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cracks that are bandied about as men file into mess. Comes evening mess, and then, at 2200 hrs. (10 p.m.), lights out, with always a few stragglers trying to get in before "Kirko", our Orderly Sergeant, makes his tattoo report. Sometimes they lose the race, and sometimes they win—but "Kirko" at times is quite an understanding bloke who does not begrudge the boys a few minutes extra provided they do not abuse the privilege. I have a shrew suspicion that sometimes one or two of the boys who were in for tattoo report are to be found half an hour later enjoying a comfortable fire and rudly interrupted supper in some cosy nook in the village. Can you blame them?

This story would not be complete without mentioning the fine type of girl I met in the County Hospital—a counterpart of many hundreds of others in similar positions all over Great Britain. Young girls of from 17 to 19 years of age belonging to the St. John Ambulance, Red Cross, and Mobile V.A.D.'s who volunteered for service at home or overseas immediately war broke out, and doing yeoman service with their twelve and thirteen hours a day, exhibiting an amazing show of energy and cheerfulness that would do justice to any veteran.

In closing, let me say that the people of New Zealand owe a debt of gratitude to those in the Motherland who have opened their hearts and homes to us, preventing many a bout of homesickness, helping us to take courage and prepare for the stern task ahead, which can only have one possible ending—Victory.

Kia Ora.

Overseas News of Interest

LITTLE SHIP WAS TOO GOOD FOR THE U-BOAT.

A little ship chugging along at only four knots, with one boiler out of action, challenged a U-boat, scored at least two hits on it, and left it in a sinking condition.

The story was told by the Minister of Shipping. He said the ship sighted the U-boat on the surface at about 5,000 yards. The master swung his stern round to bring his gun to bear.

"The ship was making four knots on one boiler," he said. "The U-boat was approaching at about 15 knots. At 2,000 yards the U-boat opened fire and there were some near misses.

"But the little ship replied and her second shot scored a direct hit. There was some doubt about the third and fourth, but the fifth definitely hit again, and one or two other shots hit.

"That was a grand piece of gun-laying. The report said they all did their duty well.

Down by Stern.

"The U-boat was last seen making off, beaten by the little ship,

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SKILL, COURAGE

D.F.C. For N.Z. Pilot

LONDON, March 30.

The D.F.C. has been awarded to a New Zealander, Pilot Officer (now Squadron Leader) Irving Stanley Smith, of the R.A.F.

The citation says that he joined his squadron in the early days of the air attack against Britain. Though posted direct from a flying training school, he quickly displayed the skill and initiative of an experienced pilot. He has destroyed, despite heavy odds, two enemy planes, and possibly a further four. He has shown great keenness and determination in night fighting.

with black and yellow smoke coming from her aft. She was badly down by the stern and the bow well up.

"And the little ship plodded on successfully at four knots, on one boiler."

The Minister said he looked forward with confidence to next year, when we should really have greatly increased strength at sea and in the air.

"I look forward to those large number of ships which I hope will be launched and completed in the United States, and which will so much fortify our position," he said.

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WITCHES ARE AFTER ADOLF.

(From John Walters, New York, in the "Daily Mirror.")

Solemn efforts to destroy Hitler by witchcraft are being made nightly by a group of men and women in Washington, District of Columbia. These people, all believers in the power of sorcery, sit in a ring round a small cushion image of Hitler, sticking pins, needles and nails into it.

At the same time they chant the following dreadful incantation:—

"Instan, come and help us, we are

driving nails and needles.

"We are driving pins and needles into Adolf Hitler's heart.

"We are driving nails and needles, we are driving pins and needles.

"Cats will claw his heart in darkness, dogs will bite it in the night."

Leader of the group is Mr. Richard Tupper, who says that its women members make the best witches.

Blood-Curdling.

"They rasp out incantations that curdle your blood as they stick things into the doll's vitals," he said.

The ritual of the anti-Hitler sessions was planned on the recommendation of William Seabrook, of New York world authority on witchcraft.

Mr. Seabrook says that if Hitler hears about them he may worry himself into a bad spell, and perhaps into the grave.

The history of witchcraft, he adds, records many cases of people being ruined by the knowledge of attempts to cast a spell on them.

And Mr. Tupper hopes that thousands of people all over the world will form similar witchcraft circles with the great ideal of casting the worst possible spell on Adolf.