

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.

Visitors Entertained by

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.

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?

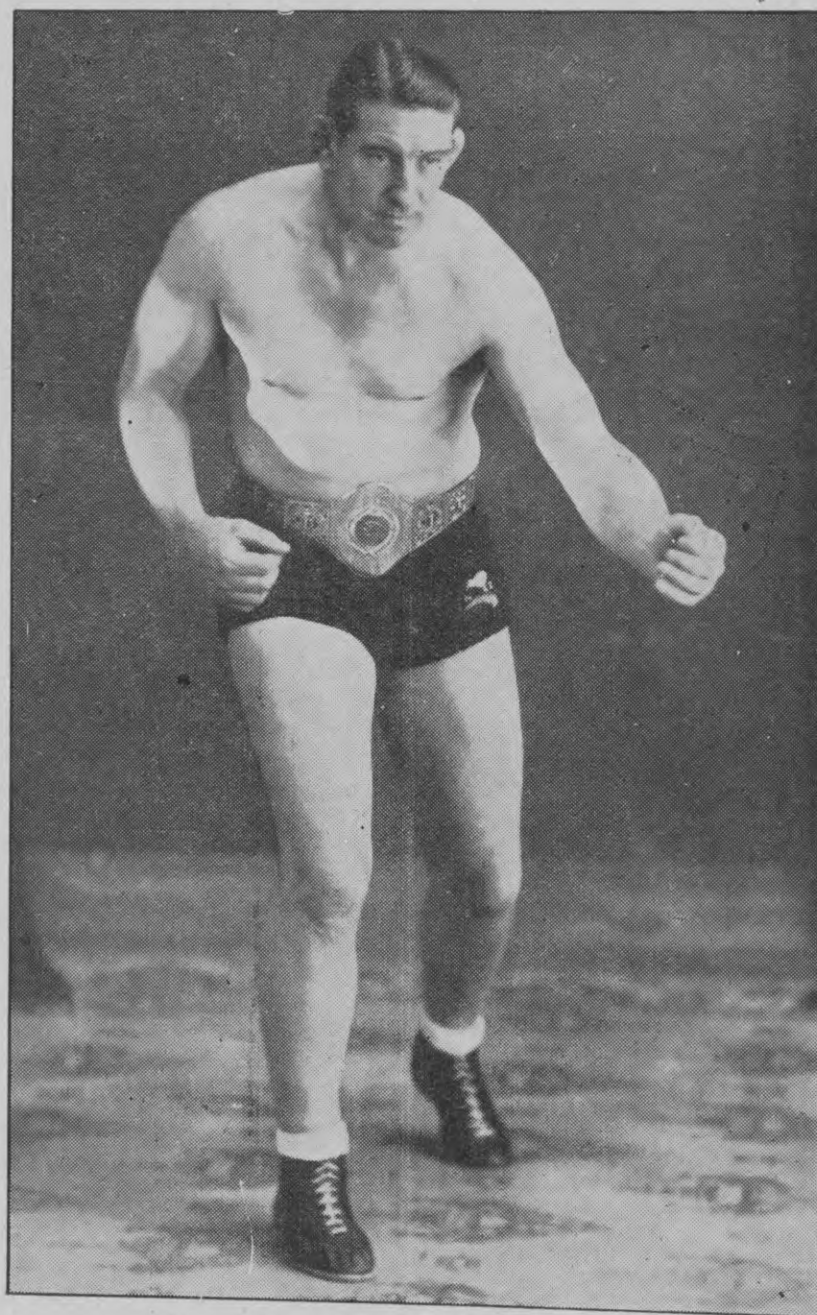
AMERICAN PRESS REPORT

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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