darby, Lance-Bombardiers E. J. McCaffery, G. E. H. Lewis, N. M. Thomson, Gunners A. G. Cook, B. G. Craig, K. P. Wallis, O. S. Rendell, W. F. Winstone, N. E. Lewisham, G. E. Harper, G. H. Turner, R. G. King, H. J. Pearse, J. B. Horrocks, I. F. Bailey.

18th Anti-Aircraft Battery.—Sergeant J. G. Blundell, Bombardier H. H. Grey, Gunners T. R. C. Overton, N. J. Taylor, E. Seward.

## WEEKEND DANCES AT A.N.A. CLUB

### Again Well Attended

The popular Friday and Saturday night dances held by the A.N.A. Club, Wellington, for men of H.M. Forces, were well attended again this weekend. In spite of the influenza epidemic at Trentham military camp. More than 800 men and their partners were entertained, and a willing band of helpers assisted at the club. The social room, where games of ping-pong, darts and quoits were played, was also well patronized.

A large hamper of supper was brought to the club on Friday night by a party of women from the Hutt. They stayed to assist, and included Mesdames Ashley Duncan, R. Welton-Hogg, H. S. Wilkinson, J. T. Harding.

Misses Paddy Hope Gibbons and D. Brodie were in charge of dancing on Friday night, when Middleton's volunteer orchestra supplied the music. Miss Pat Gledhill controlled Saturday night's dancing and the extras were played by Miss N. Thompson.

## FIRST-OF-SEASON DANCE

### Wellington Footballers Entertain

The Wellington Football Club held its first dance of the season on Saturday night, and more than 150 members and friends gathered at the Kelburn Kiosk.

The club colours, yellow and black, were predominant in the decorations of streamers and balloons round the dance-floor, and greenery and flowers were massed on the orchestral dais.

The informal gaiety which is the keynote of sportsmen's dances made the atmosphere particularly cheery, and a war-time flavour was added by the typical music played as a gesture to the large number of uniformed members of H.M. Forces who were among the dancers. A savoury supper was served at the only break in the non-stop programme arranged by the orchestra.

The committee responsible for the arrangements of the dance included Messrs. R. Veitch (chairman), D. Stevens, G. Jackman and A. Hines.

Mr. Gordon Blair has gone north to recuperate and our wishes go with him for a speedy recovery. In conclusion a hearty welcome is extended to the new recruits to make Everyman's Hut their home. Quite a number have been in already, but there is plenty of room for more.

## YULE SMILE

### NEW TURN.

Drill Sergeant (impatiently): Didn't you hear "About turn?"  
New Recruit: No. Wot about 'im?

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The old soldier was recalling his war experiences. "As we got to Wipers . . ." he began.

"Yeeps," interrupted his wife.

The soldier sighed and started all over again. "As I was sayin', he continued, "When we got to Wipers. . ."

"Yeeps," exclaimed his wife.

He looked at her sympathetically. "Blimey, duck," he sighed. "You 'aven't 'alf got 'iccups bad."

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An old fisherman hauled in his net and found a mine in it.

Hailing a passing merchant ship, he called, "What shall I do with this?"

Back came a yell from the skipper, "Give me a hundred yards start, then you can do what you like with it."

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"A pound of candles, please," said the very old lady in the village shop. "No candles, missus, owing to the war."

"Mercy on us. Are the poor things fighting by candle light now?"

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"Whose is that cigarette end on the floor?" inquired the orderly officer.

The culprit looked at it for a moment.

"You'd better have it, sir," he replied. "After all, you saw it first."

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"And how high does your balloon go?" asked the old lady.

The sergeant scratched his head. "Funny you should say that, ma'am," he replied. "I've been wondering about it all day."

"You see, when we pulled it in this morning we looked on top . . . and there, large as life, lay a perishin' 'arp."

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### SO THE GUY RAN!

Private Jones was in hospital bed, face downwards, a nasty wound in his back.

To his side came the local parson, commiserating: "My poor fellow, how did you come by your wound?"

"Well, it was like this 'ere," explained Private Jones: "When the captain said, 'Do or Die, men,' I thought he said, 'Do a guy, men.'"

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Rookie: Yes, Cutie, my mother had a great sense of humour.

Sweetie: She must. She had you!

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## A.R.P. PRACTICE IN EGYPT

### Night Exercises For New Zealanders

New Zealand troops in Egypt have recently been put through a series of air raid precaution exercises, mock alarms being sounded at unexpected times to make the men familiar with the routine. The following description is by an official observer:—

"In the daylight or darkness, in the middle of a meal or during a parade, the alarm put us to the test at unexpected moments. We shared with the whole of Egypt, civilian and military population alike, the experience of a week of mock air raid and black-out exercises.

"In the New Zealand camp realism was achieved by strict observance of black-out rules and anti-gas precautions. Active defence sections, special pickets and decontamination squads were trained in their duties. Umpires went their rounds to note and correct faults and to mark out pretended gas-contaminated areas. Friendly aircraft played the role of enemy raiders.

"The striving after realism reached its height on the last night, when the shattering detonation of 'bombs,' exploded throughout the camp, shook us out of our beds. The rattle of gas alarms followed.

"Each tent was required to attend to its own black-out after dark, while vehicles travelled with lights shielded by blue-painted glass. Chinks of light through walls of wooden buildings were carefully obscured. Mechanically-minded members of my own unit devised switches which threw rooms lit by electricity into comparative darkness when outside doors were opened.

"The authorities pronounced the black-out exercises a success, for the people of Cairo and of every other city and town in Egypt were quick to realize their responsibilities. From a high-flying plane only the silver ribbon of the Nile was visible in the Cairo area. Air raid warnings were obeyed more and more promptly and smoothly. In the city they were the signal to take cover, and people streamed into shelters and other places of safety, leaving footpaths deserted and traffic at a standstill."

## SPINSTERS' CLUB

### Sunday Gatherings Popular With Men On Leave

The Spinsters' Club in Wellington is continuing to extend hospitality to men from the services on leave from camp on Sunday afternoons. Last Sunday 200 men were present and a most enjoyable time was spent with music, singing and games, a delicious buffet tea being served from tea wagons. The entertainment was held in Miss Mildred Harris's studio, and came to an end in time for the men to catch their trains back to camp at night. The organization for these afternoons is in the hands of the secretary, Miss Peggy Hyams.

At their fortnightly meetings members form a working "bee" to knit comforts for the soldiers, balaclavas, socks, mittens, mufflers and pull-overs being made. The quilt, containing the signatures of well-known citizens, is also progressing.

Requests for "pen friends" from soldiers overseas also receive attention at the meetings and numerous letters are dispatched for each mail. Magazines and parcels are being sent regularly to Trentham military camp and to the men overseas. At the last meeting Mrs. L. M. Hyams was elected president and Miss Lorna Akroyd chairman.

## Universities' Win

### INTERESTING GAME AT EDEN PARK.

The elite of the Rugby players of New Zealand's Universities and the Combined Services stationed in and around Auckland met at Eden Park on the King's Birthday. The win went to 'Varsities by the narrow margin of 12 points to 11.

Speed beat the Services. Many of the 'Varsity men produced remarkable bursts in concerted play, and, getting a good share of the ball, they kept play away from a heavy Service pack which might have proved an exceedingly tough proposition on a wetter surface. The result was a fair indication of a game that produced much better Rugby than the Island University game on the previous Saturday.

Both five-eighths, the former Auckland, A. Stewart, of Massey, first, and Kimberley, Canterbury, did some fine work, but Kimberley failed somewhat in not using better tactics. Despite the fact that the Service men were blocking the centre every time in the second half, he did not kick for the open enough. That, coupled with the failure of Cartwright to give more chances to the wings—Bowler and Green—already voted fast and dangerous by Saturday's play, stopped 'Varsity from making a bigger score of it.

At half-back Simpson was very erratic for a while, but found his feet and improved. Twice he made brilliant dashes past Wagstaffe on the open side, only for the moves to break down for lack of support.

Donnelly handled with precision at full-back and made sure of his line.

Universities were well served by their captain, R. B. Burke, of Victoria, who hooked consistently well and was a real grafter in the tight work. This player has had a brilliant University playing record, dating back to before his tour of Japan with the Dominion Universities in 1937. He has been a representative in both Canterbury and Wellington.

In the loose the rangy Campbell, from Lincoln College, was always prominent. The only Auckland who made the grade, R. A. Armitage, deserves mention for an untiring, if unspectacular, job of work that kept him mostly in the middle of it.

Strachan, an Air Force man at second five-eighth, bore the brunt with Christopher, the centre, of most of the shock tactics of Kimberley and Cartwright—and they did it splendidly. Wyett (half) and Wagstaffe played on the defensive too much to be able to show out, and generally the back work was not as impressive as that of the forwards, even though McCready scored a good try from the wing.

Forbes, Gable and Overtón seemed three who stood out, though it may be fairer to include the whole pack as good. Forbes, a former Grammer Old Boys man, now in the Army, has been out of the game for a time, but he is getting into trim and showing that he is worth a great deal to a side by reason of his outstanding line-out play.

Cartwright (2), Garratt and Bowler scored tries for Universities. For the Services Gable and McCready scored, while Strachan kicked a penalty and a conversion.

Mr. A. M. Matheson refereed.

## REPORTED MISSING

### Pilot Officer R. W. Rootes, Of Wellington

Pilot Officer Reginald William Rootes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rootes, Rongotai, Wellington, is missing and is believed to have lost his life during air operations, according to a cable gram received recently by his parents.

Pilot Officer Rootes, who is 20 years of age, was educated at Rongotai College. He was very keenly interested in aviation, and before joining the ground staff of the Wellington Aero Club used to spend all his spare time at the aerodrome. He was two years on the ground staff, and then was appointed to a short-service commission in the Royal Air Force. He began training at Rongotai Aerodrome under Flight Lieutenant I. E. Rawnsley, and was then transferred to Wigram Aerodrome. In July last year he left for England. He was well known and very popular in aviation circles in New Zealand. He only recently completed a navigation course in England and had just been transferred to flying bombers.

It is a coincidence that his father, who is control officer at Rongotai Aerodrome, was in the Royal Air Force in the last war. He was a member of the Old Contemptibles, but toward the end of the war he was appointed an observer in the Air Force.

It was officially reported recently that Pilot Officer Ian Geoffrey Gwynne Potts is missing from air operations on June 1. His mother is Mrs. Gwynne Potts, Taupo.

## N.Z.E.F. CASUALTIES

The following casualties in the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force are officially announced:—

Sergeant Maxwell Douglas Petersen, First New Zealand General Hospital, missing, believed drowned. His wife is Mrs. G. Petersen, Roseneath, Wellington.

Private Norman Spence Traynor, 22nd Rifle Battalion, died from concussion of brain due to injuries accidentally received during leave. Next of kin not given.

## THIRD ECHELON

### Draft Of 50 From Wanganui Military District

On Saturday week 16 men will leave Wanganui for Trentham camp as part of a draft of 50 from the Wanganui Military District for the third echelon. The men, with their stations and times of departure, are:—

Wanganui, 11.45 a.m.: I. C. Anderson, H. V. Arnold, A. A. Boyack, A. W. Brickwell, C. M. Budge, C. L. Dashfield, P. D. Dwyer, A. G. Fairclough, P. J. Fromont, A. J. Hastie, D. O. Hawkins, W. Kidd, W. C. Lane, M. C. Mooney, G. E. Morris and A. Pawson.

Turakina, 1.19 p.m.: L. A. Wishnowsky. Taihape, 10 a.m.: E. J. Brogden, J. L. Hayman and A. T. J. Scrivens. Marton, 2 p.m.: K. A. Atkinson, A. D. Bush, H. D. Gordon, V. Gordon, N. M. Langdon, R. B. McKenzie, K. P. Oliver and H. F. Taylor.

Feilding, 2.44 p.m.: W. S. Lewis and S. G. Saver.

Palmerston North, 3 p.m.: R. V. Ballinger, A. L. Bartlett, F. W. Benbow, R. G. Bray, R. R. Brown, J. W. Campbell, A. Clino, J. A. Clulow, P. C. A. Collins, G. N. Coutts, W. J. Donovan, G. Esau, R. L. Ewart, D. Forbes, R. D. Healey, J. B. Malcolm, D. Patience, E. R. Scandrett, W. J. V. Webb and R. M. Wildbore.

## TAKAPUNA UNBEATEN.

### A.R.F.U. SECOND DIVISION.

At the end of the fourth series of the A.R.F.U. second senior division championship the points are: Takapuna, 7; Air Force, 'Varsity', 6; Garrison Artillery, Manukau, 4; Navy, Parnell, College Rifles, 2; Eden, 0.

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**COMMISSIONED RANKS.**

Following appointments of officers of the Second N.Z.E.F. were made recently:

Quarters, 2nd N.Z.E.F. Base.—Lieutenant-Colonel N. S. Falla, D.S.O., V.D., is appointed Commandant, 2nd N.Z.E.F. Base, with the rank of Brigadier. Colonel Sir John S. Allen, K.B.E., C.M.G., V.D., is appointed Assistant Secretary with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Quarters, 2nd N.Z. Division.—Lieutenant F. R. Fisher (17th Lancers) appointed Aide-de-Camp to the 2nd N.Z. Division.

2 General Hospital.—Lieutenant Colonel F. M. Spencer, E.D., Ch.B., N.Z.M.C., is granted the honorary rank of Colonel and appointed to command the No. 2 General Hospital temporarily.

Brigadier J. Hargest, D.S.O., M.C., (Awarua), Major J. M. Allen (Hauraki), Captain A. N. Grigg (Mid-Canterbury), and Captain W. J. Lyon (Waitemata).

**WINNER OF THE D.F.C.**

**Pilot Officer Tacon, Hastings**

Pilot Officer Tacon, Hastings, wrongly called as of Napier, who has been awarded the D.F.C., is a son of Mr. E. R. Tacon, Riverslea Road, Hastings, and is a member of a well-known family. He is 22 years of age and was educated at Hastings Convent School and later at St. Patrick's College, Silverstream.

In July, 1938, he joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force and in April of the following year went to England. He was stationed at Lucas, Scotland, where he did three months' navigational training before being drafted to a bombing squadron. In a recent letter to his home he mentioned that he was then flying a Lockheed Hudson bomber.

Flying Officer "Cobber" Kain is also a Hastings-born pilot.

**WITH THE TROOPS.**

**Racing Men in Army**

Besides recent enlistments, a number of trainers, jockeys, and others connected with racing are serving with the active forces.

Now with the battery at Palmer Head is the former successful trainer J. ("Jim") Jones, who went out of the game when the late Mr. J. J. Corry's team was dispersed. Jones saw service with the Main Body in the last war, and he is keen to go overseas again in the present struggle.

Members of the Third Echelon in camp at Trentham include three jockeys. They are C. Carroll, J. Doolley, and L. D. Monkley.

**FOR CAMP**

**AUCKLAND BATTALION.**

**OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S.**

**March Through City.**

First Territorial unit to be mobilised in the Northern Military District under the new intensive training scheme was the 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own), and the officers and non-commissioned officers marched through the city on Saturday, June 1, leaving the Drill Hall in Rutland Street, at 7.5 p.m., on the way to the District School, Narrow Neck.

Headed by the band of the regiment, the men marched via Wellesley Street East and Queen Street to the Ferry Building. On arrival at Devonport the parade marched to the camp without the band. The course will be of a month's duration, and during July, August and September the men of the regiment will be mobilised for three months' continuous training in the city.

Those who proceeded to camp are:

Officers.—Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Worley, Major A. R. Munro Captains H. A. Wernham, H. W. Fortune, L. J. Daley, R. Jones, J. F. Hewitt, C. W. H. Ronaldson, J. W. Solomon, Lieutenants J. S. Matthews, L. Lucena, J. N. Haddock, J. B. Rowe, Second-Lieutenants I. G. McLean, T. H. C. Caghey, R. H. Chisholm.

Warrant Officers.—Company Sergeant-Majors C. S. Naismith, F. H. Wood, A. G. Conchie, I. G. Scott, G. C. O'Hara, Company Quartermaster-Sergeants S. Tricklebank, C. F. Muncaster, T. R. Walding, J. E. Taylor.

Non-Commissioned Officers.— Sergeants I. G. O'Neill, C. C. Campbell, N. W. Airey, K. H. McDonald, W. H. Paterson, A. H. Giles, M. A. Pattinson, A. E. Knight, A. G. Hill, J. R. Gillies, A. R. Hopkinson, W. G. Clark, W. G. Hammond, J. E. England, L. Miller, J. O'Hara, R. N. Cooke, T. T. Tester, J. R. Wink, H. Gichard, G. N. Dyer, S. C. Schofield, G. T. Svendsen, R. Mahoney, R. H. Millbank, D. Rallison, C. A. Low, W. A. Quinn, N. J. Carey, L. K. O. Hughes, Corporals A. E. Butt, J. H. Jackson, T. D. Gerrard, N. Graham, M. J. Warbrick, M. Dar, J. R. Stubbs, J. W. Robertson, H. A. Morrison, N. A. Fraser, G. Montgomery, W. L. Chiplin, R. C. Hubrick, H. C. Stevens, G. Levien, M. Troup, O. Duncan, A. R. Wykes, F. G. Griffiths, F. H. Hewitt, F. G. Svendsen, G. P. Tredidger, E. J. Stembridge, D. M. McKenzie, N. D. Randall, R. F. Wakefield, D. A. Finlayson, K. L. Usmar, L. F. Howell, N. Carroll, J. A. Stubbs, A. R. Stewart, A. Y. Montgomery, W. G. Caghey, E. W. Culpitt, R. G. Brice, C. M. Herdson.

**INVESTITURE.**

**H.M.S. ACHILLES**

**GALLANTRY AWARDS**

Investiture by the Governor-General, Lord Galway, of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of H.M.S. Achilles, who were decorated by His Majesty the King following the historic naval battle off the River Plate in December last, will take place at a ceremony at the Auckland Town Hall on the evening of Saturday, June 15.

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# AMUSEMENTS

## STATE THEATRE.

Ruth Terry is one person who can tell you how Daniel must have felt when they tossed him in with those lions—and so can Pat O'Brien.

When Producer Walter Wanger gave Ruth her first major screen opportunity in "Slightly Honourable," screening at the State Theatre, he featured her with a cast that includes such artists as O'Brien, Edward Arnold, Broderick Crawford, Alan Dinehart, Claire Dodd, Douglas Dumbrille, Phyllis Brooks and others.

Ruth has a major role that runs through the entire picture, in which she matches line for line with these tried veterans. Nobody realized how much of a strain it was until Pat saw her practically in tears after a certain scene.

When O'Brien asked what the trouble was, Ruth said: "Gosh, Mr. O'Brien, I'm just scared to death. Every time I walk on the set with you or Mr. Arnold or any of the others I start to shake like a leaf."

Pat looked at the girl for just a second, then said: "Honey, I'm going to tell you a secret that I've never told anybody before. You haven't anything on me—I've been scared to death for years." "Slightly Honourable" was directed by Tay Garnett for United Artists release.

## HEROIC HISTORY!

A page torn from heroic history! The "Overland Express" defies Indians and bandits as it speeds across the Western plains! Buck Jones stars in Columbia's new Western, set in the

pioneer period and screening at the State Theatre.

Drew Ebersson directed this story of the pony express, Marjorie Reynolds, Carlyle Moore, and Matson Williams are among the supporting players.

## KING'S THEATRE.

### "REBECCA."

OUTSTANDING FILM THRILLER WITH CAST OF BRILLIANT STARS

With Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine heading a cast of outstanding players and with a story filled with drama, suspense and mystery, David O. Selznick's latest production "Rebecca" is released by United Artists, and is screening at the King's Theatre. The film is brilliantly directed by Alfred Hitchcock, known internally as a master of intrigue, crime and mystery on the screen. "Rebecca" is the film version of the best-selling novel of the same name by Daphne du Maurier. It was prepared for the screen by Robert E. Sherwood and Joan Harrison and retains all the gripping drama of the original book.

Laurence Olivier, who last year made a tremendous hit as the hero of "Wuthering Heights," plays the role of Maxim de Winter, the socially prominent owner of Manderley, the vast Tudor estate where most of the action unfolds. To this house he brings his second wife, played by Miss Fontaine, a shy and unsophisticated person who can hardly be compared to the glittering and brilliant former mistress of Manderley, Rebecca, now dead. But though Rebecca is dead,

her forceful personality and dramatic beauty still continue to dominate Manderley and to haunt the lives of those who wander through its immense rooms. Judith Anderson, as the sadistically cruel Mrs. Danvers, George Sanders as Jack Favell; Nigel Bruce, C. Aubrey Smith, Reginald Denny and Gladys Cooper are other important players.

Alfred Hitchcock, the director who brought a new status to screen intrigue and melodrama, has directed "Rebecca" with startling impact, with amazing subtlety as to character delineation and with rich dramatic overtones. Gladys Cooper are other important and engrossing swiftness from its initial scene to the final fadeout. Brilliant pictorial backgrounds include London streets, old taverns, a coroner's office, a boathouse facing a windswept bay on the coast of Cornwall, and the largest which depicted the Tudor estate, being two stories high and containing a drawing room, library, dining room, foyer and two upper storey wings.

## PLAZA THEATRE.

One of the best loved of all story classics, Johann David Wyss' "Swiss Family Robinson," at the Plaza Theatre, and this reviewer is delighted to report in its favour.

The screen version is infinitely more vivid and realistic and exciting than any possible arrangement of words on paper could be. And its producers, the noted screen-writing team of Gene Towne and Graham Baker, are entitled to plenty of plaudits for their skilful cinematic rendition of Wyss' immortal book.

Opening in London during the Napoleonic period when all Europe was jittery with war alarms, the story tells how William Robinson, Swiss clockmaker, sees his four boys growing up to be useless snobs, his wife interested only in her shallow social pleasures.

Determined to make men of his sons if it can be done, Robinson sells out his business, embarks with his rebellious wife and offspring on an Australia-bound brig and plans to build a new life. But the brig is wrecked in a storm and the Robinsons, the sole survivors, ferry themselves to a nearby tropic island along with a few barnyard animals.

How the marooned sextette pit themselves successfully against the forces of nature and how the boys become self-reliant and upstanding young men while the wife eventually comes to understand her husband's ideals, along with a brilliant series of adventures and experiences, make up the absorbing drama.

A splendid cast with Thomas Mitchell and Edna Best as the parents and Freddie Bartholomew, Terry Kilburn, Tim Holt and Baby Bobby Quilman as the four youngsters, do grand work throughout. The clever direction of Edward Ludwig, the remarkable marine and island locations and the fidelity of the film to the original, all rate hearty praise. By all means put "Swiss Family Robinson" on your list of pictures that must be seen.

## TUDOR THEATRE

"EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT NIGHT."

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