

Battalion.

Captain B. K. Lankshear, from the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, to be Captain, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Captain E. W. Maclean, from the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, to be Captain, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Frederick Ernest Bailey (late N.Z. E.F.), to be Captain, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Gordon Hammond Tomline, M.C. (late N.Z.E.F.), to be Captain, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

2nd Lieutenant R. V. A. Knox, Retired List, to be Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Frederick William John May, M.C. (late Imperial Forces), to be Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Lieutenant T. L. Ward, M.C., Retired List, to be Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Lieutenant D. G. B. Morison, M.C., Retired List, to be Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Gavin George Wallace (late Imperial Forces), to be Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

2nd Lieutenant E. S. Andrews, Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Mark Pirritt (late N.Z.E.F.), to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

2nd Lieutenant A. W. Treseder, Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Allan Leslie Treisdder (late N.Z. E.F.), to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

2nd Lieutenant P. J. C. Burn, from the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Frederick Temple Clere (late N.Z. E.F.), to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

2nd Lieutenant N. C. Haigh, Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

2nd Lieutenant H. McCormick, Retired List, to be 2nd Lieutenant, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Major W. F. Tracy, M.C., from the Reserve of Officers, The Southland Regiment, to be Major, and is posted to the 3rd Battalion.

Edward Bentley Davison (late N.Z. E.F.), to be Lieutenant, and is posted to the 3rd Battalion with seniority next below Lieutenant A. G. S. Gibbs.

Douglas Endell Wanklyn (late N.Z. E.F.), to be Lieutenant, and is posted to the 3rd Battalion, with seniority next below Lieutenant E. B. Davison.

2nd Lieutenant J. P. Wells 11th Company, to be Lieutenant.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS.

Hugh Keith, L.R.C.P., Edin., L.D. C.S., Edin., L.F.P. and S., Glasg., to be Captain, Central Military District, and is seconded for duty with the Royal N.Z. Air Force.

Captain W. P. P. Gordon, M.B., Ch.B., Retired List, to be Captain, Central Military District (unattached).

Captain R. J. Maunsell, M.B., Ch.B., from the Reserve to be Captain, Central Military District, and is seconded for duty with the Royal N.Z. Air Force.

"The Fuehrer," says a German newspaper, "despises kings." But the author of "Mein Kampf" takes a great interest in royalties.



ACTION ON LIBYAN FRONTIER

Prisoners Captured In Night Raid

NEW ZEALAND OFFICER TAKES PART

(N.Z.E.F. OFFICIAL NEWS SERVICE.)

A New Zealand officer, Captain T. C. Wallace, of the 2nd N.Z. Divisional Cavalry Regiment, took part in a raid on the Italian lines on the Libyan frontier, on the night of August 22. The raid, carried out by English troops, for the purpose of securing prisoners, was a complete success.

A battalion of a famous English regiment received the order: "Information respecting the enemy is urgently required. A prisoner will be taken." The enemy were of course the Italians. The area from which the prisoner was to be captured was north of Capuzzo, along the road to Bardia. The raiding party consisted of one officer and 14 other ranks. The New Zealand officer, attached to the regiment at the time, persuaded the battalion commander to let him go too. The raid was to be a silent one; there would be no artillery barrage, no other help. It was expected that they would be able to capture one of the cyclists who had been noticed to travel along the road, or a driver of one of the enemy motor vehicles known to use this road by night.

The preparations were simple enough. Sandshoes were worn instead of the usual heavy military boots. All means of identification were removed from tunics. Pockets were emptied of papers which might, in the event of capture, tell the enemy the unit opposite them. Steel helmets, rifles and bayonets, two machine-guns and an anti-tank rifle were the weapons taken.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the party paraded. Each man was searched to see that no evidence of identity had been overlooked. The rifles and machine-guns were tried as a last precaution. Half an hour later, seated in four military trucks, the party started off. At the top of Halfaya Pass there was still too much light, so they halted for half an hour.

Leaving the trucks, they silently advanced on foot, each man experiencing the tense feeling of a fast approaching crisis. Suddenly one man noticed movement to the rear of the party. Cover was taken and quietly the officer investigated the position. There was nothing.

The barbed wire which the Italians had erected was reached. Two men crept forward and cut a gap sufficiently wide for the party to pass through. When this had been negotiated bearings were checked and the party went on. The bitumen road was reached and the party divided into two, one band on either side, a taut wire stretched across the road to trip up the expected cyclist.

Silent Wait.

For a long hour the party waited listening intently. Distant voices, and some bumping on the ground, alone broke the silence.

It was decided to go on. The party silently marched toward the triangle made by the Si Aziez-Capuzzo-Bardia roads. A dark shadow appeared on the flank. It was a hanger. The party surrounded it, but it was empty.

As they reassembled the sound of digging and movement could be heard clearly. As the area of the triangle was reached a sentry was seen standing on the Si Aziez Road on the left of the raiders. Another sentry was noticed ahead, and then some large lorries. A group of the enemy could be seen. There appeared to be about

150 of them.

As the party crept up to the Si Aziez road, a sergeant and two men with a machine-gun were left behind as cover. The rest moved forward. Their objective was the men working on the Bardia Road. About 20 could clearly be seen laying stones on the edge of a trench. One unwittingly helped the raiding party by smoking a cigarette.

When so close that it was obvious that the enemy must soon see the moonlight reflected on the white steel of their fixed bayonets, the signal was given. With rifles out thrust, they rushed forward as one man.

Enemy Surprised.

A yell of surprise from the enemy, a few hurried shots, and rifles and bayonets did their deadly work. The enemy was thrown into confusion. The British party pursued the purpose of their raid. While some rounded up prisoners, others protected their capture by firing and bayoneting on either flank. A large dugout was noticed; a man in bed, clearly an officer, sprang up to collapse before a bayonet.

The signal was given to retire. A field gun was noticed quite near. To push a bomb down its muzzle would take time and the Italians might rally and prevent the taking of prisoners. So it was decided to leave the gun. As the party was returning an enemy machine-gun opened, firing high. One of the prisoners made a cry to give the Italians the proper direction. He was dealt with.

The sergeant left to cover the retreat attempted to open fire but the machine-gun jammed. The enemy fire was getting perilously close. Back went the sergeant with his file of men carrying the machine-gun. The enemy were now pouring in a deadly fire, and the sergeant halted and this time the machine-gun spoke. Two magazines were emptied at the Italians. Back went the party, forcing the prisoners along. Through the narrow gap in the wire all passed and then the enemy ceased firing. The lorries were reached, those prisoners who had been wounded were attended to and the party reported back to their battalion commander.

Much valuable information was secured from the prisoners.

AIR FORCE BAND

Successful First Concert

Before a large audience which included many distinguished guests, the Royal New Zealand Air Force Band gave its first concert last night in the New Opera House, Wellington. It was an outstanding success, being not only a night of pleasing entertainment but of good music. Among the guests were the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, and Mrs. Fraser, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Nash, the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, and the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Sir Harry Batterbee. The band was conducted by the musical director of the R.N.Z.A.F., Flight-Lieutenant Gladstone Hill.

The assisting artist was Miss Ena Rapley, who sang several numbers. The individual talent of the band was reflected in solo, duet and trio numbers. Among the band items, the most generously applauded was a selection of Maori waltzes, which, with its special feature of stick movements by the drummers, was worth recording.

Those who gave items were Bandsmen W. Boffa (flute) and J. McCaw (clarinet), Bandsman W. Wishnowsky (piano and accordion), Bandsmen K. Thurlkettle (piano), A. Munro (violin) and L. Carruthers (cello), Sergeant J. Hardwick (xylophone), Bandsmen H. Geard and W. Hookway (cornets).

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?"

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New Year Carol for the Minister for Information: Ring out the old, ring in the news.