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**NEW AEROPLANES**

**Hawker Hind Machines  
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**LIGHT BOMBER  
AIRCRAFT**

A substantial addition to New Zealand's air strength is announced by the Minister of Defence, Mr Jones. He said there had recently arrived from overseas a number of Hawker Hind light bombers, the majority of which were already in service at Royal New Zealand Air Force stations throughout the Dominion.

The Hinds are in use at training schools for the instruction of advanced pupils, Mr. Jones said. Though classed as light bombers, these machines are considerably heavier than the elementary types on which the pupils begin and are a valuable addition to the equipment of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The Hawker Hind is a two-seater biplane from the same factory as the famous Hawker Hurricane single-seater fighter. It is powered by a single Rolls-Royce Kestrel engine and is one of the fastest military types in use in New Zealand.

**D.S.O. FOR N.Z. AIRMAN**

**Third Award This Year**

Information has been received by Air Headquarters that Acting Wing Commander Samuel Charles Elworthy A.F.C., D.F.C., R.A.F., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Wing Commander Elworthy is a New Zealander, though no record of this officer is held at Air Headquarters. He apparently entered the R.A.F. by direct entry in the United Kingdom.

He was awarded the Air Force Cross in January and later promoted from Squadron Leader to Acting Wing Commander. Last month he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, and now the D.S.O. Further information will no doubt be received by mail.

**CORPORAL T. W. GILL**

**To Be Congratulated On  
Gaining Award**

Corporal T. W. Gill, who was recently awarded the Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for meritorious service in the Middle East, is to be sent a letter of congratulation from the Wellington City Council.

A decision to this effect was reached by the council last night on the motion of the mayor, Mr. Hislop, who said

**ARMY AMBULANCE**

**Gift Of Wellington Firm For  
Use At Waiouru**

Equipped in the most modern style and intended for use in New Zealand only, an ambulance presented to the army by a Wellington firm was taken over by the military authorities yesterday afternoon. It will be sent next week to Waiouru military camp, where it will be used for conveying sick soldiers to hospital in Taihape.

The ambulance, which was converted by the Post and Telegraph Department from an English truck chassis, is claimed to be the most up-to-date military ambulance in New Zealand. It accommodates four standard-size stretchers, two on each side of the van. When they are removed, leather-upholstered sponge rubber seats can quickly be set in position to seat 10 men and a medical orderly.

Features of the ambulance are its good springing, silent running and adequate ventilation and electric lighting. It is painted grey, with a red cross on each side, a large one on the roof and a smaller one at such an angle on the roof of the cab that it will be visible to aircraft diving on the vehicle from the front.

The ambulance is the gift of the Maeder Toilet Salons, Wellington.

**BOMBERS' EXPERIENCE**

The unexpected thrills incidental to air raiding over enemy country are described by Sergeant Alan Campbell, Hawera, in a letter to his parents relating an experience when he went with his Royal Air Force squadron to raid the docks at Brest. "We were circling round at 100 feet for an hour," he writes. "When we did go in over the harbour we had 'flak' and search lights in front and on both sides of us. The captain was going to dive-bomb. I had the guns ready for the searchlight, we were so low. Suddenly we went straight into a dive, nearly pulled out, then dropped like a stone again. When we did pull out we were 100 feet off the water. When we found it was not a dream we had a roll call. I thought the captain was dive-bombing, but it seemed 'flak' lifted the tail and we went straight into that dive. The second pilot was thrown down the bomb hatch and when he came to he grabbed the stick, and the captain had to beat his hands off. The captain said we turned over and went straight down again after nearly pulling out. It shook us all up. I was hoping that we would go in again, but we just went above the clouds and dropped bombs on the docks."

that at the outbreak of war, Corporal Gill, who was serving as a bus driver in the tramway department, immediately enlisted and sailed with the first echelon. His award appeared in the London Gazette on April 1.

A letter of congratulation is also to be sent to his wife, Mrs. Rose Gill, Lower Hutt.

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