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And then there was the Yorkshireman who thought that last week's "Big British Naval Coup" was a trophy for sailors.

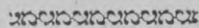
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**NEVER!**



In the whole of the war Adolf Hitler has covetously maintained the initiative for inaugurating atrocities.

He began it with a historic crime—the shattering of Warsaw. It was soon followed by the merciless U-boat campaign, the destruction of part of Rotterdam, and the machine gunning of refugees in Belgium, Holland and France.

The assault on London completes the vast criminal design.

Hitler, in the minds of his fellow men, is damned for evermore—a debauched and loathsome creature who now ranks first with the most detestable figures in history.

How typical of him to have chosen the congested areas of the East End for his murderous raid!

He is out to terrorise, to scare, so that we cave in. To intimidate the whole of the civilian population so that British determination breaks down and submits to his appalling way of living—and dying.

Never!

The destroyer shall not achieve his purpose.

His hideous creed will be smashed and broken on the anvil of British resolution.

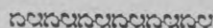
They have stood firm.

They are standing firm.

And they shall continue to stand firm.



**FASHION WORLD**



Consideration is being given to an interesting new garment for wear in air raid shelters.

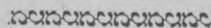
It is a new patent trousering made out of solid concrete. These prodigious pants are so heavy that you can go to sleep standing up in them. At the sides they have arm rests and at the back that is an extensible head rest rather on the barber's chair principle. Go to bye-byes while being bombed.

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Compared with the Germans, under the tutelage of Doctor Goebbels, they look like the Babes in the Wood matched against Jack Dempsey.

Immediately after the bombardment of the convoy in the Straits of Dover, by land guns on the French coast, the Jerry propaganda department sauely announced that they were only practising and that they were certainly not aiming at any convoy.

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**AMBULANCE COACHES**

**Two For Army Department**

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Painted the usual maroon, the new carriages are distinguished by a large red cross on a white background on each side and special double doors at the ends to permit the convenient handling of stretchers. The cars, which are of the latest second-class type, are mounted on roller bearing bogies for smooth running.

The interiors have been completely altered. All the fittings have been removed and a double tier of bunks, with comfortable wire mattresses, has been erected on each side. At a pinch another ten beds could be made up on the floor, increasing the accommodation to 30 bunks a carriage. A feature of the ventilation system is the special half-drop windows, which are unique in New Zealand trains. They can be operated with ease by the patient while lying in bed.

A compact kitchen has been constructed at one end, and this is fitted with sink, stainless steel benching, caliphont, and cooker operated by rock gas, and storage accommodation. Adjacent to this is a tiny dispensary, with special cupboards for the accommodation of bottles and a wide range of medical stores. A refrigerator has been built in for the storage of food, and the temperature of the carriages is controlled by steam heat.

The entire interior of the carriages has been painted a light distinctive green.

**MOUNTED RIFLES**

**Brigade Camp In Foxton**

Six special trains last week conveyed 1200 horses to the camp of the Second Mounted Rifles Brigade in Foxton. Horses had to be brought from all parts of the East Coast, Wairarapa, and Taranaki, entailing in some cases a trek of two days to the railhead. The trains travelled at night, so as to provide for the minimum of delay, the horses being trucked during the day.

All the equipment for the horses was in camp, ready for issue. A large quantity of fodder was stored in Foxton, where it is planned to keep a reserve to provide against any possibility of shortage as the result of transport delays. Specially-built troughs, fed by Foxton through water have been arranged in long lines.

Two veterinary officers are attached to the regiment to see to the care of the horses, and in addition there is attached to the brigade a mobile veterinary section of 32 men. The members of this section have had special training in the care of horses. Farriers have also been trained for the shoeing of the horses.

**SICK AND WOUNDED**

**Men Of Expeditionary  
Force**

**PROVISION OF COMFORTS**

Writing from the Middle East, the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Colonel McCormick paid tribute to what was being done by the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and New Zealand Red Cross Society on behalf of the sick and wounded at the general hospitals and convalescent depots in the area under his control. He reported that comforts were arriving in adequate supply and in good order, giving satisfaction, and proving of great value to himself and the officers and nursing staff under him.

He mentioned the splendid co-operation given by the war organization of the British Red Cross under Lord Somers during the early period following the arrival of the N.Z.E.F. in the Middle East. The Red Cross in handing over its task, transferred all equipment to convalescent depots without charge, and agreed to make the Red Cross launch used on Lake Timsah available to New Zealand convalescents.

To meet the needs of our men in the early period, the Joint Council here remitted the sum of £5000 to the British Red Cross Commissioner, Lord Somers, so that requisitions for comforts on behalf of our N.Z.E.F. men could be readily met. Subsequently this trust was transferred to the Deputy Director of Medical Services, and the Commissioner for the National Patriotic Fund Board, Colonel Waite, who were henceforth to control the activities affecting the welfare of the sick and wounded of the N.Z.E.F. in the Middle East. As funds became depleted they would be replenished by the Joint Council here.

**Comforts For Wounded.**

Before Christmas arrangements were made by the Red Cross here to dispatch enough Christmas parcels for all in hospital and convalescing at the time. The patients from No. 2 Ward of the 1st New Zealand General Hospital, writing to acknowledge the gifts, said they spent a very happy Christmas, thanks in no small measure to the kindness of the donors.

The Joint Council loses no opportunity when shipping space is available to send comforts of all kinds for the sick and wounded to the Middle East, the United Kingdom, the Pacific Islands, and wherever else New Zealand troops are stationed, to men of the R.N.Z.A.F. in Canada, and those in the N.Z.E.F. Convalescent Depot in India. At present all provincial committees are concentrating on the supply of extra comforts for the hospital ship and the next reinforcement.

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 March 15, 17—Ohinemuri J.C.  
 March 20, 22—Manawatu R.C.  
 March 22, 24—Bay of Plenty R.C.  
 March 27, 29—Hawke's Bay J.C.  
 March 22, 24—Oamaru J.C.  
 March 29—Waimate R.C.  
 March 29—Birchwood Hunt.

## TROTTING FIXTURES.

March 15—Wyndham T.C.  
 March 15—Cheviot T.C.  
 March 22—Westland T.C.  
 March 27, 29—Wellington T.C.  
 March 29—Cambridge T.C.

## AIR FORCE STATIONS VISITED

## Hobsonville And Whenuapai

## INSPECTION BY SIR CYRIL NEWALL

Royal New Zealand Air Force stations at Hobsonville and Whenuapai were visited by the Governor-General, Sir Cyril Newall. His Excellency, who was accompanied by the Chief of Air Staff, Air Commodore Saunders, was attended by Wing Commander Bevan, Military Secretary and Comptroller, and Captain Holland-Martin, A.D.C.

Running at high speed, a new Air Force patrol launch conveyed the vice-regal party from the city to Hobsonville in a few minutes. As his Excellency stepped ashore, to be met by the officer commanding the station, Wing Commander Burrell, a flight of five aircraft swept overhead in tight formation and throughout the Governor-General's visit light training machines landed and took off in endless succession as the normal day's work continued.

Accompanied by his suite and the head of each successive department visited, his Excellency set a smart pace and, in the course of the morning walked a substantial distance. Waiting motor-cars were waved aside, his Excellency preferring to walk between the various blocks of buildings.

Aircraft of many and varied types, some bearing "serviceable" labels, and others in various stages of assembly or repair, were inspected in the hangars. Sir Cyril displayed an expert interest in all the stations had to show and visited workshops, instrument rooms, stores, mess rooms and various quarters. He saw flying training in progress.

Sir Cyril did not confine his attention to heads of departments. A number of men busy on their normal work had the distinction of being met on their own ground by a marshal of the Royal Air Force. His Excellency spoke with men engaged in all manner of technical duties, displaying an intimate knowledge of their work and the equipment at their disposal. His eye for flying equipment was equally keen and the technical details of certain recent new fittings were discussed fluently with an officer specializing in the work.

A similar inspection was made by his Excellency at Whenuapai later in the morning. He was met by the officer commanding, Squadron Leader Seabrook, and, after inspecting the guard he made another round of hangars, workshops and quarters, including the station hospital. His Excellency had luncheon in the officers' mess before returning to the city by motor-car.

## N.Z. ARMY TENNIS

The New Zealand army tennis championship finals resulted:—Singles, Matheson beat Nodder, 6-3, 6-3; doubles, Beckett and Dixon beat Matheson and Roach, 6-3, 5-7, 10-8.

## N.Z. MEN FOR NAVY REACH ENGLAND

LONDON, March 3.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. Jordan, welcomed a considerable draft of New Zealanders who arrived to join the Navy, and also men for the Fleet Air Arm.

"Ships of the Spanish Armada were extraordinarily slow compared with modern warships," says a writer. Far fewer miles to the galleon.



## NEW ZEALAND ARMY OVERSEAS

## Appointments, Transfers And Promotions

## LONG LISTS PUBLISHED IN GAZETTE

Long lists of appointments, promotions, transfers and postings of officers on active service with the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force overseas were published in last night's Gazette.

Brigadier E. Puttick, D.S.O., A.D.C. to the King, has resumed command of the Fourth New Zealand Infantry Brigade as from January 8 last.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. M. Inglis, M.C., on relinquishing temporary command of the Fourth New Zealand Infantry Brigade is appointed to command the Infantry Training Brigade, and is promoted to be Brigadier.

Major J. M. Allen is appointed to command the Thirtieth (Auckland) Battalion and promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major F. L. Hunt is appointed to command the Thirty-Second (Canterbury-Otago) Battalion and appointed Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain J. D. Cottrell is appointed Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services.

Major F. J. Gwilliam is appointed to command the Twenty-seventh (Machine-gun) Battalion and promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) S. F. Hartnell is appointed to command the Thirty-first (Wellington) Battalion temporarily.

Captain (Temporary Major) R. H. Bell, Second New Zealand Divisional Cavalry, is appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, vice Major A. R. Cockerell, who is appointed Brigade Major, Infantry Training Brigade.

Major F. L. H. Davis is appointed General Staff Officer, second grade, Second New Zealand Division, vice Major D. T. Maxwell, who is appointed General Staff Officer, second grade, Second N.Z.E.F. Base.

Major S. C. V. W. Sugden, Twenty-seventh (Machine-gun) Battalion, is appointed to command the Base Reception Depot, Second N.Z.E.F., temporarily.

Major P. W. G. Speirs, Twentieth (Canterbury-Otago) Battalion, is appointed to command a prisoner of war camp.

Major A. A. Tennent is appointed to command Number 1 New Zealand Convalescent Depot, and is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel to complete the establishment of the New Zealand Medical Corps.

Major K. W. R. Glasgow is transferred from the Fourth Field Regiment to command the Artillery Training Regiment and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major R. W. Fenton is transferred from the Fourth Field Regiment to the Artillery Training Regiment as second in command.

Major (temporary) F. W. Voelcker is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while commanding the Eighth Brigade Training Battalion.

A colonel of the old school was addressing two guilty-looking privates, whose clothes were torn and ragged.

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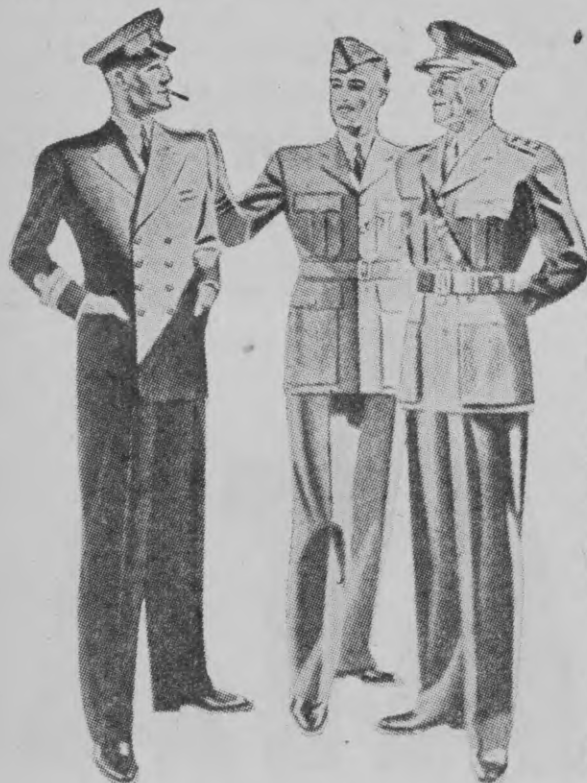
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**BRAVERY IN THE AIR**

**Awards To New Zealanders**

Advice was received by Air Headquarters yesterday that three more New Zealanders serving with the Royal Air Force have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. They are:—

Pilot Officer Allan Bridson, Auckland.

Wing Commander Samuel Charles Elworthy, A.F.C.

Pilot Officer Peter Bettley Robinson, Auckland.

Pilot Officer Bridson was born in Auckland and is 22 years of age. He was educated at Seddon Memorial Technical College, Auckland, and took a prominent part in motor-cycle racing and trials. He was selected for a short-service commission in 1939, and underwent partial training at the Auckland Aero Club before entering the Royal New Zealand Air Force at Wigram a few days after the outbreak of war. He proceeded to England early in 1940, and since then has been serving with the Royal Air Force. His father is Mr. Thomas A. Bridson, Silverdale, Auckland.

Wing Commander Elworthy was awarded the Air Force Cross in the New Year Honours announced on January 2, 1941.

Pilot Officer Robinson is 20 years of age and was educated at Seddon Memorial Technical College. He was selected for a short-service commission in 1939 and entered the R.N.Z.A.F. station at Wigram a few days after the outbreak of war. He left New Zealand to commence service with the Royal Air Force early in 1940. His mother is Mrs. J. N. Arnold, 99 St. Stephen's Avenue, Parnell, Auckland.

**CLUBS AT WEEKEND**

**Entertainment For Men Of Forces**

All clubs in Wellington for the entertainment of men of the forces were busy at the weekend.

At the A.N.A. Club there was an unusually large attendance yesterday. The weekend dances were also well attended.

As time goes on the members of the three forces are taking more advantage of the club. The cafeteria supplies very appetizing meals at all hours from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Last week the executive were assisted by the girls' auxiliary, many helpers who are members of the club, and members of the English-Speaking Union and Air Force Relations.

Those in charge of the dancing at the weekend were Mrs. John Tredray, Miss Harper Allen, and Miss Moya Hempton.

**National Club.**

Those in charge of the National Union's tea dance at the National Club on Saturday were Misses P. Hogg, Betty and Sylvia McLaren, J. Cavanaugh, A. Gunn, B. Harley-Brown, N. Paulin, K. Morgau, J. Shennan.

On Sunday members of the Wellington Central district were in charge. Mrs. A. E. Meech was convener, assisted by Mesdames S. F. Stone, M. G. Blundell, H. F. Toogood, A. S. Morley, and Misses J. Meech, K. Moyinhan, and J. Shearer.

**Y.M.C.A. TEA**

Members of the Women's War Service Auxiliary were in charge at Sunday's tea for men of the forces at the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. M. J. Bentley presided as hostess, and Captain G. F. Vance was in the chair. The programme was as follows:—Vocal solos. Mrs. W. Duncan, accompanied by Miss

**GALLANT AIRMAN**

**George Medal Awarded To Pilot Officer**

**NEW ZEALAND RECIPIENTS**

According to advice received by Air Headquarters recently another New Zealander serving with the Royal Air Force has been decorated for gallantry. He is Pilot Officer John Tregonwell Davison, Christchurch, who has been awarded the George Medal.

This is the third George Medal to be awarded to New Zealanders, and the first to be awarded for gallantry overseas. The previous awards were to Pilot Officer D. T. Herrick and Sergeant E. A. Stratton for their gallantry at the time of an aircraft accident at Taieri on June 21, 1940.

Pilot Officer Davison was born in Ashburton and is 27 years of age. His next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. N. A. Davison, of 112 Wairarapa Terrace, Christchurch.

Pilot Officer Davison was pilot of an aircraft which took part in a bombing attack on two heavily-armed merchant vessels. During the action he was wounded in a foot and thigh, but succeeded in flying his aircraft back to the base. Owing to severe damage to the hydraulic gear, it was necessary to make a crash landing, the pilot not knowing that a bomb remained on the rack. This bomb exploded on landing, severely wounded the rear gunner and set fire to the aircraft. Pilot Officer Davison and his observer jumped clear, but then discovered that the rear gunner was still in the aircraft. Regardless of fire and the likelihood that petrol tanks might explode, they succeeded in extricating the wounded gunner and dragging him to safety. By their courage and gallantry the pilot and observer undoubtedly saved the life of the gunner.

Educated at Christchurch Boys' High School, Pilot Officer Davison was selected for a short-service commission just before the outbreak of war, and after training at Taieri and Wigram left New Zealand in the middle of 1940.

**VICE-REGAL STAFF**

**Honorary Aides-de-Camp**

The following have been appointed honorary aides-de-camp to the Governor-General, Sir Cyril Newall:—

Captain A. B. Fanshawe, Royal Navy.

Captain E. Rotherham, Royal Navy. Lieutenant-Colonel (temp. Colonel) E. T. Rollings, N.Z. Staff Corps.

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Squadron Leader M. R. Calder, Royal N.Z. Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant R. B. Bannerman, D.F.C., Royal N.Z. Air Force.

Finlay; elocutionary item, Miss Bitossi; vocal solo, Mrs. E. T. W. Love, accompanied by Mrs. Shakespeare; instrumentalists, Messrs. K. Tamarua, Kitona, and Robert Rika, mandoline and guitar; vocal solo, Miss Kathleen Bond. The community sing was in charge of Mr. Hindle, with Mr. Mann as pianist.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. White.

**PROFESSIONAL BOXING**

**Strickland To Fight In Sydney**

Mr. J. Crowley, manager of Maurice Strickland, professional heavyweight boxing champion of New Zealand, has received word from Stadiums, Ltd., Sydney, that they have arranged a match for Strickland with Carmen Barth, the American, at Sydney, on April 3. Strickland will leave for Sydney by the Mariposa from Auckland on March 22. The terms under which the New Zealander will fight will be for a guarantee of a set sum, or 25 per cent. of the gate, if the latter should be greater.

In his letter to Mr. Crowley, Mr. Harry Miller, manager of Stadiums, Ltd., states that efforts will be made to get Ambrose Palmer to meet Strickland, and a match may also be arranged for him with Cec. Overall, a former amateur champion of Australia, who has an unbeaten record since joining the cash ranks. Stadiums, Ltd., states Mr. Miller, is also considering the importation of a heavyweight from overseas.

**DIED OF WOUNDS**

**Former Officer In Charge Of Devonport Base**

Private advice has reached Auckland that Commander C. B. Tinley, O.B.E., formerly officer in charge of the Devonport Naval Base, died of wounds in January. Commander Tinley, who left New Zealand in October, 1939, was appointed about May, 1939, to be commander in the cruiser Southampton.

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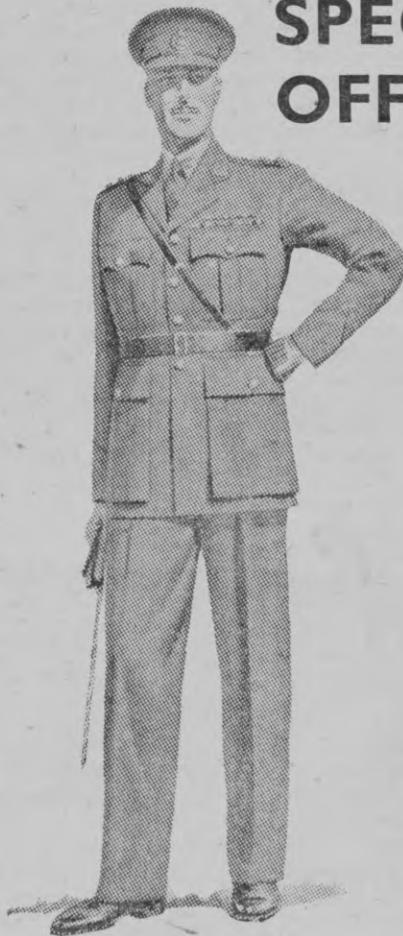
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through the Sicilian Channel early in January last. Fire broke out on board and attained such proportions that the vessel had to be abandoned and sunk. The great majority of her crew of 700 were saved. As her commission dated from about the middle of 1939, it is presumed that Commander Tinley was aboard her and was fatally wounded in the action.

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**WAR CASUALTIES****Wounded In Western Desert**

The following casualties in the N.Z.E.F. were announced yesterday:—

Private Charles Bernie, died. Next-of-kin, Mr. Chas. Bernie, Box 7, Owhango (father).

Driver Joseph Carter, wounded in Western Desert. Next-of-kin, Mrs. J. Carter, 149 Broadway, Newmarket (mother).

Driver Richard Stephen Tripp, slightly wounded in Western Desert, but remained with unit. Next-of-kin, Mrs. M. A. Tripp, 10 Harriett Street, Wellington (mother).

**WAR CASUALTIES****New Zealanders In Air Force****KILLED, MISSING AND INJURED**

Casualties affecting New Zealanders serving in the Royal Air Force and the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and covering a considerable period of the air war, are officially reported as follows:—

Sergeant Cyril Edgar Donehue, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on air operations.

Sergeant Donehue was born at Temuka and educated at the Temuka District High School. Prior to his enlistment in the Royal New Zealand Air Force he was employed by the New Zealand Railways Department, and was stationed at Wellington. His father is Mr. Jas Donehue, of Temuka, Canterbury.

Pilot Officer William John Shirtcliffe, R.A.A.F., killed aircraft accident. His wife is Mrs. E. E. Shirtcliffe, of 3 Leys Crescent, Remuera, Auckland.

Pilot Officer Edward William Girwood McKenzie, R.N.Z.A.F., dangerously injured as result of air operations, and admitted to hospital.

Pilot Officer McKenzie was born at Christchurch and was educated at Wellington College. Prior to enlistment in the Royal New Zealand Air Force he was employed by the Bank of New South Wales. His father is Mr. W. B. McKenzie, of United Insurance Co., Ltd., Lambton Quay, Wellington.

Sergeant Richard Waller Brookman, R.N.Z.A.F., missing, believed killed on air operations.

Sergeant Brookman was born at Waitara and educated at New Plymouth Boys' High School and Wellington College. Prior to enlistment with the R.N.Z.A.F. he was employed by a commercial firm in Wellington. His mother is Mrs. H. S. Brookman, of 24 Upland Road, Kelburn, Wellington.

Pilot Officer Charles Edward Langdon, missing, believed killed, on air operations.

Pilot Officer Langdon was born at Hawera and educated at the Hawera High School. He was provisionally selected for a short-service commission in the middle of 1939, but when changes were made in the original scheme he entered the R.N.Z.A.F. in September of that year with rank of acting pilot officer. His father is Mr. A. G. Langdon, of P.O. Box 144, Hawera, Taranaki.

Sergeant Jack Fisher Wallace, R.N.Z.A.F., killed on air operations.

Sergeant Wallace was born at Auckland and educated at Kowhai Intermediate School. His mother is Mrs. H. R. Wallace, of Ngapawa Street, Mount Albert, Auckland.

Sergeant Avon Ernest Limbrick, R.N.Z.A.F., missing on air operations

Sergeant Limbrick was born at Blenheim and educated at Napier Technical College. Prior to his enlistment in the R.N.Z.A.F. he was a member of the Marlborough Aero Club. His mother was Mrs. E. A. Limbrick, of Seddon Hotel, Marlborough, who died recently.

**Presumed Dead.**

The deaths of the following officers on the dates stated are presumed:—

Pilot Officer Arthur Edmond Quentin Bourgeois, R.A.F., May, 1940. Pilot Officer Bourgeois was reported missing believed killed in May last. He was born at Gisborne and educated at the Napier Boys' High School. His mother is Mrs. A. E. Bourgeois, care

**SPITFIRE UNIT****New Zealand Fighter Squadron****FORMATION IN BRITAIN****Men Trained Under Empire Scheme**

The formation of the first Royal New Zealand Air Force squadron in Great Britain under the Empire air training scheme was announced by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, who said that the squadron, a fighter unit equipped with Spitfires, had been established.

"It will be remembered," the Minister said, "that not long after war broke out Royal New Zealand Air Force units in the United Kingdom sent over to take delivery of Wellington bombers which were to be flown out to the Dominion were constituted into a New Zealand bomber squadron. It is gratifying to know that the new fighter squadron will also retain its New Zealand identity.

"This step marks a definite achievement for the Empire air training scheme. Men have been steadily going forward from training schools in New Zealand and they are now beginning to stream across the Atlantic from training schools in Canada. The effect is becoming apparent in many ways. Every day the Empire becomes stronger in the air. It will not be long before squadron after squadron of new units established under the Empire air training scheme will be ranged alongside the already formidable strength of the Royal Air Force.

"The New Zealand bomber squadron," Mr. Jones added, "has created a magnificent record overseas. It has taken part in almost every major air activity and many of its men have been decorated for gallantry and devotion to duty. New Zealand will, I am sure, follow the activities of the first New Zealand fighter squadron with keen interest. I have the utmost confidence that the men from this Dominion will continue worthily to uphold the magnificent traditions of the Royal Air Force."

Mrs. J. Esam, Kaipo Road, Hastings.

Pilot Officer Neil Ewart, R.A.F., June, 1940. Pilot Officer Ewart was reported missing in June last. He was granted a short-service commission in 1938, leaving New Zealand in December of that year to take up the commission in the Royal Air Force. His father is Mr. N. Ewart, Bauchop Road, Lower Hutt.

Pilot Officer Francis Sirius Crawford, R.A.F., June, 1940. Pilot Officer Crawford was born at Auckland and educated at Vasanta Garden School, Epsom. He was selected for a short-service commission in 1938 and left New Zealand in September of that year to commence duty with the R.A.F. His father is Mr. W. Crawford, 11 Belvedere Road, Epsom.

Corporal Jack Harry Langridge, R.N.Z.A.F., April, 1940. Corporal Langridge was previously reported missing in April last. He was born at Gisborne and was educated at the Gisborne High School. He joined the R.N.Z.A.F. in 1937 and left for England in February, 1939, for training with the R.A.F. with a view to returning to New Zealand with the "Wellington" flights. His father is Mr. A. F. Langridge, 120 Whitaker Street, Gisborne.

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The exchanges were fairly equal in the second half, though Pontypool did the remainder of the scoring. The Pontypool Town Council entertained the teams.

**NEW ZEALAND FORCES CLUB**

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**TRIBUTE TO "LADIES OF MAADI"**

(FROM THE N.Z.E.F. OFFICIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAIRO, February 6.  
Described by Major-General B. C. Freyberg as a gift from the people of the Dominion, the New Zealand Forces Club, which was officially opened yesterday afternoon, gives to New Zealand troops in the Middle East at last "a home of their own."

Delay in deciding on the inauguration of such an institution was due largely to the swift changes in the trend of international affairs during the greater part of last year, and the long uncertainty as to the theatre of war in which the N.Z.E.F. would be concentrated. Today, however, the force is proud to own a club unsurpassed, if not unequalled, by any other of its kind in Egypt.

In the full year in which New Zealanders have served in the Middle East they have been made more than welcome at the numerous services clubs which sprang up with the flow of troops into this war zone. They have shared the hospitality extended to the forces generally as a result of the energy, generosity and enthusiasm of men and women of the British community, whose efforts have been led by such prominent figures as Lady Lampson, wife of the British Ambassador, Lady Russell, wife of the Chief of the Cairo City Police, and Lady Wavell wife of the G.O.C.-in-C. Middle East.

Major-General Freyberg acknowledged with gratitude the debt his force owes to these good friends, and he had a special word for a party of women whom the New Zealanders know as "the ladies of Maadi." Not only have these women—mostly housewives of a Cairo garden suburb—conducted primarily for the New Zealanders ever since their first weeks in Egypt a splendid recreation and refreshment centre near the base camp, but also they have invited many of the men into their own homes. "The ladies of Maadi have a special place in the heart of every man of the N.Z.E.F.," the commander said yesterday.

He paid tribute, too, to the movement behind the founding of a second institution which is primarily for the benefit of the New Zealanders. This is the Kiwi Club, opened by Lady Lampson and other British Red Cross workers for patients and convalescents at the New Zealand General Hospital.

Sir Miles and Lady Lampson, Lady Russell and several other representatives of the British women's organizations attended the opening of the new club, and the commander led his men in rousing cheers as a mark of appreciation of their work. The opening ceremony was carried out by Lady Wavell, who said she hoped the club would recapture something of the atmosphere of the New Zealanders' own country and their own home. She remarked on the fact that it was hoped that supplies of New Zealand products ranging from beer to butter, and perhaps even including tinned oysters, would shortly be available.

Mentioning that the club would be open to members of all forces, Major-General Freyberg recalled that New Zealanders had had free access in both Egypt and Britain to all services canteens and clubs. If too much congestion arose, extension of the club would be considered; there were 14 stories above the floor at present occupied, he added amid laughter.

Three young plumbers are in the same tent at a militia camp and are described as being excellent soldiers. Their success in kit inspections is encouraging the profession to believe that this will finally end the old jokes about plumbers' memories.

**PILOT KILLED**

**Aircraft Collide In The Air**

**FORMATION FLYING**

**Accident Between Shannon And Levin**

An airman pilot under training was killed last week when two aircraft from the R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Ohakea, engaged in formation flying half-way between Shannon and Levin, collided in the air and made forced landings. The casualty was:

**Leading Aircraftman Evan Roy Archer;** next-of-kin (father), Mr. R. Archer, Bank of New Zealand, Te Kuiti.

He was the sole occupant of the machine.

The pilot of the other machine was Leading Aircraftman Gordon Griffiths Thomas; next-of-kin (mother), Mrs. M. E. Thomas, 10 Golf Road, Epsom. He was not injured. He was the sole occupant of the aircraft.

A Court of Inquiry will be held. Leading Aircraftman E. R. Archer was born in Wellington and educated at Te Kuiti District High School.

**PLANE FALLS 50 FEET**

**Crash On To Muriwai Beach**

Leading Aircraftman Warwick Ashling Clouston, an airman pilot under training at the R.N.Z.A.F. station at Whenuapai, the sole occupant of a Tiger Moth aircraft, crashed from 50 feet on to Muriwai Beach this afternoon.

He received moderately serious injuries, including concussion, facial abrasions and a fractured nose.

The injured man is a son of Mrs. K. A. Clouston, 10 Ocean View Road, Milford, Auckland.

**DOING GREAT WORK**

**New Zealand Troops In The Western Desert**

**SOLDIER LEGISLATOR'S TRIBUTE**

In a private letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, written early last month, Lieutenant C. F. Skinner, M.P. for Motueka, refers to conditions in the Western Desert as follows:—

"I have been out in the desert for some time, but am now undergoing a course of instruction at what must be one of the most delightful spots in Egypt. Shady trees—plenty of them—a beautiful lake and plenty of yachts for hire at quite a reasonable charge—30 piastres for half a day.

"What a contrast! A week ago I was at Tobruk and before that at Bardia, where there is nothing but rock and sand, hundreds of miles of arid desert. We had to conserve water and what little we had was salty—salinity test over 400. Those chaps, some of whom have been up there for eight months, all deserve medals. Our boys are doing great work, salvaging, transport and water supply. Very little is heard of them, but I am proud indeed to have worked with them."

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## Everyman's Hut

In view of His Majesty's request for another national day of prayer to be held on March 23rd, the following article, published in 1915, and bearing upon the Great War, seems singularly appropriate to our own times and conditions.

### A GOD OF DELIVERANCES.

By the late John Ritchie.

(Written for "Believer's Magazine," 1915.)

By men of the world, natural and visible agents are accredited as giving prosperity in days of peace, and deliverance in times of danger. But the Christian should see the hand of God in everything. The fact that he has been severed from the world by the Cross of Christ, and has now become a sojourner in it, does not make him indifferent to its dangers, or oblivious to the operations of God's hand in the deliverances He works for it. Although he takes no part in its politics, he prays incessantly for its rulers, and in times of crisis he "carries to the Lord in prayer" what he knows to be with God alone in His Providence to control, and in His Power to bestow. To "regard not the operation of His hands" (Psa. 28:5) is to disown God as the Supreme Governor of His own universe, and to dishonour Him as the One who "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Eph. 1:11). Nothing comes by chance, but is either sent or allowed by God, all for some wise purpose and all in mercy. The present war is no exceptio n. . . Our firm conviction is that it is neither with great Generals and their armies on the fields of war, nor with skilled Admirals and

their great navies on the high seas, but with the saints of God on their knees, that the issue of this tremendous conflict lies. If we do not realise this, Satan does, and will seek by every device at his disposal to hinder prayer.

Three hundred and twenty-seven years ago the Spanish Armada sailed from the coast of Spain for the shores of Britain. It consisted of 132 warships, manned by 8000 sailors, carrying 20,000 soldiers. Its object was to subjugate Britain, and make Rome the sole teacher of "culture" and religion to the British nation, and ultimately to the whole of Europe. The secret agents of the Papacy had been preparing for the event, while nominal Protestants were irresolute and unexercised. True saints of God, who were in the secret of His counsel, continued in earnest prayer that the God in whom they trusted might make bare His arm, and overturn the devices of the enemy—His and theirs. And thus the answer and the deliverance came. The skilled Admiral of the great Armada died before it had sailed. It encountered two great storms before it reached the English coast, where it appeared on July 30th, 1588, extending seven miles at sea. Disaster followed disaster; artifice and tempest scattered the great fleet, causing what of it remained to flee to the northern seas, where furious winds dashed the vessels against rocks to utter destruction.

Throughout the British Isles this was recognised as an Act of God, and national thanks were given to Him. Even the people of Spain acknowledged the Divine Hand that was against them. All Europe was solemnised, and a medal struck to commemorate the event bore the text, "The Lord sent His wind, and scattered them." Would to God the same spirit of submission under God's mighty Hand, with confession of our failures and sins, and dependence on God as expressed in prayer, were more found among God's people in the present crisis! Then we should soon have to acknowledge that "His right hand and His holy arm" had brought us deliverance.

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