



AT THE NEW ZEALAND CLUB: Picture taken in London in February. Men of the three forces in a sing-song with A.T.S. visitors.

BRITISH ENDURANCE

New Zealand Troops' Admiration

AIR BATTLES WITNESSED

Sincere admiration for the people of Britain for their stoic endurance of wartime hardship, and regret that they had had to return to New Zealand before victory was won, were the principal reactions expressed by members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who have arrived in Auckland, after being invalided home from Britain. Many of the men expressed the hope that treatment in the Dominion would fit them to return overseas, and to see action before the end of the war.

"Much has been published about the marvellous spirit of the people of Britain, but they have to be seen during a raid for it to be fully appreciated," said a corporal. "In the East End of London, where hundreds of bombs have fallen, children continue to play in the streets while the raiders are over, unless they are chased to their shelters by wardens. Poor people refuse to move and, instead of running for shelter when the sirens sound, they come out into the streets, shake their fists at the raiders, and shout abuse at the German fliers.

Several of the New Zealand soldiers who have returned witnessed last year's "blitz." A private said he was in London on the day a German Dornier came out of the clouds and tried to bomb Buckingham Palace. Before the German could regain the cover that the low clouds provided, a Spitfire caught up with him, fired a burst, and sent the Dornier down.

Other New Zealanders among the party were stationed near the South Coast of England when the Germans were making their mass daylight raids toward the end of last August, and in September. They all expressed the greatest admiration for the skill and courage of the pilots of the Royal Air Force, and mentioned that many New Zealanders had already won great distinction.

"On the day that the Royal Air Force downed 185 Nazi warplanes, the start was anything but good," a corporal said. "In the region of Dover we saw the Germans coming over in a great mass, with bombers sandwiched between layers of fighters. Three of our Spitfires went into this vast German force to break the formation, and were promptly shot down. We saw them fall, and thought that at last the Germans had proved too good for our chaps.

"Then more Spitfires, joined by Hurricanes, came from nearby aerodromes to take on the Germans, and

WAR CASUALTIES

New Zealand's Longest List To Date

TOTAL OF 16 NAMES

Thirteen Airmen And Three Soldiers

The longest casualty list released in New Zealand since the outbreak of war was issued yesterday. It contains the names of 13 New Zealand airmen and three members of the second New Zealand Expeditionary Force overseas. Of the airmen nine have been reported missing on operations. The list is as follows:—

Sergeant Joseph Lewis McNamara, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Father: Mr. P. McNamara, Arapuni Road, Putaruru.

Sergeant David Leslie Jones, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Father: Mr. F. D. Jones, 99 Buchanans Road, Sockburn.

Sergeant Cristen Stewart Greager, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Father: Mr. P. C. Greager, 71 Dublin Street, Wanganui.

Pilot Officer Leonard Stewart Dunley, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Mother: Mrs. F. S. Manson, 5 Westminster Flats, Brooklyn, Wellington.

Sergeant Kenneth Manson, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Foster father: Mr. Carter, 128 Willis Street, East Ashburton.

Pilot Officer John Alastair Graham, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Father: Mr. John Graham, Netherby, Hastings.

Sergeant John Herbert Allen, R.N.Z.A.F., killed, flying accident. Father: Major W. H. Allen, Hamilton.

Sergeant Albert Douglas Wood, R.N.Z.A.F., killed, flying accident. Mother: Mrs. V. M. Wood, 257 Awaroa Road, Helensville.

Sergeant Harold Lagor Beach, R.N.Z.A.F., killed during operational flight. Mother: Mrs. E. A. Beach, Pakowhai Road, Hastings.

Sergeant Cyril Edgar Donehue, R.N.Z.A.F., previously reported miss-

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Sergeant James Clark Cattell, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Mother: Mrs. M. E. Cattell, 43 Messines Road, Karori.

Pilot Officer Gilbert Theodore Kimberley, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on operations. Father: Mr. O. J. Kimberley, All Saints' Vicarage, Nelson.

Flying Officer Lawrence David Loasby, R.A.F., missing on operations. Mother: Mrs. Olive Loasby, Udy Street, Greytown.

N.Z.E.F. Casualties.

Private Isaac Cyril Osborne, N.Z.A.S.C., accidentally killed. Mother: Mrs. M. J. Osborne, Wolfe Street, Whangarei.

Gunner John Andrew Carney, N.Z.A., died of sickness. Mother: Mrs. Mary Carney, 41 Ilam Road, Riccarton, Christchurch.

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Private Maurice Hennessy, N.Z.A.S.C., wounded. Sister: Mrs. Annie Calder, 62 Tinakori Road, Wellington.

13-YEAR-OLD SOLDIER

A grandson of General Smuts, who is 13 years old, gave his age as 17 and joined the South African Army. This was revealed by Mrs. Smuts, who added: "We got him back today, not because we have any objection, but because we feel that he is a little young to go north."

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