

Saturday 20.

The Div. Cav. put on a concert, using our stage at the Palace. Quite a good show.

Sunday 21.

Cleaned hall in morning for concert. Church parade (voluntary) 9.30 A.M. Had photos taken, in costume, outside Palace.

Concert at night. Air raid at 8.30 P.M. while Norm & I were singing 'Fly Flappy!'. Large bomb dropped on waterfront rocked the Palace like an earthquake. The show went on. Supper at Y.M.C.A.

Monday 22.

Went into city in morning. lovely day. Saw hole made by enemy bomb on waterfront. Blasted seafront wall down - made big hole. In afternoon, went to talkies at Palace ('Topper'). In evening - our concert at Palace. Supper at Y.M.C.A.

Tuesday 23

Lovely day. Our Revue 'Thumbs Up' at Miramere Theatre at 7 P.M. 6 Bde. Band played from 6.30 till 7 P.M. Theatre full. (Holds 1600 persons.) Excellent performance. I was made up by Wally Pricter - female impersonator of Kiwi Concert party. Took an hour to do my face. Made a marvellous job. Didn't know myself. Supper at Y.M.C.A. afterwards.

Wednesday 24

Lovely day. Fixed notices for concert tomorrow. Did up two parcels for Edna; one for Dad (books). In afternoon, went with Norm & Jack R. to see Kiwi Concert at Miramere theatre. Met Eric Young there (from 23 Bn. I. Sec.) Evening Party in Sig's room at H.Q. Coy. Air Raid 1 A.M. Bombs dropped near harbour.

(Received cake from Mrs. Brock. (Waikoni - Hastings).
Wrote to Edna.)

Thursday 25

Lovely day. Prepared for concert during morning. Put up posters: hired native boy to act as 'Sandwich Man'. Had 4 cups of coffee. Many more shops open here now. Had a bath and shave in afternoon. Concert 'Thumbs Up' in evening in Miramere Theatre. 6 Bde. Band played from 6.30 till 7 P.M. Full house: excellent performance. Wally Pricter made me up. (Beautiful!) Bedroom scene was a scream. Several nurses in audience (Didn't know at the time!) The Melodrama (poor but honest) went better than ever. Supper at Y.M.C.A. after the show. Then a party (back) at Support Coy. To bed 1 A.M. Air raid 6 A.M.