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### The Fight for Air Supremacy

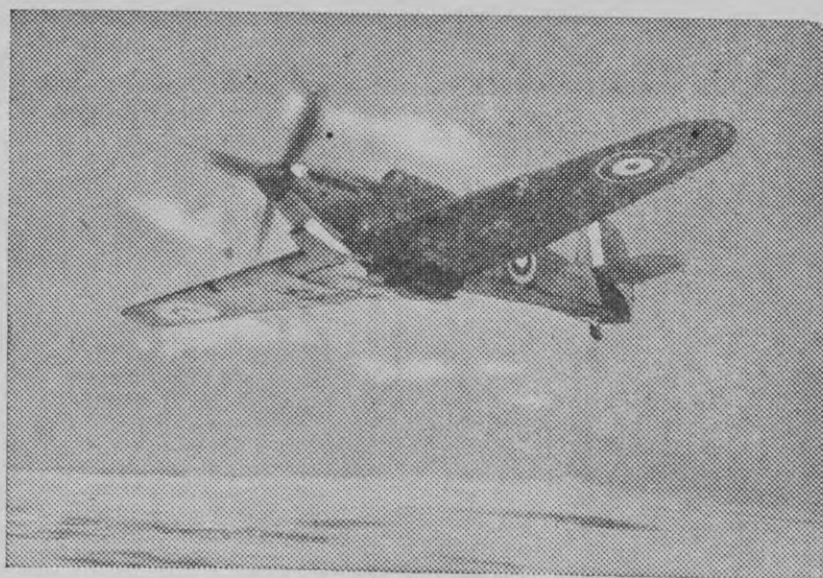
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German invasion of Britain becomes a most hazardous project without German air supremacy. Daily the Nazi bombers, changing their formations and increasing their fighter protection, are driven off Britain with crippling loss. At night, heavy and continuous gun barrages turn back most of the raiders. Meanwhile, British factories are turning out almost uninterruptedly a greater air-craft production than that of Germany, thus bringing British numerical superiority nearer with every raid. The British repair organisation, operating upon the aircraft which fall on Britain in the fight, has reached a point of efficiency whereby it puts into the air every week an equivalent number of British aircraft to those brought down. Thus, all new aircraft production in Britain already constitutes a clear increase in numbers. The majority of German losses on the other hand are total losses to the Nazis, and a contribution to British scrap-heaps.

For every trained airman lost to Britain in the daily air fighting, at least a dozen are lost to Germany. British reserves of trained airmen are very much greater because of the Empire air-training schemes. From August 8th to the middle of September, the Nazis have lost over 4,000 airmen over Britain, against a total British loss of less than 600. In Germany, men only a few days out of hospital are being put back into the battle.

The drain on Germany's skilled air personnel has been extremely heavy. The number of flying-hours which can be given to the training of the average German pilot is already considerably fewer than a British pilot receives. The Empire training scheme, which is turning out its full quota of 20,000 fully-trained pilots a year and 30,000 other trained personnel, is proving a great success. An additional advantage Empire pilots possess during training is that their instruction is carried on far from interruptions by enemy action, on numerous training-grounds in Australia and Canada.

A recent day of mass attacks on Britain's South-East corner cost Germany 187 aircraft and over 500 airmen, whilst Britain lost 25 single-seater fighters and only 11 of their pilots. The damage to German airpower goes steadily on: the Nazis have been forced to keep out of Britain with their short-range dive-bombers—"after their very severe mauling," as the British Prime Minister described it—although this type of aircraft won them notable success elsewhere and was considered by Nazi propagandists certain to overwhelm British resistance. They have sent heavy bombers to the extent of an average of 400 every 24 hours without any significant results as far as military objectives are concerned. They have endeavoured to sow bombs from fast fighter-aircraft which can make shift to escape if tackled. Meanwhile, Britain's Royal Air Force, in well over 1,000 raids, has systematically reduced Nazi war-strength by successful attack on German military, air and naval objectives.



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SYDNEY, April 26.

The magnificence in battle of the new Anzacs is related in stirring tales from correspondents and eye-witnesses of the grim Allied retirement in Greece, said a representative of the Sydney "Sun" in a dispatch from London this week. Wherever the Anzacs have been able to face the enemy, they have inflicted tremendous losses, according to the correspondents. One New Zealand battalion got at the Germans with the bayonet and did heavy execution.

"When German alpine troops tried to cross a river we caught them with artillery and machine-guns," said a New Zealand soldier, "and mowed them down till the river ran red." To a question whether three German casualties to every one of ours would be a fair estimate, a staff officer said, "No the Germans lost far more than that."

The Athens correspondent of "The Times," who had just returned from a new British position, said:—

"Australians and New Zealanders were coming in, tired but cheery, after their long trek from Mount Olympus. Some had bout after bout of close and bitter fighting with German tanks and infantry, while a few had hardly seen the enemy, but had found their communications threatened, and had had to return over the mountains.

**March Over Olympus.**

"One Australian battalion had to march for three days over the top of Mount Olympus, down frightening precipices, and across rocky ravines, till the boots were almost worn off the men's feet."

Richard MacMillan, correspondent of the American United Press, in a dispatch published in New York, said that, in spite of the most furious demonstration of German aerial terror British and Anzac troops fought a desperate retreat. "Crouching in the muddy banks of a swollen river, I met three Australians from the thick of the fighting on Mount Olympus," he added. "They arrived footsore, hungry and sleepy at the newly-established line.

"One of them said: 'We walked for days and nights and fought often in 6in. of snow once we reached the peak, climbing like goats, to act as the rearguard for the withdrawal of the main body. When we were exhausted we slept in the snow for an hour or two. One night we had only 10 minutes' sleep.' Another Australian told me his unit fought continuously from noon one day till midnight the next."

Mr. MacMillan added that the British lost the sector when German engineers blasted a path through a railway tunnel which the British had wrecked, thus outflanking the British positions.

**Strafing By Luftwaffe.**

As long as Australia lives she will tell with pride the story of the Anzac Army's withdrawal from the Vistritsa River to a new position, said the "Syd-

ney Morning Herald's" war correspondent in Greece.

The army withdrew in the face of attacks by the German army, which outnumbered it three to one, and the German Air Force, which "strafed" it day after day as fiercely as any army was ever "strafed."

Hour after hour Junkers dive-bombers, Heinkels and Messerschmitts circled over the troops on the roads, bombing and machine-gunning them from low altitudes. Some battalions had been fighting and marching for 12 days without a break.

New South Wales battalions which marched for five days across the mountains coming out from the Verria Pass went immediately into what was perhaps the hardest battle of the campaign—namely, the defence of the Tyrnavo Gap, against repeated German attacks. They inflicted on the Germans the heaviest casualties they had had in Greece.

When the decision to withdraw was made, the Australian brigades on the right and left of our Vistritsa River line were still arriving on their positions through the mountains. The New Zealanders were holding the Servia Pass itself, through which the main road runs. A Victorian brigade was protecting the valley entering the Plain of Larissa from the north-west through Kalabaka and Trikkala.

**Brigade Gets Through.**

Tired New South Wales troops were in position on the Pincios River, north-east of Larissa. These brigades were ordered to hold their positions till the New Zealanders and other troops still north of Elassona got through Larissa going south.

The Victorians had to cross two bridges on the way to Larissa. One of them was blown up by accident, and the other blew up when a German bomb exploded nearby when demolition charges had been placed in position.

Half the brigade's transport remained on the wrong side of the blown-up bridges, but by taking a round-about route six miles north and across the Pincios River, the brigade got out with every serviceable truck intact. The Victorians left two companies behind to form the main part of the final rearguard, while the rest of the brigade completed withdrawal. These companies subsequently got back to the new line intact.

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## WAR CASUALTIES

### Expeditionary Force List

#### THIRTY-ONE NAMES

#### Officers And Other Ranks Included

Thirty-one names of members of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force are given in a casualty list issued officially last night. One has been killed in action, two have died of wounds, and the remaining 28 have been wounded. The list of casualties and the next-of-kin of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men concerned is as follows:

##### KILLED IN ACTION.

**Sapper Alexander Grieve Figgins.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. E. M. Figgins, 49 Hill Street, Onehunga (wife).

##### DIED OF WOUNDS.

**Lieutenant Thomas Edward Dawson.** Next-of-kin, Colonel F. Dawson, medical officer of health, New Plymouth (father).

**Lance-Corporal Christopher James Kelly.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. M. E. Kelly, 23 Kenwyn Terrace, Wellington (mother).

##### WOUNDED.

**Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Stewart Varnham.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. D. N. Varnham, 26 Baring Terrace, New Plymouth (wife).

**Second-Lieutenant John Windeyer Fisher.** Next-of-kin, Mr. H. Hill Fisher, Albury, South Canterbury (father).

**Second Lieutenant Ernest Frederick Kent.** Next-of-kin, Mr. G. F. Kent, Brewery Road, Mornington, Victoria (father).

**Trooper Trevor Louvain Anderson.** Next-of-kin, Mr. H. P. Anderson, Manunui (father).

**Trooper Frank Asher.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. H. Greer, Korokoro, Petone (mother).

**Trooper Thomas Bitters.** Next-of-kin, Mr. T. Bitters, Severn Street, Island Bay, Wellington (father).

**Private Allan Casford.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. E. Casford, 3 Kelvin Street, Aramoho (mother).

**Sergeant Laurence Arthur Crawley.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. L. A. Crawley, private bag, Waipawa (wife).

**Sergeant Peter Terence Cullen.** Next-of-kin, Mr. W. H. Cullen, Gate Pa, Tauranga (father).

**Private Alfred James Dick.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. M. Dick, 145 Regan Street, Stratford (mother).

**Lance-Bombardier Neil Dougan.** Next-of-kin, Mr. W. J. Dougan, 280 Great North Road, Auckland (father).

**Sergeant John Michael Fennell.** Next-of-kin, Mr. M. Fennell, Victoria Street, Reefton (father).

**Driver Stanley Allan Fisher.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. E. B. Fisher, 9 Rosella Road, Mangere (wife).

**Signalman Edmund Mervyn Garrett.** Next-of-kin, E. Garrett, Junction Road, Hornby (relationship not stated).

**Gunner Richard Leslie Gaskin.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. J. H. Gaskin, 10 Hereford Street, Palmerston North (wife).

**Gunner William Douglas Graham.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. D. L. Graham, care Mrs. M. C. Darvell, King Street, Te Kuiti (wife).

**Gunner James Noel Gregory.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. B. Gregory, 8 Nixon Street, Arch Hill, Auckland (mother).

**Gunner Robert William Howie.** Next-of-kin, Mr. S. H. Howie, 9 Plunket Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (father).

**Trooper David Frederick Jolly.** Next-of-kin, Mr. D. E. Jolly, Russell, Bay of Islands (father).

**Sapper George Lee.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. E. Ward, Linton (sister).

**Corporal Donald Collett McDiarmid.** Next-of-kin, Mr. J. McDiarmid, West Plains Road, Invercargill (father).

**Sapper Frank Pete Moore.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. D. A. Moore, 29 Ferguson Avenue, Green Lane, Auckland (mother).

**Corporal Neville Frank Philips.** Next-of-kin, Mr. F. Philips, 21 Nixon Street, Whangarei (father).

**Bombardier Richard Porter.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. E. Porter, 27 Benbow Street, St. Heliers (mother).

**Gunner Roy Rennie.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. K. F. Elton, 715 Mt. Albert Road, Epsom, Auckland (mother).

**Private Ian Munson Ross.** Next-of-kin, Mr. D. Ross, Sylvia Park Avenue, Otahuhu (father).

**Gunner Cedric Douglas Stewart.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. A. M. Stewart, care Mrs. Lowes, 29 Princes Street, Auckland (mother).

**Trooper John Renton Topping.** Next-of-kin, Mrs. W. Topping, Ratapiko (mother).

## TWO AIR CASUALTIES

### Squadron Leader Believed Killed

The following air casualties are announced:—

**Pilot Officer Rex Mulligan Morrow, R.N.Z.A.F.,** missing on operations. Father: Mr. W. R. Morrow, 46 Holmwood Road, Fendalton, Christchurch.

Pilot Officer Morrow was born in Dunedin in 1910 and was educated at Christ's College, Christchurch.

**Squadron Leader Ronald James Bennett, R.A.F.,** missing, believed killed, on operations. Sister: Mrs. P. A. G. Knocker, Ladyholme, Wallingford, England.

Squadron Leader Bennett was born in Blenheim in 1908 and was a son of Dr. J. F. Bennett of that town. He left New Zealand in 1930 to take up a short service commission in the Royal Air Force.

## PRISONERS OF WAR

### Nine New Zealand Soldiers Captured

#### OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

The names of nine New Zealand soldiers who have been taken prisoners of war are given in an official casualty list issued yesterday. The death is also recorded of another member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. It is not stated where the men taken prisoners were captured. The list is as follows:—

**Private William Carl Fay.** Died. Next-of-kin, Mrs. J. Edwards, 12 Wilcott Street, Mt. Albert, Auckland (mother).

**Private Pat Norman Lile,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mrs. I. A. Lile, State Hotel, New Plymouth (mother).

**Private Horace Albert Mansell,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mrs. G. Mansell, 7 Totara Street, Nelson (mother).

**Lance-Corporal John Bernard Martin,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mrs. A. M. Martin, 52 Belt Road, New Plymouth (mother).

**Private Mervyn Patrick Martin,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mr. W. H. Martin, Hautapu Street, Taihape (father).

**Private Charles Alexander Paterson,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Dr. C. A. Paterson, 16 Sefton Street, Timaru (father).

**Private William Richard Paul,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mr. F. C. Paul, Rangitikei Line, Palmerston North (father).

**Lance-Corporal Vivian Oswald Revell,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mr. O. Revell, Seaview Road, Westown, New Plymouth (father).

**Private Douglas Robert,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mrs. E. M. Robert, 286 Park Road, Palmerston North (wife).

**Private Norman Smith,** prisoner of war. Next-of-kin, Mr. Percy Smith, 85 Malcolm Avenue, Christchurch (father).

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### N.Z. SOLDIERS

#### AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY

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#### Military Cross.

Captain Alan Lionel Lomas.  
Captain Frederick Henry Muller.  
Distinguished Conduct Medal.  
Sergeant Richard Heywood Thomson.

Trooper Ronald Joseph Moore.

#### Military Medal.

Sergeant Peter Gillespie Wilson.  
Driver George William Corp.  
Driver Norman Jack Pritchard.

Captain A. L. Lomas was before his enlistment a medical practitioner on the staff of the New Plymouth Hospital. He is 25 years of age. His next-of-kin is his father, Mr. J. J. Lomas, New Plymouth.

Captain F. H. Muller was previously employed as an engine-driver on the New Zealand Railways, being stationed at Frankton Junction. His age is 36, and his next-of-kin is his wife, Mrs. F. W. Muller, care Walter Street, Takapuna.

Sergeant R. H. Thomson was previously a school teacher employed by the Wellington Education Board. His next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. P. H. Thomson, Piripaua, via Wairoa. Sergeant Thomson's age is 29.

Sergeant P. G. Wilson is an old boy of Te Aute College. He is 35 years of age and was previously employed as a motor mechanic in Napier. His next-of-kin is his wife, Mrs. F. L. Wilson, Morere, Hawke's Bay.

Driver N. J. Pritchard who is 24 years of age, was previously a law clerk employed in Bulls. His next-of-kin is his father, Mr. N. S. Pritchard, Raumai Road, Bulls.

Driver G. W. Corp was before enlistment employed as a taxi-driver in Dargaville. He is 30 years of age. His next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. A. J. Browne, Dargaville.

Trooper R. J. Moore, who is 25 years of age, was born in Te Aroha. His next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. Moore, Hautapu Street, Taihape. Before enlistment he was employed as a farm worker at Tauroa, Taihape.

### RACING FIXTURES.

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May 3—Amberley R.C.  
May 3—Southland R.C.  
May 3—Franklin R.C.  
May 3, 5—Nelson J.C.  
May 8, 10—Egmont R.C.  
May 10—Ashburton County R.C.  
May 10, 12—Poverty Bay Turf  
May 10, 12—Marlborough R.C.  
May 15, 17—South Canterbury J.C.  
May 17, 19—Otako Maori R.C.  
May 17, 19—Waikato R.C.  
May 24—Foxton R.C. (at Levin).  
May 31, June 2—Napier Park R.C.  
May 31, June 2—Wanganui J.C. (at Awapuni).  
May 31, June 2—Dunedin J.C.  
June 2, 4, 7—Auckland R.C.  
June 7—Dunedin J.C.  
June 7—Hawke's Bay J.C.

## Camp Entertainers

### CONCERT AT TRENTHAM

That the men of the Forces appreciate good entertainment was fully demonstrated on Wednesday when the executive committee of the Official Camp Entertainers arranged yet another first-class programme. Mr. Eric Harison and his concert party were responsible for the programme. The pretty and attractively gowned girls in this concert party always draw crowded houses.

Misses Irene Spidy (piano) and Gracie Vickers (drums) provided the music, and Mr. John Smith, assisted by Charlie Bryant, was responsible for the lighting effects. Behind the scenes arranging the wardrobe, was Mrs. Harry Painter, who worked like a trojan all the evening, the quickness of the items presented being due to her valuable help. All items were encored, the Y.M.C.A. theatre resounding with almost deafening applause.

Members of the company were Misses Pat Greenfield-Brown, Jan Kelly, Jean Gilmer, Margaret and Alison Armour, Jessie Stroud, Olga Miller, Lesly Jackson, Margaret Arlow, Celia Lutzky, Ruth Skerman, Pat Smith, Kath Connell, Pat McKinnon, Betty Maddock, M. Grey (Feathers-ton), — Gerrard, Mrs. Painter, and Messrs. Harry Painter, Jim Crawford, and M. Cook.

At the conclusion of the concert, Captain Huse, on behalf of the Camp Commandant, thanked Mr. Eric Harison for his delightful show. The guests were entertained at No. 1 Training Unit.

The executive wish to thank the Automobile Association and members of the party who drove out their own cars, and also Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Alston.

## AIR TRAINING

### INSTRUCTORS' SCHOOL

#### TRANSFER TO TAURANGA

#### NEW DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Defence (Mr. Jones) announced recently that authority had been given by the Government for the construction of a flying instructors' school at Tauranga. Work will proceed at once, and when it is completed the instructional work now going on at Hobsonville, Auckland, will be transferred to Tauranga.

There is an excellent aerodrome at Tauranga, stated Mr. Jones, and much assistance was given by the Borough Council in connection with its establishment. The constructional work was done by the Public Works Department. "The training of more flying instructors for the R.N.Z.A.F.," added the Minister, "will enable more of the present instructors to be released for service overseas."

An American writing in a New York paper says that many years ago, when touring Central Europe by motor-cycle, he gave Hitler a lift on the pillion. A pity he didn't bump him off!

## INJURED IN AIR RAID

### New Zealand Ratings With Royal Navy

The following casualties to New Zealand ratings serving with the Royal Navy, who were slightly injured in an air raid, were announced yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones:—

Ordinary Seaman Robert Alexander Charles Cheyne. Next-of-kin: Mr. Peter M. Cheyne, 81 Oroua Street, Eastbourne (father).

Acting Leading Airman Vincent Herbert Hatchard. Next-of-kin: Mrs. Gladys H. Hatchard, 15 Torridon Road, Miramar, Wellington (mother).

Naval Airman (2nd Class) John Allnut Pickard. Next-of-kin: Mr. John Pickard, 122 George Street, Invercargill (father).

Ordinary Seaman John Irvine Brent. Next-of-kin: Mr. H. Brent, 23 Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin (father).

Able Seaman Maurice Thurlow, R.N.V.R. (N.Z.). Next-of-kin: Mr. A. S. C. Thurlow, 10 Exeter Street, Lyttelton (father).

The following has also been reported as seriously injured in the same air raid:—

Ordinary Seaman Robert Lorne Campbell. Next-of-kin: Mrs. Clara M. Campbell, 25 Wanganui Avenue, Herne Bay, Auckland (mother).

## N.Z.E.F. BOXING CONTESTS IN FIJI

The finals of the N.Z.E.F. boxing championships in Fiji resulted: Heavyweight champion: G. Allan (no other contender). Light-heavyweight: G. Allan beat A. W. Fell in a good, even fight. Middleweight: T. Murphy beat T. Estall. An extra round was necessary. Welterweight: T. Estall beat J. McKay. An extra round was necessary. Lightweight: H. Melvor beat H. Broadfoot by default. Featherweight: T. T. Wilde beat L. Baker by a knock-out in the first round.

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## AWAITING THE NEWS

### Casualty Lists Of New Zealand Forces

#### METHOD OF COMPILATION

To anxious relatives and others who await tidings as to whether all is well or otherwise with their men who have been in the forefront of the fiercest fighting in Greece, a paramount question today is how long they will have to wait for news.

On the experience of the last war, it may be a week to 10 days before the first lists of those who have fallen or have been wounded are issued. The first list from the landing on Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, was announced in Wellington on May 2, and it was followed by further lists on May 3 and 4. From the Battle of the Somme, which the New Zealand Division entered on September 15, 1916, the first list was published on September 23, but it was not till September 29 that it was announced in New Zealand that the Dominion's men were engaged in the battle.

A complete and very thorough system for recording casualties exists in the Army. Daily, or as often as is practicable, each unit sends to its brigade or regimental headquarters full lists of the officers and men who have been killed or wounded, and these are sent on to Divisional Headquarters the same day. From that office they are telegraphed to the Deputy Adjutant-General's office at the base. There they are checked with the records, and the lists are then cabled to the countries from which the forces come.

#### Congested Cable Lines.

Every field ambulance, casualty clearing station or hospital through which a soldier passes has also the duty of furnishing details of number, rank, name and unit, together with a report on the injuries suffered, to the office at the base. In the case of the seriously wounded and sick, a special daily telegraphed report is required.

Note should be taken of the fact that the return is to be forwarded by units daily "or as often as is practicable." If the New Zealand Division is still engaged in a rearguard action, a battle of movement under the most arduous conditions, it will be exceedingly difficult to maintain an up-to-the-minute office system in the battalion and batteries. Troop and platoon commanders, with their non-commissioned officers, will take notes of the casualties suffered by their commands, but they must wait till there is a lull in the fighting before they can pass the details to their own unit headquarters.

Again, it is not known whether the base office, known as Second Echelon, a term which must not be confused with the titles given the several early bodies of troops to leave New Zealand, has been moved from Egypt to Greece. But whether the office is in Greece or in Egypt, there is probably at this moment considerable congestion of the cable lines due to calls dealing with more urgent military business affecting the progress of the battles.

#### News Not Withheld.

There are some people who assert that casualty lists are withheld for various reasons. There is no point in doing so. Units must get their lists in as quickly as possible, so that they may draw reinforcements to bring them to full strength, again.

The necessary checking and telegraphing of the lists takes time which deprives them of any value they may have to the enemy for his immediate purposes should they, by some means, become known to him.

#### Bedside Visitor in Nairobi

A lone elephant with footmarks 19 inches in diameter gave one New Zealander a greater scare than the enemy in country round Nairobi. Writing of his experience, Lieutenant L. G. Westwood, formerly of New Plymouth, said that the elephant wandered to within 20 feet of his bed, which was in the middle of the shadiest bush he could

## AUCKLAND AIRMAN'S TASK

### Flew "Flying Fortress" Across Atlantic

A young Aucklander, Flying Officer Ian Patterson, aged 23, was one of the Royal Air Force officers honoured by special selection to fly the first of the American-built Boeing "flying fortress" bombers across the Atlantic for service against the Germans.

A cablegram received by his father, Mr. John Patterson, One Tree Hill, stated he had arrived in Britain after a record crossing.

### TEA WITH ROYAL FAMILY

#### New Zealand Airmen

Nearly 40 New Zealanders, including pilot officers and sergeants, had tea with the King and Queen and the two Princesses at Windsor Castle shortly after their arrival in Britain from New Zealand. They were first shown over Windsor Castle by Lady Hardinge, wife of Sir Alexander Hardinge.

Among the New Zealand airmen were Pilot Officers J. Alastair Graham and D. Herrick, G.C. (Hastings), R. Morrow (Christchurch), and Sergeants J. N. Grace (Wellington) and P. Millar (Masterton).

"We were all very surprised and elated when Lady Hardinge told us to get ready to have tea with the King and Queen after she had shown us over the castle," said Pilot Officer Graham. "The first sign we had that the Royal Family was coming was five little dogs which came whirling into the room. We sat round the fire and talked.

"The Princesses controlled the dogs pretty well but I noticed that when the Queen was not looking one of the puppies jumped up and stole her cake. I told the King how we in New Zealand had got up at 4 o'clock in the morning to listen to his speech at the outbreak of war. He was very interested in what we told him about our training, since, of course, he is a pilot himself.

"Both the King and Queen asked us questions about our voyage from New Zealand, and recalled their own stay there. They were both absolutely charming to us. The Princesses talked to us about the dogs and were very entertaining."

Recently Sergeant Grace was the navigator in an aeroplane in which Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands made a flight over Scotland.

### News For Soldiers

The provision of a news service for New Zealand soldiers overseas is one of the activities in which the National Patriotic Fund is engaging. This has been accomplished by an extension of "New Zealand News," published in London, from eight to 12 pages. The larger paper, which contains items of interest to New Zealanders at Home, includes a more comprehensive survey of Dominion happenings, and is distributed free among servicemen in England, the proprietors of "New Zealand News" meeting the cost of 1000 copies and the National Patriotic Fund providing 1000, in addition to paying for the cost of the extension. The experiment has been so successful that it is intended to make a distribution to all posts where New Zealand soldiers are stationed.

Identifying his visitor as soon as he heard it breathe, he retreated barefoot. After that experience he had several nightmares. His cries alarmed his companion, who thought they came from one of the big baboons which the men had been used to seeing in the trees overhead. Constant vigilance is necessary against attacks from wild beasts in this region. "Some nights I feel I should like to be inside a cage myself," said the writer.

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**THREE AIRMEN HOSTS**

**Dance For Spinsters' Club Princess**

Three airmen from the R.N.Z.A.F. station at Rongotai, organized a successful dance on Saturday night in aid of funds for the Spinsters' Club princess, Miss Peggy Hyams, who is supporting the Fighting Services Queen, Sister Molly Mahoney, in the Victory Carnival. Sister Mahoney was present and members of the Navy, Army and Air Force were prominent among the dancers.

Special decorations were arranged in the Spinsters' Club, where the dance was held. Red, white and blue streamers decorated the ceiling, and posters and drawings of aircraft made unusual wall motifs together with colourful pennants from various military and air force camps, including Trentham, Papakura, Rongotai, Wigram, Harewood and Ohakea.

An orchestra of air force men provided the music, and extras were played by a soldier from Trentham camp. A savoury supper was enjoyed, girls of the Spinsters' Club assisting in serving it. The three hosts were L. Sowerby, R. Washer and J. McKnight, and as a result of the dance the campaign funds of the princess should be considerably increased.

**WOMEN AND WAR**

**Country Hampers For A.N.A. Club**

Still further help from the country in the way of foodstuffs has been received by the A.N.A. Club in Wellington. Hampers were received at the weekend from the Otaki Women's Emergency Committee per Mrs. J. M. O'Halloran, and from the Masterton Air Force Relations, per Mrs. J. Lord. During the week gifts of food, jam and sundry articles were also received from generous citizens and are acknowledged with thanks. The men of the three forces show their appreciation of the excellent meals provided by the club, as the cafeteria is always full during meal hours.

Assisting the executive during the week and at the weekend were members of the W.D.F.U., a group of Khaddallah women, members of Air Force Relations, A.N.A. girls' auxiliary and A.N.A. helpers. The dance on Saturday evening was very successful, those in charge of dancing being Mrs. J. Tredray and Miss H. Allan.

Donations would be very welcome for the A.N.A. shop, Lambton Quay, in aid of the Army Princess in the Victory Queen Carnival.

**FULL WEEK AT WEBBY'S CLUB**

The members of Webby's Club in Wellington have had a full weekend, from Thursday evening till Sunday the room being filled to capacity by men of the fighting forces and of the Merchant Navy. A delicious buffet supper has been served on each night, the women who work behind the scenes making sure that the tins are kept full of home-made cakes and savouries.

The Sunday teas are popular, more guests arriving each week. The music for all occasions is supplied by a dance band. The club rooms are at 61 Lower Cuba Street, below James Smith's.

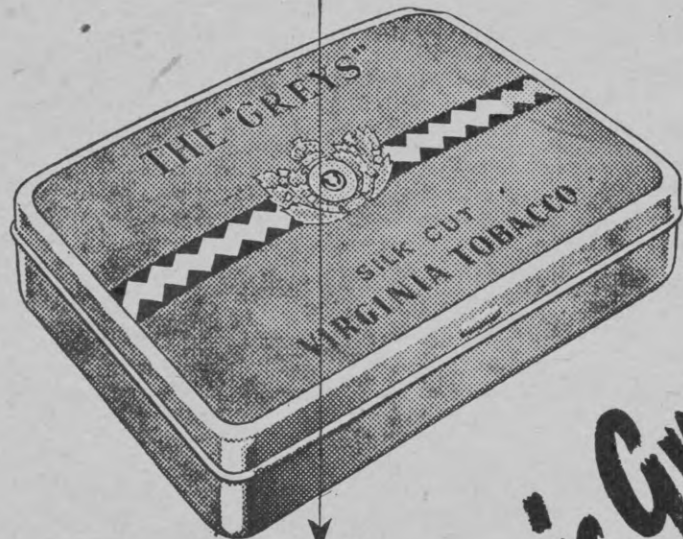
**SOCIAL FOR MERCHANT NAVY MEN**

A social evening was given on Saturday by the British Sailors' Society, when a large number of men of the



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**NATIONAL CLUB OPEN**

Yesterday the cheery rooms at the National Club were crowded with men of the services, who enjoyed the comfortable homelike surroundings and the excellent meals served. Wellington East electorate was in charge, with Mrs. H. E. Avery as convener, assisted by Mesdames H. H. Wray, A. S. Skelly, A. S. Morley, H. J. Martin, J. W. Thompson, Misses Lea Avery and Joan Martin. On Saturday the tea dance hostesses at the club's evening were the Misses Pat Hogg and Betty McLaren, their assistants being Miss Sylvia and Nora McLaren, Ngara Joyce, Kathleen Pears, Trudy Stone, Beverley Luke, Nancy James, L. C. Clifford and Mrs. W. B. Parker.



"Photograph the damage? Blimey! Chum, we've done so much damage there's nothing left to photograph!"

"Daily Mirror"

Goering now appears to bear every title but the right one.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE**

**Start At Rongotai**

About 140 members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force have begun duty at Rongotai. Seventy went in on Saturday, 70 on Monday and about 40 are still to be drafted.

"The women are tackling their work with zest and efficiency," said the air secretary, Mr. T. A. Barrow, yesterday.

It is expected that all the women will be provided with uniforms within three weeks.

Men, whose jobs the women are doing, are being released for training as pilots, observers and air gunners and for service in the Army.

The next move will probably be to provide women for Harewood and Wigram stations; 300 are expected to begin duty there early in June.

Mrs. C. I. Carlyon, of the Air Department, yesterday expressed appreciation of the response by people of the Rongotai district to an appeal made through the Press for accommodation for women serving on the station there.



# Everyman's Hut

Would we know that the major chords were sweet,  
 If there were no minor keys?  
 Would the painter's work be fair to our eyes  
 Without shade on land or sea?  
 Would we know the meaning of happiness,  
 Would we feel that the day was bright,  
 If we'd never known what it was to grieve,  
 Nor gazed on the dark of night?

It is well for us to remember at the present that life is made up of contrasts. The landscape would be a dreary place to gaze upon if everything was of the same colour and there was just a flat plain stretching out to the limits of the horizon.

It becomes monotonous to look out upon a sea that is calm day after day, but what a contrast when the storm whips up the waves and the breakers chase each other till they crash on the black rocks in a smother of white. Contrasts enable us to gauge more truly the values of the many phases of our lives. Our houses may at times appear to be commonplace, and services done for us day by day are taken for granted until we do not realise just how much they are part of our everyday lives. But when a man is taken away from it all, as he is when he enters camp, it is not long before he misses those things which were hardly noticed at home—so much had he become accustomed

to them. It takes a little while to become used to the new life and associations, and doubtless there are many sad hearts behind smiling faces as thoughts of homes and loved ones come unbidden. And just to fill the void, and to ease the ache, is the desire of Mr. Les Taylor and all those associated with him in the conduct of Everyman's Hut. We want each one to feel that there is a personal interest taken in him, that he is free to

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