

R.A.F. ROLL OF HONOUR



Sergeant-Pilot R. H. Clifford, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Clifford, Christchurch, died from injuries when struck by a lorry in England.



Pilot-Officer E. I. Parsons, D.F.C., only son of Mrs. B. H. Parsons, Christchurch, missing in air operations with the R.A.F.

appeared at the Dunedin Exhibition, and the Grenadier Guards Band. The Central Band of the R.N.Z.A.F. is the first real New Zealand approach to the true military band. For marching the instrumentation is confined to woodwind and brass, but for concert performances the string sections will be introduced. Possessing so great an array of talent, the band should prove a great attraction both in concert programmes and in military displays, and there is a likelihood that such a band may be utilized to tour New Zealand for patriotic purposes.

Interesting Innovations.

Under the charge of Flight Lieut. Gladstone Hill, Director of Music for the R.N.Z.A.F. the band has already attained a high standard of musical proficiency, as was indicated by the intonation and general standard of musicianship on Saturday. A feature was the front line of six trombones—an innovation in New Zealand and one that greatly impressed bandsmen and band lovers among the crowd. The quality of the trombone playing in the march "National Emblem" was very pleasing.

Much yet remains to be accomplished in military movements by the band, but Saturday's display was a most commendable one considering that the only practice in military movements the band had had took place on Saturday morning under Drum-Major A. V. Brown, drill instructor from the Woodbourne aerodrome, Blenheim. Drum-Major Brown is well known to the Wellington public, having been drum-major to the Wellington Caledonian Society's Pipe Band. He was marshal at the octagonal serpentine display at Athletic Park in October of last year.

Another interesting feature of Saturday's performance was a fanfare introduction by cornets, horns and trombones to the National Anthem, specially arranged by Flight Lieut. Gladstone Hill.

Giving evidence last week, a soldier complained to a magistrate that every time he comes home on leave, his wife goes through his pockets systematically each night. What one might call a repeating rifle.

CALLING ALL SOLDIERS FROM NELSON DISTRICT

The Nelson Provincial Patriotic Council wishes to keep in touch with men from the Nelson district and has appointed Messrs. Wooton (c/o A.M.P. Society, Wellington — private telephone 40-334), and C. A. Corder (Postmaster, Upper Hutt) as local representatives. Men from the Nelson district are asked to make themselves known to either of these representatives who will have pleasure in giving any assistance in their power.

CASUALTY LIST

New Zealander Missing

A New Zealand airman, Pilot Officer Winton Selwood Shann has been reported missing as a result of operations on Wednesday, according to advice received by his sister, Mrs. D. McMillan, Mission Bay. He was formerly employed by the Producers' and Citizens' Co-operative Assurance Company, Limited, Auckland.

Born in Christchurch 22 years ago. Pilot Officer Shann is a son of Mrs. N. Cooper, Belfast, Christchurch. He was educated at the Christchurch Boys' High School, where he was a prefect and had an outstanding record, particularly as a swimmer. On leaving school he worked in a Government office in Wellington before coming to Auckland. He gave up his Auckland position to join the Air Force, and, after training at Wigram, left for England last April.

Pilot Officer Killed

The following casualty was announced recently:— Pilot Officer Howard Perry Hill, previously reported missing, now reported killed on operations. Father: Mr. J. S. Hill, Spring Creek, Marlborough.

PRISONER OF WAR

Information was received today that T. H. Hadley, a member of the R.A.F., recently reported missing, is now reported a prisoner of war in Germany.

Victims Of Air Operations

The following air casualties were announced recently:— Pilot Officer Winton Selwood Shann, missing on air operations.

Sergeant Alfred Frederick Blatch, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on air operations. Brother: Mr. J. H. A. Blatch, Lynwood Street, Lumsden.

Sergeant John Stephen Lane, R.N.Z.A.F., seriously injured in flying accident and admitted to hospital. Wife: Mrs. K. S. Lane, 45 Hohiria Road, Hataitai, Wellington.

Pilot Officer Eric Orgias, killed on air operations. Father: Mr. A. E. Orgias, Pohangina, Palmerston North.

PILOT OFFICER PATTISON

Pilot Officer John G. Pattison, Wai-pawa, who was mentioned in a recent Air Force casualty list as being seriously wounded and placed on the dangerously ill list, is a son of Mr. C. Pattison, chairman of the Patangata County Council and Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board.

Soon after the outbreak of the war Pilot Officer Pattison joined the Air Force, and after training at Marlborough, where he qualified as a pilot, he went overseas four and a half months ago to join the R.A.F. He is in his early twenties.

WOUNDED BY BOMBS

It is reported that Major Eric James Stock, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Egypt, has been wounded by air bombs. His wife is Mrs. A. L. Stock, 200 Salisbury Street, Christchurch.

R.N.Z.A.F. BAND

Model Of Famous Guards Bands At Home

IMPRESSIVE COMBINATION

Judged by the performance of the Central Band of the R.N.Z.A.F. at Athletic Park on Saturday, a fresh chapter is about to be written into the history of band music in New Zealand, a chapter which will mark the foundation on its true basis of the military band, modelled on the Guards' bands at Home. Reconstructed and reorganized from the original Air Force Band—a territorial organization—the Central Band of the R.N.Z.A.F. now consists purely of enlisted members of the R.N.Z.A.F., and has a strength of 58—48 instrumentalists, both brass and woodwind, and 10 drummers. It includes many leading instrumentalists, some of them having won Dominion championships.

Probably the most noted of the few military bands that have existed in this country is Derry's Band, Christchurch, an organization patterned on the Guards' bands. In its best days, this band had a membership of upward of 60. Noted military bands which have visited New Zealand are Sousa's Band, the Royal Artillery Band from Woolwich, which took part in the Auckland Exhibition, probably the finest combination of its kind to visit this country, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Band under Lieut. Ricketts, composer of the march "Colonel Bogey," which

Today's Great Drink

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"That's the stuff to give the troops!"