

Fighting in Italy

KIWIS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

New Zealand troops with the 8th Army are now firmly established beyond the Salero river.

They were repulsed from one crossing but have re-established themselves and the infantry are solidly dug in on the further bank. A flat plain and a village—described as a good position from our point of view—lies ahead.

The German division which opposed the offensive is reported to have ceased to function as a fighting force and 1,300 prisoners were taken.

A tribute to the New Zealanders is paid by the commander of the 8th Army, Gen. McCreery, in a personal message to the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser.

“Once again, he says, the 2 NZ Div. under the leadership of Lt.-Gen. Freyberg, has won a great victory. Their crossings of the Senio and Salero rivers were fine pieces of work and by their splendid dash and determination they pushed on to overcome all opposition.”

Remember to carry your
life-belts too,
The hour is seven—That is all.

That is all! That is all!
It's enough I think,
To make a bloke see red.
It's becoming quite a habit

with me,
I can think of nothing instead.
I mean to say, to prove my point,
Though I'm riding for a fall.
My poetic effort has come to

an end,
In short my friends.—
THAT IS ALL!!!

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“THAT IS ALL”

“Attention Please!
Attention Please!”
The troops all know this phrase.
They cock an ear, and try to
hear.

What the loud speaker says.
“Would One-Two-Three-Four
Private Blank’
The speaker goes on to bawl.”
“Report at once to the Orderly
Room!”
And ends with—“That is all!!

“That is all! That is all!”
says Pte. Blank,
As he puts his winnings away.
“That’s all we hear on this
flaming ship,
A hundred times a day.
I wonder what they’ve thought
up now,

To interrupt my leisure.
Whatever it is, it won’t be nice,
That’s the way they get their
pleasure.”

“Attention please!
Attention Please”!
Once again we stop to listen.
We’ve dashed on deck to do
boat drill,
And are in our right position.
“You’ll have to move faster!”
the speaker says,
Not merely at a crawl,
If the boat is hit, you’ll be
left behind.
Boat stations dismissed,—
That is all.

That is all! That is all!
It’s getting us down,
Why must they always say it.
I suspect they’ve got a
recording made,
And it amuses them to play it.
But the one that riles us

most of all,
Is the one they give us each
night.
It’s the one about the black-out
rules,
When we have to douse each
light.

“Attention Please!
Attention Please”!
Black-out is now in force.
No smoking on deck, no lights
to be shown,
No matter what its source.
Until such time as the
black-out is lifted,
You simply must play ball.

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On Second Thoughts

She’s only a tub with a name that’s
a joke,
For no real princess such scorn
could evoke,
Her royalty’s doubtful her sex
is a cert.
For only a woman could be so
pervert.

She ambles along with the speed
of a hearse,
Nought else but a Bay Boat’s
so slow,
If she went much slower she’d be
in reverse,
And its like Dante’s inferno below.

All this and more you Kiwis have
said,
With curses both lurid and vain.
In English. in Itie, on deck and in
bed,
In words which no verse could
contain,

Oaths so terrific I recall to think,
That even the Bos’un would stare.
But perhaps at this stage you’re
beginning to think,
If perhaps after all you’ve been
fair,

She got you there and she got you
back,
To the homes which seemed
so remote.
Away for good from the noise
of ack-ack,
And all in one piece you’ll note.

So give a thought when back in
your homes,
To the Princess who wasn’t
so black.
Give a thought to the blokes
who took all your moans,
And have to go all the way back.

L. Sinclair

PILOT SWEEP

Immediately after the N.Z. Pilot steps aboard this vessel prior to entering a N.Z. port, the winner of the “Arrival Sweepstake” will be announced. The sum of £40 will go to the person who nominated the correct time of arrival (or the nearest correct time), and the second prize-winner will receive the sum of £5.

“500 TOURNEY”

The winners of the final of the “500” tournament were Sgt. Dumbleton and Cpl. Forsythe, both of EME. Along with the A.S.C. pair, Dvrs. Riley and Keen, they won two games and then were successful in the play-off.