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## "The King"

There are many of us who remember being halted on the roadside at the Somme in 1916 for inspection by H.M. King George V, and the informality of the occasion has left a lasting impression of dignity and inspiration.

The recent visit of H.M. King George VI to the Western Front will no doubt be an inspiration to all troops throughout the British Empire, for "like father, like son," the highest traditions of our sovereignty are being maintained in the true British spirit.

The first order of the day issued to the British front line troops appropriately marks the occasion, and is as follows:—

"You have been chosen to go into action. We shall have the closest touch with our Allies, who have extended the warmest welcomes. A unique honour has been conferred on you. The opportunity is yours to maintain and enhance the glorious traditions inscribed on your colours. Be vigilant, be cool and fire low to the last man, the last round and a bit more. Not only the eyes of your country are upon you but also those of our Allies and the whole Empire. With justice on our side, the watchwords will be: 'On ne passe pas'—'They shall not pass,' and 'On les aura'—'We shall win.'"

Soon it will be our turn to uphold the traditions of the gallant N.Z. Division of 1914-18—Samoa, Egypt, Gallipoli, Palestine, Armentieres, The Somme, Messines, Paschendale, and such other names so familiar to the old soldier, will live again in the glory and achievement of our new army who will "carry on" with the same determination as our predecessors who never lost a trench and never failed in their objective.

## A Christmas Message to You from The Minister of Defence

The enthusiasm you have displayed in carrying out your training is to me a matter for the greatest satisfaction, as is also the splendid manners in which you have responded to your instructors. It is impossible for me to meet each individual member of the Special Force, and I am glad to take advantage of the channel afforded me to give a message to each and every member.

I know that you all realise and appreciate the great traditions you will be called upon to maintain, and I am confident that each and every one of you can be relied upon to uphold them. The principal purpose of this message, however, is to extend to all my personal good wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Soldier's Vocabulary

(By "SAMMY HALL")

It has become more and more apparent that the dialect of the New Zealand soldier has lost the characteristic "punch" accrued during the past century. Unless something is done to remedy the matter in the near future the inestimable ladies who act as hostesses at the conclusion of Sunday School parties and similar occasions will have to look to their laurels if they are to compete with the modern warrior in drawing-room expression. We feel certain that if things continue in the present trend our comrades, the English Tommy, will fail to recognize us, while Hitler and Goebbels and other pugnacious laddies of the "other side" will not even know we have arrived. The other day, during a company parade, an unfortunate individual in the front rank saw his rifle clattering to the ground, he shuddered and involuntarily closed his ears, remembering a similar occasion in 1916. My fears were groundless. The sergeant-major smiled politely and timidly suggested that the hapless private held his weapon in a slightly firmer grip. The private agreed that this would be wise, and every one seemed to be on the most congenial terms. I began to doubt the sanity of some of the officers when several similar occurrences were treated in the same manner within the next few days. I also came upon two quarrelling privates, showering one another with abuse. I approached eagerly, in anticipation of a fair dinkum scene. However, after one had called the other a nasty man, and his opponent had responded by poking out his tongue, I quietly faded out to the cot (wet).

Now, to come to the point. A certain inquisitive hound in our platoon spent all last Saturday afternoon in the office of the Registrar of Deaths and Marriages.

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Visitors at the bivouac on Saturday were Major E. Reeves, M.C., Area Staff Officer, and Messrs. Pike, Madden, Proudfoot, Gamble, and Murray, representing the Regimental Association of the District Signal Company.

Attending the bivouac were Lieut. J. C. McIntosh, Commanding Officer; Lieut. E. H. Horwood, Adjutant, N.Z.S.C.; Lieut. H. G. Rix, Medical Officer; Lieut. Holderness, N.Z.T.S.; Lieut. Scholefield, Second Lieut. W. R. Schdroski, Second Lieut. G. J. W. Tyer, Second Lieut. R. H. Wilson, Staff-Sergeant Annus, C.Q.M.C. Heatherwick, C.S.M. M. Philpott, Sergt. H. G. R. Tolley, Infantry Brigade, Cable Detachment, Corporal W. Shaw, Signal Section, Corporal Bremner, Sergeant T. Trith, Artillery Brigade, and Corporal Watson, Second Field Ambulance.

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It is most gratifying to all concerned to record the pleasurable satisfaction with which the initial publication of the "Camp News" was received throughout the Central Command. To reply individually to the many well-wishers and congratulatory messages received is a big undertaking; nevertheless, these sentiments are appreciated, and it will be our constant endeavour to maintain a standard in keeping with the expressions of goodwill so profusely offered. To the Infantry Battalion and other units who have returned from Waiorou we regret not having more appropriate news copy available at the time of going to press. Camp topics of general interest from all sources is readily welcome, and we are looking forward to the day when every unit throughout the Central Command will be represented by interesting topics within its scope.

With your co-operation and enthusiasm, the "Camp News" is destined to become a really worth-while effort to the satisfaction of all concerned.

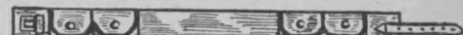


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### Officers Selected

Additional to those already gazetted, the following officers have been selected for service with the Special Force:—

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Colonel E. Puttick, D.S.O., N.Z. Staff Corps.  
Colonel R. Miles, D.S.O., M.C., Royal New Zealand Artillery.  
Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Stevens, Royal New Zealand Artillery.  
Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. King, N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps.  
Lieutenant-Colonel G. B. Parkinson, Royal New Zealand Artillery.  
Lieutenant-Colonel K. L. Stewart, O.B.E., N.Z. Staff Corps.  
Lieutenant-Colonel S. M. Crump, O.B.E., N.Z. Staff Corps.  
Major F. W. Hunt, N.Z. Staff Corps.  
Major A. W. Greville, N.Z. Staff Corps.  
Major W. G. Gentry, N.Z. Staff Corps.  
Lieut. A. H. Andrews, N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps.

#### TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. M. Inglis, Class I, Reserve of Officers.  
Lieutenant-Colonel K. MacCormick, N.Z. Medical Corps.  
The appointments of the above-mentioned officers will be gazetted in due course.

## Second Echelon

### N.C.Os. Selected

The following probationary N.C.O.'s selected from the Wellington district have departed for training before being posted to their respective units:—  
H. M. Bacon, E. I. Barnett, W. H. Barnard.  
L. E. Creagh, J. R. Concher, W. S. Corbett.  
B. V. Davison.  
C. E. Evans.  
H. T. Fraser, J. C. Fraser, W. Felton, B. E. Fitzgibbon.  
D. Gibson, F. H. Greer, D. G. Gapes.  
K. R. Hutcheson, S. B. Hoby, W. D. Haydon.  
W. G. Jude, W. T. Job.  
K. A. Longmore.  
L. T. Mark, S. M. Malden, B. A. Marris, H. I. Mitchison.  
K. F. Orr.  
J. S. Porteous, H. J. S. Plimmer.  
C. G. Rands, A. I. Russell, I. D. Reid.  
F. N. South, A. A. Sinclair, C. C. Smith, J. Summers, J. K. P. Stevenson, A. J. Shields, H. J. C. Strickland, A. J. Stanford.  
E. Trewby.  
W. T. Vaughan.  
B. R. Waight, V. H. L. Williams, W. S. Williams, A. H. Whitcombe, S. J. Wilson, F. N. Wells, C. P. S. Wareham, J. Woods.



"Evening Post" Photo.

COLONEL E. PUTTICK, D.S.O., N.Z. Staff Corps, who has been selected for service with the Special Force.

## FOR VALOUR

### Sergeant Brown

In our second series of short notes on deeds of valour granted to New Zealanders for acts of daring and courageous services is that of an Otago lad, who distinguished himself on the field of battle, Donald Forrester Brown, son of a well-known merchant of Oamaru.

He was attached to the 2nd Infantry Battalion, Otago Regiment, when an attack to the south-east of High Wood was held up by machine-gun fire. Sergeant Brown and a comrade succeeded in advancing to a point 30 yards from the enemy gun, then rushed the point, and in a desperate struggle killed four of the crew and captured the gun. Again the attack was held up by machine-gun fire until Sergeant Brown and his comrade had rushed a second gun, enabling the advance to proceed unchecked.

His company later paid dearly for an objective gained between High Wood and Flores—only 57 answering to their names on roll-call next day. On October 1, 1916, his platoon was advancing, when an enemy gun held up the attack with a withering fire. Sergeant Brown ordered his men under cover, while, single-handed, he destroyed the gun's crew with one of their own pistols. When the gun was silenced, he again led the remander of his platoon onward. He fell victim to a sniper's bullet on the Somme.

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## Maori Battalion

### Honoured by Visit from Minister of Defence

The Battalion was honoured with an informal visit, on Tuesday, from the Minister of Defence, the hon. Mr. Jones, who was accompanied by the following members of Parliament:—Messrs. Moncur, Cullen, Coleman, and Anderson.

Mr. Jones congratulated Major Dittmer on the smartness of the men, which was the outcome of the good work of the Major and his officers and instructors. He also expressed the confident hope that they would prove worthy of the high standard set during the last war by their predecessors—the Pioneer Battalion—the Hoko-whitu-a-Tu.

Mr. Moncur, member for Rotorua, then presented the Battalion with a beautiful six-valve Bush radio set, on behalf of the Arawa tribe of Rotorua.

Major Dittmer briefly, but suitably, replied, thanking the Arawa people on behalf of the Battalion, for their fine gesture.

On Sunday, a very impressive church parade was held at the camp. The Rev. Paul Te Muera, of Otaki, who was accompanied by Mrs. Te Muera, conducted the service, and gave an inspiring and very appropriate address on the text, "Watchman, what of the night?"

Capt. T. Tahiwī presided at the organ.

In the afternoon numerous visitors called. Among these were Sir Apirana and Lady Ngata, Mrs. M. Swainson, Mrs. Evans and Mr. Haipaina Awarau, all of Wellington; Mrs. Scott, Miss Hera Scott, Mrs. Katene and Mrs. M. Metekingi, all of Wanganui; Mr. and Mrs. Pura Logan and Miss Hutana, of Waipawa, Hawke's Bay; Miss Lorna Metekingi, and Messrs. Pat and John Metekingi, of Wellington; Mr. Ernie Edwards and Mr. Whitehead, both of Palmerston North.

Sunday evening, a very enjoyable sing-song was held at the Y.M.C.A., officers and men joining lustily in various renditions, under the baton of Mr. Chapple, the officer in charge of the Y.M., aided by Capt. Tahiwī at the piano.

December 9th, Lieutenant Parekura Tureia, of Gisborne, from the H.B. Regiment. Lieutenant Tureia, formerly a prominent Maori Rugby player, captained the N.Z. Maori team in the famous battle against the Springboks in 1921, in which year he was named by the Aussies as "the best back in N.Z."

Also, December 9th, Privates M. B. Delamore, S. Bluett, J. I. Walker, W. Maxwell, W. Erueti, I. Rini, R. C. Wilson, T. Anaru, all of Matatua.

Discharged, December, permanently unfit, Privates John Sullivan, of Taranaki, and G. Anglan, of Bluff. Both discharges were the result of injuries. Pte. Sullivan's injury was the result of a wound received on the Somme in

1916, during the last show, when he served with distinction, and attained the rank of sergeant. All were very sorry to see this old warrior leave, as his quiet, unassuming manner had made him universally liked.

His efforts to get away again failed, but they served to show the Battalion that the old fighting spirit still lives.

"Marched in," December 5th, Lieutenant Fred Baker, formerly of Rangiahua, North Auckland, from Divisional Cavalry, 2nd Eschelon, Narrow Neck, and previously of the Waikato Mounteds. Lieutenant Baker, who is inspector in Head Office of the State Advances Corporation, Wellington, was a prominent Rugby player, well known in Hamilton and Bay of Plenty, and served for eleven years as an officer in the Waikato Mounted Rifles.

December 9th, Lieutenant L. W. Parore, of Dargaville, formerly of the Auckland Mounted Rifles and Auckland Senior Brigade. Lieut. Parore (along with Lieutenant Harding-Leaf, of the Tokerau Maori Rugby Advisory Board, in which capacity he has done much to develop the Rugby talent of the Northern Maoris.

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### "Recruits in the 'Roar'!"

What with repeated boiling from blazing suns, grilling from grim generals and roasting from roaring sergeants there are no more raw recruits in the Maori Battalion.

The pakeha instructions to the Maori Battalion, though "terrific tough," are really quite humane. No one yet have they ordered a man shot at down without first threatening him with 3 days' C.B.

In his gratitude at his escape the victim finds death, by comparison, an unalloyed delight.

Joking apart, the men of the Battalion very highly esteem their instructors who, though very strict, are very fair, while there is no doubt that they are putting all they know into the work.)

## A.N.A.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE ENTERTAINMENTS.

Despite the fact that a large number of the men from Trentham Military Camp had gone to Waikato for special training last week-end, there was quite a good attendance at the A.N.A. Club's concert and dance on Saturday evening. The concert was organised by Mr. Basil Hartman, in conjunction with Messrs. Edwards (2) and J. Chandler, and almost the entire supper was provided by a hamper, a generous donation sent by Dr. Atmore and other Otaki ladies.

Next week-end the club will open on Friday and Saturday as usual. The dance, which was previously announced to take place in the Town Hall next Saturday, is to be held instead at the Clubroom, R.S.A. Room, Victoria Street, as so many men will be away on Christmas leave.

At a meeting of the club's executive last night, it was decided to close the club over the Christmas and New Year weeks and to re-open on Friday, January 5. It was also decided to discontinue dancing on account of the men's keenness for dancing entertainment, every Saturday evening would, in future, be devoted entirely to dancing, a full orchestra being provided.



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## “Litany of the Poilus”

By JOE BROCCACCINO, A Coy.

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You have two alternatives: either you are called up or you are not. If not, you have nothing to worry about.

If you are, you have two alternatives: either you are in camp or at the front. If you are in camp, you have nothing to worry about.

If you are at the front, you have two alternatives: either you are in reserve or you are in the fighting line. If you are in reserve, you have nothing to worry about.

If you are in the fighting line, you have two alternatives: either you get scrap of you don't. If you don't, you have nothing to worry about.

If you do, you have two alternatives: either you get hurt or you don't. If you don't, you have nothing to worry about.

If you do, you have two alternatives: either you get slightly hurt or you get badly hurt. If slightly hurt, you have nothing to worry about.

If badly, you have two alternatives: either you recover or you don't. If you recover, you have nothing to worry about. If you don't, and have followed this advice, you have finished with worry for ever.

### CONFESSSIONAL.

When it comes to raising Hades, I'll admit that married ladies Are, without a doubt, the rightly touted champs.

They've a “Brother-lead-me-to-it, Please-don't-tell-me-I've-been-through it”

Sort of air that isn't there with single camps.

But if hubby dear is jealous, Or perhaps too over-zealous, And it's known that he is prone to seeing red,

Then I let my memory linger On his itching trigger-finger, And I'm leery of the dearie that is wed.

Though the amateur caressing Of the tyros is distressing, I still praise their ways and think it real sport,

For although they may pursue me, Or for breach of promise sue me, Single janes have no “remains” brought into court.

Joe Broccaccino, “A” Coy.

## Air Force

### SELECTION OF MEN.

The special committee set up to examine and select candidates for the Air Force has completed its task at Dunedin. Altogether 115 were examined, and, subject to passing a medical test, all are being accepted. The committee goes to Oamaru (11 applicants), Timaru (26), Ashburton (15), and Christchurch (180).

In the South Island 1700 candidates have been examined.

## CHEER

### A HINT.

Corporal: Is it true that the sergeant called you a blockhead?

Private: Oh, no, corporal, nothing as strong as that.

Corporal: What did he say?

Private: 'E said, “Put yer blinkin' cap on—'ere comes a woodpecker.”

### THE EXCEPTION.

“Get the butt of your rifle into the hollow of your shoulder!” cried the musketry instructor.

“I can't,” said the recruit. “There's a bone there.”

“Oh, is there—and I suppose the rest of these blokes are filleted!”

Time after time one recruit was slow to halt when the command came.

“What's your job in civil life, Jones?” the sergeant demanded.

“I'm a horse-driver,” replied the recruit.

“All right, we'll try again.”

The recruit took his place in the squad and they marched off.

Whoa, Jones. . . . Squad, halt,” commanded the sergeant.

Naval Officer: “You can follow your regular trade in the navy.”

Recruit: “But I used to be a cowboy.”

Naval Officer: “So what? You can be a cook and ride the range in the galley!”

Pat was on sentry-go, and the sergeant found him smoking the remains of a cigarette.

“Don't you know it is a crime to smoke on duty?” he roared.

“Sure,” said Pat. ‘It's myself that knows it, seregant; but I've just taken it from Mike Flanagan, an' I'm keeping it alight to use in evidence agin him.”

### SICK PARADE.

From the first day of entering camp “Tiny” had found himself selected for cookhouse fatigue. Week after week of it passed before he decided to go sick. Paraded before the medical officer, he complained of shell-shock.

“Shell-shock!” exclaimed that astounded officer. “Why, you haven't heard a gun fired yet.”

“Guns have nothing to do with it,” said “Tiny.” “It's the way they keep me shelling those nasty peas.”

### IN THE TEAM.

First night he was in camp, “Jonesy” nosed his way into the officers' quarters. He was never happy unless he was poking his way about in places where he did not belong.

“What are you doing here, my man?” an irate officer bellowed, and “Jonesy” sprang to attention. “Are you a batman.

“No,” replied “Jonesy,” “but I'm a damn good left-hand bowler.”

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## Brain Teasers

(Answers in next issue)

### ALGEBRACIAL PROBLEM.

A set out from C to travel to D at the same time that B left D for C, the distance being 420 miles. When they met, it appeared that A had travelled just as many miles more than B as they travelled hours before meeting, and A arrived at D 35 hours before B got to C. Required—the hourly speed of each.

### PROBLEM.

Henry, five years ago, invested some money in some profitable business, which yielded unto him yearly one-third of its stock profit; but of which gained profit he spent yearly a certain sum (alike each year). The remainder of that increase, together with the former stock, and with the same ratio of increase, spending some and result. Now, at the end of said five years, it is found that he now has £1,718.20 less than if he had spent nothing of his increase. The question is: What was the original capital?

### TRANSPOSITION.

Transpose to colour, into a wine measure; unearthly into more extensive,—again into a term used in croquet; a fruit, into a measure of length; a European river into a bird.

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BRAIN TEASERS.

- No. 31. 156,240 and 252 perches.
- No. 35. Wheat, Heat and Eat.
- No. 44. 1. Oxford. 2. Galena. 3. Naples.
- No. 64. Sewing, Swing, Sing, Sin, In, I.

### IN THE WET.

Big George, in a militia unit camped in Australia, poked his head outside his tent, and stared at the rain.

“Looks like a wet day,” one of us said, gloomily.

“Yair,” came back George, “about the only flamin' thing in camp that IS wet.”

The “Camp News” will be properly grateful if regimental and company news items are handed to Major (Padre) Stewart not later than Friday of each week.

## Hon. P. Fraser Visits France

## Contacts N.Z. Lads

When Mr. Fraser was on the Front he came into contact with two New Zealand lads who were responsible for shooting down a German 'plane. Speaking of this, he said, “They were both of the same name, they both went to the same school in New Zealand, and they were both in the same squadron. Everything associated with them was frequently getting ‘mixed up,’ including their letters, and they were in the same mix-up in shooting down the German.” “I saw the elder boy,” said Mr. Fraser, “and I told him to convey to the other the appreciation and thanks of New Zealand, and to tell him how proud we are of his enterprise.”

## R.A.F. Scores a Hit

### FAKED FOOD CARDS.

Information regarding the flights of the Royal Air Force over parts of Germany for the purpose of distributing propaganda has become so frequent as almost to cease to be news. However, a new angle on the flights has been received by a Hawera resident in a letter from his son, who is a member of the Royal Air Force, states the “Evening Post.”

This letter told of one raid over Western Germany, when food ration cards were distributed to the people, and how these cards were used by the recipients to some good purpose. Obviously, the ration cards were forgeries, although not in an indictable sense, as Britain is at war, and the distribution comes under the heading of “legal tactics.”

“I think the funniest thing,” stated the letter, “was the dropping by the Royal Air Force over Germany of forged ration cards for the German people. I believe they cleaned out a lot of local store-houses.”

The cards were an exact replica of those used in Germany by the authorities, and it is not difficult to understand how they should be used by the recipients.



"Evening Post" Photo.

**COLONEL F. P. HEATH,**  
Officer Commanding the Divisional  
Engineers of the Special Force.

## Ricochets

Good beer for soldiers was as desirable as good quality food, said a writer. To make them ale and hearty?

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Fierce storm hits camp. Caused by dry canteens?—O.N.S.

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Wet canteens for officers, dry canteens for men. Glass distinction, says Aussie.

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German barbarity—First in the Polish Corridor, now in British shipping lanes.

Turkey for Christmas.

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"Millions of Germans stand solidly behind Hitler," says a Nazi writer. And millions stand solidly in front of him.

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"There's no leader like Hitler," says a Nazi writer. Well, that is some consolation.

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Beer under gay umbrellas for N.Z. soldiers. And under the lap for Australian soldiers!

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News item: "A river, said to be named after Mussolini, has dried up." So has the Duce since war started

## LEGAL FACILITIES.

### SOLDIERS AT TRENTHAM.

At the request of the Wellington Returned Soldiers' Association, the Wellington District Law Society has arranged for the attendance at Trentham Mobilization Camp of legal practitioners, who will be prepared to give free advice to soldiers on legal matters and to prepare wills free of cost.

A hutment has been allotted to the Returned Soldiers' Association for this purpose, and will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## One Day's Leave

TROOPS ENGAGED ON HOME SERVICE.

### Garrison Duties.

OPTIONAL FURLOUGH FOR SECOND ECHELON.

Arrangements for the granting of holiday leave to soldiers on home service was announced by the Minister of Defence. He said that members of mobilized units of the Territorial Force and guards and coast watching detachments were to be granted 24 hours' holiday leave on one of the three following days; Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Because of the necessity for such units to be ready to carry out their normal duties, it would not be possible to arrange for personnel to be given extended Christmas or New Year leave.

"Members of the second echelon of the Special Force may be given leave from December 22 to January 3," said Mr. Jones. "If, on the other hand, men desire to remain in camps, they may do so. Members of the Maori Battalion may be given leave on the same conditions as those applying to the second echelon."

Mr. Jones said that in all the cases mentioned it must be distinctly understood that any travelling on leave would be at the expense of the individual concerned. No travelling warrants for boat or rail would be granted but advantage might be taken of the concession fares granted to troops.

## The King's Message

"It has given me the greatest pleasure to visit the troops in your command in France. The days spent among them have been full of interest and have enabled me to see something of the conditions in which they are living and the work in which they are engaged. I am satisfied that the British soldier to-day is at least the equal of his predecessor in both efficiency and in spirit. I send best wishes to all ranks of the British Expeditionary Force and assure them that complete and unfailing confidence is placed in them by the fellow-countrymen."

## No Intention to Conscript

An emphatic denial that the Government was preparing a scheme to bring in conscription early in the New Year was given by the M.P. for Napier, Mr. Barnard, when rumours that such a move was afoot were referred to him. The story that prompted inquiry has been circulated freely in Napier and Hastings. It was that all men between the ages of 20 and 35 were to be conscripted for military service overseas on April 1 of next year.

Mr. Barnard, who is a member of the New Zealand Defence Council, said no such scheme had ever been considered by the Government's Parliamentary caucus, and he was satisfied that the step suggested would not be taken without it being discussed there first.

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# A GREAT SOLDIER

## To Command New Zealanders

The meteoric career of the New Zealander, Major-General Bernard Cecil Freyberg, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has been appointed to command the New Zealand Forces overseas, was one of the romances of the British Army in the Great War. He rose from the ranks to brigadier-general in about two years. "Tiny" Freyberg, to give him the name by which he was best known during his residence in the Dominion, is the youngest son of the late Mr. James Freyberg, a former New Zealand Government timber expert. He was born at Richmond, Surrey, in 1890, and came to New Zealand when only two years of age.

After receiving his education at Wellington College, he adopted dentistry as a profession, qualifying at Otago University and later beginning practice in Wellington. As a swimmer he achieved Dominion fame, and for many years was champion for all distances.

### Fighting in Mexico.

In March, 1914, some months before the outbreak of the Great War, Freyberg left for San Francisco and practised his profession there. Then he was attracted to Mexico, where civil war was in progress, and was fighting under Villa when news came to him that his own nation had joined France in resisting the German onslaught. Immediately he quitted Mexico and made for London, where he volunteered for service in the West Surrey Regiment.

Soon he was transferred, with a sub-lieutenant's commission to the Royal Naval Division. He was in the British force sent to Antwerp under the late Major-General Sir George (then Major) Richardson, and there he had a narrow escape from electrocution by coming into contact with a live electric wire, which, however, caused injury to an arm and hand. He was also fired at by one of his own men, who mistook him for a German crawling through the wire entanglements.

His next service was as a lieutenant-commander at the Dardennelles with the Hood Division of the Royal Navals. There, just before the landing of the colonial forces at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, he gained distinction by a deed of conspicuous gallantry. It had been proposed to throw

dust in the eyes of the Turks by landing a platoon at a point on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, where no serious landing was contemplated. To save the sacrifice of the platoon, Freyberg pressed to be allowed to achieve the same purpose singlehanded.

### The Battle of Ancre

His wish was granted, and on the night of April 24, oiled and naked, he swam ashore, towing a canvas canoe containing flares and a revolver. He reconnoitred the enemy's trenches, and lit his flares at intervals along the beach. He had some difficulty in finding his canoe again, and, after spending two hours in the water, was picked up by his comrades. For this gallant deed he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.



Major-General B. C. FREYBERG,  
V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

On Gallipoli he was wounded in May and again in July, 1915, and he was mentioned in Sir Charles Munro's despatches in connection with the successful evacuation of the peninsula on January 9, 1916. On applying for a permanent commission in the British Army, he was given a captaincy in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. The same day, however, he received news that he was seconded to the Royal Naval Division, with the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel, so he retained the command of his old battalion, the Hood.

When his force was sent to the Western Front, Lieutenant-Colonel Freyberg again distinguished himself, this time at the Battle of Ancre. For his valour on that occasion he was awarded the Victoria Cross. The official announcement of the grounds for the award was as follows:

"For most conspicuous bravery and brilliant leading as a battalion commander. By his splendid personal gallantry, he carried the initial attack straight through the enemy's front system of trenches. Owing to mist and heavy fire of all descriptions, Lieutenant-Colonel Freyberg's command was much disorganised after the capture of the first objective. He personally rallied and re-formed his men, including men from other units who had become intermixed.

"He inspired all with his own contempt of danger. At the appointed time he led his men to the assault of the second objective, many prisoners being captured. During this advance he was twice wounded. He again rallied and re-formed all who were with him, and, although unsupported in a very advanced position, he held his ground for the remainder of the day and throughout the night, under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire.

"When reinforced on the following morning, he organised the attack on a strongly-fortified village, and, showing a fine example of dash in personally leading the assault, captured the village and 500 prisoners. In this operation he was again wounded. Later in the afternoon he was again wounded severely, but refused to leave the line until he had issued final instructions.

### Still More Distinctions

"The personality, valour, and utter contempt of danger on the part of this single officer enabled the lodgment on the most advanced objective of the corps to be permanently held, and on this point d'appui the line was eventually formed."

Besides receiving his Victoria Cross for this deed, Freyberg was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General, the youngest Brigadier in the British Army, for he was at the time only 27 years of age. By further gallantry in the field he secured a bar to his D.S.O. and soon doubled it.

At the conclusion of the war he was posted to the regular British Army, in the Grenadier Guards, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. When Britain did honour to her army by burying in the midst of London an "unknown warrior," it was Freyberg who had the high distinction of commanding all the Victoria Cross holders in England at the ceremony.

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# AMUSEMENTS

## CITY AND LOWER HUTT

### KING'S THEATRE.

A notable event in motion pictures will take place at the King's Theatre when David O. Selznick's latest production, "Intermezzo, a Love Story," is shown. Without mincing words, "Intermezzo" must be put down as one of the hits of the year. Directed by Gregory Ratoff, and starring such top-notchers as Leslie Howard and Edna Best, the production also introduces a new Continental star, Ingrid Bergman. Miss Bergman is a young and beautiful actress who can definitely act. "Intermezzo" introduces her as "the other woman" in a vehicle which demands real ability and real talent, and the new star proves that she has both. A bright new personality has been discovered for the screen. Miss Bergman is a Swedish girl, who possesses captivating loveliness, tempting youth and charming naturalness.

In addition to the starring trio, the new Selznick picture has a supporting cast which numbers John Halliday, Cecil Kelleway, Enid Bennett and Eleanor Wesselhoeft, all of whose performances leave nothing to be desired. Ann Todd, aged six, and Douglas Scott, aged thirteen, are the juvenile actors who portray the children of Leslie Howard and Edna Best in the picture, and they round out an exceptionally fine cast.

"Intermezzo" is a dramatic love story and recounts the adventures of a world-famous man who deserts his family when he falls madly in love with a young and beautiful pianiste. Their travels in Continental Europe provide the film with fine pictorial action and exciting background scenes. And how they finally solve their problems provides "Intermezzo" with a tense and poignant climax. David O. Selznick has provided movie-goers with another picture which belongs on every "must" list.

### OPERA HOUSE.

All the exciting adventure and gripping action which have made "The Air Adventures of Jimmie Allen" the most popular serial on the radio have been brought to the screen in Paramount's "The Sky Parade," which opens to-night at the Opera House.

Featured with Jimmie Allen, beloved hero of millions of radio fans, are a host of screen favourites, including Wililam Gargan, Katherine DeMille, Kent Taylor, Grant Withers, Dean Jagger, Bennie Bartlett and Billy Lee.

Built around the role which Jimmie has made famous. "The Sky Parade" tells in a swift succession of thrilling incidents, the inspiring story of man's true conquest of the air; not merely learning to fly, but the more important angle of bringing such safety and sureness to flying that it could be transformed from a stunt used by dare-devils into the dependable, useful force we know it to be to-day. Woven into the story is the tender romance between Gargan, hard-boiled flyer, and Katherine De Mille, which is made possible by Jimmie's bravery and courage.

"The Sky Parade" has everything that goes to make a picture which will long be remembered; speedy, thrilling action; flight scenes of breath-taking beauty; and scintillant comedy furnished by Billy Lee and Sid Saylor. The producers have chosen a first-rate vehicle to introduce Jimmie Allen to the screen. "The Sky Parade" will delight his old friends, and make many more new ones.

### PLAZA THEATRE.

"They Shall Have Music," now screening at the Plaza, is a picture that every soldier will enjoy. The story concerns Frankie, a gutter urchin, whose counterpart can be found in any big city. Music, in his instance, was the stimulus.

Endowed with a little more originality, a little more personality, and a little more leadership than his fellows of the "East Side," Frankie becomes the leader of a "gang" composed of "Limey," "Rocks" and "Fever."

Their exploits and human appeal will endear them to all who see this wonderful picture.

### TUDOR THEATRE.

Samuel Goldwyn's latest production, "The Real Glory," which has been playing a successful season of two weeks at the King's Theatre, has been transferred to the Tudor. It is reported to be the best action picture produced since "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer." Six-foot Gary Cooper and the lovely dark-tressed Andrea Leeds provide the romantic interest in this stirring story of the Philippines. The picture unfolds a thrilling and exciting tale of adventure and romance with a series of most exciting scenes filled with swift action and tense suspense. Gary Cooper plays the type of heroic outdoor role which has made him the prime favourite with motion picture lovers, portraying a doctor who has joined the constabulary in the Philippine Islands. The story of "The Real Glory" was transferred to the screen from the novel by Charles L. Clifford, and dramatises the bold era of adventure and turmoil which reigned in the Philippines following the Spanish-American war, after the American army was evacuated and the islands were over-run by religious native terrorists. Associate features.

### KING GEORGE THEATRE. LOWER HUTT.

"Four Daughters," Warner Bros. picturisation of a famous story by Fannie Hurst, at the King George Theatre, poses a unique problem in human relationships as its theme.

What happens when four devoted sisters all fall in love with the same man? The man in the case is Jeffery Lynn, one of the screen's newest and most handsome leading men, who makes it quite believable that four girls would fall headlong under the spell of his charm. An unusual bit of casting places the three Lane sisters—Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola—in the roles of screen sisters, with Gale

Page, a dark-haired beauty recently come to the screen, making a fourth. Of interest to theatre-goers is the casting of John Garfield, the leading young character actor of the Broadway stage, in another featured role in "Four Daughters," which marks his screen debut.

The story, adapted from the Fannie Hurst original by Julius J. Epstein and Lenore Coffee, works out a logical and deeply moving solution to the problem posed.

### DE LUXE THEATRE, LOWER HUTT.

"Valley of the Giants" knits together in one well-integrated tale typical incidents of the successful fight of native Californians to prevent the ruthless despoilation of their famous redwood forests by rapacious lumber interests.

It is a perfect subject for a colour picture, and persons who have never visited the redwood forests are likely to find as much interest in the views of the big trees and the shots of their being felled by lumbermen as they are bound to find in the unfoldment of the tensely dramatic plot.

The cast includes: Wayne Morris, Claire Trevor, Alan Hale, Frank McHugh, Charles Bickford and John Lital.

The second feature "Everybody's Baby," another of the "Jones Family" series is just one big laugh from beginning to end.

### STATE THEATRE.

The Joneses—the movies' first family—make merry in Movieland in their latest 20th Century-Fox film, "The Jones Family in Hollywood," and what a time they have!

Dad tries to get away alone to attend the American Legion convention in Los Angeles, and finds he has to take the whole family along! Jack gets tangled up with romance, Roger tries to lick the whole movie colony, Lucy take a screen test—and poor Dad takes an aspirin.

All your favourite folks are back in their original roles in this film, all except for Shirley Deane and Russell Gleason, the new mama and papa who had to stay home to mind the baby. In addition to Jed Prouty, Spring Byington, Ken Howell, George Ernest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts and Billy Mahan, the cast includes William Tracy, June Gale and Marvin Stephens.

Under the expert direction of Malcolm St. Clair, with John Stone associate producer, the screen play by Harold Tarshis opens in Maryville where Jones Family fans long have felt at home. Dad is selected by the Legion Post to represent it at the convention, but his pipe-dream of a holiday is smashed when the whole family proposes they get a trailer and come along.

As the entourage enters the film capital (it is labelled "Hollywood or Bust!"), a speedy, flashy roadster crashes into the trailer, doing no great damage but precipitating the family into a series of events as realistic as they are hilarious—and they are hilarious!

"The Jones Family in Hollywood" is an original story by Joseph Hoffman and Buster Keaton, based on the characters created by Katharine Kavanaugh.

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