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Community Scroll as Christmas Greeting to 1st Echelon

Contains 350 Signatures

Work of Mr. Reg. H. Stillwell

A community scroll, bearing Christmas greetings and signatures from a large number of people, representing a cross-section of the Dominion, is on its way to Major-General B. C. Freyberg, V.C., and the men of the 1st Echelon in Egypt. The idea of the scroll came from Mr. R. H. Stillwell, of Wellington, and formerly of Christchurch.

Three feet long and two feet wide, the scroll has a New Zealand scene, in natural colours, with a Maori whare, lakes, hills, trees, ferns, and a kiwi above the greeting and below it a gold seal bearing the words, "New Zealand" and "Good Luck, Boys."

Mr. Stillwell's object was to send a greeting representative of the whole of New Zealand, and the eight weeks devoted to the task produced a worthy effort, there being 350 signatures, including those of the Governor-General (Lord Galway), the Prime Minister (Mr. Fraser), all Cabinet Ministers, heads of departments, and representatives of the armed forces—Commodore W. E. Parry, formerly captain of Achilles, Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, and Group Captain H. W. L. Saunders.

"Barmen and Bishops."

The scroll is signed by message boys and children, Plunket nurses and old-age pensioners, barmen and bishops, street cleaners and Judges, waterside workers and knights, politicians and priests.

"It represents a message of sincere goodwill from the people of New Zealand in all walks of life," said Mr. Stillwell, during a visit to Christchurch. "Everywhere I went the idea was received with enthusiasm, and everyone was anxious to fix their signature to the scroll, which proves the unity of spirit in the war effort, a community spirit which will do much to bring victory."

Everyone signed the scroll while doing their own particular job, the Governor-General at Government House, a blacksmith in his smithy, a painter while chipping paint off a house, a barman and grocer at their respective counters, the Rev. Percy Paris at a prayer meeting, and a policeman on his beat.

Road Cleaner Signs.

A road cleaner signed the scroll at 1 a.m. on the street, and a newspaper boy, who has four uncles in the services, while selling his papers. At the Te Aro School, Iris Hamilton was chosen to sign for the children. An English refugee child was among those to sign at the Wellington Technical College.

Councilor Margaret Semple, wife of the Hon. R. Semple, signed at her home in Kilbirnie, Mr. John A. Lee on a motor-car seat after being stopped in the street, and Mr. S. Frickleton, V.C., at his office desk in Lower Hutt.

The Hon. W. Perry, M.L.C., president of the Returned Soldiers Association, added his name to the scroll at the conclusion of the ceremony at the Wellington Cenotaph on Armistice Day, and the Queen of Raratonga signed at the home of Mrs. Ripeka Love. Among those of the Maori race to sign was Mr. King Tahiwai, who added the message, "Kia toa, kia ka kaha, kia manawanui" ("Be brave, be strong, be of stout heart.")

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Waiouru Camp One In Use Before Completion

Though not yet completed, the Church Army hut at Waiouru military camp has been open for the use of the Territorials in training there, and in four days last week 12,000 sheets of notepaper were used. What was expected to be a fortnight's supply disappeared almost as soon as it was placed on the writing tables. Captain S. R. Banyard, director of the Church Army in New Zealand, paid a visit to the camp over the weekend and he said that in spite of weather that had turned the grounds into a quagmire the soldiers were thoroughly enjoying themselves and seemed to be disappointed that they were shortly returning to civilian life.

The Waiouru hut, he said, was similar to one at Narrow Neck, which was placed in use on Monday, though it will be officially opened later. In addition to a library, large writing-room and lounge, the hut contains billiard tables, table tennis sets, ironing boards, piano and radio. It has been built and furnished from National Patriotic Funds.

HASTINGS SOLDIER TO RETURN HOME

Bomb Injuries In England

Advice that their son, Private Jack G. Olsen, a member of the second echelon in England, is to be sent home because of injuries which he received from a bomb has been received by Mr. and Mrs. H. Olsen, Hastings.

When a heavy bomb landed 50 yards from where he was in camp it caused terrific concussion, and as a result he lost his eyesight temporarily. The sight of his right eye, however, has returned, but it is not known whether he will be permanently blind in the left eye. A letter from him also mentioned that he had had a piece of shrapnel extracted from his knee, and he expressed disappointment that he had been pronounced medically unfit.

It is not known by his parents when he will reach Hastings.

Into the recruiting office went Rastus to do his bit. He wanted to join the infantry.

"Sorry, sonny, Full up in the infantry." Then coaxingly, "How about a cavalry regiment?"

Rastus took up his hat hurriedly. "No, suh. No cavalry for me, suh. When dey sound de retreat ah sho don' want to be hampered by no hoss."

GUN'S 10,000 SHOTS A MINUTE

Two new agents of destruction, which will make warfare even deadlier, have been invented and tested in America. They are:

A compressed air gun which will fire 10,000 times a minute, and

An explosive which is claimed to be anything up to 100 times more powerful than T.N.T.

The gun has been invented by William B. Hale and Durand Beam, associated with Roger J. Adams, Hollywood engineering research technician.

"Anyone who can spray plants with a hose could knock down a diving plane with this gun," Hale said yesterday.

The gun has half-inch ballbearings as bullets. At 1,000ft. these missiles pierced aeroplane armour plate and cut a 3in. oak plank in two.

The gun emitted only a gentle hissing noise. The steel balls shot out so quickly that they struck brilliant sparks from each other at the targets.

The muzzle was cooler after firing than before. Instrument dials indicated the air pressure was 150lb. a square inch. The inventors said 2,000lb. pressure would be feasible.

The inventor of the explosive is Dr. Arthur W. Shaudopvsky, a former Brussels scientist.

Dr. Shaudopvsky said he and two other research chemists tested the explosive in a remote spot, and found that whereas 1,500 grammes of high-power dynamite did 868 foot-pounds of work, the blast from only 100 grammes of his uranium explosive accomplished 4,270 foot-pounds of work.

"Though the amount detonated was so small," he said, "the resultant air blast shook a tower more than a mile away.

"We cannot give any details regarding the apparatus developed for detonating the uranium explosive," he added.—Associated Press.

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province are asked to make themselves
known to either of these representa-
tives who will have pleasure in giving
any assistance in their power.

**BACK FROM MIDDLE
EAST**

Invalided New Zealanders

DRAFT OF SIXTY-FIVE MEN

After travelling from Bombay to Melbourne in a British passenger liner now used as a troopship, 65 members of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. who have been invalided back from the Middle East arrived at Wellington. They left Egypt with the 28 soldiers who reached New Zealand a few weeks ago, but the party was split up in Bombay, and the 65 men who have now returned spent two months in India, partly in hospital at Poona and partly in a rest camp.

The men have been invalided back for various medical reasons—bad hearts, foot trouble, and so on—and most of them are still a long way from fit. They were medically examined yesterday and will be recommended for discharge, a spell in hospital, or whatever treatment the medical authorities consider each case demands. Those who do not require immediate hospital treatment have been granted four weeks' leave and transport to their homes.

Every man spoken to said he had no regrets about entering the Army. Several looked on their breakdown in health as bad luck, and said they hoped to be given a chance to return to the war station with their mates. A large number of the men have had long terms in hospital, but most of them saw something of the forward positions at Mersa Matruh. "There were plenty of sand, heat and flies, to make conditions uncomfortable for us," said one, "but our chief complaint is that the Italians did not have a go at us and give us something real to do."

These men's experience of enemy action was confined to bombing raids on Alexandria and a raid was made by Italian aircraft on shipping at Aden when the New Zealanders were on board the hospital ship which took them to India. "We were lying alongside a troopship," said one man, "but the nearest bomb fell about a quarter of a mile away. The Italians are not game enough to fly sufficiently low to hit their targets, and though there were between 50 and 60 vessels in the port at the time not one was hit. It was the same in the forward positions. The enemy planes were so high that it was impossible to sight them with machine-guns."

From Australia to New Zealand the draft was in the charge of Major W. R. Walsh, Southern Command Headquarters, Melbourne, and they were also accompanied by an Australian Army doctor, Captain Colin Clark, A.A.M.C. An Australian sergeant and four orderlies were with the draft—two from India and two from Australia.

Members of the Draft.

The names of those in the draft are as follows, the addresses of the next-of-kin being shown in each case:—

Driver W. G. Aughton, N.Z.A.S.C. (London); Pte. B. W. H. Borton, 20th Rifle Battalion (Christchurch); Sapper J. G. W. Barwick, N.Z. Engineers (England); Pte. B. C. Bradley, 18th Rifle Battalion (Auckland), Pte. D. S. Brocherie, 27th M.G. Battalion (Canterbury); Pte. R. J. Carter, 27th M.G. Battalion (Wellington); Pte. M. C. Clarkson, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (Eketahuna); Pte. F. S. Dallinger, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (Auckland); Driver F. Davison, N.Z.A.S.C. (Auckland); Pte. W. Davis, 18th Rifle Battalion (England); Driver De Cossey, N.Z. Engineers (Auckland); Staff Sergeant C. Dillon, H.Q., 4th Infantry Brigade (Wellington); Pte. D. M. Dixon, 27th M.G. Battalion (Auckland); Trooper G. C. Dixon, Div. Cavalry (Dargaville); Pte. N. C. Farr, N.Z. A.S.C. (New Plymouth); Cpl. F. C. Greenhill, Div. Cavalry (Hawera); Pte. V. E. Griffiths, 18th Rifle Battalion (Auckland); Pte. C. Griffith, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (England); Pte. I. M. Herbert, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (Dannevirke); Pte. J. Hines, 20th Rifle Battalion (Dunedin); Pte.

W. T. Hoare, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (Christchurch); Pte. N. Hunt, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (Wangaiui River); Pte. W. A. Johnstone, N.Z.A.S.C. (Bluff); Lance-Cpl. W. W. Kewish, N.Z.A.S.C. (Devonport); Pte. E. J. Knight, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (Christchurch); Pte. F. T. La Hood, 19th (Wellington) Battalion (Kaikoura); Capt. T. O. Lambie, Base Pay Office (Wellington); Signalman R. S. Lawrence, Div. Sigs. (Tokanui); Trooper H. G. Lilley, Div. Cavalry (—); Pte. P. Mackie, 18th Rifle Battalion (Mosgiel); Sapper G. McKinley, Engineers (Auckland); Gunner R. D. Mercer, Artillery (Auckland); Cpl. E. C. Miller, A.S.C. (Eastbourne); Gunner A. Mitchell, Artillery (Auckland); Sgt. G. W. Morton, Artillery (—); Pte. P. C. Murphy, A.S.C. (Auckland); Pte. A. R. Nalder, A.S.C. (Murchison); Pte. W. F. O'Keefe, A.S.C. (Hastings); Lieut. H. Palmer, Artillery (—); Sapper J. Pollard, Engineers (Auckland); Pte. M. T. Prior, H.Q., N.Z.E.F. Base (Invercargill); Pte. J. A. Pullin, A.S.C. (Dunedin); Gunner R. H. Putman, Artillery (Palmerston North); Pte. D. H. V. Parker, Div. Sigs. (Dunedin); Pte. K. D. S. Porter, Artillery (Whangarei); Pte. A. R. Quarterman, 20th Rifle Battalion (Christchurch); Pte. W. Reardon, 18th Rifle Battalion (Te Awamutu); Pte. R. O. Rapson, 18th Rifle Battalion (Silverdale); Sapper W. R. Reid, Engineers (Whangarei); Gunner C. G. Rollinson, Artillery (Morningside); Pte. S. A. Ruback, A.S.C. (Wellington); Sapper R. E. Shingleton, Engineers (Wellington); Pte. A. C. Sims, 27th M.G. Battalion (New Plymouth); Pte. G. J. W. Simon, 18th Rifle Battalion (Onehunga); Sapper R. F. Smith, Engineers (Wellington); Pte. J. Sullivan, A.S.C. (Christchurch); Sgt. R. F. Thompson, Div. H.Q. (Hawera); Pte. L. J. Thorp, 4th Field Ambulance (Auckland); Driver R. Todd, A.S.C. (Addington); Pte. R. H. J. Wheeler, 27th M.G. Battalion (Opawa); Driver R. A. Wilkinson, A.S.C. (Dunedin); Pte. T. S. Willis, H.Q. N.Z.E.F. Base (Napier); Pte. F. C. A. Wilson, 27th M.G. Battalion (Manukau); Pte. A. N. Wilson, 4th Infantry Brigade H.Q. (Winton); Pte. L. G. Wilson, reinforcements (—).

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When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

One of the Divine characteristics is "giving"—"God loved" and "God gave." His love is seen in action in His gifts—more than that, His love is measured by His giving. The great apostle Paul could say, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." The great fact of God's gift to the world, as set forth in the scenes of Gethsemane and Calvary, is the guarantee that in Christ He freely gives all. The part is less than the whole, and it pleased God that in His Son all fulness should dwell, for all things were created by Him, through Him, and for Him. All things are to be brought into subjection to Him, and in the final judgment of the great white throne, the Man of Calvary is the supreme Judge. To every one who receives Christ, God gives the power or right to become His son, a member of His family, and, by inheritance, that one is made heir of all things that are God's and through Him, Christ's. And the marvel of it all is that it is all of grace, "Not that we loved God, but that He loved us," and gave His only Son to take our place under the judgment for sin. Why be a bankrupt sinner when all the riches of the glory of His inheritance is available for us by faith in Christ Jesus? Accept the gift of God while the offer is still open—take it with both hands and enter into the enjoyment of "His infinite riches in Jesus."

But the acceptance of God's gift carries with it the responsibility to give to Him in return—to give our lives, our health, our homes, our families, our means, great or little, our talents, our bodies, everything in and for His service, that others may be brought to know of His love, His salvation, and to accept His Son as Saviour. And for this reason, to share in the cost of erecting and maintaining Everyman's Huts throughout New

TERRITORIALS IN CAMP

Home Before Christmas

TRAINING PROGRAMME REARRANGED

Advanced Field Manoeuvres

A rearrangement of the training programme to enable territorials now in camp to be returned to their homes before Christmas was announced last night by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones. As mentioned in a previous Press statement, the units affected were called up for three months' training from October 1, and it was intended that they should remain in camp till December 28.

Mr. Jones said that the Government had given further consideration to the question of dispersing the units of the territorial force now undergoing training in various camps throughout the Dominion before Christmas. It had been decided after careful investigation to rearrange the training programme to enable battalion and brigade exercises to be completed and the men returned to their homes before Christmas. With this end in view it had now been decided to speed up the final stages of the advanced field manoeuvres, and this training would finish on December 21.

"There is a great deal of cleaning up, checking and handing into store of camp and training equipment which has been in use for three months and which must be left in good order and condition for the use of other units which will enter camp early in January, and this will take the best part of two days to complete," said Mr. Jones. "By arranging for men who have the farthest to travel to leave camp on the night of December 22 or early on December 23 and those who live closer to follow later in the day on December 23, nearly all men will reach their homes that night, and all will be home for Christmas."

CASUALTY LIST

Killed And Missing On Air Operations

The following casualty list was announced recently:—

Sergeant Frederic Jack Newman, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Father: Mr. C. M. Newman, 39 Alberton Avenue, Mount Albert, Auckland.

Pilot Officer Leonard Terence Jervis Ryan, killed on air operations. Father: Mr. T. J. Ryan, 125 Lemon Street, New Plymouth.

Pilot Officer Edward Read Osborn, missing on air operations. Father: Mr. S. H. Osborn, 42 Heriot Row, Dunedin.

Zealand is a privilege that every Christian should seek after, for conversely, our love to His is measured by our giving back to Him.

We regret that, through indisposition, Mrs. Taylor has not been able to be present, but we trust that she soon will be fit to carry on again in the good work.

NO HOLIDAY BREAK FOR AIR FORCE RELATIONS

At the December meeting of Air Force Relations in Wellington, the committee decided that work should continue during the holiday season, as knitted garments are urgently needed for the men overseas, who are now experiencing the winter in Europe and Canada.

The office at No. 1 Aitken Street will be open each morning during Christmas week, except on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The usual Wednesday knitting and sewing circle will not be held that week, but in the following week will be held on Friday, January 3. The office will be closed on New Year's Day and January 2, but will be open as usual on the other days of that week.

The committee wishes to thank all who have worked and given help during the year and ask for their continued co-operation.

FORT DORSET NOTES

Once again Wellington is bathed in gorgeous sunshine and the men of Fort Dorset are making good use of this weather.

Cricket, tennis and soft-ball inter-unit competitions are in progress and the standard of play is very good. This was proved quite recently when the 10th Heavy Regiment Soft-ball team, which is entered in the Wellington Soft-ball Competitions, defeated a city team by 75 points to 16, which I should think must have set a New Zealand record.

A water-polo team, representing the Fort, is entered in the Wellington Centre's Competitions and by all accounts it looks as though the team will be exceptionally strong.

Swimming is also very popular and swimming parades are conducted, thus enabling soldiers not being able to swim to learn this exhilarating sport.

Gap Battery held on the 27th November its first Battery Athletic Meeting in the form of Tabloid Sports, the whole battery personnel off duty competed in at least one event, making a most enjoyable afternoon. We hope that the Inter-Battery Athletic meeting to be held on the 11th December, will prove very successful. We are indebted to the Olympic Athletic Club for the donation of two cups to be awarded for the most points gained in field and track events during the season.

Recreation is perhaps the best method of building up physical fitness and it is this fitness that will undoubtedly win this war.

Hitler is said to be eating one meal a day as an example to the German public. Other reports say that the German public is eating one meal a day as an example to Goering.

A.N.A. CLUB'S POPULARITY

The A.N.A. Club, Wellington, had a busy week and was attended by more than 500 on Friday and Saturday nights for dancing. There was a steady flow of men of the forces during the week who availed themselves of the comforts offered by the club, including the lunches, afternoon teas, and suppers.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED AT WEEKEND

There was a good attendance of men of the forces at the National Club over the weekend. Misses Hazel Robinson and June Saint were the hostesses for Saturday night's tea dance, assisted by Misses Ruth and Celia Pavitt, Joan Lennie, M. Applebye, I. Mason, M. L. Smith, and Mrs. W. B. Parker. On Sunday night the Wellington North National Party electorate was in charge, with Miss Madge MacGregor as convenor. She was assisted by Mesdames A. S. Moreley, G. Jackson, and Misses Phyllis Healey, Agnes Passers, Norma Round, L. Neilson, E. Richardson, and F. Gibson.

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