



Professional coaches in New Zealand have popularised and maintained the game on a high level. However, apart from visits by world famous players and the playing of championship tournaments, there is little derived in the way of revenue from the public.

Until the population of New Zealand expands sufficiently and sport generally reaches a high standard, efforts should be concentrated on introducing specialists from overseas. Money spent in this direction will have full recompense, for being a nation of participants and not rail sitters, more sportsmen will reach a higher standard and better health, and the qualities of initiative in the people will be encouraged to their fullest possible degree.

FOUR YEARS AGO

With 2 NZEF in 1940.

Date	ENTRY		
1940			
8 Jan	Advance party First Contingent arrives Suez. (Left Wellington on «Awatea» 11 Dec, 1939).	18 Jun	Second Contingent arrives at Aldershot. Advance party HQ Ry C and M Gp arrives Plymouth.
22 Jan	GOC arrives Cairo from N.Z.	24 Jun	GOC arrives UK.
12/14 Feb	First Contingent Units enter Maadi Camp.	3 Jul	Lord and Lady Bledisloe inspect HQ 2 NZEF (UK) at Mytchett.
2 Apr	Advance party 34 Bty 7 A Tk Regt embarks at Southampton for Egypt.	5 Jul	UK: 23 Bn manned defensive positions at Puttenham. 20 Bn and Comp Bn leave for Garawla.
17 Apr	Advance parties Second Contingent and HQ Ry C and M Gp leave NZ. on «Awatea.» 34 Bty 7 A Tk Regt leaves UK for Egypt via France.	6 Jul	H.M. The King inspects NZ troops at Mytchett and visits 1 NZ Conv Depot at Ewshot.
2 May	Second Contingent leaves NZ for Middle East on «Aquitania,» «Empress of Japan,» «Andes,» and «Empress of Britain.»	8 Jul	19 Bn returns to Maadi.
26 May	Second Contingent arrives Capetown.	9 Jul	UK: Mixed Bde moves to Dogmersfield.
16 Jun	Second Contingent arrives Clyde, Scotland.	12 Jul	First Battle casualty 2 NZEF: Cpl. Russell of Res MT Coy, wounded during air raid on Mersa Matruh.
17 Jun	GOC leaves Egypt by air for UK, Brig. E. Puttick assumes temporary command in Egypt.	16 Jul	First NZ Patrol, LRP (later LRDG) reports Abbassia for attachment to UK forces.
		31 Jul	4 NZ Gen Hosp opens in Grand Hotel, Helwan.