

Fort Dorset Notes

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HOCKEY.

AIR FORCE v. FORT DORSET.

It was a perfect day, punctually at 2 p.m. the two teams took their positions on the field, both eager for fray.

The ball was no sooner bullied off than Air Force had penetrated Dorset's defence and within two minutes drew first blood. Air Force, 1; Dorset, 0. Air Force kept up the pace and again hustled Dorset and forced play into Army's circle and a very neat goal was scored. Air Force, 2; Dorset, 0.

By this time Dorset had settled down and played good solid hockey, keeping Air Force on the defence the majority of the time. An opportunity came to Air Force and they were not slow in putting the ball into Dorset's net. Air Force, 3; Dorset, 0.

Dorset then made a desperate effort to catch Air Force and after some brilliant play goaled. Air Force, 3; Dorset 1. After this, the whistle for half-time sounded.

The second spell still found Dorset on the attack, but Air Force's defence proved sound and at last cleared and carried play to Dorset's half and after some clever stick work collected another goal. Air Force, 4; Dorset, 1.

Army from then onwards dominated the ball, but lacked combination to finish off good individual play. Dorset collected a well-deserved goal, making the score 4-2. Army was again unlucky when the ball from a penalty bully hit the edge of the goal post; but this did not dismay Army, they attacked with renewed vigour and were able to score. Air Force, 4; Dorset, 3. Dorset were still attacking when the final whistle blew with the scores unchanged.

10th HEAVY REGIMENT BAND.

The 10th Heavy Regiment Band once again has made its appearance in public. Besides playing for the Third Echelon's march through the city, played for the Air Force at their Commanding Officer's Squadron Parade. After the inspection they went for a short route march in company with the Air Force Squadron.

The band is to be congratulated on their fine performances. Their playing and marching were of a very high standard and were very favourably commented on by the public.

A.N.A. CLUB

Navy League Helpers

Members of the Wellington branch of the Navy League were in charge of operations at the A.N.A. Club during the weekend. They contributed the hampers for supper. Those assisting were: Mesdames L. O. H. Tripp, P. Hanna, P. McLean, N. Pearce, P. Marshall, G. Goodwin, M. Hobbs, Hansford Johnston, E. M. Sladden, A. Walker, A. A. Didsbury, Blackie, Misses B. Cable and Hendry.

There were large attendances on both

nights, many members of the Air Force being present on Saturday. Those in charge of dancing were Misses Denise Puttick and Marie Jones, on Friday, and Miss Patsy Ashbolt on Saturday, assisted by Misses P. McDiarmid and P. Gledhill. In addition to men of the executive, those giving help at the weekend were Messrs. Turner and Edmondson.

HOSPITALITY ENJOYED

Soldiers At Y.M.C.A. Tea

The lounge of the Wellington Y.M.C.A. was again filled to capacity on Sunday when men from all arms of the fighting services gathered to enjoy the hospitality provided for them by members of the English-Speaking Union. The chairman of the executive of the union, Mr. R. G. C. Fitch, expressed the pleasure of the union in being able to help in the entertainment of the men, and read the creed of the union—"Believing that the peace of the world and the progress of mankind can be largely helped by the unity in purpose of the English-speaking democracies, we pledge ourselves to promote by every means in our power a good understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and the British Commonwealth of Nations." The national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. R. M. Brasted was chairman.

Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. Ken Macaulay. Miss Findlay being the accompanist. Others who gave songs were Private Shepherd, of Trentham Military Camp, and Mr. Dallimore, of the air force training centre, Rongotai. A community sing, led by Mr. Hindle and accompanied by Mr. Mann, was entered into with enthusiasm.



Slow to anger . . . Tolerant . . . Anxious to lie peacefully with his kind. But once roused to wrath, most implacable of foes . . . King of fighters . . . THE BRITISH LION. A picture—and a symbol.

VISIT TO WANGANUI

Officer Commanding Central Military District

Colonel R. A. Row, Officer Commanding the Central Military District, visited Wanganui and inspected the Wanganui wing of the Central Military District School of Instruction on the racecourse. Colonel Row met the camp commandant, Colonel H. B. Maunsell, and also inspected preparations for the entry of the first battalion of the Wellington Regiment, which will go into camp at the end of the month. Later he visited the Wanganui Army Office, where he conferred with the Wanganui Military Area staff officer, Major S. H. Gould.

Colonel Row returned to Wellington late this afternoon.

Everyman's Hut

"Some time when all life's lessons have been learned,
And sun and stars for evermore have set,
The things which our weak judgment here have spurned,
The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,
Will flash before us out of life's dark night
As stars shine bright in deeper tints of blue,
And we shall see how all God's plans were right,
And how what seemed reproof was love most true."

When a man becomes a soldier and takes the oath of allegiance to his King, his life becomes ordered for him and his own desires and will become subject to the instruction of his Commanding Officer, whose instructions in turn are governed by circumstances over which he has no control. And so a soldier knows not from day to day what will transpire in his life. Planning goes by the board and he has to obey orders without question, but some day when the history of our times is written, all the various episodes, commands and countermands will fit together like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, and it will be seen that everything that was done, was done in the light of new happenings with the one object of safeguarding the men as far as humanly possible. But human knowledge and reasoning are not infallible or all-knowing and the future will reveal just how far decisions, made with the limited information available at the time, failed to achieve the objects for which they were made.

And, in a wide sense, the lives of the human race are ordered on the same lines as a soldier's. Not one of us can say with certainty what we will do to-morrow, or the next hour, for that matter. We plan and see all our plans upset by something that is beyond our control, until upon our minds is forced the truth of the Scripture that "We know not what a day may bring forth." But there is one big difference the ordering of our lives and of a soldier's life. Ours is ordered by One Who Knows the end from the beginning, Who is working according to pattern, and one day "We shall know even as also we are known." Those who through faith in Christ have been brought into living relationship with God can rest in the assurance that "all things work together for good for those that love God," and by faith they can leave the ordering of their lives in His hand, knowing that "no good King will He withhold" and that those things that are withheld are those that would have proved harmful.

Last week was a busy one at the Hut with encouragement to Mr. Gordon Blair, and a sustained demand for Testaments. Sunday evening he spoke solemnly on the text "Behold I stand at the door and knock," using, to illustrate his talk, a slide of Holman Hunt's famous painting "The Light of the World," and we trust the message will prove a blessing to those who heard it.

TRY A SMILE

GOOD OLD SERGEANT-MAJOR
They were burying the sergeant major.

And sitting in church at the funeral service the men were listening to the chaplain's address.

As the virtues of the dead rolled off the chaplain's lips, the "Bad Lad" of the crowd became more and more amazed.

When the chaplain referred to the deceased's "lovable qualities," he could stand it no longer.

He rose in his place, and after a cough to attract the chaplain's attention, asked:—

"Excuse me, sir, BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT CORPSE?"

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REAL THING.

Private: May I have a week's leave to get married, sir?

Captain: But I thought you had a week off last year for the same purpose?

Private: I'm afraid I did, sir, this time it's the truth.

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