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Dear Mum & Dad

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just a line or two to accompany this account of the big rugby match between our Kiwis & the Springboks, played a week or so ago, on a Saturday afternoon. I was unfortunately orderly officer on that day & couldn't see it. It was a lovely day, there was a big crowd there, & our chaps played a wonderful game.

I am also enclosing a menu, done by one of our chaps, from the officers mess, for our "dinner last night". We had a "guest-night" & invited fourteen sisters & V.A.D.s from one of our General Hospitals, who came to dinner & afterwards talked & danced. It was quite a pleasant evening. We also invited a lay officer - a Major from Auckland whom I had run against in a 440 yds. race during the University Covenants (held) in 1933, held in Auckland. This officer has only recently returned from Italy, where he escaped from his Prison Camp when Italy collapsed. He was taken in 1942 soon after the enemy broke into Egypt, & just before evan-

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I received some bad news from Edna on Monday - by cable. Poor Bert's brother in the 1st Air Force has been killed. I expect you know of this already as Edna will have told you. Ever since Bert went to England & joined a bomber crew, I knew he would be very lucky if he came through it. With these huge raids over Europe each day & night, there are bound to be casualties & among them are bound to be many of our own chaps. We have had heavy casualties at Cassino too in Italy. They next M.3. E.F. Times will have the casualty list in. We have heard names mentioned but cannot quote until we see them officially. The sand storm I told you of in my letter of Monday is now over. Hence now we have good weather. It is cool again now. Howt I must close off & on with my work. I'm O.K. so don't worry. Good morning!

Love from Rewi