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A German officer, seeing a small Dutch boy eyeing a statue in a main street, said:

"Come here, boy. What is that statue?"

The small boy, unfortunately, had a stutter.

"T-t-t-that's a s-s-s-statue of Ad-Ad-Admiral de Reuter," he said. He b-b-b-beat the E-English."

"Oh," sneered the officer, mimicking the boy. "D-d-d-did h-h-h-he?"

"Y-y-y-yes," replied the boy. "A-a-and you'd d-d-d-do b-b-b-better to imitate him than m-m-m-me."

That is the spirit behind the smile that Hitler can't quench!

FLYING CROSS

**Award To New Zealand
Airman**

Official advice has been received by Air Headquarters, Wellington, that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Sergeant Geoffrey Edward Moore, R.N.Z.A.F.

The official citation states: "On the night in June, 1941, Sergeant G. E. Moore was rear gunner of an aircraft which attacked a target at Benghazi. During the run up, the aircraft was engaged by three Italian fighters, one of which was shot down and the other two driven off by determined and accurate shooting by Sergeant Moore. Altogether, this airman has completed 16 operational flights and has at all times displayed great courage and a high standard of gunnery."

Sergeant G. E. Moore, who was educated in Australia, was employed in Wellington at the time of his enlistment. His next-of-kin is Mr. G. E. Moore, 12 Tryon Road, Lindfield, New South Wales.

ARMY MAIL SERVICE

**Delivery On One Of
Evacuation Beaches**

A tribute to the work of the Army Postal Service is contained in a recent issue of the "N.Z.E.F. Times," official publication in the Middle East of the 2nd N.Z.E.F., which states that, in spite of enormous difficulties, only six bags of mail failed to reach their destination during the Greek campaign, while in Crete the loss was confined to a single bag.

It is recorded that the last that was seen of one member of the service was when he was delivering mail to men who were waiting on the beach to be evacuated to Egypt.

ESCAPE FROM FRANCE

**New Zealand Sergeant
Pilot**

CABLES FROM GIBRALTAR

A prisoner of war in occupied France since last December, Sergeant Pilot C. F. Scott, Geraldine, has escaped from enemy hands and is now in Gibraltar. Only two weeks ago his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, received a letter from their son in which he said that he was in hospital in Rouen with both his legs and one arm broken.

Sergeant Scott advised his parents that he was safe and well in a cable message which they received today and he sent also the following message from Gibraltar to his cousin, Mr. S. J. Moore, Fendalton: "Escaped, feeling fine, certain we shall win war, keep smiling, had lots fun, best love yourselves, folks and friends."

On Christmas Day last year Sergeant Scott was reported missing on air operations, and three weeks later his parents were advised that he was a prisoner of war in occupied France and was wounded. Then news came from London in a letter Sergeant Scott had written to a friend in London that he was still in hospital and feeling very lonely, as all the New Zealand crew of his aircraft had been moved from occupied France, presumably to a prison camp in Germany. He indicated that he hoped to reach England soon.

Sergeant Scott, who is 23 years old, was born in Geraldine and educated at Geraldine District High School and Timaru Boys' High School. He attended Canterbury University College and the Christchurch Teachers' Training College and was teaching in Dunedin before he joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force last year.



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