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ordinarily slow compared with  
ern warships," says a writer. Far  
er miles to the galleon.

### Catholic Chapel IN PAPAKURA CAMP

#### BLESSED BY BISHOP LISTON

"We have a unity of thought and purpose with the soldiers who are bearing the brunt of these current troubles—nothing is too good for them," said Bishop Liston, when officiating at the solemn blessing and opening of the enlarged Catholic hutment in Papakura camp on Sunday, August 18th, states the "Auckland Star." Soldiers, he said, would go to the hut for their spiritual needs—it contains a tastefully furnished chapel—and they would also be welcomed when they came in need of temporal things.

Unity of purpose was a marked feature of our national life to-day, continued Bishop Liston. The hall, therefore, would be open to all. Difference of religion would not count at all. Primarily, the enlarged hall was to provide for spiritual needs of the men under training. It would also help them to be staunch in their friendship and kindly in their comradeship, one with another.

The camp chaplain with the Third Echelon, the Rev. Father Henley, said he was perhaps more pleased than anyone that the enlarged hut had been completed. The spiritual welfare of the soldiers should be the first care of Catholic people. The completion of the hut was a tribute to the people of the Auckland diocese, who had helped so generously when an appeal was made for additional funds.

#### Camp Commandant's Thanks.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. White, V.D., N.Z.S.C., camp commandant, welcomed Bishop Liston and the Catholic visitors who were present in large numbers. Officers and men, he said, were truly grateful for the amenities offered in the huts provided by Church people. The additional facilities now provided in the enlarged Catholic hutment would be greatly appreciated, and he expressed thanks on behalf of all ranks.

Captain T. P. Laffey, who had been mentioned as a prominent worker on behalf of the hut, made a happy speech in which he disclaimed any credit. He paid a tribute to the Catholic soldiers who had taken up arms in defence of freedom, and emphasised the value of the hut in keeping alive their ideals.

The enlarged building is divided into three parts. By means of sliding

doors it can be converted into a large assembly hall where a large body of soldiers will be able to assist at Sunday Mass. The section at the top end of the hut is devoted exclusively to the chapel, which has cream walls and a green carpet. The altar, complete with tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament, creates a devotional atmosphere, in sharp contrast with the strictly utilitarian features everywhere apparent in the camp. A lounge and reading room, with leather upholstered furniture, a snug fireside, and a library, piano, radio and billiard table, a canteen and writing room, are features of the hut. Accommodation for the attendant permanently in charge of the hut, and a flat for the resident chaplain, complete the new unit.

#### AIR FORCE NIGHT.

#### PAPAKURA ORPHANS.

An Air Force night concluded the Papakura Orphans' Club season on August 22nd, when the vice-president, Bro. O. H. Grut, presided over an attendance of 100 members and visitors. A feature of the evening was a travel talk by Professor Hemingway on some of the 67 countries he had visited.

A special toast to the Air Force was proposed by Bro. C. C. Seaton and responded to by Sergeant J. Frier. The official visitors were: Bro. W. Fee (president), Bros. M. Miller and W. Francis (past president), Bro. A. Wish and Bro. G. Grant (secretary of the Tamaki Orphans' Club). The secretary, Bro. C. Osborne, and several members of the Onehunga Club were also present. Members of the Air Force were: Sergeant D. Milne, an old Papakura boy who has had 10 years' service in the Royal Air Force; Sergeant J. Frier, of Scotland; Air-craftsmen (first class) A. C. Miller, J. Stevens and R. Francis.

He had passed all the tests and was before the recruiting sergeant, giving particulars.

"Married or single?" he was asked.

"Married."

"Any children?"

"Eleven."

"Sorry, chum. Too expensive. We could get a couple of generals for that money."

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