

NEWS FROM N.Z. AND AUSSIE

"New Zealand is the greatest stock-producing country in the world. The farmers have nothing to do but sit and watch their money grow." So said an English stockman after a business visit to the Dominion.

Plans are laid for expanding air transportation on Australia's east coast. At present there is a weekly service to Port Moresby and soon a tri-weekly service will be operated.

New Zealand brandy will soon be on the market. Provision has been made to produce 50,000 gallons and it is expected that the spirit will be equal to the standard of Australian and South African brandy.

The NZ RSA has experienced a record membership year, with 71,000 members.

Australia is operating a demobilisation scheme for married men and long-service personnel. Provision is made for special training periods with pay on similar lines to the NZ system. When a worker has gained 40 per cent efficiency he receives full award pay. Loans are available for homes, businesses and agricultural enterprises.

An area of 50,000 acres has been made available in North Canterbury for soldier settlement.

The manager of the Taupo Hotel has offered to accommodate four returned soldiers free every week.

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1 How many players make a team in the following games.—
Basketball, Water Polo, Australian Football.
- 2 What Maori Chief's head adorns NZ pound notes.
- 3 What is a Auk.
- 4 What is a Dromedary.
- 5 What is an Alienist.
- 6 Who was known as the Iron Duke.
- 7 When NZ was first constituted a Dominion.
- 8 What is a Necropolis.
- 9 How many carats, absolutely pure gold contains.
- 10 What drug Tea contains.

RANK CONSCIOUS

NOW you've heard about the Yankee,
Who was never properly dressed.

Unless he had a row of medals,
Pinned on his manly chest.

Now he had thought it necessary,
When to bed he should retire,
To have his countless ribbons,
Pinned on his night-attire.

But you will hardly believe this,
It will probably make you frown,
There is a Lieut. aboard this ship,
Sporting "pips" on his dressing gown.

Yes, every morning, we see him dash,
From his cabin to have a wash,
With his gown of Blue and his lovely pips.

He really does look posh.

We are waiting now to see him stripped,
To see if he's much bolder.
We half expect to see those pips,
Tattooed upon his shoulder.

If he expects us Kiwis, to sling a salute,
I'm afraid he's sadly mislead,
'Cause we'll get a shock, we'll

forget ourselves,
That we'll stand and gape instead.

I suppose it's alright that he wears
them there,

When he climbs up out of his bed,
'Though his gown may be blue,
when he reads this thru'

I'LL bet that his face is red!!!

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Answers to Quiz 7

- 1 Award for bravery in Maori wars.
- 2 An engraving depressed below the surface of the material.
- 3 Makes casks, barrels, etc.
- 4 Little Nell.
- 5 Loss of memory.
- 6 Water.
- 7 Helsingfors.
- 8 A musical instrument.
- 9 The study of ancient writing.
- 10 Jupiter.

BOXING

An effort is being made to stage a series of exhibition boxing bouts. All those desiring to participate are requested to hand in their names to their group orderly room. Training facilities are available. For further information, contact Dick Baker, Sgts. quarters. Promenade deck.

Knot Explained

A reader writes, asking what is a "knot," its relationship to distance and how it came to be called such a name.

A knot is a unit of speed and not a measurement of distance travelled. For instance a ship may be travelling at 15 knots, and 10 minutes later at 10 or 20 knots.

In the early days of sail a hand log was used to record the speed of a vessel. This hand log consisted of a log of wood attached to the end of a line which was knotted at regular intervals according to the seconds of the timing device, usually a sand glass. The log was tossed overboard, and, as the vessel cruised on, the line raced through the hands of the recording officer. At a certain mark on the line the sand glass was turned and the number of knots passing through during the running of the sand was the speed of the ship.

Modern mechanical and electrical logs are used in present-day navigation and these register the nautical miles covered, with the result that the average speed can be mathematically worked out. A nautical mile is 800 feet further than a land mile.

Lectures

THURSDAY: "Points on Picking a Farm," by Major P. Anderson,

FRIDAY: "Incubation," by Sgt. Jordon.

SATURDAY: "Experiences as a Prisoner of War," by Captain J. W. Carr.

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