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1942		
January	February	March
S... 4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29
M... 5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30
Tu... 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31
W... 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25
Th... 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26
F... 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27
S... 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28
April	May	June
S... 5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
M... 6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tu... 7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
W... 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Th... 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
F... 10 17 24 31	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
S... 11 18 25	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
July	August	September
S... 5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
M... 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tu... 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
W... 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Th... 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
F... 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
S... 11 18 25	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
October	November	December
S... 4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
M... 5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tu... 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
W... 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Th... 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
F... 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
S... 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

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THE GERMAN MESSIAH

The German Messiah who arose from the gutters of Vienna to save the German people from Versailles, from the Jews, from the fierce Czechs, from the predatory Poles, from the avaricious French, from the cunning English and from the German people themselves, can now safely claim greatness. The greatness of the Unhumane Killer slaughtering his fellow-men on a scale unknown to history.

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INDELIBLE

Hitler and his Italian jackal who had been junketing on the Russian front together. On his return to Rome the Duce wired to his master:

"The fervid days passed together will remain an indelible souvenir in my memory."

There is another indelible souvenir in the memory of this paunchy artist in crime.

The Duce cannot forget the proud days of his first meeting with the screaming Nazi ranter who rose to become master of Italy in place of Mussolini himself.

Things were different then. Ah! how different they were. The Duce had not embarked on war. After a decade of castor oil, beatings, and a few discreet murders, he was arriving at the zenith of his career. He was not summoned to appear before Hitler. But Hitler himself, eager to meet and pay his respects to the Italian Dictator, came down from over the Alps to Italy.

That was an unforgettable occasion! The Fuehrer, dressed in a filthy old raincoat, was presented like a down-at-reel commercial traveller to the resplendent Duce. How small the little man with the moustache must have felt in the glittering presence of Imperial Caesar! It was one of the great snubs in history, and the measure of its success was that it infuriated Hitler as much as it pleased the Italian tyrant.

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MILITARY FORCES

Promotions And Transfers

The following appointments, promotions and transfers are included in a list published in last night's Gazette.

Major S. C. V. W. Sagden, New Zealand Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Staff Officer, Training, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to the General Staff Branch, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Major (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) A. R. Cockerell, D.S.O., 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, relinquishes the appointment of General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, New Zealand Staff College, Palmerston North, and the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and is appointed General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, Southern Military District, Christchurch.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Wickens, D.S.O., V.D., relinquishes the appointment of Commandant, Military Camp, Addington, and is appointed Area Commander, Area No. 10, Christchurch.

Major C. N. Newman, D.S.O., relinquishes the appointment of District Artillery Officer, Northern Military District, Auckland, is appointed Commander, Northern Fortress Area, and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, while so employed.

Captain (temp. Major) J. K. Greenwood, Royal Tank Regiment, is appointed General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, New Zealand Staff College, Palmerston North, and is granted the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while so employed.

Captain (acting Major) A. Flint, Royal Tank Regiment (T.A.) is appointed General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade (M.T.2), Army Headquarters, Wellington, and is granted the local rank of Major while so employed.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. McK. Geddes, M.C., New Zealand Artillery, relinquishes command of the Northern Fortress Area, and is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Class I (b), Area I.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. Jardine, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes the appointment of Commandant, Army School of Instruction, Trentham, and is appointed Area Commander, Area No. 6, Wanganui.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Mr Justice E. H. Northeroft, D.S.O., V.D., relinquishes the appointment of District Artillery Officer, Southern Military District, and is appointed Fortress Area Commander, Lyttelton.

William Glenholme Tweedy, M.B.E., is appointed New Zealand Red Cross Commissioner, Middle East, and is granted the honorary rank of Major.

THE OWEN GUN

Australian Invention Mass Produced

The Owen gun, invented by an Australian, and being mass-produced in Australia from Australian materials, has proved, under thorough tests, to be the best light sub-machinegun of the war.

With a lower trajectory over 300 yards, it is far more deadly than other sub-machineguns, and fires with greater velocity, deeper penetration and less recoil. It is mud-proof and sand-proof. In tests, it maintained a hail of fire when choked with sand and smothered with mud. Under parallel tests a Thompson gun stopped working and a Sten gun blew up.

The Owen gun can fire 30 rounds in three seconds. A flick of the finger gives either automatic or trigger control. Ingenious but extremely simple catches allow spent magazines and hot barrels to be replaced in an instant. The Owen gun weighs 10½ pounds and costs less than £6, a fraction of the price of the Thompson sub-machinegun.

The gun's inventor, 27-year-old Evelyn Owen, a mortar-mixer before the war, was on the point of sailing with an A.I.F. contingent when the value of his remarkable invention was recognized.

A doctor tells a story of a first-aid class in a London office.

He put this question to a girl: "A man has a head wound which is bleeding badly. What would you do to stop the bleeding?"

She replied brightly: "I'd apply a tourniquet round his neck."



"Sluggery! Drop that warlike attitude! Things were nice and peaceful before you came here!"

—"Daily Mirror."

NOTED BOXER MISSING

Private H. Calder, Bluff, who has been reported missing, was one of the keenest boxers produced in Southland in the last 20 years. He became a quadruple champion, an honour almost unique in boxing. He won the Southland, Wellington, Taranaki and Otago championships in turn, and represented three provinces at the New Zealand championship ships—Wellington, Taranaki and Southland. He did not win a national title but he went very close to doing so when he was runner-up in the lightweight division at the New Zealand championship ships in Invercargill in 1939. Private Calder was a lightweight boxer, but he won the Otago welterweight championship. The same year (1939) he was runner-up in the lightweight class.

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N.Z. PRISONERS AT BARDIA

Disgusting Ordeal

FILTHY QUARTERS AND POOR FOOD

CAIRO, January 11

Conditions described as absolutely disgusting were experienced by prisoners held at Bardia for six long weeks before British troops stormed and took the coastal stronghold. The stories differ slightly in detail, but all confirm that about 1100 men were crammed in an area of about an acre without allowance for adequate exercise of limbs and were very scantily fed.

A gunner of a field regiment said he entered Bardia after dark, having marched from 20 to 25 miles since 11 a.m. without food or water. As they passed through the wire gates groups of Italians came running up to stare.

Eventually they tumbled into a compound in the centre of the port. It was a concreted area walled on all sides 50 yards square without a roof. The place was filthy and they had no food that night.

Next morning the Germans called for volunteers to clean another compound to which the prisoners were to be transferred. This took 20 men eight hours. While they were away the first issue of food arrived shortly after noon consisting of a small tin of bully beef, reputedly horseflesh, and one roll of German brown bread. Those working in the other compound missed and spent another night without food.

Like Department Store.

The new compound was no better than the first, except that it was larger. The floor was of broken concrete and the walls were seven feet high without a roof. To move was like walking in a big department store on Christmas Eve; in fact, worse, since, if one got too far from one's own square, one had to climb over others to return.

In the first few days 30 men were taken to scramble down cliffs to bathe, but this was so fatiguing, specially the return climb, that nobody wished to repeat the experience. After the first day the men were divided into groups and supplied their own cooks and fatigues to gather their own wood.

It was during one wood-gathering expedition that the only casualty occurred, a bomb, falling among the party and killing one. The amount to

eat depended on how much the Italians took from the trucks. About three weeks ago they ran out of bread and substituted dry, hard biscuits, which latterly were full of weevils. The prisoners received two rubbishy cigarettes daily. They were so precious that the New Zealanders used to break off pieces and roll them in ordinary paper.

Rain and Mud.

For 11 days and nights it rained intermittently, adding mud to the discomfort. Sometimes they were able to scrounge pieces of tin for covering, the guards refusing to help. On Christmas Day slightly extra rations were handed out, and a Holy Communion service was held by a New Zealand padre who was allowed to visit the men from time to time. This padre started discussions among the men to take their minds off their predicament.

On New Year's Day came a special issue of 10 cigarettes.

The Italians were anxious to get as many prisoners away as possible. Thus, when a man reported sick he was put on the list for the next hospital ship. When the ship arrived there were about 300 prospective passengers. A German naval officer questioned the men regarding their health and declined to take them aboard.

Italian medical officers did not care much, but a very mercenary orderly came looking for the sick bringing a bag packed with cigarettes instead of medical gear. These he attempted to barter for watches. One man sold a watch valued at £20 for 200 cigarettes and five rolls of bread. Another got four biscuits for a 40/- fountain pen.

Germans "Two-Faced."

The view that the Germans made the Italians scapegoats in the matter of attitude toward the prisoners was expressed by New Zealand soldiers. One New Zealander who was at Sidi Barrani last year, also in Greece and Crete, said: "The German is very two-faced. He tried to make himself a good fellow with the prisoners, but actually the Germans made the Italians treat the prisoners badly, and came up themselves smiling, and offering an occasional cigarette. The result was everyone thought the Germans good chaps and the Italians lousy."

"I know better. After the fall of Bardia we found the Germans well stocked and comfortable and the Italians, on the other hand, had insufficient clothing and not much to eat. The Italians got a rough deal from their German allies."

All the time there was hope of relief, though the Germans and Italians scoffed at the idea of the Bardia defences breaking. For weeks before January 2 there had been rumours of an impending attack. One was particularly strong, when two South Africans, freshly captured, told hopeful prisoners it was coming the next day

NEW ZEALAND AIRMEN REMEMBERED

Part In Battle For Britain

AUCKLAND, January 12.

Recognition of the part played in the Battle for Britain by young New Zealand airmen was given several months ago at a special ceremony held in the Faversham Cemetery, Kent. On September 7, 1940, Pilot Officer Kenneth Wendel, whose parents formerly lived at Vine Street, Mangere, Auckland, was killed during an engagement with superior enemy forces in one of the battles over Kent; and a year later the Faversham Squadron of the Air Training Corps paraded at his graveside to honour his sacrifice.

The mayor, Mr. P. Johnson, who was accompanied by civil defence officers, said Faversham acknowledged its debt to the gallant young man who had travelled thousands of miles to take his place in the ranks of those who had fought the battle. A wreath was later placed on the grave by the officer commanding the air cadets.



—"Daily Mirror."

Successful Attack.

Many days passed, then the R.A.F. commenced bombing from daynight to dark, planes coming over in twelves. Over 100 daily swooped and bombed and strafed, to the great discomfort of the Italians. "We thought the bombers knew where we were, but afterward we found they didn't," said a gunner of a field regiment. "We were pretty nervous as it was, and it would have been a lot worse if we had known."

Another man said: "After the R.A.F. the Navy opened, then the Army from the other side. We were right in the centre of the target area. It was a miracle we got out alive. Shells landed in the corners of the compound, and shrapnel plastered the walls, yet nobody was hurt. Latterly the men had been given a few picks and shovels to dig in."

The Italians and Germans seemed unable to cope with the situation, and their replies were rather ineffective. The main gun, a large naval piece nick-named "Bardia Bill," was not used to full advantage.

Contrasted against their conditions, the men had visual encouragement in seeing the enemy going under—burning transport, stores of oil and munitions mingling with the explosions of bursting shells. At last on the morning of January 2 the first British tanks crashed through the barricades and the town was soon in our hands.

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- January 31—Ashhurst-Pohangina R.C.
- January 24—Thames J.C.
- January 29, 31—Auckland R.C.
- January 31—Otautau R.C.
- February 7—Canterbury J.C.
- February 7—Matamata R.C.
- February 7—Takapuni R.C.
- February 7, 14—Egmont R.C.
- February 14—Rotorua R.C.

FOOTBALL IN WALES

N.Z. Naval Cadets Defeated

LONDON, January 10.

A Cardiff Rugby side beat the New Zealand naval cadets by 26 points to 14. The New Zealanders rallied in the last quarter of an hour and in that period scored all their points. For New Zealand, A. Stewart kicked two penalty goals, P. A. Ongley scored an unconverted try and Stewart converted a try by A. G. Sutherland.

NEW BRIGADIERS



COLONEL K. L. STEWART, O.B.E., N.Z.S.C., who recently returned from the Middle East and who has been appointed Deputy Chief of the General Staff, with the temporary rank of brigadier.



COLONEL A. E. CONWAY, O.B.E., N.Z.S.C., Adjutant-General and Second Military Member of the Army Board, who has been granted the temporary rank of brigadier.



COLONEL H. E. AVERY, C.M.G., D.S.O., N.Z.S.C., Quartermaster-General and Third Military Member of the Army Board, who has been granted the temporary rank of brigadier.

**AWARDS TO AIRMEN
New Zealanders In Royal Air Force**

Advice has been received by Air Headquarters, Wellington, that three more New Zealanders serving with the Royal Air Force have received awards. They are:—

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Richard John Kitchener Hogg, R.A.F. Mrs. R. K. Hogg care Special School, Otehaite via Oamaru (m.).

Acting Flight Lieutenant Cedric Hartley McHardy, R.A.F.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Sergeant Bernard Francis Mooney, R.A.F.

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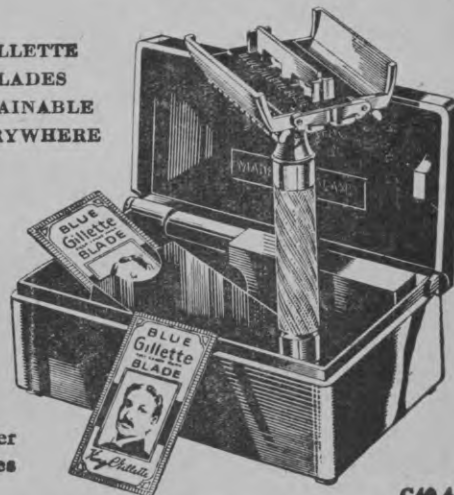
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New Zealanders Overseas

The New Zealand casualties overseas officially listed since the start of the campaigns in Greece and Crete in April, 1940, and the later fighting in Libya, have numbered approximately 10,789 killed, wounded, prisoners and missing, of which the number of killed is given as 1513. Of these over 6000 have been stated to be prisoners and missing, but the recent news that over

700 New Zealand prisoners of war were released at the taking of Bardia will bring about a substantial reduction, though some of the released men will be transferred to the wounded list.

The official list as it stands till the details of the Bardia-released prisoners come to hand is:—

	Libya.	Palkans	Totals.
Killed	774	739	1513
Wounded	1641	1599	3240
Missing	1653	815	2468
Prisoners ...	37	3531	3568
	4105	6684	10,789



"Tchah! A feller ought to have his head read for having his honeymoon on a week-end leave."

CRICKET

ARMY-MIDLAND DRAW

A brilliant score of 133 by R. Crawford enabled Midland to declare at 4.45 p.m. against Army at the Basin Reserve, with the total standing at 248 for six wickets. Crawford reached his century in even time, and in all hit two sixes and 12 fours without giving a chance. A sparkling innings for 60 by the Army captain, D. S. Wilson, was the highlight in Army's response of 148 for seven wickets, the match thus ending in a draw.

Midland v. Army

MIDLAND.—First Innings	
Osborn, b. Wilson	7
McCaw, b. Andrews	19
Crawford, b. Appleton	133
Upston, b. Wilson	16
Hepburn, b. Appleton	21
Rabone, c. Swinburn, b. Andrews	22
O'Neill, not out	19
Neilson, not out	6
Extras	5

Total for six wickets declared ... 248
 Bowling Analysis.—Wilson, 13 overs, 2 maidens, 78 runs, 2 wickets; Andrews, 12, 2, 54, 2; O'Brien, 7, 0, 35, 0; Appleton, 8, 0, 46, 2.

ARMY.—First Innings	
Lang, b. O'Neill	0
O'Brien, b. O'Neill	27
Otway, b. Rabone	21
D. S. Wilson, c. O'Neill, b. Menzies	60
Sanders, c. O'Neill, b. Crawford	21
Knowles, b. Crawford	0
Appleton, b. Douglas	5
Christie, not out	0
Andrews, not out	0
Extras	14

Total for seven wickets ... 148
 Bowling Analysis.—O'Neill, 8 overs, 0 maidens, 32 runs, 2 wickets; Fortune, 3, 0, 24, 0; Rabone, 5, 0, 22, 1; Menzies, 4, 0, 26, 1; Crawford, 3, 0, 28, 2; Douglas, 1, 0, 2, 1.
 Umpires: Messrs C. Webb and M. F. Pengelly.



"Have a care, George—remember what the Government said about picking up dangerous things on the beaches!"
 —"Daily Mirror."

SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT

After the Christmas and New Year activities members of Webby's Club have again started with the usual round of weekend entertainment for the men of the fighting services. During the week the girls welcomed as their guests, a large number of special visitors and one of the men paid a compliment to the hostesses for the way they had looked after their guests. Yesterday, Saturday and Friday the rooms were crowded with men of all branches of the fighting services. An informal day, light tea being served, followed by dancing, was enjoyed yesterday.

SPINSTERS' CLUB

A very large number of men was well catered for at the Spinsters' Club yesterday. Mr. Lex Logan provided some excellent music for dancing, and later Mr. Owen Price, with Mr. C. Nichol at the drums, gave enjoyable items. The usual savoury tea was served, specialities on the menu being hot gooseberry pie, lettuce, egg and tomato savouries and strawberry cream sponge. All branches of the fighting services were represented at yesterday's gathering and at the Friday dance.

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A.N.A. Club Extends Its Premises

The cafeteria and clubrooms of the A.N.A. Club, Wellington, reopened on Friday after the Christmas vacation. The tables and chairs had been repainted in cream and lake green and the dining tables with large bowls of primrose tinted dahlias on the green covers looked attractive. A constant stream of men of the Services availed themselves of the excellent meals provided during the weekend.

The kitchen arrangements have been much improved by the addition of a new installation for providing hot water. A commodious store room has been built near the servery and the whole painted in two shades of green.

The cafeteria on Friday was staffed by members of Air Force Relations, under the supervision of Mrs. Goddard. Welcome gifts of food were sent by the Manakau Patriotic Society, per Mrs. Marshall Miles, and the Manakau Younger Set.

The enlarging of the lounge is not yet completed but it is hoped that this will be accomplished in the near future. The weekend dances will be resumed on Friday, January 16.

HELPERS PROVIDE CAKES

Women members of the Lower Hutt branch of the National Party made the arrangements at the National Club, Wellington, yesterday. Mrs. R. O. Chesney being in charge. These helpers took with them home-made cakes for serving with morning and afternoon teas. Men of the Forces, including many airmen, made the rooms their rendezvous for the day. The usual tea

dance was held on Saturday by the National Union.

HOSTESSES AT Y.M.C.A. TEA

Members of the women's auxiliary of the association were hostesses at the Y.M.C.A. Sunday tea for men of the Forces yesterday. Mr. R. T. Wright was chairman for the evening. A musical programme was provided, the artists being Mrs. A. Macalister and Miss J. Sutherland (vocal duets), Mr. B. Gardener (songs), Mr. and Mrs. Gardener (vocal duet), Miss Monica Bell (elocutionary items), Mr. S. Wood (humour). Mrs. Macalister, Miss Sutherland, Messrs B. Gardener and B. Stokes, made up a vocal quartette. The accompanist was Miss Finlay. Mr. Hindle was song leader and Mr. Wood was at the piano. The usual minute's silence was followed by the singing of a vesper by the Methodist Church quartette.

WHEN BENGHAZI FELL

Italian Evacuation

DESCRIBED BY NEW ZEALANDERS

CAIRO, January 10.

Feverish activity as the Italians and Germans evacuated Benghazi and the British drove into the town to hoist the Union Jack, was watched by a handful of New Zealanders who escaped from the Italian guards when they were about to be marched aboard a transport to be taken to Italy.

Crouched at the windows of a deserted hotel overlooking the harbour, the escaped men watched 100 New Zealanders march aboard ships, saw the ship pull away from the wharf, watched them disappear over the horizon either in the direction of Italy or Tripoli.

Of the total New Zealand prisoners at Benghazi, only 60 odd were recaptured or escaped. Most of those who escaped hitch-hiked from Benghazi back to the base at Maadi. Today they told me a colourful tale of their experiences.

Captured at Sidi Rezegh on that fateful day, December 1, most of the escaped New Zealanders to whom I spoke today were members of the 20th South Island Battalion. Their story was the same old story—their unit was overrun by German tanks and forced to surrender. After capture by the Germans they were marched from Rezegh to El Adem, where they were herded in a prisoner cage with many other New Zealanders, South Africans, and Tommy troops.

High Hopes Fall.

Their column comprised ten officers, 43 n.c.o.'s, and 280 other ranks. Next day they were taken by truck to Acrome, then on to Derna, and so to Benghazi. On the way to Benghazi they saw German reserves of tanks and aerodromes swarming with German bombers and fighters. Once their hopes of recapture had been high, but, when after days Benghazi was without a suggestion of relief, it was only natural that their spirits fell.



"'Ere 're the latest bunch of Italian prisoners, sir' Got an adding machine?"

—"Daily Mirror."

They became resigned to the belief that help would not come in time to prevent them being taken from Cyrenaica.

For days they watched the New Zealanders dwindle in numbers, wondering when their turn would come. They were sleeping in sheds like the New Zealand wharf sheds, lying on concrete floors. Many were without blankets, great coats or cover of any kind. They were on starvation rations.

Soon the hopes of the New Zealanders soared to the skies. For a week they watched the feverish activities of the Italians as they evacuated their own troops, stores, equipment and wounded by sea. Fires started to break out all over the town. Quartermasters' stores were razed to the ground and trucks of heavy equipment went up in flames. It was plain to all that the end was near.

Were the British about to recapture the town or were the remaining hundreds of prisoners to be marched to the wharves to be taken to Italy? The Italians who remained were agitated themselves. They stood on the tops of buildings anxiously peering far out to sea through binoculars, and a great cheer went up when a ship crept slowly over the horizon. This was the last ship but one to leave Benghazi with New Zealanders.

Escape From Italians.

When the final column of New Zealanders was being marched to the wharf, lax Italian guards gave 20 an opportunity to escape. Nine hid in a picture theatre and later escaped into the desert. Others remained in hiding in an opera house and a deserted hotel till Benghazi fell and the British drove in triumphant.

In the main hospital at Benghazi lay over 40 New Zealand wounded, with many Germans and Italians. On the afternoon of December 23, the day before Benghazi was recaptured, the last hospital ship sailed from the harbour. Over came waves of bombers to make one last ruthless, destructive raid on the harbour.

Grand news had come over the radio the day before. New Zealand troops had learned that British troops were only 25 miles from Benghazi. Only 60-odd New Zealanders remained in deserted Benghazi, forty of whom were wounded. The next day the cheers of British and Indian troops rang through the town as tanks clattered through the street. New Zealanders who had escaped from their guards joined in the celebrations. A day later they were on their way back to clean clothes, hot baths and comfort.



"Say! Seen anything of a bunch of Wops heading this way, mate?"

—"Daily Mirror"



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a.m.	a.m.
8.51	9.15
9.51	10.15
10.51	11.15
p.m.	p.m.
12.51	1.15
1.51	2.15
2.51	3.15
3.51	4.15
4.51	5.15
5.51	9.30*
6.51	10.15††
	11.0

‡Via Petone *Not Saturdays
†Saturdays only. §Sundays
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Departs Trentham (Merton St.) For Wellington	Departs Wellington for Trentham
a.m.	a.m.
8.51	9.15
	10.15
11.11	p.m.
p.m.	1.15
12.51	2.15
4.36	4.10*†
5.51	5.45
8.51	7.30*
	9.30

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Hataitai—Lambton (Rly. Stn.)		2
Island Bay—Lambton (Rly. Stn.)		1
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But home that is not full of love
Is hardly home at all."

"Be it ever so humble," says the beautiful old song, "there's no place like home," and the truth of this is brought home to the hearts of those who have just parted from loved ones and friends and are spending the first days in camp. New friendships have not yet been formed and there is an

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- 4—Via Cuba Street, Lambton Quay.
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Berhampore: 1 Blue, 1 Green, 1 Blue.
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Newtown to Railway Station (via Courtenay Place): 1 Red.
Newtown to Railway Station (via Cuba St.): 1 Red, 1 Blue.
Seatoun: 3 White Lights.
Miramar Junction (via Constable St.): 1 White, 1 Blue.

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Wadestown: 1 Green, 1 Red, 1 Green.
Oriental Bay: 1 Blue.
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Aro Street—Post Office: 2 Greens.
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ache in the heart as one misses the cheerful and loving companionship of wife and little ones, father and mother or sweetheart. And besides there is the anxious thought for those at home and the knowledge that they too have sad hearts hidden behind brave faces as they carry on with "the daily round, the common task." Truly, the world is full of sorrow, but the stress and sorrow are bringing out qualities in common every-day folk, that might otherwise have remained hidden and unguessed under a crust of reserve and seeming indifference.

To make life in camp more home-like, to ease the ache, to help to fill the gap made by the parting and to allay the anxieties of those at home—all these and more is the aim of the Everyman's Huts. A warm welcome is given to every man and a personal interest is taken in him. One could tell of lasting friendships made with many of the boys and their folk throughout New Zealand, through contacts at the Hut.

to give help and advice in any private difficulties and many hundreds of letters have been written to those at home after drafts have left this land. Ample facilities are available for letter writing also for ironing and pressing. Refreshments are supplied at a nominal charge. Another branch of the Hut at Trentham which has proved very helpful is the repair service. Shoes, watches, fountain pens, films or any jobs which men are unable, owing to restrictions of camp life, to do for themselves may be left at the Hut and will be attended to without extra charge.

The main object of the Huts, however, is the spiritual welfare of the men. Nightly, sing-songs are held, followed by a short Gospel address, while a room is available for the use of Christian boys for prayer meetings and Bible study. Scripture Gift Mission Active Service Testaments are supplied free of charge to any who desire them.

The Huts are not maintained out of the National Patriotic Fund, but are carried on by Christians throughout the country. Mr. Les Taylor is in charge at Trentham, assisted by Mr. John Brunt, while the cafeteria is in charge of Mr. John Murray with Frank Farnham to assist, while voluntary workers carry on in the evenings.

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