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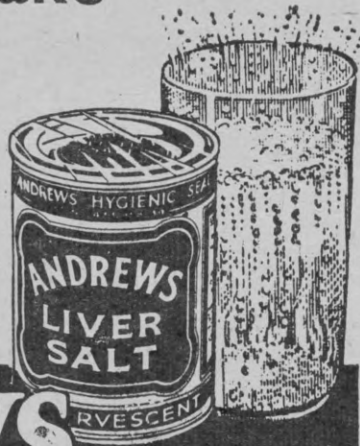
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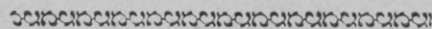
SONS OF THE SEA

There are some malcontents who have moaned about this tardy, mysterious war.

May we remind them what the Navy and her auxiliaries have done and are doing?

Within a hundred days forty U-boats were sunk.

It is impossible to praise too highly the skill of the men doing this dangerous work. All honour and gratitude to those who are hunting the U-boats and taking the "sting" out of the mines. Silent and anonymous heroes of the destroyers and minesweepers, they have already contributed a substantial part to victory.



Adolph Has Confidence

We have always been an advocate of insurance as a safeguard for old age and we are glad that Messrs. Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Goering, Hess, Lew, Himmler and Streicher have deposited cash and securities abroad to the total of £3,640,000.

When the Hitler bucket shop finally closes down, his assistant directors will be spared the humiliation of having to work in their old age. It'll be a bit of a change for them to lay aside their knuckle-dusters, but they'll probably get used to it.

Ribbentrop will be able to lean back and drink champagne.

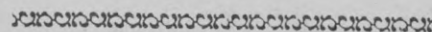
Goebbels will relax and write fairy tales.

Himmler will play "I Spy."

And the rest of the unsavoury mob can write their memoirs and compile a short treatise entitled "The Importance of being dishonest."

Apparently only Adolf has confidence in his future.

In a way, it's a claim to being the greatest optimist that ever lived, because no insurance agent would even start to estimate the expectation of life of Der Fuehrer, after the astonishing vote of no confidence of his Party leaders.



To-day's Bet

We bet that the United States is shipping war material to us for the following reasons:—

1. Roosevelt wishes it.
2. The American people wish it.
3. We wish it.
4. Hitler doesn't wish it.
5. And Wall Street will go raving mad if they lose the business.

Ricochets

Navy's watchword: Sea-curity.

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War sees exodus from Ha Street. Evacuation of The Citade

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New Zealand knows her airme France will rise to the occasion.

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In Europe spring will be the part of Leap Year.

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When are the French going to iss a communicay-O?

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Germany's hope of success: Je Nein-teen Forty?

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Stated that Japan may get ou China in 1940. Having found the little else she can get out of Chin

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"Sun": Hitler is the most cussed figure in the world." grant the "cussed" part of it.

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News heading: "64 Police C cases in 80 Minutes." Yet people fined for speeding!

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American army tanks to go to tarcctic. Is America also wantin have a go at the Pole?

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Doctor says a jumble of ink bla a new test for moral delinqu When it's not a prescription.

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News item: "Strength of B threatened." We'll have to get strength of that.

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Stated that most of the clothing Germany is made from wood Why not win the war by bombing the country with termites?

ARMY FOOTBALL.

REPORT FROM EGYPT.

Administrative difficulties of Army football in Egypt were mentioned in a letter from Lieut.-Colonel T. J. King, which was head at a meeting of the Management Committee of the Wellington Rugby Union. Games, the letter said, were played in temperatures of 90 degrees in the shade, on hard-baked grounds, and in sand-shoes. "Motorised selectors" were described—selectors who followed play up and down the field on a motor-ruck.

A game with a Welsh team, won by the New Zealanders, was subject of comment. It was stated that the final match against the Welsh team stressed that the New Zealanders knew little about scrummaging, the Welshmen looking the ball in the same manner as the 1937 Springboks and with the same speed. To counteract this, the New Zealanders, in the second spell, kicked the ball through the Welsh scrum, broke quickly and were able to harass the opposition into mistakes. H.S. Headings

ARMY RUGBY.

STAR ATTRACTION FOR KING'S BIRTHDAY.

We have it from good authority that Jimmy Ryan, of the famous 1918-19 New Zealand Army team, is to be the army selector for the Rugby attractions in Wellington on the King's birthday, when there will be a special match at Athletic Park between an Army fifteen and a Wellington representative side. The Army team is to be drawn from the ranks of the Third Echelon stationed at Trentham camp, but it may also include several players from other units.

TRENTHAM CAMP ACCOMMODATION.

The mobilisation camps throughout the Dominion are now dealing with the largest number of men they have ever been called upon to accommodate since the outbreak of war, and in order to provide more room for Expeditionary Force troops at Trentham the Central Military District School of Instruction has been transferred to the Taurenika racecourse.

Sun: "It is reported that one of the most modern abattoirs in the world was in Berlin." Don't forget Warsaw.

Cable: "Polish Jews will not be permitted to associate with loyal Nazis." Why this unexpected kindness?

It is reported that there will probably be a severe coal shortage in Germany this war. The Fuehrer won't be able to fuel all the people all the



CYRIL HURNE

ex-Wellington amateur and pro., is taking part in boxing bouts in Egypt.



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UNIFORMITY IN ARMY TRAINING

Series Of Demonstrations By Special Platoon

MEN TO BE DRAFTED SOON AS INSTRUCTORS

A series of demonstrations at mobilization camps in the three military districts is being given by a platoon of the New Zealand Regular Forces, trained at the Army School of Instruction, Trentham. The object of the demonstrations is to bring about uniformity in all branches of military training throughout the Dominion. The platoon consists of 23 men who have recently been trained at the Army School as instructors and will shortly be drafted to camps to help train N.Z.E.F. troops.

Recently on the Army School parade ground the platoon gave a demonstration before third echelon troops from the Central District Mobilization Camp. All ranks attended a demonstration of squad drill and physical training in the morning, and in the afternoon officers and n.c.o.'s from the Mobilization Camp and some units not available in the morning witnessed a repetition of the syllabus. The splendid physique and efficiency of the platoon are outstanding characteristics and the smartness with which they carried out all movements was impressive.

For the squad drill they were under the command of Lieutenant G. F. McCulloch, N.Z.P.S., and for the physical training demonstration under Staff Sergeant-Major W.O.II W. C. Douglas, N.Z.P.S. Both these instructors will accompany the platoon on its visits to other camps.

In the squad drill section Lieutenant McCulloch explained the method for teaching recruits various elements of marching such as the halt, about turn right and left turn, and wheel, and so on. During the afternoon session the platoon carried out several movements at the request of officers and non-commissioned officers in the audience.

After the squad drill the platoon changed into shorts, canvas shoes and gymnasium singlets for the physical training display. They carried out a large number of exercises and also demonstrated several organized games.

IMPORTANCE OF DRILL.

A short address on the importance of drill in military education was given by Major A. H. L. Sugden, N.Z.S.C., Officer Commanding the Army School, before the commencement of the morning demonstration. Soldiers were not taught drill just to allow officers and n.c.o.'s to shout at them, but for three important reasons, he said. First, all military units moved from one place to another by orderly movement and that orderly movement could only be learnt by drill. Second, the teaching of drill on the barrack square laid the foundations of discipline, and the soldier learnt the importance of instant and instinctive obedience to orders. It had to be remembered that thorough training and good discipline meant fewer casualties in the field. Third, it taught self-control and endurance.

Speaking of the physical training display, Major Sugden said that in the Army method of teaching physical training, the object was not to produce bulging muscles, but to teach a man to move quickly and to produce in the soldier stamina and endurance. The physical training tables were designed to develop harmoniously every part of the body, including the heart and lungs (the most important) and other internal organs. Stressing the value of physical fitness, Major Sugden said it was no use troops being expert with the weapons with which they were armed if they were not in a fit state to use them when they arrived at the place where they would be used.

"The attainment of physical fitness lie with yourselves," he said. "Your instructors will teach you physical ex-

ercises and show you how they are performed, but the results on your own body depend on yourselves. In other words, it is up to every individual man to put his best into it. You officers and n.c.o.'s should ask your men to do the exercises themselves and not wait for the physical training period. They should regard it as a point of honour to make themselves physically fit.

TRAINING OFFICERS CONFER.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st and 22nd May, the staff officer responsible for training in each mobilization camp, and officers commanding district schools of instruction, assembled at the Army School, Trentham, to watch certain demonstrations by the platoon and to exchange ideas on methods of training. Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Conway, N.Z.S.C., General Staff Officer, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Sherston, Army Headquarters, were present, and officers in attendance were as follows:—Northern District: Major W. Murphy, M.C., N.Z.S.C.; Major D. E. Bremner, M.C., N.Z.S.C. Central District: Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. Wilder, D.S.O., M.C., V.D.; Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. Jardine, D.S.O., M.C.; Major J. W. Barry, N.Z.S.C.; Captain J. M. Reidy, N.Z.S.C. Southern District: Major A. J. Moore, N.Z.S.C.; Captain R. J. Eyre, N.Z.S.C.

N.Z. Air Force

MORE TRAINEES

AIR SCREW SECTION

ORDERS TO REPORT.

The following recruits accepted for training in the air crew section of the Royal New Zealand Air Force have been instructed to report for training at the Levin Ground Training Depot as follows:—

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C. F. Dare (Auckland), W. S. Dashwood (Feilding), L. St. G. Dobbin (Wairoa, Hawke's Bay).

G. H. Easton (Christchurch), W. S. Emmett (Marton).

L. J. Fairbairn (Christchurch), G. H. Fenton (Mangere East, Auckland).

J. H. Gazzard (Otautau), G. E. Guthrie (Parnell, Auckland), W. L. Gribble (Mount Eden, Auckland).

D. H. Hammond (Kaikoura), A. O. Hawkins (Auckland), A. R. Henderson (Greymouth), J. A. Hoffeins (Brooklyn, Wellington), C. H. Howard (New Plymouth), G. Hunter (Lower Hutt).

D. P. Janning Palmerston North, D. J. Jamieson (Christchurch), W. G. Jesson (Christchurch), G. A. Johnston (Dunedin).

R. K. Karsten (Nelson), E. J. Kean (Christchurch), J. M. Kerr (Timaru), H. C. Kimpton (Marton).

F. M. Laing (Wellington), B. E. Layne (Hamilton), D. F. Leffley (Dunedin), W. C. F. Leicester (Havelock North), R. G. Lindsay (Auckland), A. C. Long (Wellington).

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McDonald (Paeroa), R. J. McFarlane
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K. M. Palmer (Te Puke), S.
Parkes (Feilding), A. F. Potter
carton, Christchurch).

A. R. Robinson (Christchurch),
A. Robinson (Wellington), A. G. B.
sell (Bell Knowes, Dunedin), P.
Ryan (Wellington).

W. J. Sandman (One Tree Hill,
Auckland), R. A. Scragg (Napier),
W. Shepherd (Palmerston North),
A. Spark (Port Chalmers), E. S.
Spicer (Remuera, Auckland), J. E.
Steeds (Christchurch), G. S. Steeds
son (Auckland).

R. D. Wanden (Wellington), P.
Worsop (Auckland).

"There must be a dozen sergeant
majors in this camp, roughly speaking," writes a soldier. Well, who ever heard of a sergeant-major without rasp in his voice?

N.Z.E.F. RUGBY

FINE FORM IN EGYPT
BEST TOURNEY EVER

Of the interest taken in the Rugby tournament for the troops in Egypt and of the high standard of performance given by the N.Z.E.F. representatives there is further news in communications received recently from Egypt. In one of his letters Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. King, who has served on the Wellington and New Zealand Rugby Unions, said of one particular performance that he had never seen a New Zealand team play so well to instructions as the N.Z.E.F. team had done in that match. They played as a team and played really wonderful football. He and others, in their letters, make special mention of the outstanding form shown by J. L. Griffiths, and that player himself states that he has never felt fitter and better for football.

Of the fine impression made by the New Zealand team there is much evidence in the newspaper reports of the matches. The following extracts are taken from a report in the "Egyptian Mail" of the match in which the New Zealand team had a handsome win over the British Army-Air Force side at the Arsenal Ground:

The New Zealand forwards were the high light of the match—great, strong, husky men who were irresistible—and they played the winning game of the day. Though they played hard, they played clean, and their team work was simply grand—altogether an example of the British Empire's manhood at its best.

Shortly before the start an amusing incident took place when a New Zealand soldier dashed on to the ground to recover a chair that had been left behind by the band. The struggle which ensued for the comfortable seat between many of his colleagues brought forth roars of laughter from the crowd (about 5000).

After a period of rushing tactics, L. Arnold cut through and sent on to Griffiths, who in turn passed on to Morrison. The All Black winger, although tackled on the line, managed to get the ball away to Wales, who had followed up in the usual Dominion style, and he threw himself over for the first try.

At a later stage Griffiths staged one of the many moves that have made him famous in the All Blacks. He secured from a loose maul and went zig-zagging through the British de-

fence in amazing style that brought the crowd to its feet but Gant brought his clever run to an end.

L. Arnold cut out several men before he was hauled down on the line. Parsons secured from the set scrum that followed, passed on to Wales, who again went through for a good try.

The powerful New Zealand threes were not to be denied and Morrison weaved his way through the defence to score a really brilliant try, which he converted... Morrison again electrified the crowd by taking the ball on the touch line, cutting in and dropping a beautiful goal from some 40 yards out.

Wales and Coull were a constant source of trouble to Gant with the speed with which they followed up the ball.

Eventually the brilliance of Griffiths, the All Black five-eights, was in evidence when he followed up one of his positional kicks, with a speed that was uncanny, to secure the ball again and fool the defence to go over for an excellent try, which Rollinson improved on to give the Kiwis a handsome lead.

Griffiths and Wynyard had the crowd on their feet again with a great movement and Wynyard actually crossed the line, but he was recalled for a forward pass.

After tea at the Gezira Sporting Club, the teams and officials went on to a cocktail party given by Mrs. Freyberg, wife of the Divisional Commander, where the draw for the autographed match ball took place... Immediately upon completion of the draw, Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. King (N.Z.E.F.) thanked the sponsors of the tournament on behalf of the N.Z.E.F., and then asked Mrs. Freyberg to present the other ball, used earlier on, which had been autographed by all the players to Lance-Corporal Griffiths, the New Zealand captain, "as a souvenir of the best Rugby tournament ever organised in Egypt."

CAMP DUTIES.

DRAFT FOR PAKAKURA.

Men who have passed fit for home service and who reported on Monday morning for camp duties at Pakakura are as follows:—

J. T. Boardman, W. R. Brough, A. Carter, F. H. Corcoran, C. R. Gardner, C. J. C. Hayson, W. L. Hunter, T. W. R. Jones, J. H. Lewis, F. S. Moisson, C. E. J. Nisbet, W. K. Silva, W. C. Smith, T. R. Tonge, F. T. White, T. M. Whittingham, W. H. Willis, P. T. Wilde.

R.N.Z.A.F. BASE HOBSONVILLE

News of Interest

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Senior Team: The First Fifteen played Eden at Eden Park and won 27—6. The side is showing evidence of the sound coaching which is being given by Leading Aircraftsman A. E. Cooke. The forwards packed well and hooked the ball in the majority of scrums. Farey, Beattie, Gibbs and Kelsall played particularly well in the forwards and Bentley, Cato, Jackson and McCready were outstanding in the backs.

Junior Team: Lost 22—13 to Training College.

Third, Open: Lost 8—6 to Suburbs.

Third, Intermediate: Lost 19—11 to Tamaki.

Rugby Film: The Rugby Union's Film "Control" was shown to an interested audience in the Institute on a recent night.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Station team, playing in the Auckland Senior Competition, was badly outclassed by Mount Albert Grammar School Old Boys. The score was 7—1.

Warrant Officer G. C. Ellis was selected to play in the trial match from which the Auckland representative side will be chosen.

HOCKEY.

The Station team, playing in the Auckland Second Grade Competition, lost to Papatoetoe 3—0.

TABLE TENNIS.

Some exhibition matches were played at the Base recently. Mr. Cantlay and Mr. Cheal, leading New Zealand players, took part in matches which were interesting and instructive. Aircraftsman Boys and Jerrome, representing the Base, gave the visitors much opposition in the singles and beat them in the doubles.

Table Tennis Competitions: Three teams from the Base played in the Auckland competitions. All were beaten, but an improvement is expected.

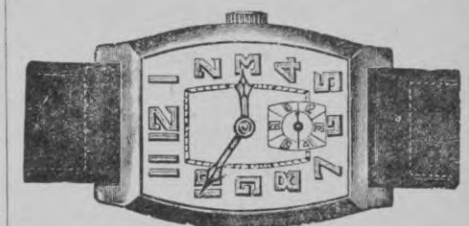
Entertainment: A dance was held in the Institute recently. The music was provided by the Station orchestra and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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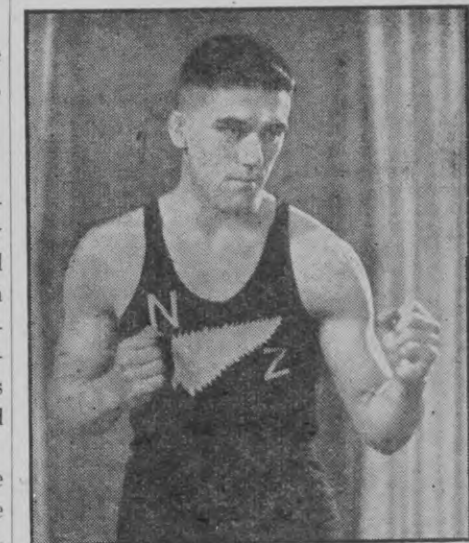


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SMILES

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The squad of recruits had been out to the rifle range for their first try at marksmanship. They knelt at 250 yards and fired. Not a hit. They moved up to 200 yards. Not a hit. They tried at 100 yards. Not a hit.

"Tenshun!" bawled the Captain. "Fix bayonets! Charge! It's your only chance."

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"Well, my dear," wrote the wife to her husband in the B.E.F., "did you like those mince pies I made for you?"

"Mince pies?" wrote back the husband. "Lumme, I though they were rubber heels. I'm still wearing them."

JARVIS KEEPS HIS TITLE

Lightweight Boxing

GAME SHOWING BY SHARPE

Boxing as well as ever he did at any stage of his career, Jack Jarvis, professional lightweight boxing champion of the Dominion, retained his title by outpointing Jackie Sharpe over 15 rounds before a crowded audience in the Wellington Town Hall last Thursday week.

Jarvis attacked his man so savagely in the eighth round that he burst his right glove just as the gong sounded, and a new pair had to be obtained. Sharpe thereupon also demanded a new set of gloves, and there was an interval of about eight minutes before the ninth round started. But for the delay the contest might have ended earlier, as Sharpe was in a bad way at the end of the eighth round. The spell enabled him to recover, and for the remainder of the contest he put up a brave showing.

Jarvis, however, was too fast and clever for the ex-Australian, who pinned his faith to a knock-out with the right. At the conclusion of the contest, Jarvis was presented with the championship belt, and cheers were given by the big crowd for both men.

Mr. Phil Thomson was the referee, and the judging was done by Messrs. P. W. Woods and W. P. Sommerville.

Sharpe scored 9.7, and Jarvis 9.5½. Jarvis started confidently, and used a straight left to good effect, but Sharpe, who was boxing confidently, scored with right and left to the head just before the first round ended. The champion kept the left going in the second round, and smashed his man to a neutral corner, but the ex-Australian smothered up well. Jarvis scored with several light lefts to



Corporal JACK JARVIS

the face, Sharpe being short with a few right crosses.

A right to the side of the head stung Jarvis to action in the third round, and he waded in with both hands to head and body, but Sharpe took most of the blows on the forearms and gloves. Sharpe scored with left and right to the head in the fourth round, which caused the champion to flash a couple of left jabs to the face. Both scored to the head with left leads in the fifth round, Jarvis having slightly the better of the exchanges.

Jarvis took the aggressive in the sixth round, chasing his opponent around the ring with a fierce two-handed attack, to which Sharpe appeared to have no answer. Sharpe did better in the next round, landing a good right to the head, and getting in some telling body blows. Both missed with wicked right hooks

Jarvis Bursts a Glove

Jarvis cut loose in the eighth round with a powerful right hook to the body, which had Sharpe groggy, and the champion dealt out severe punishment with both hands to head and body. Sharpe appeared to be all in, but managed to last till the gong sounded. So severe were Jarvis's blows in this round that his right glove bust, and there was a brief delay while a new pair were obtained. Sharpe thereupon also demanded another

pair of gloves, and these had to be obtained. This caused a break of about eight minutes.

Upon resuming, Sharpe landed a solid right to the head, to which Jarvis replied with a vicious left rip downstairs, which caused Sharpe to grimace with pain, and signal to the champion to keep his blow-up.

Bobbing, weaving and ducking, Jarvis was an elusive target in the next round and Sharpe missed several times with right hooks.

The crowd roared as the boxers warmed to their work in the eleventh and engaged in some fierce toe-to-toe rallies. Sharpe seemed fresher than at any time in the contest. The applause was deafening as Sharpe took the aggressive in the twelfth round, and Jarvis fought back strenuously. Sharpe continued his aggressive tactics in the next round, in which Jarvis was warned by the referee for hitting low.

The champion had the better of the next round, in which he piled up points with a lancelike left to the face.

Realizing that he was behind on points, Sharpe went for a knock-out in the last round, but Jarvis held his own, and one of the best professional contests seen in Wellington for a long time went to Jarvis on points.

Jarvis is in Trentham camp, and Sharpe in the New Zealand Air Force. Uniformed supporters were in both corners.

NAVAL PROMOTION.

WELL-KNOWN AUCKLANDER.

The promotion of Lieutenant Gordon Bridson, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (New Zealand) to lieutenant-commander is announced in the current Gazette. Lieutenant-Commander Bridson is an Auckland, and he is well known in swimming circles throughout the Dominion.

THIRD ECHELON.

SHORTER TRAINING?

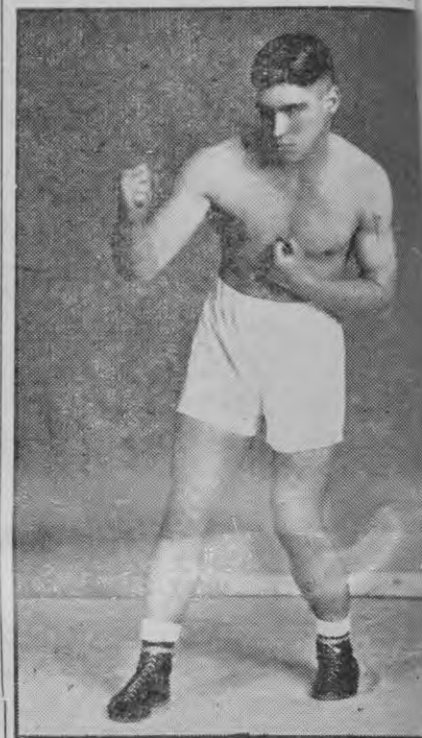
STAFF OFFICER'S STATEMENT.

"With the latest turn of world events it seems likely that we will soon be in it. The first brigade is over there, the second is on the water, and you, the third, are likely to be joining them very soon. Since your course of instruction may be curtailed,

it is up to you to put every ounce of your energy into your training, and make it really worth while."

These words from Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Smythe (area staff officer for the Southern Military District) brought resounding cheers from 143 men assembled with friends in King Edward Barracks, Christchurch before their departure for Papakura as a draft of the Third Echelon. Lieutenant-Colonel Smythe said that the possibility of trouble in the East meant the massing of colonial troops there and the likelihood of the Third Echelon being ordered overseas on short notice. He urged the men to take a personal interest in their training and to undertake individual and national study where possible.

When the foregoing was brought to the notice of the General Staff Officer of the Northern Military District, Lieutenant-Colonel L. Potter said had no comment to make.



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To the platoon detailed to fight a rearguard action the sergeant was giving final instructions.

"Remember, as there are no enemy in sight, we shall have to fire at will. Company—load!"

All except one man obeyed. The exception legged it like mad for the main body of troops.

"No message?" echoed the C.O. when he panted up. "If you're not a runner, what the hell are you?"

"W-w-well, you s-see, s-ir, it's like this. I'M WILL."

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Staunch Captain: Now then, my hearties, fight like heroes till your powder's gone—then run! I'm a little lame, so I'll start now.

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I say, Mac, they tell me I am going away in the Second Echelon as corporal.

Mac: Sure, Corporal Punishment.

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TAILPIECE: Voice from the black-out to group of men heard marching: "Are you the West Riding Regiment?"

Voice back: "No, we're East Lancshires, ruddy well walking!"

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AND HE SWALLOWED IT!

It was supper-time and Jimmy's foster-mother gave him custard and prunes. The little evacuee refused to eat the prunes.

"God will be very angry with you for not doing as you're asked," he was told.

At midnight a violent thunderstorm sent the hostess hurrying into Jimmy's bedroom. The room was empty, but downstairs she found him gobbling the prunes. When he had finished he looked out at the lightning.

"Hell of a racket to make about a couple of prunes," he mumbled.

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It was a filthy day. The recruits were "dumb." Private Smith was the dumbest of them all.

The sergeant strode up to him. "What was your job in civil life?" he barked.

"Bank clerk," replied Smith.

"I suppose," sneered the sergeant, "you dusted the desks and washed out the ink-wells, and made nice cups of tea for the manager?"

"Oh, no, sir," replied Smith. "We kept an old sergeant for those jobs."

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GONE SCREW-Y IN FACT!

"Say, Bill, the sergeant ain't 'alf lookin' worried," said the recruit.

"Yus," replied his pal. "Pore bloke's got so many wrinkles on his forehead 'ee 'as to screw 'is helmet on."

30 Million People Have Already Read This!

"It takes real talent to find anything in the Reich worth smuggling out"

THIS ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE "LIFE," WHICH HAS A READER-PUBLIC OF AT LEAST 30 MILLION AMERICANS EACH WEEK.

YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT THESE NEUTRALS THOUGHT AFTER READING THE ACCOUNT BELOW OF A JOURNEY OUT OF GERMANY A FEW WEEKS AGO. IT IS WRITTEN BY WILLIAM D. BAYLES.

The fun began at Osnabrueck, which is the last German station before the war zone, where all not en route for Holland are compelled to leave the train.

The rest, consisting of 150 Jews and twenty Gestapo agents and myself, were crowded into two coaches, each patrolled by four guards armed with pistols.

The car's unheated temperature was around zero.

I was cramped into a compartment with nine Jews who sat shivering in overcoats.

Sitting next to the window I could see through the crack at the side of the blind.

We were passing through evacuated country.

The interior of our coach was completely dark as no light was turned on.

The guards patrolled with flashlights and I had to watch so as not to be caught peeping.

Arriving about three o'clock at Benheim, an isolated frontier station with four tracks—this being the only frontier station now open to Holland—the guards ordered all out, pushing and prodding the Jews into the Customs room.

The windows were boarded over.

"Germans on this side," ordered the guard, and twenty Gestapos lined up at the table.

"Not you scum of Israel. Whoever told you you were Germans?" he bawled when several Jews started to line up.

Then began my examination, which lasted over four hours.

I had been given a letter from the Berlin police requesting frontier courtesy.

They had also advised me to place an unopened bottle at the top of my suitcase.

This would be confiscated by the Frontier guard, but at the same time would be a sign to the guards that I was travelling with the approval of the bully boys in Berlin.

The cognac was duly confiscated, the letter was read, but without result.

"Why are you leaving Germany? Why didn't you leave three months ago?" asked the guards.

Not heeding my answers, they began to pore over my passport, checking my name with a typed list of passengers.

"Now we shall see what all you are trying to smuggle from Germany," declared a guard, ordering me to open my luggage.

My retort that it would take real talent to find anything in the Reich worth smuggling angered them.

The contents of two suitcases were strewn over the table, dirty hands tearing new laundered shirts apart, holding up each garment in the light.

The discovery of several articles of my wife's clothing (forgotten when she left Germany in September) resulted in crude remarks from the guard.

He held up a chemise and remarked: "Lovely panties you wear, sweetheart. We are glad to know that American men wear silk and lace undies."

Every time the examination was apparently finished, I began to repack the suitcase.

But the guard interrupted, saying: "I shall have another look at those trousers," or "Let's see your brassiere again, darling."

After two hours of this I was ordered to undress, although the room temperature was around freezing.

When I protested the guard said: "We didn't know an American was coming, otherwise we would have heated the place and prepared a banquet."

I was permitted to keep on shorts and socks.

I stood in them for at least twenty minutes, the guards telling me the fresh air was good for the constitution.

I was finally told to dress and obtain my passport at the door when the train arrived.

Leaving the building the guard at the door said: "There's your train. Get in and don't look out until it stops. Give the regards of the S.S. to sweethearts in America."

For ten minutes I was alone in the dark unheated coach.

Then a stream of Jews came from behind the Customs House, laden with luggage, urged on by guards who pushed them into the coaches, slammed and locked the doors.

The coach was permeated with the stench of excrement, but I was unable to see my co-travellers.

Peering behind the blind, I saw a treeless desolate country, an occasional dark building, then a high strongly illuminated fence leading up to the tracks, and an S.S. guard standing in a shelter booth at the side of the track.

The first lighted buildings began to appear and the train pulled into Oldenzaal station, where the platform was alive with Dutch soldiers, officials

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and nurses waiting to take care of the Jews.

They were unshaven, filthy and red-eyed, were hustled into warm wash-rooms by nurses who seemed accustomed to such arrivals.

I entered a restaurant with steaming coffee urn, tables laden with great slabs of ham and cheese on white bread, huge tray of oranges and apples, cases full of chocolate.

I suddenly found myself reeling and trembling and stumbled into a chair.

A Dutch waiter brought me gin without my asking and declared: "Most travellers from Germany need this when they arrive. It must be pretty bad over there."

ATHLETES RESPOND TO THE CALL

Many Now In Uniform

PLAYING THEIR PART IN STERNER GAME

As in 1914-18, the athletes of New Zealand have in the last eight months made a ready response to the call for recruits for military service.

Rugby Union footballers, being fit and of military age, were among the first to respond. This was seen early, when cabled advice came that L. H. Edwards, the brilliant Taranaki and Wellington wing-threequarter, had been shot down and made a prisoner of war in Germany.

Southland, holder of the Ranfurly Shield, has contributed several of its best players to the colours. C. K. Saxton, last year's captain, who enlisted in the Royal New Zealand Air Force some time ago and was waiting to be called up for service, has been granted a transfer to the army and will go into camp next month.

Saxton is one of 10 members of the 1939 Southland Rugby team to enlist. The others are A. West (Bluff), A. W. Wesley (Old Boys), A. R. Marshall (Old Boys), F. H. McEwan (Pirates), A. G. Sutherland (Invercargill), R. G. Mahony (Invercargill), C. F. McKenzie (Invercargill), J. Lester (Invercargill), and E. Jackson (Old Boys).

Wellington Rugby players have also rallied to the call. Though it is impossible to know all who have enlisted, the absence of prominent players in the senior teams each Saturday shows that many players have doffed the jersey to don a khaki tunic.

Among the Wellington players who have either gone overseas or are at present in camp are the following representative players: E. W. Tindill and G. Wales (Athletic), J. R. Sherratt (Wellington), Crisp and O'Brien (Poneke), G. Burns (Johnsonville), Sargisson (Hutt), Crawford-Smith (Wellington College Old Boys) and Knowles and Donoghue (Petone).

Other useful club members who are now in uniform include Cochrane (Wellington), Fitzgerald and O'Malley (Marist Brothers' Old Boys), Elliott and Frain (Poneke), Dean (Johnsonville), Raimbird and Hardie (Wellington College Old Boys), and Jack and Rowland (Oriental).

Already the New Zealanders have made a name for themselves in Egypt. Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. King, who went with the first echelon as a member of the executive of the New Zealand Rugby Union, has no doubt brought his organizing ability to bear in Egypt. He has some first-class men to place in the field, including Jack Griffiths, captain of the All Blacks. It would not be surprising if the New Zealand team again won the Services Cup, as it did in 1918.

Though they may get into some tight scrums before they return to New Zealand, it can be taken for granted that these Wellington lads will put in every ounce and keep on pushing.

Soccer Stalwarts.

The Association footballers of Wellington have been just as keen as their Rugby Union brothers in joining the colours.

Among those who have either gone overseas or are in military camps are the three Sutherland brothers, of the Institute club, George, Ross and Don, who, with W. Reid, of the same club, are already overseas.

Among others who are in khaki are W. Gray (Nada), J. J. Traynor and Toby Janes (Waterside), and J. Haley (Petone). Other Wellington Soccer men who are in uniform are A. Power, a member of the management committee of the Wellington Football Association; E. McQueen, a senior referee; and J. Cullen, a junior referee.

Battalion Runners.

If battalion runners are wanted in the present war, the New Zealand Force should be well served, as among the athletes who have joined up are J. F. Sharpley, New Zealand 120yds. and 220yds. amateur hurdles champion, and V. P. Boot, New Zealand half-mile amateur champion, who won the half-mile championship at the last British Empire Games in Sydney.

A. Hose, club captain of the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club, has been in Samoa for some time as a physical instructor, and Phil Thomson is physical instructor at Trentham Camp.

Other athletes who are serving with the colours include P. Bay, a prominent mile runner, who is in the Dental Corps, with Peter Wilson, a member of the executive of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association.

One of the first athletes to sign up was Arthur Welpley of the Wellington A.A.A., who was about the oldest athlete in Wellington. He was a sprinter who just missed reaching top class, and was one of the most popular athletes in the Wellington province.

Others who are in uniform are R. Wade (Wellington walking champion), D. Johnston (chairman of the Wellington Athletic Sub-Centre), J. Maturin (Scottish Harriers), and J. F. Wallace, Wanganui, who won the quarter-mile race at the athletic meeting at Trentham Camp recently.

K. W. Patterson, the former Otago Boys' High School field athlete and Otago University pole vault champion, has enlisted for service with the third echelon. Patterson has shown great ability as a pole vaulter, and while still a schoolboy was clearing around 10ft. He also showed considerable promise as a walker, and was prominent in walking events last season.

Golfers Calling "Fore!"

Among the golfers who have already called "Fore!" to the Nazis is A. E. Guy, the Gisborne professional. Many Wellington club champions have already gone overseas or are training to do so. These include I. A. Ewen (Hutt), D. H. Graham (Wellington), L. Whetton (Manor Park), A. D. S. Smith (Judgeford), R. G. Holland (Waiwetu). Others who are in uniform are D. A. Dacre and J. Hodson (Titahi), and J. Kember (Paekakariki). Dennis Blundell (Wellington) left with the first echelon.

Fierce In-Fighters.

New Zealand boxers, if they get close enough to the Nazis, will do some fierce in-fighting. Cyril Hurne, Morris McHugh, Jack Heeney, Harold Reeves, and McMahon are already in Egypt. Corporal Jack Jarvis, professional lightweight champion of the Dominion, will defend his title against Jackie Sharpe, of the R.A.F., at the Wellington Town Hall tomorrow night. Allen Hayes is at Fort Dorset, and Roderick, McLauchlan, and Frank Bruno are all in khaki.

Many Wellington yachtsmen, oarsmen, hockey players, and Rugby League footballers have also joined the colours, and it will not be long before they are all fighting fit, and able to demonstrate that they can play their part in the sterner game of war.

BACKS TO THE WALL

General Duigan On The Will To Win

The Chief of the General Staff, Major-General J. E. Duigan, commenting in an interview recently on the battle on the Western Front, said:—

The final decision will be reached on the Western Front, and with our Allies we have to fight it out to a finish. Once again our backs are to the wall. Determination, courage, and the will to win will bring us through the crisis, and I feel all these qualities are possessed by the Allied armies. I am certain victory will come in the end and civilization will be saved. War—victory—a nation. War—defeat—dis-memberment of Empire.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

New Zealand Casualties

The following casualties involving New Zealanders in the Royal Air Force were officially announced recently.

Pilot Officer Vernon Allan Cunningham is missing, and is believed to have been killed in operations on May 14. He is a son of Mrs. F. Cunningham, 27 Scarborough Terrace, Wellington.

Flying Officer John Roland Brown is reported killed in an aircraft accident on May 12. His father is Squadron Leader J. T. Brown, who is on interchange duties in New Zealand.

Flying Officer John Ernest Edwards is reported missing after air operations on May 15. He is a son of Mrs. M. M. K. Edwards, 44 Armore Road, Herne Bay, Auckland.

A cablegram was received yesterday by Mrs. J. L. Whitlock, 250 Queen's Drive, Lyall Bay, Wellington, stating that her brother, Pilot Officer A. E. Bourgeois, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bourgeois, 13 McDonald Street, Napier, was reported missing, and was believed to have lost his life on May 20. Pilot Officer Bourgeois left New Zealand to join the Royal Air Force in England on short service commission in February, 1939.

Advice has been conveyed by the Air Ministry to his relatives that Flying Officer Leonard Miller, Auckland, aged 22 years, is missing as a result of air action. Flying Officer Miller, very well known in football and boxing circles as "Spud" Miller, is a son of the Rev. Matthew Miller, Devonport, and was a Takapuna Grammar School boy. He took up flying at Mangere, where he was trained by the late Squadron Leader D. M. Allen, and left for England in September, 1937, as one of the first body of exchange pilots to leave under the New Zealand Air Force expansion scheme inaugurated in 1937. After training at Air Force stations in England, he was at Driffield, Yorkshire, as a bombing pilot.

SOLDIERS' ESTATES

Exemptions From Death Duties

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Reference to the exemptions from estate and succession duties for soldiers' estates was made recently by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Nash. He said that judging from a report of a recent meeting of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce there was a certain amount of misunderstanding on the subject. He was anxious to have the exemptions which were made in last year's Finance Act (No. 2) clearly understood.

"That Act," said Mr. Nash, "made exactly the same concessions as were granted in 1915 in respect of the last war. No estate duty is payable on those parts of the deceased soldier's estate left to his wife, father, mother, and children up to the value of £5000 in respect of each beneficiary. In addition to that, the amount left by the soldier to each of those beneficiaries up to £5000 in each case is exempt from succession duties.

"It will be seen that this provision amply covers those persons who stand in a special relation to a soldier and are likely to be dependent on him. Where the soldier leaves his property to his wife, children or parents no duty whatever is likely to be payable except in the case of large estates, and even there duty is payable only on the balance after allowing the exemptions. If other relatives and strangers are the beneficiaries the usual exemption of the first £500 of each bequest or legacy from succession duty will still apply.

"The concessions," said the Minister,

ter, "are generous, but are amply justified, and I hope that they will be clearly understood by our soldiers, sailors and airmen as well as by the general public. Nevertheless, no one will suffer through ignorance of provisions made as the Commission of Stamp Duties will allow the exemptions in every case without the necessity for any claim being made."

COW RODEO IN CAIRO STREET

New Zealand Troops Play

The "Egyptian Gazette," Cairo, publishes the following: "Regarding cows, we beg to report a little excitement yesterday afternoon. We had some visitors in the office, New Zealand boys they were, and they were as usual, feeling grand. We talked of this and that and then they left. Little later we heard a commotion in the street and saw New Zealand boys hobbling about in the midst of a cheering crowd.

"We hurried down and found one of our friends showing the crowd how they threw cattle on New Zealand stations. He had the startled cow round the shoulders, as it were, and was slowly forcing it on to the ground. The milkman was nearly in hysterics. 'It will make his milk come bad,' screamed.

"We persuaded our friend to desist and told him he mustn't hold rods in Cairo streets. He was very sorry but the cow made him homesick, he said. 'I love cows,' he continued, 'they're comfortable, understand beasts.'

"Well, what do you want to tell 'em about for, then?' we asked. "'Why,' he replied, 'they love it.' It's all just sheer fun for them."

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