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Work Of Service Clubs Largely Helped

The cafeteria committee of the A.N.A. Club had a "full house" during the week. After meals the cosy lounge and billiard-room are always crowded with men. Members of the Women's War Service Auxiliary were on duty on Saturday afternoon and served the evening meal.

The club acknowledges with thanks gifts of provisions, vegetables and fruit from the Marton A.N.A. helpers, per Mrs. S. Simpson, and the Hawera W.W.S.A., per Mrs. C. N. Stevens, and two carcasses of lamb, donated by Mr. C. J. Williams, Havelock North; vegetables, Hutt Valley W.W.S.A., per Mrs. L. Pickard, and Paraparaumu W.W.S.A., per Miss M. Loughnan. The A.N.A. Club is specially grateful to Mr. K. Ellison, Havelock North, who has organized a weekly succession of gifts of lamb from himself and neighbouring farmers. The weekly dances are popular, the ballroom being crowded on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Gifts of jam would be welcomed as this commodity is in great demand.

Box Of Soap Sent.

The girls of Webby's Club wish to thank the giver of a large box of soap.

Many guests visited the club during the weekend, men of the forces appreciating the entertainment arranged for them. A number of returned men were given a warm welcome. Corporal and Mrs. Allen gave exhibition dances on Saturday night, and the band played the latest numbers and request items.

Pennants for the Walls.

Numerous pennants, the gifts of men of the forces who have visited the club, now decorate the walls of the Spinners' Club, the collection including an A.I.F. pennant that was given by some special guests. During April the Sunday attendances totalled 1300. The monthly Saturday dance was popular, and the girls have arranged another for May 16. The club was open on Anzac night also. During the week the president and vice-presidents arranged an evening for parents of members, and proved so successful that further gatherings of this kind are planned.

Y.M.C.A. Tea.

At the soldiers' tea at the Wellington Y.M.C.A. yesterday, the hostesses were members of the Hutt Valley Methodist Combined Guilds (Mrs. H. Muir, president), and of the Petone Methodist Guild (Mrs. Cashmore, president). Mr. J. A. Martin was chairman. Items were as follows:—Songs, Mrs. Millward, Mrs. Glover, Mr. Frank Bryant; vocal duet, Mrs. Glover and Mr. Bryant; banjo solo, Mr. Brazier; elocutionary items, Miss Nola Hyde. The accompanist was Mrs. M. Boyd. Community singing was led by Mr. Allwright, with Mr. Wood at the piano.

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Overseas News

THE MEDAL HE DIDN'T GET.

This is the simple story of a man who didn't get a medal.

One day in an Army training camp somewhere in England, a soldier went to the quarter-master's stores and was issued with his second pair of boots (leather, black). There was a parade due in a few minutes, so he just put them on top of his blankets and kit.

You've guessed it. When he came back the boots had gone.

He went around asking whether anyone had taken his boots. Nobody had.

At last he reported the loss to his sergeant-major, who, being a suspicious sort of a fellow, said the boots must have been stolen. The S.M. told the battery commander, who ordered a full kit inspection at once.

The boots were still missing.

The sergeant-major did some straight talking.

Somebody was a thief. The thief must confess and take his punishment like a man. This had no effect.

"All right," said the S.M., "you're all confined to barracks until the man owns up."

A profound gloom settled upon the camp, a gloom that intensified as days lengthened into weeks and still the thief did not confess.

So one night a group of soldiers held anxious conclave by the yellow light of a hurricane lamp.

Private X had an idea. He borrowed an unworn pair of boots from someone else in the tent (so that he himself should have one pair in excess of the two pairs issued).

The next day he "confessed" to the theft.

Until then, Private X had showed

promise and been marked down for promotion.

He was clean, well-disciplined and eager to progress. But, of course, he was punished, for he told his story with conviction.

He was a friend among friends, and the need for sacrifice had arisen, not on any battlefield, but in camp in England.

If, in the unpredictable future, Private X should distinguish himself by some act of gallantry in battle, only the officers who knew of his "lapse" will be surprised.

His comrades know him already as a man who deserved a medal.

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DEAD PILOT'S SAVINGS FOR GOVERNMENT.

Killed by enemy action, a Glasgow pilot officer who had brought down twelve enemy machines has left his £800 life savings as an interest free loan to the Government for the duration of the war.

The money has been handed to Sir Patrick Dollan, Lord Provost of Glasgow, who has invested it in the name of the pilot's mother. The gift is made anonymously.

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CONSCRIPT DANCE IS U.S. CRAZE

Thousands of American jitterbugs have gone raving mad over a new dance called "Doing the Draft-away," which celebrates the conscription law.

When the dance starts the boy is "conscripted." This calls for the couple to take four long strides across the floor.

He learns to march. Facing each other they mark time. He awakes to the sound of a bugle. Back to back still marking time, they pantomime a bugler. The climax comes with the boy going on leave and the couple going crazy on the dance floor of the city.



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