A.R.P. PRACTICE IN EGYPT

Night Exercises For New Zealanders

New Zealand troops in Egypt have NS recently been put through a series of air raid precaution exercises, mock We alarms being sounded at unexpected ties times to make the men familiar with y the routine The following descrip-

"In the daylight or darkness, in the In middle of a meal or during a parade, m of the alarm put us to the test at unexpected moments. We shared with the whole of Egypt, civilian and mili-tary population alike, the experience Co of a week of mock air raid and black-

out exercises.

"In the New Zealand camp realism was achieved by strict observance of black-out rules and anti-gas pre-Active defence sections, cautions. aka special pickets and decontanination squads were trained in their duties. Umpires went their rounds to note and correct faults and to mark out pretended gas-contaminated areas. IR Friendly aircraft played the role of enemy raiders.

"The striving after realism reached VEV its height on the last night, when the R shattering detonation of 'bombs,' LAN ploded throughout the camp, shook us out of our beds. alarms followed. The rattle of gas

"Each tent was required to attend NW to its own black-out after dark, while vehicles travelled with lights shielded by blue-painted glass. Chinks of ERS light through walls of wooden build-In ings were carefully obscured. Mechanically-minded members of my own unit devised switches which threw DNNrooms lit by electricity into compara A.S. Itive darkness when outside doors

authorities pronounced the S. Polack-out exercises a success, for the or moeople of Cairo and of every other city and town in Egypt were quick to el 4realize their responsibilities. ane high-flying plane only the silver ribbon of the Nile was visible in the Cairo area. Air raid warnings were MElobeyed more and more promptly and to smoothly. In the city they were the signal to take cover, and people streamed into shelters and other places of safety, leaving footpaths de-IST serted and traffic at a standstill."

SPINSTERS' CLUB

Sunday Gatherings Popular With Men On Leave

The Spinsters' Club in Wellington is continuing to extend hospitality to men from the services on leave from camp on Sunday afternoons. Last Sunday 200 men were present and a most enjoyable time was spent with music, singing and games, a delicious buffet tea being served from tea wagons. The entertainment was held nd in Miss Mildred Harris's studio, and came to an end in time for the men to catch their trains back to camp at night. The organization for these afternoons is in the hands of the secretary, Miss Peggy Hyams.

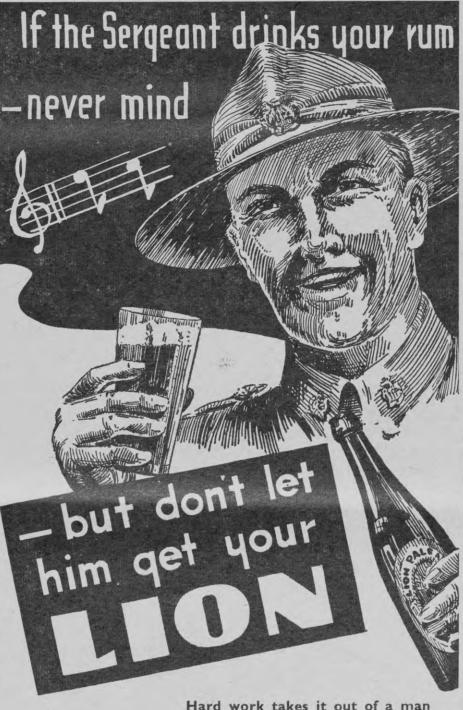
At their fortnightly meetings members form a working "bee" to knit comforts for the soldiers, balaclavas. socks, mittens, mufflers and pull-overs being made. The quilt, containing the signatures of well-known citi-

zens, is also progressing. Requests for "pen friends" from soldiers overseas also receive attention at the meetings and numerous letters are dispatched for each mail. Magazines and parcels are being sent regularly to Trentham military camp and to the men overseas. At the last meeting Mrs. L. M. Hyams was elected president and Miss Lorna Akroyd



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