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ONE-PUNCH ADOLF

THE MANAGER: It is mein honour and privilege to present to you none ozzter zan Von Punch Adolf, un-con-tes-ted heavy-weight schampion of all der Worl!

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He like the kick of a horse can strike!

Der last op-ponent vich Von Punch Adolf ge-fought now in hospital lies.

He pitiless is! He no mercy vill show

Ve are here did day to schallench der vorld!

Ant it my duty is to gif you warning: if von of you in two minutes does not step on to dis platform, bei Gott denn, Adolf vill come down from off dis platform to you!

Come on now, pipple!

You, over dere, Britain! Come here and fight! You, England! Put up your handts!

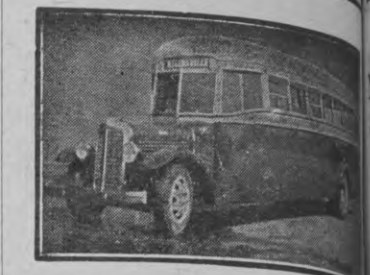
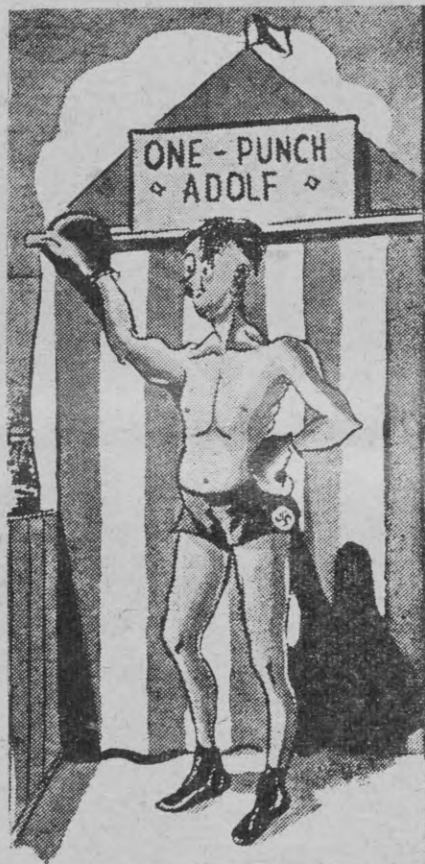
(VOICE FROM THE BACK OF THE CROWD: What do you say, Alf? Shall we 'ave a go? . . . Come on, then. Fighting-fit? Ho! Look at that belly.)

THE MANAGER: A moment! Unfair! Sportsmanship! This cricket is not.

Opponents I demand of our own veight if not less!

I appeal! I protest! You too heavy are!

I vill call the polizei! Foul! Foul!



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German war song: Love me, or the world is mined.

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Offer by Mr. H. J. Butcher to
two floors of a building in
Terrace, off Pitt Street, free
for five years or longer, to
be used as a hostel for men of the
services, was accepted at a
meeting of the executive and finance
committee of the Auckland Metro-
politan Patriotic Committee recently.
The committee provided accommo-
dation for 58
men, recommending that the gener-
al manager of Mr. Butcher should be
appointed, the sub-committee suggested
the service of Mr. Butcher and
president of the Commercial
Travellers' Association should be con-
sidered. The augmented sub-commit-
tee would then be empowered to pro-
vide with a campaign to endeavour
to acquire the building properly
and free of cost to the con-
gress authority, the Metropolitan
Committee.
It was also suggested that man-
agement of the building should be
in the Commercial Travellers' As-
sociation. Application would be
made to army headquarters for sold-
iers personnel to act as cooks and stew-
ards at the hostel. These would con-
stitute one non-commissioned officer
and four privates drawn from the
General Military Reserve.
"Carrie Army Hostel"
A suggestion by Mr. Butcher that
the hostel should be called the "Carrie
Army Hostel" in memory of his late
father was also recommended.
Colonel T. H. Dawson said sleep-
ing accommodation and bathrooms
should be provided on one floor, and
a dining room, lounge and kitchen on the
ground floor. He emphasised that the hostel
should be available for men of all
services.

Our Live Letter Box

POM-POM.

"Kiwi," Trentham, writes:—

If it won't land you old rogues in prison (though you ought to have been there long ago), what can you tell me about the multi-barrel pom-pom guns used by our warships against enemy aeroplanes?

Answer: They've got eight barrels, fire 480 2in. shells a minute, and are known as "Chicago Pianos."

Beat it, boys! the cops!

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ADOLF THE MAGGOT.

"Sandy," Fort —, writes:—

How about this? to be sung (preferably by Arthur Askey, to the tune of "Big-hearted Arthur"):

"Adolf the Maggot, they call me:
Two-timing chiseller, that's me,
Dancing each night at the opera,
Living on carrots and tea.

Herman, my right-hand man, fat as
two pigs,

Tries to exterminate all of the yids,
Sing the Horst Wessel, and bomb a
few kids.

Adolf, the Twister, they call me:
Two-timing Hitler, that's me!"

Answer: We want (THEY say) a
new marching song.

Most of the ones we've seen so far
strike us as maudlin drivel.

This, in our opinion, comes near to
ringing the bell.

And, by the way, congratulations
with a faint raspberry for not having
done it before.

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PETROL ECONOMY.

"Aero," N.Z.R.A.F., writes:—

I notice that many motorists are
still driving at very fast speeds and
it may not be realised that this is very
costly in fuel consumption.

For instance, a car which will do
30 m.p.g. at 40 m.p.h. will only do
24 m.p.g. at 60 h.p.h.

At speeds below 40 m.p.h. a pro-
portionate saving is effected.

Actually, you will find cars that
pass you at high speeds don't get
there so much before you anyway.

I'm sure that many thousands of
gallons of petrol can be saved if mo-
torists co-operate, and realise that ex-
cessive speeds only waste fuel.

Answer: We fancy that motorists
are going to grasp eagerly at any
straw which is going to keep them,
as it were, afloat on a shrunken, shal-
low trickle of petrol.

And to think that it's taken a war
to get speeds reduced to a reasonable
extent.

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DISTANT VOICE.

"Fair Dinkum," Coast Battery, writes:

I can't help admiring you people for
the calm way in which you are taking
the war.

We over here hardly know a war is
going on, except for what we hear
on the radio.

Answer: Well, the shattering roar
of official announcements, the deadly
rattle of eye-witness accounts of
damn all, and the thunder of red pen-
cils in the Censor's office do put a bit
of strain on the old nerves.

Still, grin and bore it is our motto.

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WASH YOUR?

"Donald Duck," Papakura, writes:—

Is it, under the Defence Act, un-
lawful for a civilian to treat a member
of H.M. Forces to a drink?

Answer: Not yet.

RICOCHETS

The Riddle East.
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Britain is specialising in Marspro-
duction.

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Hitler seemingly hopes to win this
war by a triumph of mine over mat-
ter.

On Anzac-tive Service.
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There seems to be a lot of propa-
Gandhi in India.

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Song of Australian soldiers in a
dry canteen: "If a thirst you don't
succeed, dry, dry, dry again."



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ON LEAVE IN LONDON

New Zealand Troops See "The Town"

LURE OF THE WAXWORKS

LONDON, July 16.

"Buckingham Palace and Madame Tussauds. They're the places we want to see."

This was the chief request of hundreds of New Zealanders of the second echelon who streamed into London on short leave this week. Train after train brought them flooding into the Strand and to their mecca, New Zealand House.

It was Mr. Jordan, the High Commissioner, who promised, when he spoke at camp, that they would receive every attention. And London New Zealanders certainly excelled themselves to fulfil the promise. High officers commanding the men were warm in their praise, and one of their chief desires was that "those at home" should be fully assured on this point.

"The arrangements have been first class," said a brigadier. "They could not have been better."

Adelphi Theatre Taken.

Actually New Zealand House was not the mecca that the troops expected. There was not enough accommodation so the New Zealand War Services Association rented the Adelphi Theatre, next door but one to the High Commissioner's offices, and they did everything possible to see that "the boys" enjoyed their London leave.

Mr. Jordan was there to meet them, and every member of the committee and many voluntary New Zealand workers gathered in full force. Among them was Mrs. Freyberg, wife of General B. C. Freyberg. Recently returned from Egypt, she brought many happy memories of parties and entertainments for the troops in Cairo. One of her chief pleasures was to entertain a party of 25 convalescents from the hospital each week.

The main entrance hall and booking office of the Adelphi were converted into a general meeting place. The men were met, their inquiries heard and answered. At the ticket offices they were given seats for theatres and cinemas at reduced rates, told where a dance was fixed for them, directed to board and lodgings, and invited and encouraged to put down their names for sight-seeing tours of "the town"—for, London is just "the town" to the New Zealanders.

The Chamber of Horrors.

Arrangements made, they set out to see the sights. Some were definite in their desires, and the reputation of the Chamber of Horrors had undoubted attractions. Others were more vague and "just wanted to see the town."

Gunner A. Davis (Huntly), for instance, was prepared to be interested in anything. With Gunner S. Crighton (Wyndham) and Driver S. L. Rae (Sydney), he walked many paved miles.

"If we see anything that interests us," he said. "we have a look at it. If we don't care for the look of it, we just don't worry."

He was hazy about definite opinions. "Everything's just grand," he declared.

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group of ratings, tired of the busy streets, sank in the soft chairs of the auditorium and were content to rest in the dark. Presently they were put on for them, and they were until a restlessness to see the London returned. Then they were in a body for Madame Tussaud's the Chambers of Horrors, almost a bus to overflowing as they were on board.

At the Adelphi Theatre members of the association worked hard cheerfully. They all agreed unanimously on one point: that the secretary, Miss Jean McKenzie, had an amazing tact, organizing ability and tirelessness.

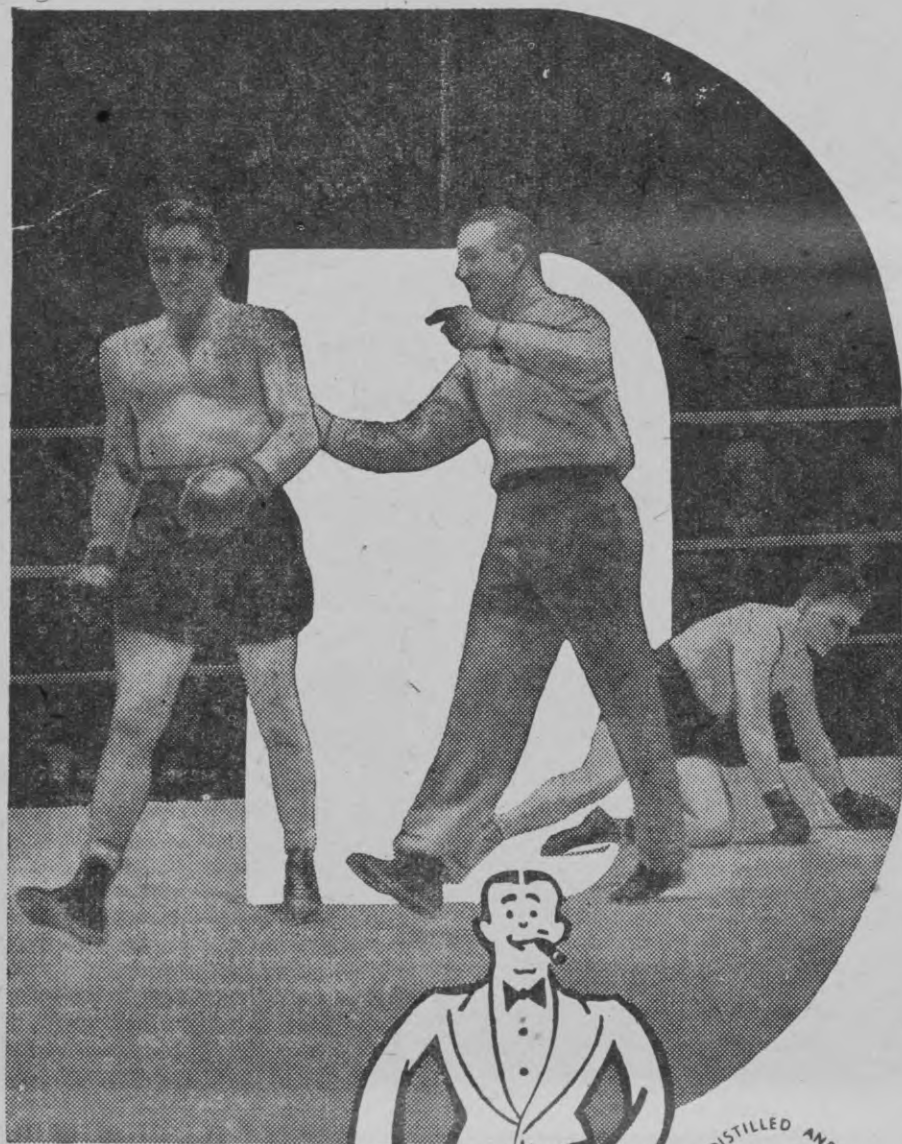
TRENTHAM ARMY WARRIORS

Wairarapa Beaten In Football Contest

Rain and a heavy ground made it difficult to play in the match between Trentham and Wairarapa. Play was fairly open at times, but mostly confined to the forwards.

Wairarapa recorded the first try, Fitzgerald making an opening for him to register a try. Brunton converted. Then Mills secured to go over for the Army, Crisp converting. Barton, a penalty, put the Army team in the lead. There was no further score in the first half. In the second half play was of a more nature, and there was no further score, the game ending in a win for the Army 8 to 5.

The Wairarapa forwards held their own with the strong opposition pack, whom Bowman played a great game. The backs were fairly even, but the wairarapa conditions spoil chances of a good back play. There were some exceedingly good forward rushes on both sides, which the determined defence of the backs prevented from resulting in a score. The of the forward work was as good as in Wairarapa for some seasons.



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CAMPS IN ENGLAND

New Zealand Troops

SETTLING-DOWN PROCESS

LONDON, July 16.

Summer weather at its best gave Zealanders of the second echelon most favourable impression of England on their arrival, and tempered the conceived ideas of a climate that so often exasperated touring cricket teams. It allowed them to settle in their four camps under the possible conditions.

After their arrival a visit was paid Mr. W. J. Jordan, the High Commissioner, who drove many miles in the course of a busy day. He wore the livery of the Returned Soldiers' Association, a reminder of his own war service, and fittingly, he was the first official visitor. He made a number of speeches, standing either on an improvised platform, ammunition boxes, soap box or a sandy mound. The tone and the speech were repeated several times, with minor differences. In each case the men were assembled in a clearing ringed by shady trees. They squatted on the light brown grass, leaning gravely, while men not on parade looked on from under trees in the shade of tents, often stripped of a grey flannel singlet.

Everyone accompanying Mr. Jordan was impressed by the Maoris. The way they swung their bayoneted rifles out to the "present" and "ground" was highly praised.

No Lunch, No Haka!

"No guardsman at the Aldershot Tattoo could improve on them," was one comment.

Every action was completed with perfect timing, and the steady clap, clap, up of their palms slapping the rifles they "sloped" was precision itself. There was a suggestion that a haka might be given for the benefit of the newsreel dogging the official party. Apparently Mr. Jordan was 20 minutes behind schedule by this time, and the Maoris had been kept waiting their lunch. So the newsreel men were promised a haka another day! When chatting to the men, a fund

of stories of the voyage over were forthcoming. And many questions.

There was the case of the man who removed a turtle from a zoo near an Australian port. Eventually it, too, was returned to its proper domestic quarters to dream down the years of high-spirited Dominion troops.

The curios collected were many and various. One man was seen coming ashore in Britain with a large pair of horns which had graced the head of some South African antelope not so long ago.

"What on earth he's going to do with it before he gets back to New Zealand goodness only knows," commented an officer. "But he got it ashore with him, anyway."

Difference in Ships.

There were many comparisons of life in the different ships. One ship fed its men with unsalted butter, which was not at all to the liking of the New Zealand palate. And the price of cigarettes on that particular ship was 3d. a packet more than in others. That was injustice indeed.

Introduction to camp life in England is regretted chiefly for the reduction in rations. Meals are smaller. This evidently led one worried New Zealander to ask a visitor, anxiously and searchingly:

"Is there enough tucker in the country?" He was fully assured on that point.

Commenting on the reduced meals one man observed: "Well, some of the boys may be suffering. Camp breakfast is rather different now from the time when they could get three portions of eggs and bacon for breakfast!"

AWARDED D.F.C.

Wellington Pilot-Officer

LONDON, August 6.

Pilot Officer L. R. Jacobsen, of Wellington, has been awarded the D.F.C. Louis Reginald Jacobsen is believed to have taken part in operations in Norway, and some weeks ago was reported missing. He is a son of Mr. Norman Reginald Jacobsen, of Karaka Bay, Wellington, who is well known in educational and sporting circles.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Men Of The Services Enjoy Y.M.C.A. Tea

In spite of the fact that members of the third echelon were away on leave nearly 100 men from all arms of the service, including the navy, assembled in the lounge of the Wellington Y.M.C.A. on Sunday last to enjoy the hospitality provided for them by members of the Wellington South branch of the League of Mothers under the leadership of Mrs. James, president.

The chairman for the evening was Mr. J. W. Andrews, who was accompanied by Mrs. Andrews. Mr. Andrews said how pleased he was to see that so many men took advantage of the facilities offered them by the Y.M.C.A. As a returned soldier he knew what the Y.M.C.A. would mean to the men when they were overseas, and he hoped that they would not fail to make use of it to the full.

An enjoyable programme had been arranged by Mr. Frank Thomas, vocal items being given by Messrs. Gordon McKay, Leslie Thomas and R. Bennett, and a violin solo by Mr. E. G. Tait. A community sing led by Mr. H. Hindle and accompanied by Mr. Mann was entered into with enthusiasm.

In bright speeches representatives from the Army, Navy and Air Force expressed their thanks for the happy time they had spent and for the "home" atmosphere they always enjoyed at the teas every Sunday. Special guests were Captain and Mrs. Vance, Captain and Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. John Mitchell.

MILITARY FORCES

Appointments Of Officers

Appointments in the New Zealand Military Forces announced in the Gazette issued recently include the following:—

Lieutenant and Quartermaster G. W. O'Sullivan, N.Z. Permanent Staff, has relinquished the appointment of assistant camp quartermaster, mobilization camp, Trentham, and been appointed general staff officer, 3rd grade, army headquarters, Wellington.

Major T. A. H. Oliphant, M.C., has relinquished the appointment of second in command, Training Battalion, mobilization camp, Papakura, and has been appointed camp commandant, mobilization camp, Ngaruawahia.

Captain Albert Arthur Luckham, C.B.E., has been appointed assistant adjutant, mobilization camp, Papakura.

Lieut. D. W. Earle has relinquished the appointment of dental officer, mobilization camp, Trentham, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Ohakea.

Major A. L. George, 1st Battalion, Wellington Regiment (City of Wellington's Own), is to have the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel while holding the appointment of officer commanding, 1st Battalion.

A colonel of the old school was addressing two guilty-looking privates, whose clothes were torn and ragged.

"Look here, you fellows," he exclaimed, "I'll have you know that I simply won't tolerate fighting in my regiment!"

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The regimental wit looked down at the tiny carrot which have been included in his portion of boiled beef. "What's this?" he asked. "The thin edge of the veg., I presume."

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And darkness shows us worlds of
light
We never saw by day."

There is an old saying that "every cloud has a silver lining," and one of the songs that was much sung during the last war ran thus:

"There's a silver lining
Through the dark cloud shining,
Turn the dark cloud inside out
Till the boys come home."

This was but one of the many ways by which the spirit of the Empire sought to express itself in the days of sorrow and darkness—the cheerful optimism that would not be dampened or cast down no matter whether things were going well or ill, the spirit that rises highest when things look blackest and backs are to the wall. In times of peace, with political and industrial bickerings and the love of sport, that spirit seems to have departed, until those of other nations, who never have and never will, understand the character of these "mad Englishmen," really believe that the Empire has become decadent, and is slowly but surely breaking up and becoming an easy prey for those bold enough to attack. But the spirit is merely lying fallow, and let but the breath of danger touch her, and England's people rise as one man, petty quarrels and disputes put away as a child lays aside its toys—not to be taken up again until that which threatens life and liberty has been crushed.

And just as stars shine brightest in a darkened sky, and those myriads of twinkling lights, which are swallowed up in the bright light of the sun, shine in all their beauty during the night, so the night and darkness of trial and affliction cause human virtues and qualities to shine brightly, which in times of ease and comfort were seen only dimly or not at all. Adversity brings forth that which is best and finest in human nature, as the crushing of the grapes gives the rich juice.

This is wonderfully illustrated in the life of Christ, where perfect divinity and perfect humanity went hand in hand. As man, weary and tired He slept in the boat, and the next instance as God He calmed the storm, and throughout His life we find this close relationship, until we come to the last night before His death. And then, He who had all His life given that others might be helped and comforted, in the agony of sorrow and trial that pressed upon Him, rose to divine heights in His care and solicitude for those around Him. Here is a picture of Him on the cross, written by Godet. "Stripped of everything, Jesus seemed to have nothing more to give. Nevertheless, from the midst of this deep poverty He had already made precious gifts to His executioners. He had bequeathed the pardon of God to His companion in punishment, paradise. Could He find nothing to leave to His mother and His friend? These two beloved persons, who had been His most precious treasures on earth, He bequeathed to one another, giving thus at once a son

to His mother and a mother to His friend."

While the men are on leave, the Hut is quiet and Mr. Gordon Blair has taken the opportunity of getting away for a few days.

WRESTLING TITLE

Blomfield Now Empire Champion

BOUT WITH KATAN

Interrupted By Collapse Of Ring

For the second time, the British Empire Wrestling Championship title changed hands in Wellington last night. Sergeant-Major Lofty Blomfield won it from John Katan, holder since he captured it from McCready a month ago. The New Zealander obtained the sole fall of an exciting and vigorous bout. In the sixth round Blomfield, pinned on the mat by Katan, kicked upward and connected with Katan's face, tumbling him backward. Blomfield then took a fall with a body press.

The Town Hall was jammed full. Many stood throughout the lengthy bout, which was interrupted for half an hour when the ring collapsed and had to be re-erected.

At the conclusion of the bout the president of the Wellington Wrestling Association, Mr. F. Campbell, presented the winner with a silver cup, the gift of Sir Charles Norwood, vice-president of the association. Earl McCready, who watched the bout from the ringside, challenged the winner.

Blomfield protested after the bout that it should be re-fought because of the interruption. He stated that he had wrestled Blomfield on three previous occasions and had won twice and drawn once. He said he was entitled to a return match before the title was contested by anybody else.

Mr. Alf Jenkins refereed. Blomfield weighed 16st. 6lb., Katan 16st. 10lb. Both received tremendous ovations. Blomfield appeared very fit, even more so than when last seen in Wellington. Blomfield gave Katan an uncomfortable time with a shortarm scissors in the first round. In the second, Katan held Blomfield in vice-like headlocks, knuckling and pounding his face. The referee warned him for use of fists. Blomfield hunted Katan round the ring with jolts and halches, crashing home repeated blows. He then frog-marched Katan with a full-nelson. But Katan held him writhing on the mat standing over him applying a powerful keylock of the type introduced recently by McCready. Blomfield kicked him off; Katan jolted Blomfield twice, and recovered his keylock. Blomfield, after some endeavours, succeeded in breaking it.

Collapse of Ring.

Katan was setting the pace in a series of exchanges on the mat when the southwest corner post of the ring gently collapsed. The wrestlers were too pre-occupied to notice, till the referee pointed out that the ropes having subsided, there was no longer a ring. They then retired to their corners and filled in time signing autographs, while officials bustled about rigging a new post. The crowd took the interruption in good part, barring the attendants, referee, seconds and others who tallied onto a block-and-tackle and hauled the ropes taut again. A couple of humorists from the crowd clambered into the ring and began a burlesque grapple, but were separated and ejected by the referee.

After a half-hour interval, the wrestlers took up the fray where they left off, in the middle of the fourth round. Though they needed a minute or two to warm

up again after the long pause, they resumed in vigorous style, with plenty of elbow-jolts. Blomfield tossed Katan several times with headlocks.

There was a brisk exchange of jolts in the fifth round. First Blomfield repeatedly rapped Katan in the face, then Katan reciprocated. Blomfield tripped Katan smartly and applied an octopus clamp. The crowd surged to its feet, shouting, but Katan gained the security of the ropes.

Blomfield's Fall.

Katan held Blomfield on the mat with a double-barred toe-hold. Blomfield kicked upward, planting his feet in Katan's face and as Katan tumbled he pounced on him and pinned him. Katan showed signs of annoyance and protested—vainly—to the referee.

Katan opened the seventh round by battering Blomfield with jolts, and dumping him; he failed to pin him. The wrestling verged on burlesque when the wrestlers danced about the ring exchanging jolts, punches and taunts. The referee again warned them to desist from punching.

The last round, though vigorous, was and when the bell rang spent some time discussing the outcome with the referee without fall. Katan took the offensive in a final attempt to set the falls equal.

GREAT WAR VETERANS MARCH AGAIN

Wellington Parade

NATIONAL MILITARY RESERVE

New Zealand veterans of the 1918 war, again with the colours members of the Wellington Special Service Battalion of the National Reserve (Class II), marched on a familiar route through Wellington from their headquarters at the War Show buildings on Saturday afternoon.

Headed by the band of the 1st Battalion Wellington Regiment (City of Wellington's Own) and under the command of Major L. Cimino, the column made a brave sight in the winter sunshine as, with spruce uniforms and shining equipment, the men swung along through lines of appreciative onlookers.

The battalion was first inspected at its headquarters by the officer commanding the Central Military District, Colonel R. A. Row, D.S.O., and the climax of the march was reached at the Queen Victoria statue in Kent Terrace, where Colonel Row took the salute. At this point there was a considerable gathering of spectators, and the veterans were received with continuous applause.

Of the full battalion strength of officers and men, all returned soldiers more than 600 took part in the parade, this number including men from Hutt Valley, who train separately in their own district. The battalion comprises a Headquarters Company, and C Rifle Companies, and a Support Company, and this order was followed in the formation of the column. About half-way along its length the column was broken by the Port Nicholson River Band, which assisted the Wellington Regiment Band in providing music. The route followed was John, Wallace, Taranaki, Webb, and Manners Streets, and Courtenay Place to Kent Terrace, and thence the way of Dufferin Street, Adelaide Road and John Street back to headquarters.

It was obvious to all who witnessed the march that the men had not forgotten their training of a quarter of a century ago. They marched smartly and in excellent order, albeit the jauntiness of their earlier military days was a little tempered by the passage of time. Their keenness was evident, and credit is due to the officers responsible, and to the men themselves, for the creation of a unit which, if need should unfortunately arise, will be ready and well-fitted to play a big part in any military duties within the Dominion.

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"I'll tell you what, Bill," said one. "Let's toss up and let that decide. If it comes down heads we go fishing. If it comes down tails we'll play football . . . and if it comes down on its edge we'll go to Sunday School."

SERVICE HOSTEL COMFORTS FOR TROOPS COMPLETE EQUIPMENT FINE AMENITY IN CITY

Two pillows and an iderdown. I 't think the boys will be able to to sleep in beds like this," ex- med a soldier who recently wan- ed into the Carrie Hostel for the ting services and surveyed the nitories with beds made ready for official opening. "Are you going have the sergeant-major to tuck n in?" he added, after struggling think of a facility not provided. is surprise was well justified, for hostel, which is in Poynton Ter- , off Pitt Street, has developed an amenity of which the city well be proud.

Numerous Donations.
sub-committee of the Metropoli- Patriotic Committee has received s of materials, labour, services cash sufficient to equip the entire el, except for crockery, cutlery kitchenware, which is being bor- ed for the time being, but of h it is still hoped to secure do- ns. Mr. H. J. Butcher, who made building available rent free, has ed a major part in securing gifts equipping the hostel and has been iving articles, many of them total- nexpected.

he building is on steeply sloping so that entry is from the top , although it is the two lower s which are being used as a hos- On the upper of these are three itories, with a total of 75 beds. bed has a kapock mattress, kets, sheets, pillows and quilt, s for hanging clothes and a wood- abinet for other belongings. The itories are named Judson, Bas- and Crichton, after the three sur- g Auckland V.C.'s.

Luxurious Lounge.
so on this floor are an office, hot cold showers, wash basins, a c room, where luggage can be d, a room for the Manager, Ma- J. Levin, another for the staff of and a store room.

ae lower floor contains a large ge which is most luxuriously ished with upholstered chairs and ges, fireside chairs, polished writ- tables and a piano. There are ric heaters along the walls and ions in profusion.
ljoining this is a large dining i capable of seating 100. The en is provided with stoves, toast- tea and coffee urns and a multi- ty of other equipment.

ie management of the hostel has taken over by the Commercial ellers and Warehousemen's As- tion, while the staff under Major n will be provided by the old ers. The charge will be 1s. a t for a bed and 1s. for each meal.

OFFICE ADDITION ARMY HEADQUARTERS

wing to congestion that has been inually increasing and has been tuated since the introduction of

the territorial scheme, the premises occupied by the headquarters of the Northern Military District, in Mari- time Buildings, Quay Street, are to extended.

The headquarters occupy a large portion of the second floor. While suf- ficient for peace time activities, the increase in staff, particularly clerical personnel, has made expansion essen- tial, and it has been decided to occupy the offices at present in use by the Primary Products Marketing Depart- ment, which adjoin. This department will, in future, be accommodated in premises in Endean's Buildings.

HIS 416TH FIGHT

Gildo Beats Hutchinson On Points

TWO CLEVER BOXERS

Showing all the science and speed for which he is noted, Young Gildo, the "Filipino Flash," outpointed Johnny Hutchinson, a highly-rated American negro, in a 12-rounds professional con- test staged by the Wellington Boxing Association in the Town Hall on Saturday night. Despite heavy rain and bleak conditions, a large crowd assembled to see

the fifth meeting of these two clever light- weights. Keeping the fighting close, Gildo excelled himself in his four hundred and sixteenth professional match, and he would have won by a wider margin had not both his hands given him trouble, which prevented him from putting much power into his punches.

H. Linden, Auckland, and J. Crowley, Wellington, were in Gildo's corner, and Hutchinson was attended by C. Lucas his manager, and T. Tracy.

Hutchinson scaled 9st. 9lb., and Gildo 9st. 6½lb., the American also having an advantage in height and reach. They opened up at a brisk pace, and there was a good deal of in-fighting in the first round, in which honours were fairly even.

Hutchinson warmed up in the second round, scoring well to the body with both hands in close, and landing a solid left uppercut to the face. Gildo did some clever blocking and head-weaving, and also scored well with left jabs to the face.

They warmed to their work in the third round. The American cut loose with a spirited two-handed attack, which stung Gildo to retaliation, and the crowd roared approval as they stood toe to toe, and landed heavy blows to head and body. Hutchinson had the better of the willing exchanges.

Gildo played a tattoo to Hutchinson's head with left jabs opening the fourth session, causing the American to con- tinue head-weaving after the Filipino had stood off.

The American proved an elusive target in the fifth round, causing Gildo to miss with brilliant head-weaving. The Ameri- can was now putting more power behind his punches, and it was the Filipino's turn to do some nimble ducking.

Gildo did some clever in-fighting in the sixth, sticking closer than a brother to his man, and scoring with light taps to head and body.

The Filipino again kept in close in the next round, and a section of the crowd

commenced to count the boxers out, though this was unfair, as they were giving a brilliant exhibition of boxing as distinct from fighting.

Gildo again bored into his man in the eighth round, and scored repeatedly with lefts to the head. The American was trying to make the fighting open, but Gildo kept him penned up.

The American did better at the close work in the ninth round, meeting Gildo at his own game, and rocking the Fili- pino's head from side to side with right and left hooks.

Gildo scored with a snappy right upper- cut to the chin in the tenth round, and again had the advantage in the close work. A spirited round ended to hearty applause.

They boxed at long range in the elev- enth round, in which Gildo more than held his own, showing speed and science to scare with frequent left jabs to the face.

Realizing that he was behind on points, Hutchinson tried hard for a knock-out in the last round, but Gildo met him more than halfway, and amid great excitement, took the initiative and had the better of a stirring finish.

A highly scientific display of boxing ended to prolonged applause. The verdict for Gildo was well received. This was the fifth time the pair had met, and hon- ours are now even, with two wins each and one draw.

Mr. P. Stone was the referee, and the judging was done by Messrs. W. P. Sommerville and B. A. Guise.

"Germans know that Field-Marshal Goering would never stoop to any- thing low," says a Berlin paper. The point is, could he?



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The lamp has an effective short range. With the naked eye messages by it can be received at up to two miles and by telescope three to four miles. At night the range is six miles and twice that distance if the receiver uses a telescope.

The heliograph is used a good deal in Egypt because of the clear atmosphere and constant sun. The range under the best atmospheric conditions is 70 miles, in Egypt even up to 85 miles. The heliograph is a mirror system of signalling by utilizing the rays of the sun to reflect the beam on a distant station.

The other forms of communications such as wireless telephony and telegraph are well known, but in the field the signallers must often operate and maintain communications under conditions of great difficulty and danger.

The corps has its own transport and mobile wireless station vehicles, cable-laying wagons and dispatch riders. Eighty officers and N.C.O.'s are taking the course, the latter consisting of the sergeants and half of the corporals. At the end of the course half those who have completed it will go into tented camps with half the complete personnel of their district units. The remainder will return to their work, thus ensuring that the department will not be embarrassed at a busy period. After Christmas they, in turn, will go into camp to train the balance of the men of their units in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Ricochets

HABIT.

Then there was the parachutist-jumper who always got carried a block past his tram-stop because he counted three before pulling the cord.

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Diggers in Palestine plant seeds outside their tents. Evidently they are digging in.

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A correspondent says that war broke out the day after he got married. Just a coincidence!

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"The average German believes every word of the Nazi propaganda," says a novelist. He gobbles what's garbled by Goebbels.

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Amongst the latest economy hints is the suggestion that we should put our linen handkerchiefs away and use cheap ones made of paper. Atishoo paper, we suppose.

Fort Dorset Notes

(Contributed by P. A. Bennetts)

CONCERT.

On Wednesday, 24th July, the Fort Dorset Recreation Room was again packed out, and once again the men of Fort Dorset were entertained by the Repertory Concert Party, who presented a scintillating performance of Mexicano, which was fully appreciated.

The lengthy programme consisted of bright ever-popular musical numbers and three lightning sketches.

The chorus and ballet in most numbers were dressed in gay artistic Spanish focking. Perhaps the most attractive numbers were "La Cucaracha," "If You're In Love You'll Waltz" and Rio Rita's Shawl Dance. Another number which caused much amusement was Ferdinand the Bull.

The lightning sketches were well received, especially "A Mother's Advice" (be a good girl and have a good time). The audience thought the good time would be preferable.

"British Empire" was the crowning act. Britannia was on the stage and every country of the British Commonwealth of Nations was represented. As each country entered, it was greeted with a flourish of trumpets and a roll of drums. "There'll Always be an England" was sung for this act.

SUNDAY NIGHT SING-SONGS.

All success due to the wonderful efforts of Misses Jean and Betty Kirk, who never miss a Sunday night at Fort Dorset Recreation Room.

Miss Betty is to be congratulated on her recent engagement and we hope it will not be long before she puts the halter permanently on the lucky fellow.

RUGBY.

EXAMINATION B v. DORSET B.

Once again Examination proved themselves equal to Dorset, and after a well-contested game, carried off the laurels.

Dorset won the toss and played with the wind. From the start they forced the play and sent Faloon over for two well-deserved tries. Dorset was going well and Examination had a hard time keeping their goal-line clear. At half-time Dorset was leading 6-0.

After the spell, Examination started, Vernon cut in beautifully to open Examination's account; the kick failed. Dorset 6, Exam. 3. Dorset rallied and Montgomery crashed his way over to score; the kick missed. Dorset 9, Exam. 3. Examination was not going to be beaten, they carried play down to Dorset's twenty-five, where the ball was passed out to Gerard who potted a fine field goal. Dorset 9, Exam. 7. By this time the pace was telling on Dorset's big forwards and Exam. started to open up the play. Gerard again came into prominence. Receiving the ball from the scrum, he worked the blind side and selling the dummy dived over, to place Examination in the lead. Exam 10, Dorset 9. Inspired by their success, Exam. kept up the pace and Vernon gathering a

loose ball, raced over to score behind the posts; Dooley converted. The final whistle still found the score unchanged—Examination 15, Dorset 9. Sergt. Carroll carried the whistle.

EXAMINATION A v. DORSET A.

In an exciting inter-battery Rugby match, Dorset A went down before the fierce onslaught of Examination A, who proved themselves an excellent combination. Although beaten Dorset A never let up, but played good clean football, which did them the greatest credit. Sharratt and Gerard collected the points for Examination while McMannus kicked the two penalties for Dorset.

Sergt. T. D. Carrol controlled the game.

Examination won the toss and played with the wind. From the start they forced the play and a few minutes later Gerard went over for a brilliant try which he converted. Exam. 5, Dorset 0. Sherratt then came into the force by bullocking his way over to score in the corner. The kick missed. Exam 8, Dorset 0. At this stage of the game Examination forwards, ably led by Steel, dominated the play and Dorset were kept very busy defending their goal line, but in spite of all their efforts, Sherratt and Gerard gathered in thirteen points and when half-time sounded the score was: Examination 19, Dorset 0.

After half-time Dorset rallied and set out to catch up Examination's big lead. Dorset attacked again and again, but Gerard, gathering in stray pass, went over for another try, which was unconverted. Examination 22, Dorset 0. At last Dorset's efforts were rewarded and McManus kicked a penalty. Exam. 22, Dorset 3. Dorset again forced play and again Exam. being over eager infringed, and McMannus kicked a fine penalty. Just before time Sherratt, collecting a loose ball, made a grand dash and went over in the corner for a spectacular try. The kick missed and the final whistle blew with the scores: Examination, 25; Dorset 6.

YULE SMILE

HARDENED.

It was such a nice bit of grass that the lady with a large family chose it for a picnic. How was she to know it was part of the local golf course?

Up to her came a red-faced, irate golfer.

"You must take your children away from here, madam!" he said sternly. "This is no place for them!"

"Don't worry, sir," said the woman pleasantly. "They won't hear nothing new. Their father's a sergeant-major."

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"How the deuce," asked the officer on the rifle range, "have you got those four straight bulls? Your range is six hundred yards, but your sight is set at three hundred."

Said the young Militiaman: "See that little rock half-way along? Well, I'm bouncing 'em off that!"

"Nurse," said the private, "I'm in love with you. I don't want to get better."

"Don't worry; you won't," she said, cheerfully. "The M.O.'s in love with me, too, and he saw you kiss me this morning."

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The plumber, aged twenty, had been called up for the Militia. He went in for his trade test, and was asked to make a joint in a lead pipe.

When the job was finished, the officer wrote on the man's paper: "Joint very neatly done."

A day or two later the man found himself posted as head cook in the officers' mess.

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THAT'LL LARN IT!

The militiaman was doing his first sentry-go in the country. And when a pheasant got up, and nobody seemed near, he took a nice aim and dropped the bird.

The Colonel appeared round a field corner.

Gazing at the dead pheasant, with a triumphant air of unconsciousness that anybody was near, he said: "Try to peck me, would yer?"

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