

Items From The ZB's

TILTING at windmills was certainly a peculiar way of performing acts of chivalry, and yet if Don Quixote had acted in a conventional manner, Cervantes' novel would have long ago faded from sight. But because Quixada, or Quesada as he was sometimes called, lost his wits through over-reading books on knight-errantry, and set out, complete with ancient suit of armour, ancient steed, and roguish squire to bring back the ancient glories of chivalry, and instead was brought back himself with fever to his bed, the world still cherishes his name, and finds a place for the novel in its bookshelf. The story of Don Quixote will appear in the series *Dramatisations of the Classics* (which is produced in New Zealand with New Zealand artists) from 22B at 9.0 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20. At the same time on the same day, 12B will be presenting "The Corsican Brothers," by Dumas, 32B will be presenting Sheridan's "The Rivals," and from 42B will come "Peter Simple" by Marryat. Station 22A will be presenting "The Horla," by Guy de Maupassant.

THE story of the Knights of the Round Table is a tale "to bring old men from their chimney corner and children from their play." Little is known of Sir Thomas Malory, who immortalised King Arthur and his Knights, apart from the fact that he "did take out of certain French books a copy of the noble histories of King Arthur and reduced it to English." According to Caxton "This book was finished in the ninth year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth, by Sir Thomas Malory, Knight." That would be in the year 1469. Malory is said to have been a Welshman, and the origin of the romance of Arthur was probably Welsh. Now this story has been produced for radio, and the Commercial Broadcasting Service will be presenting it over the air at 6.0 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Already on the air from 12B and 22B, it will begin at 32B on October 26, and at 42B on November 9.

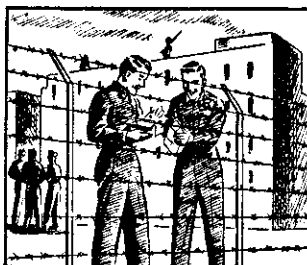
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but these captains and officers know their job backwards, or else you would soon get in an awful mess—all in a day's work with these men.

"Six-thirty a.m. A pack of U-boats, six of them, right ahead. All hands at guns; destroyers and frigates rushing round like fiends. Bang! a depth-charge—column of water about 100 to 150 feet high. It seemed to lift our ship out of the water. Depth-charges galore. Everyone tuned up, looking for the subs—gun-layers with hands on triggers, everyone holding shells, and looking out at the same time. There is no sentiment here for the U-boat—everybody is anxious to slaughter it at the first opportunity. We look astern; one ship has got it—up in flames, two explosions, disappears in about three minutes. A couple of frigates stand by her to save the crew. Everyone else goes on as if nothing had happened; no panic with these men, they have iron nerves. When danger is passed, we converge again, get into position, go merrily on. It was reported we got three of them. What a convoy this was—twice as big as the last one and only one ship lost."

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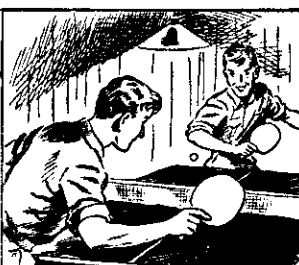
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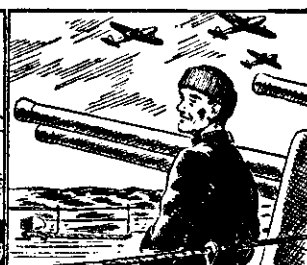
Food and comforts are sent to our men in prison camps by the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the N.Z. Red Cross.



It also supplies chocolate, cigarettes, books and other little extras to men in hospital and hospital ships.



The Fund helps to maintain the Y.M.C.A., Church Army, Salvation Army and Catholic Recreation Huts where our chaps can get a game of an evening.



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The unspectacular heroes of the Merchant Navy are given a good time in N.Z. ports of call, and receive a gift parcel and woollens if on overseas ships.

The Patriotic Funds

keep all these activities going and many more. They form a central pool for all the organisations working for our service-men and women all over the world. No cash of mine has ever gone further or given me a better feeling of being well spent. Just over half a farthing of my ten bob goes in administration costs!

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