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BUSY WEEKEND

Clubs For Men Of Forces

Full advantage was taken during last week and weekend of the facilities provided by the Army, Navy, Air Force Club for the welfare and entertainment of the men of the forces. A record number of men availed themselves of the hot meals provided by the cafeteria.

The dances on Friday and Saturday nights were more than usually crowded; and the new soldiers were full of praise for what is being provided for them.

Members of the girls' committee directing the dancing were Misses R. Williamson, D. Puttick and M. Yates-Jones.

The club gratefully acknowledges bumpers from the Manakau Patriotic Society and Younger Set (per Mrs. Marshall Miles); Ranfurly Club, Masterton (per Mrs. Peter Gordon); Masterton Country Club, Carterton Women's Institute (per Mrs. J. Woods); and the Waikanae Women's Institute (per Mrs. G. A. Monk).

Cinderella Club.

A record number of men of the services attended the Cinderella Club during the weekend, the dances on Friday and Sunday being particularly well attended.

Unusual entertainment was provided on Sunday by Pipe-Major L. McKinnon, E. Newman and Misses Whitelaw, Holdaway, Weaver and Wilson.

The Cinderellas thank the anonymous donors of foodstuffs and other articles for the club, which were very much appreciated.

Committee members on duty over the weekend were: Mrs. Henderson, Misses Rice Kelly, Ida McConchie, Margaret Mulcahy, Eunice Singleton Smith, Grace Walpole and Audrey McNamara.

National Club.

The National Club rooms were crowded to capacity with men of the Forces at the weekend, and great appreciation of the comfortable facilities and delicious meals was expressed by the newcomers among them. Miss Mar-

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garet Cooper was hostess for the National Union tea on Saturday, and Mrs. R. O. Chesney was convener of the Lower Hutt group who took charge on Sunday.

Y.W.C.A. Entertains.

There was a "full house" at the Y.W.C.A. on Saturday and Sunday when the girls of the "Y" Forces Hospitality Club entertained men of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The usual Y.W.C.A. helpers and members of the Lower Hutt Canteen Corps assisted the hostess, Mrs. Tailby, in the cafeteria, the kitchen, and in serving the men with meals. The canteen corps was organized by Mrs. Logie, Mrs. G. Clark, and Mrs. Wilkins.

There was dancing on Saturday night, and last night, Mr. McSkimming, the Y.M.C.A. secretary, conducted a service. This was followed by a concert party arranged by Mrs. Keys, which was highly popular with the men.

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

The lounge of the Wellington Y.M.C.A. was filled to capacity for the usual tea for the soldiers, and an overflow had to be provided in the board room. The hostesses for the tea were the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. and the chairman was Mr. C. Edmond who was accompanied by Mrs. Ed-

mond. Associated with the chairman were Mr and Mrs. C. S. Falconer. A special feature of the tea was the birthday cakes, one of which was given by the Parkvale branch of the Women's Institute, and the other by an anonymous donor.

Every month a birthday cake is donated, and the men whose birthday happens to fall in that month hand in the names of their next-of-kin who have a piece of the cake sent to them with a message from the soldiers' tea.

A very enjoyable programme was provided for the entertainment of the men, vocal items being provided by Mrs. Woodward and Mr. R. M. Brasted, and an elocutionary item by Mrs. Anne Lane. The usual one minute silent prayer was observed for the men serving overseas.

Other artists who contributed to the programme were Miss P. Norris, and Corporal Armstrong. The song leader was Mr. H. Hindle, the accompanist Miss L. Finlay, and the pianist, Mr. Mann.

FIRST AIR RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

Canterbury Soldiers' Experience

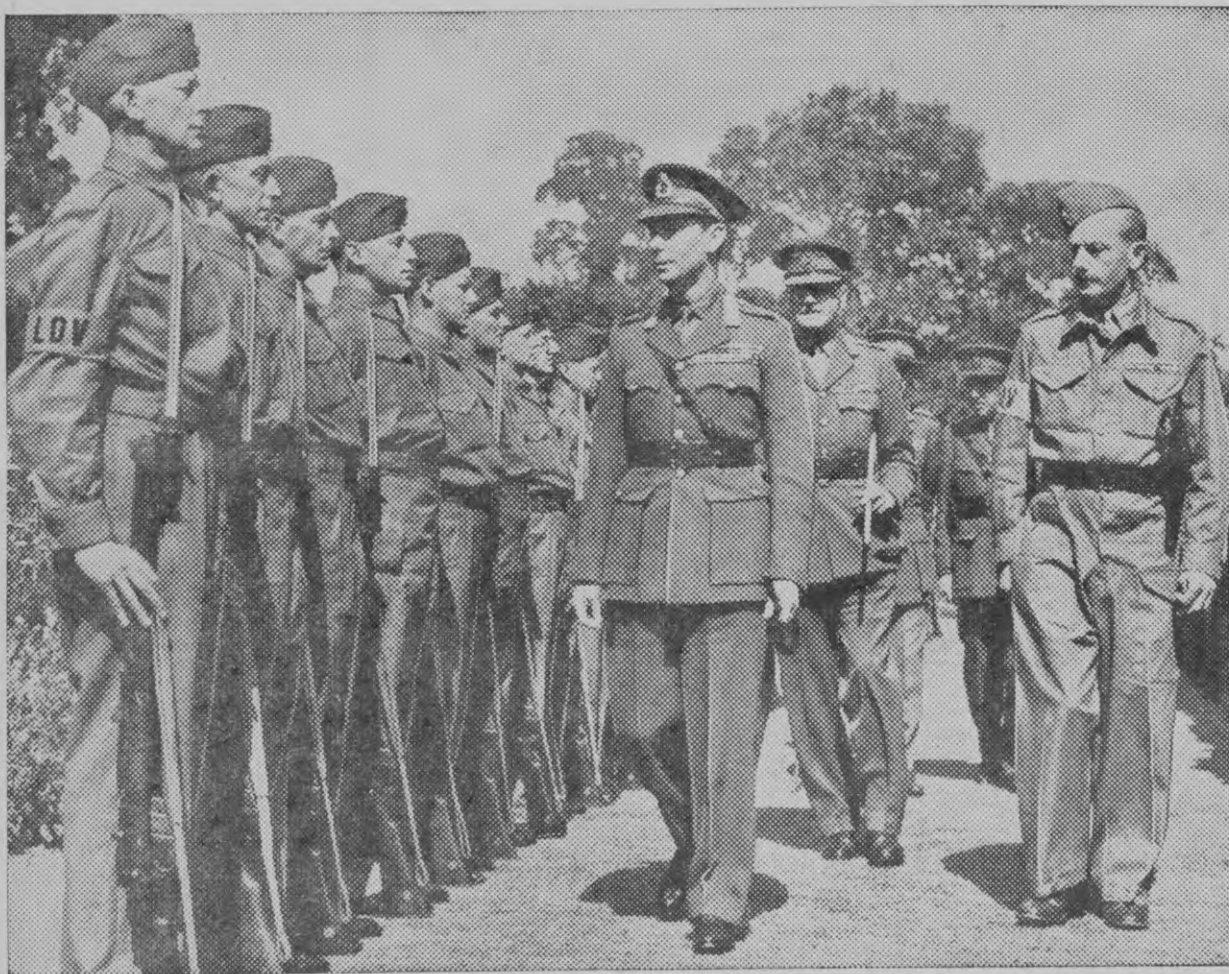
"Actually we found it quite unexciting, but it was interesting in that, up to the time, it was our nearest approach to the war." This reaction to the first air raid on Alexandria, when 100 persons were killed and a large number injured, was described in a letter to a friend by Private B. James, Christchurch, who, with other Canterbury soldiers, was in the city when the attack was made.

"We were in a cabaret at the time," he writes, "and the only sign that something was amiss was a sudden lowering of the lights. At first there was a hushed air of expectancy about the place, then the whisper became almost a shout: 'Air Raid!' Not quite knowing what best to do, we went into the street, which was absolutely blacked out and crowded with hurrying people.

"We proceeded toward the centre of the town, but before we arrived there came the thunderous concussion of anti-aircraft fire. The streets by this time were deserted, and we took shelter in a friendly shop along with some carefree Greek sailors. Now the streets were lit up by the flashes of the shells bursting in the sky, while now and again we heard the tinkle of shrapnel falling on the road. Once or twice a panic-stricken mob of 'Wogs' ran past screaming. Occasionally we heard a swish and had to resist the temptation to duck as a bomb from a raider landed somewhere nearby. By and by the firing became more and more infrequent, and about an hour later a siren screamed the 'All Clear.' Thus we survived our first air raid."

"Been drowning your sorrows, I suppose?"

"No, but I've been giving them a darn good swimming lesson."



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