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Please send by my elopement as I have a four-months-old baby and he is my only support and I knead it very bad every day to buy us food and keep us enclosed.

Both sides of my parents are very old and I can't suspect anything from with the same doctor for thirteen them. My mother has been in bed years and won't try another. My husband is in charge of a spittoon.

Do I get any more than I am going to get. Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made an application for a wife and child and send me wife form to fill out.

P.S.: My husband says he sets in Y.M.C.A. every night with the piano playing in his uniform. I think you will see him there.

(With acknowledgements to the "Evening Post.")

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HOW PARACHUTE TROOPS DESCRIBE THEIR ROUTINE.

- 04.45 hrs. Reveille.
- 05.00 hrs. Breakfast (Tiger's milk).
- 06.00 hrs. Unarmed combat with fighting baboons.
- 13.00 hrs. Dinner (raw pork and water).
- 14.00 hrs. Fighting with pick axes, lumps of coal and bottles, the latter under instruction from an Aussie sergeant.
- 16.00 hrs. Sick parade for softies.
- 17.30 hrs. Camouflage instruction. (How to impersonate (a) Goebbels, (b) Goering, (c) Emperor Hirohito).
- 20.00 hrs. Supper (More raw meat washed down with Molotov cocktails).

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RIFLEMEN, FORM.

There is a sound of thunder afar,
Storm in the South that darkens the day,
Storm of battle and thunder of war,
Well if it do not roll our way.

GENERAL'S PRAISE

N.Z. Troops In Ceremonial Parade

WESTERN DESERT, Sept. 30.
Sergeant Keith Elliott, Wellington Battalion, today received the Victoria Cross from General Montgomery, Commander of the Eighth Army. Though there was the distant rumbling of guns, and anti-aircraft crews watched the sky from pits along the ridge, the fighting formation with which Sergeant Elliott has fought in four campaigns gave a full ceremonial parade for the occasion. Troops who had been in the front line for three months stood, drilled, and marched like guardsmen on a parade which General Montgomery described as a "tremendous inspiration."

The decoration was the first of many which the new army commander presented during his first visit to the New Zealanders in the desert. They included two D.S.O.'s presented to two New Zealand brigadiers—the commander of the artillery, Brigadier Weir, and the former G.S.O. of one division, Brigadier Gentry, who now commands an infantry brigade.

In nearly 12 hours with the New Zealanders, General Montgomery travelled 10 miles over the roughest desert tracks, inspected four large parades, and spoke to almost the complete fighting force in the field. The Eighth Army, he said, was made up of men of the Empire, all hard fighting men, and none better than the New Zealanders. "Before I left England I heard a lot about the New Zealanders," he continued. "Now I have fought one battle with you, and know how true those words were. We will have more battles together, all of them, I hope, as successful as the first."

Wears N.Z. Badge.

At a parade commanded by a brigadier, the Army Commander spoke of the New Zealand badge which General Freyberg had given him to wear in his Australian "digger" hat. "I wear it prominently, and I am tremendously proud to do so," he said. "It is a very great honour."

Off the parade grounds the General talked with duty men, most of them stripped to the waist or in typical easy desert rig. He gained confidence quickly by asking questions about their homes in New Zealand, or about the cameras which some of the men hesitantly produced to snap him and General Freyberg near their trucks and bivouacs.

Be not deaf to the sound that warns,
Be not gulled by a despot's plea,
Are figs of thistles or grapes of thorns,
How should a despot set men free?

Let your reforms for a moment go,
Look to your butts and take good aims,
Better a rotten borough or so
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—Alfred Tennyson

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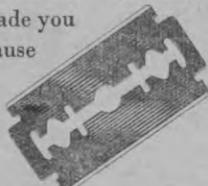


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EYES OF THE FLEET

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THE FLEET AIR ARM TELL THE EXPERTS MANY OF THE ENEMY'S SECRETS.

By BERNARD HOGBEN, in "Modern World."

No longer are our cruisers the "eyes of the fleet." The Fleet Air Arm has taken over the job and its flying patrols now operate as binoculars for the convoy vessels far below.

The photographic section of the fleet air arm is now carrying out important reconnaissance flights over enemy territory and ships. Intensive training both in flying and in the technical subjects relating to photography are carried out at Royal Navy schools of air photography.

In the early days of the war aerial photography was principally confined to the R.A.F., but with the rapid expansion of the navy's town air force, the work of the section has taken on ever increasing importance.

The value and development of aerial photography goes back many years, to the days when peaceful pursuits took the place of intensive fighting training in the production of personnel for the R.A.F.

Aerial photography was linked with exploration and map making in those days, but even as long ago as 1931 the celluloid negatives were capable of revealing secrets hidden from experts studying the ground over which planes flew to obtain their pictures.

Through studying aerial pictures taken in a flight over Hadrian's Wall, experts were able to detect signs of four camps which had been missed by archaeologists, as well as traces of unsuspected buildings forming an early encampment.

During our operations in Norway, fleet air arm pictures told our naval authorities what was happening in the fjords, and of the progress of enemy supply and troopships as they crept along the rocky coast.

To the uninitiated the view of an enemy naval base taken at a good height may convey little meaning, but the eagle eyes of the intelligence officers can extract a wealth of information from its study.

They see much more than the harbour, stretching far below the fast-moving plane. They can detect activity in the building yards; number of ships moored to the quays, even their identity, to say nothing of such interesting facts as whether the vessels are loading or have steam up, ready to sail with the coming tide.

As the eyes of the navy patrol their beats they can take pictures of likely quiet anchorages; shallow water where U-boats may lie up between raids. Even from the air there may appear to be no sign of a marauder, but when the photographs are examined by an experienced eye, a lurking shadow may betray the submarine.

An important feature of land photography is that pictures taken at intervals disclose any change that may have taken place in the way of building, new fortifications, and a hundred and one other little things which may give useful tips for future operations.

Equipment of warplanes for aerial photography usually includes two fool-proof cameras. It is essential that they should require the minimum of attention, and one is usually completely automatic. It is fitted with interchangeable magazine, capable of taking 125 exposures at a charge.

Good pictures necessitate the plane flying on a straight and level course. Photographs may be taken at low levels when ground defences allow for a swoop out of the clouds, but the development of telescopic lenses has made it possible for pictures to be taken from even 24,000 feet which provide revealing detail when examined by an expert.

Taking the photographs is a risky job at most times. Pictures may be obtained by using the automatic camera at heights of a few thousand feet, but when opportunity occurs for close-ups at low level the observer may employ the other camera which is most suitable for oblique angle work.

When the negatives have been exposed the plane returns to its base. Waiting are the men who have been trained to develop and print the precious strips of celluloid. Whilst they are at their work the observer is making his report.

The observer's story studied in conjunction with the finished prints are the material upon which the experts reach their conclusions. With magnifier and stereoscope they are able to extract the enemy's secrets and read far more into the picture than was seen by the observer when he flew over the target.



"Throw it back, Nobby!—it's not big enough!"
—"Daily Mirror."

Since this time the science of photography from the air has been developed to such an extent as to make very few secrets capable of remaining hidden from the powerful lenses of warplane cameras. Each strip of negative has a story to tell to the shrewd expert, and the information gleaned in this way, used in conjunction with verbal reports, makes the task of each side far more complicated in a modern war.



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And say 'tis not the thing for you
to do;

If you can wait on God, nor wish to
hurry,

Or, being greatly used, keep hum-
ble still,

Or if you're tested, cater not to worry
And yet remain within His sover-
eign will;

If you can say 'tis well when sorrow
greeted you

And death has taken those you hold
most dear,

If you can smile when adverse trials
meet you

And be content e'en tho' your lot be
drear;

If you can be reviled and never mur-
mur,

Or being tempted not give way to
sin;

If you can fight for right and stand
the firmer,

Or lose the battle when you ought
to win;

If you can really long for His appear-
ing,

And therefore set your heart on
things above;

If you can speak for Christ in spite
of sneering,

Or to the most unlovely one show
love;

If you can hear the call of God to
labour,

And answer, "Yes," in yieldingness
and trust,

And go to tell the story of the Saviour
To the souls in darkness o'er the
desert's dust;

If you can pray when Satan's darts
are strongest

And take the road of faith instead of
sight,

Or walk with God e'en tho' His way
be longest,

And swerve not to the left nor to
the right;

If you desire Himself alone to fill you,
For Him alone you care to live
and be.

Then 'tis not you, but Christ who
dwelleth in you,

And that, O Child of God is victory!

What a power in that little word
"If." How it cuts the ground from
under the feet of sham and unreality.
We may protest our love for the Lord
and talk about it for hours on end,
but He says "If you lose Me, keep
My commandments."—not just keep on
assuring people how much you love
Him, but just keep His command-
ments. "This is My commandment,
that ye love one another, even as I
have loved you." Therein is the mea-
sure of our love to the Lord—just
the measure in which we love those—
all those—who belong to Him. Love
is proved by deeds and not by words.

We regret to learn that Les Taylor,
officer in charge of the Hut, has been
compelled to take a spell. For some
time he has been feeling the strain
of the work and this last month has
been particularly strenuous. We wish
him a good rest and speedy recovery.
In the meantime Mr. Leo Clark, of
Auckland, and late of the Hut, Wai-
ouru, is taking the responsibility for
the work at Trentham, and a happy
welcome is extended to him.

combining a concert and picture show
last night at the Toc H Club. This was
under the auspices of the Wellington Edu-
cation Department, who lent the equip-
ment. Mr. Harris, who was the operator,
screened travelogues, cartoons and comic
films, these being interspersed at intervals
with violin and piano solos by two visi-
tors. Choruses were also sung by several
visitors, with Mrs. Howard-Cooke at the
piano. The weekly dance, attended by a
record gathering on Friday night, was
followed by a tasty supper provided by
Toc H helpers, and others connected with
the club assisted with the serving. Non-
dancers found the cheerful fire in the
flower-decorated lounge specially attrac-
tive, and the committee extends its thanks
to the donors of spring blooms. Maga-
zines, periodicals, and provisions are still
urgently needed, and it would be appre-
ciated if these could be contributed each
week.

The Victory Club was again crowded
during the weekend. The M.C.'s were
Staff-Sergeants R. Sloan and G. Pres-
tidge, and Mrs. Anderson, Misses M.
Sparkes and M. Marlon were hostesses.
On Saturday night—Mr. Thomas and Miss
Sisson delighted everybody with rumba
and quickstep exhibition dances. The
extras were played by Miss Ngaire Slack.
The committee extend thanks to Mrs.
Slack and Mrs. Jeffs, Misses Jean and
Mavis Rae, Jean Day, Thelma Brierly,
and Messrs. Anderson, Wade and Hender-
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Men of all the Services, including the
Merchant Navy, were present at the Cin-
derella Club yesterday and sat down to
a delicious hot tea of roast beef and vege-
tables. After tea dancing was enjoyed to
music provided by Mrs. Allen and Mr.

Farnell, also sang at the Saturday social.
Yesterday Misses J. Gooday and N. and
M. Inglis figured on the musical pro-
gramme; instrumental duets were played
by Misses S. Lee and G. Jackson, and
violin solos by Master John Lobb. Mes-
dames Gifford, Rollett, Parker and
Dimock and Misses M. McCallan and E.
Lemmon were on duty.

Hot meals were in heavy demand at
the National Club yesterday and helpers
from the Wellington Central electorate,
convened by Mrs. A. E. Meech, were busy
serving a popular three-course menu com-
prising soup, roast and vegetables, fol-
lowed by apple pie and syrup pudding.
Saturday's tea dance, convened by Mrs.
R. Roberts and Miss Josephine Russell,
was crowded with men of the Services.

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checked in for beds at the Combined
Services Hostel in Dixon Street on
Saturday night. Ever since the hostel
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counters. This is a particularly accept-
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servicemen being accommodated by both
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their friends enjoyed a novel programme

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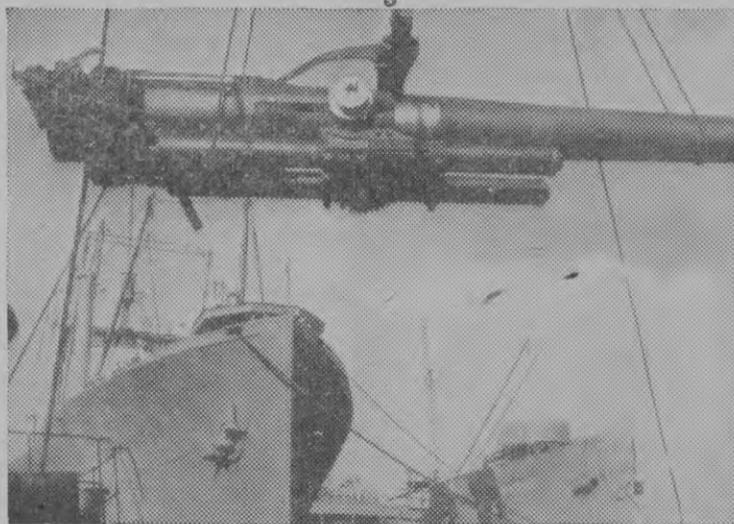
Provision For Service People By City Clubs

Relaxation of definite value is being
promoted through the efforts of hundreds
of voluntary helpers at all the service
club centres in Wellington. Most clubs
contribute to hold a special dance or enter-
tainment at the end of the week, and an
abundance of hospitality, concerts,
dances, food and refreshments, was made
available this weekend to the many ser-
vicemen and women on leave.

A substantial monetary donation was
received by the A.N.A. Club during the
week from an army serviceman, who
wishes to remain anonymous. He ex-
pressed his thanks and appreciation to
the club and its helpers for the many acts
of kindness and consideration shown to
fellow servicemen. The girls' auxiliary
is notified that no club dance will be held
on Wednesday, October 7. During the
week dance music has been provided by
Sergeant-Major T. Kirk-Burnard, Pri-
vate B. Staples, Mesdames J. L. Allen
and Dickson and Miss L. Chalker. Yes-
terday Miss Heather Wright entertained
with a tap and acrobatic dance. Sincere
thanks are expressed to the donors of pro-
visions. Hampers were received from the
Patea Women's Home Guard, per Mrs.
F. Brooker; the Masterton Women's Wel-
fare League, per Mrs. A. B. Carruthers;
the Hawera W.W.S.A., per Mrs. C. H.
Stevens; Waipoapa Station, Havelock
North; Tuturumuri residents, Martin-
borough, per Miss Joyce Grant, for meat,
eggs and provisions; Pahautanui branch
W.D.F.U., per Mrs. R. S. Wall, a ham-
per; box of butter, Whenuakura Dairy
Company; carton of ham, J. H. Walker
and Sons, Hawera. Thanks are also ex-
tended to the senders of magazines. More
are still required as the demand is great.

Members of the Land and Income Tax
Department and the Solway College Old
Girls' Association acted as cafeteria help-
ers at the Y.W.C.A., and the usual kit-
chen committee planned and cooked the
meals, vegetables being contributed by the
Russell Terrace W.W.S.A. Group and the
Lower Hutt Land Army. The Y.W.C.A.
Karori Girls' Club supplied the hostesses
and regular helpers staffed the lounge and
lobby. Supper was provided by St.
Mark's Parish. Following the half-hour
service taken on Sunday by the Rev. A.
Petch, was an excellent concert staged
by Wellington East College old girls.
Items were arranged by Mr. Jesson and
the Welsh choir also participated.

Two countries were represented at the
British Sailors' Society last Thursday
night, when the Welsh Choir, under the
leadership of Mrs. McLeod, attended,
dressed in national costume, and gave
items, these being followed by a series of
negro spirituals, quartets and solos, sung
by six visiting negroes belonging to the
United States Forces. Two coloured
Americans, Robert Turner and Richard



AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN ARE WELL ARMED AGAINST AXIS
PIRATES: A gun being placed in position at a U.S. port where merchant
ships are armed. In the background are two ships with anti-aircraft gun
nests already in position.

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