

A total of 98,950 troops left New Zealand for service with the First N.Z.E.F. More than 2,000 Maoris went overseas. At the time of the Armistice New Zealand had 52,000 troops in the field. The number of men who lost their lives through active service during the period of the war was 16,697.

New Zealanders won 5,670 British decorations, and over 200 foreign awards. Eleven men were awarded the Victoria Cross. They were C. R. G. Bassett, S. Frickleton, L. W. Andrew, J. Crichton, H. J. Laurent, J. G. Grant, R. S. Judson, D. F. Brown, H. J. Nicholas, R. C. Travis, and S. Forsyth. Five other New Zealanders serving with other branches of the forces also received the honour—W. E.

Sanders, B. C. Freyberg, A. J. Shout, P. V. Storkey, and T. Cooke.

The New Zealand troops' record of achievements and sacrifices in the First World War earned for the Dominion the admiration and honour of all nations. Since 1939, there has come to many the soft echo of imperishable words:

*Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we
throw
The torch; by yours to hold it
high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.*

The Second N.Z.E.F. has kept faith with them.

The Game of Chess

In a brilliant game of only seventeen moves Rubinstein demonstrates how Black can turn the Four Knights' Opening to his own advantage as soon as White takes any risks.

FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME

Game 9

Warsaw, 1917.

White	Black
Belsitzmann	A. Rubinstein
1. P—K4	P—K4
2. Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3
3. Kt—B3	Kt—B3
4. B—Kt5	Kt—Q5 (a)
5. B—B4	B—B4
6. Kt x P (b)	Q—K2
7. Kt—Q3	P—Q4
8. Kt x P (c)	Q x P ch.
9. Kt—K3	B—Q3
10. O—O (d)	P—QKt4 (e)
11. B—Kt3	B—Kt2
12. Kt—K1	Q—R5
13. P—Kt3	Q—R6
14. P—QB3	P—KR4 (f)

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| 15. P x Kt | P—R5 |
| 16. Q—K2 | Q x RP ch. |
| 17. K x Q | P x P db. ch. |
| Resigns (g) | |

(a) *Rubinstein's Defence.* As shown in the openings, carried out by the master himself.

(b) This line is rather risky. 6 P—Q3 being superior.

(c) Better is 8 B x P, Kt x B; 9 Kt x Kt, Q x P ch.; 10 Kt—K3, B—Q3; 11 O—O, B—K3; 12 Kt—K1, O—O—O. But Black still has a slight advantage.

(d) Extremely risky, but the alternative is 10 P—KB3 and this is certainly not attractive.

(e) Gaining a tempo for the development of the Q Bishop.

(f) It pays to keep attacking a demoralized enemy, even at a certain amount of risk. In this case the sacrifice of the Knight seems quite sound.

(g) Impossible to avoid mate. A brilliant game even for Rubinstein who was noted for his sparkling play.