

"LINES OF COMMUNICATION."

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(and shares in a fourth). There are three Goldings in his squadron (not related to one another) and to cap it all the age of his squadron leader, Major Frost, is 23. Lucky squadron and, I hope, lucky number.

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Falasha Jews.

It is estimated that there are 60,000 Falashi Jews in Abyssinia, according to Mr. H. M. Howard, President of the Falasha Jewish congregation of "Succoth Rahamin," in a letter I have received from him from Addis Ababa. His letter, written in quaint English, advises me that S/Sgt. Bennie Goldberg, to whom I have often referred in my page, has been made an honorary life member of the synagogue in recognition of his services to Abyssinian Jewry. The ceremony attracted the largest assembly of Jews ever witnessed in Emperor Haile Selassie's land and prominent Falasha, Yemenite, Italian and Aden Jews gathered together to do honour to the popular South African Jewish soldier. Glowing tributes were paid to S/Sgt. Goldberg for his services to Abyssinian Jewry and he was presented with a pair of antique candlesticks by Ephraim Yohne, the 96-year-old "father" of the congregation, who mentioned that Bennie Goldberg had also been made an honorary member of the Dire-Dawa community. In his reply the Staff-Sergt. said that every Jew should be a Zionist for our people had to regain Eretz Israel and now was the time to do it. He presented the congregation with an "Aren Kodesh" in the name of his brother, Mr. J. Goldberg, of the Strand. On the previous page is a photograph of the interior of the "Succoth Rahamin" Synagogue, Addis Ababa, showing S/Sergt. Goldberg reciting the prayer for the Royal Family after he had been made an honorary member of the congregation.

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Rescued Colonel Werdmüller's Son.

Writing from an Italian prisoner-of-war camp to his father, Colonel G. C. G. Werdmüller, Union Director of Recruiting, Private Felix Werdmüller tells of his rescue by Private Alex Chorn during a fierce engagement in the Western Desert. Alex's mother lives in Malmesbury. In his letter Pte Werdmüller says: "... Just one important matter which might be handed on to Mrs. Chorn. Her son Alex, in my platoon, when I was wounded, regardless of his own safety, with shells dropping all around him and under intense gunfire, bravely came to my help; he placed me in a small trench for safety and kept guard over me until a tank contingent of the enemy captured us. These are examples

of comradeship on the field of battle. I shall always be grateful to him."

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Cheerful Prisoners of War.

Mr. and Mrs. Chorn have also had a letter from Alex. Their other son Abe is also a prisoner of war in Italy; although they are not in the same camp Alex is able to tell his parents that Abe is fit and well as he is himself. He writes very cheerily, under the circumstances. He worries lest his parents worry and begs them to be of good heart. To his mother he says: "Please, Ma, be cheerful and be a pal and write as often as you can . . . Write and send parcels—and smile!" Alex Chorn's photograph is reproduced on the previous page.

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Roll of Honour.

Previously Reported Missing, now Presumed Dead—L/Br. Leo Rosseinsky.

Died of Wounds.—L/Bdr. Bernard (Barney) Gruskin.

Wounded.—2/Lt. Cecil A. Golding, Sgt. Jack Sandground, Pte. Hyman Katz.

Previously Reported Missing, now Reported Prisoner of War.—Lt. Nathan Fleksner.

Prisoner of War.—Gnr. M. Berman.

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Zionist Conversazione.

INTERESTING ADDRESS BY AMERICAN VISITOR.

The fortnightly Conversazione took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night.

Dr. S. E. Kark was in the chair and announced with regret that Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., who was to have addressed the Conversazione, was unable to be present owing to indisposition. He was, however, pleased to introduce Mr. I. Rubenstein, a visitor from the U.S.A., who had kindly consented, at very short notice, to deliver an address.

Mr. Rubenstein expressed his thanks to members of the Cape Town Jewish community for the very warm welcome he had received here and for the hospitality shown him and his colleagues ever since their arrival a few weeks ago.

Mr. Rubenstein spoke in a most interesting manner about different aspects of Jewish life in America and gave vivid impressions of the various congregations and their leaders. He referred shortly to the part played in Jewish life by such personalities as Dr. Stephen Wise, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Solomon Goldman, Rabbi Milton Steinberg, Rabbi Joseph Zeitlin, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Leo Jung, Rabbi J. X. Cohen, Dr. de So'la Pool and others. The Rabbis, he said, played an important part in American Jewish life. They had done a great deal for Zionism and had helped to improve the system of education at the Talmud Torahs. They were to a large extent the spokesmen of American Jewry.

It seemed to him, said Mr. Rubenstein, that Reform Judaism had no future in America. The Synagogue that introduced traditional service and music and showed respect for ancient customs attracted the most adherents. The Jew who knew his Judaism and was not apologetic, won the greatest respect from non-Jews.

Zionism, said Mr. Rubenstein, was growing every day in America. The "Struma" tragedy had made a very deep impression, and British policy was strongly condemned. The youth of America was beginning to realise that Palestine was the only haven for Jewry.

Questions were asked at the close of the address to which Mr. Rubenstein replied.

Miss Edith Stein rendered a pianoforte solo and Mrs. Lemkin (accompanied by Miss Stein) several Yiddish and Russian songs, which were very much enjoyed.

BARMITZVAH.

MARINE.—Ivan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Julie Marine, of "Charlton," Quendon Road, Sea Point, will read a Portion of the Law and Maftir at the Sea Point Synagogue on Saturday, 27th June.

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