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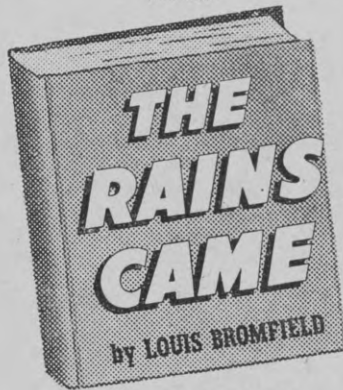
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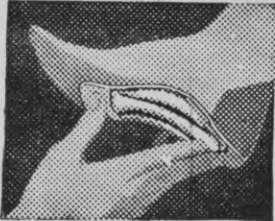
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Lieut.-Col. F. W. Kemp

M.C., E.D., M.D., M.R.C.S (Eng.), L.R.C.P (Lond.), N.Z.M.C.

During the past twenty-five years Lieut-Colonel F W. Kemp, M.C., E.D., M.D., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), N.Z.M.C., has rendered most valuable service, both in peace and war, to the Military Forces of this Dominion.

After a few months as Medical Officer at Trentham Military Camp, he sailed with the 8th Reinforcements on the “Willoera” towards the end of 1915 and served with the N.Z.E.F. in Egypt until March of the following year when he was transferred to the 2nd Field Ambulance in France.

On 16/11/17 the following notice appeared in the London “Gazette”—

“Awarded the Military Cross. Captain Frederick William Kemp, Army Medical Corps. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was untiring in his efforts in attending the wounded, under heavy fire, during an attack. He worked without rest for seventy-two hours and set a magnificent example to all.”

In July, 1918, after two and a half years' unbroken service on the Western Front, Captain Kemp was appointed M.O. at Walton on Thames in England for three months and then returned as D.A.D.M.S. to the N.Z. Division in France.

He arrived back in New Zealand on the “Remuera” early in May, 1919.

A short term on the Reserve of Officers was granted to enable this officer to return to private practice, but in one capacity or another he has given continuous service at Trentham Military Camp.

On 13th September, 1928, he was promoted to the rank of Major and appointed to command No. 2 Field Ambulance. December 14th, 1931, saw him gazetted to his present rank and some years later he was appointed A.D.M.S. at Army Headquarters. Lieut.-Colonel Kemp was appointed Principal Medical Officer of Trentham Military Camp on the outbreak of the present war.

100,000 People Welcome the Achilles

Upwards of 100,000 people of all ages assembled in Queen Street and adjacent vantage points to greet Captain Parry and his men as they marched to a civic reception at the Town Hall, Auckland, on Friday last. As many said, “For once Auckland let itself go.” Their greetings and cheers were not restricted to the Achilles's men, for the officers and ratings of other naval units, soldiers from Papakura, who are to fight for the Empire on land, men who are to wage war in the air, and officers, seamen and stewardesses of the mercantile marine who preceded them in the triumphal procession through the flag-decked street were equally acknowledged as valiant front-rankers in the fight.

The Achilles's immediate purpose in returning to Auckland is to refit after having spent 168 days at sea. Having given to-day public celebrations of a notable victory, her men may have a few days of well-earned shore leave before the cruiser moves over to Devonport dockyard and becomes once again a vessel whose movements must remain secret.

In her years on the New Zealand Station the Achilles had entered the Waitemata scores of times, slipping in quietly, as is the Navy's way. It was the same whether she had been steaming far out among the Pacific atolls or had merely carried out exercises in the Gulf. Her company never expected much public notice. It was enough for them that after a long cruise sweethearts and wives were

sure to be waiting on the dockyard berth.

Six months ago, no officer or man in his widest dreams could have foreseen such a homecoming as that of last Friday, when, with sirens shrieking, flags fluttering, and aeroplanes circling overhead Auckland welcomed home the ship and metaphorically garlanded her with the laurels of victory. Even dearer to the hearts of the Achilles's

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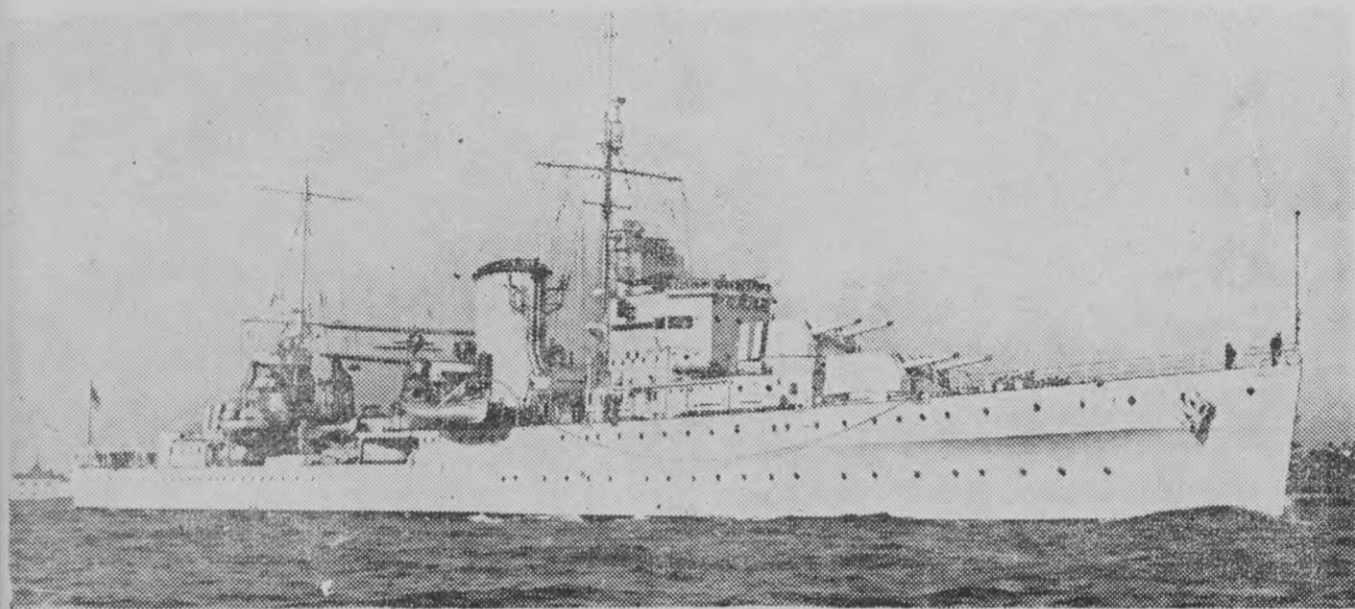
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en must have been the signal flown at the Devonport Naval Base, Manoeuvre well executed," and the cheers of their comrades as they came past.

CIVIC WELCOME.

Speaking on behalf of the Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, the Government and people of New Zealand, Mr. Fraser extended a hearty welcome to the ship's company at the civic reception. He said that, knowing officers and men, it was expected that they would live up to the very highest traditions of the Royal Navy, but in this great battle they had exceeded anything that could have been expected either by enemy or friend.

Mr. Fraser read cables from the British Government and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia joining in the welcome.

"A feeling of pride swept through the land when news of the victory off the River Plate was known," said M. Pouquet, Consul for France, who said he shared in the admiration for the exploit. He said that France had not forgotten the soldiers of New Zealand, who had endeared themselves to the inhabitants of her towns and villages 25 years ago. "This battle is only another proof of what New Zealanders still can do and will do. They can business," added M. Pouquet, who received loud applause.



CAPTAIN PARRY

A cablegram received that morning from Captain Parry from the French Minister of Marine, M. Campinchi, was translated and read by M. Pouquet as follows: "The French Navy shares the enthusiasm of the Royal Navy of New Zealand when the cruiser Achilles returned to its base.

It is glad to send to the captain, officers and ship's company its expression of deep admiration for the magnificent victory off the River Plate."

CHEERS FOR CAPTAIN.

As Captain Parry rose to speak, saluting the crowd, there were loud cheers, and when the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was started by someone in the crowd it was taken up with enthusiasm. This was fol-

lowed by more cheers, so that it was some minutes before Captain Parry could begin to speak. He kept the crowd enthralled with his description of the experience of the ship's company during the battle, and spoke in most generous terms of the quality and morale of the men.

At the conclusion of the speech the Mayor (Sir Ernest Davis) called for three cheers for Captain Parry and his officers and men. This was taken

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up by tens of thousands of people within range of the loud speakers, and there were further cheers for the wives and mothers of the men, who, the Mayor said, had passed through a very anxious time while the ship was away. The singing of the National Anthem by the great gathering concluded the civic welcome.

There were merry scenes in the Town Hall, where the official luncheon was tendered to the captain and officers and men of the Achilles. The gathering included officers and men of all the armed forces, and a number of guests.

At the official table were the Minister of Education (Mr. Fraser), the Minister of Defence (Mr. Jones), the Minister of Industries and Commerce (Mr. Sullivan), the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand (Sir Harry Batterbee), the Leader of the Legislative Council (Mr. Wilson), the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers), Colonel J. Hargest, the Consul for France (M. Pouquet), and Mr. Tai Mitchell, representing the Maori race.

TROOPS IN EGYPT

New Zealanders Have Busy Time

CAIRO'S HOSPITALITY

"Time still refuses to stand still for members of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force," states the officer commanding the New Zealand Forces overseas, Major-General B. C. Freyberg, in a cable message received by the Prime Minister, Mr. Savage. The days which we spent in settling down in the concentration area on the Egyptian sands have flown by, and we feel ready for the inauguration of our advanced training programme.

"In spare time during the last few days, our eyes have been opened to some of the endless wonders and sights of Cairo and its surrounding. Leave is now being granted each evening, also Saturday afternoons, and already most of us have been carried in fast trains along the Nile to huge mixed cities. Organized tours to places of interest are being arranged.

"We seem popular with the people of Cairo, whose hospitality has warmed us to the city. The native language is beyond us, but school-day French is proving more than useful. Our trips have impressed us with the intense wartime activities all around us, for we have seen and heard of the canvas cities, even larger than ours, and we have met troops from England and Scotland, and India. R.A.F. planes have excited us with mock fighting, just above our heads.

"The weather here, with brilliant days and cool nights, suits us ideally, and the general standard of health has probably never been higher. Every care is taken to keep it so, even to cleaning hands with disinfectant before and after food.

"There are good Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes, of which several are established here," concludes Major-General Freyberg. "Part of our transport equipment, in the form of vans, trucks, cars, and motor-cycles has been handed over to us, and dispatch-riders have already experienced the thrill of careering over pebbly undulating desert in the shadow of the Pyramids. Our days are truly filled with activity in this new land, but our thoughts continuously span the thousands of miles to New Zealand."

EMPIRE AIR SCHEME APPOINTMENTS

Group Captain Isitt To Go To Canada

LIAISON OFFICER FOR AUSTRALIA

Cabinet has approved of the appointment of Group Captain L. M. Isitt, Air Member for Personnel, as the representative of the New Zealand Government on the supervisory board set up to administer the Empire air training scheme.



GROUP CAPTAIN L. M. ISITT.

in Canada. Making this announcement last evening the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, said that Mr. B. R. Rae, inspecting accountant, Air Department, was also proceeding to Canada to assist Group Captain Isitt.

The Minister said that Cabinet had also approved the appointment of Group Captain T. M. Wilkes, Controller of Civil Aviation, as liaison officer in Australia for the New Zealand Army



GROUP CAPTAIN T. M. WILKES.

and Air Force. During his absence from New Zealand Flight Lieutenant J. M. Buckeridge, at present senior assistant to the Controller of Civil Aviation, would be Acting-Controller of Civil Aviation.

THE SOLDIER ON LEAVE

How The A.N.A. Club Helps Him To Enjoy His Time

The life of a soldier in training is not all discipline and hard work; he has hours of leave and relaxation when much can be done to help him to enjoy himself by well-organized social activities. At the outset of the war a group of men and women who fully realized the importance of social entertainment

for the men in training decided to form a club to provide amusement for the men when on leave. Thus the A.N.A.—Army, Navy and Air—Club came into being, under the jurisdiction of the Wellington Provincial Patriotic Committee. That there was a real need for such a club is shown by its growing popularity, which can be fully gauged by the attendance figures to date—5455.

The organization of the club is efficiently inconspicuous. Things always seem to go with an effortless "swing," and only those who are behind the scenes can realize the reason. Here co-operation, enthusiasm and tireless energy prevails among the committee of women workers who cheerfully prepare supper, always one of the most important items, and do the endless chores such as "washing up."

Concerts were originally planned, but as the men showed a definite preference for dancing, this has become the main item on the programmes arranged for the Friday and Saturday nights when the men meet at the club, which has taken over the old R.S.A. rooms in Victoria Street. The rooms are admirably suited to the needs of the club, but are not big enough to hold the increasing crowd of boys and men who are making it their headquarters when on leave. For those who do not wish to dance there are ping-pong, darts, and other games, but those who can't dance but would like to, have felt very grateful to Mrs. A. McNaughton (Miss Phyllis Bates), for her lessons in the art.

The club could not have chosen any one more suitable than Mrs. McNaughton, for her knowledge of organizing dances is an invaluable asset. Whether it is teaching the Palais Guide with the aid of a "mike" or dashing about seeing that everybody is mixing well, whatever she does, wherever she goes, things "move," as the boys would say.

To dance, of course, the boys must have partners, and this is where one of the biggest secrets of the success of the club is revealed. The "girls' auxiliary," headed by an auxiliary committee of 16, consists of some 800 girls drawn from all walks of life. Credit is due to them that they all co-operate fully with the committee in entertaining the men. The committee's idea is to keep things moving and everybody mixing, and the result is that everybody has a thoroughly enjoyable time.

One needs to visit the club one night to fully appreciate what is being done to give the men a bright time during their hours of relaxation. The men's committee has instituted a professional touch by a "hat check" system. Once past this, the ballroom makes its presence known by cheerful noise. Friday nights are more informal, the girls wear afternoon dress, and the music is by piano, but on Saturday nights it looks like a ball. A full swing orchestra is provided, and all the girls wear their evening frocks. On the second floor there is a comfortable lounge and a large supper room. Here gallant work is done behind the scenes. Soldiers have good appetites, and the committee likes to see them satisfied. Many of Wellington's best-known women help here; with sleeves rolled up and aprons on, they work with a will. These same women act as chaperones and take turns presiding at the door. Their executive consists of Mesdames A. McNaughton, W. E. Barnard, E. Luke, F. Martin, H. F. O'Leary, E. Puttick, A. B. Smith, F. H. Whatley, T. M. Wilkes; and the men's executive comprises Messrs. F. E. Bailey (chairman), R. C. Burton, W. D. Gordon, E. C. Hale, J. Joyce, A. McNaughton (vice-chairman and treasurer), C. A. Morton (secretary), and J. Murray.

The club is ruled by a spirit of true democracy. Class distinctions are non-existent, and officers and men of the three services mix freely and happily. The responsibility for the club's activities rests on the executive committee, but they receive generous assistance from club members and other helpers. Numbers of Wellington firms are generous in supplying food, and the very small charge made for the dances also helps to pay expenses.

The club membership is limited to 150 members, who are called upon for

Everyman's

"Abide with me from morn
For without Thee I cannot
Abide with me when night
For without Thee I dare not

On Sunday evening we had Mr. W. J. Burrows, of Christchurch, who appreciated much the opportunity of meeting the men and seeing something of the work being done in the Hut. After the usual singing Burrows read from the 27th of St. Matthew's Gospel, depicting the appearance of the Lord Jesus before the Roman governor, following it up with an apt talk on Pilate's question, "What I do with Jesus which is of Christ?" In a simple but powerful way he stressed the fact that each individual has to face this. We may endeavour to sidestep or ignore it, but sooner or later it will be met and answered. In bringing redemption and salvation to mankind, Christ had deliberately taken the Cross. Throughout His life He had demonstrated His powers in the working of miracles, when the time came He refused to take Him and unjustly crucify Him, counting the reproach of man as worth the cost of life's blood. Speaking to men in His presence there in the Kingdom of God, He showed that they had weighed the possibilities and counted the appeal to them to ponder the claims of that One who was going forth to save the world. They were going forth to face only the physical dangers which might wreck their bodies, the moral dangers, which could wreck their manhood and their souls. Only the presence of Christ in their hearts could keep them in the face of these dangers, and he left them to face "the next move up." May the men be given the strength to make the most of their time and render to the One Who is able to keep them.

The new extension of the Hut, in use for the first time on Friday night, and when all the furnishing is in hand, will add considerable comfort of the men. We look forward to many happy days in the short periods the soldiers are on leave, and our prayer is that they may be able to look back on their days with and thankfulness to the living Christ.

assistance as required. The club is only to simplify administration, and, outside actual members, can create any "auxiliaries" such as the girls' auxiliary.

That the men appreciate the opportunity of assisting them to enjoy their time, is evident by their enjoyment of the Friday and Saturday nights, and the committee feels a real pride and pleasure when they see men (as often happens) with appreciation of the soldiers in their speech.

The men who attend the club have always felt that their time was too short. As their trains depart for Trentham at 11.20 p.m., they leave at 11 p.m., but all that time is changed now, thanks to the executive. Their efforts with the railway and railway authorities have resulted in the time limit being extended to 12.15 a.m.

AIR FORCE RELATIONS

Headquarters Opened By Mrs. P. Fraser

"Women have complained that there is no opportunity for them to do war work," said Mrs. P. Fraser, wife of the Deputy-Prime Minister, opening the Air Force Relations headquarters in Wellington yesterday, "but they cannot say that now, for the opportunity is here."

The Air Force Relations has been formed with the object of making comforts for members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and at headquarters a comfortable lounge club-room has been prepared for the use of airmen passing through Wellington. Sewing and knitting circles will meet at headquarters, and a large case of articles for men on active service and in hospital, and prisoners of war, will be sent overseas the last week in every month. In addition it is intended to send tinned goods, honey, toffee, sweets, tomatoes, meat and vegetables.

"The men who are going away are ready to sacrifice their lives," said Mrs. Fraser. "Anything we can do for them is very small in comparison. But we should all do what we can, no matter how small it is. Let us give generously to the funds and generously of our time, for there is no worthier or greater object."

Mrs. Fraser congratulated the committee and said the work it was undertaking was very commendable.

The president, Mrs. H. W. L. Saunders, explained the objects of the Air Force Relations, and said that the rooms would be open for airmen and soldiers every Saturday afternoon, when the committee would serve afternoon tea. Some women wondered, said Mrs. Saunders, if there were enough New Zealanders in the Air Force to worry about making things for, but there would be 1000 in the Royal Air Force by the end of the year, and already six of our airmen had distinguished themselves in the war. The headquarters had been furnished entirely by the kindness of certain business firms, she said, and the equipment was complete, even to stationery for the men.

With Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Saunders in the official party were Mrs. T. M. Wilkes and Mrs. L. M. Isitt.

Representatives of the Royal New Zealand Air Force present were Group Captain H. W. L. Saunders, Chief of Air Force, Group Captain T. M. Wilkes, Controller of Civil Aviation, Group Captain L. M. Isitt, Wing Commander A. de T. Neville, and Squadron Leader B. Shiel. Also present were representatives of many women's organizations.

Spacious, Sunny and Comfortable.

The rooms are spacious and sunny and the lounge, which is to be used as a clubroom by the men, is very comfortably furnished. An office and a large ante-room with a kitchen adjoins.

Afternoon tea was served by the committee, assisted by the Air Force guests. Many women took the opportunity to inspect the garments already made and to obtain details of the articles required. These include pullovers, scarves, balaclavas, mittens and socks. Many can assist at home by making such things as fruit cakes, shortbread and biscuits, to send away.

Among those present were Lady Elliott, Mrs. E. Puttick, Mrs. A. Cowles, Mrs. W. Young, Mrs. J. A. Doctor, Miss R. Van Stavern, Mrs. D. Basham, Miss Amy Kane, Mrs. Gray Hassell, Mrs. W. Deans, Mrs. E. Kelso, Mrs. M. Tyne (Auckland), Miss Constance Morice, Mrs. J. B. Hudson, Mrs. R. Hansard, Mrs. I. E. Rawnsley, Mrs. E. G. Olsen, Miss Pauline Shoflander, Mrs. J. K. Black (Auckland), Mrs. Maurice Archibald, Mrs. I. A. Scott, Mrs. J. M. Buckridge, Mrs. S. Neil, Mrs. John Gamble, and Mrs. A. Cohen.

LANGUAGE STUDY FOR TROOPS

Dr. A. C. Keys, lecturer in modern languages at Victoria University College, has offered to assist officers and men engaged in intelligence work with the forces to renew their contact with French, German, and Italian. Notification to this effect appears in Trentham Mobilisation Camp routine orders, and units are asked to hand in names of those who desire to take advantage of the offer.

HAND OUT A SMILE

The recruit had just received the "King's shilling." He inspected it carefully, bounced it on the desk, and remarked, "Ere, this bob don't ring very well."

"Wot the 'ell d'you expect for a shilling?" growled the recruiting officer, "blinkin' peal of bells?"

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SOMETHING TO EXPLAIN.

Anxiously his evacuated wife studied a letter from her husband. He said he had consulted a doctor about his health, and had been advised to go carefully, as he was suffering from "syncopation" (medical term for heart affection, leading to fainting fits).

But the anxious wife looked up the word in the English dictionary, and this is what she saw: "An uneven movement proceeding from one bar to another!"

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Two evacuees were gazing at the shop window decorations, and outside a butcher's shop saw several hams hanging amid a large holly branch.

"Look, Tom, look at them 'ams a-growing up there."

"Get away," said the other, "'ams don't grow."

"Well, that's all you know about it," said the first, adding scornfully, "Ain't you ever 'eard of a 'ambush?"

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NO BETTER THE SECOND TIME.

They had been lads of the village together, and twenty years later suddenly met at the recruiting office.

"Well, after all these years," said Tom. "Let's have a drink?"

"No," was the reply. "I've been born again."

"What!" exclaimed Tom, looking at the other's legs. "Born again—and still bow-legged."

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THE NEW HEROISM.

"Spare a copper, gov'nor, for an old hero of the battlefields, sir. I've survived four wars."

Gent (feeling for coppers): How did you manage it?

"Kept out of 'em, gov'nor."

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A PRIVATE'S REVENGE.

One long-suffering private had his crowded hour of glorious life a few days ago when nearly all the members of his platoon were on fatigue duties, and he was a lonely figure on parade. Soon, however, six N.C.O.'s filed out. His eyes gleaming, he sloped arms and marched out in front "In three ranks," he shouted, "fall in. I'll drive you for a change."

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Camp Entertainers

CONCERT at TRENTHAM

A very successful entertainment was held on Wednesday night at Trentham, the arrangement being made by the executive committee of the Official Camp Entertainers. Those responsible for the excellent programme were the members of the Wellington Operatic and Theatrical Society, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Casey. The theatre was packed and the large and enthusiastic audience encored each item. Mr. Lauri Gubb (drums) and Mrs. Garnett (piano) played the overture, and items quickly followed, those in the party being Mrs. Sims, Mrs. A. Haley, Misses Kathleen Hayes, Ngaire Blundell, Winnie Male, Pat Liardet, Olga Miller, S. Morrison, D. Casey, and Messrs. A. Haley, W. Jameson, M. Cachemaille, P. Keogh, I. Smith, C. Sims, S. Philpot, F. Andrews, L. Gubb, and W. Parnell. The show was exceptionally good and the ballet work was a special feature. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. A. Haley and Mr. C. Simm. The stage managed was Mr. C. Simm, assisted by Mr. Stan. Philpot.

At the conclusion of the performance, and after the lucky numbers were drawn, Major Mackasill, on behalf of the officers and men, thanked the executive committee of the Official Camp Entertainers for arranging the concert, and also congratulated Miss Dorothy Casey and the company on their excellent performance. Those in the party were the guests of Major Mackasill and his officers at supper and afterwards at a dance.

**MAORI BATTALION'S
RAPID PROGRESS**

**Inspection By Chief Of
General Staff**

**PHYSIQUE AND WORK OF
MEN PRAISED**

The belief that the 28th (Maori) Rifle Battalion, which he inspected in its camp at Palmerston North on the 19th inst., would live up to the high traditions of the First N.Z.E.F. and make history for the Maori people was expressed by the Chief of the General Staff, Major-General J. E. Duigan, in an interview.

"The progress the battalion has made is most satisfactory," he said. "It is hard to believe without actually seeing the men on parade the rapid strides that have been made. Their progress reflects credit on the commanding officer, company and platoon commanders and N.C.O.'s who were trained at Trentham for two months before taking over their units. Their marching and drill are of high standard. The physique of the men is excellent; their average height is 5ft. 9in. They are creditable representatives of the Maori race."

General Duigan spoke to the battalion on the need for discipline, which he said was the only thing that would hold men together in a tight corner. He told them they should go on working hard to make themselves as efficient as possible, so that they could be welded into an efficient fighting unit of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force alongside the pakeha battalions.

Before inspecting the Maori Battalion at Palmerston North General Duigan visited Waiouru, where he inspected the Second Medium Battery,

N.Z.A. (Hamilton), the First Battalion Wellington Regiment (City of Wellington's Own), the First Battalion Wellington-West Coast Regiment, and the Second Composite Company, N.Z.A.S.C. "The physique of the men in the Second Medium Battery is remarkable," General Duigan said. "It is one of the finest territorial units New Zealand has ever produced. Officers, N.C.O.'s and men are outstanding both in physique and in their technical work."

On Monday the Fifth Field Regiment of Artillery and two batteries of the Seventh Anti-Tank Corps, all units of the Second N.Z.E.F., moved by road from Ngauruhia to Waiouru, where they will carry out live firing practice today and on Thursday.

General Duigan will again visit Waiouru while the N.Z.E.F. Artillery units are there and will also inspect the following territorial units which will be in camp at the same time: First Battalion North Auckland Regiment, First Composite Company, N.Z.A.S.C., First Field Ambulance, N.Z.M.C. (all from Northern Military District), Nineteenth Medium Battery, N.Z.A., and the Second Field Ambulance, N.Z.M.C. (Central District). He will leave Wellington today to visit Ngauruhia Camp.

**Enlargement of
Everyman's Hut**

Remarkable Demonstration

The great popularity of Everyman's Hut at Trentham Camp was remarkably demonstrated on Monday evening when a function was held to celebrate the enlargement of the institution to cope with its increasing popularity among the men. The members of the controlling committee and their wives and quite a number of private citizens were present. Mr. C. J. Drake, the Chairman of the Committee, presided. The Camp Commandant was represented by Captain Hadow, who was accompanied by Captain Ready and Captain Milash. Representatives of the other church hutments were present.

The evening was opened by the Camp Band playing the National Anthem, after which the chairman, in a short address, outlined the purposes for which the hut had been established. These, he said, were to give the men a home away from home, and in addition to give them the Gospel under suitable conditions. The committee had been delighted that it had been necessary to enlarge the institution, and hoped that the men would continue to take full advantage of the facilities provided for them. In concluding the chairman paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Gordon Blair, who is in charge of the Hut, and who had been so successful in his work among the men. The mention of Mr. Blair's name was greeted with rounds of applause.

Captain Ready, on behalf of the Camp Commandant, expressed appreciation to the committee for the work that was being done at Everyman's Hut, and stated that the military authorities recognised its value. Representatives of the other institutions in camp then added their tribute.

A touching episode was reached when one of the "Diggers" came forward and as a surprise packet presented to Mr. Blair the results of a spontaneous subscription taken up among the men which amounted to over £20.

After the formal proceedings had been concluded, the evening was given over to musical items of a sacred na-

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ture, several of these being most appreciatively by the Band.

Just before supper was served Drake gave the men a short talk and it was noticeable how they listened with the utmost attention.

Supper was served all round the happy evening ended in allow the men to return to their tents before "lights out."

LATE NEWS

**Wairarapa
Returned Soldiers
Visit Trentham**

A very happy and pleasant visit was spent at Trentham Camp by a party of Wairarapa Returned Soldiers of Wairarapa on Sunday last. In recognition of the assistance rendered by the Territorial Military Band to the Greytown centennial celebrations, the old soldiers felt the stir within them to visit their old haunts. The band met them at the gates and played them "Barrack Room Square." The returned soldiers took their mind back a century, "when we were young," and wished that they could come back again. Their cobbles of yesterday were greeted and escorted them to the sergeants' mess of the Brigade Units where refreshments were fittingly provided. Many old men (Continued on page 7)

AWARDS IN R.A.F.

Two New Zealanders Included

GALLANTRY IN AIR

The British Air Ministry (states London) announced awards of three Distinguished Service Orders, two Distinguished Flying Crosses and 14 Distinguished Flying Medals to members of the R.A.F., and one D.F.M. to a corporal of the Royal New Zealand Air Force; also 10 officers and 35 of other ranks receive special mentions in dispatches. The awards have been granted in respect of various types of operations and in some cases for conspicuously good work on a number of occasions.

Among the operations for which the awards have been granted are reconnaissance flights over various parts of Germany, including Berlin, raids on Warkum, Brunsbuttel, Heligoland, Wilmshaven, and Schilling roads, the destruction of enemy aircraft in various engagements, offensive and reconnaissance patrols over the North Sea and elsewhere, attacks on submarines, and various acts of individual bravery during actions.

Wing Commander William Ernest Eaton, who is the first Great War pilot to win an award in the present conflict, gained the D.S.O. He brought down 28 planes, nine of them in five days as a Royal Flying Corps lieutenant in 1918, at the age of 17, and won the Military Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross with a bar. He now commands a north of England bombing squadron with which he made raids and reconnaissance flights over the North Sea.

The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Squadron Leader Andrew McKee, who was born at Oxford, New Zealand, and the Distinguished Flying Medal to Corporal Colin B. G. Light, who was born at Tolaga Bay.

New Zealanders' Careers.

Squadron Leader McKee is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McKee, Oxford (states a Press Association message from Christchurch). He was born at Oxford 39 years ago, and was educated at the Christchurch Boys' High School. He took up farming for a time, and when 25 years old underwent a training course at Wigram for a few months. He then left to join the R.A.F., and after a term there was transferred to Egypt. From there he went to India, later returning to England.

Squadron Leader McKee was in charge of a bombing squadron, and his family last heard from him three weeks ago, when he reported all as well, "with some exciting moments." Squadron Leader McKee is married and has one daughter.

Corporal Knight is the first airman N.C.O. of the Royal New Zealand Air Force to receive a decoration. Though New Zealanders serving with the Royal Air Force have won awards, Corporal Knight is the son of Mrs. K. Knight, Otago Street, Picton, and is 25 years of age. He was formerly a corporal in the Nelson-Marlborough Mounted Rifles, transferring to the N.Z.A.F. in 1937. Previously he was employed with the Post and Telegraph Department at Seddon.

In February, 1939, Corporal Knight was sent to the United Kingdom as a wireless operator for service with the Wellington aircraft which were to have been flown to New Zealand. Then, together with other personnel of the Royal New Zealand Air Force who were in Britain, he was lent to the Air Ministry for employment with the Royal Air Force.

No details are available about the circumstances in which Corporal Knight won the D.F.M. other than the official statement, "For gallantry and devotion to duty."

CARNIVAL BALL FOR SECOND ECHELON

Mayor As Patron Of A.N.A. Club

More than 1200 people gathered in the Wellington Town Hall on Saturday night when the A.N.A. Club held a carnival dance in honour of the men of the Second Echelon, N.Z.E.F. The gallery was packed with spectators watching the crowds on the dance floor, where the predominance of uniforms of the army, navy and air force made abundantly clear the meaning of the club's three-letter name.

With the flags of the Allies hung around the gallery rail, the uniforms of 600 men, and the red, white and blue badges worn by members of the A.N.A. Club, the patriotic spirit of the occasion was evident. Ferns were massed about the orchestral dais, and cool greenery made that part of the gallery overlooking the dance floor an ideal sitting-out place. The official party was seated in an alcove appropriately decorated with flags, and the main entrance to the hall was also hung with bunting.

The mayor and mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Hislop, who have just accepted the offices of patron and patroness of the A.N.A. Club, made their first official appearance in that capacity when they attended the dance for the earliest part of the evening. They were met at the door and escorted to the dais by the official hostesses, Mesdames H. F. O'Leary, T. M. Wilkes and E. Puttick. Mr. F. E. Bailey, president of the A.N.A. Club, welcomed the new patron and patroness, and commented on their fervent interest in all patriotic causes.

Mr. Hislop congratulated the A.N.A. Club on its fine efforts, which had as a grand result the successful carnival dance. He could see the men were enjoying themselves at this ball, which was their farewell social occasion in Wellington, and he hoped to welcome them all back to the capital city from overseas at some not too distant date. To the citizens present Mr. Hislop expressed the hope that they would make it their duty to see that when the Second Echelon sailed, reinforcements were kept up to strength.

The crowd sang musical honours for the guests, and rousing cheers were given when the official party responded by singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" in honour of the men.

Camaraderie was the spirit of the night, and Mrs. A. McNaughton (Miss Phyllis Bates), who was in charge of the programme, kept the dance going with a swing from her point of vantage behind the microphone. Mrs. McNaughton wore a black net frock studded with sequins and an effective shoulder spray of white waterlily buds.

An orchestra of ten played lively music, and several of the guests provided impromptu vocal accompaniments. Miss N. Thompson, of the Physical Welfare Department, played the extra music.

Maori Action Song.

The men of the Maori Battalion training as n.c.o.'s and officers at

Trentham, gave an action-song item, assisted by the Maori girl entertainers from the Exhibition. They were led by Mr. P. T. West. The platoon from the Maori Battalion had been brought to the ball in a body as a prize from their instructor when they won the competition for the best platoon at the Central District School of Instruction.

Opportunity was taken to give a public farewell to Group Captain and Mrs. Wilkes, who will leave shortly for Australia, where Group Captain Wilkes is to take up a position as liaison officer in Melbourne.

As a special gesture from the women's committee of the A.N.A., the first 500 men of the Second Echelon to arrive at the ball were presented with button and rifle-cleaning outfits as mementos. These were small floral bags, each with a blank name-plate and containing squares of flannelette. The bags were made by the women headed by Mrs. F. E. Whatley, and presented to the men by the girls of the Young People's Auxiliary, led by Miss V. Neeley. Mr. L. Evans provided the material for the outfits.

A sumptuous supper was served, with Mesdames E. Puttick, E. Luke and H. W. L. Saunders at the head of the band of 20 helpers, who worked from early in the day preparing the food. Much of the provisions for the weekly dances are regularly donated by city firms, the D.I.C., Kirkealdie and Stains, James Smith, the Larder, Mrs. Aunt, the Green Room, and the Kosy Tearoom. A monthly hamper is sent down from Otaki by the women's patriotic committee of that district, headed by Dr. E. C. Atmore, mayoress of Otaki, and Mrs. J. N. O'Halloran, secretary.

Among the official guests were Mrs. F. E. Bailey, wife of the president of the A.N.A. Club, Mr. and Mrs. P. Norman, Colonel Cowles, Colonel and Mrs. R. A. Roe, Captain C. N. Henry and Miss Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Spence. Two competitions were held, and Miss Olwyn Lowry won an iced cake, and Mr. W. C. Fishenden won a giant cracker. The latter was a decorative affair in blue and mauve, about three feet long.

Beginning this week, the A.N.A. is providing a further service, when the clubrooms at 12 Victoria Street will be open to men in uniform to read, rest or have afternoon tea each Saturday afternoon.

SENIOR CHAPLAIN TO FORCES

Bishop Gerard To Leave With Third Echelon

It was announced at the meeting of the general synod that the Bishop of Waiapu, Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard, had accepted an appointment as senior chaplain of the New Zealand Forces. He will go overseas with the Third Echelon.

Archdeacon Hawkins was appointed senior chaplain in the province during Bishop Gerard's absence.

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It takes a lot of courage for a star to change characterizations at the peak of a successful career—particularly if the change is from "sweet" to worldly roles.

But lovely Myrna Loy found the courage to play the amorous Lady Esketh in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "The Rains Came," the Louis Bromfield best-seller which co-stars her with Tyrone Power and George Brent, at the Plaza.

After four years of playing the perfect wife and sweetheart—it all began with "The Thin Man"—Myrna made no secret of the fact that she was pretty tired of smiling sweetly and would welcome an opportunity to delineate a bit of celluloid wickedness for a change.

But she admits that she was completely bowled over when Zanuck, production chief at 20th Century-Fox, called her up one day and asked her how she'd like to play Bromfield's lady of many loves. She hadn't expected to be quite that wicked!

"I thought the matter over for almost a week," Myrna said. "I had felt for months that I was being typed and thought that movie-goers must be as satiated with my exemplary cinema conduct as I was."

So she took the role and, according to advance reports, her portrayal of the woman who was regenerated by her love for the fascinating Major Safti, played by Tyrone Power, will win Myrna a host of new fans.

STATE THEATRE.

MANY CONFLICTS SEEN IN NEW O'BRIEN FILM.

How a courageous federal marshal brings law and order to a small frontier community during the early days of the West is vividly told in "The Marshal of Mesa City," George O'Brien's latest out-door drama at the State Theatre.

"The Marshal of Mesa City" depicts in exacting detail a phase of the

early settling of the West, in the warfare that raged between outlaws and peace officers who were fighting to bring order to the turbulent towns of the American frontier.

O'Brien is seen in one of the most dramatic roles of his long career as a fighting marshal who defies crooked politicians and crooked law enforcement officers in an effort to clean up Mesa City, where he has accepted the job of peace officer when the town's marshal is killed by an outlaw.

The climax comes when O'Brien is arrested on trumped-up charges by those trying to destroy him. The star fights his way from a burning gaol to defeat his enemies, and brings the picture to an unusual ending.

A notable cast is seen in support of O'Brien, including Virginia Vale, Leon Ames, Henry Brandon, Harry Cording, Lloyd Ingraham, Mary Gordon and Slim Whitaker. David Howard directed this RKO Radio production.

A film produced at the request of thousands of radio fans throughout the U.S.A. "Meet Doctor Christian," starring Jean Hersholt, at the State Theatre.

"Meet Doctor Christian" is the first of a new series of films based on the first films to have transferred a radio character to the screen without altering its interpretation. In an effort to insure true characterisation of the starring portrayal, several situations were adapted from Hersholt's radio scripts. Hence, the theatre-goer will view the real "Doctor Christian" when he sees the film.

With the story centring around the events and people of a small Minnesota town, Hersholt portrays one of the most important roles of his lengthy career. It is his creation of the thoughtful and humanitarian physician that is said to make for a touching and warmly human story.

KING'S THEATRE.

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Frank Capra's latest Columbia hit, co-

starring Jean Arthur and James Stewart.

Hailed from coast to coast as Capra's most brilliant screen achievement, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" is justifying that acclaim by shattering all records of previous Capra successes, which include "It Happened One Night," "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "You Can't Take It With You," adjudged the best pictures of their respective years.

A gay, exciting, warmly emotional comedy drama, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" is enacted by a truly outstanding cast. In addition to Miss Arthur and Stewart, who share the romantic leads, Edward Arnold, Thomas Mitchell, Claude Rains, Guy Kibbee, Ruth Donnelly, Eugene Pallette, Beulah Bondi, Harry Carey and H. B. Warner play prominent roles.

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" presents Stewart in the title role—a sincere, idealistic young man who overnight becomes a national sensation. Miss Arthur is cast as secretary to Stewart when the latter is appointed to fill an unexpired term in the United States Senate. Complications both serious and comic crowd upon one another in swift succession, mounting to a climax that makes audiences want to stand up and cheer.

TUDOR THEATRE

Film audiences viewing Walter Wanger's "Eternally Yours," co-starring Loretta Young and David Niven, which commenced a return season at the Tudor, 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."

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were revived, which clearly showed that though a soldier's life is full of uncertainties it has many compensations to the returned men in happy associations with old coppers.

S.S.M. Ryan, on behalf of the Returned Soldiers in the camp, tendered the visitors a very hearty welcome and trusted their sojourn amongst them would reveal the great improvements that were in train to make the life of the soldier as comfortable as possible; Mr. H. G. Carter, Greytown, thanked the "Digs" for their reception and conveyed the personal ap-

preciation of the Greytown Memorial Committee to the great powers of the bands present. The township of normally 1200 was increased to 5000 for the J. W. Barnard, President of the Wairarapa R.S.A., said he brought him representatives from Marton to Martinborough. He was particularly struck with the large number of "Old Diggers" who had again returned to the colours at a time when the tiny of the British Empire was threatened.

A visit was made to the hill overlooking the camp where a comprehensive view was seen of old Trentham and new Trentham. Parties broke up escorted by Wairarapa R.S.A. men who described the units of camp life. The success of the gathering was greatly assisted by the valuable and appreciative assistance rendered by Sergeant Chris and willing assistants in the carrying out of their duties. All good things come to an end and very reluctantly the visitors were "marched out" by the Wairarapa R.S.A. to the Main Road.

MERCANTILE MARINE GATHER AT TRENTHAM

The visit of the Wairarapa Returned Soldiers to Trentham brought together four Returned Soldiers who had seen service in the Mercantile Marine prior to enlisting in the Army. It was the "green ribbon" that they wore that set them apart. There it was proudly shown to the other honours. It was William Paddy, or Paddy" as he is affectionately called, that set the ball rolling. Paddy is on the Camp Guard and possesses a delightful Irish wit, so becoming in a "dinkum" way. Paddy first of all saw service in the Australian troopships, later in the New Zealand Army. While filling up the cup that Paddy noticed that Frank G. Gler, of Greytown, had the Green Ribbon. Inquiries revealed that Frank saw service on the Torua he possessed the King's Queen's medals for service in the Imperial Army. Rightly proud of Frank of the six medals he had. They wondered if there were more in the company. Look they espied Seaman G. I. Masterton. Your boat was "Borara." Lest you can't name it may be mentioned that the first German boat to be captured in Australia. Time did not permit to get the correct German title. It is another in New Zealand. Your name, sir? Wallace. Wallace with emphasis on his Christian name, no doubt proud of his Scotch heritage. Wallace was in the Mercantile Marine at the commencement of the 18 campaign, later enlisting in the 33rd Battalion of the Australian Imperial Forces. The writer, who is a "foot slogger," was greatly impressed by the valuable contribution the forces render to the land forces.



Three great stars head a great cast in a great film. Tyrone Power as the romantic Major Rama Safti; Myrna Loy as the lovely and amorous Lady Esketh; and George Brent as the world-weary Tom Ransome in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "The Rains Came," the sensationally successful best-seller by Louis Bromfield.

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