

The Yishuv in Wartime

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EIGHTH AND NINTH MILITARY CASUALTY LISTS

THE eighth list of Palestinian military casualties, comprises eight wounded, of whom five are Jews, and 222 missing, over half of whom are Jews. (The military term of "Missing" includes prisoners of war believed to be in enemy hands.)

The ninth list of Palestinian military casualties comprises 200 missing, of whom 150 are Jews, three Jews wounded, and 11 Jews previously missing but now located.

800 CZECH JEWS JOIN UP

ABOUT 800 Czech Jews of the total community of 3,000 in Tel-Aviv have so far joined the British forces, and more are enrolling, stated Mr. I. Klinov, Director of the Jewish Agency's Information Bureau, at a meeting in Tel-Aviv. Mr. Klinov reported, too, on the successful operation of the Jewish Agency recruiting offices.

FIVE BROTHERS WITH THE BRITISH FORCES

FIVE brothers, ranging in age from 20 to 29, joined Palestinian units with the British forces in the Middle East. This was disclosed by one of them at a tea given by the Jerusalem Hospitality Committee.

They are Yoseph (29), Arieh (27), Yehuda (24), Ahiezer (22), and Moshe (20), the sons of Mrs. Nethanel. The eldest is now in hospital, recovering from a wound, while the two youngest were reported missing in Greece.

The mother, a widow, had encouraged her sons to enlist on the outbreak of war, and her soldier sons were very proud of her courage, the eldest said. Nor did she lose heart when the report came of the missing brothers.

The eldest had volunteered for service with the Royal Engineers in November, 1939, and was followed a fortnight later by the two brothers next in age. The two youngest enlisted at the beginning of 1940.

Arieh was with the Pioneer Corps in France. After serving in England, he returned to Palestine, where he is now with his unit.

The others have served in the Western Desert and Greece.

All five brothers were born at Tiflis, in the Caucasian Mountains, but came to Palestine at an early age. They worked as labourers before enlisting.

Hebrew University Students Enlist



A photograph taken recently at a farewell reception in honour of students of the Hebrew University who have enlisted. So far more than 500 of the 727 students of the University eligible for military service have joined up.

The Soldier who Sang Schubert

A TEL-AVIV VIGNETTE

A FEW days ago there was much excitement at the Tel-Aviv office of the Palestine Orchestra. At 11 in the morning an Australian soldier walked in, tall with a lively and humorous eye, looking as if he would cheerfully join in military songs or the latest music-hall hits. He certainly looked martial enough but he spoke very diffidently.

"Excuse me . . . I happened to pass and saw the door-plate . . . could I possibly sing a little Schubert here? Perhaps you have an accompanist? I thought I might find one near an orchestra?"

A call was put through to one of the players, who is also a first-class accompanist, and he promised to come along in a few minutes. Whilst waiting, the soldier told us that he came from Melbourne where he had studied singing. He had been in Africa and Greece with his unit. He had been longing to sing again. "I tried to sing once near Tobruk, but there was too much sand about. It

wasn't the right thing. Not that war is the right thing for anyone. I am on leave now. I strolled through the streets and saw that there was an orchestra here. I thought there must be a piano somewhere, and that you are sure to have music as well. My comrades are enjoying themselves in their way and I would love to sing a little . . . if it doesn't disturb you?"

The accompanist had arrived. "What would you care to sing?"

"Schubert, please, only Schubert."

He sang Schubert songs for two hours with a fine tenor voice. He was most at home in the tenderer songs, his rendering of "Juengling an der Quelle" and "Musensohn" being particularly charming. The uniform and the lyrics made a curious contrast, but presently you forgot about that.

He thanked the Orchestra warmly when he left. As he passed through the door he turned into a soldier again.

—The Palestine Post.

"THE ASSISTANCE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY"

G.O.C.'s Appreciation

APPRECIATION of "the assistance of the Jewish community" in the Allied campaign in Syria has been expressed by General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Officer Commanding Palestine and Trans-Jordan.

In a letter to the Central Agudath Israel on behalf of the G.O.C., the A.D.C. replied to a message of good wishes and congratulation sent by the Agudah on the conclusion of hostilities in Syria, and conveyed the General's appreciation.

COMPENSATION FOR WAR INJURIES

AN Ordinance which will empower the High Commissioner in Council to make a scheme, with the approval of the Secretary of State, providing for the payment of compensation by the Palestine Government in respect of "war injuries" sustained by "gainfully occupied persons" and certain "other persons" and in respect of "war service injuries" sustained by civil defence volunteers, is published as a draft in the "Palestine Gazette."

The Ordinance which is to be known as the Personal Injuries (Emergency-Provisions Ordinance, 1941, is based on the United Kingdom Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, and when enacted, will be deemed to have come into operation on July 15, 1940.

Under the Ordinance a Compensation Commissioner will be appointed by the High Commissioner to deal with claims to compensation and make awards to or in respect of the person injured.

JERUSALEM CHEMIST'S GIFT.

THE proprietor of a Jerusalem pharmacy, Mr. A. Rosenberg, has donated a complete medical first aid kit to the men of the 1st Palestine Light Battery unit (which consists of Jewish anti-aircraft gunners).

CUTHBERT'S for GOLF SHOES