

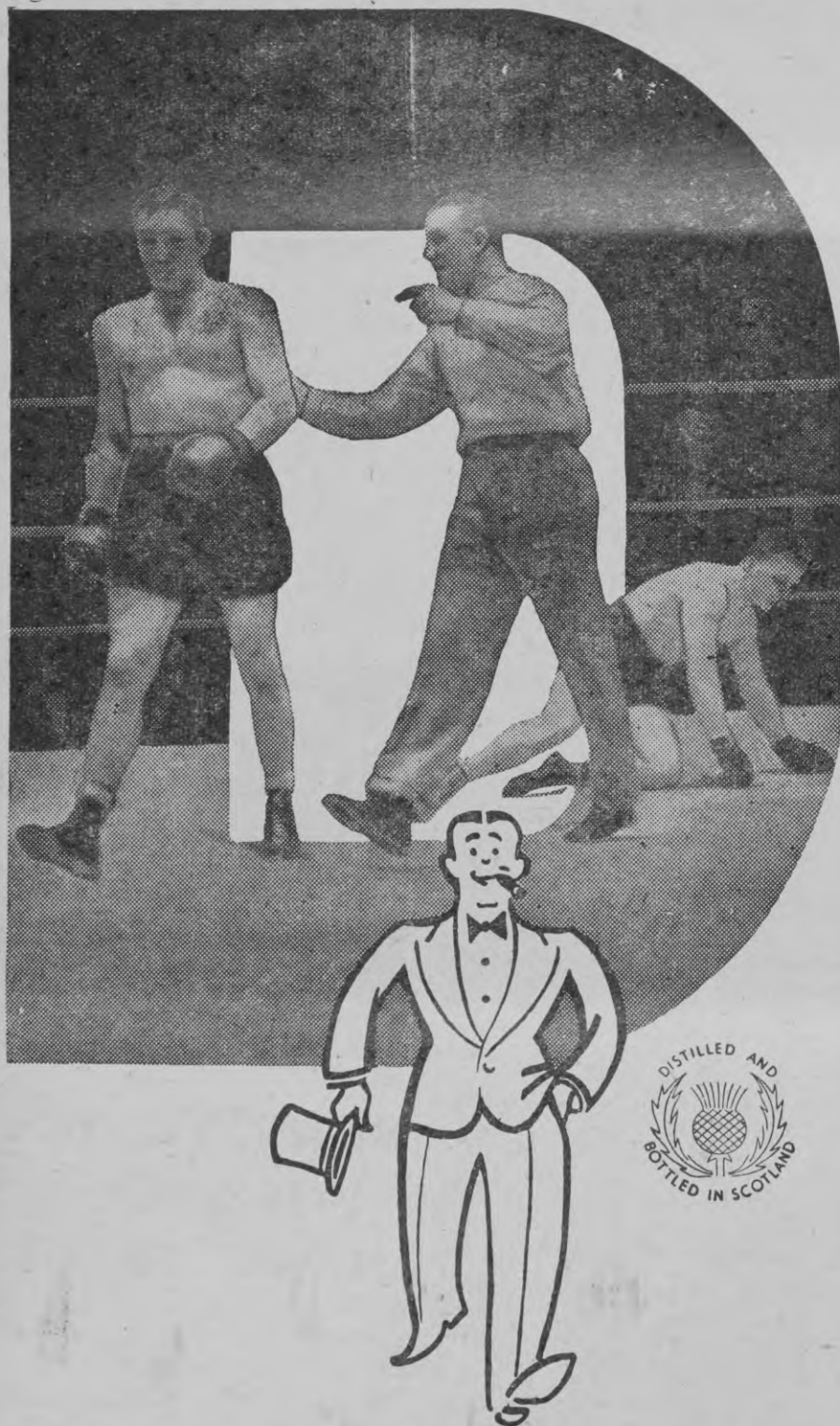
TO ALL SERVICE MEN.

The National Club, O'Connell St. (off Shortland St.), one of Auckland's most comfortable Clubs, is available to you.

You will find a home-like Club - easy chairs - big fires - hot meals (lunch or high teas, afternoon teas) - magazines and writing materials.

We are not proposing to entertain you. We want you to feel free to come and go as you wish, but everything will be done to provide for your comfort.

We hope that you will make full use of the Club.



“...8...9...10... Out—I go to meet Bill for a **DEWAR'S**”

Narrow Neck Activites

(Courtesy Auckland "Star")

Training at the Northern Military District School, Narrow Neck, is the largest number of men since the outbreak of war. They comprise the officers and non-commissioned officers of three country battalions as well as some from a city unit. They have been undergoing instruction in various phases of infantry training, and under the recently-announced scheme this will continue till the end of September. The object of the course is to prepart the leaders for the instruction of their men who will be mobilised at the beginning of October for three months' intensive training in camp.

Though the camp is set in pleasant surroundings, and there are almost all the comforts of home, it is no extended holiday for the 350 men. Indeed, some of them have not worked so hard for many a day. Their first parade is before 8.30 a.m., and the day's operations on the parade ground concludes at 4.30 p.m. That, however, does not leave them free to enjoy leisure hours in the evening as one would at home, for there are lectures to attend. Thus from Monday to Saturday at noon much training has to be done.

The units from which the men are drawn comprise the 1st Battalions of the Hauraki, North Auckland and Waikato Regiments, which are commanded respectively by Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Jack, M.C., E.D., and Lieut.-Colonel B. R. Penlington, Lieut.-Colonel E. M. Mackersey, and Auckland Company of N.Z. Scottish Regiment under Lieutenant J. A. Tarleton. They are drawn from as far north as Kaitaia to Taumarunui in the south, and from coast to coast, but the only men from the city are those of the Scottish unit.

Working In Demins.

All ranks wear khaki denim jackets and trousers with New Zealand peaked hats and glengarry caps in the case of the "Scotties." No badges distinguish officers from non-commissioned officers, but an occasional khaki collar and tie peeping from beneath a jacket shows that the wearer has attained commissioned rank.

Officers and non-coms. work side by side in their sections. The trainees are divided into three wings and each wing into four squads. Those attached to the support companies of their battalions and the Scottish companies train with a machine-gun and all others handle a light automatic gun. Instructional work so far has been done by a team of instructors, including some on loan from the Third Echelon in Papakura camp, who are easily distinguished by their battle dress. As operations proceed, there will be mutual instruction, each man in the squad taking his turn at demonstrating work and instructing.

In charge of all the training is the commandant of the school, Major D. E. Bremner, M.C., N.Z.S.C., who has as his chief instructor Lieutenant W.

Bates, D.M.C., N.Z.P.S.

When a "Star" reporter paid a visit to the school recently one of the first squads seen at work was under Staff Sergeant-Major Blomfield, of wrestling fame. Around a blackboard were some diagrams, and, using a bayonet as a pointer, the instructor was explaining sections of the instructions in the field.

Machine-gunners were at the time practising loading as they were positioned behind their tripod-mounted guns at a short distance away on the cliff overlooking the gulf, light automatics were the centre of operations. At the time a dozen squads, while at the time on a grassy slope were other men were practising with rifles affixed to tripods as they were taught the rules for aiming and directing to aim at specified objects.

"What was the stoppage?" an instructor asked a man handling a light automatic gun. Without hesitation, the man gave the correct answer and the instructor turned his back to another soldier.

A whistle blew at 3.15, and the men enjoyed their afternoon break. The smoke of 15 minutes' duration.

CHURCH ARMY.

ACTIVITIES IN CAMP.

The activities of the Anglican organisation, the Church Army, in military camps throughout the District are being considerably extended. The work has been completed for the erection of a large recreation hut at Waiwaka camp. This will contain a quiet reading room, buffet, stage and changing room, and will have three large open spaces. The marquees in Ngaruawaka have been fitted with electric lighting and further comfort is to be provided by the provision of a wooden structure 7ft. in height. The Trentham and Burnham camps are being enlarged, quiet writing rooms and other facilities being added. The activities at Hobsonville, Narrow Neck and Papakura are being fully maintained.

SIGNAL COMPANY.

OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S.

To undergo two months' training before the Northern District Signal Company is mobilised under the scheme of intensive training. The following 38 officers and non-commissioned officers are at Trentham:

Captain G. R. Robertshaw, Lieutenants E. J. Cornes, R. F. T. Morris, Warrant-Officers Brown, R. W. J. Gray, Sergeant P. McDonnell, F. G. Wright, Pawley, D. K. E. Stevenson, Whaley, R. F. Mudgway, K. J. F. C. King, C. George, J. P. S. C. Clarke, W. J. Taylor, J. M. ton, Corporals E. R. Allan, C. R. Brough, L. A. Burke, L. C. ler, H. A. Francis, K. S. Frank, W. A. Gotts, R. H. K. Joy, Lockie, N. O. Martin, M. B. van, N. J. Rutherford, H. E. W. C. F. W. Stitchbury, O. Utting, Walls, N. R. White, D. H. Williams.

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