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**GOOD AT THE JOB**  
Sam, the pickpocket, decided to go straight, and applied for a job on a farm.  
"H'm," said the farmer, "you might do. Are you a good lifter?"  
Sam looked surprised, shrugged his shoulders, saying: "Well, judge for yourself—here's your blinkin' watch."

## RAISING THE WIND.

erk: "I came to ask you could raise my salary."  
oss: "Go back to your work and t worry. I've managed to raise very week so far, haven't I?"  
erk: "I know that, but I thought ould speak about it to-day."  
oss: "This isn't pay day."

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## BRITISH RAID BRAVERY CALMS AMERICA

Stories of the bravery and calmness of the British people in the face of Hitler's air blitzkrieg thrills Americans to exclamations of admiration.

The stories have done much to calm American jitters, which were particularly noticeable in the early stages of the air raids.

Newspapers in all parts of the United States were filled with reports from American correspondents in Britain describing how the inhabitants remain completely unruffled by Hitler's vain attempt to frighten them.

Here are two typical headlines:—

The "New York Post": "Two charwomen raid pub. Toll was three beers. London bus drivers flee—for better view of blitzkrieg."

The "New York Telegram": "Unruffled Britons walk to air raid shelters when not hunting grandstand seats."

An all-clear signal in England was heard on a recent morning by millions of Americans during a broadcast by a commentator who for ten minutes praised Britain's calmness.

## "COMMUNIQUE TRUE"

The Columbia Radio System's London representative, broadcasting from London, said:

"To-day I went all through the famous Portland Navy yard and docks. The Admiralty communique reporting the German raids against Portland was accurate.

"I should say that perhaps four or five small office buildings were destroyed. There were a number of what is called 'near misses' by heavy calibre bombs.

"One group of six or eight had been planted in a line on a practically unused railway yard too far one way or the other to do any serious damage.

"Thirty women workers had taken shelter in one room of a fair-sized brick building, and a direct hit had demolished the entire building with the exception of the room in which the women were.

## GOOD COMPANY.

"I noticed a book lying on the edge of the charred heap of ruins that had been the building. Its title was: 'The rate of depreciation of property.'

"There was no damage that could be observed to any of the vital elements of the naval establishment of Portland. It is still doing business.

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**NEWS FROM EGYPT.**

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Have pride in your appointed task and in the part you play. Be grateful for safe-keeping at the dawn of every day... Have patience. Steel your nerve and will—and summon all your powers—Right will triumph in the end and Victory be ours.

**GENEROUS HOSPITALITY**

**Airmen Give Dance At Rongotai Station**

Appreciation of the hospitality extended to them by the various services' clubs in Wellington was expressed in generous measure by men of the R.N.Z.A.F. station at Rongotai last night, when they entertained presidents and members of the clubs at a delightful dance held at the station. The evening was entirely arranged and supervised by the men themselves and credit is due to them for the success of the gathering, which was attended by more than 500 guests.

The dance was held in the assembly hall and sitting-out places were arranged in the gallery and spacious hallways. A buffet supper was served in the theatre. Delightful music was supplied by the orchestra, which was composed of members of the R.N.Z.A.F. Band. An airmen's committee had efficiently planned details and arranged the programme. Members acted as hosts and received the guests. Large numbers of girl members of the A.N.A. Club, Spinsters' Club, Y.W.C.A., Cinderella Club and Webby's Club were present, these organizations being among those represented.

Wing Commander T. W. White, E.D., and Mrs. White were present, together with other officers attached to the station, and their wives.

Prizes were given for the winners of novelty dances which included two waltz and an "air raid" dance, where girls gathered at one end of the dance floor, men at the other and during a "black out" partners were found.

A man who tried to join the balloon barrage in London the other day was rejected because of weak lungs. But surely they aren't expected to blow the things up themselves?

**CITY CLUBS BUSY**

**Entertainment For Men Of Forces At Weekend**

The weekend was busy for all clubs in Wellington catering for the entertainment of men of the forces and the mercantile marine. There were 250 men at the Y.M.C.A. soldiers' tea, which was particularly bright and cheery. After tea, a programme of solos and choruses went with a swing. Mr. R. H. Nimmo, president of the Wellington Y.M.C.A., was in the chair. He welcomed the men and thanked all those who helped every Sunday, particularly the ladies' auxiliary members.

Sapper Bernie Morgan, on behalf of the fighting services, expressed appreciation of the "home away from home" provided for the men by the Y.M.C.A.

The soloists in the musical programme were Mrs. Walter Duncan, accompanied by Miss L. Finlay; Mr. Ken Macauley, accompanied by Mr. J. N. Duncan; Mr. Les Stapp, accompanied by Mrs. Stapp; and Sapper Andrews, accompanied by Miss N. Campbell. Mr. Hindle and Mr. J. Mann conducted the community singing.

**At the National Club.**

There was a majority of air force men at the National Club for Saturday's tea dance and Sunday's meals and entertainment. On Saturday Miss Joan Watson was in charge of the dancing assisted by Misses Manners, Millward, Shirley Spears, Mary McMorran, Moira Purdy, Kura Coltman, Joan Vanden-Bergh, C. L. Clifford, and L. Smith. On Sunday Wellington West electorate was in charge, with Mrs. Olive Finch as convener, assisted by Mrs. A. S. Morley, and the Misses T. Peckston, N. Ward, L. Cunningham, E. F. McLean, E. Hadfield, and F. Douglas.

**A.N.A. Club.**

Both the Friday and Saturday night dances at the A.N.A. Club were crowded. Misses Patricia Gledhill and V. Laurenson were in charge on Friday night, and on Saturday the Misses Valmai Richardson and Muriel Cardale directed the dancing.

The cafeteria and the club's lounge and sports' room were well patronized by the men of the three services throughout the week.

A large hamper was received from the Hastings Air Force Relations.

The executive was assisted to entertain the forces by members of the English Speaking Union and Air Force Relations and members of other Wellington societies.

Into the recruiting office went Rastus to do his bit. He wanted to join the infantry.

"Sorry, sonny, Full up in the infantry." Then coaxingly, "How about a cavalry regiment?"

Rastus took up his hat hurriedly. "No, suh. No cavalry for me, suh. When dey sound de retreat ah sho don' want to be hampered by no hoss."

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**STIFF-NECKED.**

"Hitler refuses to marry."—News item. He must be determined to remain a dictator.

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## RACING FIXTURES.

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Feb. 15—Tolaga Bay J.C.  
Feb. 15—Opunake R.C.

## TROTTING FIXTURES.

Feb. 15—New Brighton T.C.  
Feb. 22—Marlborough T.C. (Another date to be selected.)  
Feb. 22—Kaikoura T.C.  
March 1—Invercargill T.C.  
March 8—Thames T.C.  
March 8—Timaru T.C.

GERMAN ARTICLES  
WASHED ASHORE.

A sailor's hat, believed to be German, was washed ashore on the east coast of the Great Barrier Island after the storm last week. It was picked up by a resident, who has been instructed by the military authorities, whom he advised of his find, to forward it to the naval intelligence officer at the Devonport base. A wooden clog which German sailors wear when ashore was also found at the same place.

Here is one about a bow-legged cow-girl who had an awful time keeping her calves together.

## WAIOURU CAMP

## CATHOLIC HUT OPENED

## ARCHBISHOP O'SHEA PRESENT.

Facilities available at Waiouru military camp to meet the spiritual and recreational needs of the troops in training there received a notable addition on Sunday week last, when the new Catholic Hut was declared open by the Camp Commandant (Colonel C. G. Powles) after the building had been formally blessed by Archbishop O'Shea, who visited the camp for that purpose, accompanied by Monsignor T. F. Connolly, chairman of the Catholic War Services Fund Board. Others present included many officers of the camp headquarters' staff, chaplains of Territorial units now at Waiouru, representatives of other organisations in the camp, Father Callaghan (chaplain at Foxton Camp), Fathers Doolaghty and Lorrigan, of Taihape, and a number of Taihape parishioners, including a ladies' committee who helped with furnishing the hut and who propose to assist with entertainments.

Archbishop O'Shea thanked those people who had seen the necessity for the establishment of such institutions in the camp. Although the hut was primarily for the spiritual needs of the men, God and the Church recognised that they needed recreation and some attention to the body to make them happy doing their duty while in training as soldiers, he said. He thought that with such amenities provided for them the men would pay better attention to their work as soldiers and become good examples of fitness and military discipline.

Monsignor Connolly spoke on behalf of the Catholic War Services Fund Board, which, he said, was in this matter acting as agent for the National Patriotic Fund Board. He said that the new hut and similar institutions for the men had been provided and furnished from public funds raised by the Patriotic Fund Board. The speaker thanked the board for what it had done and then asked Colonel Powles to declare the hut open.

After stating how beneficial, particularly in such a place as Waiouru, institutions of this kind were, Colonel Powles commended the new hut as being excellent in construction and appointment. He spoke highly of the work done so far by the chaplain (Father Walls,) and said he was glad to see the additional facilities provided for the comfort and recreation of the men.

The new hut, which has a pleasing exterior design in keeping with that of other buildings in the camp, contains a main auditorium and stage (approximately 70 by 30 feet), a private chapel (30 by 16 feet) for private devotions on week mornings and evenings, and a comfortably furnished and well-lighted reading and writing lounge. At the opposite end of the auditorium to the stage is a buffet where refreshments are dispensed. There are also quarters for the chaplain.

Hitler is a coward in the dental chair, says his former dentist. But he knows no fear when it's his army that has to be drilled.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING  
CROSSES

## Three New Awards

FIFTY-FIVE RECEIVED BY  
NEW ZEALANDERS

According to advice received by Air Headquarters yesterday, three more New Zealanders serving with the Royal Air Force have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. They are:—

**Acting Flight Lieutenant John James McKay, Nelson.**

**Flying Officer Geordie Keith Larney, Hamilton.**

**Flying Officer Kenneth William Tait, Wellington.**

These awards bring the total of Distinguished Flying Crosses awarded to New Zealanders to 55, including two with bar, and the total of all awards to 71 since the outbreak of war.

Flight Lieutenant McKay was born in Nelson and is 24 years old. He was educated at Nelson College and was prominent in many branches of sport, particularly football and cricket. He was selected for a short service commission in the Royal Air Force in 1937, and left in the latter half of that year. He has served with the Royal Air Force since. At the time of entering the Royal Air Force his next-of-kin was Major James George McKay (father).

Flying Officer Larney was born in Wellington and is 28 years old. He was educated at Hamilton Technical High School. He was a flying member of the Wellington Aero Club. He was trained by the Royal New Zealand Air Force and in the middle of 1939 was selected for a short service commission in the Royal Air Force. He has since then served with the Royal Air Force. His next-of-kin was Mr. C. B. Larney (father).

Flying Officer Tait was born in Wellington and is 22 years old. He was educated at Wellington College. In sport he was a member of the College first fifteen. He was selected for a short service commission in the Royal Air Force in 1937, and left New Zealand late in that year. His next-of-kin was Mr. W. J. Tait (father).

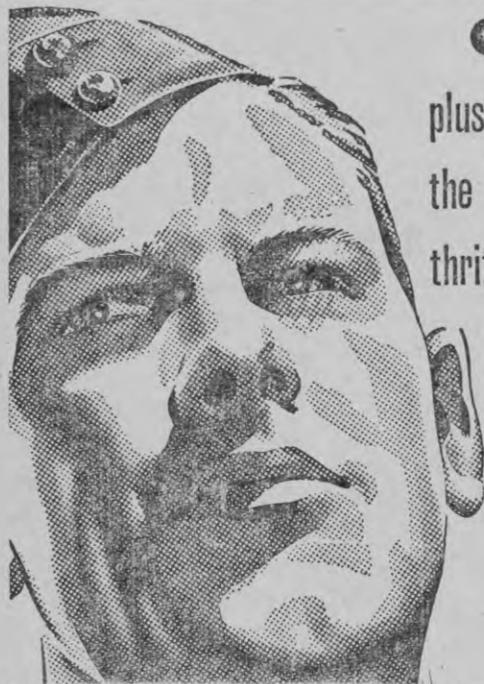
Two More New Zealand  
Airmen Honoured

It is officially notified that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Flight Lieutenant Graham Reece Magill, Ruakuka, Te Aroha. Flight Lieutenant Magill, who was born in Cambridge, is 26 years old. He was educated at the Te Aroha District High School, which he represented at Rugby and cricket. He travelled to England in 1936 and was successful in an application for a short-service commission with the Royal Air Force, with which he has served since July of that year. His next-of-kin is his father, Mr. R. W. Magill.

Flying Officer Malcolm Hugh Macfarlane, Leithfield Beach, North Canterbury, who has also been awarded the D.F.C., was born in Christchurch and is 24 years old. He was educated at Christ's College, Christchurch. He was selected for a short-service commission in the Royal Air Force in 1939. He is married, but at the time of enlistment his next-of-kin was his father, Mr. A. M. Macfarlane, of Leithfield.

"Quite sure you can cut your meat, dear?" asked the kindly hostess of the young evacuee.

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**NEW ZEALAND PILOTS**

**Three Receive D.F.C.**

Distinguished Flying Crosses have been awarded to three New Zealand members of the R.A.F. The following information is given in the official citations:—

Acting Flight Lieutenant J. J. McKay has completed thirty-seven operational missions since the outbreak of the war. These included operations over Germany, Italy, France, Norway, and the Low Countries. He was exceptionally keen in his work as a heavy bomber pilot of the highest category. His courage and determination in pressing home attacks, regardless of opposition, were outstanding.

Pilot Officer Geordie Keith Larney has been continually employed on active operations, first as pilot and later as captain of aircraft, since the beginning of 1940. He has participated in thirty major bombings over enemy and enemy-occupied territory, in addition to several other operational missions. He has always shown the greatest determination in locating targets and pressing home attacks, and has gained the complete confidence of his crew by his efficiency and devotion to duty.

Pilot Officer Kenneth William Tait last August led a section of an attack against a large formation of enemy fighters, and succeeded in destroying two. He displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty over a long period of operations in both France and England, and destroyed at least six enemy planes.

**TRAINING COMPLETED**

**Airmen-Pilots Pass Out From Ohakea**

The first passing out ceremony for airmen pilots trained at the Royal New Zealand Air Force No. 3 Flying Training School, Ohakea, since it has assumed that designation, took place today. Now fitted to take their full part, the members of the draft marched through a guard of honour, headed by the station's band, and passed the saluting base and the commanding officer of the station, Wing Commander Hewlett, D.S.O., O.B.E. Wing Commander Hewlett was accompanied by the station adjutant, Flight Lieutenant S. Goldingham.

Conditions were excellent for the ceremony, a warm sun setting off the green lawns, the training planes in the background and the smart uniforms of the men.

Following their initial training in the Ground Training School at Werarua and further instruction at the Elementary Flying Training School at New Plymouth, the pilots underwent an intensive course of instruction at Ohakea for duties with operational squadrons overseas. The Air Force marching tune, "Sussex by the Sea," with the official salute, marked their farewell to training in the Dominion.

Before their leaving the station the pilots were given a rousing send-off by other trainees who have been their associates at Ohakea.

The assistant was dealing with a regular customer and chatting as usual, when in rushed a woman in a great hurry. Throwing down a 10/- note, she interrupted the conversation with:

"Give me some catsmeat—QUICK"

Then, turning to the other customer, she said "Hope you don't mind."

"Not if you're as hungry as all that, madam," came the reply.

**FIGHTING SERVICES**

**BALL for ALL**

Wellington Town Hall, Saturday, 22nd February.

A big carnival ball is the first step in the drive to place the Fighting Services' candidate, Sister Molly Mahoney, of Trentham Camp Hospital, at the top of the poll in Wellington's Patriotic Queen Carnival. Sister Mahoney's active Committee, led by the Wellington Returned Soldiers' Association, has placed the organisation of the ball in the capable hands of Miss Phyllis Bates, who conceived the idea of a "Ball for All"—a real ball at a popular subscription. A half-crown subscription for civilians—two shillings for men in uniform—and every penny goes to help Sister Mahoney's campaign and to swell the Patriotic Funds.

The main Town Hall, the largest area of dancing space in New Zealand, will be devoted entirely to dancing and seating. Supper will be served in the Town Hall Concert Chamber. Something special in decorations is promised by members of the Red Cross Social Committee, and Geoffrey Farrell's ten-piece rhythm band will put a tonic tingle into tired "tootsies."

**LATE TRAINS FOR TRENTHAM.**

The ball commences at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight. So that guests in battle-dress from Trentham can enjoy themselves up to the last minute, the Committee has arranged with the Army and Railway authorities for special late trains to Trentham. These will leave Wellington station at 11.30 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. There will also be late transport to Wellington suburbs.

**PARTNERS !!**

Yes, there will be plenty of partners and the "introductions committee" will look after anyone too shy to ask a girl to dance.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS.**

Remember, this is a "Ball for All." Members of the Army, Navy and Air Force are asked to invite their friends. Tickets can be purchased from:—D.I.C. Booking Office, The Spinster's Club (Manners Street), Phyllis Bates (33 Willis Street), R.S.A. Rooms (Victoria Street) or from any member of the Fighting Services Queen Committee.

**NAVAL FORCES**

**Temporary Appointments**

The Naval Defence Act, 1913, makes no provision for the appointment or promotion of officers on a temporary basis in the New Zealand naval forces, though there is power in the Act to appoint a person who has not passed the prescribed examination for promotion. Persons so appointed, however, cease to hold office if they fail to pass the examination within 18 months. Regulations gazetted last night now give power to the Governor-General to grant temporary commissions and warrants in the New Zealand naval forces. Previously there has been authority to grant temporary commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve only.

**N.Z.E.F. CASUALTIES**

**Latest List From Middle East**

The following casualties to the N.Z.E.F., Middle East, have been reported:—

**Corporal Francis Rex Beech**, killed in action. Next-of-kin: Mr. E. J. Beech, Picton (father).

**Trooper Ronald Joseph Moore**, missing, believed killed. Next-of-kin: Mrs. A. Moore, Hautapu Street, Taihape (mother).

**Trooper Walter Russell Adams**, prisoner of war. Next-of-kin: Mr. Len Adams, 17 Mains Avenue, Whangarei (father).

**Lance-Corporal Lawrence Roderick**, prisoner of war. Next-of-kin: Mr. G. Roderick, Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson (father).

**Trooper Thomas Borthwick McNeill**, wounded. Next-of-kin: Mrs. E. McNeill, Allandale Terrace, Wellington (mother).

**Trooper Vincent George Spain**, wounded. Next-of-kin: Mr. S. T. Spain, Alexandra (father).

**Acting Lance-Corporal Laurence Hamilton Browne**, wounded. Next-of-kin: Mrs. E. V. M. Browne, care Mrs. Fitzgerald, Karaka Street, Eastbourne (wife).

**Pilot Officer Basil Ivan Clausen**, R.N.Z.A.F., missing as result of aircraft accident. Mother: Mrs. M. Clausen, 8 George Street, Palmerston North.

**WAR CASUALTIES**

**Flying Officer Believed Killed**

The following casualty to the 2nd N.Z.E.F. has been reported:—

**Private William James Ashmore**, died of injuries, result of motor accident. Wife: Mrs. J. W. Ashmore, 9 Salisbury Garden Court, Wadestown, Wellington.

The following air casualty is also announced:—

**Flying Officer Patrick Wilmot Horton**, reported missing, believed killed. Father: Mr. M. W. Horton, 333 The Terrace, Wellington.

**"RECEIVED WITH THANKS."**

Many amusing stories concerning the escapades of New Zealand soldiers with their Italian prisoners captured in the Western District are contained in the letters now being received from Egypt by relatives in the Dominion. One of the most novel has as its subject an Italian general who complained that, when he was being evacuated as a prisoner of war, one of the New Zealand motor transport drivers had made him give up all his money. "All that the subsequent investigation revealed was the receipt for the money held by the said Italian—received 14,000 lira, John Smith, N.Z.E.F., the writer states.

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### BOXING MATCH OFF

Strickland And Richards

The professional boxing contest between Maurice Strickland, New Zealand, and Ron Richards, Australian heavyweight champion, which it had been hoped to hold at the Sports Ground, Sydney, on February 24, has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. J. Crowley, Strickland's manager, has received the following cable from Mr. C. Lucas from Sydney: "Regret due exceptionally heavy taxation Richards refuses box again till end financial year in June. Writing fully."

Strickland is anxious to secure contests in New Zealand to keep in trim, and has communicated with the Auckland Boxing Association suggesting that Fred Henneberry and Carmen Barth, the American negro, should be brought over from Australia.

The Auckland Association has telegraphed to the New Zealand Boxing Council asking whether a return bout between Strickland and Alabama Kid can be arranged.

This will have to stand over in the meantime, as the boxing council has suspended Alabama Kid's licence till he either gives an explanation of what was alleged to have happened on Boxing Day concerning a claim for more than was provided for in the contract, or appears before the council. Alabama Kid has till February 21 to make his explanation.

### HIGH PRAISE FOR NURSES

High praise for the efficiency of New Zealand nurses in Egypt and for the hospital for Dominion troops in Cairo is paid by a Y.M.C.A. field officer in a letter to a friend in Dunedin. "The Second General Hospital for New Zealanders," he writes, "is a magnificent building, having been one of the luxury hotels of the Middle East even up to the time of its conversion into a hospital. It is of three floors and has over one hundred large rooms, each holding four patients. Since acquiring it the Army has enlarged the building by four additional long wards, each catering for 50 patients. The staff is entirely a New Zealand one and perhaps the greatest pleasure a man can have in coming to hospital lies in the opportunity it provides for conversation with New Zealand women. Our New Zealand doctors and nurses are extraordinarily efficient and in letters of Australian patients I have read such remarks as 'these New Zealand nurses certainly deliver the goods and I think they are 50 per cent. better than our own,' and 'these New Zealand natives certainly do things well; their nurses are marvellous.' The food is good and appetisingly served; the library is catholic in taste and adequate in supply; and the officers' and men's recreating rooms are furnished tastefully."

A little evacuee had been served with a chicken leg.

After turning it this way and that to cut it, she asked: "Do you mind if I have something else besides the hinges?"

### Y.W.C.A. HOSTESSES

Men Of Forces Entertained  
At Weekend

As usual at the weekends, large numbers of men of the Army, Navy and Air Force met at the Y.W.C.A. on Saturday and Sunday to avail themselves of the hospitality offered by the association. The hostesses were Mrs. R. Gardner, Miss L. W. Bridgman, Miss A. D. Rennie, Mrs. R. S. McInnes, Mrs. E. Carter, Mrs. Crampton, Misses E. Veitch, Alexander, M. Richmond, N. Darby, M. Martin, A. Knox, assisted by members of the Y.W.C.A. Junior Women's Club, and girls of the dental clinic, Health Department and Messrs. C. Smiths Ltd.

A good tea and supper was provided each day. Community singing was led by Misses Nan Darby and M. Bissett at the piano and a member of the air force with his piano-accordion. Dancing was enjoyed on Saturday evening, the music being supplied by Johnston's orchestra, and impersonations by Mr. K. Willis were appreciated.

The service on Sunday afternoon was led by Colonel Hayes and the speaker was Padre Burton. A concert party organized by Mr. Norman Aitken provided bright entertainment during the evening, the items by Messrs. Dentice, V. Jones, A. Elston, N. Aitken, Mrs. C. W. Davies and Master Peter Davies earning much applause. Good use was made of the magazines in the lounge, and games of various kinds were played by men and girls.

### DEPENDANTS OF SOLDIERS

Rate Of Allowances

An early decision on the request for an increase in the rate of allowances to dependants of soldiers, to conform with recent wage increases in New Zealand, is to be sought from the Minister of Defence by the Dominion executive of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association.

Other questions discussed at a recent meeting of the committee were:—"Frozen" assets in the Great War patriotic and war funds, the question of veteran officers and warrant officers not receiving the pay commensurate with their ranks, "war loading" on life insurance policies, and the withholding of the allowances payable to dependants of soldiers who have received punishment for misdemeanours.

It was reported that a circular letter to be sent to each member of the forces on return to New Zealand, setting out details of privileges, was being prepared.

On Anzac Day members of the National Military Reserve and Home Guard would parade with their respective units, and it was suggested that members in the Home Guard should wear medals and decorations.

### GILBERT AND SULLIVAN OPERAS.

To-night and on Saturday and Monday nights and Saturday afternoon at the Opera House J. C. Williamson's Gilbert and Sullivan Comic Opera Company will appear in "The Gondoliers" for the final occasions and once more Ivan Menzies may be enjoyed in his whimsical impersonation of the Duke of Plaza Toro. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Wednesday

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Ivan Menzies, Comedian of J. C. Williamson's Gilbert & Sullivan Coy.

nard Manning makes his reappearance in his original creation of The Pirate King and Miss Evelyn Gardiner delights us again as Ruth. Maxwell Oldaker appears as Frederic, Sara Gregory as Edith, Jeanne Battye as Kate, Elva Blair as Isabel, Len Gotting as Samuel. The cast of "Trial by Jury" includes Gregory Stroud and other principal members of the company. On Thursday and following nights, also on Saturday afternoon, "The Yeomen of the Guard" will be produced.

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"Titles are gradually becoming extinct in Nazi Germany," says a writer. They are disappearing von by von.



**BEER FOR TROOPS IN EGYPT**

**Record Consignment Made**

New Zealand troops in the Middle East will shortly receive an antidote for the burning heat of Egypt. The fact is that the largest individual consignment of beer ever shipped from this country has recently been executed by a brewery company. An order for 22,000 dozen quarts—representing 44,000 gallons—of ale was filled and dispatched for New Zealand troops serving overseas.

The magnitude of such an order may be better realized from the fact that to send the order from Auckland to Wellington by rail required an entire goods train consisting of 80 trucks. The ale, which was packed in cartons and boxes, amounted to a total weight of 440 tons.

The brewing of the 22,000 dozen quarts required over 2000 bushels of malt and 1100lb. of hops. This record shipment was bottled, packed and dispatched within 48 hours.

**Statisticians Busy.**

Meanwhile statisticians have been working out all the odds and ends attendant on such an item of news. Some said that if all the empty bottles—after the boys have finished with them—were placed end to end they would reach from Cairo to Bardia. Some even went so far as to guess that they would stretch a mile behind the Italian lines and clank against the Chianti.

One man became reminiscent about the metal bottle tops. He calculated that, if dropped in one solid mass, they would sink an Italian battleship, or, at least, give it a nasty tilt. He added that if the tops were spread out and welded together they would provide armour-plate for the most modern battleship. Another fellow simply gave it up. He said he couldn't imagine 22,000 dozen quarts . . . and as for 44,000 gallons! There just couldn't be so much in the world, he added wistfully, confessing that he had never seen anything bigger than a hogshead in his life.

Anyway, calculations or no calculations, the soldiers are going to have a happy time. Think of 704,000 "half handles." It sounds better that way.

**BATTLE EXERCISES**

**More N.Z.E.F. Manoeuvres In Desert**

(From the Official War Correspondent with the N.Z.E.F. in Egypt.)

CAIRO, February 3.

Training in resistance to dive-bombing and tank attacks, and night operations were features of realistic battle exercises which have just been completed by a full infantry brigade. In a day's march of 17 miles across rough desert country, three battalions were subjected to mock attacks by low-flying R.A.F. machines, putting their knowledge of defensive measures to the test.

Next day they marched a further eight miles to a point from which they effected the night capture of a supposed port, which two of the battalions took after carrying all their fighting equipment and dragging anti-tank guns by hand across a wide stretch of desert. The third battalion fought its way along an imaginary coastline through an intercepting enemy force, consisting of the light tanks and Bren carriers of a cavalry regiment.

Continually harassed by the "enemy," the brigade marched home by night.

**MOBILE CANTEENS**

**Use By New Zealand Troops Overseas**

The Supreme Council 33 Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown, after consultation with Viscount Galway, a prominent member of the Supreme Council and chairman of the National Patriotic Fund Board, has presented a mobile canteen to the board for use by the New Zealand troops overseas.

In making this announcement yesterday afternoon, Mr. G. A. Hayden, secretary of the National Patriotic Fund Board, expressed appreciation of this splendid gift, which, he said, was bound to prove a very valuable adjunct to the work being carried out by the board overseas in the interests of the welfare of the New Zealand soldiers.

Mr. Hayden also said he understood that the staff of a well-known New Zealand firm was considering the question of presenting two other mobile canteens for the New Zealand troops overseas.

It is intended to use these canteens in the Middle East and to have the bodies built in New Zealand.

**NEW ZEALAND FORCES CLUB**

**Premises Opened In Cairo**

(From the Official War Correspondent with the N.Z.E.F. in the Middle East.)

CAIRO, February 5.

Gratitude for the generosity of the New Zealand public whose contributions to patriotic funds had made the club possible was expressed by Major-General Freyberg at the opening today of the New Zealand Forces Club in Cairo. He added that he hoped the club would be a home away from home because New Zealand beer, tobacco, butter, jam, honey, mutton and lamb and perhaps even tinned oysters were likely to be available shortly. He paid a warm tribute to the kindness of Britons in Cairo, who had so generously accommodated New Zealanders at various services institutions till they had a club of their own.

Lady Wavell, declaring the club open spoke of her pleasure at seeing premises which as a Fascist club had been dedicated once to Mussolini's cult of terror become a place where free men of the Empire would gather as their others did in another war.

**SOLDIERS' ADDRESSES SOUGHT**

To complete a list of names of Hawke's Bay soldiers serving with the N.Z.E.F. for the purpose of compiling a roll of honour, the Hastings Borough Council is seeking to obtain the full addresses of the following men: Abraham, R. J. D., No. 20905; Ashman, M., No. 30399; Brandon, L. D., No. 30010; Close, P. J., No. 30280; Cochran, D., No. 6913; Dick, W. K., No. 6737; Douglas, Jas., No. 21775; Dyer, P. G., No. 6247; Edwards, A. G. O., No. 30384; Greening, No. 20609; Hargraves, J. R. C., No. 6820; Hodgetts, R. D., No. 30350; Hunter, B. C.; Huse, Jas.; Johnston, O. M., No. 30398; Kirk, Jas., No. 30071; Kirley, W. J., No. 20607; Kenny, Spr. R., Railway Survey Coy.; Lee, M. E., No. 30026; Leitch, T., No. 30378; Merrilees, C., No. 6752; McArthur, N. J. L., No. 6990; McKay, A., No. 30011; Macaulay, J. A., No. 30023; Morris, E. R., Railway Const. Coy. N.Z.E.; Newland, S. J.; Olsen, Cpl. J. D., No. 5922; Provost Coy.; Pita, Pvt. O. H., No. 39567, Battn. Headquarters; Ross, John; Redpath, T. A.; Ramsden, J. W., No. 6691; Sunley, John; Sands, Y. L.; Sharpley, P. F., No. 30157; Stevenson, L. H., No. 30053; Taylor, H. L., No. 30373; Tobin, C. E.; Venebales, S. W., No. 30283; Walker, A. J., No. 30129; Wells, T., No. 30380; Willingham, E. D.; Wickliffe, Sgt. C. H., No. 6085, Battn. Headquarters; Borrie, R. A.; Baustead, S. J.; Campbell, H. M.; Cotterill, O. W.; Dooley, J., No. 33734, C Coy; Kennedy, Pvt. Donald, No. 3374; Tucker, Sgt. A. R.

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Lest we forget, lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captains and the kings depart:  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
And humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away;  
On dune and headland sinks the fire;

Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we  
loose

Wild tongues that have not Thee  
in awe,

Such boastings as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard,  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,

For frantic boast and foolish word—  
Thy mercy on Thy People, Lord!  
—Rudyard Kipling.

In the early days of the war, when the first rush of the Huns seemed to be sweeping all before it, and prospects were not too bright, it was only natural that men should cry to God for help and deliverance. On two occasions, at the request of His Majesty, national days of prayer have been observed. To-day, prospects are brighter, although there is yet a long road to travel. Do we recognise our improved position as the direct answer of God to our prayers, or do we give credit to our own efforts and the increasing help of America? Future events depend largely upon our attitude to these questions. If we give God the praise for answering our prayers and helping us, then we should be encouraged to go in in humility of heart before Him, seeking to do His will and seeing Him driving our enemies before us, but if we forget Him and take credit to ourselves, then let us beware of what lies ahead, for He will surely bring us again to that condition where we

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have to call upon Him. Let us, then, by all means, do all in our power to help on to victory, but let it be with trust in God and not in man, so that when victory comes, we may be found worthy to help in the cause of peace.

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