

## THE N.Z.E.F. IN EGYPT

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**T**HE big blaze of radio and newspaper publicity which illuminated the arrival in Egypt of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force provided a striking contrast with the coming of the Anzacs of the last war.

This was especially so in the case of radio broadcasting, which played an important part in heralding the landing of the First Echelon, and which has since proved itself a valuable means of letting the world know of the experiences and adventures of the New Zealanders—peaceful though they have been so far.

Talks have been given on the air through the Egyptian State Broadcasting Service by the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Division, Major-General B. C. Freyberg, the Deputy-Judge Advocate General, Major C. A. L. Treadwell, who is also in charge of publicity, and other members of the force. In some cases re-broadcasts have been made through London.

Football activities have been similarly publicised, and on Anzac Day a concert was presented by New Zealanders from the Cairo studios. Two soldiers, one an officer who served in the last war and the other a young private soldier, recorded Anzac Day addresses for the BBC.

Radio publicity in another form was successfully inaugurated this week when a series of "actuality flashes" of life in the New Zealand camp was recorded at the request of the BBC, to which the recordings will be sent for transmission. The episodes, each of which will last four or five minutes on the air, were devised, prepared and enacted by members of the force, with the co-operation of the Egyptian State Broadcasting service.

Material for the series of "flashes" was gathered by the publicity staff of the Division, and the scripts were written in the form of interviews in which a commentator was conducted by Major Treadwell to points of interest in the camp. The story of the activities at each point was unfolded as the commentator interrogated the officers or non-commissioned officers in charge.

After this ground work had been completed Egyptian radio engineers and linemen invaded the camp with a van full of equipment. Arrangements were made to transmit the episodes by land-line to the recording studio in Cairo.

A scene at which old soldiers, without being forewarned, might have shaken their heads in wonderment was presented in one of the camp cookhouses when a microphone was set up on the concrete floor and, scripts in hand, the cast prepared to record the first episode. Soldiers crowded at the windows and shouted encouragement to the leading player, Sergeant-Cook "Paddy" Bourke, a popular figure, who was a cook with

the New Zealanders in the Great War.

The scene of the next episode was one of the men's mess halls, where the "atmosphere" of soldiers enjoying a meal was created as a background for the dialogue. The scene then shifted to a group of soldiers discussing the question of how to spend their leave.

Sports activities of the New Zealand Force were described in another episode by Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. King, who is chairman of the Division's Rugby Football Committee and is well known in Rugby circles in the Dominion. From men at play the series turned to men at work, with a description of methods of communication at the Divisional signal office. The story was taken up at this point, incidentally, by Sergeant Brian Fergus, whom 12B listeners will remember.

The Post Office was visited for a description of mail day activities, and the Records Office was the subject of another episode.

Half an hour of "air time" took three hours to prepare, but the experience was enjoyed by the soldiers who took part. To most of them it was entirely new.

There was only one disappointment. The nature of the broadcasts left no room for a "Hello, mum," or two, addressed to the distant family circles of New Zealand's soldier sons.

## FATHERS AND SONS IN ACTION

**S**ONS of army officers have not been slow to volunteer. Here are the names of a few officers whose sons are serving with the various military forces:

Major-General J. E. Duigan, C.B., D.S.O., Chief of the General Staff: Three sons, one in the Flying Corps, two in the army.

Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., who commanded the 1st New Zealand Division: Two sons in the army.

Major-General R. Young, C.M.G., D.S.O., now retired: Two sons in the army.

Brigadier R. Miles, D.S.O., M.C., commanding Divisional Artillery in Egypt: A son with the Air Arm of the Royal Navy.

Colonel W. G. Stevens, now in Egypt: A son in the army.

Colonel P. H. Bell, D.S.O., Army Headquarters, Wellington: A son-in-law with the Royal Navy.

The late Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Austin, D.S.O.: A son in the army.

Lieut.-Colonel R. Beere, D.S.O.: One son killed in action with the Royal Air Force.

The late Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Stewart, D.S.O., M.C.: A son with the medical staff of the 2nd Echelon.

Major F. H. Lampen, D.S.O.: A son with the Royal Air Force in England.



—Spencer Digby, photograph  
Second-Lieutenant Charles Bennett. Formerly an announcer at 2YA, he is now with the Maori Battalion, carrying one "pip." He is a son of Bishop Bennett

## Headquarters Staffs Personnel Complete

**F**OLLOWING are the officers of the Headquarters Staffs of the 5th and 6th Infantry Brigades of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force. With their appointment, the Headquarters Staffs of the Division are now completed, as the 4th Brigade and Divisional Headquarters Staffs are at present in Egypt.

### 5th INFANTRY BRIGADE:

Brigadier J. Hargest, D.S.O., M.C., M.P.: Officer Commanding.

Major G. H. Clifton, M.C.: Brigade Major.

Captain J. R. S. Sealy: Staff Captain.

Captain G. L. Mather: Intelligence Officer.

Lieut. C. Follick: Transport Officer.

Second-Lieut. W. R. Blanch: Army Service Corps duties.

### 6th INFANTRY BRIGADE:

Brigadier H. E. Barrowclough, D.S.O., M.C.: Officer Commanding.

Major J. I. Brooke: Brigade Major.

Captain B. Barrington: Staff Captain.

Lieut. W. Moffat: Intelligence Officer.

Second-Lieut. T. E. Owen: Transport Officer.

Second-Lieut. R. E. Rawle: Army Service Corps duties.

The commanders in Egypt are Brigadier E. Puttick, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the 4th Infantry Brigade, and Brigadier R. Miles, D.S.O., M.C., Officer Commanding the Divisional Artillery.

## Personal

Major S. M. Satterthwaite, New Zealand Staff Corps, has been appointed Second-in-Command of the 25th (Wellington) Battalion, 3rd Echelon. He has arrived at Trentham from the military school at Burnham.

Captain A. N. Grigg, M.C., M.P., has been appointed Staff Captain to the Headquarters of the 2nd Divisional Artillery.

Captain J. A. Worsnop, N.Z. Staff Corps, has been appointed temporarily to the headquarters of the 2nd New Zealand Division.

Captain R. S. Cameron, well known in yachting circles in Auckland, is with the units of the 3rd Echelon. He was admitted a barrister and solicitor before going into camp.

S. Conway, president of the Wellington Section of the Canterbury Mountaineering Club, has gone into camp with the signalling units of the 3rd Echelon.

John Reed, former 2YC Wellington programme organiser and a popular member of the NBS staff, is now at Trentham in the NCO class of the Army Training School.

Dennis Bassett, of Christchurch, returned from Australia recently on the yacht Typee, and enlisted for service. Before going to Australia, he was manager of Commander S. Hall's station at Peraki.

## War in Curacao

Curacao, an island in the Caribbean Sea, part of the Dutch West Indies, is famous for the liqueur of that name which is made from oranges. Ships on the New Zealand-Home run often call there. The island itself is wild and hilly, with a hot, dry climate. Water is scarce, and droughts occur regularly, bringing with them visits of yellow fever. Sugar, tobacco, cochineal and maize are produced, but the principal exports are salt and phosphate of lime. Curacao is the largest of several small islands in the group, whose total area is only 403 square miles, with a total population of 75,390. The declaration of war there has made history in that part of the world.

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