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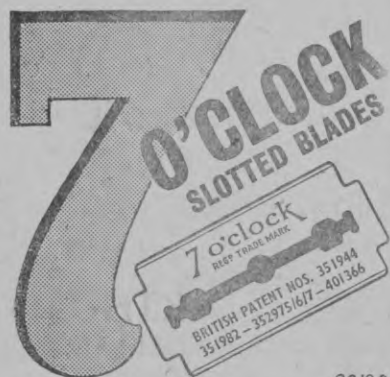
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Tough Guys of the Home Guard Moorland Patrol

(A. W. Brockbank in the "Daily Mirror.")

Tough guys of the Home Guard are the men of the Moorland Patrol—a special unit recruited mainly from city workers in Manchester and trained to fight in the wild moorland on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border. They became the first Home Guard Commandos in the country.

No man in the "foreign legion" as some of their pals call them, is over fifty. He must be physically fit and capable of remarkable endurance since the weather in the country of his patrol is sometimes the worst in England.

For his own safety, he must learn to walk to a compass bearing, possess the shepherd's instinct for dangerous ground, know how to take care of himself and his pals in the moorland mists which so often blanket that wild part of the country, and learn to live on iron rations.

Because guerilla warfare has always been part of their training the moorland patrol have become the Home Guard's invisible men.

They have brought the art of camouflage and unseen movement to a fine degree of perfection.

This is the sort of winter training they have been doing. One night they advanced over two miles of moorland to fixed points from three bases, thence on compass bearings to positions for attack at zero hour, followed by attack on a tank harbour.

Observers in the tank harbour afterwards confessed that they neither saw nor heard any movement. With soil-stained faces and hands the moorland patrol became a ghost army that struck silently in the dark.

They are skilled in fieldcraft, camouflage, map reading and route finding. Scouting and patrol work and night fighting are an important part of their training.

Up to September, 1941, patrols were maintained nightly, whatever the weather, without a single patrol losing its way in this extremely difficult moorland country.

After September, the patrols were withdrawn, but on two nights a week patrols have been taken to the moors not become rough and coarse.

Bad weather has not interrupted this training, which almost rivals in its toughness that of the Regular Army.

Each man learns how to walk silently in the dark and crawl invisibly by day. Some of the men are ex-Scouts and have trained their colleagues in tracking, and in reading nature's ever-changing face.

The patrol has become one of Britain's most potent guerilla bands, and since their own particular region of moorland is near the Lancashire industrial field, the importance of the guards in the event of a parachute attack is obvious.

PRISONERS' PARCELS

New System To Assist Next-of-Kin

A new system to assist next-of-kin to prisoners of war has been adopted by the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the New Zealand Red Cross Society. In the past it has been the practice to send clothing coupons only when the quarterly label was issued to next-of-kin, but in future the set of 15 coupons will be forwarded every quarter irrespective of when the Red Cross label is due to be dispatched.

Inquiries have been made as to why all labels, etc., are not forwarded at the same time. The official reply is that if that were done it would mean that the four packing centres would have to handle over 6000 parcels at one time. That would not only mean that much more packing space would be required, but that packers would have to work frantically for several weeks in each quarter to prepare the parcels for shipment. On the other hand if the parcels reached the packing depots in relays throughout the quarterly period, the handling became easier, and there was no marked accumulation of parcels for any particular ship, but every ship available could take its proportion.

The receipt of these coupons by next-of-kin must not be taken to mean that they are due to send another parcel. They are simply forwarded now to enable next-of-kin to secure wool with a view to having it knitted in readiness for the parcel and to make purchases of clothing and so forth, when stocks are available. Labels will, as previously, be issued on certain dates (not the same to everyone), and parcels must not be forwarded till next-of-kin are in possession of the Red Cross



"Care to go sick for a few days, Nobby? The wife's sent a home-made cake!"

—"Daily Mirror."

tie-on label. Any unused coupons must be returned.

Faults Of Senders.

The failure of a large number of the senders of prisoner-of-war parcels to fill in their names and addresses on the Red Cross label, to enclose acknowledgment cards, and to fill in and enclose the duplicate contents slips, is likely to hold up the censorship, according to the weekly bulletin of the Prisoners of War Inquiry Office. The instructions should be adhered to by next-of-kin for their own benefit.

The total prohibition of the sending of parcels from Cairo to New Zealand prisoners of war is announced. Hitherto up to 100 a week had been sent through friends and relatives of prisoners in the Middle East.

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Army Speed Limit.

Though Army vehicles were, for obvious reasons, excluded from the recent legislation (aimed at conserving tyres) making it a civil offence to drive vehicles at a speed exceeding 40 miles an hour, a recent instruction issued by the Quarter-master-General states that such exception applies only in the event of a national emergency. Strict observation of the maximum speed limit laid down by the Army authorities for Army drivers of motor-cars and motor-cycles is required. The limit is the same as for civilian vehicles—40 miles an hour on roads.

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GOOD GOAL-KICKING

Wellington Beat Army East At Rugby

MARGIN OF SEVEN POINTS

In their third match of the season, the Wellington representative Rugby team had to put their best feet foremost at Athletic Park on Saturday afternoon to beat an Army East fifteen by 16 points to 9. As against Auckland, the Wellington inside backs failed to function, and the wing-threequarters only handled the ball when it was accidentally kicked to them. Faulty handling was the cause of the breakdown of many passing movements. Territorially the Army team had as good a run of the play, and hooked the ball from the majority of the scrums, thanks to able work by R. Burke, the former University, Wellington, and New Zealand hooker. It was only outstanding play by Kingstone, at left wing-threequarter, which brought victory to Wellington, as, in addition to converting both tries scored, he landed two penalty goals, and took his share both on attack and defence, on one occasion travelling fast right over to the opposite wing to prevent a score in the nick of time. The teams were:—

Army East: Wairoa; Jamieson, Kay, Newton; Bedingfield, Cooke; Bevan; Cleland, Blake, Lloyd, Elliott, Rogers, Walker, Burke, Brew.

Wellington: Sanson; Hudson, S. Jaeger, Kingstone; H. Jaeger, Stott; Dougan; White, Murphy, Foiey, Illingworth, Beard, Stanaway, Haigh, Bills.

With a helpful northerly breeze behind them, Wellington had the advantage in the early stages, and good play by Kingstone nearly led to a try within a few minutes. Keeping up the pressure, Wellington hammered at the Army line till S. Jaeger snapped up a dropped ball to open the scoring with a try, which Kingstone converted. Wairoa, who was playing soundly at full-back for Army, delayed getting in his kick, and was heavily tackled by Murphy, and had to retire shortly afterward. Cleland dropped back to full-back, and Carrington took his place in the pack. Play was strenuous, and it was not long before Murphy had to be carried off by the ambulance men, his place being filled by Baumber.

Fast following up by Jamieson enabled Rogers to open the Army account with a try, which Walker made a good attempt to convert. Cooke was playing a bright game at second five-eighths for Army, and Newton, a former St. Patrick's College (Wellington) player, was very active at wing-threequarter, completely bottling up Hudson with his deadly tackling. Before the spell ended Kingstone raised the Wellington score to 11 by putting over two penalty goals, both being fine kicks.

With the wind behind them, Army East set up a hot attack in the second spell, and Jamieson reduced the leeway with a penalty goal. Wellington made a hot attack, and when a clearing kick by an Army back was charged down, Stott was presented with a gift try near the posts, which Kingstone had no difficulty in converting.

Fast play followed. Cleland created excitement when he intercepted a pass and got clear through the defence, but his punt ahead rolled into touch. Beard and S. Jaeger showed up with strong runs for Wellington, and toward the close of the game Newton ended up a bright display by scoring a try for Army, which Jamieson failed to convert. A fast and willing, if not too scientific, display of Rugby thus resulted in a win for Wellington by 16 points to 9.

Next to Kingstone, the best back on the Wellington side was Dougan, who made an auspicious first appearance for Wellington as half-back, and proved himself to be the man the province has been looking for some time.

Mr. A. Hooper was the referee.

MATCHES ARRANGED

R.N.Z.A.F. Rugby Team In Britain

LONDON, September 7.
Pilot Officer Eric Grant, Auckland, who carried out several raids with the New Zealand Bomber Squadron, including visits to Saint Nazaire, Wilhelmshaven, Emden, and Bremen, also mine-laying trips, is now attached to the New Zealand Air Liaison Office, where he is also sports officer. He has already arranged 12 matches for the R.N.Z.A.F. Rugby team in the coming season, and also for a combined Australian and New Zealand team to play South Wales at Swansea on February 13. This is believed to be the first Anzac team to play in Britain. Many of last year's R.N.Z.A.F. team are missing or transferred, and practically a new team will play, the newcomers including Pilot Officer R. W. G. Emery and Sergeant B. Heffernan, Auckland, Sergeant R. A. Powell, King Country, Sub-Lieutenants N. Lawrence, Fleet Air Arm, Wanganui, A. A. Copeland, Canterbury, and S. Green, Palmerston North. The last two are agriculturists, who recently arrived in Britain.

ARMY CAR TAKEN

Three Soldiers Sentenced

Sentence was promulgated on Saturday on three soldiers who were found guilty by a district court-martial at Wellington on a charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that they unlawfully converted to their use an Army vehicle. Private Herbert James O'Connor was sentenced to six months jail with hard labour, Private Daniel William Charlwood to 90 days' jail with hard labour and Private Conrad Leslie Dender to 60 days' detention.

At the court-martial, the principal witness, B. R. Hill, a traffic inspector, said he stopped an Army car which was being driven erratically along the Hutt Road at 11.15 p.m. on August 29. There were six bottles of beer in the car. Charlwood and O'Connor appeared to have been drinking. They could not produce running instructions showing that the car was being legally used on Army business. Dender was also in the car.

Another witness said the car taken by accused was that of the commandant of the coastal defence wing, School of Artillery.

SOLDIERS' JOB IN N.Z.

Prepare To Go Overseas At Short Notice

ADDRESS BY GENERAL

AUCKLAND, Sept. 8.
An inspection of some of the units under his command was made today by Major-General Barrowlough, D.S.O. and bar, M.C. He told them that his and their job was to get ready as quickly as possible against the day when they might be required to go overseas.

"Sooner or later," said General Barrowlough, in a brief but direct address, "somebody must go overseas to win this war. We cannot win it by staying in New Zealand. Our job is to get ourselves ready so that we can go overseas at very short notice."

WAR VERSE and PROSE

Selected by A.T.M.

THE FLAG.

The meteor flag of England
Shall yet terrific burn,
Till danger's troubled night depart,
And the star of peace return.
—Thos. Campbell.

NATIONAL DEFENCE.

A nation is not to be worthy to be saved if, in the hour of its fate, it will not gather up all its jewels of manhood and life and go down into the conflict, however bloody and doubtful, resolved on measureless ruin or complete success.—President Garfield, in an address to the U.S. Congress, 1864.

THE SOLDIER.

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But glory is the soldier's prize,
The soldier's wealth is honour;
The brave poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger;
Remembers he's his country's stay,
In day and hour of danger.
—Robert Burns.

FRANCE.

We hate not France, but France has lost her voice,
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He left New Zealand on January 6, 1940, as a major commanding a squadron in the divisional cavalry. Life on shipboard is generally a lazy existence, but not so with John Russell. If he were not training his men and getting to know each personally and intimately, he was leading us all in sports. Every activity on the ship claimed his participation. I never knew a man so full of high spirits and common sense. His loud roar of a laugh could be heard all over the ship. His capacity for joking was illimitable. Yet there was not a grain of malice in his composition. His spirit was too robust to be petty. Those of us who travelled with him on that voyage out will remember him first as we think of our companions.

Life was his adventure always. Later in Egypt there was no one more determined to have his men well trained. His thoughts and acts were always first directed for the benefit of the men and for their efficiency. He had a passion for excellence, and how well he succeeded is well known throughout the N.Z.E.F. All ranks of his command were infected by his own enthusiasm. This enthusiasm was spread through his command not by grim attention to detail, but rather by John Russell's buoyant high spirits, his natural optimism, and his sense of the reality of things.

It was inevitable that he should be noticed in action. In Greece and in Crete his leadership was outstanding, and his personal bravery supreme. No one who knew him was in the slightest degree surprised to hear that he had been awarded the D.S.O. for great gallantry in the field. That was just John Russell.

Only once did I see him angry. He had been sent to the base suffering from some medical complaint affecting his feet. Some of the doctors were contemplating his having to return to New Zealand as unfit. He was livid with fury and determined to defeat such a catastrophe. He even went outside the army for advice, but I think that it was really his sheer grit and determination that made him fit once more.

A vacancy occurred later for command of one of the Wellington infantry battalions and he was selected to fill the gap. He left his beloved divisional cavalry, and was duly promoted to lieutenant-colonel as he assumed his new command.

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—Daily Mirror."

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Now he has been killed with his face to the foe, and New Zealand has lost a very gallant officer who would assuredly, had the fates allowed, have risen even higher in the army. He could not have risen higher in the affection of his friends or the men whom he commanded.

As I write this I imagine I can see John Russell as he strolls along the Elysian Fields turn and look down and whisper, "Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail or knock the breast, nothing but well and fair," but it is I who will complete the quotation, "And what may quiet us in a death so noble."—C. A. L. Treadwell, Lieutenant-Colonel, 12/9/42.

MINISTER'S TRIBUTE

"In the death, on active service in the Middle East, of Lieut.-Colonel J. T. Russell, D.S.O., the Dominion has lost a splendid officer whose high talents had undoubtedly destined him to play an increasingly important role in the leadership of New Zealand troops on the battlefield," said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, yesterday. "Having already attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel at the comparatively early age of 38, he was carrying on the fine family tradition established by his distinguished father, Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., and his services in the field during the present war were but a continuation of his active interest in the Wellington East Coast Mounted Rifles in the Territorial Force during the years immediately preceding."

Everyman's Hut

It is easy to love Him, when the blue
is in the sky,

When summer winds are blowing, and
we smell the roses nigh;

There is little effort needed to obey
His precious will

When it leads through flower-decked
valleys, or over sun-kissed hill.

It is when the rain is falling, or the
mist hangs in the air,

When the road is dark and rugged,
and the wind no longer fair,

When the rosy dawn has settled in a
shadowland of gray,

That we find it hard to trust Him,
and are slower to obey.

It is easy to trust Him when the sing-
ing birds have come,

And their canticles are echoed in our
heart and in our home;

But 'tis when we miss the music, and
the days are dull and drear,

That we need a faith triumphant over
every doubt and fair.

And our blessed Lord will give it;
what we lack he will supply;

Let us ask in faith believing—on His
promises rely;

He will ever be our Leader, whether
smooth or rough the way,

And will prove Himself sufficient for
the needs of every day.

YOUR KODAK SNAPS!

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KODAK SERVICE

In the beautiful story of Ruth and Naomi, we have a wonderful illustration of true love. Naomi has been in deep sorrow and distress. Leaving her home and people to escape the famine, she goes with her husband and sons to a strange country. In time her sons marry daughters of that land and later, the father and sons all die. Naomi is left with her two daughters-in-law and sad memories of her own land. Then comes word that God has blessed that land with plenty and she determines to return there—to Bethlehem-Judah. The two daughters-in-law set out with her, but Naomi points out to them that they are leaving all their relations aid going to those who will be strangers to them. She counsels them to stay in their own land and perhaps find other husbands to care for them. One of the girls—Orpah—turns back, her love for Naomi is not great enough to lead her away from all the old life in the land of Moab. But Ruth refuses to go back. We read that "she clave to" Naomi, and to the latter's suggestion that she too should go back with her sister-in-law, she replied with these heart-touching words: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." Her's was no fine weather love, and it brought her to know the God of Israel, the living God, and to be one of His people; it gave her a rich and noble husband in Boaz, and it bestowed upon her the the great honour of being in the line from which came the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

That is the love for which He is seeking to-day. Job said, "Though he slay me yet will I trust Him." We are not called upon to die for Christ, but we are called to live for Him. To do so requires that He lives in us, that we love Him and trust Him at all times—bad times as well as good—in the darkness of night as well as in the sunshine of noonday.

THE HUTS THEY PULLED DOWN

You will no doubt recall
How the Army contrived
To erect the new huts
When first they arrived.

How one Sergeant Baker,
And our Camp R.S.M.,
Did struggle for hours
With the erecting of them.

They housed the Camp Staff
And then gave it best;
Just left it to Fletchers
To put up the rest.

Well, time has gone by
And the job is complete,
They put up the quota,
Street after street.

They numbered them all,
Four hundred or more,
Stopped all the leaks
And nailed up one door.

So now you can guess
Why the Colonel did frown
When District sent word
To pull forty down.

It seems they're required,
And District don't care,
Just rob Ngaruawahia
They've got plenty there.

Now isn't that typical,
The Heads love to clown,
They're no sooner up
Then they want 'em pulled down.

So down they must come,
For the order it stands,
Joe Henderson's peeved
'Cause it's ruined his plans.

He had drawn them to scale,
Each hut and each drain,
But they're now out of date
So he's starting again.

Sergeant Charles Baker
Is again to the fore,
Boss of the works,
Just the same as before.

He'll give expert advice
When they reach the new site,
Providing that District
Don't change overnight.

But they'll probably wait,
Alas and alack,
'Till the last one's erected
Before ordering them back.

—J.P., Ngaruawahia.

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