

PRISONERS OF WAR**Treatment By Germans****ADHERENCE TO
CONVENTION**

A reassuring report about conditions in German prisoner-of-war camps has been issued by the International Red Cross organization at Geneva. This indicates that prisoners are well fed, comparatively well clothed, live in sanitary surroundings, have their health attended to, and are provided with reasonable facilities for recreational and cultural pursuits. Parcels are regularly received under certain necessary limitations, and letters to and from relatives can also be sent.

These conditions are the result of adherence by the Germans to the Geneva Convention of 1929, which defines the standard of treatment for prisoners of war.

The Geneva organization regularly visits all prison camps, and its officials have private talks with all the inmates. Its reports, published in full and illustrated with numerous photographs, speak for themselves. The following is an extract from a report on a prison camp on the outskirts of a forest in the southern part of Germany. To this camp R.A.F. prisoners are first sent:—

R.A.F. Prisoners' Camp.

"The barracks are well aired, warmed, and supplied with hot and cold running water. They are divided into a great number of rooms which contain one to three beds. The rooms have proper beds, a table, and chairs, and all are decorated with a great number of photographs. The prisoners have kept their own cameras. The mural paintings of some of them are quite remarkable. From all points of view the prisoners are as well treated as it is possible for them to be, good rooms, dining-room, sitting-room with padded armchairs, where whisky is served each evening, and where they can read papers and books. There is a room for games, a piano, radio, etc.; the enjoyment of hot showers from morning to evening, a walk to the outside of the camp each day, swimming in a very well-fitted neighbouring bath, and a big playing field. There is a canteen where prisoners can buy all that they want. Moreover, they receive numerous parcels from the British Red Cross, and the stores of boxes of all sorts of jams for a personnel of 100 men amount to several thousands. The prisoners receive their pay according to their grades, in proportion to the half of the pay that the corresponding grades receive in the German army."

This camp takes only men in perfect health. Aviator prisoners who have been wounded are cared for in the hospital nearest where they crash. The camp commandant at the camp often spends his evenings in the prisoners' quarters till very late at night and relations are most cordial and friendly.

Work In Forests.

Reporting on another camp, not far from the Baltic Sea, Geneva remarks that this is kept entirely for English aviators, to the number of 428, in addition to seven French soldiers who are engaged as tailors, shoemakers and hairdressers. Here "the general hygiene leaves nothing to be desired: warm showers once a week, and in a disinfection hut the clothes of the men who come in from the work detachments are thoroughly cleaned. . . . The canteen is well stocked. One can buy fresh vegetables, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, cabbages, white and red, and salad greens. Moreover, beet is plentiful. The prisoners have at their disposal little warming stoves on which they can cook the viands to their liking, which is in addition to the adequate kitchen. The infirmary is well equipped and a dentist pays a weekly visit to the camp. Religious services are held regularly, and there is a well-equipped library. Many of the prisoners worked in the forests, and, when talked to by the Geneva dele-

**CONCERT AT
TRENTHAM**

The Catholic Hut at Trentham was filled to capacity last week when a popular programme was submitted by Miss Esme Crow and her concert party. The Turner-Cottier Orchestra played the latest hits and the boys joined in the choruses. Mr. C. Lindsay gave a performance of "magic" which was greatly appreciated.

Those contributing to the programme were: Misses Esme Crow, Hazel Martin, D. Hussey, D. Wyatt, G. and V. England, E. Lane, E. Livermore; Mesdames E. Astill, M. Newman and J. Turner-Cottier; Messrs. L. McIlvride, H. Woolcott, I. Dentice, C. Lindsay, P. Cousins, P. Johnstone, R. Curtis, A. McNair, and R. Turner-Cottier.

gate, declared that they had no complaints to put forward.

"There is not actually a university in the camp," says the official report. "but there are courses in languages, specially German, and lectures have been organized. The prisoners have the use of a piano and several accordions; loudspeakers will very soon be installed in each room." In this camp, as appears to be the general rule in many others, prisoners are allowed to write two letters and four cards each month

MORE AIR AWARDS**D.F.C.'s To New Zealanders**

Sergeants R. J. C. Grant and William Jack Scott, of the R.N.Z.A.F., have been awarded the D.F.C.

Sergeant Grant took part in 22 operations over enemy territory in which he destroyed two enemy planes and damaged several others. By his keenness and devotion to duty, the citation states, he set an excellent example.

A Flight Lieutenant of the R.A.F. and Sergeant Scott as pilot and air-gunner respectively, achieved conspicuous success during night fighting operations one night in April. They destroyed a Heinkel 111, and since then they have destroyed three more enemy planes, two of which were shot down during the same patrol. Both the pilot and Sergeant Scott displayed great skill and determination during these operations.

A New Zealander in the R.A.F., Acting Squadron Leader Victor Bosanquet Verity, has been awarded the D.F.C. The citation states: "He has shown a fine example by the skill with which he has intercepted enemy planes at night time and by the determination he has displayed in his attacks. He has destroyed at least two

enemy planes and damaged two others."

**AIRMAN FROM NELSON
WINS D.F.C.**

Flight Lieutenant R. D. Max, of Nelson, has been awarded the D.F.C. Cabled advice to this effect was received today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Max, Brightwater.

Educated at Nelson College, Flight Lieutenant Max joined the Royal Air Force before the war and was granted a commission. He served with the Advance Striking Force in France as a bomber pilot, and his services there were recognized by the French Government, which awarded him the Croix de Guerre. After taking part in many raids on Germany, he was selected to fly American bombers across the Atlantic and was engaged in this work until this month.

RACING FIXTURES

August 23—Pakuranga H.C.
August 28—Egmont-Wanganui H.C.
(at New Plymouth).
August 30—Taranaki H.C.
September 4, 6—Wanganui J.C.
September 6—Otago H.C.
September 13—Ashburton C.R.C.

HOW GOOD IS YOUR ENGLISH?**£15 IN CASH PRIZES £15**

WHICH OF THE SENTENCES GIVEN BELOW ARE CORRECT AND WHICH ARE INCORRECT? INDICATE THE ERRORS IN THOSE THAT ARE INCORRECT.

ILLUSTRATION:—Who is the tallest, you or Peter?

ANSWER:—Who is the taller, you or Peter?

ENTRY FEE: ONE SHILLING for ONE ENTRY, and Sixpence for each additional entry sent in by the one person. POSTAL NOTES ONLY ACCEPTED.

ENTRIES CLOSE 20th September, 1941. Solution and winners will be published in the October Issue of "War Wit," and Prize Moneys will be posted on or before October 15th, 1941.

1. IRON IS MORE COMMON THAN ANY OTHER METAL.
2. HIS MOTHER OBJECTED TO HIM GOING.
3. THE TWO BOYS HELPED ONE ANOTHER.
4. I HAVE NO DOUBT OF THE MAN BEING SINCERE.
5. WHY BLAME ME, WHO AM NOT HE?
6. THIS IS A MORE PERFECT CUBE THAN THE OTHER ONE.
7. BEWTEEN YOU AND ME IT IS NOT I WHO AM SHE.
8. THE BATHTUB HAS OVERFLOWN.
9. I ASKED HIM HOW HE KNEW THE EARTH WAS ROUND.
10. IT SMASHED TO PIECES.
11. HE DIED OF PNEUMONIA.
12. WHAT KIND OF A PERSON DO YOU THINK I AM?

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:—The £15 Cash Prize will be paid to the Competitor who sends in the CORRECT, or most nearly correct, list of the sentences. In the event of more than one person getting the complete list correct, the THREE NEATEST HAND-WRITTEN ENTRIES IN INK will receive £5 each. Type-written entries will not be considered, and no correspondence will be entered into. Judge's decision final.

ADDRESS your entries to:—"War Wit" Competition No. 1, care Stewart, Lawrence & Co., Ltd., 11 Manners Street, Wellington, C.1.