

MILITARY NOTES

ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER VISITS PALESTINE

Private Lionel Rothbart, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rothbart, of 1 Mindale Court, Minor Street, Johannesburg, is another young South African soldier who has been lucky enough to spend his leave in Palestine.

Writing enthusiastically to his parents of his impressions of the Jewish Homeland, he dwells particularly on a visit he paid to Givath Brenner and expresses his admiration of the manner in which the principles of collective activity, on which the settlement is based, work out in practice.

"What impressed me most was the happiness and contentment of everybody, especially the kiddies," he writes. "The settlers do not have a battle for existence or worries for the future."



Pte. Rothbart.

He also speaks of the jam factory at Givath Brenner, which now exports its products, and of the fine Friesland dairy herd which the settlement possesses. "In fact," he comments, "they grow and produce practically everything required to make the settlement dependent on its own resources."

"I always thought that all the talk about Jewish National Fund and the rebuilding of Palestine was nothing but talk. I believe differently and know better today. Don't be surprised if you should hear me spouting Zionism when I get back."

Private Rothbart joined up for active service in 1940, and went "up North" last year. He comes from Springfontein, O.F.S., and before joining up was engaged in business.

Roll of Honour

ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDED.

Pte. Hyman Jock Cohen, son of Mr. Cohen, Sacks Hotel, Main Road, Fordsburg, Johannesburg.

WOUNDED.

Pte. J. Bass, husband of Mrs. A. Bass, 403 Kilkenny Court, De Villiers Street, Johannesburg.

MISSING.

Lieut. Nathan Flekser, son of Mr. Flekser, 216 Main Street, Johannesburg.

HATIKVAH IN THE DESERT

A JEWISH padre conducted a service in a Shul near Cairo for men and women up North. Sergt. D. Levi-sohn, of Johannesburg, sent this moving description in a letter to his parents:

"... The congregation, all Khaki, consisted of Americans, Poles, Russians, Greeks, French, Palestinians, Imperial and South African troops. A veritable gathering of Galuth, with one idea... propagation of Judaism under whatever condition. The singing of Hatikvah at the end of the

two-hour service was a magnificent experience. No parrot-like rendering of a national anthem, but a triumphant paean of song; an open, emphatic declaration that not only does Israel still live, but intends to live better and freer. The women's voices lent music to Hatikvah, the Russians' and Poles' lent magnificence to it as a chorus, but the voices of the Palestinians gave it an ecstasy, a pride of possession, a defiance in the face of adversity. I was proud to be a member of such a gathering of Israel."

"MY OWN, MY NATIVE LAND"

We have received a letter from Driver Leon Levy, who comes straight to the point. "Before I went to our homeland," he writes, "I was in a mess about which country was mine, as I was born in England, lived most of my life in Australia, and fell in love with South Africa. Now I know where I belong, and rely on the 'Zionist Record' to keep me in touch with Palestine. Since I returned from my leave in Palestine I eagerly scan the pages for news from the Yishuv. I want to express my thanks for the delivery of the 'Zionist Record.' I did not ask for it, and it arrived. That alone deserves special thanks."

LINK WITH HOME

Lieut. D. Levy writes from Lybia to express his thanks for copies of the "Zionist Record," which he says is his only link with communal affairs at home, after an absence of two years. He also paid his first visit to Palestine, and gives an interesting account of the cities there. But, "any true impression of Palestine cannot be obtained in the cities only, and it should be much more widely known among South Africans here that a visit to Palestine without seeing the settlements is like a visit to the Witwatersrand without seeing the mine dumps."

SUNDAY IS

"ALLIED" DAY

All Allied countries will observe "Allied" Day on Sunday, June 14, at the request of General Smuts, and by special arrangement with the President of the United States and His Majesty the King.

Prominent personages will address special military parades to be held, for all full-time and part-time units in the country, on Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m., in all military camps in the Union. There will be a march-past of Allied flags. Imperial or Allied troops stationed in the vicinity will be invited to participate in the ceremonies.

The Union Government appeals to all civic authorities and the public throughout the Union and South-West Africa to co-operate fully. The Allied flags will be displayed at the principal Government buildings in the four Provincial capitals.

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The Three Hack Brothers



Cpl. Edgar Hack. A./M. Jack Hack. Trooper Ralph Hack.

The three sons of Mrs. A. Hack, and the late Mr. Max Hack, of Johannesburg, all joined the S.A. Forces soon after the outbreak of the war.

On the left is Corporal Edgar Hack, of the S.A. Armoured Cars, who served through the whole of the Abyssinian Campaign and has been in Egypt for the past fifteen months. In the centre is Air-Mechanic Jack Hack, of the S.A. Air Force, who after twelve months service "up North" has been declared medically unfit. On the right is Trooper Ralph Hack, of the S.A. Armoured Cars, who has been in Egypt for nearly a year.

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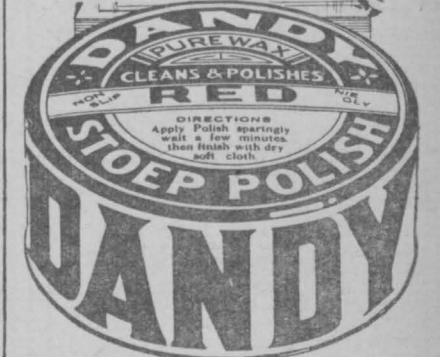
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