

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:—Ngairi 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 Robbie Tapp, and Gnr. Assheton Harbord, who is the accompanist and producer. The Green Room Club is now working on an entirely new show which will be ready for production at Fort Dorset in three weeks' time. Gnr. Assheton Harbord, who is now stationed at R.H.Q., Fort Dorset, was previously a well-known teacher and producer of theatrical presentations in Wellington.

Thanks are gratefully expressed to Mr. Tapp, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Black, Mr. Bornholdt and Mr. Gapes for providing cars for transport and to the Wellington Automobile Association for facilities for petrol.



SHIPS OF THE BRITISH NAVY

"ARK ROYAL." This 22,000 ton aircraft carrier has a speed of 30.75 knots; its length is 800 feet and beam 94 feet: stores 60 aircraft in hangars on two decks. 3 lifts for hoisting aircraft to flight deck. Total cost £3,215,639. Building was started in Sept. 1935; completed in 1938.



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C.B.E. For Air Commodore Saunders

His Excellency the Governor-General has announced that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer the following honours on the officers and warrant-officer whose names appear below:

MILITARY DIVISION
Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.):

AIR COMMODORE HUGH WILLIAM LUMSDEN SAUNDERS, M.C., D.F.C., M.M., R.A.F., of Wellington.

Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.):

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DERISLEY THAYER WOOD, of Whangarei.
Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.):

MR. FREDERICK WALTER JELLIFF, Commissioned Gunner, Royal Navy.

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS I (STAFF SERGT-MAJOR) HARRY LEWIS STOVELL FRANK, of Nelson

FORT DORSET CONCERT PARTY AND CHOIR.

A Concert Party and Male Voice Choir has been started at Fort Dorset, under the leadership of Gnr. Assheton Harbord of the R.H.Q. Staff. Prior to enlistment, Gnr. Harbord was well known in Wellington as a teacher of singing and music, and also as producer of theatrical presentations. His experience is wide, covering all branches of the theatre, including Movies in U.S.A., England, Canada and Australasia. Fort Dorset is lucky to have such an experienced man to look after its shows and it is anticipated that the Fort Concert Party will soon be presenting its initial performance, which is being looked forward to with much eagerness.

Good luck, Dorset!

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

Air Commodore Saunders

Air Commodore Saunders, who has been Senior Air Force Member of the Air Board since 1939, was born 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 commander in 1935. He attended the Imperial Defence College in 1938, in which year he was appointed to New Zealand. His promotion to air commodore was announced 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 splendid service."

When he was awarded the Distinguished 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 directions."

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 operations 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 commanding the 1st Mounted Rifle Brigade, comprising the North Auckland Mounted Rifles (motorized), the Waikato Mounted 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 Great War he held the rank of captain with the Canterbury Mounted Rifles. He was wounded and returned to New Zealand in 1918. Colonel Wood has been associated with the North Auckland Mounted Rifles since 1925. In civil life he is engaged in sheep-farming at Kara near Whangarei.

Squadron Leader Roberts

Squadron Leader Roberts is officer commanding No. 1 General Reconnaissance 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 entrants who made their way privately to England. Squadron Leader Roberts spent some time in India, being present during 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 two 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. Clouston, 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 Caltax

The boxing season opened in Auckland when two professional bouts were staged. In the main contest, Cliff Hanham, Wellington, middle-weight champion of New Zealand, 11st. 5½lb., beat Vic Caltax, Auckland, 10st. 10lb., welterweight champion of the Dominion, on points, at the end of 10 three-minute rounds.

The other bout was at catch weights, and Clarrie Gordon, Auckland, making his professional debut, scored a points victory over Tommy Hansen, Wellington, in a match over eight three-minute rounds. Both weighed 9st. 11lb.