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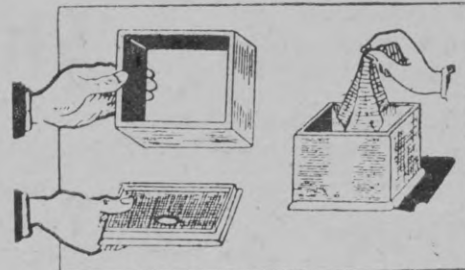
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The Nazi Conquerors Show No Mercy

They try, in every way they can, to crush life and hope out of the peoples whose countries they have overrun.

But a spirit of defiance is still there. Starved, persecuted, threatened with death—the people still find ways of being "difficult."

Europe is crushed beneath the Nazi heel.

But there is life under the jackboot of Germany. Though their bodies are bruised, the spirit of the oppressed peoples still burns fiercely.

This article tells you of the brutality endured by the occupied countries and of the passive resistance which the conquered show to their overlords.

France (Lorraine)—All members of French patriotic associations, Catholic clergy, nuns, all inhabitants possessing private fortunes in France and entire villages of French-speaking peasants have been expelled from their homes.

Civic employees have had to choose between exile and signing contracts to work for Germany for five years.

In Thionville and several other small places, the homes of expelled families have been emptied of everything. The furniture has been catalogued, labelled and exported to Germany.

Many villages have been destroyed to make way for two or three large farms.

Perhaps this is a lesson learned from Soviet Russia, but it has not been mastered, for this substitution of large estates for small ones has brought complete disorganisation of production.

The population is sullen, resentful, ever seeking new ways to evade the barriers of "Verbotens" which hem it in.

In Metz the Germans forbade the annual procession to the statue of the Virgin in the Place St. Jacques.

So, for forty-eight hours before the fete day, the townsfolk passed that way singly, in silence, giving no cause for police intervention.

And on the morning of the fete day a magnificent display of tricolour bouquets lay at the base of the statue.

The "Metzger Zeitung" printed a picture of the statue, with the caption: "As usual, the people of Metz pay homage to the Virgin."

Five days later the Germans cashed in on this religious devotion.

Their papers on the other side of the Rhine printed the same picture, with this caption:

"Rejoicing at their return to the Fatherland, the people of Lorraine give thanks to the Virgin."

Often in the crowded streets of some Lorraine town a voice can be heard singing the Marseillaise. Never can the police find the singer . . . never will the passers-by give him away.

Alsace.—Parents of young children in Mulhouse were asked to swear fidelity to the Fuehrer, to serve him wherever they might be sent, and to bring up their little ones in the Nazi spirit.

Seventy-five per cent. refused; they were expelled and many had their children taken from them.

Religion has been taxed. Only those who are atheists or who declare themselves "religionless" are exempt.

Catholic schools have been replaced by Protestant schools, at which attendance is compulsory, and any student who fails to attend the Kameradschaftsend meetings forfeits the right to enter a German university.

Salaries have been augmented 80 per cent.—but the working week reduced almost to half.

The amount earned is therefore only 30 per cent. more and as the cost of living has risen 300 per cent., the property of the working classes is extreme.

One reaction which frequently greets the Germans is the overnight painting of long stretches of pavement with the French colours.

Elsewhere in France an indication has been given of where the Germans intend the line of their future frontier to lie.

Frontier regulations have been enforced along the entire line running between the Forbidden Zone in the North and the Occupied Zone of France and any person wishing to

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cross into the Zone must have a special permit.

In Charleville, French prisoners were forced to pillage the homes of expelled French families, while the German propaganda service filmed the scene for use in the Reich.

Concentration camps have been prepared near St. Lo.

They are unoccupied, but all men between seventeen and forty in the district have been registered and presumably they are the future prisoners if there is any military activity in the neighbourhood.

Poland—In Posen, only Germans may enter a shop during the morning. Poles are permitted in the afternoon, but if a German is shopping at the same time he must be given priority.

In the Warthe 880 German women have been installed, and the men recently expelled from Lorraine have been brought there.

Denmark.—Dahl, Danish Chief of Police, has been in Berlin since February, studying methods of securing closer collaboration between German and Danish police, while Dr. Clausen—head of the Danish National Socialist Party—is leading a campaign to secure a plebiscite which will finally settle the fate of his country.

Belgium.—Dr. Ellis, Burgomaster of Ghent, is playing the same role as Clausen, for he is actively working towards the handing over of Flanders to Germany.

For a whole month the population has not tasted meat and its bread ration is only 100 grammes a day.

Norway.—Violent street fighting breaks out between patriots and the followers of the Norwegian Quislings. In desperation the Germans are arresting people wholesale, but in spite of their reign of terror sabotage persists.

Italy.—A German delegation—entrusted to raise volunteers for a regiment called "The Legion That Will March on Nice"—has met with small success.

Apparently the Italians feel that they have had their fair share of marching.

Discontent has shown itself several times in the factory regions of Turin, Milan and Verona. Workers give way to occasional bursts of discontent, and it is not unusual for the Duce's name to be openly attacked.

NEW BAND APPEARS

W.A.A.F.'s Drums And Fifes

Newly-formed among the members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, the W.A.A.F.'s Drum and Fife Band made its debut at a concert given by the Band of the Royal New Zealand Air Force at the Opera House, Wellington, last night. They gave a demonstration of efficient drumming and fife playing in a selection of marches, and will be an attractive addition to any parade for which they provide the music. The band consists of 20 fifes, seven drums, a pair of cymbals, and a triangle. Introducing the new band,

AERODROME DEFENCE

Appointment Of Inspector

An announcement that War Cabinet had revised the plans for the defence of aerodromes, and that Brigadier R. Young, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., of the Home Guard would be Inspector of Army Aerodrome Defences in addition to his present duties was made by the Minister of Defence, Mr. F. Jones.

"Brigadier Young will have associated with him two staff officers—one from the Army and one from the Air Force," said Mr. Jones. "The Army officer will be Lieutenant G. G. Beaven, who has just returned from the 2nd N.Z.E.F., and was an officer of the battalion assigned to the defence of the Maleme Aerodrome in Crete. The Air Force officer will be Wing Commander M. F. Calder, R.N.Z.A.F."

the conductor of the Air Force Band, Flight Lieutenant Gladstone Hill, said the instruments had been bought with money from a fund subscribed by the personnel of the station at which the members were stationed. They had been trained by Warrant Officer Hardwick and Bandsman Boffa.

The military band played a variety of selections, including some amusing novelties, and several of the bandsmen contributed solos. The audience, which filled the theatre, was informed that the door takings, amounting to £120, were to go entirely to the Air Force Relations, and a collection for the same object would be made as they left.

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Awards To Members Of N.Z.E.F.

BRAVERY IN LIBYA

The following list of honours and awards to members of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force during the campaign in Libya was issued yesterday:—

D.S.O.

- Temporary-Colonel C. E. Weir, Auckland.
- Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Page, Auckland.
- Lieutenant-Colonel C. Shuttleworth, Auckland.
- Lieutenant-Colonel L. W. Andrew, V.C., Khandallah.

BAR TO M.C.

- Major R. Royal, Rotorua.
- Captain W. R. Carswell, Dunedin.
- Captain R. C. Pemberton, Christchurch.
- Captain J. M. Staveley, Palmerston North.
- Lieutenant H. V. Donald, Masterton.
- Lieutenant J. W. Reeves, Wellington.
- Second Lieutenant A. B. Cottrell, Devonport.
- Second Lieutenant F. G. Clubb, Rotorua.
- Temporary Major T. C. Campbell, England.
- Second Lieutenant I. L. Murchison, Seddon.
- Second Lieutenant A. R. W. Ormond, Wallingford.

D.C.M.

- Sergeant W. Batty, Auckland.
- Sergeant E. W. Hobbs, Dunedin.
- Sergeant E. J. E. McQueen, Wellington.
- Bombardier A. B. Stewart, Napier.
- Temporary Corporal D. M. Bassett, Sumner.

BAR TO M.M.

- Corporal A. Sperry, Hamilton

M.M.

- Warrant Officer, Second Class, K. B. Booker, Wellington.
- Sergeant R. G. Aro, Auckland.
- Sergeant A. W. J. Gorrie, Donnelly's Crossing.
- Sergeant P. Murtagh, Auckland.
- Sergeant A. J. Riddell, Te Kuiti.
- Temporary Sergeant R. J. Bayliss, Hastings.
- Lance-Corporal L. H. Lovegrove, Wellington.
- Private N. C. Olde, Remuera.
- Private K. R. Rieper, Napier.
- Private A. H. Waddick, Invercargill.

An N.Z.E.F. Official News Service cablegram from Cairo gives the following citations to the decorations:—
Colonel Weir receives his D.S.O. for great skill and gallantry in operations in Libya. From November 18 to December 2 he commanded a regiment with great determination and bravery during the vital operations at Sidi Rezegh and the attacks which led to the opening of the corridor on November 27. Later, during the German counter-attack on December 1, he fought with his regiment against an overwhelming tank attack till his guns

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were overrun. His skill in handling the guns was beyond praise and an inspiration to the whole regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Page during the Greek campaign led a battalion in action and met with marked success again in Libya. On November 23 his battalion was attacked by a much larger enemy force, including tanks, near Sidi Rezegh. During this engagement some forward defended localities began to withdraw under the mistaken interpretation of an order. Lieutenant-Colonel Page immediately rushed to the affected area, and with fine courage and total disregard of danger, rallied the troops, who retook their former positions in the face of enemy opposition. But for Lieutenant-Colonel Page's prompt and courageous action and the great confidence of the troops in his leadership the enemy penetration in this position would have had serious results. That night Lieutenant-Colonel Page skillfully disengaged the enemy, fought a rearguard action and brought his force in perfect order with few casualties and with heavy loss to the enemy to a new position. Next night the battalion, against considerable opposition, advanced three miles toward an enemy aerodrome. On the night of November 25 the battalion again advanced and possession of the remaining ground was won despite determined enemy attacks.

By now the battalion had suffered many casualties and had been almost continuously in action for three days with scarcely any time for food and rest. Nevertheless, on the night of November 26 it again advanced against a strongly held enemy position and in the face of deadly fire. The enemy gunners remained at their action posts till our infantry advanced literally right up to the muzzles of the guns. The battle was certainly the fiercest the brigade had ever experienced, and Lieutenant-Colonel Page, who was in the forefront, was severely wounded. His magnificent leadership and courage were outstanding factors in the great success achieved throughout the operations. He was an inspiration to all the troops and the whole brigade. In every action he was everywhere on the battlefield. His cheerfulness, utter disregard of danger, indomitable determination to win, and the skill with which he disposed his forces over and over again, were responsible for the very fine achievements of his battalion.

Headquarters Captured.

Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew, V.C., a hero of the last war, receives the D.S.O. for outstanding skill and leadership over the very difficult period from November 25 to December 9. The headquarters of the Fifth New Zealand Infantry Brigade and the attached troops were captured and taken to Bardia on November 25. This was not known for certain for appointment brigade headquarters and any proximately 36 hours. Lieutenant-Colonel

Andrew's battalion was then at Menastir. He was trying by all means possible to other units. However, dispatch riders failed to return, and no contact by wireless could be made. Till December 1 Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew's battalion continued to carry on the job at Menastir, where food and water were very low. Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew decided that the only thing to do was to take the battalion and join up with an Indian division near Omars.

Arriving at Omars at 4 a.m., he contacted the Indian Division, which gave him the order to proceed to Musaid and form new brigade headquarters, himself commanding, and use his battalion to strengthen the line from Sollum to Capuzzo. These orders were successfully carried out. On December 3 the brigade was ordered to Menastir to occupy the line previously held by the Twenty-second Battalion. At Menastir the brigade defeated several very heavy attacks by the Germans and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. After three days the brigade was ordered back to take over the Sollum-Capuzzo line again. Owing to the positions of the enemy this had now become more difficult, and the only track from below the escarpment was very narrow. Blasting by the engineers had been going on for two or three days to make transport possible. However, this was successfully accomplished, and the Sollum-Capuzzo line was again taken over. During this period Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew showed outstanding courage, and skill in leadership, his efforts bringing the brigade through a very difficult 14 days. He handed the brigade over on December 9.

Successful Advance

Lieutenant-Colonel Shuttleworth led a battalion in the Greek campaign with great skill and courage. He led it again in action in the Libyan campaign, displaying the highest qualities of leadership and complete disregard for his own safety. On November 23 he was sent to take command in a very difficult situation near Sidi Rezegh. He organized the defences there and was able to retain the position, despite three determined enemy counter-attacks. Next day he organized and directed a very successful advance for the night of November 24. He led a further advance of three miles in the face of determined resistance and it was only his continued presence with the foremost troops and his skilful employment of them that resulted in the capture of a blockhouse next morning. He again led the advance, being heavily counter-attacked next morning and suffering many casualties. With another battalion, the same night he led his now sadly depleted battalion in a very successful attack, winning for us the whole of the high ground in the Sidi Rezegh area. Later the battalion, though there were many casualties, continued to re-



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sist with outstanding courage. Throughout all the operations Lieutenant-Colonel Shuttleworth behaved with remarkable skill and coolness. His personal courage and leadership were an inspiration to all his troops and were largely responsible for the magnificent achievement of the battalion.

Major Royal has a continuous record in Greece, Crete and Libya of bold and fearless leadership. In an action at Gazala on December 14 he led his men in a night attack. After sweeping through the first fort, he reformed his men and went through the main fort, taking the enemy in the rear. He was then given charge of the organizing against a counter-attack. This he did effectively, himself occupying the most forward and a very dangerous position, where he was wounded.

Doctor's Courage.

Captain Carswell was at El Duda on November 27 and 28. There was no sheltered position for the medical aid post, and tending the casualties involved moving from slit trench to slit trench, despite the bursting of shells. Captain Carswell had no hesitation in attending to the wounded, and at the same time his cheerfulness was an inspiration to the wounded men, and his complete disregard of personal danger an example to all ranks who saw him working quietly and efficiently. Constant calls for assistance to nearby units were answered by Captain Carswell, who saved many lives. Throughout the fighting in Greece, Crete and Libya, his courage never faltered, and his bearing has been an example to all ranks in the battalion at particularly difficult times.

As the result of Captain Pemberton's initiative and gallantry, a German tank, two vehicles, and nine prisoners were captured near Belhamed in the first light of November 29. The enemy tanks during the night had parked in front. Captain Pemberton went forward and one opened fire, but he rushed in and attacked with a hand grenade, which exploded on the turret. The tank moved rapidly away. A covering party opened fire, and the remaining tank and other vehicles and crews surrendered. Despite the unequal combat, the offensive spirit and courage of Captain Pemberton turned the encounter in his favour.

Captain Staveley commanded an advanced dressing station throughout the very heavy fighting from November 23 to December 1. On only three of these nine days was he in touch with the remainder of his field ambulance, and was therefore compelled to treat and often hold in his station very many more patients than usual. Captain Staveley showed great resource in organizing. He and his staff were at all times over-worked, and frequently exposed to hostile fire and in danger of capture. On December 1, indeed, the station was completely over-run, and Captain Staveley was wounded severely. Throughout the trying period he displayed such personal courage, coolness, professional skill, resourcefulness, and continuous devotion to duty that he was directly responsible for saving the lives of many who would otherwise have died from their wounds. His example was an inspiration to the staff and his large number of patients.

Action At Menastir.

Lieutenant Donald showed his courage, leadership and devotion to duty at Menastir on November 24 when he led a platoon to obtain valuable information under heavy fire, going himself a short distance from the outer Bardia defences. Three days later in a forward position under heavy enemy fire, he suffered burst eardrums but remained with his platoon. His personal courage and devotion inspired his men to the successful defeat of the enemy. On December 9 at Musaid his platoon routed a strong enemy patrol. Many of the enemy were killed and two officers and three men taken prisoner. Under heavy and accurate fire at close range Lieutenant Donald withdrew his men, prisoners and captured material without a casualty. Throughout Greece and Crete and the remainder of the Libyan campaign his courage, devotion and leadership has been an inspiration to his men.

Lieutenant Reeves during an attack at Bardia on December 30 was in command of troops and light tanks. Securing a number of dummy tanks, he placed them in position close to the enemy wire. Drove his own tanks in among the dummies and opened fire on the enemy positions. By the skilful use of smoke and by constantly changing his position he deceived the enemy into believing that a large

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force of tanks was opposed to him at that particular point. His action was so successful that the enemy dropped more than 250 shells nearby. During this heavy shelling he maintained his position and continued the action against the enemy. Later he advanced with his three tanks, again under heavy fire, and captured more than 100 prisoners. He showed the greatest disregard of danger and his initiative and constant aggressive action set an example of the very highest order.

Second-Lieutenant Cottrell on the evening of November 24 was in charge of vehicles loading supplies when the depot was threatened by the enemy. Lieutenant Cottrell tried to get the convoy away, but there were flares all round. Throughout the night the enemy searched for him with Vercy lights and flares. At first light Lieutenant Cottrell moved but soon met enemy vehicles, which he captured, taking 14 German prisoner. By his initiative, determination and courage Lieutenant Cottrell forced his convoy through having for most of the journey no protection other than his speed, alertness and skill.

Capture and Escape.

Second Lieutenant Clubb, during an attack at Sidi Rezegh on the night of November 26, found himself and his platoon caught in heavy machinegun and mortar fire. With nine men he opened fire, causing 12 of the enemy to surrender, but later his party was captured by a stronger force. Lieutenant Clubb with two of his men broke away and rejoined his battalion, bringing extremely useful information. On the night of November 30, when some of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Battalions were withdrawing from Sidi Rezegh, and the acting-battalion commander had been captured,

Lieutenant Clubb took command of the force, withdrawing without casualties. Throughout the campaign his leadership was of a very high order and he displayed complete disregard of personal danger.

Sergeant Batty was at Bel Hamid on the morning of December 1, when troops and artillery were forming up to be led to a new position. Sergeant Batty, with a gun and tractor, had nearly reached his post when he was subjected to a hail of tank shells. Single-handed, he engaged eight tanks at long range. Now the rest of the troop were ready for action, but the tanks, not relishing the fate of their leader, made off. The prompt and determined action by Sergeant Batty in accepting battle single-handed undoubtedly saved the remainder of the troop, who were reforming and unable to accept a tank attack from that particular quarter.

Sergeant Hobbs's skill, dash, great resource and great personal courage were an inspiration in Libya. Through several patrol actions he gained information, enabling heavy losses of weapons and men to be inflicted on the enemy. During a heavy German attack at Fort Capuzzo on November 27, he led a Bren gun carrier section in a flank counter-attack. Despite heavy enemy mortar, artillery, machinegun and anti-tank fire, he carried the flanking thrust through, and the enemy attacking formation was turned and swept back. This daring move by Sergeant Hobbs allowed our infantry to counter-attack and destroy a large force of enemy infantry in the centre of the Capuzzo defences. On December 11 Sergeant Hobbs brought a section of carriers through heavy fire to support another company in a successful attack. His gallantry and leadership in this action were worthy of the highest praise.

CROWDS PRESENT

Comforts' Committee Gift
To A.N.A. Club

Long dining tables with new green covers, the gift of the comforts committee, made their appearance at the A.N.A. Club during the week. Many meals were served during the week and the weekend dances were crowded. It has been decided that because of war conditions, afternoon frocks will be the accepted wear for girls attending the Saturday dances. This will take effect from April 11, till further notice.

Country help was received from the following: Dannevirke Patriotic Society, per Mrs. A. Smith; Kopuaranga and Rangituma W.D.F.U., per Mesdames Donald James and M. Jackson; provisions, Mrs. Mexted, Porirua; lamb, Mr. Ellison, Hastings; fruit and vegetables, Mrs. H. M. Wilson, Hastings; vegetables, Hutt Valley, Pararaumu and Hataitai gardening groups, W.W.S.A.; cakes, Khandallah group, Mrs. Meadowcroft; bag of sugar, anonymous; monetary donation to comforts committee, Miss Gibson, Marton.

The A.N.A. Club desires to thank Mr. H. Hughes, Lambton Quay, who has, during the past 12 months, cooked two tons of meat for use in the cafeteria.

Spinsters' Decorations.

Large cartoons of Navy, Army and Air Force interest decorated the walls at the Spinsters' Club for the members' monthly Saturday dance. Bowls of lovely flowers and greenery added colour. Mr. Harries and his orchestra again provided the music, also for yesterday's entertainment. Miss Olga Burton, accompanied by Mrs. C. McDonald, sang, and Miss Wyn Kindred, also sang. Mr. T. Duncan played extras yesterday. There was a large attendance for each dance, including that on Friday night.

Victory Club.

The Victory Club's hall was packed with men of the forces. The Rhythm Girls supplied dance music, a small girl, Betty Williams, danced and Lance-Corporal L. Nelson sang. Prizes for the Monte Carlo were given by Mr. George Wade, Patea, a returned soldier, in appreciation of an enjoyable evening he spent at the club some weeks ago. Miss Marjorie Sharp was hostess and Mr. R. Morton, master of ceremonies. Mrs. Rowlands, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Howard, Riddiford Street, are thanked for donations.

Donations of Foodstuffs.

Donations of two hams, two cases of plum, and vegetables from the W.W.S.A. land groups and Khandallah, Lower Hutt, Karori and Russell Terrace, were received by the Y.W.C.A. during the weekend. Mrs. J. S. Martin, president of the board of directors, was hostess. Helpers included the following: Cafeteria, Saturday, Wellington Croquet Association members, Mrs. McInnes convener; Sunday, girls of the Agricultural Department, Misses Page conveners. Saturday's supper was supplied by women of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Yesterday a service was conducted by the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, of St. John's Church, and Mr. P. Rowell provided an entertainment.

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Hostesses at Y.M.C.A. Tea.

Members of the Seaton branch of the League of Mothers were the hostesses at the Y.M.C.A. Sunday tea for men of the forces. Mrs. Nicol, president, presided. Mr. R. T. Wright was chairman for the evening. Items were: Vocal duets, Mrs. Glover and Mr. Bryant, Mesdames W. R. B. Oliver and G. Haydon; songs, Mrs. N. Inglis; violin solo, Miss Ruth Reid; elocutionary item, Miss Monica Bell. Misses Finlay and Nora Gray were accom-

panists. Mr. Alwright was song-leader, with Mr. Wood at the piano.

Feilding Friends' Gift.

A large box of jams and pickles from Feilding friends was brought by the president of the Cinderella Club on her return from holiday. Mrs. Allen and her orchestra provided music for dancing, and tea was served yesterday. Friday night saw the club in full

swing as dancing and supper were enjoyed.

Webby's Clubroom Painted.

There were large numbers at Webby's Club during the weekend. The cheery clubroom has been painted, and here dancing to an excellent band is enjoyed. Games and dancing were held yesterday, and afternoon tea, and later tea, were served. Cakes and savouries were again donated by friends.

ACCOMMODATION FOR MEN OF FORCES

Expansion Planned

WELLINGTON PATRIOTIC COUNCIL

"Though Wellington at present lacks a hostel that perhaps can provide sleeping accommodation under one roof for as many men as can be accommodated in this way in Auckland and Christchurch, it is quite wrong to suggest that Wellington lags behind other centres in catering for the welfare of the men of our forces," said Mr Ward, M.L.C., honorary secretary of the Wellington Provincial Patriotic Council, yesterday afternoon. Mr Ward gave details of some of the work being done for the servicemen in Wellington, including from time to time visitors from overseas, and added that steps were being taken to provide additional facilities.

"It has been suggested," said Mr Ward, "that the inference may be drawn by some people from a recent article in a weekly publication that Wellington is doing very little for the men in the forces in comparison with what is being done in other cities. If that impression should have been created it should be removed at once. It is fairness to the many hundreds of patriotic workers in this city. The position in fact is that Wellington actually is doing at least as much for the men of the forces as any other place in the Dominion.

"In Wellington city alone," Mr Ward continued, "there are approximately 15 clubs and organizations catering for the men when they are on leave and also for visiting servicemen and merchant seamen. As an indication of what is being done, the A.N.A. Club in Willis Street served approximately 10,000 meals last month, the Combined Services Hostel 2000 meals and the Y.M.C.A. about 1000 meals, excluding Sunday teas. In addition the Y.W.C.A. provides meals and entertainment for another 500 men over the weekends. The Salvation Army also provides hundreds of meals each week at its hut at the railway station. There are decided advantages in having a number of clubs. For one thing it gives greater opportunity to those desirous of having a part in entertaining the servicemen; it also provides greater variety for the men themselves.

"As for sleeping accommodation, the Combined Services Hostel provides 130 to 150 beds at the weekends, the Y.M.C.A. 120 and arranges for 56 more, and Toe H up to 20. Moreover, the Salvation Army and a number of hotels and boarding-houses have special cheap rates for servicemen.

Besides the provision of meals and accommodation, another big service was represented by the arrangements made to provide the men with dancing and light refreshments.

Mr. Ward announced that steps were being taken to expand the hostel accommodation available in Wellington. It was realized, he said, specially in view of the calling up of more men for service, that additional sleeping accommodation was required, and negotiations were proceeding with a view to providing an additional 200 beds.

Mr. Ward also referred to the recent establishment of the American-New Zealand friendship group for the entertainment of any visiting American forces. "All visiting servicemen from overseas are taken care of by the patriotic organization, and that has been our policy from the beginning," said Mr. Ward. "In undertaking this special service among American visitors the new organization will be working in close co-operation with us."

Blondes for Hitler's Stud Farms

I ASSURE YOU.

By Bill Greig in London "Daily Mirror."

Neutrals arriving from Berlin bring amazing stories of the setting up of "human stud farms" to offset the terrible losses the Nazis are suffering in Russia.

This follows the reports from other sources of the drafting "for special duty" of thousands of girls who are told that they will not be allowed to communicate with relatives owing to the secret nature of their work.

It is now stated that all these girls are of the fair-haired and blue-eyed ("pure Nordic") type, and that they are to be the mothers of a special race.

The fathers of the children will be a limited number of S.S. men chosen for their mental and physical powers.

Many German soldiers now at the front have heard of this, and there is considerable unrest.

All the women chosen are between the ages of 20 and 35.

Girls Free for Huns

More than 300,000 Slovene men, women and children have now been transported from their homes in Yugoslavia in cattle trucks, without belongings, for forced labour in Germany, according to information which has just reached Dr. Miha Krey, head of the Slovenes in London.

The only young people left behind in Slovenia are girls and women be-

tween the ages of sixteen and twenty-four.

The German occupying forces have branded all these women on the back of the hand with the words: "Freies Militarmadchen"—"Girls Free for the Soldiers."

All churches and schools have now been closed, all food and cattle stolen without even paper receipts.

Typical of German attitude to the Church is the case of the parish priest of Slovenjgradec near the frontier, who was made to sweep the main street on Sunday morning and gather up the manure with his hands. He is sixty-eight years old.

Families have been split up and allowed to take only essential personal belongings on the long cattle-truck journey to the labour camps in Eastern Germany.

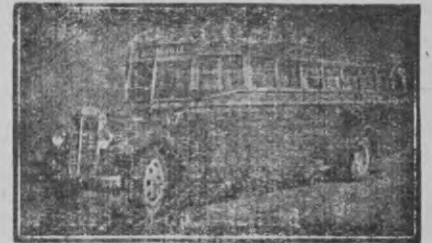
Except for a small area around Ljubljana held by the Italians, the Germans are in complete control of Slovenia. When Hitler was at Maribor he gave the army instructions to regard everything they found in Slovenia as their own.

R.N.Z.A.F. AT RUGBY

A Welsh Guards Rugby team beat the R.N.Z.A.F. by 9 points to 6. The New Zealanders' hard and accurate tackling checked the Guards time and again. The captain of the R.N.Z.A.F. team, E. Grant, was an outstanding player. The Guards gave the New Zealanders one of their hardest matches of the season.

TROOPS' GUARANTEE

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1.51	2.15
2.51	3.15
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A SOLDIER'S MEDITATION.

The day was long, the burden I had borne

Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,

And then it lifted—but I did not know

Someone had knelt in prayer,

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load;
and He,

In infinite compassion, had stopped down

And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurst and distressed,

The answer comes—but many times those hearts

Find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed, and faith, a reaching hand,

Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day,

So many, many hearts have need of prayer—

Oh, let us pray.

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of something or some one. That one may be many hundreds, perhaps thousands of miles away. Distance, like time, does not exist where God works. Just as one speaks into a microphone and instantaneously that voice is reproduced on the other side of the world, so true prayer is breathed to God and immediately someone far away is blessed with God's answer. Nay, God works in a far more wonderful way than this. He says "Before they call I will answer." There are many true stories told of prayer being made to God for some essential need, something absolutely unobtainable except from a distance, and which is required urgently. Almost immediately the thing required has arrived, having been on the way for days or weeks to be the answer to that particular prayer. Far away, someone had felt the urge to send that particular article to that particular person, before the latter even felt the need. That is how God works.

Next Sunday, His Majesty has requested to be observed as a day of prayer. God answers true prayer, but true prayer comes only from hearts, honest and true before God. God does not hear the prayer of hypocrisy. Let us first come to God in humble repentance and confession of departure from Him, and as we surrender our lives to Him, He will hear and answer our prayers. The responsibility is our own.

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