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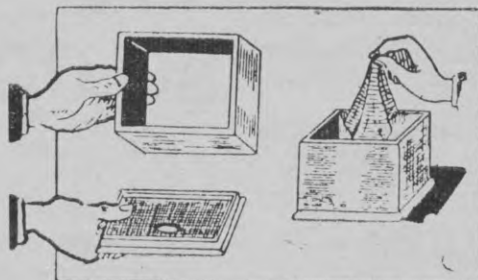
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You may think we're fighting only Hitler and his gang. The truth is

WE ARE FIGHTING 80,000,000 BEASTS!

("Daily Mirror")

DAVID WALKER is now safely back in England. He sent articles from Europe when he was there—but so long as he was within reach of Nazi vengeance he could not report everything he had seen. But now . . . he can tell all the truth about the horrors that he saw going on with-in touching distance.

They were chasing old Jews down the street towards the police station—old bearded Jews who clung to their hats and shuffled pitifully along the gutters.

At the police station, the Nazi police took off their steel helmets and I watched them smash in the faces of these old men, till each fell unconscious to the ground.

The crowd—a Viennese crowd—stood and laughed on the pavement opposite. When a Jewish girl tried to save her father from brutality they rolled her face in the gutter mud, and kicked her on the ground.

That was my introduction to Nazism in practice—November, 1938, just a year before war broke out.

Since then I have been abroad all the time, in many of the countries where the sadistic Prussian claw has brought with it the carrion stench of the Nazi vulture—in Danzig, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Yugoslavia and Spain.

I have seen the beast in action.

It's grand to be home again—but there is one thing about England I do not understand. There still seem to be people who think that Germany is peopled with amiable fools misled by a single lunatic.

People who keep assuring me: "Of course, Jerry himself is a good chap. It's Hitler we're after."

Absolute bunkum.

**WE ARE FIGHTING NOT ONE,
BUT 80,000,000 SADISTS.**

In Serbia to-day, they are hanging men and young girls on the fruit trees—or at least they hang what is left of their bodies after Nazi "treatment." They love displaying their accomplishments, with a touch of irony.

In January last year, I flew in a German machine back to Bukarest, where the Germans had staged a very effective little revolution.

The bus from the airport passed a

number of naked bodies on the famous lime-tree boulevard leading into the town. That afternoon I was taken to the great slaughter house to see the real thing.

On the hooks—where the carcasses of cattle are normally hung—they had impaled hundreds of bodies—men, women and girls, mostly Jewish, whom they had beaten, raped or slaughtered. On the bodies they hung cardboard notices proclaiming that this was **Kosher Meat.**"

It is hard to believe "Jerry himself is a good chap" after witnessing this master-stroke of Nazi humour.

Earlier in Bukarest they got seven Englishmen, including the man I shared digs with.

Green Shirts, under Gestapo control, amused themselves pulling out the toe-nails of two of them and hanging two others by their arms.

My own friend got off lightest, being stripped naked and kicked till he was unconscious. He showed me the results a few days later, when we got him back.

In Danzig I saw Polish girls being taken by force by groups of German youths, who lined up laughingly in sex crazed queues, waiting for their satisfaction.

I was in Yugoslavia when the Stukas had a holiday. There was no defence, and they came screaming down to 300 feet to machine-gun those heroic Serbian civilians, who—unlike the French—refused to leave their cities or villages and clutter up the roads.

Not Hitler, but the average German airman, came down in those furious screaming dives to murder the old men and women of Serbia.

I was in Bulgaria, too, when the Germans came, this time as "friends." They amused themselves with some friendly machine-gunning in any vil-

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LARGEST IN EGYPT

N.Z. Forces Club In Cairo

STAFF OF NEARLY 300

So large has the New Zealand Forces Club in Cairo grown that it now has a staff of nearly 300 and is the largest and best known in Egypt, said Major H. Turner, former manager of the club, who has been invalided home, in describing the activities of the club to the standing committee of the National Patriotic Fund Board. A year ago the board provided the establishment expenses of the club, which have since been refunded, the club having been a financial success, and it has been closely associated with it ever since.

Major Turner described the club as a well-appointed home for soldiers. Good hot meals were provided at the lowest prices, also sandwiches, fruit salads, and other light refreshments. The amenities included a library with a good range of books, comfortable reading and writing rooms with free writing material, a New Zealand goods canteen, tobacco and cigarette canteen, a hostelry in up-to-date flats above the main club rooms where beds with towel, soap, and hot baths cost only 2/- daily, special rest rooms for nurses, barber's shop, first-aid room, parcels rooms, and a commodious beer bar with a separate entrance where English, New Zealand and Australian beers were obtainable at prices about half those charged in the drinking places in Cairo. The bar was open from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. and from 6.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m., or 4½ hours daily.

Major Turner reported that great numbers of men made use of the club's amenities, including, in addition to the men of the New Zealand Forces, Australians, Tommies, South Africans, Rhodesians, and members of the Royal Air Force. The party of girls from the New Zealand Women's War Service Auxiliary were in charge of all the counters and cash registers in the tearoom lounge, two were in the office, and one in the library. The New Zealand girls, assisted by natives, also made sandwiches and fruit salads. They had good hours and were given reasonable leave. Their presence gave the club atmosphere a real touch of home. Valued assistance was also given by voluntary women workers in Cairo.

The club had been responsible for a reduction in the price of cigarettes and tobacco sold by the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institute. As a result of this he estimated that the New Zealanders had saved at least £50,000.

"Give A.T.S. Panties"

Panties and cosmetics should be guaranteed for A.T.S. girls as an inducement to recruits, says the Mayor of Brighton, Alderman J. Talbot Nanson.

Speaking at the opening of Brighton's women's war work week, he said the question of panties was important, but it had been settled satisfactorily in Canada.

"More girls would be encouraged to join if the method of the Canadian A.T.S. were followed of allowing the recruits three guineas for their pan-

ties and eighteen shillings every three months for cosmetics," he said.

An A.T.S. recruiting officer told a "Daily Mirror" representative: "Each recruit is issued with a set of underclothes and they are really nice, but the girls are not obliged to use them and they may wear their own if they wish."

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 lage where the civilians did not toe the line quickly enough.

I saw the sufferings of the bravest of them all the Greek Tommy and the Greek women; and these sufferings must by now be worse. Frenchmen have told me about the prisons in Spain now run under Axis influence.

Various censorships prevented the truth from being told; but it is something that Britain must know and realise.

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ARMY EDUCATION**New Zealand Has No
Special Service****EXAMPLES ELSEWHERE
IN EMPIRE**

New Zealand, alone of the Dominions, has no Army education service. Such a service is no new-fangled idea come to lay additional burdens on men who already have a job of work to do. The armies of Britain, Canada, the United States, China, Russia, Australia and South Africa, have their education services. As far as the British Army is concerned, an educational service was started toward the end of the 1914-18 war, and was at its peak during the demobilization stage when large numbers of men were awaiting a return to their civil life. The same applies to Australia.

This time, the Australian Government set up its army education service early in 1941. Its aims are:— (1) To prepare a scheme for re-training and re-educating troops for post-war living and employment; (2) in the meantime to provide a wide range of educational facilities for troops, as far as can be fitted in with training and service conditions.

It has been urged in New Zealand that the mobilization of large numbers of men on home defence provides a pressing reason for an education service for men in camp. Many of these men were in the course of specialized trade and professional training when called up and a properly organized education service would assist to bridge the gap in their civil training caused by their indefinite period of army service.

Other countries have found military advantages in education services. It enables much necessary information to be passed on by expert teachers, it provides an opportunity for men to fill in some of their spare time in an interesting and ultimately valuable way and it can be an important factor in contributing to successful civil re-establishment.

Education In Other Armies.

Under the army education service in Britain, which has large numbers of men on home defence, more than 4000 lectures are held every month.

In South Africa, General Smuts fathered a scheme which includes trained personnel with the various units.

Canada's scheme embraces education and technical training.

Australia has a full-time military education staff, with unit education officers, discussion and correspondence courses, and a weekly journal issued on the basis of a copy to each three men of all ranks.

General Pershing has spoken in the United States of the education service there as being of undoubted value in increasing morale and in giving concrete benefit to the individual soldier, both commissioned and ranker.

It has been stressed in Australia

that the army education service is not "school." It aims to cater for every man individually, according to his particular educational needs and interests. It is not compulsory and what a soldier gets out of it depends on himself. No hard and fast programme is followed. The scheme has been adapted to meet changing conditions.

Overseas supply difficulties have interfered to some extent with an important feature of the Australian scheme. This was the camp library service whereby each camp was to have a library, study hut and up to 2000 books—a carefully selected cross-section of a standard reference library. Larger camps were to service smaller ones with boxes of requested books.

Another basic activity of the Australian service is an army educational journal which provides general information, publicity for service activities, and other reading matter. Its pages are open to discussions by troops and to their contributions.

Other facilities include hobbies, both as spare-time recreation and as an introduction to vocational training, music, sketching, camp lectures by authorities on various subjects, moving and still films, and a pamphlet series for discussion groups covering various national problems.

There are also correspondence courses in many subjects as a basis of vocational training. Troops are encouraged to ask their unit education officer for particulars of what the education service offers and each military district has a deputy assistant adjutant-general (education).

MIXED.

The Colonel was conducting an examination of his unit.

He came to Porky, never too clear a thinker at any time.

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"I was going to," was the meek reply, "but I checked myself. I was afraid you'd accuse me of trying to have the last word."

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ACTIVE SERVICE

By Sgt. K. A. BAILEY, M.M.

As you read this, try and picture the scene that meets my eye as I leisurely open the door of the Hare and Hounds and stroll out into the main street of a typical English village. A large dog ceases its eternal scratching and meanders over to give me a friendly lick on the hand. Two lost war veterans sit in their wheel chairs on the Post Office corner, chatting away an idle hour or two—a daily occurrence with them. A youth in Home Guard uniform strolls proudly down the street with his lady love, while, further along, two New Zealand soldiers appear, making their usual visit to the local tea-rooms. As I round a corner into a leaf-strewn lane known as Lovers' Walk, I spy a sentry leaning languidly on his rifle, indulging in idle chatter with two nurse-maids. A foreign sound jars the peaceful scene as, around the corner glides a camouflaged Humber with our O.C., "Hooky," at the wheel. A sudden scurry as the girls start guiltily away from the gate, and the sentry embarks on a series of unhurried evolutions which finally end with the rifle at the "slope," and a salute which, although far from snappy, still treats the uniform to the respect to which it is entitled.



"Come! Come! Sarge, be sporty!—You were young yourself once, y'know!"
"Daily Mirror"

All this tends to show the peaceful atmosphere of the place, and illustrates just how far the war is away from the English countryside, the sight of a uniform bringing the only jarring note to an otherwise perfect setting.

But enough of this. I must get on with my narrative, which has as its beginning an old building known as the Catholic Rectory, Ash. There are five of us holding these billets for our unit at present quartered at a small village. Life is very dull for us. Nothing to do all day but eat well-cooked food and laze about wait-

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for it. Finally settling down in our new billets and making everything as comfortable as possible for our boys when they arrive, having earned for themselves a much-needed rest after strenuous times in an advanced position on the coast.

It is a lovely little village, built on rising ground, thereby avoiding most of the early morning fogs that pervade the lower levels. Our billets consist of a very imposing house which has three nissen huts built at the rear, two-storied bungalows, and a hall known as the Institute Hall complete the billets. By the sixth of November the company has arrived in full force with their many trucks and numerous N.C.O's and despatch riders on their noisy motor-cycles. They over-run the place like a horde of rats, sorting our gear and finding suitable sleeping places. One man happy, another grouching in true soldier fashion because some chap is better off than himself. Still in next to no time, with a speed born of long experience in roughing it, every man is settled down and doing full justice to a meal which the cook seems to grab out of thin air.

(To be continued)

SERVICEMEN'S CLUBS

A.N.A. Will Remain Open At Easter

Arrangements have been made for the A.N.A. Club to remain open through out Easter, and special menus have been planned for Easter Sunday. The A.N.A. helpers on the roster for Friday, April 3 are notified that there will be no dance that night. The club will be open on that day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Country friends continue to show their appreciation of the club's work. Hampers of produce were received from Marton A.N.A. helpers, per Mrs. S. Simpson, Patea Women's Home Guard, per Mrs. C. Haddow, Waverley W.D.F.U., citizens' circle, per Mrs. M. Graves, Hawera W.W.S.A. auxiliary per Mrs. C. H. Stevens, Otaki and Te Horo women's emergency committee, per Mrs. H. B. Blackburn and Miss M. Clarke, Tinui W.D.F., per Mrs. Donald James, two carcasses of lamb, Mrs. R. Ellison, Havelock North, fruit and walnuts, Mrs. H. M. Wilson, Hastings, vegetables, Hutt Valley W.W.S.A. garden group, per Mrs. L. Pickard.

Hostesses at Y.M.C.A.

Hostesses for the Y.M.C.A. tea for soldiers yesterday were members of the Kelburn branch of the League of Mothers, with Mrs. McPhee, the president. Mr. McPhee was chairman for the evening. A programme was presented by the following:—Vocal duets, Mesdames Millward and Look; songs, Mrs. Millward, Mrs. Arnold Downer, Mrs. Merle Gamble; elocutionary item, Mrs. F. Reid (Wanganui); banjo solos, Mr. Brazier. The accompanists were Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. Walsh, and Miss Finlay. Mr. H. Hindle led community singing with Mr. Wood at the piano.

W.A.A.F.'s Dance.

Men of the forces were entertained at the W.A.A.F.'s Club on Saturday night at the Cuba Street hall. Members of the Air Headquarters section were in charge of arrangements. After Easter, from April 10, the club will hold its dances in the Blue Triangle Hall, Boulcott Street, every Friday night at 7.30.

Takapau Donations.

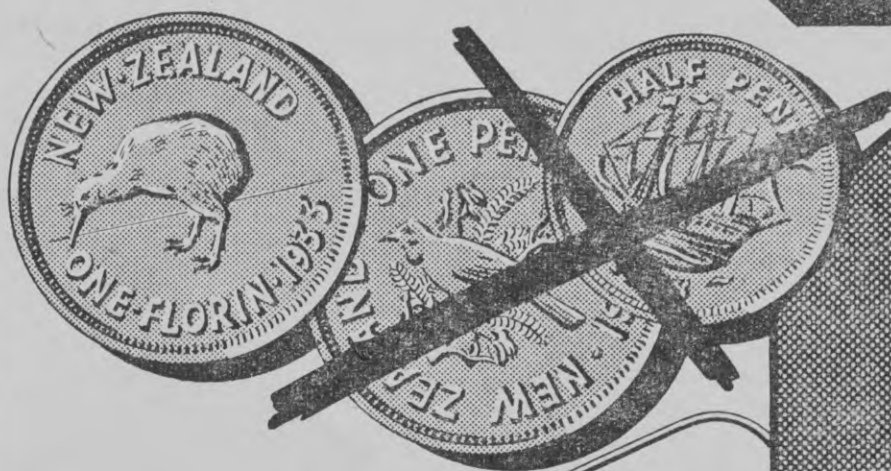
Generous donations of foodstuffs from country donors at Takapau were welcomed by the committee of the Catholic Services Club for weekend meals. Mrs. de Stacpooie and the following residents of Takapau assisted in this connexion: Mesdames Asher, Mullan, Murphy, Miss Prescott, Rev. Father O'Shea, Mr. W. Taylor. In addition, the Lower Hutt W.W.S.A. land group donated vegetables. Members of the Marist Brothers' Women's Committee were weekend hostesses.

At the Y.W.C.A.

Donations for dinners were received at the Y.W.C.A. from W.W.S.A. land groups, at Russell Terrace, Karori, Lower Hutt and Paraparaumu. Supper on Saturday was provided by members of the Island Bay League of Mothers. Members of the Wellington East College parents' association assisted in the cafeteria on Saturday, and yesterday girls from the A.M.P. helped. The Rev. Mr. Bateup conducted a service and Mr. A. Harbord and party gave a concert yesterday. Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Kirby were hostesses.

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Rescued Crew, Walked All Night For Help

LONDON, March 27.

A young New Zealand sergeant-pilot who was injured when his bomber

made a forced landing in the Western Desert walked all night for 14 miles to bring help to his crew. He instructed the crew to lie flat on the floor and hold tight as the plane went down. Then he landed on the rough desert ground, which he could not even see in the darkness. Two of the crew were killed, but the others were not seriously injured.

The pilot tried to free two trapped men, not knowing that they were dead. He then rescued the others. He knew

roughly the direction of the R.A.F. station, and, ordering the others to stand by the machine, set off alone. After some hours he stumbled into the station, almost exhausted.

When given a lift in a truck to the operations room, he was involved in a second accident when the truck slipped into a trench. He insisted on leading a party which rescued the crew. The bomber was later salvaged and made fit to fly again.

Overseas News of Interest

INSIDE GERMANY. ERSATZ IN THE RAIN.

These paper and "ersatz" suits are giving the Germans trouble. The "Neues Wiener Tagblatt" makes much of the following advice:

"Don't forget your umbrella.

"If you get wet your skin won't be hurt; you can always recover from a cold. But you will spoil your cloth, and cloth these days is the most valuable thing you possess."

"Essener National Zeitung" refers frequently to the tolerance of the Germans in countries they have conquered.

"We are not revengeful people," is one statement, "but the sight of President Wilson's statue in Prague was a daily insult to our Sudeten-Germans and to the Slovaks. Yet we leave him there."

Fortunately the statue is of stone. All the metal ones have gone long ago—but this point is not stressed.

The same paper admits frankly that Germany's destiny was hanging by a silken thread during the invasion of Norway when the German fleet sailed in the direction of Bergen and was constantly attacked by the British, who arrived at Bergen only eight hours later.

The Oslo population in the same article was classed into three categories.

Those who love, and always require the same song, "We are going to England." This is the majority of the population.

Those who give polite answers when asked.

Those who are "very reserved" towards the German soldiers.

All German newspapers carry a decree announcing that no foreigners may land in Norway without a German visa.

Did the N.W.E.F. have one?

One man in Germany thought he had beaten the authorities.

Wilhelm Zirpel, of Malchin, hired a large boat and installed a strong radio set. He settled down to listen to all foreign broadcasts.

Nevertheless, the German police are all-powerful, and he was caught. "Der Angriff" states that he has been sentenced to five years' hard labour.

The same paper reveals that five other people received heavy sentences for the same offence.

GERMANY CHANGED THEM.

While German children, speaking English, left Lisbon some time ago after disembarking from the West Point, American children, speaking no English at all, arrived at the neighbouring platform in the Berlin train from the occupied countries.

These young sons and daughters of the last exchange of American and German diplomats were a strange contrast, writes the "Daily Mirror" Lisbon correspondent.

The Germans from the U.S. were Americans from the occupied countries were pale and pinched.

There was also a big contrast between the smartly-dressed German women in the latest American styles and the usually smart American women, now dressed in ill-assembled and worn travelling outfits. The Germans had sheerest silk stockings; the Americans had none.

Luggage Marked V.

Americans held up the disembarkation of Germans from the ship for forty-eight hours till the last of three train loads of Americans had left the Spanish-Portuguese border.

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A soldier's hat and coat
So they set a trap to catch the thief
'Twas Captain Storrie's goat.

It seems they found the footprints
So made a plaster cast
And finally solved the case
By what the goat had passed.

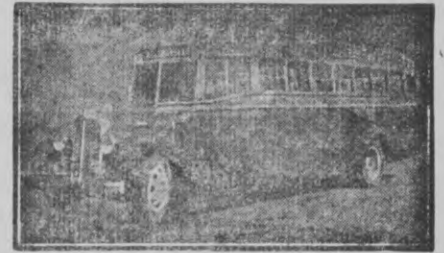
So you see they are efficient
And beat them no one can
The boys of Roche's Yard
Will always get their man.

—J.P.

Almost every piece of luggage taken off the ship was marked with a V by the crew.

American Marines saluted the German officials as they left the ship "as a last courtesy till we get back and into the shooting."

One Englishwoman married to an Australian, returned to Germany with a baby, five months.



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2.51	3.15
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OUR SHARE.

And we ourselves? Are our hands clean?
Are our souls free from blame
For this world-tragedy?
Nay then! Like all the rest,
We had a relaxed our hold on higher things,
And satisfied ourselves with smaller.
Ease, pleasure, greed of gold—
Laxed morals even in these—
We suffered them, as unaware
Of their soul-cankering.
We had slipped back along the sloping way,
No longer holding First Things First,
But throning god's emasculate—
Idols of our own fashioning,
Heads of sham gold and feet of crumbling clay.
If we would build anew, and built to stay,
We must find God again,
And go His way.
(From "All's Well!"—John Oxenham)

"Most of us are hoping that one outcome of this present war will be a general uplift in our national life, a re-awakening to a sense of our duty towards God, a greater striving after the things that make for goodness, kindness, unselfishness and pure living. In short, we hope that the close of this war will find us as a people better in spiritual health than we were when it broke out.

Miramar Junction—Lambton	(Rly. Stn.)	2 and 3
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- 8—Via Lambton Quay and Stout St.
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But while we hope for this and pray for this, for our country as a whole, we sometimes forget that if this improvement is to be accomplished it must be through the individual. We often speak of the "British nation" as though it were some abstract thing quite detached from ourselves, overlooking the fact that we are as much a part of and representative of, the nation as anyone else. . . . But what does all this actually mean? . . . Reduced to simple terms it means, among other things, that as a nation we were forgetting God, or giving Him a second place in our lives and interests. Worldly prosperity threatened to be our undoing. There was so much money to spare that we were spending it unwisely on things that drew us away from God, rather than on things that furthered His wishes. We had so much leisure that we had to devise ways and means of killing time—and these were often very ig-

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noble ways. . . . In all ranks of society there was creeping in an all-pervading disposition to shirk serious work, serious thought, and serious responsibility, while every prominence to things that are least worth while and often to things that are positively harmful.

History has proved again and again that the nation or the individual who is obsessed with money-worship is utterly lost as a moral force; and we were fast becoming money-worshippers of the crudest type. . . . But still more serious was the changing attitude of our nation as a whole towards the things of God. Think how irreverence was permeating all classes, how goodness was openly scoffed at, while badness was applauded, or at any rate condoned. . . . We must resolve to do better in the future. This is only possible through the help of God; and God's help must be asked for in prayer; believing that He will answer the prayers."

The above remarks were published during the South African War, over 40 years ago. We have no difficulty in discerning which road we have travelled since they were written. How much greater is our need of God and how much more perilous is our position before Him. May we heed this warning of a third and greater war and turn again to Him.

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