

CAMP JOTTINGS

the last war and for a time was Staff Captain to the New Zealand Divisional Artillery. In 1926-27 he attended a course at Camberley Staff College in England and followed that by a course with the Imperial Defence College. Colonel Stevens is a great reader and a lover of music. He has three sons, one of them serving at present with the 2nd New Zealand Division.

MAJOR C. J. S. DUFF is at present in England, where he had joined the Anti-tank Corps on the outbreak of war. He is a graduate of Duntroon and has been attached to the artillery unit in New Zealand. After attending a Gunnery Staff course in England he went on to the staff college at Quetta, in India. Later he returned to England to take a course at Minley Manor, the new British Military College.

MAJOR W. G. GENTRY is one of the younger men of the service, and did not graduate from Duntroon Military College until after the war. He went to India to complete his training, and saw service on the North-West Frontier. Later he was sent to England to take a course at the Staff College at Camberley.

MAJOR D. T. MAXWELL is another graduate of Duntroon Military College, graduating after the last war. He has also taken a course at the Camberley Military College in England.

MAJOR A. W. GREVILLE is a graduate of Duntroon Military College in Australia. From Australia he went to India for further training. In his younger days he was an Auckland representative footballer.

MAJOR GEORGE CLIFTON, M.C., is at present in charge of the Military Training School at Narrow Neck, Auckland. Major Clifton is a graduate of the Australian Military College of Duntroon, and later he took a course at the Military College at Camberley. After leaving Duntroon Major Clifton saw service on the North-West Frontier of India, where he gained the Military Cross in action.

Camp Refrigeration

Military camps, at least the principal ones, will be made still more up-to-date by the installation of refrigeration plants. The first camp to be so equipped will be Papakura, which is now regarded as a model, but others will follow as opportunity offers. During the summer and autumn, meat and vegetables, butter and milk will thus be kept fresh and sweet and there will be little or no chance of loss of such food by contamination or heat.

An Electric Kitchen

Domestic labour has been reduced to a minimum in the large kitchen of the Wigram Aerodrome. An electric potato peeler, electric washing machines, and an electric dough-mixer reduce many of the tiresome duties of the cooks.

Profits from the Canteen

Camp commandants at Trentham, Burnham, Papakura, and Ngaruawahia have each received a cheque for £250 from the Canteen Fund. Thus the first £1,000 profit from the canteens has been distributed. Regimental funds will benefit from canteen profits and at regular intervals these profits will be distributed among the various units, to be used as the unit thinks best for the benefit of the men who spent the money.

Arawa Tribe's Generosity

Maori officers and n.c.o.'s in training at Trentham took part in a happy occasion last week when the Minister of Defence, the Hon. F. Jones, presented to the Maori Battalion a radio set presented to them by the Arawa tribe. Mr. Jones was accompanied by Messrs. E. L. Cullen, M.P., D. W. Coleman, M.P., A. F. Moncur, M.P., and W. T. Anderton, M.P. Mr. Moncur said that he had been asked by the Arawas to request the Minister to make the presentation. The radio set was for all members of the Maori Battalion. Mr. Jones, in handing over the radio set, referred to the splendid type of those who were to command the Maoris and he was sure that they would worthily uphold the past reputation and traditions of the Battalion.

In asking Major Dittmer to accept the gift in trust for the benefit of all members of the battalion, he said that such thoughtfulness showed the interest being taken by the Maoris in the welfare of their soldiers. After the presentation the Minister and the Members of Parliament met the officers and n.c.o.'s, who stated that they were all well satisfied with the attention they were receiving at Trentham.

Camp Recreation

A tennis court is to be put down for the use of the men stationed at North Head, Auckland. The Minister of Defence, the Hon. F. Jones, stated recently that the station at North Head was greatly in need of recreational facilities. He was pleased with the new recreation room which was recently built there, and he is sure that it is being appreciated by the men.

Entertainment in the Field

Mobile units for the entertainment of the men of the British Forces in the field have now arrived in France. This is part of the new scheme to keep the Tommies amused, but is a far greater organisation than that provided by the concert parties during the last war. Shows, concerts, and films were being given by the end of November.

SCUTTLED AT SCAPA Germany's Greatest Battle-Fleet

NAZI interest in Scapa Flow recalls the scuttling of the German Fleet there on June 21, 1919, seven months after it had surrendered. On that day eleven battle-ships, five battle cruisers, eight light cruisers, and about ten of fifty destroyers went to the bottom of Scapa Flow by a pre-arranged signal while the British battle fleet, which had been guarding them, was absent on gunnery practice.

An artist who was sketching in the vicinity noticed that some of the ships seemed to be changing their positions. As he watched he realised that they were sinking and gave the alarm, but it was too late. By a pre-arranged signal the German officer in charge had ordered the sea-cocks to be opened.

The Razor Blade Theory

Only two of the German ships remain on the bed of Scapa Flow; the others have all been raised and, according to popular belief, most of the steel from them has become razor blades. Two Scottish firms have raised the ships and sold the steel to various industrial concerns. No doubt some of it has gone into the making of British ships of the line.

The task of bringing the ships to the surface was started in 1924 and by 1931 thirty-two warships had been raised to the surface. These included the 28,000-

ton Hindenburg. Last July the Derfflinger, 26,000 tons, was brought to the surface after a whole year's operations. She was lying upside down in twenty-six fathoms of water (156ft.).

Salvaging the sunken ships has been a difficult task. Divers and salvage officials attached nine air locks to the Derfflinger, bored their way through the hull and pumped the water from the ship. Then they sealed the holes and leakages with concrete before forcing compressed air into the ship. After many hours of air pumping the Derfflinger shot to the surface at considerable speed and reared out of the water, but she afterwards settled down to a safe level. The two remaining warships will be left on the sea-bed.

Huge Sea-Basin

Scapa Flow is a huge sea-basin in the Orkney Islands, off the north coast of Scotland. It forms a natural harbour almost entirely closed by the islands of Pomona, Burray, South Ronaldshay, and Hoy. There are several small islets in the Flow itself, rather like those in Paterson's Inlet, Stewart Island. During the war Scapa Flow was the base of the British Grand Fleet, and no German submarine got within range of the warships anchored there. This time, however, we have not been so fortunate, but must not withhold admiration from the daring commander who penetrated our defences.

Personal

Lieut.-Colonel G. F. Bertrand, of New Plymouth, will be second in command of the Maori Battalion, with the rank of Major. He served in the last war and formerly commanded the Taranaki Regiment.

Major G. Dittmer, M.B.E., M.C., New Zealand Staff Corps, is temporarily in command of the Maori Battalion.

Major F. J. Gwilliam, who was a member of the staff of the Auckland City Council, is with the Machine Gun Battalion at Burnham.

Major Eric Stevens, who was a well-known member of the A.M.P. staff in New Zealand and was later transferred to Australia, is with the Australian Forces. He married Sir James Parr's daughter.

Captain C. D. Bryson, formerly on the staff of the A.M.P. Society, is now with the 27th New Zealand Machine Gun Battalion.

Captain R. J. D. Davis, N.Z.S.C., who had retired, has rejoined the forces and is in charge of the Small Arms Training School at Trentham.

Lieut. G. Myers, younger son of the Chief Justice, Sir Michael Myers, has joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in England.

Second Lieut. Noel Crump, the Auckland swimming champion, is with the 18th Auckland Infantry Battalion at Papakura.

General Freyberg Coming To N.Z.

Major-General B. C. Freyberg, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who will command the 2nd New Zealand Division overseas, left London by air on December 4 for New Zealand. He is expected here shortly to confer with the Government and the Chief of the General Staff, Major-General Duigan.

During his stay in New Zealand General Freyberg will visit the various camps and military organisations and will personally become acquainted with the officers. Questions of organisation and co-operation will also be discussed.

This will be his first visit to New Zealand since he left to go abroad before the outbreak of the last war. He has two brothers in the Dominion, one living in Wellington, the other in Palmerston North.