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# SALUTE OUR AIRMEN!

We have not had to wait long before seeing a further realisation of the pledge given to the House of Commons by Sir Archibald Sinclair. We are again attacking the Germans in Germany.

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We are attacking. And that is the supreme need—to forget the usual stupidity of "preparing for the last war"; the war of long stalemate and defence and useless slaughter in the wrong methods of attack. Here, in this war, we have a Service fortunately free from the grip of stale ideas and aged traditions. This Service is our R.A.F. And every month, every week shows that, as the war passes more and more into the air, it displays the brilliant skill, the daring, the endurance of our airmen.

We know that defence, too, is of enormous importance.

Here there is every hope that we are learning. Our night fighters are beginning to take a heavier toll of the enemy's bombers.

Take this from the Air Ministry's report recently of one of the recent raids—"the damage and casualties bore no relation to the scale of the attack and very little was achieved beyond serious damage to a number of private houses." Even if this is somewhat too cheerfully stated, it permits us to hope for more effective methods of defence.

We shall lose brave men and fine machines. We have suffered much. We must suffer more. But who can doubt, in reading of our achievement, that the spirit of the R.A.F. is unconquerable, that our ascendency in the air is not remote, and that it must mark the beginning of the end of the New Order of very old brutality?

"Those who do not keep moving are lost," said Mussolini once. Retreating Italians in Ethiopia evidently are anxious not to become lost. "This is the finest cigarette lighter on the market, madame." "It certainly looks it. How many cigarettes does it light to the gallon?"

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#### ACTIVE WEEKEND

#### **Clubs For Soldiers On** Leave

One of the bright weekend spots in Wellington for soldiers on leave is Webby's Club, at 61 · Lower Cuba Street. This club provides dancing and entertainment for the men from 7.30 ill 12 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. and recreation on Sunday, with tea from 2.30 till 10 p.m. Here there is good music and dancing. Sir Harry Batterbee, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, has presented the Jub with a picture of His Majesty the King, which is now being framed before being hung "on the line" in the cluboom

Last weekend the clubrooms were particularly bright and warm in con trast to the bitter weather outside, and he recently-installed gas fire, donated by Mr. Frank Kennedy was greatly ap preciated

#### A.N.A. Club.

Last Friday evening a group of men representing the First and Twenty second Companies of Auckland Engin eers, presented the Army, Navy and Air Force Club with a number of gramo phone records in appreciation of the happy evenings they had spent at the club. These records are to be used on Sunday evenings, when the electric ramephont provides the music for the musical items and other amusements woulded for the men visiting the cub

The enfecteria was very busy dur on the events and the country help is of great assistance. Hampers were reeived from the Otaki Women's Emer gency Committee (per Mrs. J M O'Halloran) : Masterion Air Force Re-lations (per Mrs James Lord), and the Castlepaint and Whakatiki branches of the WD.F.U

The dances on Friday and Saturday were very well attended, members of the girls' mumittee in charge being Mrs J Tredray, Misses Harper Allan Valarie Neely and Joan Harriss As sisting the executive during the week were wives of Army officers, and mem bers of the Jewish Women's Club; W.D.F.U. Wellington and Hutt: Air Force Relations. A.N.A. Helpers and A.N.A Girls' Auxiliary

#### National Club.

Three open fires in the comfortable lounges of the National Club at the weekend acted as magnets for the visitors, who included men of all the Services. The cheery atmosphere was in decided contrast to the cold outside, and the men greatly enjoyed the warmth and friendliness and the delicious home-made meals provided for On Saturday Miss Patricia them Horg was hostess for the National Union tea dance, and Mrs. A. E. Meech. convener for a group from Wellington Central, was hostess on Sunday. There were excellent attendances on both nights

Y.M.C.A. Soldiers' Tea.

Members of the Khandallah branch

BRAVERY IN THE AIR Ask for Two Distinguished Flying Crosses

Advice has been received by Air Headquarters. Wellington, that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been iwarded to two more New Zealanders They are:

Pilot Officer James Robert Anderson. Mrs. G. A. Corkin, 232 Selwyn Street ('hristchurch (m).

Pilot Officer John Winstone Sievers Mr S. J. Sievers, 27 Brassey Road. Wanganui (f).

Pilot Officer Anderson was born September, 1915, and was educated at the Christchurch Technical School and Canterbury College. He left New Zea land early in 1940 after completing his raining in New Zealand

Pilot Officer Sievers was born in April, 1918, and was educated at St. Patrick's College. Silverstream He was given his early flying training as a member of the Wairarapa and Rua hine Aero Club, and left New Zealand in March, 1940, for service overseas



"What! My turn for leave? Aw, gee! Sarge. What have I done wrong now?"

of the League of Mothers were hostesses at the soldiers' Sunday tea at the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. P. P. Lynch, president, was convener, and Mr. W. H. Hindle was in the chair. Those who contributed to the programme were Misses Januet Reynolds and Bennie (vocal solos); Miss Ruth Reid (violin solo); Miss Monica Bell (elocutionary item); Mr. R.N.Z.A.F. (vocal solo). Fred Cox, Miss Nora Gray was accompanist, Mr. Hindle led the community sing, and Mr. W. Mann was the pianist.

The usual one-minute silent prayer was observed for the men serving overseas.



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#### CRETE CAMPAIGN

#### Account By Officer From N.Z.

#### DIFFICULTY OF SEA TRANSPORT

Brigadier L. M. Inglis, one of the New Zealand commanders in Crete, who is now in England, has given an account of the Crete operations.

He explained that the bulk of the defenders of the island had been evacuated there from Greece. Many of them were non-combatants and unarmed, and therefore unable adequately to contribute to the defence of the island.

It had been impossible to evacuate them to Egypt for the same reason that it was impossible to make good the losses in equipment of troops evacu-ated from Greece to Crete, namely, the overwheiming difficulties imposed on shipping by the control of the air by the enemy.

Further, the ports and beaches on Crete had been heavily dive-bombed for some time before the actual invasion of the island took place.

Describing the first day of the inva-sion, Brigadier Inglis said that a terrific circus of aircraft of all types came in from the north. They carried out hours of heavy bombing and machine-gunning. Then the parachutists dropped.

#### Airborne Troops.

At Heraclion these mostly fell among Empire troops and they were soon dealt with. At Malemi they actually captured the aerodrome for a short time, but were driven out by Australians and New Zealanders. Airborne troops and large quantities of weapons which were landed next day by air-craft carrying out a continuous "bus service" between the island and the Greek mainland, played a more important part than the parachutists.

The German parachutist, said Brigadier Inglis, was young, fit, not particu-larly tough, and fairly easy to dispose of. Brigadier Inglis said that no air force sufficient to deal with the huge masses of the German aircraft could be operated from the three Cretan air-

While Egypt was too far away as a base for fighter aircraft, the German bases on the Greek mainland were so close as to have rendered it hopeless to attempt to maintain fighter planes on the Cretan airfields. The Cretan operation was dominated by German air superiority.

Referring to certain reports that the bayonet charge had become obsolete, Brigadier Inglis said that this was far from the truth. Crete had proved the enormous power of the bayonet charge by well-trained and determined troops. It was the thing the Germans feared most

The three aerodromes in Crete were not large and not elaborate. Brigadier Inglis told the Australian Associated Press. They were situated at Heraclion, Retymno, and Canea. A narrow coast road, badly surfaced, and running on the edges of ravines, on which transport was most difficult, joined the three towns.

Most of the country was mountainous, barren, and waterless, and thus each of the three areas had to fight independently.

#### Units Under Strength.

The bulk of the Empire troops were evacuated from Greece three weeks before the Crete blitz. The remaining units were under strength and had suffered heavy losses of equipment, including tanks, artillery, and motor transport. Their deficiencies of equipment had not been made up because of the difficulty of sea transport under conditions of air inferiority.

Ships carrying heavy transport took a long time to unload and were par-ticularly vulnerable from the air. The Suda Bay area was heavily bombed long before the blitz started, consequently vehicles were not easily landed, and when they were landed were not in the best condition. Many were affected by sea water because they came from half-sunken ships. The Greeks, who included many re-

## **Conditions Described As** Better Than In N.Z.

IN CAMP IN EGYPT

Writing from a large ordnance depot in Egypt, a member of the SZ.E.F recently returned from Greece and Crete, describes the life at this camp as being better than that experienced in New Zealand.

in New Zealand. The meals, teo are really good, surpassing those we had back home. We have always been led to believe that the Tommies were poor ly fed and poorly looked after and that the New Zealand troops were the best fed in the world However ! think the boot is on the other foot, as it has absolutely amazed us on coming to this Tommy camp to see the way they are really ) reated.

"There is every facility here for sport and amusement, and we seem to have a great amount of time on our hands. We do three days' guard dury and are then allowed three days off so it is really a gentleman's life after what we have been through.

#### SICK AND WOUNDED **Eleven Soldiers Return**

The following sick and wounded soldiers have returned to New Zealand:

Lieutenant L. Roberts, Christchurch; Warrant Officer II F. Stevens, West-port; Private A. W. Anderson, Dunedin; Private G. S. Cooper, Masterton; Private B. E. Nixon, Wanganui: Private J. Piper, Wellington; Private C H. Smith, Invercargill; Private J. W Hair, Matamata; Private F. S. Barron, Auckland; Private B. R. Hosking. Christchurch; Private S. T. Coombe. Hastings.

cent recruits and members of noncombatant services, suffered from an even greater deficiency in equipment than the British Empire forces.

"They fought gallantly. but could not have been expected to maintain a sustained effort indefinitely," said Brigadier Inglis. "After several days said it became clear that Crete was lost. and clearer that we had the choice of fighting with our backs to the coast and being destroyed, without saving Crete, or of saving our troops to fight for another day.'

Referring to the morale of the troops, Brigadier Inglis said: "They did fight in Crete. The Germans suffered heavy losses. We know it. In one instance a New Zealand officer and 18 men took 27 Germans prisoner and killed 140. Our men were not beaten or cowed when they came off Crete, but left with absolute cohesion and full of fight."

Brigadier Inglis gave his opinion that good discipline and thorough training in weapons were essential for troops to stand up to full-scale air attack.



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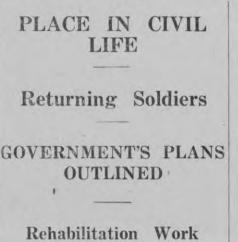
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"The Government will do its utmost to remove any hardship from soldiers returning to New Zealand, to put them back into industry and to fit them in every way to take their place once again in the normal life of the community," said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, addressing the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment League at its annual conference in Wellington vesterday.

Already 750 soldiers had returned from overseas—most of them sick, some of them wounded—and it was obvious' that, as a result of the great fight that had been put up in Greece and Crete, the number would be inreasing in the future, said Mr. Jones. There would be many problems to face. Some men might not wish to reurn to their pre-war occupations: others would not be able to do so. It would be the task of the Government and of other organizations to fit such men to become useful citizens, and, above all, to make them feel that, after what they had done for their country, not being tossed on the they were scrapheap.

The experience gained in rehabilitation after the last war would be of value: an earlier start was being made this time, and it was hoped that the mistakes of the past would be avoided A rehabilitation committee, includ-ing representatives of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment League and other organizations, would soon be set up, said Mr. Jones.



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He knew that the league was anxious to get on with its work, and he agreed that it was desirable that it should do so. However, he urged that the h-ague should not become dogmatic about its plans, but should first see how they would fit in with proposals for general rehabilitation.

The Government appreciated the valuable work that the league had done in the past, and was anxious to use its services as fully as possible in the future.

In reply to Mr. H. Holland, who suggested that the setting up of a new committee would merely duplicate the organization which the league had already, Mr. B. W. Waters said that the committee would handle rehabilitation generally, whereas the league was concerned with only one aspect of rehabilitation.

#### Work Done Already.

At the last Dominion council meeting it was decided to alter the constitution of the league to enable it to extend its facilities to disabled ex-servicemen of the present war, said the president, Mr. C. W. Batten, in his anaual report. Some hundreds of these men had returned to the Dominion, and league headquarters had supplied branches with the names and addresses of such men residing in each district. These men had been interviewed by the league's employment officers. Some had been found employment with private firms and local bodies, others were being employed by the league.

"Branch committees have been most concerned to ascertain the Government's repatriation proposals, and their relation to the work of the league in dealing with the problem of the disabled soldier who is unable to return to his pre-war occupation," said Mr. Batten. "The league has given considerable attention to this important matter Representations were made to the Government about its repatriation proposals in May, 1940 and since then repeated efforts have been made to obtain an official statement on the position of the league in the Government's repatriation scheme. "I am pleased to report, however,

that at a recent deputation to members of Cabinet, the Acting-Prime Minister, Mr. Nash, expressed admiration for the work of the league, and stated that, if further finance were required to ex tend this work, the Government would provide it. Proposals covering the Wellington, were kept busy during the training and re-establishment of dis- weekend, when large numbers of men

ment Act. 1930, has not yet been charge, assisted by Margaret Thomson amended, but it is expected that the and Grace Walpole. On Sunday evennecessary amendments will be incor ing a hot tea of saveloys, baked potaporated in the Repatriatiom Ac: which will be introduced soon.

our 1st N.Z.E.F. men-we must go for songs by H. Dellamore, and a Fumorward now. The best is not good -nough for our young disabled soldiers Our khaki. men must be met by sincere, apable and enthusiastic officers, our factories must be bright and encouraging our shops must be first-class and show the highest class goods. To sum it up, all our work must carry the dignity be July 5-Hawke's Bay Hunt Club fitting the soldier who is following up his sacrifice to the State in war with support of the binself as a first. July 19—Manawatu Hunt. class economic asset."

#### SOLDIERS' PARCELS

CAMP NEWS 5

#### **Distribution Problem In** Egypt

#### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

"Men get shifted from one camp to another; from one contingent to an-other-we simply cannot follow them." writes Lieutenant-Colonel F. Waite, overseas commissioner of the Na'ional Patriotic Fund Board, in a letter to the board from Egypt. "They go out to isolated posts for days, and stay for months. By the time we get word that 40 men are in hospital, these men-or perhaps only half of them-are shifted to another address. No one on earth can deliver parcels to every scattered New Zealander in wartime. And when transhipments take place, and when cargoes go on to one port instead of going to another, we can only do our best.

"Men do appreciate the parcels and I suppose we must put up with the erities. Most of the men here realize the difficulties and appreciate what is done for them. But the satisfied ones do not write to newspapers. The critics do.'

Referring to the tobacco and eigar-ettes sent in this particular shipment, Lieutenant-Colonel Waite said that, though some cases had arrived, others though some cases had arrived, ducta were missing, and he was awaiting a check-up before issuing anything "We did the Alexandria hospitals as

thoroughly as we could I collected many cables from men in hospital and forwarded them to relations, paying for these cables out of the fund. We also collected dozens of airmail letters from hospitals, put on ninepenny stamps and posted them for the boys. Soon we should have all our wounded back with us near Cairo in our own hospitals.

"The next problem will be that of prisoners of war," concludes Lieuten-ant-Colonel Waite. "It will take a "It will take a long time to reach anything like finality in this work."

#### CINDERELLA CLUB

Hostesses at the Cinderella Club, abled soldiers of the present war have of the forces were entertained. The been forwarded to the Government for informal dances on Friday and Saturday were well attended, Misses K. "The Disabled Soldiers' Re-establish- Crist and Lorna Newbold being in toes and savouries was served by Miss Thelma Tasker and her helpers. Items "I for one have realized that we given by some of the men included have been too modest in our effects for whistling solos by Corporal Cathcart. ous monologue by one of the mays in

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## **OFFENSIVES BEHIND** ENEMY LINES

(FROM THE N.Z.E.F. OFFICIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAIRO, June 28. On every air front in the Middle East, New Zealand pilots, navigators, gunners and observers have, during the last few months, helped to carry the war behind the German

with the enemy land forces. Though no distinct New Zealand squadron exists here, New Zealand members of the R.A.F., spread in ever-growing numbers through British formations, have played worthy parts in the offensive actions launched from Mediterranean bases.

This week I located several of them at operational stations laid out on the yellow Egyptian desert. All were veterans of the Battle for Britain and long-range attacks on Axis targets in Europe. In their few months in the Middle East they have already operated over Sicily, Greece, Crete, Libya, Iraq and the Dodecanese. Most belong to heavy bomber squadronz, and lately their work has been concentrated on distant enemy objectives beyond the scene of British land ac tivity in the Western Desert.

They look upon frequent and effective raids on Benghazi, for instance, as mere routine, yet every such flight is less than two hours short of the time for the Atlantic crossing.

A Hastings pilot officer, who captains a Wellington machine, told me proudly that his was the first British bomber over us. in Crete after the battle there began. The big Wellington flew alone through the night on a special mission at the time when the Germans had started to land troop carriers at Malemi aerodrome, and the situation was extremely obscure. He spent more than an hour above the battlefield, reconnoitring, bombing and exchanging signals with New Zealanders and, incidentally, with Germans.

#### Germans Bluffed.

"We bluffed them into thinking our plane was one of theirs," he said "We troop positions, after making sure where our own forces began, and the had been lucky enough to be chosen to erational base, give what help I could."

The same pilot, who instructed fight-er trainees in Britain before he was transferred to heavy bombers as also made raids on Greece, Rhodes Island navigators, observers and gunners. A Under the auspices of the operations.

ling into many Middle East targets battle operations in France and the invasion port attacks filled his life last year.

In addition he took part in bombing work during the Iraq uprising, and his most exciting adventure there was landing on an aerodrome under close range rebel fire. It left uncomfortably close marks on his machine.

### GENERAL WILLIAMS

#### Inspections In Auckland District

A thorough inspection of Expedition ary Force and Territorial Force troops in training at Papakura Mobilization Camp and at Avondale racecourse was made today by General Sir Gus Williams, military adviser to the New Zea land Government. At night he inspected the 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment, and later he addressed all noncommissioned officers in the Auckland area.

General Williams was accompanied during his inspections by the officer commanding the Northern Military District, Brigadier Bell. His visit to the district will end on Saturday morning, when, after inspecting coastal delines, while the Dominions' men on fence areas and training camps at the ground have grappled fiercely Cambridge and Rotorua, he will leave for Napier.

His visit is part of a comprehensive inspection of New Zealand's military organization which he is making in preparation for the report which he is to present to the Government, and it is considered to be of the greatest importance for the military side of the Dominion's war effort.



"Daily Mirror"

A former member of the New Zealand bomber squadron, he flew with the pre sent formation to the Middle East lammed enemy landing operations and where he has been engaged in ffensive work in the western desert and the preparation of advanced striking bases where our own forces began, and the preparation of advanced striking bases front gunner put out a landing flood-light the Germans were using. I got a real kick out of knowing that our own fellows were below me, and that I on a 1200 miles flight to another op

#### Gunner's Feat.

and several points in Libya, where his squadron caused much of the destruc-tion which kept the Luftwaffe out of credit in England, lately distinguished the air during the recent British land himself by shooting down from his tur et in the extreme tail of a Wellingto. In an adjoining squadron I came bomber one of three Itaian night fight across a Timaru flying officer, who has ers. which attacked during a visit to similarly sent heavy bomb-loads hurt- Benghazi This is regarded as an na usual achievement, specially on this since he left the European front, where fron: where a gunner's opportunities at night are limited

The squadrons to which these and our other airmen belong are natural blends of volunteers from almost every patt of the British Commonweatth That is why most of their achievments must be recorded in the tight of Empire successes and individual at ention cannot always be paid to New The reputation he won over Europe Zealanders or Rhodesians or Canada for daring low-level bombing is being ans Nothing is surer however than maintained here by a 26-years-old Wel- that they are taking their share of lington flying officer, who was awarded offensive action, at least in resportion the D.F.C. after making 30 raids from to their numbers which are bound to England on German targets, or in his increase as air striking power in the own words, "saving up 30 coupons." Middle East continues to grow. Friday, July 4, 1941

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Private: "I was making my way back to camp, sir, but it's so well camouflaged, it took me hours to find it!"

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#### CAMP ENTERTAINING.

#### CONCERTS 'AT TRENTHAM AND RONGOTAI.

When the Executive Committee of the Official Camp Entertainers presented another programme for men in camp at Trentham recently the Y.M.C.A. Theatre was well filled with a uniformed audience. After the performance the guests were thanked by Major Gorton, and were entertained at supper by the major and his officers.

The musical programme was arranged by Mrs. Chas. MacDonald, and humorous sketches by Mrs. Elsie Lloyd. Those who took part were Mrs. Anne Lane, Misses Molly Cooke, Monica Bell, Moya McLure, Thelma Cusack, Heather Wright, Margaret Wright, Molly Denton, Olga Burton, Butterton, and Messrs. Ken Macauley and George Cooper.

The executive thanks the Automobile Association, Mesdames Clarke, Bell, Wheeler, Miss Thompson, and Messrs. Alston and Delley for providing cars for transport.

During the week the Repertory Concert Party, under the auspices of the Official Camp Entertainers, gave a performance at the R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Rongotai. Wing Commander White thanked them and entertained the party at supper.

#### ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE TROOPS.

The Green Room Theatrical Club, from the Harbord Studio of Stars, has been very active lately in presenting a series of vaudeville concerts for the troops stationed at Fort Dorset, Mt. Victoria, Palmer Head, etc. On Saturday last the Club were at the Palmer Head Battery where they presented a non-stop vaudeville show to a capacity audience. As at Mt. Victoria, the audience was so appreciative and so insistent upon encores that the show was stretched from the normal two hours to three. The show consists of choruses, comedy concerted numbers, novelty numbers, song and dance, sketches, soloists, etc., and in the words of Captain Luxford, B.C., and Lt./Col. Hayes, "is sheer entertainment from start to finish, with every performer a star turn."

So enthusiastic were they at Fort Dorset that the Club returned last week to give a repeat performance, and Mt. Victoria and Palmer Head are making the same requests.

Those taking part in the performance were :--- Ngaire Corkhill, Leigh Brewer, Yvonne Black, Billie Pond, Peter Powell, Valerie Bornholdt, Ina Taylor, Lindsay Collinge, Daphne Violich, Zena Goldstein, Lionel Bent, Will Henry, William J. Stevenson, Jack and Choir has been started at Fort Dor-Robbie Tapp, and Gnr. Assheton Har- set, under the leadership of Gnr. bord, who is the accompanist and Assheton Harbord of the R.H.Q. Staff. producer. The Green Room Club is Prior to enlistment, Gnr. Harbord was now working on an entirely new show well known in Wellington as a teacher which will be ready for production at of singing and music, and also as pro-Fort Dorset in three weeks' time. Gnr. ducer of theatrical presentations. His Assheton Harbord, who is now sta- experience is wide, covering all tioned at R.H.Q., Fort Dorset, was branches of the theatre, including previously a well-known teacher and Movies in U.S.A., England, Canada produce of theatrical presentations in and Australasia. Fort Dorset is lucky Welling.on.

Thanks are gratefully expressed to look after its shows and it is anti-Mr. Tapp, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Black, Mr. cipated that the Fort Concert Party Bornholdt and Mr. Gapes for provid- will soon be presenting its initial pering cars for transport and to the Wel- formance, which is being looked forlington Automobile Association for ward to with much eagerness. facilities for petrol.



#### Air Force Cross: SQUADRON LEADER GEOFFREY NEWLAND ROBERTS, of Auckland.

HONOURS LIST

Awards In Military

Division

FIVE NAMES INCLUDED

C.B.E. For Air Commodore

Saunders

His Excellency the Governor-

General has announced that His

Majesty the King has been gracious-

ly pleased to confer the following

honours on the officers and warrant-

officer whose names appear below:

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#### Air Commodore Saunders

Air Commodore Saunders, who has been Senior Air Force Member of the Air Board since 1939, was bern in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1894. He studied goldmining for four years before the war of 1914-18, when he enlisted as a sapper in the South African Engineers. He was awarded the Military Medal. In 1916 he transferred to the South African Horse, and the following year joined the Royal Flying Corps, and later the R.A.F., being awarded the M.C., and also D.F.C. and bar. After distinguished service in Egypt and Iraq, he took up duty with the Air Ministry. From 1932 to 1935 he was commander of 45 (B) Squadron in the Middle East, being made a wing com-Air Commodore Saunders, who has the Middle East, being made a wing com-mander in 1935. He attended the Im-perial Defence College in 1938, in which year he was appointed to New Zealand.

year he was appointed to New Zealand. His promotion to air commodore was an-nounced early this year. He received the Military Cross "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty." On this occasion he destroyed five enemy machines and shot down four more out of control. The dispatches said that he "showed great courage and skill in engaging the enemy craft, and did in engaging the enemy craft, and did splendid service."

When he was awarded the Distinguish-ed Flying Cross, the dispatches said of him, "An officer of exceptional courage who, since he was awarded the Military Cross, has destroyed five enemy aircraft and shot down two balloons in flames. While on patrol he observed a formation of seven hostile scouts below him. Diving to the attack, he engaged the leader, and firing short bursts at close range, shot him down nose foremost. The remainder of the formation scattered in all direc tions

Air Commodore Saunders's bar to the D.F.C. was awarded for service in Iraq, 'for gallantry and unflinching examples on all occasions, specially during opera-tions in Samawah, where he descended to very low altitudes to drop food and supplies on the garrison at Samawah and the gunboat Greenfly."

#### Lt.-Col. Wood

Colonel D. T. Wood is officer com-manding the 1st Mounted Rifle Brigade. comprising the 1st Mounted Kine Brigade, comprising the North Auckland Mounted Rifles (motorized), the Waikato Mount-ed Rifles and the Auckland-East Coast Mounted Rifles. Born in Kaikoura, Colonel Wood was educated at Christ's College and Lincoln College. England During the Coast Way has hold the sand During the Great War he held the Rifles. He was wounded and returned to New Zealand in 1918. Colore' Wood bas been associated with the North Auck-land Mounted Rifles since 1925. In eivil life he is engaged in sheep-faming at Kara near Whangarei

#### Squadron Leader Roberts

Squadron Leader Roberts - officer commanding No. 1 General Reconnais-sance Squadron, stationed at Whenuapai He was born in Inglewood, Taranaki

and left to join the R.A.F. in 1928 being one of the first pre-war entraats who and one of the first pre-war entrials who made their way privately to England. Squadron Leader Roberts spent some time in India, being present turing the north-west uprising in 1931 and the Red Shirt trouble of 1933. Returning to New Zealand in 1936, he re-entered civil life but maintained his connexions with the R.A.F. by becoming a member of the Christchurch Territorial Squadron. On the outbreak of war Squadron Leader Roberts was posted to the R.N.Z.A.F.

#### Mr. F. W. Jelliff

Mr. F. W. Jelliff is engaged as gunnery training officer in H.M.S. Tamaki Born in England, he has spent 29 years in the service. qualifying as director gunner in 1926. In this capacity he spent over two years in H.M.S. Rodney and about two and a half years in destroyers: For iwo years he was in H.M.S. Dorsetshire in South Africa. Mr. Jelliff was attached to the New Zealand division of the Royal Navy in 1927 and was stationed in H.M.S. Philomel and H.M.S. Monowai

#### AIRMEN BROTHERS Wellington Fighter Pilots

A cablegram from London states that the evening newspapers are featuring a photograph of two New Zealand brothers, Squadron Leader W. G. Clous-ton, D.F.C., and Pilot Officer J. G. Clouston, who are both members of the New Zealand Fighter Squadron. It is stated that Squadron Leader Clouston has shot down 10 enemy aircraft.

Squadron Leader Clouston won the D.F.C. as a flight lieutenant in June of last year. He joined the Royal Air Force about seven years ago and is 25 years old. His brother trained in New Zealand after the outbreak of war and left for England in the middle of last year. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clouston, of Wellington, where they were educated, and are nephews of Mr. D. C. Clouston, Milford, who also has a son in the Air Force. They are not related to Squadron Leader A. E. Clouston, famous New Zealand long-distance flyer.

#### BOXING IN AUCKLAND

#### Hanham Beats Caltaux

The boxing season opened in Anekland The boxing season opened in Auckland when two professional boats were staged. In the main contest, Cliff Hanham Wel-jington, middl weight champion of New Zealand, 11st. 54lb., beat Vic Caltaux, Auckland, 10st. 10lb., welterweight champion of the Dominion, on points, at 'he end of 10 three-minute rounds. The other bout was at eatch weights, and Clarrie Gordon, Auckland, making his professional debut, scored a points

his professional debut, scored a points victory over Tommy Hansen, Wellington, in a match over eight three-minute rounds. Both weighed 9st. 111b.

### CAMP NEWS



CHURCHILL INSPECTS AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, raises his hat as he takes the salute at the drive past of the American Mechanised Squadron of Britain's Home Guard, home defence volunteer force.

## Everyman's Hut

"A Persian fable says: One day A wanderer found a lump of clay So redolent of sweet perfume, Its odours scented all the room. 'What are thou?' was his quick demand.

'Art thou some gem from Samarcand, Or spikenard in this rude disguise, Or other costly merchandise?' 'Nay; I am but a lump of clay.'

"Then, whence this wondrous perfume-say!"

'Friend, if the secret I disclose, I have been dwelling with the rose.' Sweet parable! and will not those Who love to dwell with Sharon's rose, Distil sweet odours all around, Though low and mean themselves are

found? Dear Lord, abide with us that we May draw our perfume fresh from

Thee."

Only a box of ointment-an alabaster box-nothing to distinguish it in size or appearance from other similar ones, yet when Mary opened it and anointed the feet of Jesus-those feet that had trodden many weary miles on their message of hope and healing, -the odour of ointment filled the whole house. It was just an ordinary box, but the ointment it contained was precious and costly. Those who thought it a waste valued it at more than 300 pence. Labourers working in the vineyard received a penny a day (roughly eightpence of our money), so that it represented about a year's wages for a labourer and possibly a good deal more for a woman. But apart from its intrinsic value, it was the loving service that appealed to the Lord and earned His approval And those who claim the name of

Christian should be like the box of ing out the fragrance of the love of Christ. The most fragrant lives are those who have a low estimate of themselves, but a high one of Christ. That is the example which He left to all who would follow in His steps. "Behold your King cometh, meek and lowly, and riding upon an ass" is the description of His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In the great prophetic fifty-third chapter of Isaiah we read: "He hath no form nor comeliness, and when we shall see him there is no beauty that we should desire Fridays him," but God's estimate was, "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well Sundays pleased." And in our service to others may self be so hidden and Christ so shown forth that those whom we have the privilege to serve and help may take knowledge of us-as of the apostle of old-that we have been with Jesus; that the world may be a better place because of our presence.



"Some troops were being posted in the town." "Daily Mirror"

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