

NAVAL SERVICE

New Zealand Candidates
For Overseas

VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Twenty-five New Zealand candidates have now left the Dominion to join the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Imperial), in accordance with the system of special entry. Nineteen of them were selected in accordance with Scheme B, which is for candidates between 20 and 25 years and between 25 and 30 years, with the matriculation examination. The remaining six belong to Scheme A, which is for candidates between 30 and 40 years, with certain stipulated qualifications.

The list is as follows:—

Scheme A: John Lorimer Allan, Wellington; Samuel C. Bradley, Wellington; Ronald K. Entwisle, Levin; Arthur G. Hanson, Wellington; E. C. W. Hassall, Napier; James E. Hancox, Wellington.
4 Scheme B: Robert S. Arkley, Wellington; William A. Bourke, Auckland; John W. Ballinger, Wellington; Thomas N. Bush, Wellington; Kenneth Coveny, Wellington; Walter C. Drake, Wellington; Eric F. Evans, Wellington; Keith D. Gerard, Wellington; Lester S. Holmes-Edge, Wellington; Neil W. Harton, Wellington; Bernard D. Jukes, Wellington; Walter Knewstubb, Wellington; George K. S. Monk, Wellington; Roderick T. McIndoe, Wanganui; Keith H. McKenzie, Wellington; Richard J. Parsonson, Wellington; Edward L. J. Staples, Wellington; Peter C. Stannard, Wellington; Donald R. Wallace, Wellington.

ARREST (ARMED FORCES)
REGULATIONS

Members of the armed forces cannot be arrested on civil warrant for debt without the consent of the naval, military or air force authority, as the case may be. This is the general effect of the Arrest (Armed Forces) Emergency Regulations gazetted last night. The regulations are similar to those in force in the Great War to ensure that creditors cannot deprive the Crown of the services of men in the armed forces.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED

120 Attend Sunday Tea At
Y.M.C.A.

A happy gathering was held in the lounge of the Wellington Y.M.C.A. on Sunday last when nearly 120 soldiers assembled for the usual Sunday evening tea. The hostesses for the evening were members of the Social Progress Movement, under the leadership of the acting-president, Mrs. J. Bennie. Mr. J. W. McKeon, who was accompanied by Mrs. McKeon, presided. He welcomed the men, and said he was glad to see that so many availed themselves of the hospitality extended to them every week.

Private E. Booth expressed the thanks and appreciation of members of the third echelon for the hospitality that had been extended to them each week. Many of the men had been every Sunday since they had been in camp, he said, and they would like to express to those who gave up their time every Sunday to entertain them their appreciation for all that had been done. They specially wanted to thank members of the women's auxiliary, who organized the teas and who worked behind the scenes to make them such a success. The memory of the happy times they had spent would remain with them while they were away, and they would not fail to avail themselves of the facilities offered by the Y.M.C.A. when they were overseas.

Vocal solos were given by Mrs. D. Gamble and Mr. L. Hopkins, with Miss Nola Pritchard as accompanist. A community sing, led by Mr. Hindle and accompanied by Mr. Mann, was entered into with enthusiasm, and three cheers and musical honours for the hostesses and those who had come to entertain them ended a happy evening.

THIRD ECHELON MEN

Tawa Flat Soldiers Guests
Of Residents

An enjoyable social and dance for Tawa Flat members of the third echelon and their relatives was given recently by residents of the district. The guests of the evening were: Lieutenant M. J. Mason, Corporal A. H. Topham, Sapper A. Hale, Gunner K. Topham, and Mr. D. Nairn, who has joined the Fleet Air Arm. Private Darlington was not able to be present. Corporal A. H. Topham and Gunner K. Topham are father and son. There was an excellent attendance and all agreed that the gathering was a success in every way.

The local members of the Returned soldiers' Association paraded in the body of the hall and marched on to the stage, taking up positions at the back of the guests of honour. The president of the Porirua sub-branch of the R.S.A., Mr. J. Barclay, said he had no fear as to how the men would acquit themselves when called on. He mentioned the fatherly interest taken in those enlisting for overseas service by members of the R.S.A., and pointed out that in years to come these men would prove for themselves that the association would stand by in all matters affecting their welfare.

Mr. E. Hook presented a leather pocket wallet with initials engraved to each of the soldiers, and expressed the hope from the residents that the gift would be appreciated as a memento of the occasion. Mr. G. Turkington, on behalf of the tennis club, made a presentation to three of the soldiers who were club members, and said the club had been well represented in this and previous echelons.

Mrs. Dwyer, president of the Women's institute, presented each with a small gift and extended to them the best wishes of members of the institute. Floral bouquets were presented to Mesdames Nairn, Topham and Mason.

Lieutenant Mason thanked the residents for their fine spirit, and assured them they would always remember with pride and appreciation the kindness shown to them and the expressions of goodwill.

During the evening members of the women's institute staged a tableau in national costumes depicting Britain, her overseas Dominions, her allies Norway and Poland, the Army, Navy Air Force and Nursing Corps. Appropriate national songs were sung. Items were given by Mr. Hooker and his school harmonica band. Music for dancing was played by Miss Long, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Leadley.

A.N.A. CLUB KEPT BUSY

Crowded Attendances At
Weekend Dances

There was a "full house" on both Friday and Saturday at the A.N.A. Club's dances for the men of the Forces, the normal attendance being considerably augmented by members of the Merchant Navy service, and both evenings were keenly enjoyed.

In addition to the executive and supper committee, the following were the voluntary helpers for the weekend: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Berendsen, Mr. and Mrs. F. Yates-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gledhill, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leicester, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Anderson, Mesdames Hamilton, Gilmer, Mears (Hamilton), and Messrs. H. F. O'Leary, and J. H. Luxford. Misses V. Neely and Moya Hempton were in charge of the dancing on Friday night, and Misses Valmai Richardson and Harper Allan on Saturday.

A large hamper of supplies was received from Dr. E. E. Atmore and Mrs. J. N. O'Halloran, on behalf of the Otaki Ladies' Patriotic Committee.

Everyman's Hut

"Now the pruning, hard, unsparing,
Scattered blossom, bleeding shoot,
Afterward the plenteous bearing
Of the Master's precious fruit."

Trials and testings call for exercise of great faith. In the midst of winter with its cold wind and rain and sleet, the warm sunny days of summer seem very, very far away. Turning and tossing with bodily pain through the dark hours of the night, the weary sufferer wonders if the dawn will ever come. Present circumstances press heavily upon each one of us and yet all these things shall pass. The coldest, dreariest winter at length gives way to joyous spring and glorious summer. The longest night comes to an end. Trials are but designed for our strengthening, to improve our usefulness in the world in which we live. The tree has to submit to the pruning knife of the gardener, in order that it may bring forth fruit in due season. In the 12th chapter of Hebrews we read that "No chastening for the present seemeth joyous but grievous, nevertheless, afterward"—Afterward, what? "Afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness to them that are exercised thereby." The object of it all is to cause us to be exercised concerning our condition and position, not only in regard to the world about us, but to God himself. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Without faith that spring is on the way, winter would be unbearable. Can we not then apply that same faith in these days of sorrow and trial? Can we truly look for the dawn of peace if our lives and spirits remain the same as in the past years which have led up to this war? The remedy lies in our own hands and the command of the Lord Jesus Christ comes to us in simple unmistakable language, yet bringing with it solemn, inescapable responsibility. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Are we great enough, yet humble enough, have we the faith of a little child, that we may obey, then wait for the dawn of peace?

Speaking to the men as those to whom he might never have another opportunity of addressing, Mr. Gordon Blair on Sunday evening appealed to them to consider their position before God. Taking as his text the words from the 2nd chapter of Hebrews: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" he pointed out the cost at which God had provided a way of escape through the death of His Son at Calvary, and the absolute, urgent necessity for each individual to claim that way of escape for himself and not to depend upon his own life and works or any ideas or thoughts of his own which he might have concerning the matter.

May the message find a response in their hearts.

Holidays are the slacks season for girls.

Hitler is said to be eating one meal a day as an example to the German public. Other reports say that the German public is eating one meal a day as an example to Goering.

TRY A SMILE

THE TANK BUMPED.

Into the path of a line of tanks rumbling through the village stepped a distressed old lady. With a clank, the line pulled up, and stepping to the side of the leading tank the lady called to the driver:

"Young man, did you notice a half-pound of butter up the road? It dropped it."

"Gawd, missus," came the reply, "now you mentions it, I remember 'ow I did feel a bit of a bump."

General: What would you do if it

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It was supper-time and Jimmy's foster-mother gave him custard and prunes. The little evacuee refused to eat the prunes.

"God will be very angry with you for not doing as you're asked," was told.

At midnight a violent thunderstorm sent the hostess hurrying into Jimmy's bedroom. The room was empty, but downstairs she found him gobbling the prunes. When he had finished he looked out at the lightning.

"Hell of a racket to make about a couple of prunes," he mumbled.

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