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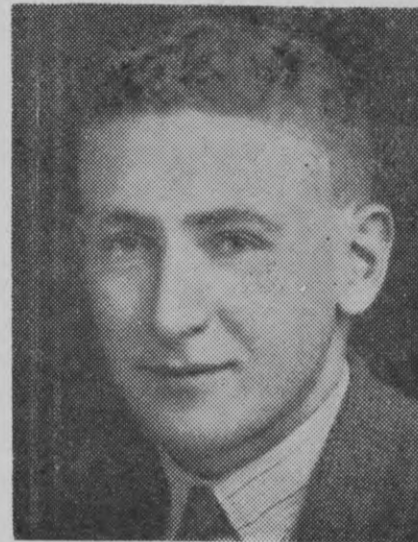
R.A.F. ROLL OF HONOUR



Sergeant-Pilot H. Miller, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, Hastings, who has been reported killed as a result of a flying accident.



Pilot-Officer C. R. Wylie, son of Mrs. C. Wylie, Masterton, reported missing on active service with the Royal Air Force.



Pilot Officer R. M. Goldstone, of Wanganui, who lost his life when a R.N.Z. A.F. Moth aeroplane crashed into the sea at Auckland.

AIR FORCE SPORTS FIELD DAY

Three Stations Compete

WOODBURNE WINS RUGBY, RONGOTAI HOCKEY

Royal New Zealand Air Force teams from Rongotai, Woodburne, and Levin stations participated in a field day at Newtown Park on Saturday. They competed in a four-team hockey tournament, and in a Rugby match of high standard. A large number of officers and men watched the play. The grounds were in excellent condition.

Woodburne beat Rongotai at Rugby 28-nil, playing very much the better game. The hockey tournament resulted in three teams each winning one, and drawing two, of three matches, and was consequently decided on goal totals; Rongotai A team won, with Woodburne second.

Willing Rugby.

Though not perhaps an outstanding game, the Rugby match was distinguished by the extreme willingness of the teams. Woodburne played a bright game, marred by uncertain handling and speculative passing. Their pack worked well, and had the advantage in scrums and lineouts. Their backs, well sent away by the half-back, made a good many bright movements, and apart from the poor passing, this was the best feature of the afternoon's play.

During the first spell, Henry and Strachan each scored two tries, and Strachan converted two, giving the visiting team a lead of 16-nil.

Rongotai showed signs of rallying in the second half, but soon faded out again; Holmes, Jacobson, and Upchurch were the three outstanding players of the side, Upchurch particularly showing up on defence. One of the main factors contributing to their defeat was their weak tackling.

Karsten potted a goal in the second half; Ware, a hard-working forward, broke through from the ruck and scored a try, and Calvert made a brilliant run down the wing and round between the

posts. Strachan converted this last try.
Even Hockey Tourney.

Rongotai A and B teams, Woodburne and Levin had teams in the all-day hockey competition. On the whole, play was of a good standard, and the games were very even and keen. An interesting position was revealed at the close of play, when it was found that both Rongotai teams, and Woodburne, had won once and drawn twice, making a tie. The contest was decided on a count of goals, therefore, the results being Rongotai A 11 for, 6 against; Woodburne 8 for, 5 against; Levin 5 for, 14 against; Rongotai B 5 for, 4 against.

Results of the various games were: Rongotai A drew with Woodburne, 2 all; Rongotai B beat Levin 2-1; Rongotai A beat Levin 7-2; Woodburne drew with Rongotai B 1 all; Rongotai A drew with Rongotai B 2 all; Woodburne beat Levin 5-2.

BRAVERY IN THE AIR

Award Of Distinguished Flying Cross

TWO NEW ZEALANDERS

Two more New Zealanders have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. They are:—

Flying Officer Brian John George Carberry.

Pilot Officer Michael James Herrick. Pilot Officer Herrick is the son of Mr. E. J. Herrick, Hastings, and is only 19 years of age. He was educated at Wanganui Collegiate School, where he matriculated, and he left the college to enter the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, as a cadet, in the middle of last year.

No details have yet been received concerning the exploits which gained the award for these two officers.

CASUALTY LIST

Sergeant Killed In Action

The following air casualties were announced recently:—

Sergeant W. D. F. Annan, R.N.Z.A.F., reported by International Red Cross as killed in action. Father: Mr. F. J. A. Annan, 58 Dickens Street, Napier.

Pilot Officer Ian Clark Kirk, previously reported missing, now reported by International Red Cross as prisoner of war and seriously wounded. Father: Mr. J. Kirk, Valley Road, Henderson.

Three Pilot Officers

The following air casualties are announced:—

Pilot Officer Basil William Peryman, reported missing on June 29, now believed prisoner of war. Father: Mr. H. W. Peryman, Lincoln.

Pilot Officer Clarence Francis Tibbitts, missing on air operations. Father: Mr. H. F. Tibbitts, Wairoa.

Pilot Officer Howard Perry Hill, missing on air operations. Father: Mr. J. S. Hill, Springcreek, Marlborough

FIRST MAN KILLED

New Zealand Expeditionary Force In Egypt

RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION

The first member of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force to be killed as a result of enemy action is Private George Richard Osborn. His

name appears in an official casualty list issued yesterday. The list relates to the forces in Egypt, and is as follows:—

Killed.

Private George Richard Osborn, killed as result of air bombs. Father: A. W. Osborn, Astley Avenue, New Lynn.

Wounded.

Private Reginald Frederick Buckingham, wounded as result of air bombs. Mother: Mrs. Frances Gunn, Monovale, Cambridge.

Private James William Roiall, wounded as result of air bombs. Wife: Mrs. R. A. Roiall, 39 Cooper Street, Grey Lynn.

Private Richard John Morgan, wounded as result of air bombs. Brother: J. Morgan, Canada.

D.F.C. AWARD

Flying Officer Carbury

Flying Officer B. J. G. Carbury, who left Auckland in April, 1937, to join the Royal Air Force, and who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, is the eldest son of the late Mrs. A. D. Carbury, and a grandson of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. W. Thirkell Oriental Bay, Wellington.

Flying Officer Carbury was educated at Te Aroha School, New Lynn School, and King's College, Auckland. His interests after leaving college included tennis, swimming and cycle racing. He won several cups for cycling.

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The
Threatened Invasion

What of it!

The possibilities of an attempted invasion of the British Isles are the subject of much speculation from many sources, and the trend of recent events no doubt justify these conclusions.

The familiar "terror" tactics of the enemy by repeated aerial warfare upon the civil populace of London, the bombing of Buckingham Palace and the threatening of our sovereignty are calculated to demoralise the inhabitants, and the reported concentration of troops, barges and other impedimenta accompanied by the usual lying propoganda suggest many "interesting possibilities."

We have experienced the long-range guns from across the Channel and their effectiveness has been nullified by heavier guns from our shores and the constant vigilance and bombing of our Air Force. Goering, too, is reported to have personally directed and witnessed the aerial offensive from across the Channel, the results of which have been negated by the gallant efforts of the Royal Air Force, anti-aircraft defences and the cool determination of the people. Even Goebels' poisonous lies reveal the weakness and abject failure of the initial preliminaries. Compare such tactics with the methodically planned destruction of military objectives throughout enemy territory, the vital sources of Germany's war machine, and the practical results are obvious. The effect of these preliminaries has stirred the British nation with courage and resoluteness in defence of the Empire and a determination to inflict a crushing defeat upon a ruthless enemy.

It may well be that any attempt of invasion of the British Isles will hasten the virtual outcome of the war, for such an undertaking will unquestionably reveal the strategy and expose the entire strength of the German military machine in conflict with the might of Great Britain's concentrated defences in a new "no-man's land." Such a hazardous undertaking will mean losses of an inconceivable magnitude to the invader and seriously affect his vulnerability to a counter offensive. Then, let it come, we are now prepared and confident of the result. The magnitude of the task is best known to those in possession, and it can reasonably be assumed that all possibilities have been thoroughly explored and that any developments or eventualities will be well taken care of in keeping with the highest traditions of the British race. Try and visualise the transport, on sea, of man power (ineffective in transit and presenting a concentrated and exposed target) and the enormous shipping facilities required to bring the necessary equipment (also static pro-tem) and the efforts required to establish and maintain communication immediately. Remember that it took at least three days to transport a small portion of the now British Army to France twelve months ago under the protection of the combined British and French fleets, and later still over 700 craft were engaged in the evacuation, of troops only, from Dunkirk. The continual vigilance of the R.A.F. and patrol boats against the element of surprise and the proven superiority of the Navy, Air Force and Army continually harrasing the enemy along the coastline at the projected starting points will test the morale of the invading forces in attempting to overcome the hazards of the sea or land against the persistent creeping barrages and cross-section of unremitting fire from the combined efforts of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Internally, too, there is the vast army of the Home Guard and fortifications calculated to overcome any surprise element, and behind all this is the unconquerable spirit of the British Empire.

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Whatever its load, whatever its length,
There's a bit of precious Scripture to say
That according to each shall be our strength."

It is one of the blessings of our lives that the future is hidden from us,—not only from the point of view of the restlessness that would result from such knowledge, but also because it gives scope for the exercise of faith towards God day by day, as we receive from Him what it pleases Him to order for us. And especially does this apply to our lives at the present day. "While there's life there's hope," runs the old saying, and so we can go on day by day, not knowing what a day may bring forth, but, for all who by faith are children of God, with the full unshakeable assurance that God is over all, and will permit nothing to befall us but that which is for our good. These things which are our lot may not be pleasant or what we would have ordered for ourselves, but they are what we need for our training, for our correction, for our growth in the things of God. May we be enabled to go on "praising Him for all that is past and trusting for all that's to come," relying on His promise that "according to our days so shall our strength be."

It is with sincere regret that we have to say good-bye to Mr. Gordon Blair, who, since the beginning of this year, has been so prominently connected with the Hut. Our mind goes back over many happy hours of fellowship in this work, and now that the time has come for him to move on, we wish him well for the future and pray that "he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the master's use prepared unto every good work" in his new sphere of service for the Lord. The work will be carried on by our friend Mr. Les. Taylor, who, with Mrs. Taylor, filled the breach during Mr Blair's absence on sick leave. We have warm memories of their short visit and give them a hearty welcome back.

SAPPER'S DEATH

Second Echelon Member

Advice has been received in New Plymouth of the death on active service in England of Sapper Oswald J. Jans, a member of the forestry detachment of the second echelon. Sapper Jans, who was 47 years of age, was unmarried. He was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. O. Jans, formerly well-known residents of the Stratford and Oakura districts. Sapper Jans also lived for some time at Oakura and Okato, but for the past 10 years he had lived in the King Country, where he was engaged in contracting. Sapper Jans saw three years' service in the last war.



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Col. F. T. Bowerbank VISITS

Trentham Troops In Te Rapa Isolation Camp

The men were comfortably quartered, were being well looked after, and were in good spirits, said the Director-General of Medical Services, Colonel F. T. Bowerbank, who recently visited the temporary isolation camp at Te Rapa racecourse, near Hamilton, where 600 Expeditionary Force troops, formerly stationed at Trentham Mobilization Camp, were isolated because of the occurrence of measles among them during their journey north on transfer to Ngaruawahia.

Colonel Bowerbank said the National Patriotic Fund Committee in Hamilton had supplied the temporary camp with comforts and was generally doing everything possible for the men. He did not know yet how long the men would have to remain there, but that would depend on how long the camp was affected by the epidemic.

Speaking of the epidemic in military establishments generally, Colonel Bowerbank said that though it had not yet abated, all new cases were of a mild type, and every possible precaution was being taken to prevent further spread of the complaint. All men affected were receiving adequate medical and nursing attention.

FORT DORSET CONCERT

Sponsored by the Fort Dorset Association, a concert party headed by Mrs. C. McDonald, entertained the officers and men at Fort Dorset on Tuesday evening. The excellent variety programme included vocal, instrumental and humorous items, sketches and conjuring. The concert party included:—Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. V. S. Lloyd, Mrs. Lane, Misses M. Cairns-Cowan, B. Emmett, M. Shoosmith, B. Lloyd O. Reed, O. Burton, N. Hammond, V. Blamires, Messrs. H. A. Painter, C. Johnson, J. McLeod, E. Le Grove, E. A. Allan, J. Crawford.

Captain Birt, M.C., thanked Mrs. McDonald and her party for their kindness. Cars were supplied by Messrs. A. C. Hinman, J. H. Parker, and W. Terry, members of the Fort Dorset Association.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, RESIGNATIONS and RETIREMENTS OF OFFICERS of the NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES.

His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the following appointments, promotions, transfers, resignations, and retirements of officers of the New Zealand Military Forces:

STAFF

Captain E. R. Winkler, M.C., N.Z. Temporary Staff, ceases to be posted to the Artillery Training Regiment, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Lieutenant R. A. Bay, N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Adjutant, 11th Heavy Regiment, N.Z.A. and is appointed Adjutant, 3rd Field Regiment, N.Z.A.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster C. T. R. McLean, M.B.E., Royal N.Z. Artillery, relinquishes the appointment of Adjutant, 3rd Field Regiment, N.Z.A., and is appointed Adjutant, 11th Heavy Regiment, N.Z.A. Lieutenant B. D. Fitzgerald, N.Z. Artillery, is appointed Artillery Instructor, Dunedin.

N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF

Lieutenant-Colonel F. K. Turnbull, D.S.O., M.C., Reserve of Officers, The Wellington West Coast Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and is attached to No. 2 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp Trentham.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. K. Turnbull, D.S.O., M.C., is appointed Officer Commanding Brigade Units, Mobilization Camp, Trentham, vice Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. Jardine, D.S.O., M.C.

Captain R. F. Gruar to be Major. Lieutenant K. Christie, B.E. (Civil Elect.), is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Captain O. G. Hooton, B.D.S., ceases to be attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Hobsonville.

Lieutenant H. G. Lynch, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Hobsonville.

Lieutenant J. G. Brown, B.D.S., ceases to be attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Hobsonville, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

Lieutenant A. A. Lockett, B.D.S., relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Hobsonville.

Archibald Thomas Lawson, B.D.S., to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

John Patrick Scott, Stoker, B.D.S., to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

John Cecil Wright Davies, B.D.S., to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

James Colin Mackintosh Simmers, B.D.S., to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

N.Z. CORPS OF SIGNALS

Lieutenant J. K. H. Clark, from the Reserve of Officers, to be Lieutenant, with seniority from 2nd May, 1940, and is posted to the Central District Signal Company.

THE TARANAKI REGIMENT

Lieutenant-Colonel L. H. Jardine, D.S.O., M.C., on resuming command of his unit for intensive training, relinquishes his appointment on the N.Z. Temporary Staff.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant E. H. H. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., 3rd Field Ambulance, is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Thomas Grahame Fox, M.B., Ch.B., to be Lieutenant, and is attached to the 1st Field Ambulance.

Richard John Feltham, M.B., Ch.B., to be Lieutenant, and is attached to the 2nd Field Ambulance.

Kenneth Penn Leslie MacGregor, M.B., Ch.B., to be Lieutenant, and is attached to the 1st Battalion, The Waikato Regiment.

N.Z. ARMY NURSING SERVICE

Sister (Miss) E. F. Sangster to be temporary Charge Sister whilst holding the appointment of Sister in Charge, Mobilisation Camp Hospital, Burnham.

Miss Edith May Somers-Cocks to be Sister, dated 1st August, 1940, and is granted the temporary rank of Charge Sister whilst holding the appointment of Sister in Charge, Mobilization Camp Hospital, Ngaruawahia.

The undermentioned to be Staff Nurses, dated 1st August, 1940, and are posted for duty at the Mobilization Camp Hospital, Ngaruawahia.

Miss Alice Eileen Newcombe, Miss Evelyn Thompson.

STAFF

Captain F. McIntosh, M.C. N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointments of Assistant Area Officer, No. 10 Area, and Adjutant, Christchurch Company, New Zealand Scottish Regiment, Christchurch, and is appointed Instructor, No. 2 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Burnham.

Captain F. McIntosh, M.C., N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Instructor, No. 2 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Burnham, and is appointed Acting Commandant, Southern Military District School of Instruction, Burnham.

Lieutenant J. Burns, N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Assistant Adjutant, 9th Heavy Regiment, N.Z.A., Devonport, and is appointed Instructor, School of Coast Artillery, Fort Dorset.

N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF

Captain G. H. Blanshard, Reserve of Officers, The Wellington Regiment (City of Wellington's Own), to be Captain, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 3 Training Battalion (Medical Company), Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Captain R. F. Bale, Reserve of Officers, N.Z. Artillery, to be Captain, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 3 Training Battalion (Engineers), Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Captain G. R. Andrews, Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, to be Captain, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 1 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Captain H. M. Conway, Retired List, to be Captain, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 1 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Captain C. P. Crane, Retired List, to be Captain, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 1 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Captain A. Gollan, N.Z. Army Service Corps, to be Captain, and is appointed Company Commander (A.S.C. Company), No. 3 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Lieutenant W. A. Moore, M.M., is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Frank Henry Grear, M.C. (late Imperial Army), to be Lieutenant, and is appointed Company Commander, 15th Company, National Military Reserve, Nelson.

Lieutenant J. Muir, Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, to be Lieutenant, and is appointed Company Commander, 4th Battalion, National Military Reserve, Dunedin.

Lieutenant W. B. Fitchett, Retired List, to be Lieutenant and is appointed Second in Command, National Military Reserve Guards, Wellington.

Douglas Stuart (late Imperial Army), to be Lieutenant, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 3 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

2nd Lieutenant G. R. Booth, M.M., Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is appointed Quartermaster, No. 2 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

2nd Lieutenant J. F. Cody, M.M., Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is appointed Quartermaster, No. 1 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

2nd Lieutenant A. J. Kerse, Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 1 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Edward King to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is appointed Adjutant, No. 1 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

William Henry Parker (late Imperial Army) to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 3 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Ronald Geoffrey Chitty to be 2nd Lieutenant (on probation), and is appointed Instructor, M.T. Wing, Army School of Instruction, Trentham.

THE WELLINGTON REGIMENT
(City of Wellington's Own)

Lieutenant E. Jenkins, M.C., 1st Battalion, is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

NATIONAL MILITARY RESERVE

2nd Lieutenant J. R. Miller, Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, with seniority from 1st July, 1940, and is posted to the 4th Company, Tauranga.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS

Captain G. N. MacDiarmid, M.B., Ch.B., from the Reserve of Officers, to be Captain, Centray Military District (unattached), with seniority from 13th July, 1934.

Lieutenant H. T. Knight, M.B., Ch.B., is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Lieutenant H. H. North, M.B., Ch.B., seconded to the Royal N.Z. Air Force, is granted the acting rank of Captain.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF FORCES

Appointment Of Sir Andrew Russell

DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER

The appointment of Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., as Inspector-General of the New Zealand Military Forces, was announced recently by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones. He said that for some time the Government had been giving careful consideration to the programme of expanding and strengthening the military forces. Seven officers of the army were engaged on the work of organizing, equipping, administering and training a very much increased Territorial Army, as well as maintaining the regular flow of drafts of reinforcements for the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force overseas. "The tasks involved are heavy," said the Minister, "and in order to assist in these and to relieve the pressure of work which devolves on officers at Army Headquarters, and also at the same time to utilize fully his experience and capabilities, the Government has decided to appoint Major-General Sir Andrew Russell as Inspector-General of the New Zealand Military Forces. Other important changes are under consideration and will be announced in due course."

Service During Great War.

Sir Andrew Russell has had a distinguished military career. He was born in 1868 and educated at Harrow and Sandhurst. After five years' service as a lieutenant in the British Army he came to New Zealand. His service in the New Zealand Military Forces dates from February 5, 1900, when he was appointed captain in the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles Regiment; in 1908 he was promoted major, and in 1910 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and appointed to command of that unit. On the formation of the Wellington Mounted Rifles Brigade in March, 1911, he was appointed as its commander and promoted to the rank of colonel, and a year later proceeded to England for six months. During that time he was attached to a British Army unit for training and attended manoeuvres held in August and September, 1912.

When the New Zealand Expeditionary Force was formed Major-General (then colonel) Russell was selected to command, with the rank of temporary brigadier-general, the New Zealand Mounted Rifle Brigade, which proceeded to Egypt with the Main Body. He remained in command throughout the operations in Egypt and Gallipoli and for his services was created K.C.M.G., and also promoted to the rank of major-general.

Command of Division.

The New Zealand Division was constituted in March, 1916. Major-General Russell was selected to command it and rapidly established a reputation as a resourceful and highly-efficient divisional commander. He remained in command of the New Zealand Division throughout the operations in France and Belgium and during the period spent in Germany as part of the Army of Occupation.

In 1917 Sir Andrew was awarded the C.B., and in 1918 his services again received recognition by his being created K.C.B. He was also awarded the French Legion of Honour (Croix d'Officier) and Croix de Guerre, the Belgian Order of Leopold, the Serbian Order of the White Eagle (first class), and the Montenegrin Order of Danilo, mentioned in French Army Orders, and nine times mentioned in British dispatches.

On his return to New Zealand in June, 1919, he was placed in the Reserve of Officers, Class I (a), and resumed his former occupation of sheep-farming, but his interest in his old comrades of the Great War did not diminish, as he undertook the presidency of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association in 1921, which

HUTS FOR SOLDIERS

Salvation Army's Work Expanding

The work of the Salvation Army for the troops in New Zealand is expanding. The latest advance is the opening of a large marquee at Wanganui camp, equipped with billiard tables, a piano, a radio, table tennis tables, a lounge, and a coffee bar and canteen. Regular weekly concerts will be held and services will be conducted on Sundays. Captain Spilletti is acting as chaplain, and Envoy Howells is in charge of the marquee.

At Burnham camp an extension to the hut has just been completed, giving more accommodation and greater facilities for recreation to the men.

The army has been granted permission to erect a hut at Waiouru camp. Measuring 180 by 80 feet, it will be the largest hut the army has at any camp. All facilities for the comfort and recreation of the men will be provided, including a special lounge, a writing and reading room, a concert platform, and a canteen. Buffet on a larger scale than the army has yet attempted.

At the Wellington railway station hut much-appreciated service is being given to men who arrive from and depart for various camps.

RAILWAY COMPANIES

Minister Addresses Men At Ngaruawahia

FINE RESPONSE PRAISED

Recently the Minister of Railways, Mr. Sullivan, accompanied by the General Manager of Railways, Mr. E. Casey, paid a visit to the 16th and 17th Railway Operating Companies in the camp near Ngaruawahia. The party was received by Major Oliphant, Camp Commandant, and Captain Seddon. Subsequently a ceremonial parade of the two companies was held under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Sage.

The members of the companies were briefly addressed by Mr. Sullivan, who said he was deeply impressed by the bearing of the men on parade.

It was a great source of pleasure to him that the call for enlistments had been so promptly answered by railwaymen, and that the number of men required for the railway operating companies quickly came forward. In one week the number of offers of service received were more than double the number required. This was all the more encouraging in view of the short notice given and the consequent short time for the men to adjust their private affairs.

"We all realize the issues for which we are fighting," Mr. Sullivan said. "We are fighting to maintain the right of free people to retain their own national existence, and, above all, the right to govern ourselves. We in our democratic state have our trade unions, political parties, and all the advantages that democracy can offer, and if Great Britain were to lose the titanic struggle in which she is now engaged, then we would obviously be deprived of those advantages."

Country Grateful.

"The Government and the people of this country are grateful to each and everyone of you for making great sacrifices in order to serve your country, and for the wonderful way in which you responded to the appeal made for volunteers, and today I am sincerely proud of you because of your martial bearing, which has been very favourably commented upon by your commanding officers. I know you will continue to justify the high opinions held of you during the whole course of your military career."

Mr. Casey expressed his pride at the wonderful response which the railwaymen had given to the call for their

office he held till 1924 and again from 1927 till 1935. Though placed on the retired list in 1932, Sir Andrew has always maintained the keenest interest in military affairs, particularly in the Wellington Regiment, being appointed honorary colonel of that unit in 1934.

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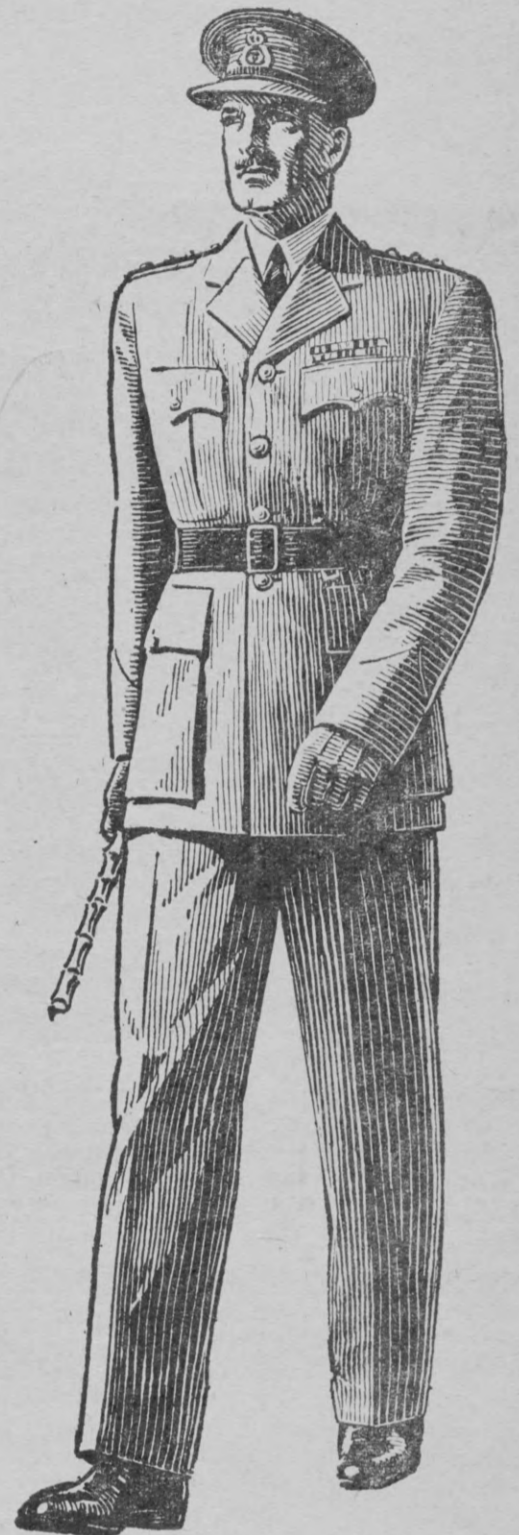
service to assist the nation in its hour of peril. He also mentioned that there are more than 2000 railwaymen serving in New Zealand's armed forces, and assured those present that in no case would the member's departmental prospects suffer by reason of his absence on military duties.

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MILITARY FORCES

Appointment Of Officers

The following appointments in the New Zealand Military Forces were gazetted recently.

Captain D. C. W. Cossgrove, New Zealand temporary staff, has relinquished the appointment of officer in charge, sick and wounded records, Southern Military District, Christchurch, and has been appointed officer in charge, sick and wounded records, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Lieutenant W. G. Brian, New Zealand temporary staff, has relinquished the appointment of assistant area officer, No. 5 area, Wellington, and has been appointed officer in charge, sick and wounded records, headquarters, Central Military District, Wellington.

W.O. 1 (Staff Sergeant-Major) Frederick Underwood Booth has been promoted lieutenant and quartermaster (temporary) and appointed assistant camp quartermaster, Waiouru military camp.

Captain F. W. Moor, D.C.M., Reserve of Officers, New Zealand Medical Corps, has been appointed staff officer and quartermaster, medical services, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Major E. H. Whiting ceases to be seconded to Central Military District Headquarters for duty as publicity officer, and is attached to Army Headquarters, Wellington, for duty as publicity officer.

Squadron Leader Francis Ross Dix has been granted a permanent commission in the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

STAFF OFFICERS

NARROW NECK COURSE

Thirty-five staff officers from various parts of New Zealand commenced a centralised course at Narrow Neck. The instruction will be continued for about three weeks. Later a second course will be held in each military district for commanders and staffs of formations. This course will last a fortnight. The first course will embrace instruction in staff duties within a district field force, infantry brigade and mounted rifle brigade, and attached troops, as preparation for the second course.

The second course will consist of tactical and staff duties exercises, reconnaissance, occupation and organisation of defensive positions, counter-attack, withdrawal and moves by motor transport and rail with approach marches. Attention will be given to inter-communication, air co-operation, field works and administration, including supply in the field and evacuation of casualties.

CAPACITY ATTENDANCE

Sunday Tea For Men Of Fighting Services

The lounge of the Wellington Y.M.C.A. was again filled to capacity last Sunday, when men from all arms of the fighting services partook of the hospitality provided for them by members of the Federation of Congregational-Women. Mrs. C. Gibson Young being responsible for arrangements. The chairman for the gathering was the Rev. Arthur Muriel, and associated with him were Miss Greig, president of the federation, and the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Newell. An enjoyable musical programme was provided, vocal items being given by Mrs. Millward, Miss Janet Reynolds, and Mr. L. Grenfell, Miss Nancy Martin acting as accompanist. A community sing led by Mr. Hindle, and accompanied by Mr. Mann, was much enjoyed.

In short speeches, representatives of the army and the air force expressed their great appreciation and thanks for the hospitality that was provided for them each week and for

NEW CLUBROOMS

Opened At Weekend For Men Of Forces

Much interest was aroused among men of the three fighting services and girls belonging to the club, when large crowds visited the newly-opened premises of the A.N.A. Club in Wellington this weekend. On both Friday night, when the rooms were used for the first time, and on Saturday, those present made full use of the excellent facilities offered, and all spent a thoroughly enjoyable time.

There is no doubt that the new club in Willis Street is a vast improvement on that previously occupied. It is a club in the true sense of the word, offering recreational facilities, as it does, to men of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Besides the large ballroom, there is an "overflow" dance room, with loudspeaker, to accommodate the large number of dancers, a spacious combined cafeteria and lounge room, sports room, kitchen and cloakroom.

The walls throughout are painted in a cool pastel green and bowl lights give a softened lighting effect. The chairs and tables in the cafeteria are painted blue and primrose yellow, and at the weekend lovely bowls of flowers added a homelike touch to the room, which was arranged in one part with deep, comfortable chairs and lounges, tables and magazines. In the kitchen, from which light meals and morning and afternoon teas will be served, modern cooking appliances are installed. There is an adequate hot-water system, gas ovens and large toaster, plenty of cupboard space and tables.

Appointments in the games room are not yet completed, but by the middle of the week they will be ready, and here men may enjoy billiards, table tennis, quoits, darts and card games. If they wish to write letters, note-paper provided by the club will be available. In the men's cloakroom a pigeonhole system of shelves makes the business of dealing with many hundreds of greatcoats and hats a simple one. Two cloakrooms are available for the use of girl members.

Besides being open on Friday and Saturday night, the club was open to the men all day yesterday, and will continue to be open all days of the week from now on. An official opening ceremony is planned to take place shortly.

FORT DORSET TROOPS

Farewell To Men Joining 2nd N.Z.E.F.

Soldiers from Fort Dorset who are leaving the garrison to join the 2nd N.Z.E.F. were farewelled at a smoke concert organized recently by the Fort Dorset Association, and the Seatoun Auxiliary of the Wellington Returned Soldiers' Association.

Major A. C. Hinman, president of the Fort Dorset Association, and Mr. H. A. Fanselow, president of the Seatoun R.S.A., welcomed the guests. Appropriate toasts were proposed by Major A. C. Hinman, Mr. H. A. Fanselow, Major J. Abel, and Mr. Frank Tait. Bombadier Brown, Major Williamson, Mr. L. K. Morris, and Mr. E. Dean responded.

A concert programme was given by Messrs. L. K. Morris, E. Dean, N. Aitken, F. Histed, J. Wilkinson, and R. Mathieson, together with the Fort Dorset Orchestra. Padre Jermyn, vicar of St. George's Church, Seatoun, was also present.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Captain J. R. Marshall, Fort Dorset, expressed the appreciation of the guests of the evening, not only for the farewell, but for the many concerts, dances and other recreational arrangements made by the Fort Dorset Association for the men at the fort, all of which were so vitally important in relieving the monotony of garrison duties.

the homely atmosphere that always prevailed at these gatherings. Three cheers and musical honours for the hostesses and the friends who had so kindly come to entertain them terminated a pleasant gathering.

TRY A SMILE

Hitler, Stalin and Musso were fighting verbally for the dictatorship of the world.

Joe's claim was: "I have most subjects, so it's me."

Musso retorted: "No, it's not. God told me in a dream that I was to rule the world."

Said Hitler with a scowl: "When did I tell you that?"

He was an under-sized, meek little man, and sidled up with an air of hopeful expectancy to the counter of a pleasure steamer office.

"Sea trips still running?" he asked. "Course not," snarled the clerk. "Want to be torpedoed?"

"Oh, I don't want to go," came the reply in despondent tones, "But the wife's mother is staying with us and she always said that a sea-trip does her good."

The "cabinet meeting" was in session in the saloon bar of the Bull's Head. It had settled every point arising out of the war... except the one of how best it could be won.

"Well, it's up to you young 'uns to deliver the goods," declared a beribboned veteran of the last war.

"Gertcha!" replied a young football enthusiast. Send the old 'uns. Never change a winning team."

Clutching a huge and unwieldy bundle, a small boy went up to the officer in charge of a barrage balloon.

"What have you got there, my little man?" inquired the officer.

The lad promptly put down his bundle and began to unpack it.

"Jam jars, mister. What abaht a balloon?"

Chalked on the barrel of a heavy field gun travelling towards the English coast:

"Hitler! We're on our way. And this AIN'T no ruddy umbrella."

"Quite sure you can cut your meat, dear?" asked the kindly hostess of the young evacuee.

"Oh, yes, thank you," replied the youngster. "We often have it as tough as this at home."

"Do you usually have grace before meals?" asked the hostess as the evacuated children sat down to their first dinner.

"No, mam," replied one, "but we don't mind trying some."

The little London evacuee billeted at a farmhouse looked at his breakfast egg, then pushed it aside.

"What's wrong, Jimmy?" asked his new "mother." "Aren't you going to eat your egg?"

"No. 'taint a proper 'un, lidy," said Jimmy. "Proper 'uns have 'Denmark' on them. This ain't got nothin' on it."

Ricochets

Hitler seemingly hopes to win this war by a triumph of mine over matter.

A builder's labourer was recently charged with stealing an army lorry. On being taken into custody, he stated that he had not the slightest objection to being searched.

An armaments manufacturer is said to have founded his fortune on the five pounds he won by backing a horse named Winkle. We understand he picked it out with a pin.

Three young plumbers are in the same tent at a militia camp and are described as being excellent soldiers. Their success in kit inspections is encouraging the profession to believe that this will finally end the old jokes about plumbers' memories.

Sun: "The heavy losses have evidently caused German airmen to fly high—'clinging to the roof' so to speak." And still the British airmen wipe the floor with them.

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