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N.Z.E.F. IN EGYPT

Two Casualties Reported

The following casualties in the 2nd N.Z.E.F. in Egypt were announced yesterday:—
Private Oliver Lowe, died from shock following multiple burns. Father: Mr. J. Lowe, River Road, Rangiora.
Lance Bombardier Jack Patrick Joseph Regan, accidentally wounded. Wife: Mrs. J. P. J. Regan, 137 Great North Road, New Lynn.

The Home Defence Column

"DIGS AT DIGGERS!"

A lively bi-weekly column of Soldiers' Wit and Gossip, collected, compiled and contributed by "One-of-the-Boys."

Thumbs up!

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It won't be long—soon.

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Measles certainly put the men of the 4th Reinforcements on the spot.

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The "Blues" are still raging at Buckle Street.

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And yet another epidemic of the famed "Gunners' Bot" has broken out at Dorset.

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The Winter Show, of course, is now out of season.

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"Black Tracker Mats Slacker." Tongue-twister, eh? Exceedingly hollow laugh from the A.S.C.

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Somes Island soliloquy: "Stalwart guards and/or doughty prisoners."

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Miss me to-night, Sergeant-Major!

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Anyone would imagine that the boys of the 22nd Anti-Ack hadn't seen a 'plane before, the way they pick 'em up in the sky each night.

REEL OUT THE BARREL!

Our S/M's Monicker rhymes with egg, He never stops 'till he's drained the last dreg.

The day he was "crowned," They thought he was drowned—... but at last he crawled out of the keg!

Here is one about a bow-legged cow-girl who had an awful time keeping her calves together.

THE DISPATCH RIDERS' LAMENT.

Dirty days hath September,
April, June and November.
From January and up to May
The Rain, it raineth every day.
That February lacks but one or two
Is just as well for me and you.
For all the rest have thirty-one
Without a blessed gleam o' sun . . .
And even if they all had two and thirty—
They'd be quite as wet and twice as dirty!

—Sgm. J. M. Boyd.



MILITARY NEWLY-WEDS.

Corporal and Mrs. L. M. Buick-Constable, of Wellington. Corporal Buick-Constable is a frequent contributor to this paper.

SERGEANTS ON DISPAY.

(Heard at Buckle Street)

Pompous Arty, Sergeant: "My man, why isn't the flag up?"

Orderly N.C.O. (an old Digger): "What's it to do with you?"

P.A. Sgt.: "You can't speak to me like that. Do you know who I am?"

Orderly N.C.O.: "You tell me, an' we'll both know."

P.A. Sgt. (drawing himself up to his full five feet two): "I'm a Sergeant from the Winter Show!"

Orderly N.C.O. (moving off): "I don't care if you're a bloomin' Sergeant from the ruddy Zoo. . . .!"

Doris had ben listening to a missionary relating his adventures in Africa.

Telling her father about it afterwards, she said: "Sometimes they did not have any food for day and days, and when they beat on their tum-tums it could be heard for miles around."



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