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n sould remind readers of the Record of Jewish War Services which is being compiled by the S.A. Jewish Board between the process as well as home address.

for Palestinian A.T.S.

recent press conference in Cairo, Chief let L. E. Whateley, Controller-General AT.S., said that she had been treally impressed by the Palestinian erls and their work. Chief Controller who returned to Cairo from a threeor of Middle East camps and instal-stated that the Palestinian A.T.S. account of themselves. She con-"The Palestinian A.T.S. girls are effi-The two branches of education in the Palestine giris are mainly interested rulture and domestic science. A large hen on pre-vocational study. Their in knowledge is being quenched by the coral institutions, and morale is 100 per

at are now arriving regularly at the tops Air Station, Pretoria, bringing to top our released p.o.w. They are being of 294 every week and buck at the rate of 294 every week and set on arrival by members of the A.S. organisation who provide teas and ments for the men themselves and relatives and friends who are able to and meet them. The formalities at the me have been made as brief as posand men are taken to their homes by this is possible, or put on trains for ome towns. The men look quite fit and in their praise of the Allied organisahe handled their affairs and transport by were released. The arrangements amp in England were also praised by med p.o.w. At the Pretoria air staangar has been made available to the A.S. organisation and members are on y and night providing refreshments for as they disembark from the machines them back to South Africa.

me ex-Servicemen Discuss Future.

misations of Jewish ex-servicemen remet in Tel Aviv to discuss the question bilisation, the Jewish Brigade and the of ex-servicemen after the war. Mr. was wrong for two ex-servicemen's to exist side by side. The Soldiers' stated and ex-Servicemen's Organisaand amalgamate, so as to ensure that Mr. M. Even stated that of the 26,000 to had joined the armed forces, 5,000 were on the eve of demobilisation. of the men at present in the services not enter the labour market on destion, since 4,000 were members of ural settlements, to which they would and 2,000 had regular employment to The remainder would have to be d in industry, agriculture and public The ex-servicemen were asking the ment to provide them with the land ment and housing, both in the urban areas; for credits for housing, and wages in Government public works. accommodation within the very near

mall theatres in which U.D.F. units by the end of the war will wear of the Africa Star, 1939-45 Star, Nar and Pacific or Burma Star. He course, also have the Africa Service Springbok troops who served in Italy

or Sicily and airmen who have taken part in operations and sorties in the Mediterranean will receive the Italy Star—as also will the crews of South Africa's "little ships" who were on operational service in the Mediterranean area. The honours and awards section of the Defence Department has received tion of the Defence Department has received detailed advice from London on the awards instituted by the King. The staff is very busy working out the application of awards to the U.D.F. An official statement explaining the service necessary to qualify for any of the new awards will be issued as soon as possible. Official application forms will be distributed later to military commands, magistrates, native commissioners and special justices of the peace throughout the Union justices of the peace throughout the Union, and when an announcement is made soldiers may apply. Until then no member of the U.D.F. may make an application. A limited number of military officers, seconded to the United Kingdom forces, will be entitled to the France and Germany Star if they served in France, Belgium, Holland or Germany between D-Day and VE-Day. As the Air Crew Europe Star is for operational flying from the United Kingdom bases over Europe, S.A.F. men will not qualify. Springboks who may be sent to the Far East for the final stage of the war may later qualify for the Pacific or justices of the peace throughout the Union, the war may later qualify for the Pacific or Burma Star. While no official ruling can be obtained, it is apparent that very few South Africans will be entitled to the Defence Medal, which applies to non-operational military service oversea. The maximum number of stars granted to a recipient will be five.

Not a Blister!

A member of the Cape Town Jewish Girls Association has received a letter from Leading Aircraftsman W. Hummerman, R.A.F., ang Aircraftsman W. Hummerman, R.A.F., dated 21st May, from which I quote: "Recently a pair of socks came into my possession knitted with your hands. If I may say so, they're a very fine pair of socks, and not a stitch out of place; at least I could not find one. It seems to me that if you can sacrifice your spare time knitting us lads socks the least I can do is to write you this letter of appreciation and thanks and hope that your service will be duly noted in the Good Book. I must also thank the girls of your Association for the work they are doing for the Jewish lads here." In a postscript Hum-merman says: "The socks have not yet raised a blister!"

J.W.A. Assumes New Duty.

A new branch of relief work has been undertaken by the South African Jewish War Appeal which has now despatched 500 parcels of relief goods and food to Palestinian soldiers in Italy.

"R.A.F., Middle East."

"R.A.F., Middle East," prepared for the Air Ministry by the Ministry of Information, tells the official story of air operations in the Middle East from February, 1942, to January, 1943. It is written in simple yet graphic language and its 143 pages are packed with thrilling and exciting incidents in which the men of the R.A.F. showed the greatest courage and heroism. Their reward came when they finally gave the enemy the knock-out blow, their 1,400 mile advance over the desert ending at Tripoli. The book is illustrated with 133 magnificent photographs in half-tone and a number of maps showing the struggle and a number of maps showing the struggle for airfields, etc.

A Cordial Invitation.

The Jewish members of the Forces sta-tioned in the Cape Peninsula are cordially (Continued in Third Column).

Zionist Conversazione.

RETURNED SOLDIERS RELATE EXPERIENCES.

There was a very large attendance at the Conversazione held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night when three returned soldiers related some of their experiences during the

Dr. I. M. Hurwitz was in the chair and extended a cordial welcome to L/Cpl. J. Gross, Sgt. J. Milun and Pte. L. Vilensky. He conveyed apologies on behalf of Capt. Lewin and Pte. L. Jacobs who had agreed to participate, but who were unable to be pre-

Sgt. Milun spoke of his experiences in a P.O.W. camp and described especially the organisation of religious services. In the first camp he was in, the services were arranged with great success by Arthur Berezowski; in another camp he himself organised the services. Under the strain of imprisonment the thoughts of soldiers naturally turned to re-

ligion.

Pte. L. Vilensky gave a description of a seven-day visit to Palestine which made a very deep impression on him. He visited the towns and settlements and had the highest admiration for the way in which men and women were building up the land with the toil of their hands and sweat of their brow.

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He was taken prisoner at Sidi Rezegh and after a long journey arrived at camp 52 near Genoa. They held religious services and received Siddurun from the Pope and later through the Vatican City and the Red Cross. through the Vatican City and the Red Cross. During the confusion created by the German retreat, he and others managed to escape to Switzerland, where the organisation for interned soldiers was not too good. They went to the synagogue in Zurich where they met members of the Jewish community who were very kind and hospitable. From Switzerland they were taken to Marseilles, where the Americans did all they could for them. They arrived in South Africa via Naples and Cairo

L/Cpl. J. Gross said that on his first visit to Palestine he was so impressed with the settlement of Ein Hashofet that whenever he could he spent his leave there. On June 12th, 1944, a group of South Africans completed a two-year period of Hachshara in the settlement and went on to land of their own at Mitzpah Hayam.

Cpl. Gross gave a vivid description of the journey to the new kibbutz and of the manner in which the settlement was inaugurated. He participated in the proceedings which left

a lasting impression on his mind.

During the evening Miss Ruth Rome rendered a piano solo and Cantor B. Rome (accompanied by Miss Rome) songs, which were very much appreciated.

Mr. B. Hoffmann thanked all those who participated and halved to make the evening

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(Continued from Second Column).

invited by the Cape Branch of the Union of invited by the Cape Branch of the Union of Jewish Women and the War Emergency Committee of the Jewish Board of Deputies (Cape) to an "At Home" at the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday, June 18th. The guest of honour is Major S. Weinstein, S.C.S. There will be music and refreshments. I hope there will be a good muster of the boys and girls and ex-p.o.w, who arrived on Tuesday will be heartily welcomed. comed.

Returned P.O.W.

Among the P.O.W. who arrived in Cape Town on Tuesday from England were Simmy Lewis and Sidney Kaplan. They brought news of Arthur Berezowski who is in the best of health and spirits and will shortly be returning to South Africa.

Roll of Honour.

Wounded or Injured.—Pte. Berthold Roettgen.
Military Cross.—Capt. Nathan Vogelman.
Military Recommendation.—Sergt. Hans Schwarz.