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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.

The men in the Navy to-day never go short of their rum ration, we read. However, this has nothing to do with that "zigzag course" we so often hear about.