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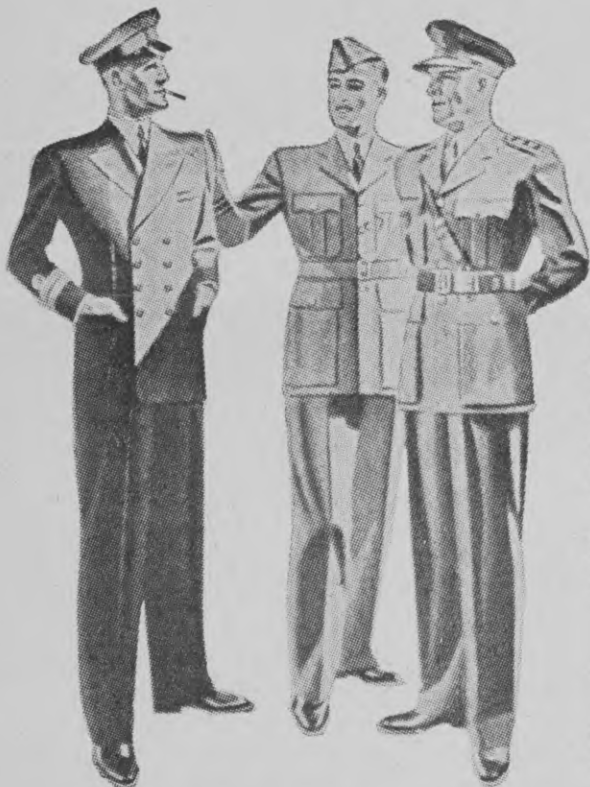


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The Spirit of an Unconquered Nation

Peace, Peace—but there is no peace.

Address by professor J. J. Zmrhal,

President of the Czechoslovak National Council of America, delivered on Czechoslovak Day at the World's Fair in New York City on July 28th, 1940.

The American Nation is made up of citizens whose origins are in all parts of the globe. It seems that destiny has willed it so—that our country was to show the world that human ideals of peace and civilization can be worked satisfactorily if there be a goal worthy enough to unite all the people, worthy of all the sacrifices necessary. Our American ideal is human dignity, justice, peace, security and free pursuit of happiness. It has made us into a nation, the emanation of the numerous trouble-makers notwithstanding. Von Ribbentrop and Hitler may rage and fume, they may boast that they can throw us into hopeless confusion, but we know from experience that the core of America is sound, and that in a crisis we shall stand as one against the world, if necessary, to defend her and her priceless heritage.

I do not need to dwell at length on the role citizens of Czechoslovak origin have played in her short, but glorious history. They fought for the Union under the leadership of the immortal Lincoln; they were actively with her in the Spanish crisis, making the supreme sacrifice; they enlisted in thousands when the first call for volunteers was made by president Wilson of illustrious memory. And to-day, on the Czechoslovak day at the World's Fair they are here to testify that they hold the safety of their adopted country paramount and their loyalty and devotion is unimpaired, unshaken, and that they are ready to dare their utmost so that American freedom and independence may be preserved forever. That is our message to our fellow American citizens.

In the land of our fathers, a great tragedy has taken place. The beautiful country with its high culture, with its surging passion for liberty and peace, has been made into a huge prison with countless torture chambers; her schools were closed; her youth enslaved, raped, and murdered; her free press abolished, her people ruthlessly robbed both of material and spiritual possessions.

And yet the Czechoslovak nation has not given up its love of freedom; it has not given up hope; it has not given up the struggle. The people are just patiently waiting for the hour when they can re-assert themselves and share in the final victorious struggle of the forces of light which will free the world from the menace that is threatening.

In saying this we are not optimists, blind to the engulfing dangers all around us. We are fully aware of them. We are particularly aware of the dangers to America, and are doing everything possible to help all the citizens to realize the gravity of the situation. We have even foreseen the danger and sounded the warning signal a year before the events in Europe aroused the general public in our commonwealth. At that time we were the voice calling in the desert—but that voice had to be heard, it has to sound now daily, hourly—every minute—incessantly—for there are, alas, still some who would hush the warnings of common sense, and who live in a fool's paradise of security which unhappily does not exist.

"Gentlemen may cry 'Peace, Peace,'—but there is no peace."

The sound of the European hurricane is too close, too threatening, too real.

We are praying and working for an intelligent American unity—so that our defence may be served efficiently. We are co-operating with all, who, like true patriots, are trying to keep war from the American shores by helping the Allies. I say Allies, because with England, Czechoslovakia is fighting, and Poland, and other nations. Yes, we believe that the aid to the Allies should be extended, that everything short of war should be done to save America from the ravages of war; for, the airplanes of Hitler must never murder our innocent women and children, the bloody mailed fist of the worst invader of modern times must not be laid on the throat of free America.

And so we shall keep on praying and working for America, for humanity, for a real, just peace, fully satisfied that when brutal force is dethroned, when justice assumes its rightful place, when light shall be triumphant over darkness and humanity, over the ugly monster of oppression and murder; Czechoslovakia shall rise from her tomb more glorious, more beautiful than ever before.

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The Trentham Band
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Complimentary Social

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The following contributed: Bandsman Roberts, song, "With My Mandoline;" Bandsman T. Osborne, recitation, "The Man from Timaru;" Bandsman Stevenson (talk) "Music Tutors;" Bandsman H. Denne, song, "Ice Cream," "You Scream;" Bandsman Sawyer, song, "Popeye;" Bandsmen Biswarwick and Lee, vocal duet, "I Love You Truly;" Bandsman Montgomery, song, "The Girl I Left Behind Me;" Bandsman Donaldson, song, "Get Your Hair Cut;" Lance-corporal H. Barker, song, "Breeze," and "Blow the Man Down;" Bandsman Miller, song, "Old Black Joe;" Bandsman J. Neighbours, song, "In the deep, deep Depth;" Bandsman Devenie, recitation, "Descriptive," "Farm Yard Frolics;" Bandsman Jones, recitation, "The Big Pig Hunters;" Bandsman Cummings, talk "Motor Car Experiences;" Bandsman Giles, recitation, comic, "Two Beers is Better than One;" Bandsman Marston, recitation, "When the Chicken Hops;" Bandsman Bowman, talk, "Unsolvable Puzzles;" Corp. Winnie, mouth-organ solo, "Lights Out."

As the time was approaching for the sounding of "Lights Out," Sgt. McPherson, in a few well-chosen words, wished Bandsman Devenie Many Happy Returns, whereupon all his fellow Bandsmen rose and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and "Auld Lang Syne" terminated a very happy evening.

The arrival of several new instruments including a set of basses has added greatly to the appearance of the band, also to tonal qualities.

A splendid programme is being rehearsed under the conductorship of Capt. Pike, to broadcast from 2YA in the near future. Included in this programme is the grand selection "Works of Beethoven" by Rimmer. This is a particularly fine selection and should be enjoyed by all music lovers.

Personal
The many friends of Bandsman

SERVICES CLUBS
Past Week's Activities

The Army, Navy and Air Force Club's appeal for smokers' stands, made last week, resulted in three being donated, and the club extends its thanks to the givers. Three more stands, however, are still needed for use in the lounge

The constant use of the couches in the lounge is having its effect, and these are now sadly in need of renovating. If any generous citizen or firm could assist in this matter the club would be very grateful and asks such persons to telephone 36-737.

The number of men catered for in the cafeteria is on the increase, and help from the country in the way of hampers, and so on, is appreciated more than ever. Hampers were received during the week from the Manakau Patriotic Society (per Mrs. Marshall Miles); Manakau Younger Set (home-made cream cakes); Matarawa-Dalefield Institute, Carterton; Tinui branch of the Masterton W.D.F.U.; Masterton Country Club.

During the week the executive and club helpers were assisted by a group of Lower Hutt women and members of the Victoria League.

The Friday and Saturday evening dances were crowded and the rooms were taxed to capacity. The club is open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

British Sailors' Society.

New furnishings have transformed the rooms of the British Sailors' Society in Wellington, the blue curtains, cushions and furniture coverings all being donated by the girls of the Chart and Compass Club. The society has been kept busy entertaining men from the ships in port. On Wednesday a film of war events was shown by the Shell Oil Company and was greatly enjoyed by the men. On Saturday men were taken for a trip to the Hutt Park and had games and afternoon tea there. On returning to the club they had tea and stayed for a happy social evening. A number of Air Force guests gave items which were greatly appreciated. The Sunday tea was crowded, and was followed by the usual evening service. A concert took place in the evening, given by the Vivian Street Baptist Church Choir, under the leadership of the Rev. L. North.

Webby's Club.

There was a very good attendance of all men of the forces at Webby's Club during the weekend. Friday was a record night, and Sunday was particularly happy, the time being spent in games. A delicious home-made supper was served.

Bob Epelett will be pleased to learn that he is making steady progress from his recent illness. We all hope to see him back in the ranks shortly. We cannot know the grief

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Admiration Of House Of Representatives

BATTLES IN GREECE AND CRETE

A resolution expressing Parliament's admiration for the action fought by members of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Greece and Crete, and sympathy for bereaved relatives, was carried unanimously by the House of Representatives recently. It was moved by the Acting-Prime Minister, Mr. Nash, who said he did not propose to speak to it, leaving the resolution itself to convey the message.

The resolution was as follows:—
 "That the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled records its enduring admiration of the courage, tenacity and determination displayed by the officers and men of the New Zealand Division, Maori and pakeha alike, in the fight for liberty on the battlefields of Greece and Crete, its confidence in the distinguished leadership of the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Forces, Major General B. C. Freyberg, V.C., and its expression of sympathy for all those who now sorrow for the loss of our gallant soldiers."
 "I am proud to have the privilege of seconding the resolution," said the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Holland. The Speaker, Mr. Barnard, said he would see that a copy of the resolution was sent to General Freyberg.

HEROISM OF THREE NEW ZEALANDERS

Episode In Greece

BLEW THEMSELVES UP WITH BRIDGE

How two New Zealand officers in an engineers' unit held up a German advance with their revolvers at a bridgehead in Greece while a sergeant blew up the bridge and the two officers and himself with it, is told by a sergeant in the New Zealand artillery overseas in a letter written to his brother in Wellington. He praised the accuracy of the New Zealand artillery fire, and said that, having once come in contact with the infantry, the Germans were very shy of a second helping.

"The stories are trickling in now of some of the things our boys did 'over the way.' One I heard this morning is just about the grandest thing I have ever heard. In one position we were in we were camped next to a section of engineers, who were very hospitable and friendly to us, and we got to know them pretty well.

"Subsequently we were all separated and I had no way of finding out how they got on till this morning, when I met one of them in hospital, and he told me that to the best of his knowledge he is the only one out of five left. Poor devils! They had a hell of a time, as they were the last away, having to blow up bridges and so on, and time and again they were nearly trapped.

"At one position they were cut off by some tanks and backed their way out and incidentally helped some Aussies to escape by blowing land mines and anything that would explode at the Jerries. At one of the last bridges, however, the Jerries caught up with them before they could blow up the bridge.

"The two officers went across and tried to hold them up with their revolvers while the sergeant held the two bare wires together and blew the

N.Z.E.F.'S DEFENCE OF CRETE

General Freyberg's Praise

REPLY TO SIR CYRIL NEWALL

The Governor-General, Sir Cyril Newall, has received the following reply to a message sent by his Excellency to General Freyberg:

"May I thank your Excellency personally and on behalf of all ranks of the Imperial forces who served in Crete for your inspiring message to us all. I can assure you that you can be justly proud of the men who fought in defence of Crete.

"The New Zealand Division fought magnificently, and, though forced at last to withdraw in the face of unprecedented air attacks, they had the satisfaction of knowing that nobody could have done more than they did. The division is now back in camp resting and refitting. Our losses have been severe, and the deep sympathy of the men of the N.Z.E.F. in Egypt goes out to the people of New Zealand. Your sympathy and pride in our achievement are an unflinching spur to us, and we will do our best in the future as we have in the past in Greece and Crete."

three of them to nothing—pretty game. I'll say!

"I found out over there that Jerry is not so tough as one might imagine," he added. "Our boys were more than a match for him. It wasn't as though he had the soft pedal on. He threw everything but the grand piano at us and I am certain from what I saw myself that we inflicted five times the damage on him that he did on us."

The accuracy of the New Zealand artillery fire in the Grecian campaign was amazing, he said, and was considerably better than the enemy's.

"His tanks are tough but our outsize in fowling-pieces skittled them like nobody's business. The first I saw showed up at 10,000 yards—seven of the forty-ton variety. Bang bang. Two shots, and the two leading tanks blew to pieces. The other five skipped smartly up a side gully, where some Tommy anti-tank gunners bowled them over in jig-time. They were definitely wary of all our artillery and anti-tank fire, and once they had met up with our infantry they were very shy of a second helping."



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HOW PATRIOTIC FUNDS ARE SPENT

Explanation To Troops

HELP IN A VARIETY OF WAYS

The value of subsidies from the National Patriotic Fund to regimental funds was emphasized by Brigadier J. Hargest, who left New Zealand in command of the second echelon, in a notice posted for the information of his troops, a copy of which has been received in the Dominion. This notice set out the many ways in which the men of the forces, though it was not always realized by them, were receiving the benefit of the funds subscribed on their behalf by the people of the Dominion.

Its main object appears to have been to correct an impression, which existed among some of the men invalided back to New Zealand earlier, that the moneys raised were not being disbursed for their benefit, and to make known to them that the benefactions they had received from various institutions and clubs had been made possible through the funds subscribed by the New Zealand public and made available through the National Patriotic Fund Board.

All the societies and clubs had done and were doing a lot of good work, stated Brigadier Hargest, and they merited praise, but in reality almost every penny spent on soldiers' entertainment and comfort was found from the Patriotic Fund. When, for example, the Y.M.C.A. gave tea to the troops overseas, or the unit padre handed out a packet of cigarettes, the money to purchase them had been subscribed by the public of New Zealand, and paid into the Patriotic Fund Board, which authorized the Y.M.C.A. or the padre to spend the money. Without the subscription in the first place, and the authority of the board, the gift could not be forthcoming.

Spent For Comforts.

"Some of the best expended money is from regimental funds, which are paid by the National Patriotic Fund Board's overseas commissioner into the paymaster for the comfort of men in the fighting units," the notice proceeded. "In the unit it is administered by a committee, who, when conditions are difficult, when fresh fruit is needed or the men have a hard time and require an extra meal, simply provide it from this account. One C.O. told me that recently in one week he had spent £11 in this way—the most effective way of directly helping the men from the subscriptions at home."

Brigadier Hargest also referred to the help received from the funds in the provision of furnishings and other

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In England, stated Brigadier Hargest, they were sure that these graves would be well attended, but in Cape Town and Durban the Commissioner had enlisted the assistance of New Zealand residents there, who had been deputed to attend to the graves and erect stones—simply but effective carrying the beautiful New Zealand fern leaf. In this way every person who had subscribed to the patriotic funds would pay his or her small tribute to the sacrifice of the soldier who slept so far from home.

RACING FIXTURES.

- June 21—Waipa R.C.
- June 21—Ashburton County R.C.
- June 21, 23—Manawatu R.C.
- June 28—Dannevirke Hunt
- June 28—Oamaru J.C.
- July 5—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club
- July 8, 10, 12—Wellington R.C.
- July 19—Manawatu Hunt.
- July 19—Waimate District Hunt Club.

CABLEGRAM SERVICE FOR SOLDIERS

Improved Concession Rate STANDARD TEXT SCHEME

An announcement that arrangements had been made, in collaboration with Cable and Wireless, Limited, for improving the present concession-rate cablegram service for members of the Army and Air Force overseas by the introduction of a standard text concession-rate scheme was made by the Acting-Prime Minister, Mr. Nash, yesterday. This new scheme, which would come into operation on Monday next, applied to cablegrams to members of the Armed Forces in all parts of the Empire and Egypt. It would be available also for messages to naval personnel overseas.

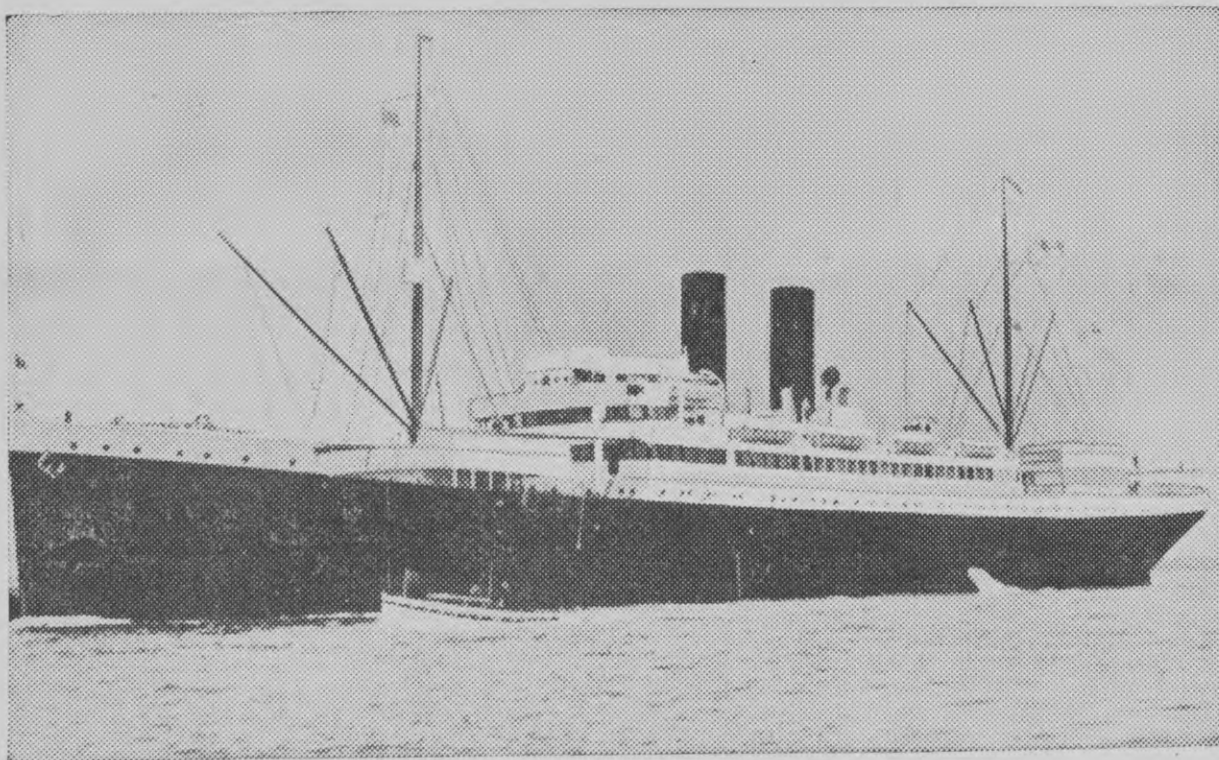
Mr. Nash said a large number of texts to choose from, covering such subjects as "Correspondence," "Greetings," "Health," "Promotion," and so on, had been provided for the senders of these concession-rate messages, and cards containing a full list of the standard texts would be displayed at all post offices. Copies of the cards would also be made available to the public on application.

The present charge for a concession-rate message was 2/6 for six words, including the signature, no charge being made for the address. Under the new scheme, up to three of the standard texts might be included in any one telegram, and, consequently, longer and more informative messages would be possible without any increase in the basic charge of 2/6.

Senders of concession-rate messages were requested to address their cablegrams exactly as they did their letters. Messages containing texts other than those provided for under this scheme might still be sent to members of the Armed Forces, but the special concession-rate of 2/6 a message would not apply to such telegrams, which require to be paid for at the ordinary commercial rates.



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Exciting tales of narrow escapes from death or capture are included in many of the letters being received from New Zealand soldiers who served in Greece. Some of the incidents occurred in action before the withdrawal and others during the retreat to the coast. They are generally told with a humorous twist to them, which shows how well the young New Zealanders withstood their ordeal.

A New Plymouth soldier, Private L. G. Schultz, says: "We were entering a rocky pass when we saw the aeroplanes coming at us, so we got out of the trucks and struck for cover. I saw three large stones about 100yds. away and made for them. Without looking at what was at the base of them I took off from about 10ft. away and landed head-first in about 4ft. of ice-cold water. I had no sooner got my head out from under when about 3ft. 3in. of an Australian landed squarely on top of me and gradually edged me out. He was a Great War veteran of over 50, and all you could see of him for the next quarter of an hour was his nose stuck up like a periscope above the surface of the water."

Trapped by Germans.

Private G. H. Common, Christchurch, tells how a company of New Zealanders suddenly found themselves in the centre of a force of Germans. They were firing from all around them, and one German kept calling out in perfect English: "Surrender, comrade." One of the New Zealanders called back: "Surrender, be blowed." So they fought on, and then, when it seemed that they were properly trapped, a thick fog came over them and the New Zealanders were able to make good their escape.

"We were blazing away from our positions," says Private I. M. Douglas, Gisborne, "when my mate and I heard the order: 'Hands up.' There were two Jerries pointing revolvers at us. Why they did not shoot is a mystery. We were just getting up when a shell landed close, and the Jerries flattened out. Two of our chaps came up and fixed them before they could get up again. It was a wonderful piece of luck, that shell exploding. I got a terrific whack on the back, and thought I had collected it, but found it was only my water bottle that was damaged.

"We were hailed by an officer to make back for a shallow trench, and reached that safely. There we were handed Mills bombs to heave at a large number of Jerries who approached through the thick scrub. We believed they were doped, because they were making an awful row, jabbering away to each other and laughing insanely. As soon as they came within range we let them have our bombs. It was ghastly."

Ran Gauntlet of Tanks.

Trooper E. J. Bevin, New Plymouth, says three New Zealand Bren gun carriers were moving down a hill toward a bridge when they saw five 16-ton German tanks in front of them. Four were on one side and one was on the other. The sergeant in the last carrier moved his vehicle to the side.

"Our two carriers could not stop," writes Trooper Bevin, "so we dashed between the tanks, and I think they got more of a shock than we did. As soon as we got level with them they opened out with all they had, but for-

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**OPINION OF DOMINION'S
TERRITORIALS**

Paying a tribute to the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant-General Sir Guy Williams said that its members could not have played a more magnificent part in the war. Their work had shown the value of the advanced training they had received in Egypt, and they had done well in some of the hardest fighting of the war.

Lieutenant-General Williams visited Burnham Camp, and found that as an Army camp and a military training centre it compared well with similar establishments in England.

In the brief time he had had to see them, he said in an interview, New Zealand territorials seemed about the same as territorials in England, though those at Home had probably had a much more intensive programme of training. When they had the same equipment to train with, New Zealand territorials promised to make as good soldiers as their colleagues in England.

The provision of equipment for territorial training must take second place to the provision of equipment needed for actual theatres of war, but the position was all the time improving—though it naturally took longer for equipment to reach New Zealand. But there was enough here to train the men now, and the promise held out both of the future of the force and its equipment was good.

General Williams emphasized the value of the experience which could be imparted to troops now in training by men who had taken part in the overseas campaigns. The fast pace at which war moved now made it necessary for the lessons learned in each new sphere of battle to be immediately applied to training methods.

WORK WITH TROOPS

Anglican Church In Egypt

RECENT ACTIVITIES

A report on the activities of the Anglican Church on behalf of the troops in Egypt has been received by the Church of England Military Affairs Committee.

"The Church Army has opened a second hut at Base Reception, Egypt," the report states, "and this will be used as a games room. This extra room enables us to use the original hut as a quiet reading and writing establishment. All facilities have been supplied by the commissioner for the National Patriotic Fund Board, who has also made available accessories necessary to operate a buffet."

Dealing with the reception of troops from Greece, the report says: "We loaded up Bishop Gerard's utility truck with as many comforts as possible and set off on a trek across the desert. On the way we distributed comforts to one unit which is cut off from the conveniences which base camp affords.

Unfortunately we missed all the big stuff."

The New Zealanders won past, but found the bridge had been blown up. Taking their Bren guns, they jumped out and ran. Trooper Bevin says: "I did not think so many things could pass through the air at once. We had to take to our legs for two miles, and no stopping to pick daisies, either. Our best sprint was when we had to go up the face of a hill in full view of the Hun for 20yds. or more. There were seven of us, and my opinion is that the Huns are rotten shots. Take away their tanks and superior numbers, or leave them two to one, and we would walk over them without breaking step."

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"A wonderful spirit of co-operation exists among our Anzac officers and men, and we found it a pleasure to work with our Australian friends. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Patriotic Board's Commissioner who made supplies available and made possible this work of welcoming the boys back from Greece.

"We have restocked the library with books from patriotic supplies and many fellows are availing themselves of the literature. We procured two cases of New Zealand apples yesterday, and I can assure you they did not last very long."

DOMINION AIRMEN

Awards Now Total 100

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Distinguished Flying Crosses recently awarded to four New Zealanders serving with the Royal Air Force bring the total of awards to New Zealand airmen since the outbreak of war to 100.

"Many of the awards have been won by New Zealanders who left the Dominion to take up short-service commissions with the Royal Air Force before the outbreak of hostilities," said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, in a statement yesterday, "and it is a tribute to the standard of men selected that such a high proportion should merit distinction. They came from farms and offices, from factories and workshops, but, imbued with the spirit of service, they proved ideal types for training, and a large number now hold responsible positions in the Royal Air Force.

"The outbreak of war saw young New Zealanders eager to take their places in the 'Battle of the Skies,' and the training facilities in the Dominion have been extended from time to time to ensure that those coming forward are absorbed with as little delay as possible. The introduction of the Empire air training scheme has enabled more and more New Zealanders to fit themselves in readiness to take their places alongside their brothers further afield.

Daring Raids.

"New Zealand airmen have participated in some of the most daring and effective raids over Germany and Italy, and the awards have been won for bravery and devotion to duty in battle over England, Germany, Norway, occupied France, Italy, and the Middle East. Wherever the Royal Air Force is to be found, there you will find sons of New Zealand worthily upholding the traditions of the Dominion.

"Daily the ranks of New Zealand airmen are being added to; daily the air stations of New Zealand are producing more and more men of the type which has already brought fame and renown to our land and, though there may be dark skies ahead, New Zealanders realize that their sons will not be found wanting in the crucial test that is to come.

"An analysis of the awards," said the Minister, "shows that 75 Distinguished Flying Crosses have been won, three bars to the Distinguished Flying Cross, seven Distinguished Flying Medals, 10 Air Force Crosses, one Distinguished Service Order, three George Medals, and one Croix de Guerre."



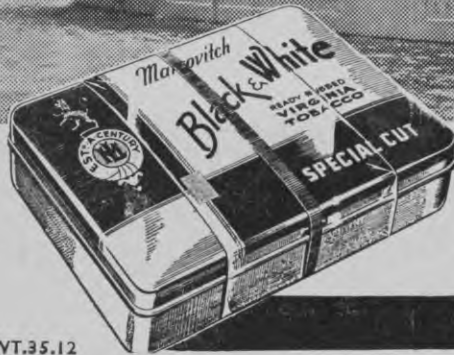
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"Many a time since the commencement of the war we have been amazed and thrilled by the heroic exploits of our airmen," said the Minister of Education, Mr. Mason, in an address last night on education for the Air Force. "With admiration and gratitude we have beheld the skill, courage and triumphant success with which they have met and defeated stronger hostile forces. These great and dramatic events do not happen without great preparation."

An explanation of one phase in the preparation of New Zealand airmen—the preliminary educational training scheme—was given by Mr. Mason. This scheme, he said, was one of the ways in which the educational facilities of this country were being utilized to further the war effort. The New Zealand scheme was an essential part of Air Force training here and was now being adopted as a model by other parts of the Empire.

Origin of Scheme.

Discussing the origin of the scheme, Mr. Mason said that in peacetime it was not difficult to secure all the men needed without any special form of preliminary educational training. New Zealand's maximum contribution to the Royal Air Force before the war was no more than about 100 trained pilots a year, with a similar number untrained.

With a war requirement for New Zealand alone running into thousands of pilots annually with a need for more men for the air crews as observers and air gunners, it became obvious that the pre-war scheme of selection did not meet war conditions. The decision was made therefore, to select the man irrespective of his educational qualifications and to bring him up to the necessary standard before he went on to the ground training school. In this way no man of the right type would be missed.

Policy of Committee.

No man of the right type who had completed his primary school course was being rejected by the Air Crew Selection Committee. He was brought up to the standard in the air force classes or by correspondence while carrying on with his ordinary work.

"Already some thousands of men have passed through this preliminary educational course and some thousands of others are in existing classes or are being handled by correspondence," said Mr. Mason. "Its adoption by other parts of the Empire is a tribute to the scheme's value and effectiveness, and reminds us that in this country there is still that strong spirit of initiative which from its earliest settlement has been always a marked feature of our people."

CLUB FOR SOLDIERS

Building Opened In Suva

The Governor of Fiji, Sir Harry Luke, recently opened in Suva a club

for the New Zealand Forces serving in Fiji. Finance for the building of the new premises was provided by the National Patriotic Fund Board of New Zealand, which also made available the funds for the erection and maintenance of two large recreational huts that have been established at different points on the island. A talking-picture plant has been sent and is to be installed shortly in one of the huts, and another is under purchase for the other hut.

The club in Suva will be the social centre of the troops garrisoned on the island. It has been built on a splendid site made available by the Fiji Government, and besides having a pleasing appearance inside and out, offers generous facilities to the soldier.

News Item: "The French are watchful." On the qui Vive la France!



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weary lives are broken,
We live in vain who give no tender
token—
Let us be kind.

When Saul was King of Israel he sought relentlessly for the life of David, but his son Jonathan and David loved each other. Saul and Jonathan both fell in battle with the Philistines and after David assumed the Kingship of Israel he sought out any of Saul's family who were still living and finally located Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan, lame and living in poverty. David commanded that Mephibosheth be brought to the King's house and he came in fear and trembling, fully expecting vengeance to be meted out because of his grandfather's treachery to David. Instead, for Jonathan's sake, David gave him back all the property belonging to the house of Saul, and caused him to live with them as his honoured friend. Justice demanded vengeance, but love granted mercy and "the kindness of God for Jonathan's sake," and David thus secured a loyal adherent

whom nothing could turn away from him.

Centuries later, a world at enmity with God rejected His Son and crucified Him. On the cross His cry to God was "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Again justice demanded vengeance upon those who had so spitefully used the Son of God, but mercy granted the answer to that cry from the cross, and has given forgiveness to all who seek it in repentance and a place in the King's House for ever, and Paul gives us this injunction, "Be ye kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven you."

And in these days of war which is such a breeding ground for hatred, we do well to remember this injunction. The evil thing which is over-running Europe must be put down, and by God's help it will be put down, but let us beware that we do not allow it to plant the seeds of hatred in our hearts, thus laying the foundation for building up amongst us the very evil which we are now gradually destroying. "Love suffereth long and is kind." Kindness pays always, therefore "Let us be kind."

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