

HIS EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE

The following message to the troops was received by our Ship's C O from his Excellency the Governor-General:

" On the eve of their departure from the homeland of the Third Echelon of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, I should like to convey to you, as Commanding Officer, and to the Officers and Men under your control, my warmest congratulations on your prompt response to the Nation's call .

Many of you have made great sacrifices in order that you might take up arms in defence of all that you hold most dear, and your present state of efficiency is proof to the world of your unwavering loyalty to the Crown and of your determination to maintain the high traditions of New Zealand's soldiers of the past .

Your country is indeed proud of you, and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a good passage and a safe arrival at your destination ."

(Signed) GALWAY

GOVERNOR-GENERAL and COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

"I rede you" says Padre McKenzie,
 "On shore, boys, don't go on the bingie.
 Geir your consciens no qualm,
 Geir heed to the Psalm,
 'He's wise'
 Who 'behaves himself wisely' "

It's a dry argument for sappers and privates when they have been relieved of their beer by the Guard .

Who was the W O who lost his greatcoat in ????????

Who was the soldier who returned to the ship with only his braces, pants and boots?

Who were the men who wanted to sleep on the tram lines in ????????

Soldier said:

"I've got several good reasons for drinking,
 And one has just entered my head;
 If a soldier can't drink while he's living,
 How the-----can he drink when he's dead?"

If you want an even hotter place than hell, try our kitchen mess room .

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LATEST WAR NEWS

LONDON Mr Churchill declared that the British American exchange of destroyers and offence bases will enable the U S to take danger by the throat whilst it is still hundreds of miles away . He expressed confidence that the third Reich will pass away as swiftly -perhaps more swiftly-than did Napoleon's army .

BUCHAREST Iron Guardists fought a pitched battle for nearly an hour with Rumanian soldiers within a block of the Royal Palace thursday night .

ROME Damage was caused to Italian bases on the Dodecanese Islands by British air and naval bombardments .

CAIRO British planes carried out sustained raids all day Wednesday on all the principal Italian air dromes in Eastern Libya including Tobruk Eltamini Bomba and El Gazala .

WASHINGTON General George C Marshall U S Army Chief of Staff said that the U S A is considering a proposal to release several hundreds of its obsolete war tanks to Canada for use in training .

ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE A British submarine has rescued the captain and crew of a British merchant ship, who were being taken under guard to Germany for internment . H M S Submarine "Truant" was on patrol off Cape Finisterre when a strange ship was sighted. The submarine came to the surface and closed to investigate, ordering the ship to heave to. The ship proved to be the 5,790 ton Norwegian vessel "Tropic Sea" which had been captured by an enemy raider some 10 days ago .

LATEST official reports gives enemy aircraft losses in today's attacks on Britain as 38 . R A F losses were 15 fighters but 7 of the pilots are safe .

WATER RITUAL TALKS

Some Subalterns have been trying to teach a Chinese waiter to say " You'll do me" - success was achieved " I'll do you " - said the barsteward .

Its just like the army to take us round the world from East to West. We keep putting our clocks back until we lose a day's pay .

Where did the Lady Taxi Driver Nellie take the Medical Officers?

CONCERT

Last Monday night a concert party organised by the Railway Units regaled the members of the 24th Battalion with music, mirth and melody . In pierrot costumes of bright colours many musical celebrities appeared and gave of their best to make a grand show . A pleasing appearance was that of a Ship's Orchestra under the capable leadership of Sjt/Major Kirk-Burnand . Contributors of items were : Tony Rex, Keith Cohen, L Jans, H Bolton, B Christensen, B Graham, A Bell, J K Walker, Harding & Co, H Boland, J H Begg, G Hayden and - Beattie .

One bright artist has been missed out and that is the irresressable comedian J Lockart . Several leading Officers were reduced to holding their sides before this gentleman had finished his turns .

We look forward to further concerts and incidentally one is to be held next Monday given by the members of the 19 A T Forestry Units to a Unit to be notified in Routine Orders. The Orchestra will be contributing and judging by the peculiar sounds emanating from their practices something worth while will be heard .

In arranging the sports programme, everything has been done to encourage every individual to participate, and at the same time develop a spirit of inter-Company and inter-group competition. Company Commanders are urged to assist the Sports Committee in its programme by encouraging every member to participate. So far as it is possible each Company will run its own competitions, with the assistance, if required, of the Committee. The champion team or individual of each Company or Group will be its representative in the Ship's final and the winner declared the Ship's Champion.

The events under section 1 will be group events, and those under section 11 Company events. Points will be awarded for a Company championship on the following basis:

1st. -- 5 Points -- 2nd. -- 3 Points. 3rd. -- 1 Point.

Bn H Q of 24 Auck will be attached to A Coy for sports purposes.

SECTION 1.

Boxing & Wrestling.

SECTION 2

75 yds. dash. 220 yds. 440 yds. 880 yds. 1 mile.

Stdg. long jump, Stdg. hop, stop & jump. putting the medicine ball. Potato race.

TEAM EVENTS

Obstacle race.

Relay race, 4 men per team, 220 yds each man. Tunnel relay. Medicine ball. 20 men team.

Deck games - Deck quoits, Peg quoits.

RULES of EVENTS - BOXING :

Officers - Padre Henley (Chair) Lieut. Carroll, Cpl. Bourne, Spr. Oliver (Sec)

Boxing Officials (with power to add) - Judges - Bourne - Langley, Mellis, Padre Henley, Stock, Muir, Lieut. Lockett. REFEREES - Bourne, Langley, Mellis.

ANNOUNCERS - Padre Henley, Lt. Carroll. TIMEKEEPERS - Major Jull, Lt. McManus. Sjt.

O'Sullivan, Farris. CALL STEWARDS - Arnold, Hepburn. SCALE CLERKS - Padres Mc Kenzie & Buck, Farris. GLOVE ATTENDANTS - Percy, Stock, Muir. EXAMINING DOCTORS Lt Col. Ardagh

and Army Doctors. Two green and two red sashes are required for each unit during contests. Each bout to be of 3 two min. rounds duration. In event of judges disagreeing referee to give straight out decision in favour of one man. Spells 1 min. Bell Gong & stop watches to be arranged. All bouts to be run by Units themselves under the supervision of the above officials. The Committee will arrange for the weighing of each man after which the matching of contestants will be made by the Committee. The finalist of each Unit in their respective weights will be matched for the Ship's Championship. Weights - L/wt - 9-6 & under. W/wt 9/7 -10/6. M/wt 10/7 -11/6. L H/wt 11/7 -12/6. H/wt - any weight.

Any contestant not available & ready at call is disqualified. Rotation and order of bouts will be conveyed to Units concerned.

DECK QUOITS

Rules are available from a representative of the Sports C/ee. who will be present at all contests. Two players will constitute a team and will play 10 heads, 5 from each end. The team scoring highest points shall be the winner.

PEG QUOITS

Each individual player will throw 24 quoits each from a distance of 9 ft from the peg, the player making the highest score being the winner. Coys will arrange their own competitions, and their reps must be ready for finals on Wednesday Sept 11 at 1200 hrs.

TRACK EVENTS

As per A A rules, within the limits of the Ship.

POTATO RACE

18 yds. 5 p/os, 1st p/o @ 10 yds, each succeeding p/o @ 2 yds. Bucket behind starting line. After placing the 5th p/o in bucket, competitor to run 18 yds to finishing tape.

TUNNEL RELAY

Usual rules, 20 men per team. Men must be from 2/3 ft apart and ball must pass through the whole of the tunnel.

In the following events Coys will select 2 competitors to represent them in the finals 220 yds, 440 yds, 880 yds, 1 mile. Obstacle race, Relay race.

Entries must be in the hands of the Sec. Cabin 130 by 2000 hrs Monday 9th September. Saturdays (all day) Wed. & Sun. afternoons are available as sports days. Space will

be allotted for these days and the contests proceeded with. The allocation of space will be fixed from time to time. Orderly rooms will be notified of the space allotted. Entries for wrestling & boxing must be in the hands of Padre Henley, cabin 123 by 2000 hrs Wed. Sept. 11th. Entry will show, name of contestant, weight stripped, Group and Company. The whole of the boxing and wrestling will be held on a date to be fixed.

Particulars of wrestling rules will appear in our next issue.
