

## 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.

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

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Lieutenant W. R. Hamilton, B.D.S. (N.Z.), from the Army School of Instruction, Trentham is appointed Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp.

Lieutenant A. E. Hope, from the Army School of Instruction, Trentham, is appointed Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp.

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