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Strength Through Joy

"History's greatest life-giver and physician is our Fuehrer."

—Julius Streicher, August 10, 1937.

If you want a recipe for a grim smile just mix the above statement with the following ingredients received by neutral correspondents from Berlin.

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- A. W. Cross.
- F. M. Jennings, C. N. Johnson, D. J. Jones.
- R. A. Lynch.
- P. R. Malthus.
- A. Nees.
- R. H. Post.
- B. E. Shearsby, F. H. Stokes.

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- R. Ericson.
- G. H. Fennessy.
- J. Hagan.
- G. I. Kelly.
- R. P. Martin, L. Mills.
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- W. J. Gadsby, H. H. Gyles, J. D. Gyte.
- A. H. Hale, J. F. Hoey.
- T. J. Kirk-Burnand.
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- J. McWhannell.
- M. C. Neave.
- A. L. Ogilvy.
- H. W. Parker.
- J. Saggars, W. E. Smith.
- G. Thomas, E. Topp, O. J. Whittington.

17th RAILWAY OPERATING COMPANY (Ngaruawahia).

- Major A. H. Sage, Officer Commanding.
- Lieutenant J. N. Nicholson.
- J. T. Ayrton.
- L. Baddily, W. H. Bishop, G. W. Brown.
- R. N. Carpenter, A. A. Connolly, E. Croft.
- T. Forrest, S. V. Frost.
- J. E. Gray.
- E. T. Kilmister, L. A. Knight.
- R. McEwan.
- L. S. O'Donoghue.
- M. J. Pearcey.
- R. L. Spargo, A. E. Sutton.
- B. H. White.

16th RAILWAY OPERATING COMPANY (Ngaruawahia).

- Major F. W. Aikin, officer commanding.
- Lieutenant D. A. Clark.
- H. Adams, W. J. Alexander.
- W. B. Barnes, A. H. W. Beaver.
- A. W. Davey.
- J. J. Gardiner.
- J. C. Hutchins.
- B. A. Jesse, I. D. Johnstone.
- R. E. Kells.
- W. D. Mathieson.
- I. MacDonald, C. W. McLauchlan.
- L. T. Ranford, P. H. Roussell, T. J. Roxburgh.
- T. W. G. Smith.

Soldiers' Hut at Station

The Salvation Army has established a soldiers' hut at the Wellington railway station, and it is open to troops day and night. Special entertainments are arranged on occasions, and on Friday night a picture entertainment was arranged by Colonel Grattan who is in charge of the hut. A large number of soldiers attended, taking part in other games and amusements provided, and the cafeteria was well patronized. The hut is situated opposite No. 9 platform at the railway station.

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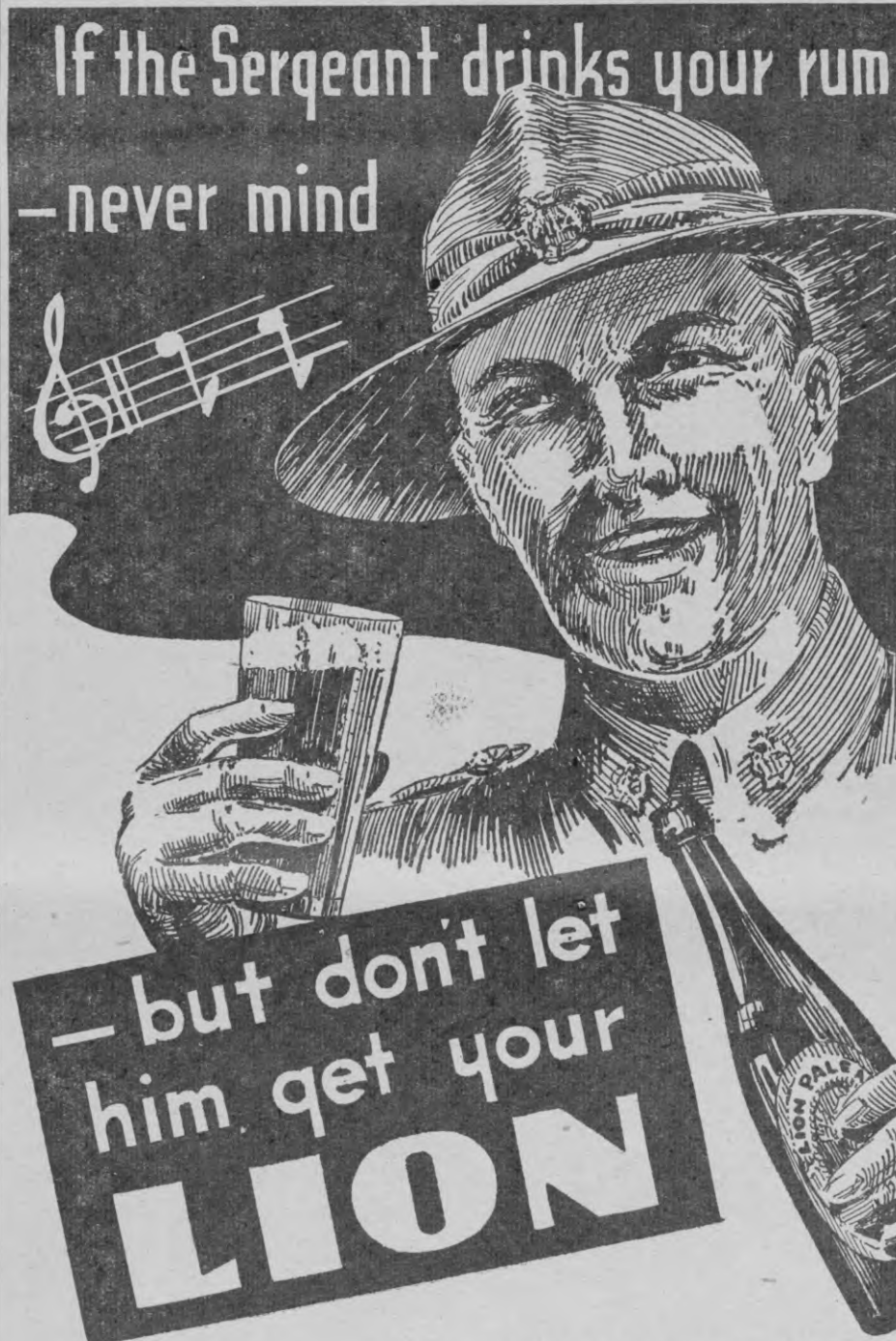
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RUGBY

(Contributed by P. A. Bennetts.)

NAVY V. FORT DORSET.

Promptly at 2.30 p.m. the Navy and Fort Dorset teams lined out on Picadilly. It was a perfect day, brilliant sunshine and no wind (what a change for Fort Dorset). Dorset won the toss and elected to defend the southern goal. From the start it was a fast clean game, and as Caesar would say, Audacter omnibus pugnatum est.

From the kick off Navy attacked, but the Dorset full-back cleared with a fine kick. From a scrum the ball was passed to Sherratt, who, with a brilliant run, carried play to within fifteen yards of Navy's line. An infringement gave Navy a free kick and they cleared. From a set scrum Dorset received and a nice back movement saw them within an ace of scoring, but the ball was knocked on. After some heavy rucking McManus obtained possession and dived over for a try. The kick failed and Dorset took the lead 3—0.

Navy attacked but the defence was too strong and Dorset set a passing rush in motion. The ball was handled with machine-like precision and after a good run Sherratt was pulled down ten yards from the goal line. From rucking play in Navy territory a set scrum went down and the Dorset half sent out to his backs, Twohill crossing. Lennane converted. Dorset 8, Navy 0.

Half time saw the score unchanged.

Dorset attacked from the whistle and Green, Madden, and Sherratt figured in a movement from which the last-named scored. The kick failed. Dorset 11, Navy 0. Navy rallied and after some hard rucking carried play to Dorset territory with a magnificent dribbling rush where Edgington scored the best try of the match. Hatchwell converted. Dorset 11, Navy 5. Heartened by their success Navy continued to press, but Madden, receiving from a set scrum, cut through to score between the posts. Lennane added the major points, making the score 16—5 in favour of Dorset. Navy attacked with renewed vigour, but to no avail and after up and down play, Steele ran up to score a neat try which was unconverted. Dorset 19, Navy 5. The final whistle saw the score unchanged.

The teams were:—

Navy (blue and gold): McLeod, Hatchwell, Turvey, Hill, Hill, Toner, Morrison, Gimrod, Bollard, Minto, Edgington, Atkinson, Sherwood, Fisher, Reid.

Fort Dorset (red and blue): Adams, Lancaster, Pussell, Meikle, Montgomerie, Steele, Brosnehan, McManus, Green, Madden, Twohill, A'Court, Sherratt, Fitzpatrick, Lennane.

The referee was Lieut. J. H. Pountney.

Hitler is a coward in the dental chair, says his former dentist. But he knows no fear when its his army that has to be drilled.

DORSET A v. EXAMINATION

(Contributed by G. E. Murdoch Exam. Battery)

Dorset A secured a convincing over Examination B on Wednesday 26th June. The teams were as follows:—

Dorset (red and blue)—Backs: Lennane, McAneney, Bowyer, A'Court, Mabin, Twohill, Fitzpatrick. Forwards: Mackie, Jowett, Wilkins, Manus, Steel, Frederic, Simpson, Kin.

Examination (green and yellow) Backs: Dooley, Adams, Vernon, Cleary, Wickham, Ornberg, Richardson. Forwards: Mulholland, Knowlton, Gannon, Griffiths, Hill, Woon, Belmont, Randall.

After a short period of mid-play Dorset rushed play to Examination territory where Dooley relieved the long liner. Vernon gained ground with a good run, but the Dorset forwards, with McManus and Frederic prominent, swept upfield and Examination line was pressed hard. Beaumont dribbled well clear and find A'Court gain ground with a kick.

From a scrum Fitzpatrick scored and after a dangerous run, kicked to the waiting Dorset forwards. McManus secured and over for the first try which Lennane converted. Dorset A 5, Exam. B 0.

Dorset forwards had by this asserted their superiority and a breakdown occurred in the Examination side backs, Mabin pounced on the ball and dived over. Lennane added two extras, making the half-time score Dorset A 10, Exam. B 0.

On resuming Dorset rushed play to Examination territory, but Wickham was the pick of the Examination backs and repeatedly relieved with long runs. Examination were compelled to force Twohill kicked through nicely. The drop out McManus passed to A'Court, who raced across in the Examination sets' favour. McCleary and Edgington figured in some good saves for Examination but Dorset kept up the pressure soon afterwards McAneney used speed to score under the posts. Dorset A 16, Exam. B 0. A good movement in which Fitzpatrick, Twohill, Bowyer and A'Court handled the ball the last-named to cross for his second try. Lennane added the major points, making the score: Dorset 21, Exam. B 0.

Wickham and Hill worked hard for Examination but Dorset forwards handled the game well under control and Jowett and McManus were prominent in a dribbling rush from which Fitzpatrick booted through to score after Lennane had again added the major points, the game closed with the final score: Dorset 26, Exam. B 0.

L/Bdr. G. Beveridge carried the whistle.

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A Papakura Soldier's Experience as Collector

In connection with the recent Queen Carnival, held in Auckland for the Sick and Wounded Fund, on the last Friday of the appeal a soldier relates his experience in collecting for the soldiers' queen. He remarks, it certainly was a great experience. Never before have I seen money so freely given. The good-natured rivalry between the various collectors for their respective queens was an eye-opener to me. I took up my position on the corner of Wyndham and Queen Streets. I helped to relieve quite a lot of people of some of "their surplus cash." One lady said to me: "I passed all the other collectors, but I can't pass the uniform." Another old lady surprised with her donation. She was so shabbily dressed that I didn't ask her to put anything in the box. She came over and put a £1 note in the box. I very nearly fell over in surprise. The highlight of the day was the procession. All Queen Street seemed to be alive with people. The procession went up Wellesley Street West up Symonds Street, through to Karangahape Road, down Pitt Street and Grey Avenue, back to Queen Street. The people along that route gave wonderfully. They bought art union tickets with hardly much urging. Some of them showed me fistfuls of art union tickets, yet they bought art union tickets from me for the soldiers' queen. Altogether it was a great day and I did not begrudge helping while I was on leave, and the experience was really worth while.

WAIOURU MILITARY CAMP

Progress Of Expansion Scheme

MACHINES WORK DOUBLE SHIFTS

Good progress is being made with the expansion scheme at Waiouru Military Camp. Bulldozers and other machines are engaged in levelling work on the Taihape side of the camp, which was built last year to accommodate 2000 men. A plantation of pinus insignis trees has been removed to make way for new buildings. Masses of material, including timber, is being railed to

Waiouru railway station and transferred to the camp.

Building work has not yet started, but when it is in full swing hundreds of carpenters will be employed. Men are arriving daily for the Public Works Department, which proposes to employ between 400 and 500 men. They are being called for the job from as far away as Wellington.

Double shifts are being worked with machines and lorries, and when required lorries will work three shifts carting material from Waiouru station. It is proposed to tarseal the main highway north of Taihape from the camp.

ROUSING BOXING

Gildo Too Clever For Jarvis In Wellington Bout

VICTORY ON POINTS

Young Gildo (Honolulu) won his 412th fight when he beat the New Zealand lightweight champion, Jack Jarvis, over 12 three-minute rounds, before a large and enthusiastic crowd in the Town Hall, Wellington, on Saturday night. Gildo's record being three wins and a draw. It was the fourth meeting between the pair.

There was no question about the decision, which was well received. In the fourth round Gildo connected with several lefts to Jarvis's face, drawing blood. From then on he continually carried the fight to his opponent. Some well-timed left jabs by Jarvis kept him at bay for a while, but Gildo was in irresistible mood, compelling Jarvis to remain on the defensive, and thoroughly meriting the points verdict.

The bout was notable for a considerable amount of in fighting, which invariably favoured Gildo, who, after drawing blood from Jarvis's face, peppered this locality, with the result that the latter frequently had to resort to complete covering up. His eyes were also swollen.

The first three rounds favoured Jarvis. Some solid right crosses in the second round found their mark, and he had the better of some brisk exchanges in the third. In the fourth Gildo drew blood with left rips to Jarvis's face. The latter scored with a vicious right, which rocked Gildo, though he lessened the full shock of the blow by taking it moving back.

Jarvis roused the crowd with a series of quick rights to Gildo's jaw in the fifth round, but the latter was unruffled and looking for fight.

From this moment on Gildo was always forcing the fight. Several left jabs by Jarvis were unable to keep him out, his deft weaving taking some of the sting out of these blows. After much in-fighting both Jarvis's eyes were discoloured.

A flurry of blows enlivened the seventh, in which Jarvis was still on the defensive, but was always alert and ready to mix with his lively opponent.

The eighth and ninth rounds were definitely Gildo's. He repeatedly connected with left rips to Jarvis's head, the latter being obviously worried by these blows. Some of his defensive work earned rounds of applause from the crowd. Over the concluding stages Gildo maintained the upper hand to secure the verdict.

Lieutenant P. Thomson, physical instructor at Trentham Camp, filled his usual position as referee, and the judging was done by Messrs. W. P. Somerville and P. W. Woods.



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hat's easy. I could do that," he

h, could you?" retorted the lady tamer.

ust as well as the lion," said the as he walked calmly away.

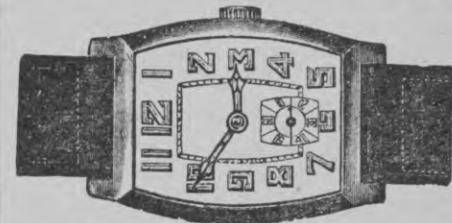
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Appointments, Promotions and Transfers

Appointments, promotions, transfers, and resignations of officers of the New Zealand Military Forces.

STAFF

Major S. M. Satterthwaite, N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Commandant, Southern Military District School of Instruction, Burnham, on being seconded for duty with the 2nd N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

Captain R. J. Eyre, N.Z. Staff Corps, is appointed Commandant, Southern Military District School of Instruction, Burnham.

Lieutenant L. A. Kermode, N.Z. Staff Corps, is appointed Adjutant, No. 1 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Burnham.

Lieutenant D. S. Harrowell, N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Instructor, Southern Military District School of Instruction, and is appointed Adjutant, No. 2 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Burnham.

Lieutenant G. P. Leane, N.Z. Temporary Staff, relinquishes the appointments of Adjutant, 1st Field Ambulance and Assistant Area Officer, No. 1 Area, Auckland, and is appointed Adjutant, Northern Military District School of Instruction, Narrow Neck.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster G. F. McCulloch, M.B.E., N.Z. Permanent Staff, is appointed Adjutant, Army School of Instruction, in addition to his appointment as Instructor, Army School of Instruction, Trentham.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster A. Brant, N.Z. Permanent Staff, is appointed Adjutant, 1st Field Ambulance, and Assistant Area Officer, No. 1 Area, Auckland.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster T. B. Dale, N.Z. Permanent Staff, is appointed Quartermaster, Infantry Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster J. P. O'Connor, Regiment of Royal N.Z. Artillery, is appointed Assistant Artillery Instructor, Army School of Instruction, Trentham.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster W. L. Stewart, N.Z. Permanent Staff, is appointed Quartermaster, Army School of Instruction, Trentham.

Lieutenant S. A. McNamara, D.C.M., N.Z. Temporary Staff, relinquishes the appointments of Assistant Area Officer, No. 4 Area, and Adjutant, 1st Battalion, The Waikato Regiment, Hamilton, is appointed Infantry Training Instructor, Training Cadre, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is granted the temporary rank of Captain while so employed.

Lieutenant K. H. Wilson to be Captain.

Lieutenant J. G. Brown, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Hobsonville.

Lieutenant W. Miles, to be Captain.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS.

Frederick Alexander Sundstrum, M.B., Ch.B., to be Lieutenant, Central Military District, and is seconded to the Royal N.Z. Air Force.

Lieutenant P. A. H. Moore, M.B., Ch.B., is seconded to the Royal N.Z. Air Force.

The undermentioned Lieutenants, seconded to the Royal N.Z. Air Force, are granted the acting rank of Captain.

J. E. Hardwick-Smith, M.B., Ch.B.
P. A. H. Moore, M.B., Ch.B.

N.Z. CHAPLAINS DEPARTMENT.

The Rev. Wallace Harford to be Chaplain, 4th Class (Church of Christ), Area 10.

H. C. Goffin, Chaplain, 4th Class (Salvation Army), from the Reserve List, to be Chaplain, 4th Class, Area 10.

N.Z. PERMANENT STAFF

The undermentioned to be Lieutenants and Quartermasters:

W.O. I (Staff-Sergeant-Major) G. W. O'Sullivan.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major), W. L. Glanville.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) J. J. Fitzgerald.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) C. H. Kidman, M.M.

The undermentioned to be temporary Lieutenants and Quartermasters:

W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) W. Bates, D.C.M.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) A. Brant.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) J. Ryan.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) J. G. Milne.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) A. Mathieson.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major), J. J. McLeary.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) T. B. Dale.
W.O. I (Staff Sergeant-Major) G. C. Andrews, D.C.M.
W.O. I. (Staff Sergeant-Major) W. of Captain while so employed.

N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF

Captain (acting Major) O. E. L. Rout, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Principal Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Burnham, and is appointed Principal Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Captain (acting Major) G. McCallum, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Principal Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham, and is appointed Principal Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Burnham.

Lieutenant W. Miles, to be Captain.

Lieutenant K. H. Wilson to be Captain.

Lieutenant J. G. Brown, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Hobsonville.

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perial Army) to be Lieutenant. is appointed Instructor, Signal Army School of Instruction, Burnham.

Lieutenant H. E. Goldsboro, I.E., is granted the temporary rank of Captain while employed as District Engineer Works Officer, Northern Military District, and as 1st Field Company, Corps of Engineers.

REGIMENT OF N.Z. ARTILLERY

Robert Mason Foreman to be Lieutenant (temporary), with seniority next below 2nd Lieutenant (temporary) O. J. Cooke, and is appointed to the 1st Field Battery.

The undermentioned to be Lieutenants (temporary) and are appointed to the 2nd Medium Battery. Charles Trevor Pugh, B.E. Alick Nelson Hayes.

N.Z. CORPS OF SIGNALS

Lieutenant J. C. McInnes, Central District Signal Company, granted the temporary rank of Captain.

2nd Lieutenant R. L. B.Sc., Southern District Signal Company, to be Lieutenant.

Y.W.C.A. ENTERTAINMENT FOR SOLDIERS

Weekend Hospital

More than 400 soldiers were entertained on Saturday and yesterday at the Wellington Y.W.C.A., under the auspices of the association's entertainment committee. Mr. Gilmer, chairman of this committee, was present on both days. The friendly and informal atmosphere characterizes these occasions directly responsible for their popularity with the troops.

On Saturday the guests began to arrive during the afternoon, the lounge and hall in Bouleart were open to them and girls of the Y.W.C.A. attended as part of the entertainment. Tea was served in the afternoon, the large crowd taking refreshments, and during and after the evening Mr. C. E. Procter conducted a community singing, assisted by Miss Bowden. From 6 p.m. onwards was dancing to a good orchestra. Exhibition items by Miss Mildred and partner. Some of the evening's entertainment consisted of ping-pong or darts. A supper, much of which was served later.

Yesterday afternoon community singing was held, and Miss Hamlyn, pianist, also sang solos. A service was conducted by the Rev. Murray, after which tea was served in the cafeteria. A pleasant evening was spent, the programme including an item by Miss N. H.

PROVED POPULARITY OF A.N.A. CLUB

Crowded Weekend

Once again large numbers of soldiers were present at the popular Friday and Saturday night dances organized by the Army, Navy and Air Force. The dances are so popular that the club will shortly be moved to the premises, but meanwhile the dances and games rooms at the Victoria Hotel premises continue to be thronged with men on leave from H.M. Forces. Saturday night's dance was a special honour of the special unit called up for service on skilled. The dance leaders were Miss Hope-Gibbons and Miss P. B. and on Friday night Mrs. J. A. and Misses Betty Signal and Mrs. Wood were in charge of dancing.

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THE VERY IDEA.

It was early morning and the Colonel was motoring home from the night before." It had been SOME-thing.

He was steering an uncertain course along the road when a milk-cart turned the corner, and a collision was narrowly averted. The Colonel eyed the driver with dignity.

"What a big idea?" he asked sternly. "What idea?" retorted the milk-cart driver.

"Driving an 'ntoxicated horse," replied the Colonel.

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While one of the Landy Army was milking a cow, a bull tore across a field towards her. The girl didn't move an inch.

Observers, who had dashed to safety, were amazed to see the bull stop within a few feet of the girl, sniff her round and walk sadly away.

"Weren't you afraid?" they asked the girl.

"Oh no," she replied, "I happened to know that this cow is his mother-in-law."

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A steamer was cruising along the British coast when suddenly it hit a submerged rock, causing a hole to appear in the side of the engine room.

Half an hour later, Sandy, the nit-stoker, had cut a hole in the other side of the room.

Asked the chief engineer: "What the hell are you doing?"

Sandy: "Cutting a hole in this side so that the water may go right through."

HE'LL BE BUSY.

Medical Officer: "What did you do about that?"

Nurse: "Gave 'im some morphine, sir."

Medical Officer: "Quite right. But what would you have done if you hadn't had any morphine?"

Nurse: "Promised him I'd be there, sir."

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Sergeant-Major: "You've only one horse?"

Private: "Yes, sir. The other's dead."

Sergeant-Major: "How the dickens do you expect to get a horse with only one spur?"

Private: "Well, sir, if I can get this side of the horse to go I think the other side will follow."

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"Poor old Fred seems to have got itchy," said Maud.

"What's he been doing now?" asked her friend.

"Well, ever since he got engaged to the vicar's daughter, he's been wearing his collars wrong way round, and he's having stained-glass windows put in his new car."

WATCHING THE SKIES

Anti-Aircraft Battery On Continuous Duty

AT WARTIME STATIONS

Called to their posts at 12.30 a.m. on the first day of the war, more than 150 men of the Second Anti-Aircraft Group, New Zealand Artillery, have been doing an important home defence job quietly and under service conditions far less amenable than those obtaining in the fine mobilization camps that have been a wartime growth in the Dominion. These A.A. men are virtually at wartime stations. They get one full day's leave in five, but, though they have the same training hours as the men in camp, they must spend their spare time at their base, ready for immediate call.

With city lights showing not far away, it takes good discipline on the part of officers and men to keep things moving smoothly under these conditions. It has been to the credit of the group that they have accepted these service conditions in the way of good soldiers.

Most of the men are either under or over military age. Those that are not are men with responsibilities preventing their immediate enlistment for overseas, but who want to do something militarily useful meantime.

Enlistment for Overseas.

As the men in this battery reach 21, they usually enlist for overseas ser-

vice, with the advantage of a period of intensive training under approximate service conditions. It provides an excellent chance for men under military age to do something useful, pending overseas enlistment.

In a weekend practice shoot at a target towed at 10,000 feet by two aircraft, the target was covered with effective bursts at practically every shot. It was a practical demonstration of the value of the months of training.

Captain J. H. Dunn, N.Z.A., is officer commanding the group, and with him are Captain J. R. Bennell, Lieutenants I. A. Nicol and C. W. Bryer.

No Sinecure.

Home service in the A.A. group is no sinecure. The men moved in to almost makeshift conditions. Things have been greatly improved since, but the amenities are still far behind those of the mobilization camps with their nightly leave to spend in well-equipped social huts, camps pictures, canteen, and other provisions for making spare time pleasant. Having no recreation hut, the men must spend their free time in their huts, each of which has a stove and houses 10 men. There are no paved paths or roads in the A.A. station, and most of the work is done in the trying wind that sweeps the heights round Wellington for the greater part of the month.

Plans are in hand for a recreation hut, better paths and other improvements, but meantime the men go about their job in a spirit that is, under the circumstances, most creditable.

Anti-aircraft work requires a high standard of intelligence if a man is to make good at it. The equipment is

technical and complicated. Perfect and immediate co-ordination of physical and mental faculties is an essential. An engagement with aircraft lasts, as a rule, only 40 seconds, by which time the aircraft is out of range and if a gun crew cannot get into instant action, the chance is gone. It takes a fit crew to punch 15 rounds a minute into an anti-aircraft gun.

STOUT BRITAIN

Of all nations
It shall be our fate
(or is it privilege?)
To hold the valiant-crested shield
Stout out against a westward-driven hate;
To never yield,
And finally
Too hammer home the winning wedge
Of Victory.
Nor shall our task be easy;
Nor shall our courage fray,
And though at times we dwell
In darkness, mindful of the night in Hell,
In Britain, where
No hearts on sleeves are worn,
There yet will dawn
A glorious Victors' day!

—L/Cpl. Lindsay M. Constable.
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WRESTLING

McCready Keeps Title

MATCH WITH BLOMFIELD

In a contest which moved at an exceedingly fast pace and was replete with thrills, Earl McCready, Canada, retained his British Empire heavyweight title at the Town Hall on Saturday night, beating the New Zealand challenger, Sergeant-Major Lofty Blomfield, by two falls to one.

A capacity house, which was a record for the season, witnessed some fiery exchanges, cleverly interspersed with solid and scientific wrestling. The bout ended in the seventh round with Blomfield a beaten but still defiant wrestler.

STEEPLE BATTERY

(Contributed by E. A. Blundell.)

SPORT.

In the field of sport Steeple Battery have lived up to a challenge they issued in their last issue of the "Camp News" by defeating Dorset Battery by 7 points to 3 in Rugby.

On the Soccer field E.L. and E.D. have defeated us by two goals to one. Congratulations to them and we certainly enjoyed the game.

Now that the hockey season is in full swing the Steeple enthusiasts are settling down to their game. In the first match of the season we were defeated by a good combination from Palmer Head, the score being 5-2.

We are confident that in our next clash we will be able to turn the tables on the team. So here's hoping, Palmer Head.

With the large influx of new recruits we have been able to pick a much stronger team and to select players from both Junior and Senior grades. The Battery is very lucky in having L/Sgt. Beattie as captain. He was a senior player in one of the leading Wellington teams and if more time can be devoted to practice under an experienced eye we hope to give every team we play a rattling good game—and maybe we'll win.

Somebody started something he couldn't stop when he blew his whistle in the early hours one evening. This resulted in a complete black-out and a mad rush of tramping feet to action posts. Much derision has been thrown at Steeple Battery, but this event only goes to show that one battery is endeavouring to keep itself on top of any occasion which may arise. This training has been found the most instructive method of finding faults.

We saw the Piquet turn out in force one afternoon last week only to find a small boy amusing himself outside the gate with a whistle.

PERSONAL.

Our best wishes to Gnr. "Blue" Atwell for a speedy recovery and quick return from Public Hospital.

Gnr. P. M. Hogan has rejoined Steeple's ranks after a long spell off.

We welcomed to our ranks Gnrs. N. D. McArthur, D. Cameron, R. Johnston, R. A. Mummery, P. L. Holloway, and E. P. Corbett.

We hope that now Gnr. Bill Monteith has taken up his residence in Goebell's house again his sleep is not so rudely disturbed by new recruits pulling him out of bed.

Much amusement was caused by Gnr. Joe Robinson marching the new recruits over to mess whilst the n.c.o. in charge was on leave. In a very high pitched voice the wrong turn was given causing some confusion. Never mind, Joe, you'll be a senior yet.

A 'C' Watch flash.

One farmer required for the home front. Leaving for his backblock home, the battery now require another growler.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

After the black out (mentioned in Steeple Notes) there was a discussion on the relative merits of the old and new methods of fixing bayonets. A certain Bombardier spoke learnedly on the subject. Any good effect his words may have had was lost when he sloped arms very smartly before approaching an officer. The slope was barely completed when there was a dull thud behind him and he looked around to see his bayonet lying on the ground.

"Anonymous."

And then there was the Yorkshireman who thought that last week's "Big British Naval Coup" was a trophy for sailors.

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