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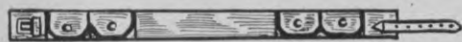
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A Personal New Year Message from our Prime Minister

I appreciate the opportunity of sending a personal message through the "Camp News" to the soldiers who are undergoing training in different parts of New Zealand.

Let me first congratulate the promoters of the journal on their aim at supplying news of special interest to the young men who have shown zeal and enthusiasm in preparing for the defence of their country either here or overseas. They have responded to the best traditions of British people in all the lands of the world's greatest commonwealth of free nations.

Before and since the outbreak of war with Nazi Germany, it has been the purpose and consistent practice of the New Zealand Government to establish and build up a sound system of defence on land and sea and in the air. Results to-day emphasise the value of that policy. We are better prepared and equipped for effective defence than at any time in the past. And the whole system has been developed on modern lines.

Already our sailor lads have done extraordinarily well in the first naval battle of the present war, and on various occasions our airmen have shown the same qualities of efficiency, courage and resourcefulness. They have been true to the traditions of their race. I am confident that our soldiers, if and when the time of testing comes, will attain the same high standard of duty and achievement.

I extend to the men in the training camps and also those on guard along our coasts and on active service in the Navy and the Royal Air Force my heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year and an early triumph for the cause of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

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Ricochets

A certain soldier declares that in a glance from the modern flapper gets a man stuck like a fly in a flypaper. She's the girl with the goo-glue eyes.

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"Two minutes after Hitler began his speech the audience became electrified," runs a report in a newspaper. Well, that's better than being gasped.

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The German Government is having great difficulty in providing boots for their army, says a neutral paper. But the French and British will soon be giving them some.

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Many people, says a doctor, are faced with the problem of finding a way in which to perform their extra duty and also to take enough exercise to keep fit. We hear of one recruit who has solved the problem by training himself to walk in his sleep.

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"Titles are gradually becoming extinct in Nazi Germany," says a writer. They are disappearing von by von.

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"There must be a dozen sergeant-majors in this camp, roughly speaking," writes a soldier. Well, who has heard of a sergeant-major with a rasp in his voice?

EXHIBITION BUSES.

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Ricochets

A correspondent says that war broke out the day after he got married. Just a coincidence!

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"The Fuehrer," says a German newspaper, "despises kings." But the author of "Mein Kampf" takes a great interest in royalties.

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HABIT.

Then there was the parachute-jumper who always got carried a block past his tram-stop because he counted three before pulling the cord.

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STIFF-NECKED.

"Hitler refuses to marry."—News item. He must be determined to remain a dictator.

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At first it was thought that Hitler's big war effort would be gas-work. Now it's guess-work.

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Nazis declare propaganda is just as essential as oil for winning the war. But, then, that's crude oil.

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Just two lines for Christmas: Maginot and Siegfried.

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.

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The Christmas Spirit

The Christmas spirit will never die whether nations are at war or in peace and the present occasion has been marked by the exemplary conduct of the troops on leave throughout New Zealand. Of course, there are many, less fortunate, who have had to stay behind to service the great army machine; but no one is neglected on this special occasion. Civilians, too, do their bit in providing cheer and comfort for the common cause. Our brother Tommies and the Poilu's in the trenches all celebrate the occasion with plum-duffs, extra rum rations, sweetmeats, cake and presents from many sources. There is a lighter side to the grim menace of war also, occasionally one hears a little jollification in the opposite trenches,—a cornet, accordeon, and other such sounds can be detected in the distance whilst a spade or shovel may show itself above the trenches, only to signal a miss to those who are tempted to try out their marksmanship—so perhaps, there is a Santa Claus after all.

New Zealanders have indeed enjoyed a merry Christmas and are in good heart to "carry on" in the New Year in the same spirit as their comrades in arms.



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H.M.S. Achilles Gallant Part

Everyone throughout New Zealand will feel proud of the gallant part played by H.M.S. Achilles in the battle with the German "pocket" battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, in the South Atlantic recently, for of the Achilles complement of approximately 580 officers and men, 327 are New Zealanders. Practically the three British warships stood no chance against their much more heavily armed adversary, and their success can only be accounted for by presuming that their training and efficiency have proved superior to that of the enemy.

The Achilles

The Achilles was commissioned at Chatham on March 31, 1936, for service in New Zealand waters, and recommissioned at Portsmouth on January 27 last.

The Achilles (7030 tons) carries eight 6in. guns, eight 4in. anti-aircraft guns, four three-pounders, and 18 smaller guns and eight 21in. torpedo tubes. An aircraft is also carried. The designed speed is 32.5 knots.

The 6in. guns are powerful semi-automatic weapons, mounted behind armoured shields. They throw 100lb. projectiles about 22,000 yards.

The Achilles is also fitted with engines of 75,000 h.p., and on her official speed trials easily did 32.5 knots, which the builders, Messrs. Cammel, Laird and Company, Birkenhead, had contracted to give. The cruiser, which is 554½ feet in length, is oil-fuelled, carrying 1800 tons in the tanks and double-bottom, which gives her a long cruising range. When completed for her maiden commission with the Home Fleet in October, 1933, the Achilles had cost £1,545,780.

Lord Galway's Tribute

HEROIC PART.

The Governor-General, Lord Galway, has sent the following message to the Secretary of State for the Dominions in connection with the naval battle off Rio de la Plata:

"Kindly ask the Admiralty to convey to Captain Parry and all ranks and ratings of the Achilles the most cordial congratulations of the Government and people of New Zealand on the heroic part which they played in the defeat of the Admiral Graf von Spee. The bravery and tenacity which they displayed in fighting a ship armed with heavier guns are worthy of the highest traditions of the British Navy."

Prime Minister's Tribute

PLAYED SPLENDID PART.

"The people of New Zealand will be thrilled by the fact that one of their own fighting ships, the Achilles, played so splendid a part in putting the German pocket battleship Admiral

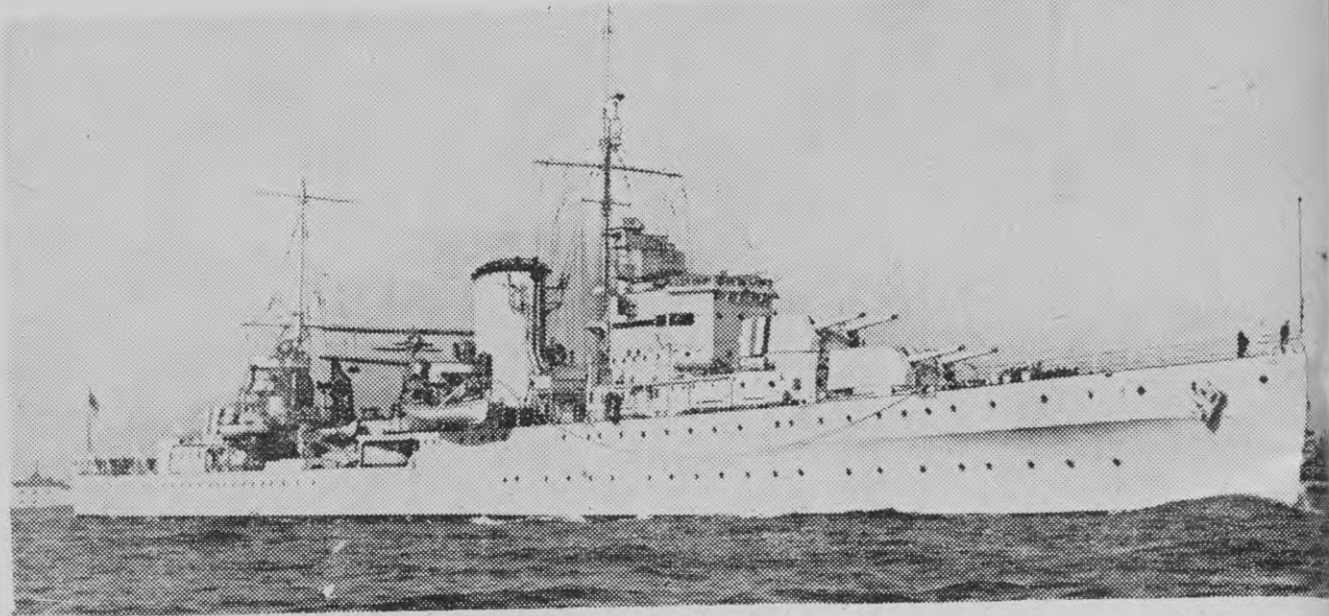
The Minister of Defence Hon. F. Jones' Tribute

"The news that has been reaching this country by broadcast and cables during the past 24 hours could not fail to stir the hearts of my listeners," said the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) in an address recently, "and I rejoice with them in the victory secured over the German raider Admiral Graf Spee, and the active part taken in the naval battle by H.M.S. Achilles.

Hon. A. Hamilton DISTINGUISHED PART.

"Though news of the naval engagement in the South Atlantic, in which the New Zealand cruiser Achilles played such a distinguished part, may cause anxiety in some New Zealand homes, all New Zealanders will feel proud of the heroism and daring of the ship and men against such a formidable foe," said the Leader of the Opposition (the Hon. Adam Hamilton).

"New Zealand owes her very existence to the British Navy, and it is



H.M.S. Achilles, which took part in the naval battle with the German pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee.

Graf Spee to rout," stated the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage) in an interview recently.

"The sea battle involved a long and strenuous encounter, which will take a notable place in the glorious annals of British naval history.

"I should like to express on behalf of the Government and people the admiration which New Zealanders everywhere feel, and to offer the heartiest congratulations to Captain Parry and the complement of H.M.S. Achilles, which includes 327 New Zealand sailors.

"I have just received a telegram from our High Commissioner, advising me that the Admiralty has not yet been informed whether or not the Achilles has suffered any damage or casualties, and that the latest Admiralty statement is to the effect that the smallest Dominion Navy will be proud of the fact that many of her men took part in so gallant an action.

"The High Commissioner, who is in Geneva at the moment, also reports that he has received a very large number of expressions of gratitude and admiration, in which New Zealanders in the United Kingdom join for the courageous feats of the officers and ratings in H.M.S. Achilles.

"It is indeed gratifying that in this first naval action our boys acquitted themselves in a manner fully in keeping with the great traditions of the British Navy. We are all proud of them."

"Before proceeding to give you an account of New Zealand's naval war effort I would like to read some messages which have reached the Government. The first is from Mr. Jordan, High Commissioner in London, and is dated December 14: 'H.M.S. Achilles. Admiralty are not yet informed whether any damage to ship or casualties. Latest Admiralty statement states smallest Dominion Navy will be proud that many of her men took part in so gallant an action.'

"This is a further message of the same date from Mr. Jordan: 'In Geneva large number of expressions of gratitude and admiration, in which New Zealanders in the United Kingdom join for courageous feats of officers and ratings of H.M.S. Achilles.'

"Now, here is a message received to-day from the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty: 'May I express warm appreciation which my colleagues and I feel for most gallant action fought by H.M.S. Achilles, whose services were so generously given on outbreak of war.'

"Last year I had the privilege of spending two days on board the Achilles, for the purpose of witnessing naval exercises carried out by that ship, in conjunction with other units of the New Zealand Navy, but little did I think that the experiences then being gained would so soon be tested in actual warfare. With what splendid result is now history, and all of us hope that, in the absence of advice to the contrary, the whole of the personnel of the Achilles are fit and well, and that the ship has come through her first baptism of fire unscathed."

us with pride to learn of an encounter that adds further lustre to the Navy's already glorious traditions."

(Courtesy "Evening Post.")

New Zealand Congratulated

THE ACHILLES'S PART (Davertry Broadcast)

"The Achilles belongs to the New Zealand Squadron of the Royal Navy and is manned largely by New Zealanders. Good luck to her, and our congratulations to New Zealand on being one of the two cruisers she maintains present in the first real engagement of the war, if you except the very one-sided and gallant fight between the Deutschland and the armed merchantman Rawalpindi said Captain Dorling, the well-known naval author, "Taffrail," in a commentary on the engagement, broadcast in the overseas bulletin of the B.

Men of the Achilles

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID

Officials pay a high tribute to the part played by the Achilles, stressing the fact that New Zealanders are as efficient and as keen as the Royal Navy.



"Evening Post" Photo.

Fort Dorset Men Entertained

ASSOCIATION GIVES DANCE

Troops stationed at Fort Dorset were guests of the Fort Dorset Association on Wednesday evening at a special Christmas dance in the Rongotai College gymnasium. The room was crowded with soldiers and their partners. Officers as well as men enjoyed the special programme which had been arranged and which included, besides modern and old-time dances, two colourful ballets by Mr. David Devitt's pupils. In addition, an impromptu item was given by Gunners G. C. Bliss, R. S. V. Simpson and J. B. Aimers, Gunner Bliss later singing two excellent solos.

Shortly before supper was served, "Father Christmas" made a dramatic appearance from behind the stage curtains, and in the hush that followed the orchestra struck up Christmas carols, which were sung by the entire company. Paper caps and other novelties were distributed by association members, the soldiers appearing in a motley of headgear, which made flippant contrast to their khaki uniforms.

Major A. C. Hinman, president of the Fort Dorset Association, briefly addressed the gathering, and Captain Thomas, on behalf of the battery, thanked those who had arranged the dance, which was particularly appreciated by those who had not been granted Christmas leave. The captain called for cheers for the association and musical honours for the young women present.

Naval Command

NEW ZEALAND SQUADRON.

It has been announced by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, that the Government has made available the services of Commodore J. W. Rivett-Carnac, D.S.C., H.M.S. Leander, to the Imperial Government, by appointing Commodore H. E. Horan, D.S.C. (1st Naval Member), to command the New Zealand Squadron, in addition to carrying out his Naval Board duties. Commodore Horan will take command on or about January 1.

Second Echelon

Personel of Central Recruiting Committee.

The Hon. F. Jones, Minister of Defence, Chairman; Colonel O. H. Mead, D.S.O., Adjutant; Mr. F. B. Dwyer, of Army Headquarters; Major R. E. Murray, Army Publicity Officer; Major E. H. Whiting, of the Central Military District; Mr. J. T. Paul, Director of Publicity.

CHEER

PRETTY BAD.

"What did that man say when you nearly knocked him down with your car?"

"What did he say! Well, a sergeant-major was passing at the time, and he blushed and hurried by."

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A young private, walking through the park with his girl, met his sergeant.

"This is my sister," he explained, bashfully.

"That's all right," the sergeant replied, kindly. "She used to be mine."

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FAR AWAY.

The pompous stranger walked into the Recruiting Officer.

"I'm sorry, but he isn't here," replied the sergeant on duty. "Is there anything I can do?"

"No," snapped the visitor, "I never deal with underlings. I will wait till the Recruiting Officer returns."

"Right, sir. Please take a seat." About an hour later the man became impatient.

"How much longer do you think that Recruiting Officer will be?" he demanded.

"Nearly a fortnight," was the reply. "He went on leave this morning."

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WHY NOT?

"Newie" had walked into the holy of holies, the Colonel's hut at Liverpool Camp, without knocking.

Colonel was very angry, and decided to teach him manners.

"Private Green," he bawled. "Do you think for a moment that I would walk into your father's house without knocking?"

"Yessir," came the answer.

"Indeed," the Colonel roared, more fiercely, "How is that?"

"Well, sir, he keeps the pub called the 'Royal' in our suburb."

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STEERING THEM.

Early morning parade at the camp. Physical instructor was giving the recruits "jerks."

"Now, then, you lads, I want you all to imagine that you are in a racing skiff, rowing up the river. Now pull in time as evenly as possible. One, two—one, two,—one, two—"

"Eh, you in the rear rank, why in the hell aren't you rowing?"

"It's all right, sir," came the answer from the recruit in the back row. "I'm the cox!"

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ARMY FORMS.

"Now," said the instructor, who was taking an Air Force trainee on his first flight, "we are going to rise to 20,000 feet. If anything should go wrong, you have only to jump out, pull

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the rip cord of the parachute trapped on to your shoulders, and you will float safely to earth."

"But," ventured his pupil, rather nervously, "supposing the parachute doesn't open?"

"In that case," said the instructor, smiling reassuringly, "all you have to do is to fill in the prescribed form for complaints and present it to the officer of the day."

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Boss: That boy of yours is a good worker, Hori!

Hori: Yairs, poor boy! He bin a bit soft in de plurry 'ead!

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Old Officer: So you'll be carrying on the Dad's work, eh?

New Digger: I hope so, sir—he was a two-up king!

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"Nurse," said the private, "I'm in love with you. I don't want to get better."

"Don't worry; you won't," she said, cheerfully. "The M.O.'s in love with me, too, and he saw you kiss me this morning."

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HARDENED.

It was such a nice bit of grass that the lady with a large family chose it for a picnic. How was she to know it was part of the local golf course?

Up to her came a red-faced, irate golfer.

"You must take your children away from here, madam!" he said sternly. "This is no place for them!"

"Don't worry, sir," said the woman pleasantly. "They won't hear nothing new. Their father's a sergeant-major."

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The plumber, aged twenty, had been called up for the Militia. He went in for his trade test, and was asked to make a joint in a lead pipe.

When the job was finished, the officer wrote on the man's paper: "Joint very neatly done."

A day or two later the man found himself posted as head cook in the officers' mess.

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"Dear Jim," wrote the fond mother to her son, who had joined the Army, "I hope you'll remember to be punctual in getting up in the morning and not keep the battalion waiting breakfast for you."

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PRACTICE CHANGED.

Raising the Right Hand.

Raised eyebrows confronted a minister of the Gospel when, during a discussion at a meeting, he asked members to raise the left hand in voting on a decision.

"We don't raise the right hand these days," he said with a smile.

We would suggest he visit the canteen for a milk shake.

Maori Battalion Visits Exhibition

Guard of Honour

It has been a very busy week, but Xmas—like prosperity and death—lurks around the corner.

The event of the week for the Battalion was the visit to the Exhibition on Thursday, as Guard of Honour to the Ministerial representatives at the Maori Court. Keyed up for the occasion, the boys swung into their march with eclat, "heads up, chins in, and arms swinging in unison, belt-high, front and rear." For once, even Sergeant Rennie was, to use a classic phrase, "quite happy about it." As you were! We mean overjoyed.

For once, too, every man looked straight to his front—quite an achievement, when it is taken into consideration that numerous dusky maids, so fair (so to speak), with flashing eyes, pregnant with promise of great things to come, tried to inveigle their gaze from the point fixed for the wooden stare of the good soldier—the head of the man in front.

The work of the haka party, capably and ferociously led by Lieut. Rhetu Herohia, and Private Amokau, proved a tremendous hit.

The boys enjoyed themselves immensely, and their thanks are due to those who made the day such a memorable one—first and foremost to the Ngati-Pukeko people, who so generously fed them, to Sir Apirana Ngata, to all the people who entertained them and the many Exhibition authorities who extended them various courtesies and privileges.

The special wind-up dance, too, was a great affair. It was lovely to be free to go dreamily and smoothly through a series of movements, and to get out of step and not have your head roared off by sergeants who care not for languid grace and hanker not after syncopation.

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The Arawas at the Exhibition

The many wives—as you were! The wives of many of the Arawa boys were at the Exhibition, taking a leading part in the entertainment at the Maori Court. On Saturday, the Arawa boys were given late leave to visit them. They returned to the camp in the grey light of the following morning, a pale, weary, but indomitable band!

Sergeant Rennie's Popularity

Abundant evidence of the great popularity of Serg. Rennie and his capable band of instructors is seen in the fact that the popular Sergeant has been the recipient of various Xmas presentations from the boys of the Battalion, as have several of the other more permanent instructors, including Bombardiers Burke and Moffitt.

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Rev. Hemana Delivers Stirring Address

On Sunday morning, a well-attended church parade was taken jointly by the Rev. Hemana, of Rotorua, and the Rev. Taiapa, of Wairarapa. Rev. Hemana delivered a stirring and inspiring address, reminding the men of the heritage of warriorship that was theirs, and calling upon them to prove worthy of that heritage by fighting to the last man, not so much against the Germans, as individuals, but rather against the powers of greed and evil that were marshalling in oppression of the weak and in a final endeavour to halt the progress of Christianity.

Amongst the visitors at church were the Hon. Mr. Langstone, Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Kingi Tahiwai, Mr. Tai Mitchell, wives and relatives of the Arawa boys, various friends, and several pakeha fellow-officers.

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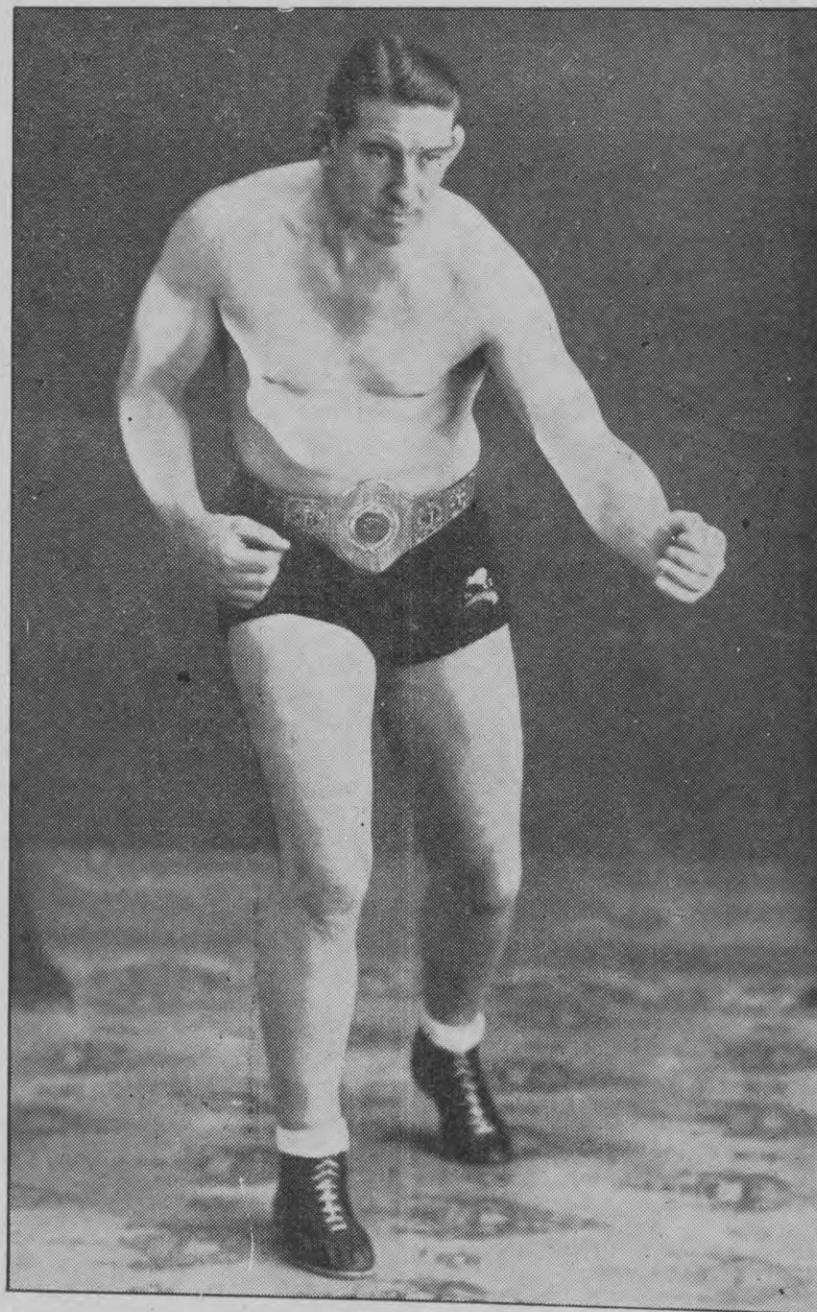
Major Dittmer and
Maori Officers

After the service the visitors were entertained by O.C., Major Dittmer, and the Maori officers, to a dainty and enjoyable morning tea, which was very capably supervised and dispensed by Mr. Chapple, of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Langstone complimented Major Dittmer on the good work being done by him and his staff, and conveyed the thanks and appreciation of his Government for the loyalty of the Maoris of New Zealand as a whole, as expressed by the formation of the Maori Battalion. He concluded by wishing every man a very happy Xmas.

Mr. Langstone also paid high tribute to the good work of the Y.M.C.A. in general and of Mr. Chapple in particular.

Sir Apirana Ngata also spoke, and stressed the point that the behaviour of the men while on Xmas leave would be a very potent recruiting force, and appealing to them to try to inspire all their brothers at home to rally to the defence of the King, Empire and Christianity.

A further speaker was Lieut. Lou Parore, who courteously requested Mr. Langstone to see if his Government could do something to help the boys with regard to travelling expenses home for Xmas leave.



LOFTY BLOMFIELD.

Well known to wrestling fans throughout New Zealand, Meynell ("Lofty") Blomfield, New Zealand's champion wrestler, is now at Narrow Neck Camp, Auckland.

2nd Radio Set Presented to Battalion

Another radio set has been presented to the Battalion—this time from the Wanganui Maoris, to whom the thanks of the men are due.

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Xmas Greetings from Maori Battalion

Before going on Xmas leave, the men of the Battalion wish to take the opportunity of thanking Major Dittmer, his staff officers, and all his instructors for their unremitting and very efficient endeavours to afford them the best possible training in short time at their disposal; the orderlies and others who have done much for their comfort, and to wish them, one and all, every good wish for Xmas and the New Year.

Is Hitler Married?

AMERICAN PRESS REPORT

An article in the "Saturday Evening Post," entitled "Is Hitler Married," declares that Eva Helen Braun, blonde, 28 years old, the daughter of a Bavarian professor, has occupied the position of regular hausfrau at Herr Hitler's Berlin residence since August, and is conducting herself as Herr Hitler's wife. It adds that the colourless love affair has continued for ten years, and Herr Hitler has been compelled to devote his time to soothing the feelings of the family, which felt that she was promised.

An editorial note in the "Saturday Evening Post" states: "The material for the article came from sources outside Germany, which we have always found to be dependable."

The "Camp News" will be prepared gratefully if regimental and company news items are handed to Major (Padre) Stewart not later than the day of each week.

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1914-18 German Air Ace

REPORTED FALLEN INTO DISGRACE.

Major-General Ernst Udet, who is reported to have been dismissed from the German Air Force because of the technically unsatisfactory performance of its 'planes, is one man who has been seen by many New Zealanders. Udet is probably the leading German ace surviving from the World War, and who was credited with shooting down 60 Allied machines in the last war and still in service, and before the expansion of the new air force under the Goering Plan, he was widely known as a stunt aviator. Because of his fame he was engaged to do the flying in the spectacular film, "White Hell of Pitz Palu," which was screened throughout the country fairly soon after the advent of the talkies, and in the cast of that movie was another German who reached fame and now is reported to have fallen into disgrace—Len. Riefenstahl, the friend of Hitler. Later Udet was seen on the screen again, this time in "SOS Iceberg." He is declared to have been the original member of the Caterpillar Club, having been ordered to wear a parachute, and bailing out after the struts of one of the wings of his 'plane were shot away by the gunner of a Bristol Fighter whom he had thought dead. Once, while flying a Fokker D-VII, he is said to have rammed a camel and escaped from the crash with slight injuries. In 1918 he commanded the Richtofen Squadron, and he won the highest award of Imperial Germany, Pour le Merite, for his gallantry. He was credited with 62 victories in the World War, and gained a reputation for sportsmanship. He was the first man to land an aeroplane on the frozen lake at St. Moritz, and the first to take off from an alpine glacier. An Australian squadron leader who visited him in Germany several years ago reported that Udet appeared to be a wealthy man, had a luxurious flat in Berlin, and included in it a miniature rifle range, where he liked to demonstrate his skill. The walls of his flat were decorated with trophies from the World War, including pieces of some of the machines that he brought down in combat.

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RECRUITS FOR TRAINING.

The following official list of recruits to the Royal New Zealand Air Force, who have been instructed to report at the Training School at Levin, has been made available for publication:

Air Gunners.—Campbell, A. (Hawera); Fenton, W. G. (Auckland); Johnson, G. B. (Auckland); Lucas, E. R. (Waitara); Mabey, L. F. (Palmerston North); Marshall, J. (Napier); Marusich, C. A. F. (Waitara); Murland, W. J. (New Plymouth); McAllister, H. D. (Wanganui); McLaren, P. V. (Auckland); McMillan, J. A. McQ. (Hunterville); Rasmussen, L. A. W. (Auckland); Rewa, D. O. (Auckland); Scoular, I. C. (Omakau); Street, K. I. (New Plymouth); Vivian, P. A. (Christchurch).

Observers.—Anderson, A. S. (Wellington); Banfield, H. C. H. (Lower Hutt); Boneham, P. W. (Auckland); Brennan, J. S. (Auckland); Brown, L. G. W. (Wellington); English, H. M. M. (Levin); Hall, H. R. (Wellington); Hawken, R. A. (Wellington); Hickman, L. J. D. (Palmerston North); Jenkins, D. C. B. (Auckland); Lawton, L. A. (Wellington); McKenzie, E. W. G. (Wellington); Phillips, D. P. (Wellington); Wells, G. (Feilding).

Armourers.—Anderson, W. R. (Auckland); Ashley-Jones, H. O. (Wellington); Bishop, J. T. (Hamilton); Carseldine, A. S. (Mokai); Chemis, J. (Dunedin); Cleland, A. Y. (Dunedin); Cox, D. R. (Hamilton); Gillies, R. V. (Napier); Gourlay, R. E. (Dunedin); Glover, E. J. (Auckland); Gray, D. S. (Wellington); Hadrup, V. A. (Auckland); Harper, A. B. (Gisborne); McColl, C. W. (Wellington); McMillan, R. T. (Rotorua); Mason, W. J. H. (Wellington); Maunder, R. L. (Invercargill); Murray, J. H. (Wellington); Organ, M. W. (Westport); O'Sullivan, T. M. (Wellington); Parnell, S. D. (Wellington); Sharland, K. O. (Nelson); Shepherd, C. C. (Whangarei); Slater, W. J. (Napier); Vyle, A. L. (Whangarei); Walseh, J. H. G. (Mataura).

FOR VALOUR

Sergeant Andrew

Leslie Wilton Andrew, son of Mr. W. J. Andrew, headmaster of Wanganui East School, came from his post in the Railways Department, Wellington, to answer the call. He took part in the battles of Somme, Messines and La Basse Vile, being awarded the highest of all military honours for conspicuous bravery while in charge of a small party during an advance at La Basse Ville.

With his objective a machine-gun post in an isolated estaminet, he led his men forward. Unexpectedly, the party came upon another enemy gun which was playing havoc with the advancing infantry on the left. To proceed was to leave this gun causing serious damage to the attacking parties so, on his own initiative, he stormed the position and put the gun out of action.

With only three men left, he made a detour through clumps of thistles to attack his original objective from the rear. Throwing bombs as they came the intrepid four rushed the gun post, killing four gunners and capturing the gun.

"How the deuce," asked the officer on the rifle range, "have you got those four straight bulls? Your range is six hundred yards, but your sight is set at three hundred."

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AMUSEMENTS

CITY AND EXHIBITION

KING'S THEATRE.

The consummate artistry with which he starred in "Wuthering Heights" to win an international acclaim, is said again to be exhibited by Laurence Olivier in Columbia's "Clouds Over Europe" at the King's Theatre. Ralph Richardson, unforgettable doctor of "The Citadel," is featured in the new film, a laugh-filled romantic action drama depicting the efforts of Scotland Yard to solve the mysterious disappearances of airplanes in flight.

Olivier's performance as a dashing test pilot in "Clouds Over Europe" has been hailed as one of the finest swash-buckling, devil-may-care characterisations ever given the screen. Richardson, on the other hand, is seen to brilliant advantage as an umbrella-bedeveled and never able to keep a "date" with a girl.

Valerie Hobson plays the leading feminine role in "Clouds Over Europe," as the newspaper woman whose activities constantly harass the detective and the test pilot. Others in the cast include George Curzon and Sandra Storme. Tim Whelan directed.

"Clouds Over Europe" weaves a story of romance, intrigue and daring with the fight of a great nation to gird herself against the threatening sabotage of alien agents. A new super-charger is undergoing tests when the bomber in which it has been placed suddenly and cluelessly disappears. Another plane, piloted by Olivier, goes up only to be forced down by a powerful ray directed from a nearby vessel.

The action-tense climax of "Clouds Over Europe" takes place aboard the spy-operated vessel. Olivier leads his fellow-pilots in a bid for freedom. Breaking from their prison cell in the hold of the vessel, the fliers fight their way to the upper decks, where they capture a machine-gun. Finally gaining the bridge, Olivier and his men successfully "take over" the vessel, in time to turn it and its enemy crew over to an oncoming naval boat which had been "commandeered" by Scotland Yard.

TUDOR THEATRE.

A millionaire's one-man rebellion forms the laughter-packed theme of "Fifth Avenue Girl," starring Ginger Rogers, which is transferred to the Tudor. The millionaire is Walter Connolly, who climaxes years of steadily increasing neglect on the part of his family by hiring Ginger to pose as a "gold-digger" and to stay in his palatial Fifth Avenue mansion as his guest. His wife and children suddenly become solicitous about him, and do their best to drive the feminine intruder away—all of which makes for the many uproarious sequences of the film. Two youthful romances, and a second honeymoon for the millionaire and his wife, are all taken care of by the time Ginger completes her job.

Also the associate feature is "Career," which has its first N.Z. screening, is striking a vividly realistic note in its characterisations and American atmosphere, the vital drama of small town life, "Career" is based on the

novel by Phil Stong, author of the memorable "State Fair."

With a cast headed by Anne Shirley and Edward Ellis, the story is laid in a small Iowa town in the early '30's. Ellis, in the role of a storekeeper whose wisdom and generosity vitally affect the happiness and prosperity of his fellow townfolk, is said to match his brilliant performance in "A Man to Remember." Samuel Errol, and the "Gateway to Hollywood" finalists, Alice Eden and John Archer, are also cast.

STATE THEATRE.

MURDER BY MAGIC STALKS FAIR IN "CHARLIE CHAN AT TREASURE ISLAND."

Charlie Chan crosses the ghostly path of murder by magic at the World's Fair playground on the Pacific in "Charlie Chan at Treasure Island," his newest and most exciting 20th Century-Fox mystery thriller at the State Theatre.

Sidney Toler again plays the famous Earl Derr Biggers sleuth, who faces his most baffling case in the Fair's Temple of Magic when death springs from the psychic arrow of a master of the occult—a mystery which Chan defies the supernatural to unravel.

Murder by ghosts provides a new kind of crime riddle in "Charlie Chan at Treasure Island," and the film is said to boast a twist at the climax that promises to lift you right out of your chair.

This marks the third time Toler has played the popular sleuth, having previously portrayed him with signal success in "Charlie Chan in Honolulu" and "Charlie Chan in Reno."

Chan is again aided by his No. 2 son, played by Sen Yung, who is featured in a fine supporting cast, headed by Cesar Romero and also featuring Pauline Moore, Douglas Fowley, June Gale, Douglas Dumbrille, Sally Lane, Billie Seward, Wally Vernon and Donald MacBride.

JEAN ROGERS HEADS CAST AS GIRL WHOSE MA SCARES AWAY HER BEAUS.

If you've ever been in love—and tried to dodge "the folks"—you'll appreciate the problems of the heroine of "Stop, Look and Love," the new 20th Century-Fox picture at the State Theatre, with Jean Rogers, Eddie Collins, Minna Gombell and Cora Sue Collins sharing top billing.

It's the human and hilarious romance which casts Jean as a pretty young thing who has no beaus, all because Mama frightens them all away by trying to help rope them into matrimony.

And Mama isn't all the poor girl has to contend with. There's kid-brother-and-sister trouble aplenty, too.

But dear old Dad understands, and when Jean finally meets her dream man and Ma throws a monkey wrench into the romance with her wedding bell spiel, Dad jumps in and saves the day and True Love triumphs.

Minna Gombell is Jean's exasperating Ma; William Frawley, her sympathetic Dad; Robert Kellard, the sweetheart who almost—but not quite—gets away; Eddie Collins is the proprietor of the eatery where the

sweeties meet to sigh over a hamburger; Cora Sue Collins is the kid sister with a movie star complex; and Jay Ward is the pesky kid brother, who'd rather sleep than eat.

PLAZA THEATRE.

Generations of men, women and children throughout the world have grown to identify the name of Sherlock Holmes with the very apotheosis of detective adventure. Holmes' scientific methods, amazing powers of deduction, his courage, eccentricities and fine humour have inspired the creation of countless other fictional sleuths but he has remained peerless in the popular imagination.

So it is only natural for the screen to turn to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's works for sure-fire material. Most recent picturisation of the great detective was in 20th Century-Fox's "The Hound of the Baskervilles," in which Basil Rathbone appeared as the perfect personification of Holmes, with Nigel Bruce as his ever-present foil, Dr. Watson.

So well was this film received that Darryl F. Zanuck now has another Holmes story on the way—"The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," with Rathbone and Bruce again in the leading roles and Ida Lupino and Alan Marshall also featured. Based on the play, "Sherlock Holmes," by William Gillette (with the permission of the executors of the late Conan Doyle's estate), the picture pits the foremost detective against a criminal genius worthy of his talents—the notorious Moriarty. Moriarty, Holmes' constant enemy, is also Doyle's creation, and as a lawless master-mind ranks almost with Holmes in cleverness and ingenuity. The role in the film is portrayed by George Zucco, included in the cast with Terry Kilburn, Henry Stephenson and E. E. Clive.

EXHIBITION ATTRACTIONS.

THE LITTLE THEATRE.

This miniature wonder building is one of the most outstanding attractions at the Exhibition, and should be seen to be fully appreciated. This astounding Theatre of the Fairies, replete with thousands of beautiful furnishings, is fascinating, amusing, enchanting, and is a complete Exhibition in itself, which will delight every soldier. An advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue, giving full details of this exhibit.

ICE SKATERS TO THRILL YOU.

A notable Playland personality at the Exhibition is Edmund Corthesy, leader of the St. Moritz Ice-Skaters, who perform their delightful act on a miniature rink of actual ice, just opposite the Jack and Jill. It is the smallest ice-rink ever seen in New Zealand.

M. Corthesy, a Swiss, achieved fame in 1912, when he gave an exhibition on a frozen river between two hostile armies in the Balkans. He was serving with the Servian Army against the Turks; the two armies were drawn up on opposite banks of an ice-bound river. The firing died as the figure of the skating-master whirled between the armies in graceful convolutions, and at the close of his remarkable display he returned unscathed to his ranks. The story thrilled the world a quarter of a century ago.

Since then he has achieved a worldwide reputation, has skated many times before Royalty, and has had many famous people to skate. Him in Playland are three graceful and delightful Swiss girls, who give joy to watch as they spin and glide on the ice. Vera Paravicini, M. Corthesy's partner, has superb grace.

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