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Work At Papakura Begun

The enlargement by one-third of the military camp at Papakura, with a view to concentrating there the troops in the Northern Military District, has been begun, and it is hoped to be able to transfer the Second Expeditionary Force artillery units from Ngaruawahia to Papakura before the end of March.

The scheme involves the closing of Ngaruawahia camp, which has been mainly used by artillery units since training for overseas service began. More rooms, sleeping huts, and other buildings are to be provided in the course of adding a third block to the two already in use at Papakura. The new buildings will be of precisely the same design as the existing ones.

The work is one of substantial dimensions, but with the large staff engaged it is hoped to have it nearing completion in about seven weeks.

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Camp News

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Lieut.-Col. H. D. McHugh M.C., N.Z.S.C.

Camp Commandant, Trentham

Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. McHugh, M.C., N.Z. Staff Corps, who was appointed Commandant of Trentham Military Camp on 11th December, 1939, commenced his military career with the Dunedin Engineer Cadets in 1903. Six years later he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and subsequently transferred to the Christchurch Senior Cadets. He continued to render efficient service in the Territorial Force and joined the N.Z. Expeditionary Force in 1915. The following year he was appointed Captain and seconded to the 1st N.Z. Cyclist Company in France.

For gallantry and devotion to duty in the field he was awarded the Military Cross in 1917. To quote the London Gazette of 14/9/17, “his exceptional coolness under fire set a splendid example to the whole of his battalion.” Before the end of the War he won a bar to the Military Cross for further distinguished service and returned to New Zealand second in command of the N.Z. Cyclist Corps.

In 1921 he was gazetted a Captain in the N.Z. Staff Corps and in 1927 promoted to the rank of Major.

He relinquished his appointment as Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the Northern Military District in April, 1939, and concentrated his energy on the duties of Area Staff Officer, Auckland, until he accepted the direction and control of the camp at Ngaruawahia on the outbreak of the present War.

PAINTING A CAMP 20,000 Square Yards To Be Covered

Forty painters are going to work six weeks painting the 80 new buildings already completed at the Central District Mobilization Camp, Trentham. They will paint more than 10,000 square yards of walls and an equal aggregate area of roofs.

So far the buildings have had only the priming coat, a sickly pink. A start has been made with the new coating. Each man will do 60 to 70 square yards a day.

The colours chosen for the buildings will give the camp a fine appearance—light green for the walls and darker green roofs.

Private contractors are doing the work under the supervision of Mr. J. Rogers, painting overseer, Public Works Department.

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Ricochets

American army tanks to go to the Arctic. Is America also wanting to have a go at the Pole?

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Hitler is a coward in the chair, says his former dentist. He knows no fear when it's his turn that has to be drilled.

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News heading: “64 Police cases in 80 Minutes.” Yet fined for speeding!

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“Sun”: Hitler is the most cursed figure in the world. Grant the “cursed” part of it.

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Stated that Japan may get out of China in 1940. Having found that little else she can get out of.

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When are the French going to a communikay-O?

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Navy's watchword: Sea-er.

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Germany's hope of success: Nein-teen Forty?

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Doctor says a jumble of ink is a new test for moral delinquency. When it's not a prescription.

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Last Thursday night at Trentham Camp the large Y.M.C.A. hall was packed to the doors, about 80 or more men who were unable to find seats perching on the window sills. The occasion was yet another excellent programme arranged by the Executive Committee of the Official Camp Entertainers. Mr. Will Bishop, who needs no introduction to Wellington audiences, presented his company, the "Centennial Serenaders," in a delightful concert.

The orange and black "pierrot" costumes showed to great advantage against the white background of the stage. Those taking part all excelled themselves. From the opening number to the finale there was hardly a pause. Mr Will Bishop's numbers were heartily applauded, and the singing by the company of "We're Nice People" was a great success. Songs by Maureen Hickford, Lauri Jones, Kathleen Sawyer, Dulcie McKinley, Bob Henry, Buddy Sangman, and Ivan Styles all received tremendous applause. Noel Walsh and Lauri Jones danced a tap and a Viennese waltz, and Buddy Sangman and his doll Jerry had some confidential talks about the Army.

Behind the scenes Mrs. Jones did splendid work attending to the wardrobe, etc.

When Mr. Bishop announced a five-minute interval one of the "boys" sat at the piano and a thousand voices sang songs, old and new.

The second part of the programme comprised musical numbers and topical hits.

At the conclusion of the concert, such was the enthusiasm shown, that the men jumped up on the forms, throwing their hats in the air and cheering the performers. The Camp Commandant, Major McHugh, called for cheers for the performers, which were heartily given. A most successful evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem, after which the performers were the guests of the O.C. to supper at Divisional Headquarters.

Mr. Bishop, on behalf of the performers and Official Camp Entertainers, thanked Major McHugh for his hospitality.

Practical Enthusiasm.

Such is the enthusiasm of the men at Trentham that when it was known the concert was to be at the Y.M.C.A. hall, Mr. J. Kennedy and Mr. Blake-lock and the soldiers worked with a will and made from 60 to 80 extra forms, and fitted in extra light socks round the stage.

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New Zealand Officer.

To assist in the training of young New Zealand airmen and ground staff, a Flying Officer, a Warrant Officer and 12 non-commissioned officers have arrived in the Dominion from England.

The officer is a New Zealander, Flying Officer C. A. Turner, formerly of New Plymouth, who has been transferred to the Royal New Zealand Air Force after serving with the Royal Air Force in England for the past four and a half years. The remainder of the party are members of the Royal Air Force on loan to the Dominion.

Military Wedding

SECOND ECHELON.

Padre Married.

A wedding of wide interest was solemnised on Wednesday, 1st February, at St. James' Church, Lower Hutt, when Betty Constance, second daughter of Mrs. Wybrands Olphert and the late Captain Olphert, was

married to the Rev. Walter E. W. Hurst, son of Canon and Mrs. W. E. Hurst, Moira County Down, Northern Ireland. The Rt. Rev. H. St. Barbe Holland, Bishop of Wellington, conducted the ceremony assisted by the Rev. H. E. K. Fry, vicar of St. James' Parish. The service was fully choral.

The bridal couple on leaving the church passed through a guard of honour formed by brother officers of the bridegroom.

OFFICERS OF SPECIAL GROUP

Engineers Appointed

Three widely-experienced engineers of the Public Works Department have been appointed to the special railway survey and construction group which is to be attached to the second New Zealand Expeditionary Force for service overseas.

The unit will be commanded by Mr. J. E. Anderson, resident engineer of the department in Christchurch, while Mr. T. C. V. Rabone, resident engineer in Auckland, and Mr. R. H. Packwood, district engineer in Whangarei, will be in charge of the construction and survey companies respectively, each with the rank of major.



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80 NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

MODEL TOWNSHIP NOW IN SIGHT

Almost simultaneously with the declaration of war, work was started by the Public Works Department on the erection of the new mobilization camp at Trentham, and already there have been 80 new buildings completed, with more to follow that will place the camp on a footing that the soldier of 25 years ago never thought possible. There are now 140 men working on building and road work in the camp.

A start will be made within a few days on the first of 32 new huts, each 132 feet by 18ft. 6in., which will accommodate 40 men apiece. This will see the end of the tents in the camp for the men, and an officers' dormitory is also being erected which will replace the standard public works tents now being used by most officers for sleeping quarters.

The old hospital of 1914-18 is being converted into a dental clinic and alterations are being carried out to make the building thoroughly modern. There will be a surgery, waiting-room, accommodation for those who have had major dental operations, mechanical laboratory, X-ray room and dark room.

There has also been erected close to the hospital block a main X-ray room, 38 feet by 19 feet, to be used for hospital purposes. There will be an X-ray record of every man who passes through the camp for eventual overseas service.

There are now three miles of paved ways in the camp, some fine paved drill squares and grass plots. Tarsing is proceeding all the time, and those areas still to be sealed are kept dust-free meantime by the constant work of a water-sprinkler. The principal highway in the mobilization camp is as wide as a main road. The roading is under the supervision of Mr. H. Polson.

Messrs. D. Banks and W. M. Sharp are clerks of work for the considerable building projects.

Beautifying Scheme.

A beautifying scheme is being carried out in conjunction with the utilitarian works, and one of the features of this will be Camp Road, facing the Trentham racecourse. The grass is being removed from the roadside, and eventually flower plots will be laid down and other work done to make the camp surroundings beautiful.

Round the old huts it has been discovered in cleaning up that outside there are many self-sown fruit trees, probably sprung from the fruit stones that were cast out the windows by the soldiers of the last war.

As new buildings have become available old hutments have been renovated and put in up-to-date order.

There is in the camp, on loan from the Health Department, a special officer who attends to sanitation, drainage and other requirements of hygiene. His authority extends outside the camp and there he works in conjunction with the Upper Hutt borough inspector to ensure that the effectiveness of health work done in the camp is not impaired by conditions outside the camp.

By a special device of this departmental officer the camp has been rid of flies. Their breeding places have been wiped out and attention has been given to parts outside the camp such as the rubbish tip where flies are likely to breed.

With the building programme, the painting and other schemes of improvement well on the way, Trentham camp will soon be a model township not only from the viewpoint of living conditions but also aesthetic ally.

The first camp commandant, Major F. L. Hunt, made his influence felt in achieving this ideal and his preliminary work is being continued enthusiastically by the present commandant, Major McHugh.

There is a fair number of returned soldiers engaged on various duties in the camp and the new generation of soldiers treats them with particular respect and consideration.

Men To Train As N.C.O.'s For Third Echelon

LIST OF RECRUITS

The following men who have enlisted from the Wellington and Hutt Valley area for service with the N.Z.E.F. have entered the various mobilization camps as probationary N.C.O.'s to undergo a course of instruction with a view to their appointment as N.C.O.'s for the Third Echelon:—

TRENTHAM.

K. A. Abradsen, S. F. Atkins, H. N. Avernell, R. H. Barlow, R. H. Bell, W. Bell, K. F. Bissett, H. C. Blackburn, K. G. Brown, R. Brown, H. N. Burnus, A. D. D. Cameron, J. F. Cattell, T. R. Catley, P. J. Charles, D. Cnatwin, F. D. Christensen, H. Clarke, W. M. Clarry, R. J. Collins, G. H. Conner, C. L. Davis, E. V. Dawson, J. V. Deans, D. Densham, J. R. J. Dixey, H. L. Dixon, K. G. L. Dowling, C. H. Fraser, P. G. Fulton, T. S. George, C. W. Gerrie, A. G. Gray, F. A. Harnor, A. W. Heywood, E. G. Hood, R. A. Howarth, C. H. G. Howell, K. F. Hoy, F. W. O. Jones, W. A. Kerr, A. Kinder, T. J. Lane, H. E. J. Le Fevre, J. G. Lorimer, E. R. Mackley, D. E. F. Martin, R. S. Mowat, W. R. McCaskill, C. F. McDermott, E. J. Nation, S. G. Nichol, L. H. Norman, G. M. O'Kane, J. P. Paaske, A. V. Pagan, K. W. Papps, I. R. Parkes, W. E. Perks, W. A. Plimmer, N. J. Pollard, I. F. Randell, J. A. Redpath, M. W. Reeves, A. N. Reid, T. W. G. Rolfe, J. E. Rowland, K. R. Sadler, N. K. Sanders, B. E. Sinclair, H. S. Sivyler, R. H. Smith, T. P. Smith, J. C. Souness, T. G. Taylor, S. F. Toogood, V. C. Townsend, J. D. Toze, W. T. Tregonning, H. R. Upjohn, J. W. Verity, E. C. Weavers, R. K. Whyte, H. R. C. Wild, W. J. Wildermoth, W. W. Wilson, T. P. Winter, T. S. Wright, T. G. Young

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FIELD AMBULANCE.

M. A. Brandon, G. S. Cook, C. P. Croft, W. M. Gardiner, J. M. Jack, T. B. Morris, L. R. Moulin, P. McCrae, J. F. Prendergast, J. J. F. Proebstel, M. Symonds, G. W. Turner, J. J. Turner, E. P. Walsh, D. B. Wilkinson.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Public Works And Railway Men Enlist

Gratification at the response to his appeal for men for a constructional company for service overseas with the troops was expressed yesterday by the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Semple. He said that a total of 1122 had responded, and of this number 691 were on public works and 431 were railway workers. The response was particularly gratifying, for the appeal had been confined to a simple request for 380 men to form a company.

"I think it is a wonderful result, in view of the fact that no recruiting meetings were held," said Mr. Semple. "It was simply an appeal sent to the major camps and posted up. These men, of course, have yet to undergo their medical examination.

"It confirms the statement that I made in Parliament that if New Zealand got into difficulties the public works organization would respond to any call made. I understand from the recruiting officers that a greater percentage of public works men of military age enlisted in the main division than any other class of the community. These men are of a very good type. They are men who have been doing hard work, and will be of great value when it comes to constructional work, or any other class of work for that matter."

RECREATION HUT

Opened At Trentham

On 31st January the recreation hut which has been erected for the Salvation Army at Trentham Military Camp was opened officially by the mayor, Mr. Hislop, who is chairman of the Wellington Patriotic Council. The hut has been built from money provided by the National Patriotic Fund Board and is for the benefit of all troops who undergo their training at Trentham.

The board has made available funds for the erection of two big recreation huts at each of the three main camps in the Dominion, for use by the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army respectively. The Y.M.C.A. hut at Trentham is already in use, but is not yet finished. The Salvation Army hut at the camp is the first in the Dominion to be completed, but another, at Burnham Camp, will be ready shortly.

In addition to the huts at the main camps, the National Patriotic Fund Board has provided funds from the public subscriptions it has received for the building of smaller recreation huts at coastal defence stations.

SALVATION ARMY HUT

Ceremony Of Opening

The Salvation Army's new permanent hut at Trentham mobilization camp was officially opened last Thursday by the mayor of Wellington, Mr. Hislop. The hut, which is a building 100 feet long by 70 feet wide, is equipped with full recreational facilities for the well being and comfort of the troops.

After opening the door Mr. Hislop paid a tribute to the work of the Salvation Army here and overseas during the last war, adding that it always did well what it undertook. He said he was delighted to be among the troops.

A prayer was said by Mr. C. S. Falconer, national president of the Y.M.C.A. A Scripture reading by Brigadier S. Hayes of the Salvation Army, was followed by an address by Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Grattan, also of the Salvation Army, who said that it was not in competition with similar bodies but desired to co-operate with them for the welfare of the men.

Colonel A. Cowles, representing the Wellington Returned Soldiers' Association, and Mr. G. A. Hayden, for the National Patriotic Fund Board, also commended the Salvation Army on its establishment of the hut. Brigadier and Mrs. A. Perry will be in charge of the hut.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings troops, who packed the hall, were given supper.

MILITARY FORCES

Staff Appointments And Transfers

TRENTHAM COMMANDANT

Several military appointments, promotions and transfers of interest are announced in the current Gazette. Major H. D. McHugh, M.C., N.Z. Staff Corps, has been appointed camp commandant, Trentham Military Camp, and has been granted the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel. His previous office was that of camp commandant, Papakura Military Camp.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Stevens, Regiment of Royal N.Z. Artillery, has ceased to be seconded for duty with the Prime Minister's Department as secretary of the Organization for National Security and Secretary of the Council of Defence.

Colonel P. H. Bell, D.S.O., N.Z. Staff Corps, has relinquished the appointment of officer commanding, Southern

Military District, Christchurch, attached to Army Headquarters, to be succeeded by Lieutenant E. T. Rowlings, N.Z. Staff Corps, who has relinquished his appointment as Deputy Adjutant-General, Army Headquarters, Wellington. While on duty as officer commanding the Southern Military District he is to hold the temporary rank of colonel.

Major V. G. Jervis, N.Z. Staff Corps, has relinquished the position of officer, "A" duties, Army Headquarters, and has been appointed Deputy Adjutant-General, Army Headquarters, Wellington, and has been granted the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel while so employed.

Captain D. M. Robertson, N.Z. Staff Corps, has relinquished his appointment of staff officer, personnel, Army Headquarters, and has been appointed staff officer, "A" duties, Army Headquarters, and has been granted the temporary rank of major while so employed.

Captain (temporary Major) Innes, N.Z. Staff Corps, has relinquished the appointment of Administrative Commandant, Trentham Military Camp, and has been appointed staff officer, "A" duties, Army Headquarters, Wellington. He retains the temporary rank of major.

Lieutenant J. A. Worsnop, N.Z. Staff Corps, has relinquished the appointment of adjutant, First Battalion, The Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly) and Assistant Area Officer, Northern Area, and has been appointed general staff officer, third grade, Northern Military District, Auckland. He has been succeeded by Lieutenant W. R. K. Morrison, N.Z. Staff Corps.

Lieutenant W. H. Behaguel, N.Z. Staff Corps, has relinquished the appointment of adjutant, First Composite Battalion, N.Z. Army Service Corps.

Lieutenant C. R. Nathan, N.Z. Staff Corps, has been appointed Assistant Officer, No. 1 Area, Auckland.

Appointments to the temporary list are:—

Major C. W. Salmon, D.C.M., N.Z. Staff Corps, to be attached to the Quarter-General's Branch, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Captain E. J. Brammall, N.Z. Staff Corps, to be attached to the Adjutant's Branch, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Captain C. L. Mullany, Reserve Officers, Supplementary List, has been appointed assistant to the District Mobilization, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Captain O. D. Sutcliffe, Reserve Officers, Supplementary List, is attached to the Quartermaster's Branch, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

PROSPECTIVE N.C.O.'S ON PARADE

Many Prominent

The finest type of New Zealand youth was represented in the 100 prospective non-commissioned officers who marched through the streets headed by the Artillery Band. They are leaving by ferry for the camp and 50 are entraining for Ngauruhia. They were entrained at the wharves by large city crowds.

Most of the men are between 5 feet 6 inches and 6 feet in height. Many were members of professional, sporting, and social circles, including a suburban member of the Stock Exchange, two All Blacks, a cricket player, a Davis Cup tennis player, and several Auckland Rugby players.

Two bus loads of New Zealand workmen drove to the city to see the departing mayor, Mr. A. T. Bell.

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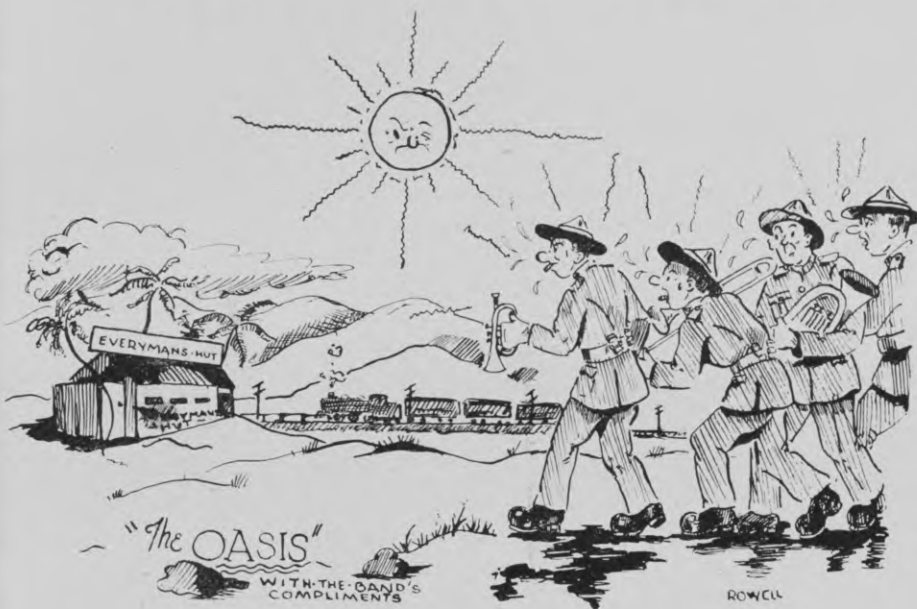
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I noticed on Sunday the Hut was very popular and on making inquiries I found that everything was free—their shout. I am sure this is appreciated by the boys judging by the happy looks on their faces. Long may it last.

We have also to thank the ladies for their help in helping the boys, not only by feeding them but also in the pressing of their uniforms and hats. I am sure the whole camp will join with the Band and say this is Christianity.

"TUBA."

ALL ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

A remarkable response to national duty has been made by members of the crew of the Auckland C-class yacht Minerva (states the "New Zealand Herald"). The entire complement of five is now on active service with various units in different parts of the world. The owner, Lieutenant M. Banks, is serving in H.M.S. Renown, Lieutenant D. B. Patterson is with the New Zealand Anti-Tank Battery in England, and Sergeant E. Furness is a member of the First Echelon, Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

DRAFT FOR CAMP

ANTI-TANK COMPANY.

Recruits from the Wellington and Hutt Valley area posted to the 6th Anti-tank Company, Central District Mobilisation Camp, Trentham:—

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- J. A. Gilligan.
- J. C. Harding, P. Harford, W. D. Hearfield, C. J. Hilder, C. S. Holley, A. E. Hood, C. Howes, A. Hughes, N. R. Hunt, D. Hutchison.
- S. G. Kearns, W. P. Killeen.
- J. R. Mothes.
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"Ere," protested the private, "who the 'ell spread the butter on this 'ere bread?"

"I did—and what abacht it?" growled a burly corporal, aggressively.

The private subsided. "That's or-right, chum," he murmured. "Wot I wants to know is who's the bloke what scraped it orf again."

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Private Jones was in clink. And being a not very bright kind of lad, was solemnly trying to find out why.

"Me number's 276," he explained, "and last Sunday they marched all of us to church. I ain't never been to a church before.

"When the parson finished preaching he looked up and said: 'Number 276—Art thou weary, art thou languid?'"

"I ses, like Hell I am—and they put me in this 'ere cell."

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Two Irishmen were walking down a trench when they came across a party of German soldiers asleep.

"Pat," exclaimed Mike, "What shall we do . . . shoot them or take them prisoner?"

Pat looked up at the sky, then down at the sleeping Germans. "It's a lovely night, Mike," he said, "a lovely night for a fight . . . let's wake them up."

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The squad of recruits had been out to the rifle range for their first try at marksmanship. They knelt at 250 yards and fired. Not a hit. They moved up to 200 yards. Not a hit. They tried at 100 yards. Not a hit.

"Tenshun!" bawled the Captain. "Fix bayonets! Charge! It's your only chance."

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The soldier was explaining the theory of shooting to his sweetheart. "You see, we have to calculate the distance of the object we want to hit, and then allow for the power of attraction of the earth."

"But suppose you are shooting over water?"

"Oh, that's more than you would understand—besides, I'm not in the Navy."

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Up to the captain dashed the battery sergeant-major. "Sir," he said, "the Germans are gathering as thick as peas. What shall we do?"

The captain glared. "Shell 'em, man, damn it, SHELL 'EM," he said.

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Printed below are the words of a song, written to that lilting tune, "Good-bye Old Ship of Mine," by Pte. William Appleyard, Mobilisation Camp, Trentham.

Good-bye old pal of mine,
Some time I'll drop a line.
The days are through,
With us two.
Good-bye old pal of mine.

When I leave this town at dawn;
From the place where I was born.
Sure! I'll leave a part,
Of a soldier's heart.
Good-bye old pal of mine.

It's not for the sake of you that I'm
going,
I know you'll understand.
Nor, for the sake of her, that I'm
going,
I'm just going to lend a hand.

So, good-bye old pal of mine,
And for the sake of Olde Lange Syne
I'll still live on,
Until the day you're gone,
Good-bye old pal of mine.

FIRST ECHELON

General Freyberg Reaches Destination

Major-General B. C. Freyberg, V.C., Commanding Officer of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, has reached the destination where the First Echelon of the force will undergo final training. Though no indication of the destination was revealed, the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, stated at a recruiting meeting in Timaru the other night, that the camp would be a first-class one in every way. "The general, whose first thought was the welfare of the troops entrusted to his leadership, took with him a medical officer to obtain expert advice on the best means of safeguarding the health of the soldiers in an overseas camp.

"As you will understand and appreciate, I must not disclose the place where our soldiers will complete their military training," the Minister said, "but I can assure you that General Freyberg and his staff, with the full co-operation of the New Zealand Government, will see to it that the camp will be first-class in every way, and particularly in the direction of keeping the troops fit and well.

"I also feel confident that the people of New Zealand will be generous in maintaining a supply of extra comforts for our soldiers overseas," added Mr. Jones.

AIR FORCE RECRUITS

To Enter Training School

The following recruits to the Royal New Zealand Air Force have been instructed to report to the Ground Training School, Levin, on February 13, to commence training as pilots, air gunners, and observers:—

Pilots.

Alington, G. W. (Christchurch), Annesley, D. B. (Moutoa, Shannon), Bagnall, T. H. (Palmerston North), Bollard, R. J. (Palmerston North), Bethwaite, F. D. (Wanganui), Coates, A. E. (Auckland), Denbee, T. E. (Masterton), Doherty, H. G. (Dunedin), Hamill, J. H. (Masterton), Jenner, K. S. (Morrinsville), Jolly, M. (Wallacetown, Southland), Jordan, L. P. (Palmerston North), Kirk, T. E. (Lower Hutt), McCaffry, F. M. (Wanganui), MacIvor, A. J. (Dunedin), McPherson, I. M. (Pukeuri, via Oamaru), Manson, K. (Auckland), Mason, R. E. G. (Feilding), Mee, A. C. (Dunedin), Norman, W. A. (Napier), O'Fagan, B. C. W. (Christchurch), Orr, E. R. (Greymouth), Patterson, D. A. (Wellington), Penniket, J. R. (Hamilton), Poole, H. A. (Invercargill), St. George, D. F. (Auckland), Stevens, M. B. (Wellington), Swain, W. (Masterton), Thomson, J. W. (Blenheim), Terry, I. W. (Hamilton), Walker, D. M. (Christchurch), Webb, T. G. (Auckland), Webster, T. D. (New Plymouth), Wilson, I. E. (Invercargill), Wallace, J. T. (Auckland).

Observers.

Agar, R. S. C. (Wellington), Andrews, M. (Hamilton), Cassie, H. B. (Port Chalmers), Chitty, A. B. (Hamilton), Creswell, P. H. (Wellington), Evans, C. W. (Wanganui), Evison, I. W. P. (Wellington), Glazer, S. (Wellington), Heywood, G. L. R. (Auckland), Long, J. D. C. (Mount Albert), Morrison, N. A. (Wellington), Mills, R. G. (New Plymouth), Newman, F. J. (Mount Albert), Parsons, E. (Auckland), Peterson, K. S. (Wellington), Reilly, C. C. (Auckland), Simmonds, B. C. W. (Khandallah), Stark, R. G. (Invercargill).

Air Gunners.

Bayliss, J. B. (Whangarei), Butler, W. L. (Wellington), Cairns, E. S. (Wellington), Campbell, D. B. (Dargaville), Durrant, C. R. (Wellington), Forsyth, C. L. M. (Tauranga), Fletcher, W. T. (Tauranga), Horan, J. S. (Okoroire), Logan, R. F. (Napier), McDermott, J. A. (Wellington), Owens, N. H. (Hamilton), Preston, L. R. (Wellington), Whitwell, P. C. (Seatoun), Wilson, G. R. (Wellington).

Everyman's Hut

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Some one has said that "a trouble shared is a trouble halved," and one's own experience bears testimony to the truth of this saying. To be able to unburden one's heart to a sympathetic friend lightens the load that has been worrying and weighing down the spirit. In seeking to do some little service for those who will soon pass on to face the perils and dangers of service overseas, one soon realises that soldiers are very human men, and that the donning of the King's uniform does not turn a man into some sort of machine without any feelings or desires, except to get as much excitement and pleasure as possible out of the life to which he has pledged himself. Strike up a conversation with any man at random and before many minutes have passed one finds a heart that is carrying a burden—a burden that is growing heavier as each day passes and brings nearer the time when he will look upon the face of some dear one or ones perhaps for the last time on earth. One's heart goes out in sympathy towards each one who, in spite of separation from all that his heart holds dear, yet is willing to go forth along the path of duty, and if the mere confiding in another can ease the ache then we who serve at Everyman's Hut feel that our service is not in vain. But we desire more than the mere easing of the ache and so as the opportunities arise we seek to direct the minds of the men to the Great Burden-bearer—the Son of God, Who put aside everything that was His of right, to tread the path of duty to His Father God, even though that path led through Gethsamene to Calvary. And because He suffered as no man has ever been called or will be called upon to suffer, He is able to help everyone, no matter what the burden,—indeed, He will carry not only the burden, but also the weary one who has been struggling on alone. Of Him it has been written:

"I am the Burden-bearer;
I will never pass the o'er laden by.
My feet are on the mountain steep;
They wind through valleys dark and deep.
They print the hot dust of the plain,
And walk the billows of the main:
Wherever is a load to bear
My willing shoulder still is there."

On Friday evening Mr. Dave Hewlett had a farewell word with the boys before returning to business at Palmerston. Speaking from the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd. . . . Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. . . ." Emphasis was laid on the point that they should not let the One, of whom the Psalmist speaks, remain "the stranger of Gallilee," but that they should receive the Lord Jesus Christ into their hearts as Saviour and Friend so that no matter what dangers they might have to face in the future, they could go forward with a calm spirit having the assurance that "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me"—a very fitting farewell message.

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HEALTH OF TROOPS

X-Ray Examinations

SMALL SICK LISTS

Experience gained in the last war and modern advances in medical science have played their parts in formulation of the modern scheme for care of the health of troops. Each man who proceeds overseas now has his blood type, for possible use for blood transfusion purposes, noted in his pay book. X-ray examination is being used as an additional precaution, and at present all ranks in the Central District Mobilisation Camp, Trentham, are undergoing an X-ray examination to determine the condition of their chests and to ascertain the possible existence of tuberculosis in its early stages.

The examinations are being carried out by the Medical Corps, and after being examined and interpreted by a radiologist and chest specialist at Wellington Hospital, each man's X-ray plate will be filed with his papers at Base Records, Wellington. The present plan of X-ray examination aims at dealing with 2000 men in six weeks.

The troops in training at Trentham have so far maintained an excellent health record and the daily average of sickness is below the Army's normal allowance of three men per 1000.

The camp hospital accommodation is excellent and the old buildings have been remodelled and renovated. There is accommodation for 48 cases. The hospital block contains, in addition to the wards, a modern kitchen, large refrigerator, a medical inspection room, camp sick inspection room, waiting room, medical board room, dispensary, boiler room, and he offices.

Separate bedrooms for eight nurses and a nurses' sitting-room and sun porch have been provided in portion of the old hospital block.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Kemp is senior medical officer for the camp and has his own office and quarters in the hospital.

PUBLIC WORKS MEN FOR ARMY

Railway Company Strength Of 386

Officers and employees of the Public Works Department have been advised of the details of the New Zealand Railway Survey, Construction and Maintenance Company for service overseas which the military authorities have called on the department to organise.

According to a general circular signed by the engineer-in-chief and under-secretary, Mr. J. Wood, the general conditions of enlistment and service will be the same as for other units of the Special Force—age 21-35; physically fit for service in any part of the world; preference to single men, but where these are not available, married men with up to two children will be accepted. Applicants will be required to enter camp early in February and to proceed overseas after a short period of training.

Sixteen commissioned officers (including a medical officer) are required, and the approximate number of other

ranks, including non-commissioned officers, will be 371. The latter figure is made up of:—

Headquarters section: Sergeants, 2; corporals, 2; sappers, 12; medical officer's orderlies, 2; clerks, 3; draughtsmen (railway construction), 2; batmen, 2; cook, 1; drivers I.C., 3; motor-eyelists, 5. Total, 34.

Survey section: Company quarter master-sergeant, 1; sergeants, 4; corporals, 7; sappers, 52. Total, 64.

Railway construction company: Company sergeant-major, 1; company quartermaster-sergeant, 1; sergeants, 8; corporals, 20; sappers, 235; first reinforcements, 8. Total, 273.

The corporals and sappers of the railway construction company will include blacksmiths, bricklayers, carpenters and joiners, clerks, draughtsmen (railway construction), drivers (transportation plant), fitter-drivers, fitters, fitters (railway signal), masons, painters and decorators, platelayers, plumbers and gasfitters, riggers, riveters, storemen (technical and departmental railway), surveyors (railway), welders (acetylene and electric), engine hands, I.C. blacksmiths' strikers or hammermen, stokers (stationary engine), cooks, fitters' mates, motor-cyclists, drivers I.C., batmen.

Volunteers are to submit their applications to the officer-in-charge of the work on which they are employed. Officers-in-charge of works are forwarding applications to the district engineer immediately they are received. The Army Department is arranging for enrolment and medical examination of volunteers after the applications have been considered in Wellington.

GERMAN SELF-SEALING TANKS

NO SECRET

The cabled statements relating to bullet-proof tanks being possessed by the Germans may come as news to those who know little of flying, but they are no surprise to airmen. The principle of the bullet-proof tank is that which was adopted to make a puncture-proof inner tube in a tyre. That is to say, the tank is surrounded with rubber under compression and when the bullet passes through the rubber the compression causes the hole to be closed up. The British Air Ministry has been working on the perfection of these tanks for some time, and while it might appear from the messages received here that the Germans have been somewhat ahead of

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March, march, march, the trumpets play,
March, march, march, so light and gay,
Keeping steps, we march along,
While we sing our cheerful song.

Hear the lively, rattling drum,
Calling loudly, O, come!
For the band is out to-day,
And we will at soldiers play.
Bang, bang, bang, we beat the drum,
Calling loudly, Come, O come.
Bang, bang, bang, list to the call,
Come, boys, come, come one and all.

March, march, march, the trumpets play,
March, march, march, so light and gay,
Keeping steps, we march along,
While we sing our cheerful song.

Now the battle has begun,
And we won't like cowards run,
Even though the bullets fly,
We will stand and fight or die.
Shoot, shoot, shoot, we now must fight,
Fight the battle for the right,
Even though the bullets fly,
We will stand and fight or die.

See the little soldier now,
Marks of death are on his brow,
In the battle bravely fell,
Now we sing his funeral knell.
Drum, drum, drum, now all is o'er,
Fight again, he'll nevermore,
In the battle bravely fell,
Now we sing his funeral knell.

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AMUSEMENTS

CITY AND EXHIBITION

KING'S THEATRE.

One of the gayest and most exciting comedies to reach the screen for some time is being unreeled at the King's Theatre under the title of "The Housekeeper's Daughter." The picture was produced and directed by Hal Roach, Hollywood's famous producer of riotous and original comedy successes, such as the "Topper" series, "Merrily We Live," etc. It is being released by United Artists with a well-chosen cast headed by Joan Bennett, Adolphe Menjou, Peggy Wood, John Hubbard, Donald Meek and William Gargan. The new film is a fast moving, lively romance smartly fashioned to contain all the elements of entertainment and an original idea which may sweep the country.

Miss Bennett, portraying the alluring housekeeper's daughter, leaves her underworld boy friend flat to return to her mother, who works for the socially prominent Randall family. Learning that the family has left town for the summer, the heroine is pleasantly surprised to discover that the young and handsome scion of the family, played by John Hubbard, one of the screen's new leading men, has decided to stay in town and brave the summer heat. Young Randall is determined to break into newspaper work and he accomplishes this feat very easily by using his father's influence.

Aided and abetted by the housekeeper's daughter, he attaches himself to a murder mystery and from then on the new film proceeds at a terrific pace, introducing merry mix-ups and unexpected complications. High comedy is blended with rich romantic interludes, and the gayest scenes of the film revolve around a gang of underworld hoodlums who are scared off by a fireworks celebration.

Hal Roach personally directed as well as produced "The Housekeeper's Daughter" from the famous novel of the same name by Donald Henderson Clarke. The production was filmed from the screen play written by the practiced pens of Rian James and Gordon Douglas and boasts sprightly dialogue, tense situations and swiftly moving drama and romance. Miss Bennett is especially excellent as the glamorous brunette who causes collective commotion in the lives of five men, Mr. Menjou is extremely amusing as a screwy newspaperman, and William Gargan turns in a fine performance as Menjou's stooge.

STATE THEATRE.

Laurel and Hardy, Hollywood's most prolific and popular comedy team, return to the screen in "The Flying Deuces," their first feature-length comedy in more than a year at the State Theatre.

This time the veteran comics have taken to the airways as a background for their misadventures, a thrilling and hilarious climax being provided in the final sequence, when the boys, as two Foreign Legionnaires sentenced to die for desertion, take flight in an endurance ship.

There is the hilarious sequence where Stan encounters difficulty in

performing his abolutions at a French inn's wash-stand. Later, planning of a double suicide is equally amusing. Audiences will be delighted to see how the pair withstand the assault of a squadron of soldiers with bottled champagne, and how they attack the problem of doing a regimental washing and ironing.

For good measure, Laurel has thrown in a harp solo played on a bed spring, and an eccentric dance done to the singing of Oliver.

Under the expert guidance of Producer Boris Morros—long highly versed in the art of musical embellishment of stage and screen product. Comedy situations are enhanced by the trick of musical sound—an innovation in the present-day field of screen comedy.

The supporting cast to Laurel and Hardy includes Jean Parker, leading lady, in the featured role of a French girl with whom Oliver Hardy falls in love; Reginald Gardiner, also featured, as her suspicious lieutenant husband; Charles Middleton as the Commandant of the Moroccan post of the Foreign Legion; Jean Del Val and Glen Wilenchick as Sergeant and Corporal respectively; James Finlayson as a Jailer, and many others, the cast being a large one. Flying thrills in the airplane stunts are provided by Frank Clarke, one of the veteran fliers.

How the repercussions of a supposedly harmless joke precipitates a sensational libel suit, a murder and a chain of thrilling events, is dramatically unfolded in "Sued For Libel" at the State Theatre.

Featuring Kent Taylor and Linda Hayes, the story presents Taylor as an enterprising reporter who dramatizes the news of the day on a local radio station owned by his paper. Richard Lane is seen as his slow-thinking "stooge."

When Miss Hayes, as a rival reporter, gives Lane the wrong information regarding the verdict of a sensational murder trial—merely as a gag—the "stooge" passes it on to Taylor. The news broadcaster immediately incorporates the phoney information in his programme with the result that both the station and the newspaper are sued on a 1,000,000 dollar libel charge.

In an effort to avert the suit, the reporter, the girl and the "stooge" turn amateur detectives, endeavour to dig up the past of the wealthy broker who has been slandered. Their activities involve them in a labyrinth of scandal and intrigue, a cold-blooded murder and a series of harrowing experiences. The manner in which they eventually succeed in their dangerous mission is said to provide nerve-tingling drama and a suspenseful climax.

Directed for RKO Radio by Leslie Goodwins, "Sued For Libel" features in the supporting cast Lilian Bond, Morgan Conway, Keye Luke and Roger Pryor.

PLAZA THEATRE.

Film audiences viewing Walter Wanger's "Eternally Yours," co-starring Loretta Young and David Niven,

and slated to begin a run at the Plaza Theatre, through United Artists release, are to be treated to the distinct thrill of diving headlong toward the New York World's Fair from an airplane 15,000 feet high. Then a parachute will open and the "audience" will float earthward.

Producer Wanger sent a camera crew and two airplanes from Hollywood to New York to film a spectacular delayed-opening parachute leap from a plane into a bay near the Fair site. To give the jump realism and natural thrills, a special camera was constructed and encased, with its motor and a time-clock, inside a cork and rubber box.

The camera equipment was fastened to the parachute harness to record the wild gyrations normally made by a man's body on a delayed opening jump, the shock of the opening, and the swinging that occurs until gravity steadies him down and he floats to safety. Since the camera always represents the audience in the filming of a picture, this unique chute jump will give theatre audiences an experience only one person in a million ever has—that which comes to those who "bail out."

The Wanger camera and its odd container were rather ingenious devices. The time-clock pulled the rip cord of the parachute 25 seconds after the drop was made from the plane. When the box struck the water, it automatically closed a heavy glass window over the camera lens and becomes a floating, waterproof protector for the camera and its exposed film. The camera was so rigged that when the parachute opened the lens recorded a panorama of the earth and the Fair and the water.

Paul Mantz and Frank Clark, two of Hollywood's most famous stunt pilots, appear in the flying scenes for "Eternally Yours."

TUDOR THEATRE

"Find Livingstone!"

Exactly 70 years ago this October 16th, James Gordon Bennett barked these words to his crack reporter, Henry M. Stanley.

It was apparently the most hopeless assignment in all journalism. No one but a mad man would brave the terrors of unknown Africa to hunt for a missionary explorer from whom no word had come in two years.

How Stanley found Livingstone, how the world called the newspaperman "the most colossal liar of his age," and how he later became the greatest hero of his era, is the story of the 20th Century-box picture, Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Stanley and Livingstone."

Spencer Tracy, twice an Academy Award winner, portrays Stanley. Nancy Kelly, who rose into the front ranks of Movietown with her role in "Jesse James," and Richard Greene.

In 1937 Mrs. Martin Johnson, the famous explorer, led an expedition of 27 Hollywood players and technicians into the wild Tanganyika country of Africa. They began at Bagamoyo, on the coast opposite the island of Zanzibar, and retraced Stanley's historic nine months' trek in 1871. They spent five months in reaching Ujiji, the village where Stanley found Livingstone, filming the country, which had changed little since it first witnessed one of the most heroic adventures known to man.

AXEMAN'S CARNIVAL

By no means the least event on the Dominion sporting calendar is the New Zealand axemen's championship—the first to be held in New Zealand—ever to be held in New Zealand—at the Basin Reserve on February 16 and 17. The programme includes Australian champions.

The meeting is to be staged in conjunction with events under the auspices of the New Zealand Athletic Union and Axemen's Association. Entries have been received from all parts of New Zealand for the event.

First-class running and races over varied distances will provide additional attractions. Spectators are assured of two days of entertainment.

Wellingtonians nowadays have many opportunities in the city itself to witness axemen's competition.

Such contests, when expertly staged, provide a first-rate entertainment.

Particulars are advertised in the next issue.

OPERA HOUSE

"SWITZERLAND"

Not for many years has there been so attractive or more polished a skating show than that provided by "Switzerland" now drawing capacity audiences at the New Opera House. It has everything that makes a good show—complete novelty, exceptional technique, attractive settings and excellent humour that sparkles with wit and polish, and bright music.

"Switzerland," indeed, is a lent reproduction—though on a smaller scale—of the international ice show presented in London Coliseum in 1938. It is on skates with a few excellent turns for good measure. Taylor on skates, for there is a fun all the way—a ballet of beauty—an athletic spectacle on skates, for every member of C. Williamson ice show who blades is at least a competent skater, and half a dozen of the breathtakingly clever.

The grace and expertness of Taylor in her execution of known figure in ice skating, including pirouettes that confound and in her unerring sense of and pose, was a revelation in the skating world. Phil Taylor's daring athletic skates, his lightning speed, and his wonderful performance on stills, elegance in the dance steps, world reputation. Nor overlook the elegance with which he performs, in white satin of the seventeenth century, the minuet with the sylphs—Heathcote, and all within the space of a square of real ice 40 feet.

Two expert and beautiful who catch the eye are Patricia Joy MacKinnon, and another member of the company is Grafton. Eddie Marcel is a comedian of West End standing. Comedienne Graham is a gifted dancer. Tommy Russell and Ernie fool amusingly with their music. "Switzerland" will conclude its successful season on Thursday next. There will be matinee performances on Saturday and Wednesday.

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