

Market day with the natives.



4 Hies we caught and carted around for a month or so.



Last resting place for one of our boys.



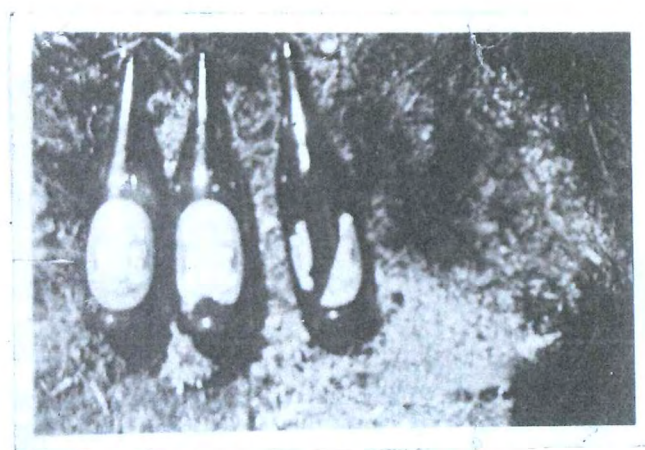
*Fresh meat for the patrol. Not expert with the Tibbu spear they used the more deadly rifle.
I shot him down.*



*Having
A
Beer.*



Smoking a pipe with the sun in your eyes !



*Perhaps this will remind you of the good
old NZ beer.*

Northlanders Win Distinction



Tpr. IAN HAMILTON McINNES
Son of Mrs Catherine McInnes
(19 Roslyn Terrace, Devonport)

Awarded Military Medal.

He is shown above in his Highland dress as drum-major of the Whangarei and County Pipe Band.

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Lieut. R. B. McQUEEN
Son of Mrs A. L. McQueen
(Otaika)



Sgt. A. B. ROBINSON
(Since deceased)
Son of Mr and Mrs Robinson
(Parua Bay)



Pte. GEORGE LESLIE DAVISON
Husband of Mrs E. M. Davison
(Whangarei)



Signalman A. Q. YANKO
Husband of Mrs J. M. Yanko
(Victoria Valley)

The above were Mentioned for Distinguished Services following operations in the Western Desert, Libya and Cyrenaica from December, 1940, to February, 1941.

Congratulations to Brave Soldier
A Cablegram of Congratulations
has been sent by the Waikato Whangarei
County Pipe Band to Tpr. Ian
McInnes, who has been awarded
the Military Medal for service in the Libyan
Campaign. Tpr. McInnes was Drum
major of the Band prior to enlisting.

Honours And Awards To Members Of 2 N.Z.E.F. For 1941

VICTORIA CROSS

8077 2/Lieut. C.H. Upham
10725 Sjt. A.O. Hulme, 7930 Sjt. J.D. Hinton

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER

7128 Lt-Col. H.K. Kippen-
berger
1531 Major G.J.O. Stewart
23206 Major C.H. Sawyers.

MILITARY CROSS

7254 Capt. D.J. Fountaine
7132 Capt. J.A. McAlpine
2659 Capt. R.J. Lynch
9250 Capt. C.N. Watson
7067 Lieut. W.F. Lilley
1013 Lieut. J.H. Sutherland
9613 Lieut. F.H. Muller
4297 Lieut. A.L. Lomas
7097 Lieut. G.L. Lee
20240 Lieut. C.S. Pepper
23092 Lieut. A.C. Yeoman
31681 2/Lieut. C.H. Cathie
7153 2/Lieut. A.R. Guthrey
10363 2/Lieut. C.T. Mason
8044 2/Lieut. E.A. McPhail.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

5599 Sjt. R.H. Thomson
31635 Sjt. H.R. Martin
10910 Sjt. G.M. Dodds
7921 L/Sjt. V.D. Kirk
23315 L/Sjt. R.L. Burk
20311 Bdr. E.W. Santi
1176 Cpl. W.T. Weir
4444 Cpl. L.H. Browne
1248 Tpr. R.J. Moore
26103 Gnr. C.J. Winthrop
14478 Pte. G.H. Goad
29312 Pte. W.D. Friday
2912 Dvr. J.A. Snell.

MILITARY MEDAL

1573 WO II P. George
20496 WO II A.H. Lockett
1443 WO II N.C. Tasker
6125 Sjt. G. Katene
63271 Sjt. P.G. Wilson
31693 L/Sjt. E.H. Elliott
24770 Bdr. G.F. Scoltock
1923 Bdr. T.M. Hutchinson
20432 Cpl. J.J.W. King
7625 Cpl. J. Tainui
2472 Cpl. E.K. Madigan
7298 L/Cpl. C. Munro
27402 L/Cpl. H. Padlie
1052 L/Cpl. I.H. McInnes
7507 L/Cpl. R.I.A. Burns
1290 Tpr. L.A. Willcox
24813 Gnr. T.W.J. Tombleson
1583 Gnr. H.R. Drinkwater
24441 Gnr. R.W. Bunton
21043 Gnr. R. Wixon
7388 Pte. M.J. Richardson
13119 Pte. H.E. Struthers
14098 Pte. A.R. Morrison
32821 Pte. R.W. Common
10416 Pte. A.H. Todd

10583 Pte. J.E. Brock
5538 Pte. A.V. Lee
25841 Pte. T.E. Duncan
6018 Dvr. N.J. Prichard
3744 Dvr. G.W. Corp
4098 Signm. D.C. Mundy
33100 Dvr. J.C. MacDonald
3519 Dvr. R.S. Grant
8567 Dvr. M.K. Gibbs.

COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

6356 Col. W.G. Stevens

OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

6192 Lt-Col. T.J. King
4534 Major (t. Lt-Col.) G.L.
Agar
3612 Major G.H. Whyte.

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

4161 Capt. (t. Major) A.E.
Smith
2637 Capt. R.W. Dunbar
9631 Capt. J.S. King
7132 Capt. J.A. McAlpine
2121 Lieut. (t. Capt.) G.D.
Pollock
20028 WO I W. Langevad
5678 WO II R.H. Blanchard.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL (B.E.M.)

6250 Sjt. J.D. Ormond
4234 Cpl. T.W. Gill
4419 Cpl. A.A. Gilmore.

GREEK MILITARY CROSS (CLASS "A")

Major-General B.C. Frey-
berg, V.C., C.B., C.M.G.,
D.S.O., L.L.D.
6190 Brig. E. Puttick, D.S.O.,
A.D.C.
6191 Brig. R. Miles, D.S.O.,
M.C.
31156 Brig. J. Hargest, D.S.O.,
M.C., V.D.
31490 Brig. H.E. Barrowclough,
D.S.O., M.C.
9495 Brig. L.M. Inglis, M.C.

GREEK MILITARY CROSS (CLASS "C")

38178 Capt (t. Major) H.G.
Wooller
5517 Capt. T.G. Bedding
9254 Capt. H.M. Smith
7265 Capt. C. Wilson
9243 Lieut. (t. Capt) A.F.G.
McGregor
2585 Lieut. K.L. Brown.

Whangarei Man Decorated For Gallantry In Field

(N.Z.E.F. Official News Service)

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Stands for Decoration

A group of senior officers, sisters and patients watched Sir Bernard pin ribbons on Hutchinson and Mooye as they sat in wheel-chairs on a sunny balcony in the first general hospital. The others received their decorations in a ward of the third General Hospital.

Only one man was able to stand to receive his award. That was McInnes.

The courage and cheerfulness of all were an inspiration to those who watched them chatting freely with General Freyberg and his staff. One man, who will never have the full use of his legs again, smiled broadly as he was congratulated by the official party.

No Citations

Each was thanked on behalf of division by General Freyberg, who stopped for several minutes by each patient inquiring about his recovery and part in the campaign.

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A YEAR SINCE EL ALAMEIN

Great events have followed one another so rapidly in every theatre of war that it is hard sometimes to realise only 12 months have passed since victory at El Alamein gave the signal for the drive which threw the enemy completely and finally out of Africa. In brilliant moonlight, on the night of Friday, October 23, the roar of 500 guns opened the greatest barrage seen in the Mediterranean theatre. The infantry of the Eighth Army, armed with rifle, bayonet, tommy-gun and Bren gun, who had been waiting in their places since early morning, rose to the attack and went forward with the barrage. So began the great battle. For days it followed its relentless course, with the enemy hammered by guns, infantry assault, tank attack and bombing from the air. The world was told little in detail of its progress until

ARMY AWARDS

WESTERN DESERT

ORDERS AND MEDALS

PRAISE FOR RECIPIENTS

(N.Z.E.F. Official News Service)

CAIRO, July 7

The King has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned honours and awards recommended by the Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East in recognition of operations in the Western Desert, Libya and Cyrenaica from December, 1940, to February, 1941:—

Order of the British Empire

Major George Harold Whyte—Mrs. G. E. Whyte, Wellington (wife).

Member of the British Empire

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) George Douglas Pollock—Mrs. M. F. Pollock, Auckland (wife).

Medal of Order of British Empire (For Meritorious Service)

Corporal Albert Alexander Gilmore—Mrs. M. E. Gilmore, Waiuku (mother).

Military Cross

Captain James Alexander McAlpine—Mrs. W. K. McAlpine, Waipara (mother).

Distinguished Conduct Medal

Corporal Lawrence Hamilton Browne—Mrs. E. V. M. Brown, Eastbourne (wife).

Military Medal

Driver Ronald Irving Alexander Burns—Mrs. M. E. Burns, Christchurch (mother).

Trooper Ian Hamilton McInnis—Mrs. C. McLunis, Auckland (mother).

Corporal Edmund Kennard Madigan—Mrs. E. E. Madigan, Nelson (wife).

Mentioned for Distinguished Services

Major F. E. Aickin—Mrs. S. A. Aickin, Wellington (wife); Major L. F. Rudd—Mrs. D. E. Rudd, Mount Eden (wife); Captain G. G. Good—Mrs. L. Good, Christchurch (mother); Captain W. G. S. McDonagh (since deceased)—Mr. T. R. McDonagh, England (brother); Captain I. E. Stock—Mrs. A. H. Stock, Christchurch (wife); Captain A. L. Lomas, M.C.—Mr. J. J. Lomas, New Plymouth (father); Lieutenant (temporary Captain) L. B. Ballantyne—Mrs. J. B. Ballantyne, Makotuku (wife); Lieutenant (acting-Captain) D. G. Steele—Mrs. W. D. Steele, Wellington (mother); Lieutenant R. B. McQueen—Mrs. A. L. McQueen, Whangarei (mother); Lieutenant J. T. Wallace (since deceased)—Mrs. C. E. Wallace, Wellington (mother).

Company Sergeant-Major D. Barrett—Mrs. E. L. Barrett, Hamilton (wife); Sergeant J. R. Shepherd—Mr. J. F. Shepherd, Hamilton (father); Sergeant D. G. Flannery—Mr. J. M. Flannery, Waitara (brother); Sergeant R. W. Hicks—Mr. W. C. Hicks, Mount Eden (father); Sergeant L. C. Morris—Mrs. A. C. Morris, Wanganui (mother); Sergeant A. B. Robinson (since deceased)—Mrs. N. L. Robinson, Dunedin (wife); Sergeant V. S. Tankard—Mr. G. S. Tankard, Christchurch (father); Sergeant S. H. Matthews—Mr. E. J. Matthews, Devonport (father); Lance-Sergeant G. Hope—Mr. J. Hope, Gisborne (father).

Corporal R. F. Beech (since deceased)—Mr. F. J. Beech, Picton (father); Corporal G. L. Davidson—Mrs. E. M. Davidson, Whangarei (wife); Corporal J. J. Knowles—Mrs. G. H. Knowles, Howick (mother); Corporal O. T. Pussell (since deceased)—Mr. O. Pussell, Kimbolton (father); Lance-Corporal F. Kendall—Mrs. S. H. Kendall, Katikati (mother); Trooper R. J. Moore, D.C.M.—Mrs. A. Moore, Taihape (mother); Trooper L. F. Mather—Mr. W. J. Mather, Auckland (father); Trooper T. B. McNeil—Mrs. E. McNeil, Wellington (mother); Sapper L. H. Humberstone—Mrs. A. Humberstone, Rotowaro, Huntly (mother); Signalman A. R. A. Butterworth—Mrs. M. R. Butterworth, Wanganui (mother); Signalman A. Q. Yanko—Mrs. J. M. Yanko, Kaitia (wife); Private D. Harcourt—Mrs. M. Harcourt, Christchurch (mother); Private D. J. McInnes—Mr. J. D. McInnes, Christchurch (father); Private R. A. Tinker—Mr. A. Tinker, Takanini (brother).

Excellent Leadership

The citations are as follows:—

Major Whyte, as officer commanding the Fourth Reserve, Motor Transport Company, rendered most valuable service during the campaign. The good work of his unit was the subject of many messages of appreciation of formation commanders. The main credit for this high standard was due to Major Whyte.

Temporary Captain Pollock, from December, 1940, to February 15, 1941, has shown excellent powers of leadership and command, thereby encouraging his men in the performance of arduous duties under adverse circumstances.

Corporal Gilmore, N.Z.A.S.C., was in charge of three vehicles attached for a period to the 7th Armoured Division. His role was to carry wooden tank-trap bridging to negotiate tank traps during the advance. The officer commanding during his attachment reported that the work was done in an extremely business-like manner and that his driving was of a particularly high standard.

Later Killed in Greece

Captain McAlpine, of the 4th Reserve, Motor Transport, was subsequently killed in action in Greece. During operations on December 9, 1940, he led a section of motor transport under artillery and machine-gun fire. This officer rendered consistently valuable service throughout the campaign, and is in every way worthy of the decoration.

Corporal Browne, of the Long-Range Desert Group, displayed exceptional gallantry and resource during the raid on Murzuk on January 11, 1941. He maintained a Lewis gun in action with coolness and telling effect on the enemy. Though wounded in the foot, he remained at his post. In an action at Gebel Sherif, south-west of Kufra, on January 31, his coolness was instrumental in saving his vehicle and crew when subjected to a determined low-flying bombing and machine-gun attack by enemy aircraft. Throughout all the operations in Libya this non-commissioned officer held the responsible post of patrol navigator.

BRAVE SOLDIERS

AWARDS RECEIVED

COMMANDER'S PRAISE

VISIT TO HOSPITALS

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Military Medal Winners

Driver Burns, of the Supply Column, N.Z.A.S.C.—This soldier has been subjected to severe enemy bombing at both the headquarters camp and in forward areas. On no occasion has this impaired his devotion to duty, efficiency, cheerfulness or that trait which puts him above the ordinary driver, namely, ability under any circumstances or bad adversity to excel in the work in hand.

Trooper McInnis, Divisional Cavalry.

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Corporal Madigan, N.Z.E.—This non-commissioned officer over a period from September, 1940, to February, 1941, destroyed or made safe upward of 500 enemy "thermos" bombs and other bombs. His work was of a specially trying and dangerous character, and his unremitting care and zeal ensured that his party did their work in the Western Desert and Libya without a single casualty.

Bombed Italian Fort

The official citation regarding the award to Sergeant (then Trooper) McInnes stated: "This soldier was the senior man in a 2in. mortar crew in action at Murzak on January 11. He worked his mortar to within 400 yards of an Italian fort and maintained it in action with telling effect, causing the fort to catch fire."

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The award to Sergeant McInnes was announced just over 12 months ago and at the beginning of this year he received the medal from General Freyberg while a patient in the No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital in the Middle East.

A man of fine physique, Sergeant McInnes made a good recovery and, on transfer to a cavalry unit, saw much service in the desert, adding further to his reputation of a cool and fearless soldier. Sergeant McInnes was of the type which has won and held the Empire.

victory was assured beyond question. Then, in the early morning of November 5, General Montgomery told assembled correspondents: "After 12 days the enemy is completely smashed in Egypt." He was that, and much more, as his subsequent headlong flight through Libya and his final debacle in Tunisia were to prove. And the end is not yet, for the fall of Fascism and the battle for Italy are only two of the events which have followed in direct sequence. The name El Alamein shines among those inscribed on New Zealand's battle flag. The Division was in it from the beginning, capturing and holding Miteiriya Ridge before joining the Australians in the attack along the coast. El Alamein stands as a vital turning point in the struggle against the Axis. It was also the opening of a long and glorious chapter in New Zealand's fighting record.