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AUSTRALIAN ARMEN IN VAN

MARCH THROUGH CITY

Striking an unusual note in their smart uniforms of dark blue, a party of Australian airmen were at the head of a column that marched through Queen Street on October 9th. Led by the Papakura Camp Band, the column included detachments of New Zealand airmen and troops and as the men marched smartly through Queen Street crowds quickly lined the route.

It was the first time that Australians had participated in a march through the city. The parade was an unheralded one, but as the march proceeded the crowds grew, and there were warm bursts of applause for the visitors, also for the New Zealand airmen and soldiers.

SCHOOL "INVADED"

TROOPS MAKE MERRY

PARNELL VISITATION

A party of New Zealand and Australian airmen and a detachment of troops on October 9th provided a bright memory for the infant pupils of the Parnell School states the "Auckland Star."

The party, which was on a route march, paused for a "breather" opposite the school just as the children streamed out for the morning interval. Inspired perhaps by memory of their own childhood days, the airmen invaded the grounds, and, much to the delight of the children, began to take part in the games.

Basketballs were flung with an aim speaking eloquently of weeks of bombing practice, infants were carried shoulder high, and small boys were allowed to examine the rifles of the troops with breathless interest.

While their fellows disported themselves in the playground, a number of the detachment invaded the class rooms. Some gathered round the piano and conducted an impromptu sing-song, while others made full use of chalk and black-boards.

"Whatever will the headmaster say?" said the stampeded teachers, but for the children it was the experience of a lifetime.

A farmer in Arkansas, U.S.A., recently said he had never heard of Hitler. If the Fuehrer gets to know of this, Dr. Goebbels had better hand in his resignation first.

PRISONERS OF WAR

Members Of New Zealand Air Force

The following air casualties were announced recently:—

Sergeant Colin McKenzie Laird, R.N.Z.A.F., previously reported missing on air operations, now reported prisoner of war but confirmation awaited. Mother: Mrs. J. Laird, 15 Parkes Avenue, St. John's Hill, Wanganui.

Sergeant Alfred Barnett Witton, R.N.Z.A.F., previously reported missing on air operations, now reported prisoner of war, but confirmation awaited. Father: Mr. F. J. Witton, Kopane, Palmerston North.

PILOT OFFICER R. YOUNG, PALMERSTON NORTH

Advice has been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Young, North Street, Palmerston North, of the death on active service of their youngest son, Pilot Officer Robert Young.

PALMERSTON N., October 12.

Born in Palmerston North, he was educated at the Central and Boys' High Schools, before going to St. Andrew's College, Christchurch. On leaving school he entered the service of the Bank of New South Wales in Palmerston North and was later appointed to the Patea branch, from where he enlisted in the Air Force last January. He received his initial training as an air gunner at Weraeroa and the final period at Ohakea before leaving for England last April.

Pilot Officer Young was only recently engaged in an air combat in which he destroyed a Dornier 17 and a Junkers 88. The British plane was then attacked by 18 Messerschmitts, and though badly damaged was landed safely. Pilot Officer Young, who had been promoted to the rank of sergeant-gunner, then received his wings.

WELLINGTON AIRMAN

Killed On Air Operations

The following casualty was announced officially in Wellington recently:—

Pilot Officer Gerald Wright, killed on air operations. Brother, Mr. G. A. Wright, Wellington.

NAVAL CASUALTY

News that Joseph William Watson, aged 28, who was serving as assistant cook and baker in the navy, is presumed to have lost his life on war service on June 29, has been received by Mr. E. J. Watson, secretary of the Auckland Bakers' Union. Watson went to sea in the merchant service in June, 1939, and a month after the outbreak of war transferred to the navy



Bob Semple's Art Union.

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It even picked out some blokes who had long since passed in their cheeks, i.e., kicked t' bucket.

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AND it even selected Yours Truly, "One-of-the-Boys!"

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It is quite true that one half the Army hasn't the remotest what t'other half is doing.

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What the Quarter-master doesn't know could be written on the back of a 148.

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'Tis rumoured that the Famous "Guzzling Guards" are undergoing their annual purge. To beer or not to beer—that is the question!

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Leaders of the Woman's War Service Auxiliary declare that they are going to be New Zealand's crack regiment or nothing. Atta boy, Girls!

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They tell us that this War's name for the Provost Corps is: "The Gestapo."

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The Garrison Hall, Buckle Street, recently suffered a "Ladies Night." The hall was packed with enthusiastic W.W.S.A.'s-to-be, and the boys in the near-by barracks thought their nightly prayers had come true—but stern men in Blue stood at the entrance and not a single bloomin' bloke was allowed in. It is understood, however, on the highest authority that few indeed went home by themselves. Nice work, boys!

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Shortly after the meeting had ended and the charming crowd more-or-less dispersed, the Orderly Officer of the day commenced his final rounds. On passing the entrance to the Arty. Hall where a member of the N.Z.R.A. is known to sleep nightly, he was shocked and/or amused to hear the sound of female voices from the room in which the said member of the R.N.Z.A. bunked. Thinking instantly "A-ha, The young devil's snatched himself a coupla skoits!" the Officer stealthily proceeded to reconnoitre the position. "Gad, sir, but there'd be a spot of Mat for someone in the morn!" mused the Orderly Officer, pouncing into the room—but there Speaker louder!

NEW SQUADRON FOR AIR DEFENCE

Reconnaissance Force For Nelson-Blenheim Area

LARGE PROGRAMME OF BUILDING

The establishment of a general reconnaissance squadron in the Nelson-Marlborough district, using the existing aerodromes in Nelson and Blenheim, has been decided on by the Government as part of its policy of improving the air defences of the Dominion. The plan, however, will not interfere with the existing commercial air services. A headquarters unit and two flights will be established at Nelson aerodrome and the third flight as a detached unit at Omaka aerodrome, Blenheim.

Provision for the squadron will be made progressively, the headquarters unit and first flight joining at Nelson in January, 1941. The use of Nelson and Blenheim aerodromes for Air Force purposes will be for the duration of the war only, and, for this reason, as many as possible of the existing buildings and facilities for civil aviation purposes will be used.

The establishment of a self-contained squadron organization between the two aerodromes will necessitate a considerable building programme for technical services and service personnel. It is intended to initiate construction work immediately, and the Public Works Department is already engaged on preliminary work at Nelson. Buildings at both stations will be constructed in materials not of a permanent nature and generally in timber.

An Air Force personnel of approximately 220 of all ranks will be stationed at Nelson, and in the first instance all will be accommodated in tents of the pattern used in public works camps with detached ablution and lavatory blocks. One mess building in timber with a central kitchen, but providing separate messing and retiring space in three sections will be provided, as well as separate buildings for sick quarters, recreation institute, canteens, and a ration store.

A personnel strength of 90 will be stationed at Omaka. Here all ranks will be accommodated in the standard mobilization type of wooden dormitory and cubicle blocks from the outset. A separate mess building is to be erected, together with a small sick quarters and a building for recreational and canteen purposes. A new timber hangar to house aircraft and various other small buildings for technical purposes will also be necessary.

was no one there . . . the room was deserted—that is, deserted except for a wireless set which was booming forth a radio play!

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And that's that.

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"One-of-the-Boys" would very much appreciate contributions similar to the above. Drop him a line and let him in on the goings on in your unit. Address all contributions to "One-of-the-boys," C/o "Camp News," 11 Manners Street, Wellington, C.1.

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Lieut.-Colonel
H. D. McHugh
M.C., N.Z.S.C.



Camp Commandant,
Trentham

Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. McHugh, M.C., N.Z. Staff Corps, who was appointed Commandant of Trentham Military Camp on 11th December, 1939, commenced his military career with the Dunedin Engineer Cadets in 1903. Six years later he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and subsequently transferred to the Christchurch Senior Cadets. He continued to render efficient service in the Territorial Force and joined the N.Z. Expeditionary Force in 1915. The following year he was appointed Captain and seconded to the 1st N.Z. Cyclist Company in France.

For gallantry and devotion to duty in the field he was awarded the Military Cross in 1917. To quote the London Gazette of 14/9/17, "his exceptional coolness under fire set a splendid example to the whole of his battalion." Before the end of the War he won a bar to the Military Cross for further distinguished service and returned to New Zealand second in command of the N.Z. Cyclist Corps.

In 1921 he was gazetted a Captain in the N.Z. Staff Corps and in 1927 promoted to the rank of Major.

He relinquished his appointment as Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the Northern Military District in April, 1939, and concentrated his energy on the duties of Area Staff Officer, Auckland, until he accepted the direction and control of the camp at Ngaruawahia on the outbreak of the present War.

**SOLDIERS' RIGHT TO
DRINK**
Archbishop Advocates Wet
Canteens

Archbishop Duhig, Brisbane, recently strongly advocated the establishment of wet canteens in military camps. "After what I have seen and heard about how soldiers spend their week-

ends in Brisbane," he said, "I have no hesitation in advocating wet canteens. It is, I believe, far better for soldiers to get drink in camp than to save up for a weekend orgy. The soldier has a right to drink as well as anyone else, and provided there is proper supervision, there can be no objection to wet canteens. Soldiers are not children. They are men. The attitude of certain people to the question of wet canteens is ludicrous. They fail to realize that they are only playing with the problem and that their opposition to wet canteens is sheer nonsense."



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Giving evidence last week, a soldier complained to a magistrate that every time he comes home on leave, his wife goes through his pockets systematically each night. What one might call a repeating rifle.

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MILITARY COMMAND

Farewell To Colonel Row

TRIBUTE BY STAFF

A farewell dinner was recently tendered by staff officers of the district to the Officer Commanding the Central Military District, Wellington, Colonel R. A. Row, who has been appointed to the command of the northern field forces, Auckland. The gathering included representatives of the three arms of the service and of the principal military establishments in the district.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Foster, General Staff Officer I, spoke of the pleasant relationship existing between Colonel Row and his staff and of the loyalty he had inspired in all of them. That, he added, was responsible for the good standard of efficiency now obtaining throughout the district. As a senior officer Colonel Row had plainly always acted on the belief that in the service personal ambition must give way to the needs of the Army considered from the national viewpoint. All present had heard with deep personal regret of Colonel Row's transfer, but while they were sorry to lose him as their commanding officer they felt



COL. R. A. ROW

he was going to a military job which, because it was concerned solely with the fighting side of the service, lay closer to his heart. He would carry with him the best wishes of all ranks of the Central Military District.

In reply, Colonel Row thanked the speakers for what they had said and added that it was with considerable personal regret that he was severing his direct connexion with the staff and the district. He was sure no commanding officer could have wished for better or more loyal service from his staff than he had received during the period he had been privileged to be in charge of the district. Though he had never hesitated to hand out censure when he considered it necessary he had always endeavoured to be fair, and he was sure the officers concerned had appreciated the spirit in which it was given.

WIT OF THE WEEK

"War declared. Arrest all enemy aliens." The message was flashed to an obscure official somewhere in the heart of Africa.

Back came his reply: "Have arrested seven Germans, two Dutchmen, a Portuguese, a Swede, three Americans, three Italians and a Russian... please reply who at war with."

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After a hard morning's drill, the company were awaiting dinner.

In the kitchen, cook was scratching his head to find a way out of a nasty dilemma. He had just remembered that he had made the soup in an unwashed tea urn.

Then he had a brainwave. Walking in with the soup, he announced: "If any of your blokes find tea leaves in the soup you'll know it's mint!"

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"Where born?" snapped the recruiting officer.

"Newport, Mon.," came the quick reply.

The recruit behind looked puzzled. Then his turn came.

"Where born?" barked the officer. Smartly came the answer: "Sheffield, Wednesday."

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Bill was in charge of a telephone at an outpost. At 2.30 a.m. the bell rang and a voice asked, "You all right mate?"

"Yes, chum, thanks," said Bill, greatly cheered at the kindly though of the ringer.

At the ninth inquiry Bill began to lose his temper; at the tenth he became really mad.

"What the —'s the idea?" he bawled. "D'ye think I'm a — infant?"

"S'all right, chum," came the reply. "We've got a sweepstake on here, and I've drawn you as the first casualty."

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Into the recruiting office went Rastus to do his bit. He wanted to join the infantry.

"Sorry, sonny, Full up in the infantry." Then coaxingly, "How about a cavalry regiment?"

Rastus took up his hat hurriedly. "No, suh. No cavalry for me, suh. When dey sound de retreat ah sho don' want to be hampered by no hoss."

The family had spent hours impressing upon grandma, aged ninety-nine, the importance of the gas-mask, sand-bagging and rationing.

Time after time they had told her the situation was serious, that all must help win the war.

Grandma had listened attentively at first. Then, tiring of the repeated instructions, she revolted. "This Hitler you talk so much about seems a big man," she burst out. "But they never made all this fuss in the Crimea War... and (proudly) THAT was quite a big turn-out, too."

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THE SERGEANT SHOUTED "WHOA"!

Time after time one recruit was slow to halt when the command came.

"What's your job in civil life Jones?" the sergeant demanded.

"I'm a horse-driver," replied the recruit.

"All right, we'll try again."

The recruit took his place in the squad and they marched off.

"WHOA, JONES... Halt squad," commanded the sergeant.

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Two Germans were chatting in a room when a Gestapo agent bounded in "You're both under arrest," he shouted.

"Why?" asked one of the men. "We were only talking about a foreign Government."

"Nonsense," retorted the agent, "I heart you say the Government is corrupt, immoral, and criminal. Everyone knows there is only one Government like that. You're both under arrest!"

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Word had been passed round that the Commanding Officer had offered his men £1 for every German shot.

That night a look-out ran silently to his sleeping friend. He shook him.

"Ssh," he whispered, "Don't wake the others, Bill. Just grab your rifle and come with me. There's fifty thousand of the blighters coming over the top."

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First Whitehall Typist: "The general's new moustache amuses me."

Second ditto (off guard): "Yes, doesn't it tickle."

Today's Great Drink

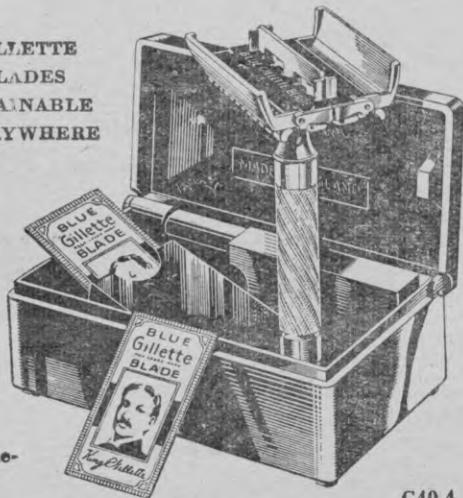
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N.Z.E.F. IN EGYPT

Little Contact With Enemy

Writing on September 16, Lieutenant M. C. Fairbrother, former secretary of the Automobile Association (Southland), who is now in Egypt with the 1st Echelon, 2nd N.Z.E.F., stated that up to that time the New Zealanders had seen no fighting, nor any of the enemy, except some prisoners. All activity had been confined to the mechanized units, which did their job thoroughly in conjunction with the Royal Air Force and the Navy.

"However, for all that, our presence in Egypt has been very useful at all stages, first, as a moral and deterrent effect," wrote Lieutenant Fairbrother. "Then, a few months after our arrival, we became relief for several famous British regiments engaged on internal security or garrison duty. This was most important, too, with a local population then not very favourably disposed toward entering the war, and in Cairo an Italian population of some 80,000, a proportion of which was known to be subversively inclined."

NEW ZEALANDERS POPULAR.

"New Zealanders in England rank with the pick of the Empire. They are immensely popular and are upholding the fine reputation left by their fathers of 1914-18," said Mr. Langford High, an English business man now visiting Christchurch, states the "Press." He was in London only five weeks ago. "Your boys have made firm friends all over Great Britain," Mr. High said, "and we saw them on most of our railway stations, in most of the big cities, and along the roads. They are conspicuous because of their distinctive uniform and are a cheerful lot. They seem to be making a great number of friends, and their presence there will help materially to bring our Empire into a closer and more lasting unity."

VALLEY OF THE KINGS.

"A dirty little town, but as ancient as it is dirty," is the description given to Luxor, headquarters of distinguished archaeologists for generations, by a New Zealander now serving with the First Echelon in Egypt, Private Stanley Griffin, in a letter to a relative in Christchurch, states the "Star-Sun." Describing a tour he made in the district, Private Griffin states that the Valley of the Kings, just across the Nile from Luxor, looks as if it were the last place God made. A road of sorts leads up between two barren hillsides—just heaps of sand, schist, and boulders. "It is also called the Valley of the Dead, which is a very appropriate name," he adds. "It was set apart some thousands of years ago as a burial place for kings. There are many tombs there, of which those of Tutankhamen and Rameses II. are the most outstanding. Tunnels several chains long, cut into solid rock, lead to the burial chambers, which are as big as an ordinary room, and a sarcophagus several tons in weight contains the casket that holds the mummy of the dead monarch—or did, until it was removed."

WATER IN EGYPT.

The humour of training to use as little water as possible is discussed by an Auckland soldier serving in Egypt with the Expeditionary Force. He writes in a letter that the men were being accustomed to doing with the minimum amount, and the chief topic of conversation was how to make the water go the longest way. "There are several systems in operation," he states. "For example, if you feel you would like to remain deliciously dirty for a day and can do without the customary shave and avoid the eagle eyes of all lance-jacks, sergeants, and officers, you fill your water bottle and then drink the rest of the liquid. Personally, I don't agree with this method and so I fill my water bottle, take a small tobacco tin full for cleaning teeth, and afterwards shave. I fill up the radiator of my truck. Soapy water of course, is no good, as when the engine gets hot, bubbles issue forth from the radiator cap, and, besides, the major doesn't like it. What is left of the water, approximately a quart, is used for washing. Then, if there is time, I proceed to wash some clothes." The soldier also says he has met many English troops. Their definition of a New Zealander is one who wears a Boy Scout hat, a wrist-let watch, and calls everyone an uncomplimentary name. However, he says, the Boy Scout hat has now given way to a topee.

THE SINGING HEAD

Guns

guns

g-u-n-f-i-r-e!

Grapeshot and shrapnel together in one fire.

Oh—rumble on stumble . . . on . . . gunfire.

With an—action station!

Range! Fire!

Gunfire!

My head my head

my head is singing is singing a song a song of might of Might!

No sleep, no sleep to-night no sleep . . .

Oh guns you battle on prattle on—on . . .

On my head be blood

eyelids like lead

face flicker-red

lips bled

("What was that? Speak louder! Can't hear you!")

for my sickly singing head there is no rest.

No rest for the Wicked, 'cept

death!

—Lindsay M. Constable

GAZETTED

Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, etc.

STAFF.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster J. W. McMurray, N.Z. Permanent Staff, relinquishes the appointment of Adjutant, Northern District School of Instruction, and is appointed Chief Instructor, Northern District School of Instruction.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster J. F. Callagher, Regiment of Royal N.Z. Artillery, to be Quartermaster and Assistant Artillery Instructor, Training Regiment, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF.

Major C. F. Seaward, M.C., Reserve of Officers, the Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own), to be Major, with pay and allowances of a Captain, and is posted to the 2nd Infantry Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

Captain S. T. Seddon, M.C., relinquishes the appointment of Adjutant, Mobilization Camp, Ngaruawahia, and is appointed Camp Commandant, Mobilization Camp, Ngaruawahia, and is granted the temporary rank of Major while so employed.

Captain C. H. T. Skelley, Retired List, to be Captain and is appointed Second in Command, No. 3 Training Unit, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Captain S. C. Reid, M.C., relinquishes the temporary rank of Major and the appointment of Second in Command of the 2nd Infantry Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is appointed Quartermaster, Mobilization Camp, Ngaruawahia.

Lieutenant S. S. Pennfather, M.C., D.C.M., Reserve of Officers, to be Lieutenant and is appointed to the 2nd Infantry Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

Lieutenant J. H. Catchpole, M.C., Retired List, to be Lieutenant and is appointed Second in Command, B Company, Auckland Battalion, National Reserve.

Lieutenant R. D. Boyes, Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, to be Lieutenant and is appointed Adjutant, Auckland Battalion, National Military Reserve.

Stanley Gordon James, late Australian Imperial Forces, to be Lieutenant and is appointed Second in Command, C Company, Auckland Battalion, National Military Reserve.

2nd Lieutenant F. J. Sherwood, Reserve of Officers, to be Lieutenant and is appointed Second in Command, D Company, Auckland Battalion, National Military Reserve.

George Alastair King to be Lieutenant and is appointed Second in Command, A Company, Auckland Battalion, National Military Reserve.

Captain F. W. Voelcker, M.C., Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, to be Captain, and is appointed to the 2nd Infantry Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains:—F. L. Rees, A. C. Harris, C. H. Noble-Campbell, E. R. Parkes, J. Dodds, C. T. Woodfield, H. M. Hopper, F. N. Grear, J. Muir.

Lieutenant J. M. Hoffman is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Captain R. Copeland, Reserve of

Officers, N.Z. Medical Corps, relinquishes his appointment in the N.Z. Temporary Staff on being seconded to the 2nd N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

Leslie Neil McIlroy, to be lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

Lieutenant W. B. Munday is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

Captain W. A. Breach is granted the temporary rank of Major, while carrying out the duties of Assistant Quartermaster-General, Central Military District.

Lieutenant A. G. Melles, M.C., N.Z. Dental Corps, to be Lieutenant, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

The undermentioned to be 2nd Lieutenants (temp.), and are posted to the 2nd Composite Company:—William George Haswell, George Henry Leopard, Peter Gollan Porteous, James Graham, John Barrington Smythe, Laurence Herbert Miller.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. G. Robertson, C.B.E., V.D., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Edin., Retired List, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Central Military District (unattached).

Captain A. A. Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Edin., 1st Field Ambulance, to be Major.

Stewart White Crawford, M.D., Ch.B., to be Captain (temp.), Central Military District, and is seconded for duty with the Royal N.Z. Air Force.

The undermentioned to be Lieutenants and are posted to the 2nd Field Ambulance:—Charles Patrick Marshall Feltham, M.B., Ch.B.; Desmond John Andrew Doyle, M.B., Ch.B.

N.Z. DENTAL CORPS.

Captain A. G. Melles, M.C., from the Reserve of Officers, The Hawke's Bay Regiment, to be Lieutenant, Central Military District (unattached).

18th ARMY TROOPS COMPANY, N.Z. ENGINEERS.

Major (temp.) E. R. McKillop to be Major and Officer Commanding.

Major E. R. McKillop is seconded for special duty and is granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while so employed.

INFANTRY (RIFLE), 4th REINFORCEMENTS.

2nd Lieutenant Robert Whaley Edgley (ex Officer Cadet Training Unit).

Lieutenant and Quartermaster J. B. Austin is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

NO. 2 N.Z. GENERAL HOSPITAL, N.Z.M.C.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster J. B. Austin is granted the temporary rank of Captain.

HEADQUARTERS, 8th N.Z. INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

Colonel W. H. Cunningham, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D. (Reserve of Officers, Class I (a)).

8th N.Z. INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP, 4th COMPOSITE COMPANY N.Z.A.S.C.

Lieutenant Edward Jeffrey.

HOME GUARD

Further Area Commanders

SOUTH ISLAND CENTRES

The Minister of National Service, Mr. Semple, announced last night the following further appointments of area commanders in the Home Guard:—

Area 10C, Headquarters Ashburton: Captain Eric Cockroft. He served with the N.Z.E.F. in Samoa in 1915, returning to New Zealand in 1916. He then proceeded to France, where he served in 1917 and 1918 as a lieutenant in the New Zealand Machine-gun Corps. Since the last war he has had service in the Territorial Force, and has been promoted to the rank of captain. Captain Cockroft is a school master at Ashburton.

Area 11A, Headquarters Oamaru: Major John Franklin Tonkin, M.C. He served with the N.Z.E.F. in Egypt, Gallipoli and France from 1915 to 1919. He was awarded the Military Cross, the French Croix de Guerre, and mentioned in dispatches. On returning to New Zealand he continued to serve for some time with the Canterbury Regiment. Major Tonkin is manager at Oamaru for Dalgety and Co., Ltd.

Area 11, Headquarters Dunedin: Lieutenant Francis Boyd Adams. He served in the N.Z.E.F. with the Otago Regiment from 1916 to 1919. He is well known in Dunedin, and is Crown prosecutor in that city.

Area 12A, Headquarters Gore: Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest Frank Selby, M.C. He left New Zealand with the Main Body, N.Z.E.F., as a sergeant in the Otago Regiment. He gained his commission in the field, serving in Egypt, Gallipoli and France, and rose to the rank of temporary major. On returning to New Zealand in 1919 he continued to serve with the Territorial Force for a number of years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and commanding the 1st Battalion of the Southland Regiment. Colonel Selby is an accountant, and is a well-known member of the Returned Soldiers' Association at Gore.

Area 12, Headquarters Invercargill: Captain William Bell. He served in the N.Z.E.F. from 1914 to 1920. He took part in campaigns in Egypt, Gallipoli and France. He is a farmer, living at Woodburn, and is very well known in Invercargill.

"The area commanders now appointed," said Mr. Semple, "all belong to the South Island. All the appointments have been made after consultation with the Dominion commander, Major-General Young, the Returned Soldiers' Association, the local authorities, and I am very pleased to notice the fine records of those who are giving their time gratis to this work."

8th, N.Z. INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP, NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL CORPS.

Major (temp. Lieutenant-Colonel) P. C. Davie (N.Z.M.C.).

Captain (temp. Major) J. R. Wells (Reserve of Officers, N.Z.M.C.).

8th N.Z. INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP, 7th FIELD AMBULANCE, N.Z.M.C.

Major (temp. Lieutenant-Colonel) P. C. Davie, N.Z.M.C.

Captain (temp. Major) J. R. Wells, N.Z.M.C.

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REFEREE KNOCKED OUT

Sensational End To Wrestling Match

There was a sensational ending to the professional heavyweight wrestling contest at the Town Hall between Earl McCready and Lofty Blomfield for the British Empire title when the referee, Mr. J. McLean, was knocked out in the fifth round and the match was stopped by the police.

Mr. McLean had stepped between the pair when a willing elbow-jolting exchange was in progress. He was hit on the mouth and fell to the mat, where McCready fell over him, and Blomfield jumped on top of the pair of them. The wrestlers continued to pummel each other over the referee's prostrate body, and it was not till a sergeant of police and four constables had entered the ring that they ceased their attack.

Mr. McLean was carried to a corner, where he was partially revived before being assisted to his dressing-room. It took him some time to recover fully, and he then complained of a sore mouth and injured back.

McCready obtained a fall in the third round by means of a flying body scissors following a succession of jolts. This was the only fall, and the referee being unable to adjudicate, it became a no decision contest. McCready, therefore, retained the British Empire title.

CRICKET

MATCH WITH ARMY TEAM POSTPONED

Match With Army Team.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. Foster, of the General Staff, Central Military District, wrote, stating that the O.C. had approved the suggestion to hold a cricket match between an Army team and a Wellington eleven on Labour Day in principle, provided that any gate money collected by the association was devoted to the Patriotic Fund less, of course, any costs of transport for the visiting Army team. "I am sending a copy of this letter to the Central Military District sports committee, Mobilization Camp, Trentham, for them to ascertain if they have prospects of fielding a suitable team, and will then put them into direct communication with you," the letter concluded.

The chairman, Mr. A. W. Duncan, said that if the match was to be played for patriotic purposes, they would have to give the public something worth while, and it would be better to wait and see what strength the Trentham team would be.

It was decided to suggest to the Trentham Camp sports club that the match should be postponed from Labour Day till later in the season.

RACING FIXTURES.

OCTOBER:

- 17-19—Masterton R.C.
- 17-19—South Canterbury J.C.
- 19—Rotorua and Bay of Plenty Hunt.
- 19—Stratford R.C.
- 24-26-28—Wellington R.C.
- 26—Poverty Bay Turf.
- 26-28—Gore R.C.
- 28—Waikato Hunt C.
- 28—Poverty Bay Hunt.
- 28—Waverley R.C.
- 28—North Canterbury R.C.

TROTTING FIXTURES.

OCTOBER:

- 23-26—Wellington T.C.
- 26-28—Greymouth T.C.
- 28—Oamaru T.C.
- 26-28 or 30—Auckland T.C.

STRATFORD MEETING

Fields For Saturday

Following are the acceptances for the Stratford Racing Club's spring meeting on Saturday:—

12.0—
TRIAL STAKES, of £115. Six furlongs.

Moymell	8 7	Gold Card	8 7
Lu Chang	8 7	Mansura	8 0
Boden Park	8 7	Desert Sun	8 0
Ra Hou Hou	8 7	Talanta	8 0
Teasoff	8 7	Martene	8 0
Gainly	8 7	Miss	
Canox	8 7	Hallomet	8 0
Rosingold	8 7	Illuminacre	8 0
Gold Grip	8 7		

12.40—
FLYING HANDICAP, of £155. Six furlongs.

Royal Star II	9 3	Notium	7 13
Footloose	9 1	Sea Link	7 10
Lord		Black Robe	7 9
		Cavendish	8 6
		Rollicker	7 7
Gold Dale	8 6	Fiancee	7 7

1.25—
JUVENILE HANDICAP, of £125. Five furlongs.

Miss		Battledress	7 8
		High Tone	7 7
Royal Consort	8 5	Rule On	7 7
Val Bay	8 2	El Maadi	7 7
Illuminacre	8 0	Greenock	7 7
Red Myosotis	7 12	Avalona	7 7

2.10—
STRATFORD HANDICAP, of £250. One mile and a quarter.

Royal Star II	9 0	Winsome Lu	8 2
Friesland	8 12	Aussie Ra	7 5
Namara	8 10	Auto Sweep	7 4
Footloose	8 9	Skyway	7 0
Ned Cuttle	8 6	War Lap	7 0

2.50—
SPRING HURDLES, of £150. One mile and a half.

En Tour	11 3	Young Charles	9 5
Du Maurier	10 6	One Whetu	9 0
Disturbed	10 4	Karere-Nui	9 0
War Lap	10 1	Advance Plane	9 0
Lady Jim	9 13		

3.30—
A. W. BUDGE MEMORIAL HACK HANDICAP, of £170. Nine furlongs.

Mountain Fox	9 0	Beau Monde	8 2
Filbert	8 9	Gold Bridge	8 1
Vaalsstar	8 5	Hokumai	7 13
En Tour	8 3	Windsor Glow	7 11
Gitana Lass	8 2	Vacation	7 11

4.15—
HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £150. About seven furlongs.

Notium	9 2	Colossal Chief	8 0
Noble Fox	9 0	Silver Gift	8 0
Rollicker	8 8	One Whetu	8 0
Minority	8 6		

5.0—
FAREWELL HACK HANDICAP, of £130. Six furlongs.

Davilla	9 1	Captain Gale	7 10
Stencil	8 8	Solicitor	
Val Pere	8 6	General	7 9
Chief Lord	8 4	Pretty Lass	7 9
Veldette	8 3	Boden Park	7 7
Eupatrid	8 2	Le Marquis	7 7
Silver Gift	7 12		

ACCEPTANCES FOR SOUTH CANTERBURY

Following are the acceptances for the South Canterbury Jockey Club's meeting:—
OTAIO HURDLES, of £130. One mile and a half.—Jewish Lad, 10.10; Leopards-town, 9.13; Mungatooon, 9.7; Combat, 9.6; Aggravate, 9.2; Donadea, 9.2; Crack o' Dawn, 9.0; Sir Gladstone, 9.0.

WASHDYKE TROT, of £121; 3.43 class. One mile and a half.—Ben Travis, scr.; Black Label, scr.; Canister, scr.; Catalpa, scr.; Crackjack, scr.; Dandy Travis, scr.; Diviner, scr.; Hardy Oak, scr.; Hoyden, scr.; Joan Nelson, scr.; Joe Perkin, scr.; Lady Denise, scr.; Le Compte, scr.; Malapert, scr.; Spangled Maiden, scr.; Swagger Jack, scr.; Four Square, 24yds. behind; Chelidon, 36yds. behind.

SPRING STAKES, of £115. Six furlongs.—Ageratum, 8.5; Blue Coat, 8.5; Bon Raid, 8.5; Dispense, 8.5; Eulogist, 8.5; Gold Nugget, 8.5; Jacksonville, 8.5; Nisi Prius, 8.5; Pink Gauntlet, 8.5; Rora-Hiko, 8.5; Sweet Mystery, 8.5; Urge, 8.5; Whip-hand, 8.5.

TESCHEMAKER HANDICAP, of £250. One mile and a quarter.—Queen of Song, 8.3; Passaform, 8.2; Swordstick, 8.0; Peter-sham, 7.12; Dictate, 7.11; Lockit, 7.11; The Raker, 7.10; Night Dress, 7.10; Wardress, 7.8; Mungatooon, 7.6; Hanlon, 7.5; Settlement, 7.4; Balmenter, 7.3; Entail, 7.0; Chirp, 7.0; Dunstan, 7.0.

TAIKO HANDICAP, of £115. Six furlongs.—Midgard, 9.2; Raceaway, 8.11; Retrogression, 8.10; Nightglass, 8.9; Great Swoop, 8.7; King's Toast, 8.7; Craiglea, 8.7; Stabilise, 8.3; Halt, 8.1; Lord Midas, 7.11; Asia, 7.10; Racewell, 7.7; Lord Kin-noull, 7.7; Leighnor, 7.7.

FLYING HANDICAP, of £150. Six furlongs.—Haughty Winner, 9.2; Density, 9.1; Rebel Mate, 9.0; Hearth, 7.11; Not Out, 7.10; Knight Commander, 7.6; Chirp, 7.0; Airlie, 7.0.

HADLOW TROT, of £135; 3.39 class. One mile and a half.—Clonard, scr.; Four Square, scr.; Happy Man, scr.; Irish Dawn, scr.; Marco Polo, scr.; Scapa Flow, scr.; Titus, scr.; Karu, 12yds. behind; Mortlake, 12yds. behind; Oasis, 12yds. behind; Manawai, 24yds. behind; Shadow Maid, 24yds. behind; Haughty, 48yds. behind; Warfield, 96yds. behind.

KERRY TOWN HACK HANDICAP, of £130. One mile and 35 yards.—Happy Night, 9.1; Airlie, 8.10; Great Night, 8.7; Twenty Grand, 7.13; Grey Silk, 7.10; Fer-raby, 7.9; Asia, 7.9; Dr. Duthie, 7.8; Blue Abbey, 7.7; Royal Refrain, 7.7; Musentine 7.7.

MILITARY CAMPS

More Improvements In New Zealand

Another £2000 was voted to the comforts fund for the New Zealand Forces in Great Britain at a meeting of the standing committee of the National Patriotic Fund Board. Other decisions were made by the committee to improve the recreational facilities at a number of the home defence points and training centres, including the territorial camps. The Governor-General, Lord Galway, presided over the meeting. Others present were Mr. Perry, M.L.C., Mr. Coates, M.P., Mr. Schramm, M.P., Mr. C. Todd and the secretary of the board, Mr. G. A. Hayden.

Approval was given to the erection of Y.M.C.A. huts at the Wigram, Blenheim and Levin Air Force training centres, and for furnishings, a billiard table, and a piano to be provided for the recreation hut for the anti-aircraft battery at Mt. Victoria, Wellington. Recreation facilities were also approved for three of the guard stations around Wellington.

The Salvation Army hut at Trentham Camp is to be extended by the addition of another room.

Marquees or other temporary recreation quarters were approved for the following territorial camps: Whangarei, Avondale, Epsom, Te Aroha, Rotorua, Cambridge, Claudelands, Te Rapa, Waverley, Wanganui, Foxton, Dannevirke, Addington, Forbury Park (Dunedin) and Wingatui (Dunedin). Approval was also given for a Church of England hut with furnishings at Waouru Camp.

Authority was given for a supply of comforts to be made through the Auckland Provincial Patriotic Council for the benefit of the men at the naval base at Auckland.

It was decided to send a supply of thick underclothing to men on minesweepers operating in the North Sea.

A grant was made to the Ex-Naval Men's Association, Wellington, for the entertainment of naval ratings.

It was decided to make a cash grant available for use on board ship to the officer in charge of each draft of Air Force men proceeding to Canada from New Zealand.

AIR FORCE BAND RECITAL

A musical event of considerable interest and importance will be the first public recital by the Band of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, which will be given in the Opera House on Sunday night, October 20, by special permission of the Chief of the Air Staff, Group Captain H. W. L. Saunders, M.C., D.F.C., M.M., R.A.F. The proceeds will go toward the funds for the provision of comforts to personnel of the R.N.Z.A.F. and to New Zealanders serving with the Royal Air Force, through Air Force Relations. The programme will consist of varied light and classical music, including vocal and instrumental items. Featured will be spectacular work by the band, the drum corps, and the trombone section in specially selected marches and waltzes; flute and clarinet duet; clarinet and trombone solos; violin, cello, and piano trio; cornet duet; and Miss Ena Rapley in popular numbers, with special band accompaniment. The band will be conducted by Flight Lieutenant Gladstone Hill, director of music, R.N.Z.A.F.

SOLDIERS AND ARMEN AS HOSTS

The boys of the army and air force who have used the National Club, Wellington, regularly since they have been in camp acted as hosts this weekend, thus helping considerably the work of the hostesses. On Saturday these were Misses Patricia Hogg, Helen Ward, Nancy James, Joan Watson, Beth McCallum, Mary MacMorran, and Patricia and Marie Gledhill.

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Several Establishments

Continuous Growth

TRAINING FOR WAR

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Trentham Camp, main training establishment in the Central Military District, continues to grow as more buildings and parade grounds are constructed to meet the ever increasing needs and population of this important military township. Trentham is thought of by most people simply as the place where men for overseas service spend the first three or four months of their Army life. Troops destined for overseas do constitute the greater part of the camp population, but their living and training quarters are confined to the Mobilisation Camp which is but one of several separate military establishments contained in the whole camp.

Trentham Camp also contains the Army School of Instruction where officers-to-be are trained in military science and the art of leadership and where certain Expeditionary Force specialists go to be taught their particular part in the war game. Another separate establishment is the Central District School of Instruction (Trentham Wing) which provides intensive course of instruction for Expeditionary Force troops selected as likely types for ultimate appointment as n.c.o.'s. Still another section of the camp is occupied by the Ordnance Corps whose presence there is chiefly indicated by a huge store from which all military supplies for the forces are distributed. The latest additional is a tented Territorial camp, which for three months will be the home of officers and men of the Northern and Central District Signal Companies who have lately commenced their continuous training under the home defence scheme.

SELF-CONTAINED UNITS

Each of the establishments named operates as a separate and self-contained unit with its own commandant, staff, training equipment, and living and dining quarters. For general administrative purposes all establishments come under the authority of the Trentham Camp Commandant (Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. McHugh, N.Z. S.C.), but apart from that and the fact that various denominational huts, the wet and dry canteens, and the Post Office in the Mobilisation Camp area and the camp hospital are available to all sections, each establishment carries on a completely independent existence and programme of work. The Mobilisation Camp, the Central District School, and the Territorial camp are under the control of Central District Headquarters, Wellington, but the Ordnance Corps and the Army School are directed from Army Headquarters.

In the lay-out of the camp the various establishments, with the exception of the Central District School, which is part of the Mobilisation Camp, have fairly well defined boundaries. The camp as a whole has roughly the shape of a huge letter "L," the vertical portion lying east and west and the somewhat longer

horizontal arm lying north and south. This longer arm is taken up by the Mobilisation Camp buildings and tents and includes, at its southern end (almost at Heretaunga), a very large motor park for Army lorries, cars, and trucks. The other arm of the "L" is composed (working from its eastern tip to its junction with the Mobilisation Camp) of the Ordnance store, the Territorial signal companies' camp, and the Army School of Instruction. Camp Headquarters, containing the offices of the Camp Commandant and the Mobilisation Camp adjutant and quartermaster, occupy a building located where the two arms of the "L" meet.

4th REINFORCEMENTS TROOPS

With the arrival of the 4th Reinforcements recruits in the Mobilisation Camp a few days ago after the lull caused by the recent measles epidemic, all sections of the camp are once more in full swing. When a "Post" representative visited Trentham recently all parts of this important focal point of the Dominion's war effort could be seen in full operation.

As is usual with raw recruits the 4th Reinforcements are being given a gradual introduction to the full training routine. Companies in great-coats and carrying ground sheets for protection against passing showers were taken on short route marches over roads adjacent to the camp, while others visited the Army School to watch officer-cadets gaining practical experience of trench warfare. The new soldiers have already settled down well in camp and are reported to be throwing themselves into training with unusual enthusiasm. They are men of good stamp and have started off with an excellent record of freedom from sickness.

In the Army School the 5th Officer Cadet Training Unit, some 260 strong is about half-way through the intensive course of drill, small arms and machine-gun instruction, fieldcraft, lectures, and so on provided for all aspirants to commissioned rank. 60 of the cadets made their first acquaintance with trench digging and the erection of barbed wire entanglements. In full battle dress, complete with steel helmets and wearing balaclava caps as a protection against the cold southerly, men from the Officers' Platoon were busy with barbed wire, while, a short distance away, cadets of the Northern Platoon (Northern Military District men) were stripped to their singlets as they swung picks and shovels to construct their first trenches. Over each working party roved the searching eye of an instructor.

TEDIOUS BUT NECESSARY

It is evident that when these men receive their commissions they will possess much more than a theoretical knowledge of the work the men later to be commanded by them will have to do. Back on the asphalt parade ground alongside Army School headquarters more officer cadets were busy on squad drill, a tedious but necessary part of learning to be an officer.

In the Territorial Camp the elementary stages of the training syllabus were in full swing. Most of the personnel have had civilian experience of telegraphy and they were out round the camp practising with signalling lamps, field telephones, flags, and

Everyman's Hut

"Tis a little thing
To give a cup of water, yet its draught
Of cool refreshment drained by fevered lips
May give a shock of pleasure to the frame
More exquisite than when nectarean juice
Renews the life of joy in happiest hours.
It is a little thing to speak a phrase
Or common comfort, which by daily use
Has almost lost its sense, yet on the ear
Of Him, Who thought to die unmourned
'Twill fall like choicest music."

It would be a good thing for the world if everyone read St. Paul's wonderful discourse on love at least once every day, and with the reading put into practise one or other of its precepts. Let us hear what God says to us through his servant Paul:

"Though I speak with the tongues of men or of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

"Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

"Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

"Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

"Love never faileth: but whether these be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

"For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

"But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child; but when I became a man I put away childish things.

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

"And now abideth faith, hope and

other types of equipment. These Territorials have commenced their training with commendable keenness and are obviously on the best of terms with the Expeditionary Force men in the Mobilisation Camp.

The layman visiting Trentham can hardly fail to realise that in this compact, clean, and well-laid-out military township several thousand officers and men are willingly working hard to acquire the knowledge and military skill that will enable them to fulfil their vital role in the present conflict.

love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."—I. Corinthians, Chap. 13.

May we all, by the help of God, endeavour to make our own neighbourhood a better place to live in, through letting this love operate in our lives and actions. Its not what we say or do, but the way it is said or done, and the motive behind that counts. Let our motives be pure and actuated by the love of God for our fellowmen.

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Hitler is a coward in the dental chair, says his former dentist. But he knows no fear when its his army that has to be drilled.

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