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NOT a Jew or Business Man!

Cassandra writes in the "Daily Mirror": Hitler, in a recent speech:—"In fact, I made 724 mistakes." But the enemy made 3,000,480 mistakes. We will go on making mistakes."

As the man said when he stepped into the empty manhole . . .

But apart from that—it was very fine indeed to hear the Fuehrer bawling—"The Duce and I are not Jews or business men. The clasp of our hands is that of men of honour."

That these gunmen should try to impress upon the outside world that their handshake was anything other than a criminal bond between as disgusting a pair of cut-throats as ever disgraced this globe, is laughable in the extreme.

Hitler, the ex-coppers' nark and toadying little perisher who got so much satisfaction out of crawling to his superiors in the last war, dislikes to be called a business man. He is right inasmuch as big-time financial swindlers are rouges rather than business men. And perhaps he prefers to forget the early days of his precious Party, when, busted and bankrupt, with his strong-arm bullies yapping for their wages, he went toadying to von Schroeder, the Cologne Money Bag, who first put him on his feet.

Perhaps he forgets the little black-mailing trips round the Ruhr to soak the armament manufacturers to support his blood-soaked schemes for involving the world in yet another and greater German war.

Perhaps he forgets stealing Czech and French gold, and looting half the treasures of Europe for the palaces that he and his grisly crew infest. No, not a business man—just a plain practitioner in larceny.

And as for not being a Jew—he's right again. He isn't.

But compared alongside him, the Jew Judas Iscariot could give him points in honesty, dignity and general high-mindedness. After all, Judas Iscariot did hang himself, whereas this pudgy monstrosity has been threatening suicide for years when things go wrong—but so far has not had the guts to do the one thing that would win the approval of all sane and reasonable men.

Front Line Stuff

Hitler's Roman jackall was reported recently to be "at the front."

This statement was beautifully vague.

It did not reveal whether the triumphant busted Caesar was reviewing his great charges in reverse in Albania, Libya, Abyssinia, or in Eritea. It was also delightfully non-committal as to whether the Big Tramp was ten, fifteen, twenty, or a hundred miles away from the enemy.

From sitting at his desk and stabbing people in the back, it would be a brave and reckless gesture to get near (but not too near) the slaughtering of his own wretched people that he has worked so hard to achieve.

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Cruiser's Busy Time

**WORK WITH RED SEA
CONVOYS**

To have sunk an enemy raider, shared in convoy work, fought off enemy bombers and destroyers which attacked convoys, as well as going to the rescue of a damaged British destroyer, have been among the activities of H.M.S. Leander, one of the cruisers of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, since she left the Dominion in May last year. An account of the cruiser's work and experiences up to the end of March last is given in a report prepared under the authority of the commanding officer.

H.M.S. Leander was one of the powerful escorts for the second echelon. Because of the sudden developments in France, Belgium and Holland, the convoy's route was altered and the cruiser parted company with it, subsequently doing service in the Red Sea.

Attack on Convoy.

"Only once was a Red Sea convoy attacked by surface craft," says the report. "Early on the morning of Trafalgar Day two enemy destroyers attacked the head of our north-bound convoy, and were immediately engaged by other ships. The Leander, the senior officer, proceeded at full speed to get in touch with the enemy, closely followed by H.M.S. Kimberley.

"It was a night with about a half-moon, very high, with very long visibility, and we were probably firing at five to six miles range. Both destroyers appeared to fire torpedoes and guns wildly, and, without attempting to fight they fled to the north-west. The only damage reported was a hole in a lifeboat aboard the convoy commodore's flagship.

"The Kimberley correctly estimated that the enemy would make for the Harmil Island channel into Massawa, and made her way to a position to intercept them at dawn. The Leander, of course, had to stand by the convoy, and, as light came, we received the Kimberley's exultant signals—first, that she had sighted an enemy destroyer, then that she was engaging, and that the target was damaged, on fire, and making for the beach under the guns of Harmil Island.

Enemy Destroyer Sunk.

"This was 'right on the Italians' doorstep,' the eastern entrance to Massawa harbour, but the Kimberley finished off the enemy, the destroyer Francesco Nullo, with a torpedo, and, as she turned back, sent some salvos into the shore batteries. She actually silenced two out of three guns, but in the meantime herself received a hit which made it difficult to get away.

"The news of her damage, of course, caused the Leander to leave the convoy and speed to the Kimberley's assistance, and we found that by heroic efforts she had steamed out of sight of land before stopping to repair her damage. Somewhat concerned by the

possibility of a submarine counter-attack, and the likelihood of bombing, we took the Kimberley in tow and, working up to about 12 knots, moved back toward the convoy.

"One air attack was made, a sharp, accurate raid by three aircraft from a great height, which dropped a beautiful stick of bombs athwart our bow some 100 yards ahead. Splinters from these dented the ship's side near the paint shop, but that was fortunately all. We continued our escorting duties towing a powerful destroyer astern, the pair of us making an interesting anti-aircraft unit.

"The Royal Air Force later in the day caught the second destroyer in the islands off Massawa, and hit it on the stern with a large bomb. It is not surprising, therefore, that we are still waiting for a repeat performance. The Italians, however, broadcast a statement on October 22 which for sheer imagination and barefaced lying has seldom been beaten, and caused the utmost joy in the Leander."

This statement claimed overwhelming successes for Italian torpedo-boats.

Sinking of Ramb I.

The sinking of the Ramb I is also mentioned in the report, which described how the raider flew the Red Ensign, later replacing it with the Italian naval ensign and opening fire.

"We felt it a gallant effort, for in a few seconds our turrets had replied and she was overwhelmed, flames pouring out of her gaping fore-castle as her colours came down with a run," the report adds. "The fire forward spread rapidly aft, igniting her ammunition lockers, magazines, and oil fuel, and an hour after our encounter the Ramb I sank under a vast column of smoke and burning oil, sliding quickly down, bows first, as the last rounds of her cordite flared up on the poop.

"Over 100 prisoners were rescued from the Italian's boats, together with the ship's dog."

In the account of the Leander's operations given in a dispatch from the N.Z.E.F. official news service, it is mentioned that Italian and German prisoners captured by the Leander refused to believe that the cruiser was the Leander as they believed it had previously been sunk.



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ENEMY ATTACKS ON HOSPITAL SHIPS

British Policy Stated

ITALIAN VESSEL TO BE USED

In consequence of many enemy attacks on British hospital ships, the British Government has decided to detain the Italian hospital ship Ramb IV, which was intercepted off Aden. The Government will use it for a minimum period of six months to replace a British ship damaged by enemy action.

Following is the text of a declaration made by the British Government stating its policy following a protest to the German Government against deliberate attacks on hospital ships:—

"On July 12, 1940, His Majesty's Government protested to the German Government through the United States against 31 deliberate and flagrant attacks by aircraft and shore batteries upon British hospital ships and carriers. Many of these were severely damaged and three, the Maid of Kent, Brighton and Paris, were sunk. All these sinkings and at least half of the other attacks occurred in broad daylight. All the ships concerned were marked in accordance with the Hague Convention and in all other respects fully conformed to the requirements of that convention.

"In spite of this protest enemy aircraft continued deliberately to disregard the immunity which is recognized by all civilized nations as due to hospital ships and our hospital ships continued to be attacked from the air in circumstances which leave no doubt as to the wilful and brutal nature of the attacks.

"The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, recently reported three deliberate attacks on British hospital

ships. On April 12 the hospital ship Vita, with over 400 casualties aboard, was deliberately bombed by enemy aircraft and badly damaged. She was again attacked on April 21 and 22 while at sea and in tow. On May 5 the hospital ship Karapara was deliberately bombed and damaged by at least nine enemy aircraft at Tobruk. On May 17 the hospital ship Aba was twice deliberately bombed in the open seas 50 miles south of Crete and damaged. All these vessels were clearly marked in accordance with the Hague Convention and all the attacks took place in broad daylight when there can be no question of difficulty of identification. Deliberate attacks are also known to have been made on Greek hospital ships.

"His Majesty's Government is not prepared to tolerate such flagrant violations of the convention, which received the signature and approval of the German and Italian Governments and from which these Governments, by marking their vessels in accordance with its requirements, expect to derive full advantage.

"His Majesty's Government has, therefore, given directions that the Italian hospital ship Ramb IV, which was intercepted after the fall of Masawa and sent in for examination in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Hague Convention, is to be detained and employed as a hospital vessel for the transport of British and enemy sick and wounded. His Majesty's Government will detain the Ramb IV for use as stated above for a minimum period of six months in replacement of one of those damaged by the enemy's wilful action.

"If in the meantime His Majesty's Government is satisfied that the enemy not only has the firm intention of refraining from further attacks on British hospital ships but also has the power to ensure that these intentions are carried into effect, the return of the Ramb IV will be considered."

RACING FIXTURES.

July 8, 10, 12—Wellington R.C.

July 19—Manawatu Hunt.

July 19—Waimate District Hunt Club.

AFTER MILITARY SERVICE

Civil Reinstatement

ALLEGED BREACHES INVESTIGATED

Sixty-seven cases of alleged failure to reinstate workers in their employment at the termination of their military service or during leave without pay from military service have been investigated so far and a further 31 cases are now under action, according to a statement made yesterday by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Webb. The Minister said he was pleased that employers generally had complied with the provisions of the Occupational Re-establishment Emergency Regulations, which required them to reinstate their workers on the completion of military service, either in the Territories or overseas.

"Of the 67 cases investigated proceedings were taken in 14 cases," said Mr. Webb. "In eight of these convictions were recorded and six cases were dismissed or withdrawn for various reasons. Wages totalling £51/6/6 were ordered to be paid to workers. Fifty-three cases were dealt with by the department without recourse to Court proceedings, 22 by the reinstatement of the worker, and seven by other action (including payment of wages during period of unemployment). In the remaining 24 cases no action was taken for various reasons such as that no breach was disclosed, or that the worker requested that no action be taken."

"There were six cases in which employees had been dismissed within six months of their reinstatement in civil employment. In two cases the worker was reinstated on representations being made to the employer by the department. In the remaining four cases no action was taken, as it was considered that there had been no breach by the employer.

Dismissal Before Service.

"There were 14 complaints of workers having been dismissed before starting military service for the reason that the employers were attempting to avoid their obligations under the regulations. In one case Court proceedings were taken, but were dismissed on the ground that the action had not been brought within the statutory period. In one case the worker was reinstated. In another the worker desired no further action. In two cases alternative employment was found. Another case was settled by payment of wages. In two other cases the worker had been dismissed for good reason. In six cases no action was taken as no breach was disclosed.

"In addition to the cases I have quoted there are 31 cases now under action.

"It is possible that changes may have taken place rendering it impossible to reinstate a person after completion of his military service. The regulations provide for such cases. The department has carefully investigated any complaint of non-observance of the regulations and has endeavoured to remove any grievance without recourse to Court proceedings, as the statement I have given will show."

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Commander Taylor was born in England in 1902. In 1917 he went to sea as apprentice in the Blue Funnel Line, and served in troopships in the North Atlantic till the Armistice. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Mercantile Marine War Medal. In 1924 he served in the Staffordshire Imperial Yeomanry, reaching the rank of sergeant. In April, 1928, he was appointed probationary sub-lieutenant in the Otago Division of the R.N.V.R. (N.Z.). In June, 1929, he was transferred to the Wellington Division, and in October, 1937, was promoted to lieutenant-commander and appointed executive officer, Wellington Division. In January, 1938, he was promoted to acting-commander and appointed in command at Wellington Division. In February, 1939, he was confirmed in the rank of commander. In April 1940, he was mobilized for service under the Admiralty and left New Zealand with a large number of R.N.V.R. officers and men in May. Shortly after his arrival in England he was appointed in command of H.M.S. Ash, employed on minesweeping duties in Home waters.

Lieutenant-Commander J. G. Hilliard, R.N.V.R. (N.Z.) who is reported to have been mentioned in dispatches, was born in 1908. In September, 1928, he was appointed paymaster sub-lieutenant, Auckland Division R.N.V.R. (N.Z.). In June, 1931, he was transferred to the executive branch, and in June, 1932, was promoted to lieutenant. In November, 1933, he was appointed executive officer of the Auckland Division and in April 1940, was mobilized for service overseas with the Admiralty. He left New Zealand with the R.N.V.R. draft early in May. In June, 1940, he was promoted to lieutenant-commander. Shortly after arrival in England he was appointed in command of H.M.S. Chestnut, employed on minesweeping duties in Home waters. Lieutenant-Commander Hilliard is married, and his wife lives in Auckland.

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Warrant Officer Frank's Career

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After training at the Hythe School of Musketry, he joined the New Zealand Permanent Forces in 1912. During the Great War he was retained as musketry instructor at Featherston and Trentham camps and was awarded the British and New Zealand meritorious service medals. He won the King's Medal at Trentham in 1925 and twice represented the Dominion at Australian rifle meetings. He has been stationed at the Nelson Army office for the past 18 years.

CHARGES RETRACTED

Non-Receipt Of Comforts By Soldiers

PRAISE FOR Y.M.C.A.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 3. Soldiers in the Middle East who wrote to the mayor of Lyttelton, Mr. F. E. Sutton, complaining that they had received nothing from the Patriotic Fund, have now sent him another letter "taking it all back" and explaining that they had misunderstood the position. Mr. Sutton, who sent the original complaint to the secretary of the Canterbury Patriotic Fund, Mr. H. S. Feast, has advised him of the retraction.

"I take it all back through the Y.M.C.A.," said one of the men. "They have treated us like kings and have given us cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate, fruit cake, sandwiches, tea, soft drinks, razors, toothbrushes, soap—in fact, everything that we had craved for in the last few weeks."

Mr. Sutton suggested to Mr. Feast that it would be only fair to advise Wellington of the misunderstanding. "A boost like this is, in my opinion, of national importance," he said. "The Y.M.C.A. has acted as distributing centre for the fund's goods."

WAIOURU MILITARY CAMP

Plans For Winter

COMFORT OF TROOPS CONSIDERED

Rumours that no more men were to be sent to Waiouru military camp this winter were denied yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones.

"We have a fine camp at Waiouru, with modern amenities that make it equal to, or perhaps even better than, the camps at Papakura, Trentham and Burnham," he said. "Naturally, therefore, we wish to make full use of Waiouru. We intend to send there the number of men that the camp will accommodate comfortably. That means, of course, that we will take into consideration the fact that the weather may be fairly cold. We are confident that, with the comfortable housing, good food and recreational amenities that are provided at Waiouru the men will have no complaint, and will be at least as well off as at Foxton, Palmerston North, Dannevirke or Wanganui, where the camps are really only improvised."

CAMOUFLAGE.

The way prices of cosmetics are soaring parents will soon be asking prospective sons-in-law if they can keep their daughters in the dials they've been accustomed to.

AIRMAN'S DEATH

Verdict At Inquest

AUCKLAND, July 3. A verdict of death by drowning was returned by the coroner, Mr. McKean, S.M., at an inquest concerning the death of Pilot Officer Bertrand William Butler, aged 25, single, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Butler, Invercargill, whose death occurred when a Tiger Moth crashed into Rangitoto Channel at Castor Bay on the afternoon of April 18.

The evidence showed that Pilot Officer Butler was piloting the machine, in which was a second occupant, who survived.

In giving his verdict, the coroner said that doubtless the aeroplane stalled when being turned, and as the machine was in good order before the flight, it was impossible to say that there was any misuse of the control of the aircraft by Pilot Officer Butler.

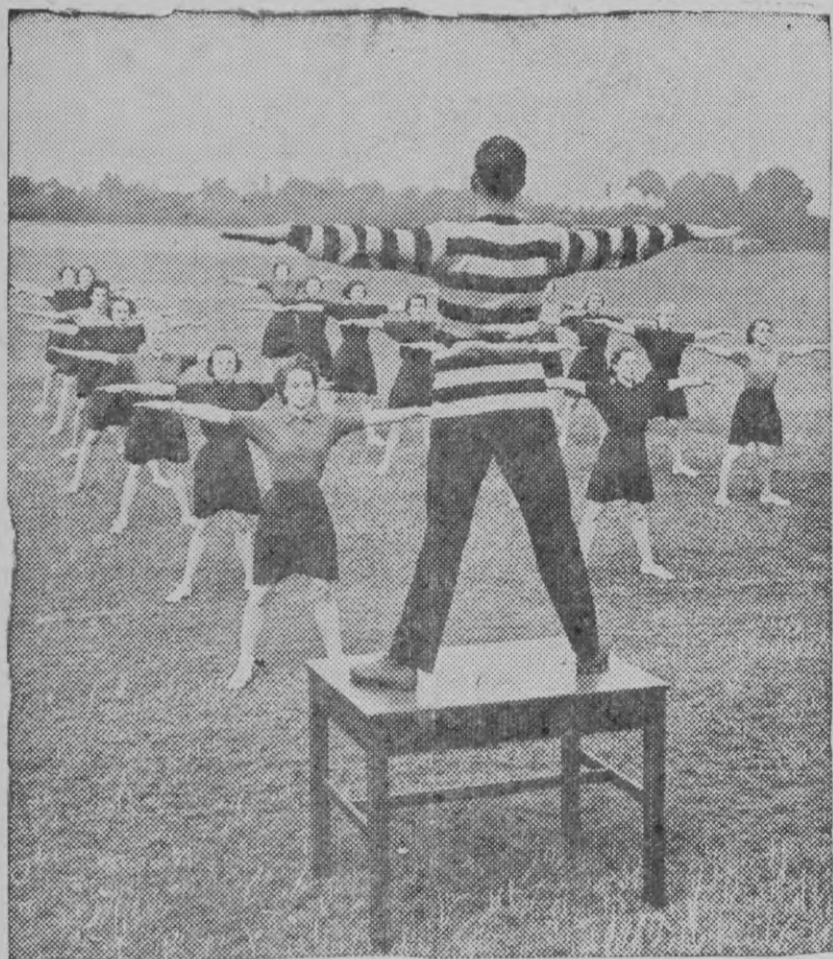
A verdict was returned that Pilot Officer Butler met his death by drowning through the stalling of a machine while on a flight of routine exercise.

OF COURSE.

At a camp the duty officer on his rounds entered a bunkhouse shortly after "lights-out." A rum-pus had been going on prior to his entry, but all was suddenly quiet.

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**ONE DEAD, TWO
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When a liquid fuel stove exploded at a defence post at 4.15 a.m. on Saturday, three soldiers were injured and one of them later died in hospital. The victim was:—

Gunner John Lawrence Halley, 21, single.

The other two men injured were:—

Lieutenant G. H. Turner.

Gunner Douglas Thompson.

Gunner Thompson was admitted to the Auckland Hospital with burns in a fairly serious condition, but had improved considerably today. Lieutenant Turner was admitted to the military hospital suffering from a cut wrist.

Gunner Halley's father is Lieut. Colonel J. A. Halley, who went overseas with the New Zealand Forces as a captain.

DESTROYER MAORI**New Zealand Decorations
Sought****"ADOPTION" SUGGESTED**

An appeal for New Zealand photographs and Maori curios with which to decorate the wardroom of an important destroyer flotilla leader is made in a letter received by the mayor of New Plymouth, Mr. Gilmour, from a former New Plymouth man now serving at Home with the Royal Navy. The writer is Lieutenant H. R. W. Higgins, R.N.V.R., in command of H.M.S. Melona, who makes the appeal on behalf of the first lieutenant of H.M.S. Maori. His letter states:—

"As a New Zealander (New Plymouth) at present in command of one of His Majesty's ships, I am writing to enlist your aid in the following matter. A personal friend of mine is serving as first lieutenant of H.M.S. Maori, an important destroyer flotilla leader. He writes:

"We are very desirous of getting some interest from New Zealand and of being 'adopted' in order to obtain some real Maori souvenirs for the wardroom; for example, Maori dress, spears, mats, anything to create an atmosphere suitable to the name she bears."

"He then describes how the Zulu, another destroyer in his flotilla, is very well rigged in that respect, and asks me to do what I can. I suggest, sir, that here is a wonderful opportunity to display the glories of Taranaki, as well as New Zealand in general, before the officers of the Royal Navy. She is an important ship, often carrying very senior officers on board.

Photographs of Egmont.

"I have already communicated with the High Commissioner for New Zealand here, hoping he will send some framed photographs, specially of Mount Egmont. Of course, whatever is sent must be suitable for hanging and screwing to the bulkhead of the wardroom. They would look nice if suitably labelled. I wonder whether Mr. W. H. Skinner (noted writer on Maori history) could do anything? At any rate, I shall leave the matter with you, trusting that you can help them out.

Enclosed in the letter was a letter-head of the destroyer Maori, on which is embossed a shield bearing a tiki. Above is the ship's name surmounted by a decoration of Maori design into which have been worked two sails.

Part In Bismarck Battle.

Mr. Gilmour said that Mr. S. Teed, New Plymouth, had promised the gift

PRISONER IN GREECE**Auckland Yachtsman**

Last seen as a member of a picket guarding a schooner on a Greek beach, Sergeant Francis Tennant Fenton, son of Mrs. R. E. Fenton, 1 Westbury Crescent, Remuera, is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Greece. He was a member of the legal firm of Earl, Kent, Massey, North and Palmer.

According to a letter received in Auckland, Sergeant Fenton was a member of a party of New Zealand soldiers who discovered the schooner and planned to escape in it. While the remainder of the men hid in a wood till nightfall, Sergeant Fenton and two companions stood guard over the schooner. At nightfall when the soldiers returned to the schooner they found that the picket had disappeared.

Sailing that night without the three guards, the party eventually reached Egypt safely. No further word was heard of the men in the picket.

A member of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and of the Panmure Yacht and Boating Club, Sergeant Fenton was the owner of the C class yacht Gloriana. He was educated at King's College.

NEW KILLER TANK**Fast And Heavily-gunned
British Weapon**

Details of Britain's new "killer" tank—fast, deadly, heavily gunned and armoured—which have been secret have now been issued by the Ministry of Supply. Mark III was the official designation of its type, but the tank will be known as the Valentine. It is a 16-ton heavy infantry tank, and is a development from the Waltzing Matilda, which was ceremoniously named a few days ago by a unit of the Royal Armoured Corps.

In the main turret, besides a Besa gun, there is a two-pounder which is capable of piercing any tank that has yet been met in any German armoured formation. The Valentine tanks carry a crew of three, are very manoeuvrable and have a road speed of more than 45 miles an hour. War Office experts and tank officers who have tested this new armoured fighting vehicle claim that the Valentine will cruise across open country like a car on a good road, and for the weight of the guns and armour carried it is faster than was first expected.

The Valentines are powerful enough to destroy any machine they are likely to encounter.

of a photograph of Mount Egmont and another resident had promised a Maori mat. He appealed to those able to assist to forward gifts to him. At the request of Lieutenant Higgins, they will be sent to him where he is permanently stationed and then handed on to the Maori, which, because of the nature of its work, is not easily contacted directly from the Dominion.

The Maori was among the destroyers in the chase which ended in the destruction of the German battleship Bismarck on Monday, May 26. The Bismarck was attacked with torpedoes by the Zulu, Maori and Cossack, Tribal Class destroyers. The Cossack and the Maori each hit with one torpedo. After the Maori's attack it was reported that there was a fire on the fore-castle of the Bismarck. The Bismarck struggled on and it was not till the following morning that she was brought finally to bay and sent to the bottom.

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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!"

HAPPY GATHERINGS

American Music Played At A.N.A. Club

The music supplied at the A.N.A. Club this weekend by the orchestra had an American "flavour" as was fitting in celebration of American Independence Day, the choruses being sung by the dancers.

Among those present were Mrs. J. Tredray, Misses Moya Hempton, Harper Allan, Valerie Neely, Lola Benge June Cummins, Olga Jurriss, Pam Blundell, J. Climie, Patsy and Pam Ashbolt, Jeanette and Margaret Richie, Mildred Cardale, Vickie Laurenson, Betty McLean, Moira Nolan, Mary Rochfort, Freddy Whately, Dorothy Harris, Joan Harriss, M. Price, Barbara Phelan, Dorothy Good, Rita and Thelma Thomson, Sheila Wilson, Pam Benham, Mayvora Bell, Mary Barrett, Vera Stafford, Dorothy Smith, Stone, Mitchell, Myra Warsaw, Dorothy Ward, Elsie Thompson, V. Crammond, Farquhar (4).

The donation of two leather couches, the gift of the Central Club, was welcome as the need of more comfortable seating accommodation is urgent. The club gratefully acknowledges hampers from the Matarawa-Dalefield Women's Institute, per Mrs. E. Hughes; Rangitumuau branch, W.D.F.U., per Mrs. Donald James; Hastings Air Force Relations, per Miss Bell.

Assisting the executive this week were a group of Khandallah helpers, members of the English-Speaking Union, Air Force Relations, A.N.A. helpers and A.N.A. girls' auxiliary.

DECORATED FRUIT CAKE DONATED

A beautifully-decorated large fruit cake, presented by Mrs. R. Fox, Petone, was cut and distributed to the boys of the fighting services who visited the National Club yesterday. Wellington Suburbs electorate supplied the helpers at the club when the usual attractive Sunday meals were served. Mrs. F. F. Gilmore was convener of the group and Miss Rona Heinemann was convener of the party of girls who assisted at the National Union's tea dance on Saturday. Mr. F. Cocks, an airman guest gave several delightful songs at yesterday's gathering.

MANY GUESTS AT Y.W.C.A.

More than 250 people were entertained at the Y.W.C.A. in Wellington on Saturday, when the weekly dance and tea for men of the forces was held. Girls of the Internal Marketing Division helped in entertaining on that occasion and members of the Business and Professional Women's Club of the Y.W.C.A. assisted yesterday, when 100 attended the Sunday tea and entertainment. Miss Jourdain arranged the programme. Items were given by the Island Bay glee party and Mr. Jesson presented short plays. The religious service was conducted by Canon Harp.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT WEBBY'S CLUB

Independence Day was celebrated at Webby's Club on Friday night when a carnival spirit predominated over the packed clubrooms. Seldom has the club presented a gayer scene, and everybody entered into the fun of the evening. British and American flags decorated the walls, and large framed portraits of both Mr. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt had places of honour on the stage.

Cheers were given for these leaders of the two nations, also for "Webby" and for the girls, after which a grand parade was held and novelties handed out. The dance band played popular British and American dance songs.

Saturday and Sunday nights were



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Mr. and Mrs. Pember supplied the music on Sunday evening and their assistance in this respect is gratefully acknowledged by the club. Six rattan chairs have been given to the club, adding a further note of comfort to the rooms, and the donor is sincerely thanked by appreciative members and men.

FOOTBALL MATCH AND SCENIC DRIVE FOR MEN

A full programme was arranged on Saturday at the British Sailors' Society, for men of the Merchant Navy. Following a football match, the men were taken for a scenic drive about Wellington and in the evening they were the guests at a social evening. Items were given by sailors from various ships and at yesterday's gathering, Mr. Noel Garrett was the speaker at the evening song service. Members of the Lyall Bay Baptist Endeavour were in charge of activities at the weekend.

PROGRAMME AT Y.M.C.A. TEA

Hostesses at the Sunday night tea at the Wellington Y.M.C.A. for men of the fighting services, were members of the Women's Social Progress Movement, with Mrs. J. Bennie as convener. The chairman for the evening was Mr. R. P. Wright. An enjoyable programme followed the serving of tea, items being as follows:—Vocal solos, Mrs. A. Downer, Miss Marjorie Bennie, Driver R. Sloane, accompanist, Miss Findlay; elocutionary items, Mrs. Isabel Halligan. Mr. Hindle led community singing with Mr. Mann at the piano. The usual one minute of silent prayer for those serving overseas in the war was observed.

At the Cinderella Club

Record numbers were again in attendance when the Cinderella Club provided entertainment for men of the Forces at the weekend. On Friday the informal dance and games evening was in charge of Misses Audrey McNamara and Patricia Cross. Features of the gala dance on Saturday were exhibition dance numbers by Mr. and Miss Singleton-Smith. Misses A. Hutson and Pat Maddock were in charge. A delicious home-made tea was served on Sunday evening, and the steak and kidney pies which were made by some of the girls were much in demand. Sunday's hostesses were Misses K. Crist and Margaret Mulcahy.

CLEARING HOSPITAL ON AOTEA QUAY

Ready For Occupation

PROVISION FOR RETURNING SICK AND WOUNDED

With accommodation for 288 patients, the Department of Health's clearing hospital on Aotea Quay, Wellington, for returning sick and wounded of the armed forces is now officially ready for occupation. It is being staffed by a medical superintendent, Dr. D. Macdonald Wilson, a matron, Miss Moore, of the Health Department, 12 sisters and 60 voluntary aides of the Red Cross Society, of whom a few are males. It is not intended for continuous occupation by patients, and the length of stay there is expected to be no more than four or five days. Walking cases will be sent to their homes as soon as possible and others kept there only till they are sent to the hospitals in their own districts.

The voluntary aides have done three months' training at Wellington Hospital, and those who, under Mrs. Marshall McDonald, will do the kitchen and cooking work, and the waiting at tables, have had an institutional cooking course at Wellington Hospital. These voluntary aides will be paid a nominal wage while employed, varying from 1/- to 1/6 an hour. Their services will not be required full time, as the hospital will be open only at such periods as it is required, namely, after the arrival of sick and wounded. No staff, except a caretaker, will sleep on the premises. The sisters are mostly former nurses who have been temporarily out of their profession owing to marriage or other reasons. Their action in voluntarily resuming has been most helpful.

The hospital has taken three and a half months to erect; 75 per cent. of it is in heart timber. There is a frontage of 600 feet to Aotea Quay, with a central administration block and six wards each to accommodate 48 patients. Three hundred can be taken if necessary.

Special Railway Platform.

There is a special railway platform at the rear of the hospital where patients can be removed from or to the railway hospital carriages. The four at present doing service in the North Island are now drawn up at this platform. Stretcher cases can be taken by this means from the ship's side to the hospital. A double door in each carriage enables stretchers to be wheeled straight over the platform into the hospital.

Twenty lying cases can be accommodated in each carriage. The Otahuhu Railway Workshops were recently called upon to make two of these, re-weekend they got through the order well within schedule. The carriages quired in 10 days, and by working at a

are smartly and conveniently fitted. There are also three operating in the South Island.

Pathways for walking cases and for ambulances are being constructed from the wharf to the hospital.

Simpler Procedure.

Returning sick and wounded will be medically boarded and otherwise attended to at the hospital, obviating the previous arrangement of being interviewed aboard ship, at area 5 headquarters, Buckle Street, and being X-rayed at the public hospital.

For the full front of the hospital there is a wide promenade corridor. Here are cubicles for the sick and wounded officers, Placement and Social Security Department officers, a Reserve Bank official (to change other currency into New Zealand money), Pensions Department representatives, records and other matters which have to be attended to on the arrival of sick and wounded.

The wards are finished in light green, the dining-room in cream and other rooms are similarly attractively painted. There is a fine recreation-room with billiard table, provided by the Y.M.C.A., gramophone, lounge chairs and writing tables. A garage is expected.

There is an X-ray department and a dental surgery with six chairs. In the latter returning personnel will be dentally examined and then issued with authorities to have any necessary dental work done at their local dentists.

Yesterday a large number of voluntary aides were engaged in giving the interior of the hospital its final cleaning up. By night it was in spick-and-span order, ready to fulfil its purpose.



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"Daily Mirror"



British soldiers receive instruction in the use of the Besa machine-gun, a new weapon for the British Army. Made in two calibres—7.92 and 15 millimetres—it is equally effective against ground or air attack, can be fired from the ground or from a moving vehicle. From the 7.92 model approximately 3000 rounds can be fired in 30 minutes. Special factories have been built in Britain for its manufacture.

Everyman's Hut

"This crust is My body, broken for Thee,
This water His blood that died on the Tree;
The holy Supper is kept, indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need,—

Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare:

Who bestows himself with his alms feeds three—
Himself, his hungering neighbour, and Me."

The widow's two mites earned far greater approval than the bountiful gift of the rich man. He had given of his plenty and had much left for himself—she had given all she had, all on which her life depended — she had given herself. "The Lord lov'eth a cheerful giver," and in the great need in the world to-day there is much opportunity for cheerful giving. Men are going forth, leaving homes and loved ones, leaving all that they have striven and worked for, going to face they know not what, going to offer their lives for us at home, that we may still enjoy our present liberty. And what are we going to give in return?

At "Everyman's Hut" we are endeavouring in some small measure to show our appreciation of what these men are doing for us, and in bidding welcome to a new draft, we give to each and all a warm invitation to come along and make the Hut their home. As far as able we have sought to make it fill a need in the lives of the men, to make up a little of what they have given up when enter-

ing camp. The facilities of the Hut are there to be used, so come along and use them. Refreshments are available at a nominal charge and the staff and voluntary helpers are at your service. And remember, if there is any legitimate job you want doing, which the restrictions of camp life prevent you doing for yourself, just take it along to the Hut and, if it is possible to have it done, it will be done.

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So let us see you and hear you, and dig out those old hymns which you sang in days gone by, and help in the nightly sing-song.

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NATIONAL CLUB.—Men of the Forces, irrespective of political views, find the National Club, 166 Featherston Street (diagonally opposite the G.P.O.), a comfortable rendezvous. Girl members of the National Union run a tea dance from 5.30 p.m. every Saturday, and cheap three-course dinners are available. All the resources of the club are placed at the disposal of the men at the week-ends.

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