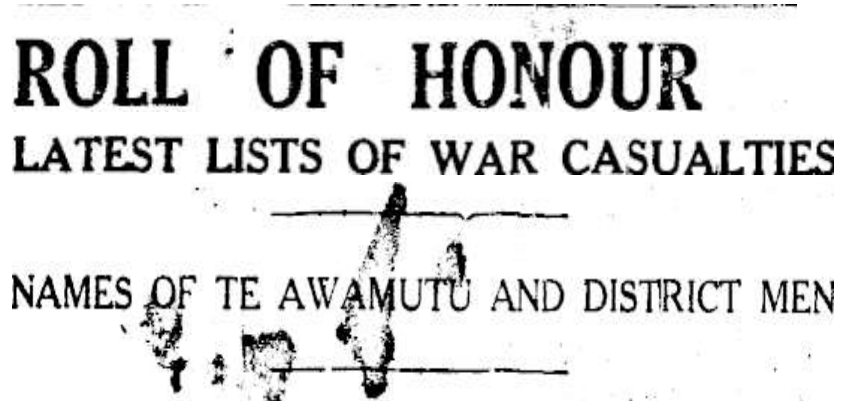


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## THE LISTS ANALYSED

In all, eleven casualty lists have been issued in connection with the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and, analysed, these disclose the following:—

Killed in action .....	135
Died of wounds .....	24
Wounded .....	239
Missing .....	1378
Total .....	1776

In regard to the missing, it is desirable to emphasise the fact that with the progress of operations in Libya a large number of prisoners have been liberated, so that the number under this heading may be considerably reduced.

In response from requests to subscribers in the Kaipaki and Roto-o-Rangi districts, the "Courier" will in future publish the names of soldiers from Cambridge district appearing in the lists.

In the lists released lately the following local district names appear:—

### KILLED IN ACTION

Thorne, Ronald Marshall; Mrs A. E. Thorne, Cambridge (wife).

Rushton, Gilbert; Mrs L. Rushton, Auckland and formerly of Te Awamutu (mother).

Brunskill, Brian Seymour (Lance-Corporal); Mrs D. Brunskill, Whitehall (mother).

Turnock, Frederick Raymond; Mr A. O. Turnock, Te Kuiti (father).

Ellwood, Frederick George; Mrs S. N. Ellwood, Te Kuiti (mother).

### PRIVATE GILBERT RUSHTON

Private Gilbert Rushton was the second son of Constable and Mrs George Rushton, of Remuera, who are well known in Te Awamutu, the Constable having been stationed locally some twelve years ago. The late Private Rushton, who was a single man about 27 years of age, received part of his education in Te Awamutu, and, on completion of his schooling, joined the Government Survey Department. He sailed from New Zealand with one of the early reinforcements, and served in the Middle East up to the time of his death. He was of a studious and likeable disposition, and was well known locally.

### PRIVATE BRIAN BRUNSKILL

Private Brian Seymour Brunskill was the son of Mr and Mrs D. Brun-

kill, of Whitetall, Cambridge. He was born at that place, and received his early education at the Hautapu School and later at the Cambridge District High School. He was employed on his father's sheep farm before he was called up to sail with the Sixth Reinforcements. He was 24 years of age, and was a keen polo player.

#### PRIVATE RAY MARTIN

The news of the death on active service of Private Ray Martin came as a sad blow to his wide circle of friends in Te Kuiti, Otorohanga, and the surrounding districts. Son of Mr and Mrs G. Martin, of Otorohanga, and formerly of Te Kuiti, Ray, who was 27 years of age, spent the whole of his life in Te Kuiti, and was undoubtedly one of the most popular and capable footballers that that district has seen in recent years. Although rather light for a front-ranking forward, his energy and skill won him many football honours. He was one of the staunchest supporters of the Te Kuiti Football Club for many years, and his club mates will long remember his cheerfulness and sportsmanship both on and off the field. He was well known on the various Land Settlement Blocks throughout the Te Awamutu and the adjacent districts. Just prior to going overseas Ray was married to Miss M. A. Dwyer, of Kopaki, and since his departure a baby has been born.

#### DIED OF WOUNDS

Clifford, John B. Mrs M. E. Clifford, Fraser Street, Te Awamutu (wife).

East, Victor. Mrs M. E. East, Cambridge (mother).

#### PRIVATE "BEN" CLIFFORD

Private John Benjamin Clifford was born at Masterton about 38 years ago. After completion of his education at the District High School there he was apprenticed to the upholstering trade which he continued to follow all his civilian life. Married in Masterton to Myrtle, daughter of Mr C. H. Dixon. Mr and Mrs Clifford came to Te Awamutu fourteen years ago, and had resided in this town continuously ever

since. About a year ago he joined the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, but broke down in training. After recuperating he rejoined the Forces, and subsequently proceeded overseas to the Middle East, where he participated in the fighting in Libya, where he has now made the Supreme Sacrifice. When in Maser-ton the late Private Clifford was an enthusiastic member of the Ancient Order of Foresters. In Te Awamutu his chief activities were centred in the local Fire Brigade, of which he

was a keen and enthusiastic member, ever ready to respond to the call of duty. The deceased soldier enjoyed the unbounded respect and esteem of a large circle of friends, who learned of his death with extreme regret. Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, aged 12 and seven years respectively. Mrs Clifford has received a telegram from the Prime Minister (the Right Hon. Peter Fraser) conveying to her the sympathy of the Government and people of New Zealand in her irreparable loss.

#### PRIVATE VICTOR EAST

Private Victor East is the second son of Mr and Mrs A. J. East, of Anzac Street, Cambridge, to be killed in the present war, his brother, Private Jim East, being reported killed on 13th May last. Private Victor East left New Zealand with the Third Echelon, with a third brother, Sapper Albert East. He was reported wounded on 9th December, together with two other Cambridge men.

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#### MISSING, PREVIOUSLY REPORT- ED WOUNDED

Cameron, Colin: Mr E. Cameron, Te Kuiti (father).

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#### MISSING, BELIEVED PRISONER OF WAR

Cubis, Bertram H. (Corporal): Mrs A. M. Cubis, Cambridge (mother).

Fraser, Joseph: Mrs N. R. Fraser, Bond's Road, Te Awamutu (mother).

Hooker, Howard A. (Corporal): C. W. Hooker, Cambridge.

Moore, John Blomfield (Corporal): Mrs H. E. Moore, Cambridge (mother).

Tarrant, John Phillip: Mr P. C. Tarrant, Pio Pio (father).

May, Samuel Hastings: Mrs F. G. Wood, Putaruru (sister).

Merrin, Mervyn F.: Mr E. A. Merrin, Otorohanga (brother).

Mitchell, Angus S. J.: Mr W. Mitchell, Te Waitere (father).

Colvin, Frederick Leonard: Mr P. Colvin, Cambridge (father).

Farrant, Albert Leslie: Mrs H. Farrant, Wharepapa (wife).

#### PRIVATE "MERV." MERRIN

Private Mervyn F. Merrin was born at Waione, Dannevirke, 32 years ago,

and was educated at the school there. He came to the Otorohanga district in 1914, and first followed a farming occupation, and was then employed in the butchery establishment of Mr H. Maxwell, by whom he was employed when he enlisted for overseas service. He sailed with the Third Echelon, and participated in the fighting in Greece and Crete, cabling, after being evacuated from the latter island, that he was "fit and well." He afterwards served in Libya with headquarters as a butcher. "Merv," as he was popularly called, was well known and esteemed in Otorohanga. His brothers are Messrs E. A. and Colin Merrin, of Otorohanga, and Mr Henry Merrin, of Ngahape, while Mrs L. V. King, of Kio Kio, is a sister.

#### PRIVATE JOSEPH FRASER

Private Joseph Fraser, reported missing and supposed to be a prisoner of war, is the fourth son of Mr and Mrs J. Fraser, of Bond's Road, Te Awamutu. He is a single man, 31 years of age. He has followed a farming occupation all his life, and joined the Second Echelon from Orini in May, 1940. He saw eight months' service in Fiji, and, after a brief respite in New Zealand, sailed with a later echelon for the Middle East, where he served with the anti-tank corps.

#### RIGHT REV. BISHOP GERARD

It has been reported by Vatican City radio that the senior Anglican chaplain with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, the Right Rev. G. V. Gerard, Bishop of Waiapu, is a prisoner of war in Italy.

#### REV. FATHER SHEELEY

Father W. Sheeley, who has been made a prisoner of war by the Italians, was the first Auckland priest to join the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and was formerly parish priest at Cambridge. He entered camp in September, 1939, and left New Zealand with the First Echelon in 1940. He was with the Division in Greece and Crete.

#### PRIVATE ANGUS MITCHELL

Private Angus S. J. Mitchell is the son of Mr and Mrs William Mitchell of Te Waitere (Kawhia Harbour) of which district they were pioneer settlers. He left New Zealand with one of the early Echelons, and saw service in the battles in Greece and Crete.

#### CORPORAL BERTRAM CUBIS

Corporal Bertram Cubis is the second son of Mr and Mrs Harold Cubis, of Hautapu. He was educated at the Hautapu Primary School and at the Hamilton Technical School, afterward attending Massey Agricultural College. He was employed by the Cambridge Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd. for eight years, and later received a position with the Ohura Valley Dairy Company. He enlisted from Ohura, and went overseas early in 1940. Corporal Cubis was well known in all forms of sport, particularly tennis and football. He played both games for both Hautapu and Ohura, and was secretary for the clubs concerned in each district.

#### PRIVATE FREDERICK COLVIN

Private Frederick L. Colvin is the second son of Mr and Mrs R. Colvin, of the Roto-o-Rangi-Cambridge Road, to be captured by the enemy in the present war. Private P. W. Colvin was reported as being a prisoner of war in September last. He was captured during the Greece and Crete campaigns. A brother is Mr James Colvin, taxi-driver, of Te Awamutu.

## MISSING

- Bentley, Donald Dalziel: Mr H. W. Bentley, Waitomo Caves (father).  
Gray, Albert Percival: Mrs E. Gray, Putaruru (mother).  
Paterson, John Bruce: Mr A. Patterson, Te Kuiti (father).  
Cowan, Arthur B. (Sergeant): Mr J. L. Cowan, Rewarewa (father).  
Hamilton, Ian J.: Mrs B. R. Hamilton, Wynyard Street, Te Awamutu (mother).  
Thompson, Hilton (Lieutenant): Mrs L. T. Thompson, Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu (wife).  
Hansen, Eric William John: Mr H. P. Hansen, Te Kuiti (father).  
Walker, Donald Stanley George (Corporal): Mr S. G. Walker, Otorohanga (father).  
Warner, Alfred Vernon: Mrs D. E. Warner, Mandeno Street, Te Awamutu (mother).  
Buchanan, William: Mr R. Buchanan, Tokanui (father).  
Morrison, Desmond Thomas Stuart: Mrs L. Morrison, Putaruru (mother).  
Nicholl, Kenneth: Mr I. J. Nicholl, Cambridge (brother).  
Smith, Samuel (Sergeant): Mrs L. S. Smith, Putaruru (mother).  
O'Brien, Hato: Mr P. O'Brien, Maketu (brother).

### CORPORAL DONALD WALKER

Corporal Donald S. G. Walker was born at Tariki, Taranaki, 24 years ago. He was educated at the Norfolk Road School, Inglewood, and at the Stratford District High School. Upon completion of his schooling he engaged in work at various dairy factories in the southern province. He was keenly interested in Rugby football and hockey. He proceeded overseas with the Third Echelon, and saw service in Greece and later in Libya, where he is now reported to be missing. A brother is Mr S. G. Walker, of Mangaorongo Road, Otorohanga.



### PRIVATE IAN J. HAMILTON

Private Ian J. Hamilton is the younger son of Mrs B. R. Hamilton, of Wynyard Street. He was born at Waipukurau in 1919, and received his education at the Taumarunui and Te Awamutu District High Schools. On completion of his schooling he entered the grocery business, and became well known as a courteous attendant at the Self Help Store. He enlisted early in 1940, and was posted to the 4th Reinforcement, with which he left for the Middle East. He had been attached to headquarters as a driver during the time the operations in Libya were in progress. He was an enthusiastic member of the Te Awamutu Municipal Band. His elder brother, Alexander William, better known as "Bill," also went overseas at the same time, and is serving in the Libyan campaign.

### PRIVATE KENNETH NICHOLL

Private Kenneth Nicholl, who is a well-known footballer, having played for the Hautapu Club, was born and educated in Cambridge. Before enlisting for overseas service he worked on his father's farm. He was a keen deerstalker. He sailed for overseas service early last year.

### SERGEANT ARTHUR COWAN

Sergeant Arthur B. Cowan is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Cowan, settlers for the past twenty years at Rewarewa. Born at Feilding 26 years ago, the missing soldier went to Rewarewa as a child with his parents, and received his education at the local school. Thereafter he followed farming as an occupation, eventually volunteering and leaving New Zealand for overseas with the Second Echelon. He participated in the violent battles in Greece and Crete.

### PRIVATE ALFRED WARNER

Private Alfred Vernon Warner is the elder son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Warner, of Mandeno Street. He was born at Patea about thirty years ago, and was educated at Ngarua, near Morrinsville. He is a single man who has worked in and around the Te Awamutu district for many years past, and is well and favourably known locally. He enlisted with the Third Echelon of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and served in the heroic campaigns in Greece and Crete without receiving a scratch. His young brother, 19 years of age, enters a military camp this week.

### PRIVATE FRED HEERDEGEN

Private advice has been received that Private Fred Heerdegen has been posted missing. In partnership with Messrs W. and J. Yeates, of Ngutunui, he was well known for years in this district as a farm contractor, but of recent years had followed bush work in the Mangapechi district.

### LIEUTENANT H. THOMPSON

Lieutenant Hilton Thompson is well known in Te Awamutu, where he joined the Army at the outbreak of hostilities. He was sent to the N.C.O. class of instruction at Narrow Neck, and subsequently secured his commission at an examination held in Trentham. He sailed from the Dominion with the Third Echelon in August of 1940, and was through the campaign in Greece, from which country he was evacuated back to Egypt. Thereafter he was engaged in the campaign in Libya, and, as a result of the latest operations there, has been posted missing. His wife, formerly Miss Lorna Potts, is at present on the staff of the Te Awamutu Co-operative Dairy Company Limited.

### PRIVATE LESLIE FARRANT

Private Leslie Farrant was born in 1909 in Auckland, where he was educated. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of Messrs George Court and Sons, rising to an important position in the display department. Just over five years ago, he decided to go in for a farming career and became one of the original occupiers on the Land Development Block at Wharepapa, from which place he enlisted. He joined the Fifth Reinforcements, with which he sailed from New Zealand. In the Middle East he was attached to the Mobile Surgical Unit, having previously had considerable experience in First Aid and

ambulance work. Recent letters have given the information that he has been long treks over the Desert with his Unit. Apparently this was right up to the front line in the recent operations in Libya.

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### WOUNDED

Private Claude Dickens Bell, son of Mr J. A. H. Bell, of Cambridge, who was reported wounded on 9th December, is now off the seriously wounded list.

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### NOT MISSING, BUT WOUNDED

(Previously Reported Missing)

Podevin, Max Sibbet; Mr A. J. Podevin, Te Kuiti (father).

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### H.M.S. NEPTUNE LOST

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### NEW ZEALAND PERSONNEL

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### AMONG THE MISSING MEN

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It was officially announced on Saturday that the cruiser Neptune had been sunk by enemy mines in the Mediterranean. Included in the personnel were a number of New Zealanders, of whom 132 have been posted as missing, including the following local district men:—

Carr, Patrick Aubrey (Stoker): Mr W. B. Carr, Otorohanga (father).

Harris, Herbert Edward: Mr R. Harris, Te Kuiti (father).

Marsden, Harry: Mr E. G. F. Marsden, Ohaupo (father).

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## A COLOURFUL CAREER

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### ABLE SEAMAN HARRY MARSDEN

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#### ONCE ON TORPEDOED SHIP

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Able Seaman Harry Marsden was the eldest son of Mr E. G. F. Marsden and the late Mrs Marsden, late of Eastbourne, Wellington, and now of Ohaupo. The Able Seaman was born in Wellington just 21 years ago, and was educated at the Muratai School, Eastbourne, and at the Technical College, Wellington, studying engineering at the latter institution. He represented the College in Rugby football. He was a foundation member of the Muritai Yachting Club and its delegate, from 1937 to the time of his sailing from New Zealand, to the Federated Yachting Association. He was the owner of the Idle Along class of yacht Pegaway, which he raced with considerable success, winning several cups and other trophies. Able Seaman Marsden joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve in Wellington in 1934 at the age of 14½ years, when he was still going to school, and became a fully-qualified gunner, mine-sweeper, and sailor. He left New Zealand in 1939 as one of the gun crew of an oil tanker, and was subsequently engaged in running across the North Atlantic to England for fifteen months. He was on a vessel which was torpedoed in January, 1941, in the North Atlantic, when 600 miles from Ireland. He was one of a party rescued by a trawler. Later on the young man was appointed to H.M.S. Neptune as an anti-aircraft gunner, and served in that ship till its recent sinking in the Mediterranean. He participated in all the activities along the Libyan coast and other parts of the Mediterranean in which the Neptune had been engaged. As the Able Seaman was an exceptionally good swimmer, and as the cruiser apparently sank near the coast, there is still a possibility that he may have

been able to swim ashore, in which case he would have been taken as a prisoner of war. His brother Alan, just 18 years of age, is full-back to the Ohaupo Third Grade Rugby football team