

**MILITARY NOTES**

**DISTINCTION FOR GALLANT AIRMAN**

**Capt. Louis Gordon Awarded D.F.C.**



AS announced last week, the D.F.C. has been awarded to a twenty-six year old Capetown airman. He is Captain Louis Lazarus Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, of 1, Lyndon Manor, Victoria Drive, Bantry Bay, Cape.

Captain Gordon has been "up North" for about thirteen months. He is the pilot of a Boston Bomber and played a leading part in the "shuttle service" bombing operations over a long period.

Before enlisting, this gallant young airman was attached to the engineering branch of the Post Office, Cape Town. He was interested in flying prior to the war and owing to his technical knowledge was accepted as a pupil pilot in a special government scheme for training reserve pilots before the war. He joined the S.A.A.F. at the outbreak of war, secured his wings, and was stationed at a flying school in Cape Town as an instructor. He left for the Middle East in August, 1941, and was promoted to the rank of Captain when "up North."

Capt. Gordon was educated at the Hottentots Holland High School, Somerset West.

**JEWISH RECREATION CLUB FOR SOLDIERS IN POTCHEFSTROOM**  
**The Army's Appreciation**

The Recreation Club for Soldiers run by the Jewish community of Potchefstroom, which was in recess for a little while, owing to re-organisation and renovation, was officially opened on Saturday night, the 10th inst., by Lt.-Col. G. Featherston, D.S.O., M.C., who was welcomed by Dr. B. Singer, chairman of the club.

In declaring the club open, Lt.-Col. Featherston said he was pleased to see such a large number of troops attending the functions of the club. The Jewish people of Potchefstroom have done good work in making the life of the soldier a happier one. The military highly appreciated what was being done, and he called for three cheers for the Jewish community, which was heartily responded to by all soldiers present.

Capt. (Rev.) A. M. Kaplan, C.F., thanked Col. Featherston for having honoured the club with his presence.

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**Roll of Honour**

**DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.**

A/Cpl. Reuben Cohen, husband of Mrs. R. Cohen, 46 Pembroke Mansions, Johannesburg.

**PRISONERS OF WAR.**

Sgt/Maj. Douglas Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillips, Stephanie Hotel, Berea, Johannesburg.

L/Cpl. A. Beinhart, son of Mr. Beinhart, P.O. Box 29, Malmesbury.

**REPORTED PRISONERS OF WAR BY VATICAN RADIO.**

Cpl. Isidore Mofsowitz, son of Mr. I. Mofsowitz, 70 Hillbrow Street, Berea, Johannesburg.

Gnr. Bennie Gelfand, son of Mr. L. Gelfand, Wellington Road, Wynberg, Cape.

Pte. Harry Glantz, husband of Mrs. S. R. J. Glantz, 11 Westcomb Mansions, Main Road, Three Anchor Bay, C.P.

Pte. Zammel Lewis, son of Mrs. S. Fakter, c/o Mr. S. Schultz, 34 Chequers Mansions, Smit Street, Hospital Hill.

**MISSING, NOW PRISONER OF WAR**



**PRIVATE JACK ROSEN,**

who was reported missing at Tobruk on 21st June, is now a prisoner of war in Italian hands. He is the younger son of Mrs. H. Green, of Delmas. Private Rosen is an old Benoni High School boy, and is a fine athlete and all-round sportsman.

**Rosh Hashonah In Madagascar**

From Madagascar comes news of how the Rosh Hashonah services were conducted.

Captain S. E. Silberman, of Benoni, writes in an interesting letter to the "Zionist Record" that most of the Jewish officers and men of his brigade were able to attend the services, which he himself conducted. He read extracts from "A Jewish Book of Thoughts." No Torah was available.

"One extract in particular is a very appropriate and significant one, especially in this great world tur-

moil," writes Captain Silberman, and proceeds to quote the following, written by the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, Dr. J. H. Hertz, in 1924:

"And on the High Festivals the Jew thinks not only of himself, but of peace and blessedness for all mankind. In the most ancient part of the services both of the New Year and the Day of Atonement, he prays God to hasten the time when the mighty shall be first and the first mighty."

At the time of writing Captain Silberman was making arrangements for the observance of Yom Kippur.

**MIRKIN BROTHERS SET FINE EXAMPLE**



The three sons of Mrs. Mirkin, of 98, Cape Road, Port Elizabeth, and the late Mr. J. Mirkin, readily responded to the call to arms. One of them has been seriously wounded, and another is a prisoner of war.

We reproduce above a photograph of the three Mirkin brothers.

On the left is Capt. Leo Mirkin, 2nd R.D.L.I. Medical Officer, who was taken prisoner of war at Tobruk.

Flight-Lieut. W. Mirkin is in the centre. He was attached to the R.A.F. as Medical Officer and was seriously wounded in Malta. He is now convalescing in England, but will soon resume duty again.

On the right is Sergt. Elijah Mirkin, S.A. Engineering Corps, who is now serving with the 1st Division "up North." He was previously associated with the Zionist Youth movement in Port Elizabeth, and was an officer in Habonim. When he heard about the South African Victory Keren Hayesod campaign, he sent his contribution from "up North."

**Zionist Wedding at Cape Town**  
**Hanson—Schnapps**

The marriage of Maisie, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Schnapps, and Joseph Hyman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson, took place at the Great Synagogue on Sunday, 1st October.

Rabbi I. Abrahams, assisted by Rev. S. Kassel and Mr. Boris Rome, officiated. The unterfuhrers were Mr. and Mrs. M. Schnaps, uncle and aunt of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson.

Mr. Arnold Hanson was the best-man and the poleholders were Messrs. C. K. Friedlander, Moss Kolnik, C. Reitstein and Teddy Schnaps.

Miss Fanny Schnapps was the bridesmaid and Charlene Green the flower-girl. A reception was held at the Zionist Hall. Rabbi Abrahams proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. J. Gitlin spoke on behalf of the Cape Town Zionist Societies and paid a warm tribute to the bride, who had been on the staff of the Zionist Office for a number of years and had rendered valuable services to all branches of Zionist activity. Both she and the bridegroom were prominent members of the Youth movement, and he extended to them both all good wishes for their future happiness. The bridegroom suitably responded.

Mr. C. K. Friedlander proposed the toast of the unterfuhrers. Mr. H. Hanson responded.

**"STODEL SCHOLAR" AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY**

The Friends of the Hebrew University, Cape Town, have been notified by the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, that Miss Anne Rosin has been appointed the "Stodel Scholar" for the years 1942-1943, as Research Scholar in Cancer and of Pathological Anatomy at the Hebrew University.

Miss Rosin was on the staff of the Aschoff Institute, Berlin, prior to 1933 and contributed many scientific papers on Pathological Anatomy. She is a scientific investigator of considerable standing.

**A. Z. IDELSON CHORAL SOCIETY**

**Concert to be Held in Pretoria**

Pretoria will have an opportunity of hearing the well-known A. Z. Idelson Choir, which is due to give a recital at the Memorial Hall on Sunday evening, 8th November.

The choir, under the baton of Mr. J. Idelson, will render a selection of well-known Jewish folk songs. The guest artists will be Cantor S. Mandel and Miss Betty Pack.

**OBITUARY**

**Mr. Morris Aronson (Ficksburg)**

The death occurred in Ficksburg on Wednesday, the 14th inst., of Mr. Morris Aronson at the age of sixty. He was buried in Bloemfontein where his wife was laid to rest about six years ago.

The late Mr. Aronson came to Ficksburg about thirty years ago and until recently took an active part in social affairs. He founded the local Hebrew congregation of which he was honorary life president, and assisted in the building of the synagogue, which was officially opened by him in 1927. He was well liked by all who knew him and before he lost his wife, the Aronson's house was "home" to everyone.

Mr. Aronson is survived by his daughter, Mrs. J. Lotzof, to whom the Ficksburg community's sympathies are extended.