

FOR THE SOLDIERS

Repertory Concert Party At Palmer Head

By special request the Wellington repertory concert party gave an afternoon performance recently for officers and men stationed at Palmer Head. As the men are on duty at night, it was necessary to give the concert during the day, 25 members of the party going by car. The items were extremely popular, "Gay Paree" and "Waltzes from Firefly" receiving special applause. A number of sketches and farces were presented and an orchestra provided the music. At the conclusion of the concert, Captain H. G. Thomas, commanding officer, thanked the performers for an enjoyable afternoon. Later they were the guests of the officers at afternoon tea. Mr. Eric Harrison was the producer, Mr. Lindsay Arlow controlled the lighting, Miss Marjorie Vause, the ballets and Miss Patricia Gledhill, the wardrobe.

Spinsters' Club.

Another enjoyable afternoon was spent on Sunday in Wellington, at the usual Sunday afternoon entertainment arranged for men on leave by the Spinsters' Club. More than 200 people were present in the studio and at tea time the men assisted the girls in serving a savoury buffet meal. A number of men from the Air Force were welcomed and besides the many soldiers present, there were several officers from Trentham Camp. Singing, music and games were enjoyed and there was an exhibition of fencing. Brackets of fencings, given by two of the men, were enthusiastically received.

Dance for Fort Dorset Men.

The fourth of a series of dances for the officers and men of Fort Dorset was given by the Fort Dorset Junior Association recently in the Seatoun Bowling Club. There were 100 dancers present and an orchestra supplied spirited music. The master of ceremonies was Captain John Marshall. A home-made supper was served and the committee, under the direction of the president, Mrs. D. A. Carty, arranged the evening's entertainment.

THOUSANDTH RECRUIT

Featherston Street Depot

Since the recruiting depot in Featherston Street, Wellington, opened a little more than four months ago, 1000 men have enlisted there. It was half an hour before the depot closed on 6th instant that the thousandth recruit was enrolled, the last for the day. He appeared to be James Philip Thurston, public servant, aged 22.

Mr. Thurston was handed a shilling by the recruiting officer, Sergeant J. Meldrum. A citizen who had heard that the office was about to enroll its thousandth recruit had given the officer a shilling with the request that it be presented to the recruit with a wish for luck. This gesture is a reminder of the famous formality of taking the "King's shilling," with which English recruits to the Army bound themselves to serve. During the Great War recruits in New Zealand were immediately given five shillings, but now they receive nothing immediately.

INVESTITURE.

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GALLANTRY AWARDS

Investiture by the Governor-General, Lord Galway, of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of H.M.S. Achilles, who were decorated by His Majesty the King following the historic naval battle off the River Plate in December last, will take place at a ceremony at the Auckland Town Hall on the evening of Saturday, June 15.

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