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**ONE DEAD, TWO
INJURED****Fuel Stove Explosion****MISHAP AT AUCKLAND
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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!"