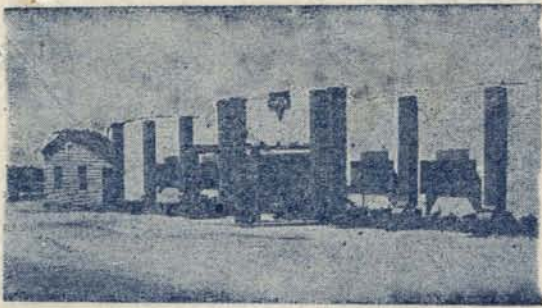


ON ACTIVE SERVICE



Y.M.O.A. HUT MAADI



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Yesterday afternoon I went in to Cairo on leave. From 8 till 9 P.M. the girls at the N.Z. Forces Club put on a concert which was very good. Audrey Holdgate was the musical director & she sang several songs herself. She has a beautiful voice & has done some broadcasting since being here. We had quite a talk over old times in the Harmonic in ChCh. & of Timaru.

My old friend Colin Skinner paid me a visit out in the desert the day before I left to come down here. We had the afternoon together & Colin stayed to tea at our mess. In the evening we attended an open-air talkie programme put on by the Mobile Cinema Unit. Later, we had supper at the Y.M.C.A. tent & I walked some of the way back with Colin to his lines a few miles away.

Well Mum, I haven't had any mail for three weeks, except the communication from Maginity. Son & Samuel re. Aunt Grace's legacy. However, we shall have to be content with mail once a month or so, maybe