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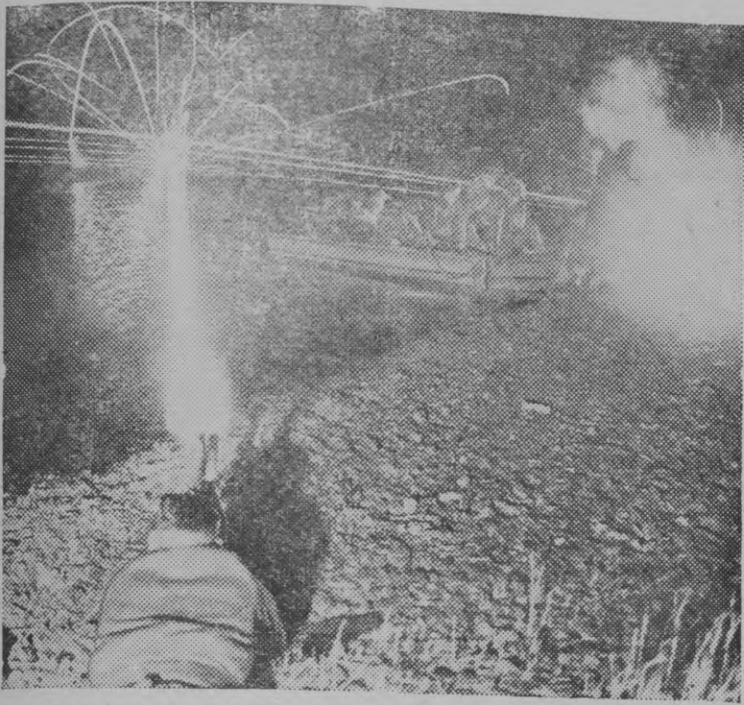
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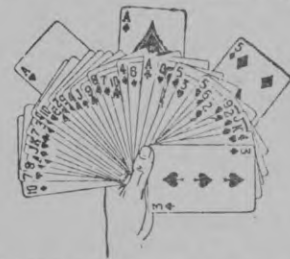
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A NEW SCHEME

Pass this 3-day course, and you'll make an officer

(From the "Daily Mirror.")

A new War Office scheme is designed to ensure that no incompetent will ever wear "pips" on the shoulders of his tunic.

Under the scheme, specially appointed officers will travel from unit to unit searching for likely material.

Any man selected by this "mobile board" will be sent on a three days' course, during which he will do everything he has dreamed of doing since joining the Army.

He will eat at the same table as his colonel; he will find himself in sole command of a party attacking "enemy headquarters"; and he will undergo the toughest test of brain and muscle power the Army could devise.

It is all part of the new O.C.T.U. selection system.

In the old days, a soldier recommended for a commission went before a Board. For fifteen minutes they questioned him, probed into his capabilities, weighed up his mental ability.

Now the fifteen minutes has spread into three days. And it doesn't stop at questions.

Instead of being asked to explain something in theory, a bank clerk—without any experience of scaffolding work—may be asked to bridge a deep ravine.

All the materials are there, just as they would be in the field. And if he is the new "right type," he'll do it.

Recently I visited the headquarters of one of nine new selection boards in this country. It is here the men live for the three days.

From written and verbal tests set by psychiatrists, to an obstacle run—which would make a Commando wince—the candidates experience every form of trial. If you pass the obstacle test, you would lead men

anywhere. And the bridging test is just as tough.

As it is impossible to use the last war system of nominating a man for training because of good conduct under fire, the selection board do the next best thing.

And it is proving a success. The system was based originally on the German system of Tests, but this proved too involved, and took far too much time.

So they switched to the American system which came into use in the last World War.

Any man may find himself nominated for the course. Listen to the President of the Selection Board:

"The boy who leaves school at fourteen, and who—by sheer ability—is selected as a potential officer, may be far more useful to us than the man who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth."

To prove it . . . A number of men were selected from a unit, and detailed to put on a special show for newspapermen visiting the board. One of the "guinea-pigs" was so smart, that he may be put forward as candidate for O.C.T.U. training.

While they are at the board's headquarters, the men are told to forget rank. They wear a yellow armband bearing a number. They are known by that number, irrespective of rank. They mix freely with the officers, living in the same mess.

I met some of them. Most of them are just boys caught up in the war and anxious to do a good job. But one or two have stories to tell.

When the Army's queerest three days are over, those who have passed still have to go through an Officers' Cadet Training Unit.



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Morse was invented by an art student

When Samuel Finley Breese Morse—American artist and inventor—first thought of the idea of transmitting words in electric current, by utilising dots and dashes, he little realised that his brain-child would be a vital factor in the greatest war of all time.

Recently, as cable company chiefs celebrated the Morse centenary, thousands of youths—and girls, too—all over Britain were bent over model Morse telegraph instruments, patiently tapping out the language of dots and dashes.

Through these students, when their course is finished warship will speak to warship fighter plane and heavy bomber will speak to their base.

Although Morse invented his code for peace, it is, perhaps, more than any other medium, the language of war.

Strange, then, that this code—now used by all countries—should have been invented by a man who devoted most of his youth to studying art. It was on a trip back from Paris in a small packet boat on the heaving Atlantic wastes, that the idea first came to forty-one-year-old Sam Morse.

As with so many great ideas, it was difficult to convince others of the value of the code. Even his own go-ahead countrymen were sceptical. They told him he was a fool.

To prove his theory, Morse worked night and day, insulating two miles of wire with hemp thread, saturated with tar and surrounded with rubber.

He wanted to show that it was possible to send a message by wire under water. Eventually his "cable" was finished.

He hired a rowing boat and unreel- ed the wire through the waters of New York Harbour. One end he left behind at Castle Garden; the other he made fast at Governor's Island.

"What God hath wrought," was the first message which came faintly over his primitive telegraph cable a hundred years ago.

Only a few more words had been transmitted, when an anchor dragged over his cable and snapped it; but at last he had convinced his critics, and became the inventor of the electro- magnetic recording telegraph.

A few years later, representatives from European countries were paying hard cash to use Morse patents.

Morse code has been the means of saving thousands of lives during the hundred years it has been in use. The youngest schoolboy is familiar with the three dots, three dashes, three dots which signal S O S.

Incidentally these letters do not stand for "Save our Souls, but are merely three letters used for convenience. The first distress call at sea was "C Q"—formerly used over land

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I comma to camp
Against a da will,
I no canna march
I no canna drill;
Dey make me parade
Around and around,
I have da collapsa
And fall on da ground.
I feela so bad
I no canna walk,
Da bone she no good
She turna to chalk.
I land on da mat
Da physica wreck
Da bossa he say five boba you pay
But he no take da cheque.
I parada so sick
At da R.A. da P.
Dey no canna cure
Da bone in da knee;
I feela so bad
I no wanta roam
I no lika da Army
I wanta go home.
I tella you's guys
Dis camp I no like,
Dey maka me mad
Dey calla me Ike;
I gotta da right
To make da complain
No calla me Ike
She's notta my name.
I tella you now
Yust vhata is which
I no canna parade
I gotta da stitch;
I feela so bad
Da doctor he look
I no gotta da spot;
He getta so mad
And shaka da head,
He tella me then
I swinga da lead.
I try for to march
But da leg a da bone
She soona collapsa
Dey carry me home.
My inside she boil
I no canna think
Da bossa he growl
And I land in da clink;
But she's notta so bad
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BRIGHTER BATTING

Wellington College Old Boys Beat Kilbirnie

Brighter batting was seen when the fourth series of the Wellington Cricket Association's senior championship competition was played under ideal conditions for run-getting on Saturday afternoon.

A brilliant innings by V. Hill, a product of Christchurch Boys' High School, who scored 110 in 105 minutes, including three sixes and 13 fours, enabled Army to apply the closure when seven wickets had fallen for 231 runs in their match against Midland-Wellington at the Basin Reserve. Though T. L. Pritchard, the Manawatu, Wellington and New Zealand fast bowler, was on the combined side, Hill was not afraid to off-drive his express deliveries to the pickets, and Pritchard, who is on leave from a North Island camp, had to be content with four wickets for 62 runs. Good bowling by D. P. Dumbleton, who took seven wickets for 64 off 12 overs, and M. A. O'Brien, who took three for 12 off four overs, saw the combined team, for whom H. W. Osborne scored 49, dismissed for 124.

A resolute knock by J. R. Lamason, who hit up 80 in 53 minutes, including three sixes and nine fours, saw Wellington College Old Boys total 155 against Kilbirnie at the Basin Reserve. J. Ashenden, whom Lamason treated severely, bowled well for Kilbirnie in taking six wickets for 86 runs. Small as was Old Boys' total, it was too big a hurdle for Kilbirnie, who fell for 124 against the slow spin bowling of G. L. Whyte, who took six wickets for 74 runs, and good length trundling by J. R. Lamason, who took three for 18. Both teams had won all their games this season up to this match, and their victory enabled Old Boys to retain their place at the top of the championship ladder with 23 points, Kilbirnie, Hutt and Petone coming next with 15 points.

Effective fast bowling by A. Riddolls, who took eight wickets for 37 runs off 11 overs, enabled Petone to beat Air Force by 102 to 86 at Petone. The game was played on a new wicket opposite the grandstand, which had cut up rather badly by the time it was Air Force's turn to bat. Smith was the most effective bowler for Air Force.

Some free scoring was seen in the game between Hutt and St. Patrick's College Old Boys on the Hutt Recreation Ground, which ended in a draw. Thanks to spirited innings by Stehr, King, Dickinson, and Chapman, Hutt totalled 248 in their first innings. St. Patrick's Old Boys made the vigorous response of 208 for seven wickets. Ongley, Cameron, Burke, and Mooney playing brightly. Hastings, Halligan and Jupp were the most successful bowlers for St. Patrick's, and Chapman, Wall and Muir for Hutt. This was the first match Hutt had failed to win this season.

Brilliant bowling by R. W. Coupland, who took seven wickets for 28 runs, enabled Karori to beat University on Karori Park by 136 runs on the first innings. Sound batting by J. Coupland and D. Mullan, who put on 73 for the first wicket, enabled Karori to declare their first innings closed when eight wickets had fallen for 211. The students found the bowling of R. W. Coupland and G. R. Dickinson unplayable, and could only tot up 75 in their first innings.

Free scoring by Meachan, Ormiston, Rogers and Bartlett enabled Institute Old Boys to record their first win of the sea-

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son by beating School of Artillery by 66 runs on the first innings at Kilbirnie Recreation Ground. Artillery scored 150, of which Ferguson, a one-time Auckland representative, claimed 64, and 65 for seven wickets. Institute applied the closure with 216 for six wickets. J. Bilby bowled well for Institute, taking two for 35 and six for 42.

Following are the results:—

Senior Grade.
Army, 231 for seven wickets declared (V. Hill 110, V. Parkinson 30 not out, H. Nottman 25; T. L. Pritchard four for 62) beat Midland-Wellington 124 (H. W. Osborne 49, E. Armstrong 25) by 107 runs on the first innings.
Wellington College Old Boys 155 (J. R. Lamason 80, L. V. Browne 29; J. Ashenden six for 86, Allen three for 50), and 62 for four wickets (Ronaldson 23; J. Ashenden three for 20), beat Kilbirnie 124 (Gubbins 30, Fitzsimmons 28, Lubransky 23; G. L. Whyte six for 74, J. R. Lamason three for 18), by 31 runs on the first innings.
Hutt 248 (Stehr 65, King 50, Dickinson 40, Chapman 43; Hastings three for 52, Halligan three for 65, Jupp three for 74), drew with St. Patrick's College Old Boys 209 for seven wickets (J. A. Ongley 46, Cameron 39 not out, Burke 37, Mooney 27; Chapman three for 48, Muir two for 39).
Karori 211 for eight wickets declared (J. Coupland 67, Mullan 48; Beard three for 26, Burnard two for 26, Wilson two for 23) beat University 75 (R. W. Coupland seven for 28, Dickinson three for 24) by 136 runs on the first innings.
Petone 102 (Asplet 26, McKay 21, Posselt 19; Smith four for 33, Munro two for 23, Alexander two for 1) beat Air Force 86 (Crawford 33, Bonner 27; Riddolls eight for 37) by 16 runs on the first innings.
Institute 216 for six wickets declared (Meachen 71, Ormiston 41, Rogers 30, Bartlett 30; Burgess three for 73) beat School of Artillery 150 (Ferguson 64; J. Bilby two for 35, Bartlett three for 48, Meachen three for 36), and 65 for seven wickets (J. Bilby six for 42) by 66 runs on the first innings.

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Golden years are fleeting by, youth is fleeting too.
Try to make the most of life, lose no honest way;
Time will never bring again chances passed away.
Leave no tender word unsaid, love while life shall last—
The mill will never grind with the water that has passed.

Work while yet the daylight shines,
Man of strength and will;
Never does the streamlet glide, useless by the mill.
Wait not till to-morrow's sun beams upon your way,
All that you can call your own lies in this, To-day.
Power, intellect, and strength, may not, cannot last—
The mill will never grind with the water that has passed.

Oh! the wasted hours of life that have drifted by—
Oh! the good we might have done, lost, without a sigh.
Love that we might once have saved with but a single word,
Thoughts conceived, but never penned, perishing unheard.
Take this lesson to year heart, take, oh! hold it fast—
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—S. Doudney.

operated in any camp by the Canteen Board, it shall be the sole selling agent of aerated waters, but not cordials. In such camps religious institutes will be permitted to sell cordials but not aerated waters.

"Where a defence services canteen is not operated in any camp by the Canteen Board, and the unit provides its own canteen service, it shall be the sole selling agent of aerated waters but not cordials. In such camps religious institutes will be permitted to sell cordials, but not aerated waters.

"Where neither a defence services canteen nor a unit canteen is operated in any camp the religious institutes shall be the sole selling agents of both aerated waters and cordials. Service clubs do not come under this arrangement."

NEW SERVICES CLUB

If the new club for servicemen opened at Day's Bay on Saturday night proves a success, it will be continued throughout the summer months under an arrangement between the Wellington City Corporation (owner of Williams Park) and the Patriotic Committee. The mayor of Eastbourne, Mr. E. Wise, says that the club premises will be available to men of all fighting services on Saturdays from 4.30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and on Sundays from 4.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. It is understood that men in uniform are not permitted to take their own girl friends, but that girls from the eastern side of the harbour will act as hostesses. Servicemen are supplied with tea, supper, a dance and all the amenities of the club (which include ping-pong tables, quoits, and so on) for 1/6 a head. An Allied force dance band, one of the best heard at Day's Bay, played the music on Saturday night. Nothing is being neglected by the young women of the district to make the new services club a thorough success.

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The water which would have turned the wheel to-day is far away to-morrow. We may dream of what we will do to-morrow, but opportunity comes but to-day. If anything is to be accomplished it must be tackled to-day—to-morrow never comes. An enterprising service station proprietor exhibited a large sign "Free air to-day, free petrol to-morrow." Like all to-morrow's promises, it was very alluring, but it was worthless. It is good to have an ideal—a dream which we hope will come true—but we must start to-day to work for its fulfilment or it will remain but a dream. To-day is God's time and should it not be ours? The evening of men's souls says "To-morrow" but God says "To-day." The rich man said "I've got plenty of goods laid up for the future and now I can retire and enjoy life," but God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, and then whose shall these things be?"

Everyman's Thought for the Week:
Life affords but few opportunities of doing great services for others; but there is scarcely an hour of the day that does not afford us an opportunity of performing some little, it may be unnoticed kindness.
—Bowen.

AWARD OF K.C.B.

High Honour For General Freyberg

His Majesty the King, on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, has been graciously pleased to confer the honour of K.C.B. on Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Freyberg, General Officer Commanding the Second New Zealand Division, in recognition of the supreme gallantry and excellent achievements of the New Zealand troops and their commander in the opening stages of the recent operations.

In making this announcement yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, said he knew the grant of this high honour would give the greatest satisfaction and pleasure both to the people of the Dominion and to the officers and men of the 2nd N.Z.E.F., whom General Freyberg has led with such distinction and ability during nearly three years of strenuous activity.

"The award is being gazetted in London today and I have sent to General Freyberg on behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand a message of heartiest congratulations," said Mr. Fraser.

The text of Mr. Fraser's telegram to General Freyberg is as follows:—"I desire on behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand to extend heartiest congratulations to you on the conferment of honour of K.C.B. by His Majesty the King. The announcement of this award is received with the greatest satisfaction and pleasure by the people of New Zealand, who regard it both as recognition of the magnificent achievements and gallantry of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. and of your own most distinguished leadership of the division during three years of most strenuous activity."

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