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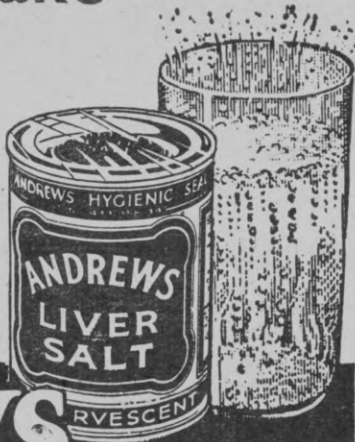
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**Stirring Broadcast to People of  
N.Z. by the Hon. W. Nash,  
Minister of Finance**

**NATIONAL MORALE**

**NO OCCASION SEEN FOR LOSS OF HEART**

The necessity for the maintenance of national morale in the present crisis was emphasized by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Nash, in an address last week. He said that if the morale of the people weakened their military and economic power was weakened also. He realized that inevitably initial reverses and seemingly impossible odds were prone to create a feeling in the public mind of temporary frustration and hopelessness. It was imperative that no such feelings should be allowed to emerge, no matter how dark the outlook might appear.

"When I spoke last week I said that in the situation in France and Belgium the British Commonwealth is faced with a crisis as grave as it has ever faced," said Mr. Nash. "That situation continues and probably will continue for some time to come. I do not wish to minimize its gravity; in-



THE HON. W. NASH

deed, it would be foolish to try and do so. I do most emphatically urge, however, that there is no occasion for any loss of heart. Above all, let us not allow anything in the nature of a panic to stampede us into foolish and irresponsible criticism and activity. After all, we have faced and have emerged successfully from many crises in the past. Those who remember the dark days of 1914-18 will recall that

the British Commonwealth faced times no less critical and overcome odds no less great than confront it today.

**Confidence in Allies.**

"It is absolutely vital if we are to play our part as we are expected to play it, that any tendency toward a feeling of hopelessness should be promptly and relentlessly stifled. That does not mean that we should ignore or minimize the difficulties we are up against. It does not mean that we should lull ourselves into a false sense of security, but it does mean that we should have confidence in the ability of England, France and our other Allies, and above all, in the ability of ourselves, to maintain the struggle with unrelenting vigour and firm resolve till victory is achieved.

"We have a war to fight on three fronts; We must put forward first the maximum military effort of which we are capable. We must mobilize secondly our entire economic resources in order that this effort may be sustained and strengthened. And thirdly—and no less important—is the necessity of maintaining the national morale, because if the morale of the people weakens, their military and economic power is weakened also. This is something which New Zealand and New Zealanders should take to heart at the present moment.

"An Old Country friend of mine has sent me a book by Sir John Orr and David Lubbock on 'Feeding the People in Wartime.' In the first chapter there are two striking sentences, 'the strength of the Home front depends upon the spiritual and physical stamina of our people. The spiritual is even more important than the physical.' Nothing must be left undone in this land of ours that will help Britain and her Allies. All our resources, material, mental and spiritual, must be drawn on to the limit to help. I am affirming that the health line, depending as it does on food, and the spiritual line, are more important than the Maginot Line.

"No sacrifice to help the Mother Country is too great to make. The Prime Minister has pledged all that we have. Our kinsmen at Home are facing difficult times, but with a united country, a united Commonwealth, with all individuals forgetting themselves in the enthusiasm for work and service, we can win through to commence again to build in our country and our Commonwealth the priceless freedom and liberties which can only come if built on the spiritual foundations of sacrifice, determination and selfless love.

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**Ricochets**

War puts the din into Scandinavia

Frozen assets: Finland's lakes

This weather makes us feel a lot of mugs.

Neither side attempting to advance on the Western Front—Saar group

Germany's largest underwater "Graf Spee."

Pity Hitler hasn't got a wife to him up.

Stated that an ally would victory for Germany. But who take this Third Party Risk?

News item: "Men of 2nd NZ will carry 64lb." And tons of wishes!

Germany has decided to standardize clothing. This idea should go to Goering.

Few car thefts in N.Z. must be deterred by fear of having to buy petrol.

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

At least one optimistic member of the Special Force at Trentham provided for every contingency which made his will. Should his tent be chosen as the best-kept in the company, he wrote, his share of the was to go to his next-of-kin.

## YULE SMILE

Mrs. Smythe was expecting some evacuated children, and on being informed that they were fairly big boys, she decided to engage a strong, capable woman to look after them.

The boys arrived before the foster mother, and as Mrs. Smythe had to be away from home that day, she left instructions for her.

"I want you to get the boys thoroughly bathed and put to bed before my return, Mrs. Brown," she wrote. "Don't stand any nonsense from them. Be firm."

On her return in the evening, the house was strangely peaceful. "Well, Mrs. Brown," she said, "did you find the boys easy to manage?"

"Fairly," replied Mrs. Brown. "Five of them weren't so bad. But, oh, my! I had a 'ell of a time trying to bath the little ginger fellow in horn-rimmed glasses."

"Great Scott!" cried Mrs. Smythe. "That's my husband."

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"It was zero-hour," said the old-timer, "and I was just going over the top when a bullet hit me here and went straight thro' me" (pointing to his left breast).

"But," protested a listener, "that's your heart, and it would have killed you."

"I know, I know," retorted the old-timer, "only you see, my heart happened to be in my boots at the time."

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"Can't that soldier of yours say good-night?" barked the girl's father at the top of the stairs, at 2 o'clock in the morning.

"Yes, father, beautifully!" she cooed.

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The earnest but short-sighted officer was on kit inspection in a not too well lighted barrack room.

Somebody had left a mop leaning against the foot of a bed.

"Sergeant!" roared the officer.

"Sir?" asked the sergeant.

"See that man has his hair cut at once."

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### THE TANK BUMPED.

Into the path of a line of tanks rumbling through the village stepped a distressed old lady. With a clank, clank, the line pulled up, and stepping to the side of the leading tank the lady called to the driver:

"Young man, did you notice a half-pound of butter up the road? I've dropped it."

"Gawd, missus," came the reply, "now you mentions it, I remember as 'ow I did feel a bit of a bump."

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General: What would you do if the corporal's head were blown off in battle?

Soldier: Nothing.

General: Why not?

Soldier: Because I'm the corporal.

## AIR TRAINING

### EMPIRE SCHEME

#### New Zealand's Quota

#### Almost 3000 Men a Year

#### WORK OF GROUND STAFF.

Under the Empire air-training scheme, New Zealand, by the end of this year, will have an annual output of 900 fully-trained pilots, 500 partially-trained pilots, and 1500 observers and air gunners, all of whom will complete their training in Canada. This announcement was made recently by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) when paying a tribute to the work being done by the ground staff of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Many applications had been received from these men on the ground staff to be allowed to serve overseas, said the Minister, but as New Zealand, Canada, and Australia were combining with the British Government in an immense training scheme to ensure an adequate supply of pilots and air-crews for the Royal Air Force, it had not been possible to release ground personnel for service abroad.

Under the Empire air training scheme, the maximum combined effort of the British Commonwealth was devoted to the problem of training, and almost half of the total requirements of air crews may be trained far from the zone of active operations and therefore entirely free from enemy interference.

#### Taking Full Share.

"New Zealand is taking her full share in this training scheme and when the expansion is completed at the end of this year, the annual output will be 900 pilots fully trained, 500 pilots partially trained, and 1500 observer and air gunners partially trained, all of whom will complete their training in Canada," said Mr. Jones. "It may not be generally appreciated that a large staff of ground personnel is required to man the various schools necessary to carry out our training commitments. All these men are performing an essential service and are contributing most effectively to the successful prosecution of the war. Without their whole-hearted and effective co-operation it would be absolutely impossible for New Zealand to provide her quota under the Empire air-training scheme. It must be obvious to everyone that unless adequate reinforcements are provided for the Royal Air Force that service cannot keep up the high pressure against the Germans which they are doing at the present time."

### KAIN'S BAG NOW EXCEEDS 40

#### Chief Ace Of The R.A.F.

LONDON, May 27. Three Royal Air Force pilots have shot down nearly 100 German machines between them in the battles on the Western Front. The chief ace is a New Zealander, believed to be "Cobber" Kain. His bag exceeds 40.

## APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS GAZETTED.

### STAFF.

Lieutenant D. C. Powrie, N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Instructor, Central Military District School of Instruction, Trentham, and is appointed Assistant Area Officer, No. 8 Area, and Adjutant, 1st Battalion, The Taranaki Regiment, New Plymouth.

### N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF.

Lieutenant H. a'C. G. Fitzgerald relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Training Depot, Levin.

Lieutenant H. G. Simpson relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Ohakea.

Lieutenant G. H. Gilbert, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Burnham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Blenheim.

Lieutenant T. J. Dallas relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Training Depot, Levin.

The undermentioned to be Lieutenants, N.Z. Dental Corps, and are posted to the Army School of Instruction, Trentham:—

John Stewart Heath Kinnear, B.D.S. (N.Z.).

Kenneth Tripling Moss, B.D.S. (N.Z.).

Joseph Kenneth Hay, B.D.S. (N.Z.).

Colin Sutherland Brook.

Cecil Joseph McCaughan.

William Rutherford Hamilton, B.D.S. (N.Z.).

Almond Edward Hope.

Andrew Dew Aitken, B.D.S. (N.Z.).

Alfred Clarence Dickens to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Burnham Military Camp.

Lieutenant J. G. W. Crawford, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Ngaruawahia Military Camp, and is appointed Dental Officer, Burnham Military Camp.

Lieutenant C. K. Horne, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Ngaruawahia Military Camp, and is appointed Dental Officer, Burnham Military Camp.

Lieutenant (acting Captain), O. G. Hooton, B.D.S. (N.Z.), relinquishes the appointment of Senior Dental Officer, Ngaruawahia Military Camp, and the acting rank of Captain, and is appointed Dental Officer, Papakura Military Camp.

Lieutenant W. P. Skegg, B.D.S. (N.Z.), relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Ngaruawahia Military Camp, and is appointed Dental Officer, Papakura Military Camp.

Lieutenant J. S. Kinnear, B.D.S. (N.Z.), from the Army School of Instruction, Trentham, is appointed Dental Officer, Burnham Military Camp.

Lieutenant K. T. Moss, B.D.S. (N.Z.), from the Army School of Instruction, Trentham, is appointed Dental Officer, Burnham Military Camp.

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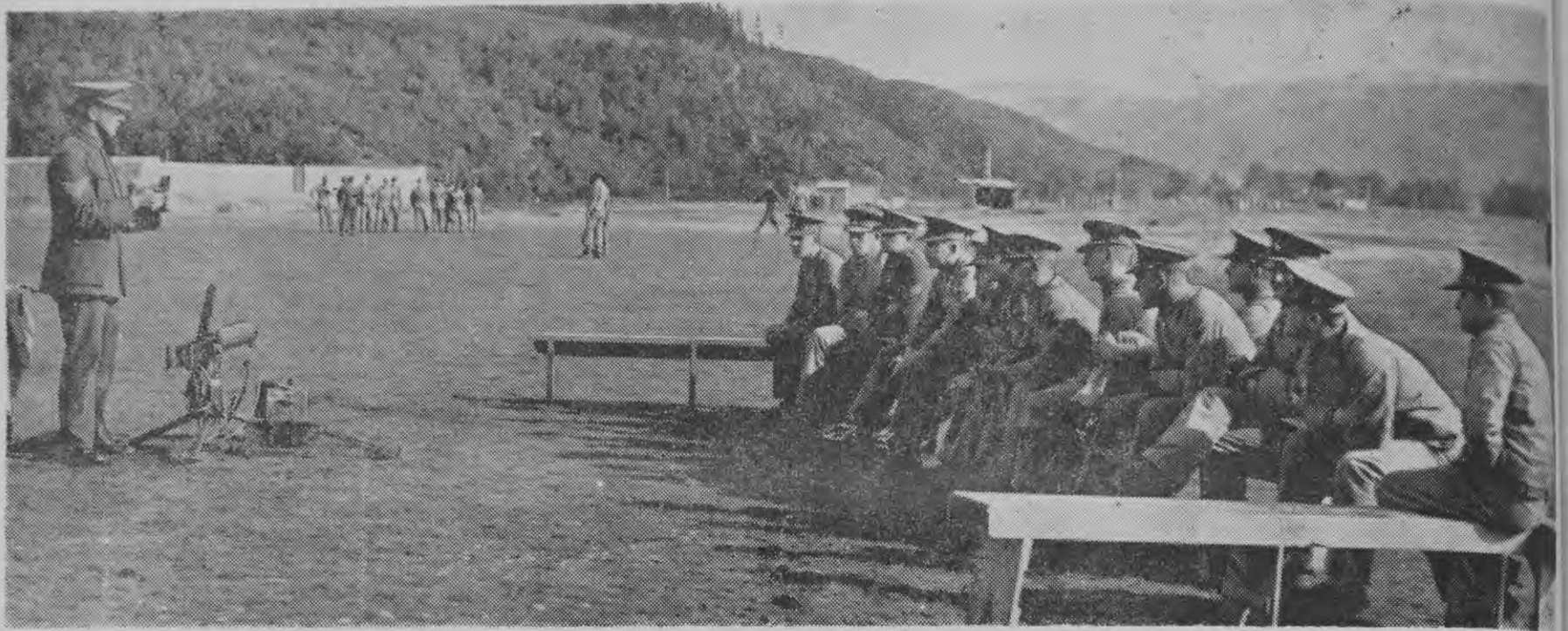
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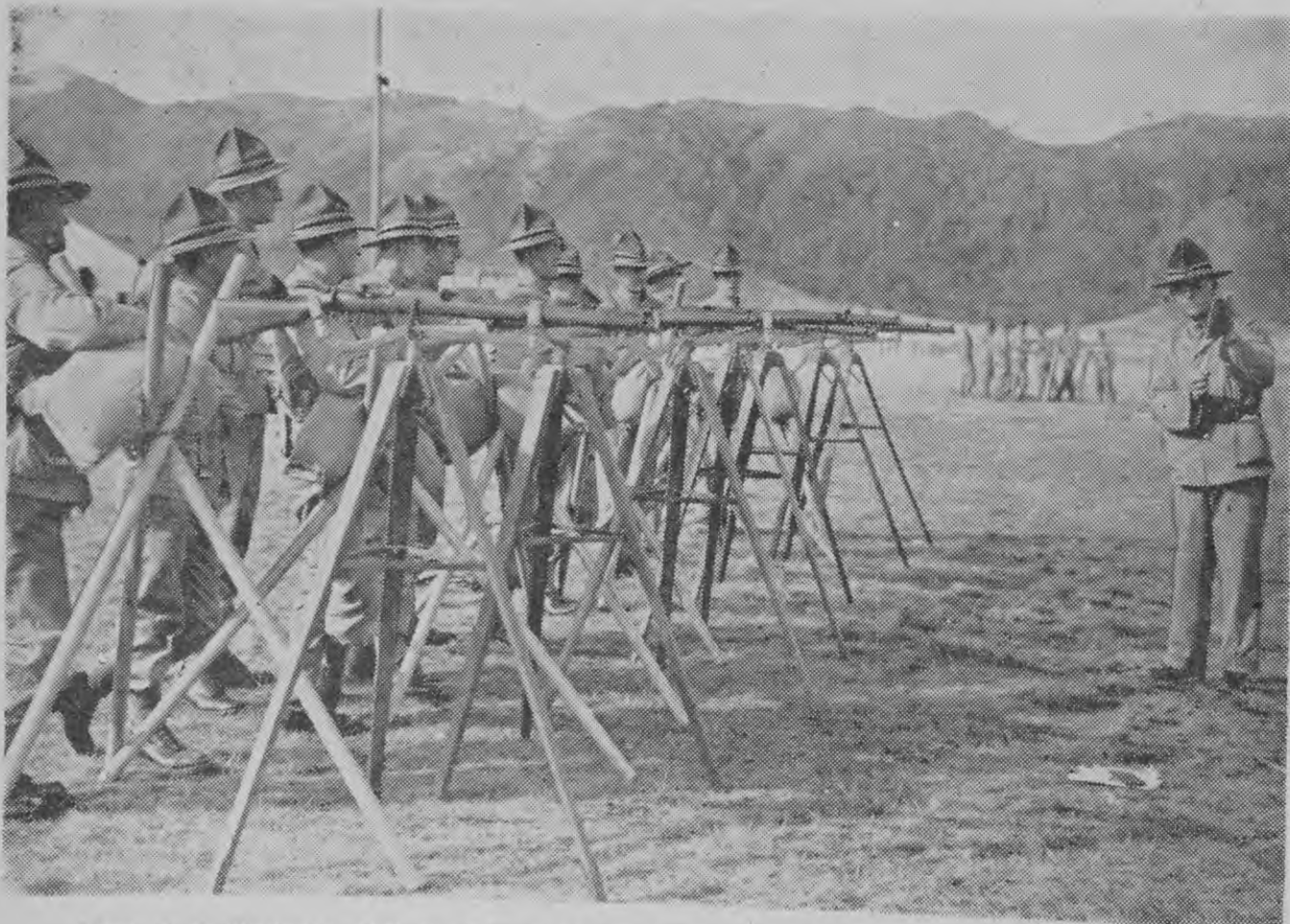
# PICTURES OF N.Z. TROOPS IN TRAINING



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