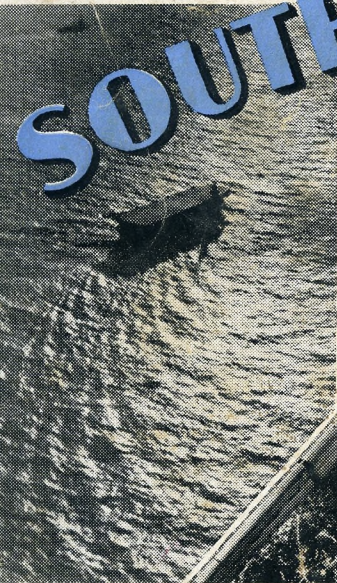
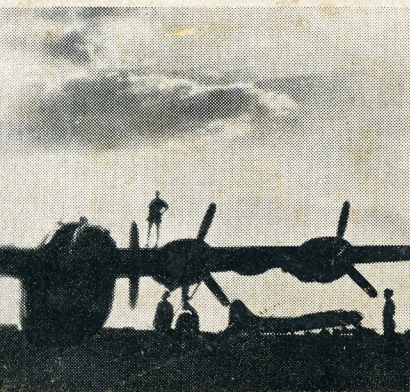


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Foreword

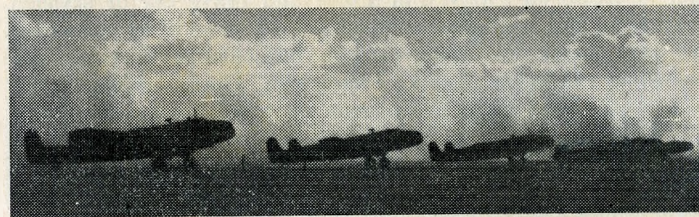
THIS is the story of some of the 10,000 South African Jewish men and women who have fought in the fighting services of the United Nations. It is not a complete story. It is not even a summary of names of a chronicle of events, but it does claim to give some impression of the help South African Jews have given to the war effort.

No faithful impression can be given by facts alone, for Jews, like other Springboks, fight as men and not as numbers. Human stories fill in the background and show how Jewish Springboks have fitted into the larger picture of a nation at war. An attempt has been made to blend official facts and statements with equally authentic background stories which the official eye would be inclined to miss.

It is inevitable that some names should be mentioned and others left out. Just as special incidents should not be allowed to obscure the undertones that are so important in war, undertones of routine, toil, hardship, boredom, so the individual personalities should not eclipse the very many Springboks—both Jew and Gentile—whose feats of courage and acts of unselfishness have been noticed only by a few and perhaps by none.

If any dedication is needed for this pamphlet, it must be made to them—the unpublicised sailors, soldiers and airmen who have borne the brunt of the battle. That is the way Jewish heroes singled out for special mention in these pages would like it.

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I. The First Shots of War

Take your mind back to September, 1939. The crispness of winter was still in the air in South Africa. In England summer lingered, and as if to make up for a bad start, took on a new brilliance, flooding the fields with wild flowers and loading ripe berries on every tree and bush that was strong enough to hold them. Behind those bushes in country lanes up and down the country were big guns, taken out of camouflage and hiding to mouth defiance—but only in practice shoots. Heavy artillery pounded across peaceful country, trench mortars thudded, machine guns rattled. But the manoeuvres were mock, the tactics simulated. The battles of training were being fought. It was an unreal atmosphere.

At R.A.F. airfields in the Northern Counties there was a different story to tell. War came swiftly and in the aerodrome boundaries it had a different meaning. As early as the first week of war airmen were being briefed for raids on Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and German shipping targets. On September 8, five days after the declaration of war, a number of bombers took off and headed across the North Sea. The full story of that raid may never be told, for some of the aircraft failed to return. In one of them was the first South African to lose his life in this war. He was Pilot Officer Harold Rosofsky, a Jew, and came from Johannesburg, where he was educated at King Edward VII School. Partly trained in South Africa, he went to England three years before the war and was commissioned in the R.A.F. Members of his family are well known as Zionist workers.

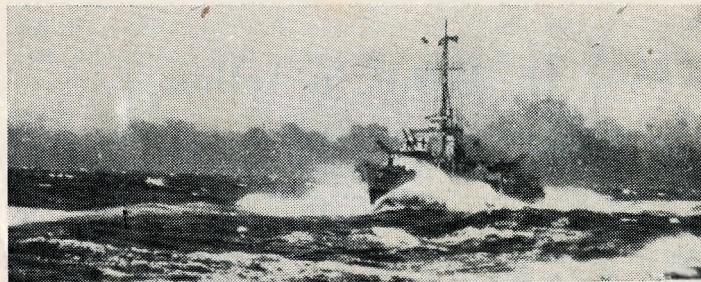
At this period South Africa had still to mobilise her military strength, and the task that confronted General Smuts was no less

than to create an Army, Air Force and Navy out of skeleton proportions and negligible equipment. How well he succeeded has been shown by South African participation in campaigns throughout Abyssinia, Egypt, Tripolitania, North Africa, Sicily, Italy—indeed, on nearly every front, including the invasion fronts of Europe.

It is natural, then, that South Africans in action at the end of 1939 and early in 1940 were members of the Royal Navy, British armed forces or the R.A.F.

Even when the British Expeditionary Forces landed in France, fighting was confined to small skirmishes and foot patrols. The R.A.F. was, however, in continuous action. They flew long hours on coastal patrols, carried out bombing and pamphlet raids and performed fighter escort and interception duties. South Africans took an honourable part in all these activities. One of these Springboks, Jocelyn Friendly, the son of the late Mr. Solly Friendly and Mrs. E. Friendly, of Sea Point, Cape Town, was probably the first South African non-commissioned officer to receive an award in the R.A.F. In 1940 exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty won him the D.F.M. He was one of a number of South African Jews who distinguished themselves in the R.A.F. before giving their lives for the cause they knew they had to fight. Warrant Officer Friendly was killed in action in 1943, exactly four years after he became one of the first batch of war volunteers to go overseas from the Union. Two brothers served with the South African forces, one in the Air Force and the other in the S.A.E.C.

A very early R.A.F. Jewish casualty was Pilot Officer J. Falkson, of Pretoria. He went to Norway and lost his life when the aircraft carrier "Glorious" was sunk during the evacuation of the British forces. By this time a young South African Jew was beginning to attract attention as a fighter pilot. His name was Flying Officer Brian von Mentz, and he was born in Johannesburg in 1916. At the age of 20 he joined the R.A.F. and was commissioned two years later. He was active throughout the operations in France, covered the evacuation from Dunkirk and received the D.F.C. in October of that year. By that time he had destroyed six Nazi aircraft and had three "probables" to his credit as well. He was almost continuously in operations from the day war was declared to the day he was killed in action, in the early months of 1941.



Another South African Jew who served in the R.F.C. in the last war and again with the R.A.F. in this war, helped to baulk Hitler's attempted invasion of England. His name is M. G. de B. Epstein, and he pioneered a method of collaboration between the Navy and the R.A.F. This led to one of the first combined operations in which three Dutch airmen, dropped behind the German lines, discovered vital information about Hitler's plans. Allied action followed. At this period South Africans were volunteering in large numbers for the Army units which were later to go to Abyssinia and for the South African Air Force, which was already growing beyond the wildest speculations of the men who saw its birth less than 20 years earlier. In training camps at Roberts Heights, Sonderwater and elsewhere they read the story of a Jewish doctor whose courage served as an example to many. The blitz on London and South-East England had let loose its full fury. In the bombed areas of the coastal town of Worthing people were talking about a one-legged doctor who directed heroic feats of rescue among the ruins. "Any of us would follow him to hell," said a member of the rescue unit in a newspaper interview. "He has worked like six men. Among the smashed masonry and splintered woodwork of wrecked homes and by the feeble light of dimmed torches and lamps, he performed an operation as coolly as if he were in an operating theatre." Dr. Rosenberg, a Marist Brothers old boy, wrote home to his mother, Mrs. Jenny Rosenberg, of Johannesburg: "I am dreadfully tired, but happy that I am doing something in this war in spite of the one leg. I have tried to enlist, but they turned me down."

II. U.D.F. in Action

The Transvaal Scottish, the Dukes, the Cape Town Highlanders, the R.D.L.I., the Irish, the R.L.I., and all the other regiments were being brought up to strength in numbers and maximum fitness in training. And the usual jokes were going the rounds about the Cohens and Kellys and the Scotsmen and Jews. What is more, Jewish affinity for the Irish and Scots regiments was reflected in the roll call each morning, when Goldberg and O'Brien, Weinstein and Macdonald, Hirsch and van Rensburg, were often in close and cordial juxtaposition. By the end of the year they were together not only on the parade ground and fields of manoeuvre but in the war zone. Action came a month or two later. Private Aaron Judas, 1st S.A. Irish Regt., was one of the first casualties of a gallant regiment. He fell in action near Mega in February, 1941, one of the first South African Jews to give his life in the Abyssinian campaign. Probably the first casualty on active service outside the Union had occurred not long before when Air Sergeant Sydney Lazarus, of Robertson, was shot down near El Wak on the north-eastern Kenya border, and killed after an heroic attempt to escape. A number of other South African Jews were killed in action or wounded before the end of the campaign, which ended in the rout of the Italians and complete victory for our forces. A number of South African Jews received awards for gallant conduct and distinguished services. Among them were Lance-Corporal Albert Ruda, of the 1st Transvaal Scottish, who received the M.M., and was mentioned in dispatches, and Major H. Samson, who was awarded the O.B.E., and mentioned in dispatches.

A typical citation was that which officially described the courage of Lance-Corporal Joseph Wallis, later wounded in a rearguard action while destroying the harbour installations at Mersa Matruh. Announcing the award of the Military Medal, the citation said:

"Lance-Corporal Joseph Wallis, 5th Field Company, S.A.E.C., was in the sub-section of the 5th Field Company of the S.A.E.C. which went forward to the 1st S.A. Irish. While the vehicles were going up to the forward slopes of Two Tree Hills

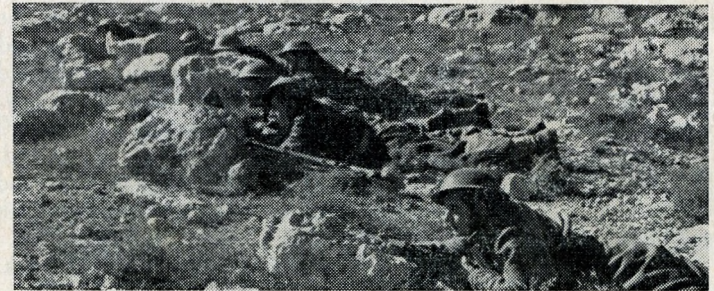
they came under artillery fire. Orders were given to withdraw the vehicles under cover. Lance-Corporal Wallis brought out his own vehicle and then walked back under shellfire to remove a vehicle belonging to the infantry, whose driver had apparently not heard the order to withdraw the vehicles.

"Lance-Corporal Wallis then went forward with his sub-section under Lt. Barker following the advance of the infantry. The sub-section was looking for minefields on the road. When the minefield on the left of the road was discovered owing to the first casualty in the S.A. Irish being blown up, Lance-Corporal Wallis was the first man to get there. He dug with his bayonet until he found a mine, removed it and personally took it to pieces to discover how best these mines could be rendered harmless before removal.

"This was a most courageous action, as the mines were home-made and Lance-Corporal Wallis had absolutely no knowledge as to how they worked and, as was subsequently discovered, most of the mines in this particular field were of hairtrigger setting.

"Lance-Corporal Wallis knew precisely the effect the mines had on exploding, as one of the casualties blown up was still lying there, but, knowing it was essential to make them safe to handle, he unhesitatingly stripped the first one he came across."

The Abyssinian campaign was over. Now units were on the move to Egypt, S.A.A.F. squadrons were being re-equipped and many soldiers were in Addis Ababa enjoying leave and the lighter side of war. The airmen met the infantry and there was a general exchange of anecdotes about the fighting and the old folks





Air-Corporal Jack Friedman, B.E.M. He rescued a S.A.A.F. pilot from a burning aircraft and many months later the pilot discovered the identity of his rescuer from a newspaper story. He immediately called on Friedman's family to express his thanks and appreciation.

at home. Several air gunners who had just come up from the Union spoke about the course they were on—more than one-third of the 95 volunteers for this dangerous and exciting job were Jews. Other flying courses also had a large proportion of Jews. The air gunners were disappointed at having missed the Abyssinian show and impatient to see action. They saw plenty of it not long after when the Western Desert campaign began and the S.A.A.F. commenced a new and glorious chapter in its history.

There were reminiscences. One of them concerned an exploit that passed into the current talk of nearly every Air Force Mess in the Empire. Half-way through the Abyssinian campaign an Irish pilot in the S.A.A.F. and a Jewish engineer in the S.A.E.C., got together and brooded about the lull in action and excitement. Their views were unanimous. The pilot was too old for combat flying and he was tired of being an aerial riksha boy, flying supplies and troops in a very ancient Valencia at about 90 miles an hour. The engineer was tired of staying on the ground. He wanted to see what an air raid was like from the air and what would happen if he launched his own experimental bomb on his own experimental target.

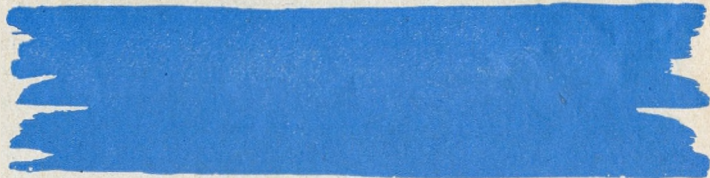
Secretly the unofficial "Bomber Command" got to work. An empty 40-gallon oil drum was filled with 400 sticks of dynamite, parts of a sewing machine and a motor-car differential, and

a few days later an Italian garrison was astonished to see an old Valencia lumbering towards them at a low height. The garrison would have been more astonished had it seen the "bomb" jammed in the door, where the entire crew were exerting their weight to get the dangerous mass out in time. Fortunately they did, the garrison was shattered and the aircraft returned to base.

A few years later when the engineer had added fresh and more orthodox laurels to his reputation, his name was revealed as Joe Lentzper, M.B.E., of the S.A.E.C. His rank is now major, he has been mentioned in dispatches and has been described as probably holding the South African record for long service overseas. An engineer officer to the British Mission to the Italian Army, he was the only South African in this large and important organisation.

While big things were brewing in Egypt, another side of the war was being exhibited in South Africa. Convoy after convoy passed through the South African ports, and in Durban, particularly, men bound for battle and desert were given a royal welcome. Regardless of race or creed, the Durban Jewish Club threw open its doors to fighting men of all the services and many nations. Fine meals were served, concerts organised, private hospitality generously offered. In one period of five days 10,000 meals were served. The days in port were remembered many months later in the bomb-gouged, shell-scarred surroundings of the desert battlefields. In nearly every town in the Union there was a similar tale of warmth and hospitality to tell. The Jewish Guild, Johannesburg, is one place that men in the far corners of the globe remember to-day as a "home" for the vast family of soldiers away from home.

South African women rallied not only to the part-time services but to full-time employment in the W.A.A.S. and W.A.A.F. to do every job that was open to them. A Jewish civil pilot, Sybil Starfield, was one of the foundation members of the W.A.A.F. Ironically, while on her way to join the ferry



Two young members of the S.A.N.F. sunning themselves on a South African beach during a period of leave. They are Lennie Doucha and Gerald Davimes and, like other South African Jews, have served in many waters.



service of the A.T.A. in England, she lost her life at sea. Many Jewish women, including nurses, went North and undertook arduous and responsible duties. One of them served in Egypt, North Africa and Italy on the personal staffs of several generals. She is Captain Sylvia Rosenberg, of Johannesburg, and for a time she was private secretary to Mr. Casey, Minister of State in the Middle East.

A sad memory of the desert is Sidi Rezegh, a name that will live for ever in South African military history. Next to Christian crosses, the Star of David is pegged there over graves where the winds blow and dust curves eternally. The selfless spirit of the South Africans who fought so bravely against hopeless odds is epitomised in the story of a distinguished Jewish medical officer who, when asked by a reporter about his part in the action, replied that the men in his unit, "particularly Sergeant-Major Swerdlow, were magnificent and fought regardless of danger." Lt.-Colonel Lionel Melzer, O.B.E., M.C., the doctor who spoke this tribute, received his decoration for valour at Sidi Rezegh.

In the fighting in the Western Desert, Jews continued to be prominent. There were Jewish soldiers in most of the units which felt the turbulent ebb and flow of battle before Tobruk and El Alamein. A number of Jews were decorated in this grim period. In the armoured car units in particular, Jewish soldiers showed their mettle. Such men as Private Edward Henry Davids, Corporal Leib Lerer (also mentioned in dispatches), Corporal Sydney Freeman, and Private Abraham Weiss, later killed, won

Military Medals for acts of gallantry. The D.C.M. was awarded to Sergeant Gerald Goddard, of Benoni, who was subsequently taken prisoner. At about the same time Private Monty Goldstein, of the R.D.L.I., Corporal Leo Meyerowitz, of the R.L.I., and Corporal Meyer Hennoch Shapiro, of the Kaffrarian Rifles, were awarded the M.M.

When Tobruk fell and South Africa felt the bitterest blow since her entry into the war, many Jews were in the forces of the Second Division which were trapped. They were sent to prison camps in Italy and Germany. Those fortunate enough to fight their way through the German lines did so and made thrilling escapes. Two strange stories made lighter reading about this time. One was the romance of Captain Benny Hermer, M.B.E., a doctor in the S.A.M.C., and Olda Mehr, a brilliant South African pianist, who in 1939 when on leave from the Royal

WESTERN
DESERT
HERO—

SGT. G. GODDARD,
D.C.M.,
OF BENONI



CITATION—

For outstanding gallantry and inspiring leadership in the attack on December 31, 1941:

"In an attack on an enemy strong-point, the platoon in which Corporal Goddard was a section commander came under very heavy enemy machine-gun fire, with the result that sixteen members of the platoon, including the platoon commander and the platoon sergeant, were killed and seven more wounded.

"Corporal Goddard immediately took charge of the remaining nine men and captured the position at the point of the bayonet. He then reorganised his men and led them on to the next objective, which he captured. He remained in command through the rest of the day, at all times inspiring his men with his fearless leadership."

Academy of Music in London, went to Poland, was caught by the war and had no escape. She spent three years in Nazi concentration camps before she was repatriated to the Middle East. There, in a Cairo street, she met Captain Hermer, her fiancé, of whom she had lost all trace. He had been taken prisoner at Tobruk, and after much fine work among the South African prisoners, help rendered despite many difficulties, made a remarkable escape from Benghazi. The couple, both freed from the Nazis, were married in a Johannesburg synagogue not many weeks later.

The other story concerns a brilliant young Jewish refugee, Captain Hans Freund, who was employed by the Transvaal Education Department before the war. With 40 Springboks he was taken prisoner in Libya by units of Rommel's army. Taking advantage of the temporary confusion, he picked up a Nazi officer's cap, barked orders in German to the German guards, and in a few moments had the Springboks crowded on to a truck speeding towards the Allied lines. They were all freed.

El Alamein was a particular triumph for South Africa, for the barrage which marked the change in Allied fortunes came largely from the artillery genius in Major-General Dan Pienaar, C.B., D.S.O. Jews of all ranks, having worked under "Dan" since the early days of the war, felt his loss very deeply.



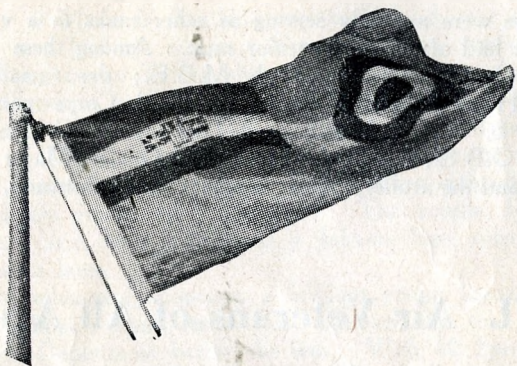
Jewish members of the "Desert Rats" photographed at a service conducted by Padre Potashnik in the field shortly before the end of the African campaign.

Jews were not only serving as other ranks in a variety of units, but had also risen to senior rank. Among these were the engineer, Lt.-Colonel Levinkind, M.B.E.; the signaller, Lt.-Colonel Harry Meyers, O.B.E.; the Tank Corps man, Major Leopold S. Steyn, M.B.E.; the doctor, Lt.-Colonel Lionel Meltzer, O.B.E., M.C.; the Intelligence Officer, Major Michael Comay; and the artillery officer, Captain Frank Solomon, M.C.

III. Air Veterans of All Ages

Although there were lulls in the land fighting, the S.A.A.F. was kept busy throughout the campaign across the Western Desert and North Africa. A large number of veterans of desert warfare in every branch of air tactics were Jews. Some had been in action from the early days of the war. A typical case was Louis Aaron Feinberg, a cheerful young man who was born in Piet Retief and educated at King Edward VII School, Johannesburg. As an air-sergeant in Abyssinia, he was one of the first S.A.A.F. aircrew members to be shot down and taken prisoner. Suffering 16 wounds, he survived nine bitter months in an Italian prison camp, and when Sudanese troops rescued him they found that he and his fellow-prisoners had dug a tunnel six feet deep and 130 feet long beneath the concrete floor of their hut. Soon after his recovery, Feinberg returned to action as an observer with commissioned rank. He was awarded the D.F.C. after his Boston bomber had caught fire over Tripoli during an attack by an Italian Macchi 202. In spite of severe wounds, he led the raid back to base and was rushed to hospital.

Jewish pilots seem about equally divided among bombers and fighters. The younger men are naturally predominant as fighter pilots and several have fought right through from the beginning of the war in Africa to the end of the war in Europe. During the black days of 1942, Lt. Montague Mortimer Yudelman, a S.A.A.F. fighter pilot, carried out successful attacks on Axis convoys carrying vital supplies to the Germans in Tobruk. For his gallant work he was awarded the D.F.C. An immediate award of the D.F.C. for gallantry in action over Italy was later



awarded to Captain Albert Sachs, a Spitfire pilot from Randfontein. One of the most experienced fighter-bomber pilots in the S.A.A.F., Major Cecil Golding, D.F.C., has successfully carried out several tours of operations. At one time the Mediterranean area had three bomber squadrons carrying out different missions under the command of Jewish pilots. One of these, Wing-Commander Lionel Leon, D.F.C. and bar, dropped the first bombs in the Allied landings on the South Coast of France. He had previously flown in every phase of the campaigns in the Western Desert, Tripoli, Tunisia, Malta, Sicily and Italy. The squadron he rose to command achieved fame for its work in the last war, when it was commanded by the present Marshal of the Air Forces, Lord Trenchard, as well as for its record in this one. It is known as the Ancestors.

Lt.-Colonel Cecil Stanley Margo, D.F.C., of Johannesburg, and Lt.-Colonel Louis Lazarus Gordon, D.F.C., of Bantry Bay, Cape Town, received their commands after intensive operational experience when still under thirty. Colonel Margo is one of three brothers in the Union's fighting services. He joined up at the outbreak of war, flew throughout the African campaigns and was one of the few South Africans to take part in the conquest of Sicily. Before the war he qualified as a barrister.

Colonel Gordon was Officer Commanding a R.A.F. night intruder squadron operating over the German lines in Italy. He started flying before the war, went to the Middle East in 1941

and was decorated in October, 1942, for his work in the famous Boston "shuttle service" which kept the Germans west of El Alamein under constant fire and gave vital help to the advance of our armies across Africa. While on operational duty one night his plane crashed into the sea near the island of Ponsa. He gave the order to members of the crew to bale out and by the time they had done so the plane was too low for his own jump to safety. Fortunately, when the aircraft hit the water, the hatch flew open and the emergency rubber dinghy was inflated. It kept him afloat for some hours until his rescue by an Italian fisherman.

Another Jewish senior officer who has distinguished himself in the S.A.A.F., is Lt.-Colonel Oscar Galgut, O.B.E. Although well versed in all branches of flying, he has specialised in administration, an important job in which much operational and training efficiency depends.

It is not often that an airman rescued from a burning aircraft is able to learn the name of his rescuer from a newspaper many months later and thousands of miles away from the scene of the rescue. But this happened to Captain Alastair George, an officer in the S.A.A.F., who read the announcement of the award of the B.E.M. to Corporal Jack Friedman in a Rand newspaper, and at once recognised the exploit. He located Friedman's people and lost no time in calling on them to express his thanks and appreciation.

No story about Jewish Springbok fliers would be complete without mention of several remarkable veterans. Probably without parallel anywhere is the story of Wing-Commander Lionel Cohen, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., who at the age of 69 came into the news for gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations. He won his D.S.O. and M.C. in the Royal Flying Corps in the last war, when he was already a veteran of many campaigns, including the Matabele War of 1893 and the Anglo-Boer War. The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to him early last year after he had completed many operational flights of an arduous and exciting nature. A brother of Mr. Jack Andrew Cohen, of Johannesburg, and a nephew of the late Mr. Harry Freeman Cohen, who established the Rand Daily Mail, Wing-Commander Cohen is thus described by a squadron-leader who knew him and saw him embark on operational flights in Sunderlands:

"He never gave me the impression of being older than, say, 45 to 50, and he never wore his Matabeleland or South African war ribbons. Everybody said that he had fought in the Crimea and that he had been in the Indian Mutiny too! He was popular because he entered fully into any fun and games going in the mess, especially on guest nights, when he had his 'puff-puff' with the rest of us and never had grumpy hangovers.

"Li is only one of thousands of Jews in this war who have smacked the anti-semitic lie about personal courage right in Hitler's face."

When war broke out, Joe Friend, a veteran of the Boer War and Great War, was not far off sixty years of age. Yet he volunteered for service in the R.A.F. and was commissioned. He was killed on active service in 1941.

Robert Kassel, a Krugersdorp photographer and old Rand citizen, served throughout the last war in the army. This time he wanted to fly. He joined the S.A.A.F. as an air photographer and quickly became one of the most popular and "game" characters of the Air Force. Refusing to admit any disparity between his Service and his actual age, he is officially under 60, but he is definitely an "old soldier." Until recently he was flying hour after hour on survey flights of a taxing and technical kind while longing for more active service of the sort he saw in Abyssinia, when he flew as a photographer on reconnaissance missions.

At the other end of the age scale are the Jewish youngsters as young as eight and nine who were members of the Junior Air Force clubs run up and down the country by "Wings," the Air Force magazine. A number of them were foundation members and organised their own groups for technical study and discussion to prepare their entry into aviation. More than a few of the older boys have graduated into the S.A.A.F. from these beginnings.

IV. Military Medicine

From aviation to medicine. There is a new science which combines the two, and a number of Jews are among the first South Africans to be trained as aviation doctors. One of these doctors, Captain Trope, was selected for a special flying course designed to give medical men practical knowledge of aircrew problems. Another South African Jewish doctor who went in for aviation

medicine in Canada is now a lieutenant-colonel in India, where he was sent to study the nutrition problems of the men who are fighting the Japanese. His name is Lt.-Colonel Kark and he served in the Research Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force Medical Corps before being posted to his job in the Far East.

Officers of the S.A.M.C. who have given distinguished services to medicine in the field include Colonel L. I. Braun, O.B.E., formerly O.C. 106 General Hospital; Lt.-Colonel David Lurie, a Johannesburg surgeon, who lost his life in an accident in the Middle East; Lt.-Colonel Lionel Meltzer, O.B.E., M.C., Major Jack Penn, M.B.E., and many others who were well known in South African medical circles before the war. The list includes such names as Loewenthal, Sugarman, Ruskin, Klugman, Bloomberg, Josselsohn, Katz, Jaffe and Babrow.

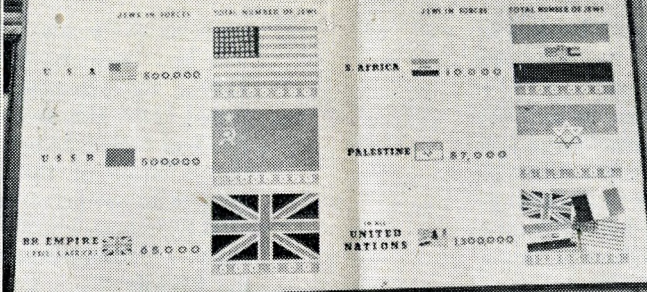
So much excellent work has been done by these medical men for South African and Allied troops that it seems invidious to mention individual achievements. Nevertheless, the work of Major Penn at Brenthurst Auxiliary Hospital is noteworthy because it is going on after the war and affects many people. Major Penn developed remarkable methods of plastic surgery which gave new hope to soldier-patients who thought their shattered faces and

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The story of the Greenberg family of Parktown, Johannesburg, is an example of Jewish sacrifice which can be repeated many times. Of a family of three, two have been killed in action, one in the Transvaal Scottish, and the other presumed killed as an air-gunner in the S.A.A.F. Within a year Mr. M. Buch, of Sea Point, Cape Town, lost two sons. One was Air-Corporal Isidore Lionel Buch, of the S.A.A.F., and the other Captain Harold Julius Buch, also of the S.A.A.F., who was posted "Missing, believed killed."

The Cohen family of Bothaville has a remarkable record. Four sons joined up. George, a S.A.A.F. pilot, is presumed killed, Maurice was wounded in the Armoured Cars, while Sidney was mentioned in dispatches. A fourth brother was discharged on medical grounds.

PROPORTION OF JEWS IN FORCES TO TOTAL JEWISH POPULATION



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The pictures on these pages indicate the variety of jobs that have been undertaken by South African Jews and Jewesses in the Forces. Joyce Marcus (1) went to Europe as an ambulance driver. Lieut. Kalman Berelowitz (2) after being seconded to a British unit, took part in the Normandy invasion and won the Military Cross in the field. Gunner Hans Unger, M.M. (3) escaped from a prison camp in Italy and received his award at Buckingham Palace. Lieut. Jack Selikman, O.B.E. (4), fought with the Transvaal Scottish and is an ex-P.O.W. Capt. (Miss) Sylvia Rosenberg (5) has served on the personal staffs of several British generals in the Middle East. Passover (6) is a memory retained by many serving South Africans. The Koopowitz sisters (7) joined the W.A.A.F. and one of them was mentioned in despatches.

pulped features would forever be a grim reminder of battle and an impediment to normal life. Rebuilding faces, he performed what one newspaper described as "surgical miracles."

This humanitarian work is now going on under the auspices of the department of Maxillio-facial, Oral and Plastic Surgery in the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of the Witwatersrand. Major Penn is the first professor to occupy the chair and its establishment, thanks to a donation of £30,000 by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, ensures that distress which would otherwise last a lifetime will be alleviated or entirely removed.

V. 6th S.A. Armoured Division

Jews in the Sixth South African Division have played a proportionate part in the victorious campaign in Italy. Many

Capt. Joel Robert Reznick, M.C. (left), who was decorated for his work as a medical officer in the 6th S.A. Armoured Division, and S/Sgt. Lazar Epstein, M.M. (right), who is an escaped P.O.W.



tributes to the fine work of the Division have come from British and American generals and from war correspondents. Not long after the Division went into action decorations for gallantry were awarded to Captain Joel Robert Reznick, M.C., of Koffiefontein and Johannesburg, a doctor, and the M.M. to Sgt. C. S. (Hymie) Hummel and Trooper Jeffrey Arnold Kark.

Many Jewish names appeared in the casualty lists and a radio reporter told a story that was typical of the comradeship in the Division. It was the story of three graves resting at the foot of one of the mountains forming the Gothic Line. They were the graves of three South African soldiers who fought their way up in darkness through shell, mortar and machine-gun fire to the top of the mountain to help wrest it from the Germans. At the top they were killed. The next morning their comrades brought them down.

Scissors and Sword

Sergeant-Pilot Sidney Cohen, a 22-year-old White-chapel tailor's cutter, was probably the first man to "invade" Europe, and his single-handed capture of the island of Lampedusa, after his air-sea rescue aircraft had force-landed there, is now a classic story of the Italian campaign.

The son of a Benoni tailor proved on the second day of the Normandy operations that South African tailors also come of fighting stock. He is Lieut. Isaac Goldstein, M.C., one of the first South Africans to receive an immediate award in the field for gallant conduct in the Normandy invasion.

Lieut. Goldstein, who was educated at Benoni High School and went North in the ranks of the S.A.E.C. before being commissioned and seconded to the Royal Marines, took part in the invasion as a commando officer. He was wounded on the second day of the Normandy operations, when shrapnel caused a hole in the skull, about twenty splinters in the left arm, wounds in the back and right arm, and a perforated eardrum.

The names of three brave South Africans are remembered in the Division—the name of Lance-Corporal Derrick Charter, of Durban, Lance-Corporal Barends Nel, of Schweiser Reyneke, and Private Aaron Len, of Benoni. Englishman, Afrikaner and Jew, they fought together and they died together.

Memorial Scholarships

Thousands of miles apart, two famous educational institutions have honoured South African airmen who were former students and lost their lives on active service. In both cases the honour is the first of its kind ever conferred on a South African airman. In both cases the men, in whose memory a scholarship and bursaries have been established, were Jews.

Needy students at the Royal Academy of Music in London will benefit by a scholarship established as a memorial to one of its most distinguished students, David Carl Taylor, of Johannesburg, who, when at the peak of a brilliant career as violinist, gave up his professorship at the Royal Academy and joined the R.A.F. as an observer. While on an operational training flight, his bomber crashed and he was killed.

Deserving native students in Johannesburg will be helped by the decision of the University of the Witwatersrand to establish two bursaries named after the late Lieut. A. Carnovski, a S.A.A.F. observer who served with a bomber squadron, was reported missing on operations forty miles from Sidi Barrani in August, 1942, and later was presumed killed.

Lt. Carnovski was a part-time student in the Faculty of Commerce, being conferred with the degree of B.Com. in 1940. In his will Lieut. Carnovski left a bequest to the University to promote political and social welfare in such a manner as the university should think fit.

An official statement said: "The university has accepted the bequest with deep gratitude, and is proud to be able to give effect to the practical interest of one of her most gallant graduates, in the welfare of the least privileged people of the Union."

Last year, Major-General W. H. Poole, C.B., D.S.O., spoke the tribute of a soldier when he addressed a message to the Jews in his division.

"The Sixth S.A. Armoured Division has played a big part in driving the Hun back through Italy to his present positions, and all ranks of the Division have done their full share of the work.

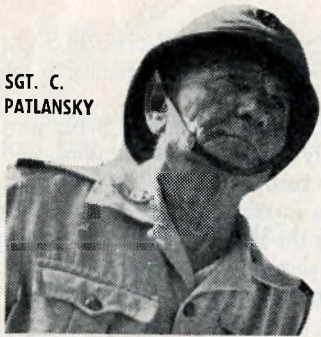
"I would like to thank all you members of the Jewish faith for the part you have played and for the high standard of courage and determination which you have shown throughout. Some of your members have made the supreme sacrifice—all honour to them.

"To those of you who have recently joined us I extend a hearty welcome and recommend you to follow the fine example set by your older comrades. We continue forward with a firm resolve to do all in our power, individually and collectively, to prosper the Allied cause."

Not many months after these words were spoken the Sixth S.A. Armoured Division helped to bring about a collapse of organised German resistance in Italy. Cities fell and thousands of prisoners were taken. The fighting was bitter but our forces proved their determination.

The end of Nazism had come. South African Jews who fought the first battles with their compatriots against the tyranny which threatened South Africa, were in the field too, at the close of the most infamous regime in history. Many men will be remembered long after the last shots have been fired, and this war has passed into history. The names of Jews in the South African fighting services will be among them. The Cohens, Bernsteins, and Rosenthals. The Behrmans. The Frames. The Evanses. The men with obviously Jewish names, and the men with names that are not obviously Jewish. These are the South Africans who have shown that there are no schisms in courage, no divisions of race or creed in self-sacrifice, no distinctions in death. They helped to win great battles. Their memorial is freedom.

SGT. C.
PATLANSKY



SOLDIERING at 74

Jewish War Veterans

On this page are the pictures of two Jewish war veterans. One, Mr. J. Sharpe, of Johannesburg, commenced his military career half-

a-century ago and has just been discharged from the U.D.F. on medical grounds. The other, Sgt. Charles Patlansky, is still on active service at the age of 74. He is probably the oldest full-time soldier in the U.D.F.

Both are fighting members of fighting families. Mr. Sharpe, who served in the Zulu Rebellion, Boer War and Great War before joining the E.S.P.C. in this war, had four sons in the U.D.F. Two were killed on active service, one was wounded and one was captured at Tobruk. When Mr. Sharpe first saw service he had much to do with horse artillery. His sons half-a-century later joined a different kind of artillery—the motorised “artillery” of the armoured regiments.

In the 1st N.V.B. Imperial Light Horse V Regiment there is no more enthusiastic soldier than Sgt. Patlansky. He is at present stationed at Boosens Camp and regularly takes part in field manoeuvres. He refuses to use his age—74—as an excuse for strenuous duties, and is attached to a trench mortar section. Disappointed at not being accepted for service up North, Sgt. Patlansky joined the Police Reserve and C.P.S. and did guard duties in all weathers.

Even when on field manoeuvres Srgt. Patlansky insists on carrying out the Jewish orthodox ritual of prayers three times a day.



MR. J. SHARPE

Additions

The following information has been received since the pamphlet was prepared (in June, 1945).

KILLED

Sgt. Dembitzer, Jack Solomon.
Sub.-Lt. Hillman, Wilfred
(Imperial Forces).
Capt. Levin, Samuel.

WOUNDED OR INJURED

Tpr. Greenberg, Godfrey.
Gnr. Kirsch, Russel.
Capt. Kirshon, Lionel.
Maj. Nathan, Dennis.
Gnr. Sive, Herbert.
Pte. Wainer, Myer.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Military Cross
Lieut. Spiro, Sidney.
Military Medal
Cpl. Traube, Eric
Mentioned in Dispatches
Lt. Goldman, Vernon.
Capt. Goodman, Alfred Morris.
Lt. Manne, Eric.
Lt. Margowsky, Isaac.
Lt. Stein, Harold.

Corrections

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Page 6	Judas	Judes
Page 13	Meltzer	Melzer
Page 19	Koopowitz	Kupowitz
Page 27	Shain	Shein
" "	Cpl. Sacks	Cpl. Sacks
Page 28	Medaille	Medalie
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Page 29	CCapt.	Capt.
" "	Fainsinger, Zenjamin	Fainsinger, Benjamin
" "	Faiverewitz	Faivelewitz
Page 30	Klopper	Klopfer
" "	Liebman	Liebmann
Page 31	Mierowsky, Azriel	Mierowsky, Bernard
" "	Rosenblaat	Rosenblatt
" "	Cashes	Sachs
Page 32	Gogelman	Vogelman
" "	Zuck	Zack
Page 33	Ash, Sidney Herbert	Ash, Sidney Hubert
Page 34	Cohen, Raphael	Cohen, Raphael
" "	Friedman	Friedmann
Page 35	Alexander, Louis Al-	Alexander, Louis Leonard
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From the list of “**WOUNDED OR INJURED**” on page 31 the name of Lt. Miller, Azriel was inadvertently omitted.

It is much regretted that on page 32, column 2, the heading “**MISSING**,” which applies to all the names from W.O.2 Benn to Lt. Youngleson, was accidentally omitted. To this list should be added Major Bloom, P.M. (R.A.M.C.).

ROLL OF HONOUR

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS WHO HAVE DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Cpl. Abramowitz Joseph Barnett.
Lt. Adelson, Percy.
Pte. Arkin, Solomon David.
Pte. Bachman, Siegfried.
Pte. Bagraim, Georges Michael.
Pte. Barron, Norman Solomon.
P/O. Batzofin, Hyman.
Pte. Baum, Harold.
Pte. Bauman, Ludwig Friedrich.
Lt. Beel, Hans.
Cpl. Behr, Hyman Aaron.
Gnr. Behrman, Sam Lionel.
Pte. Beiles, Oscar D.
Gnr. Bellerstein, Willy.
O/S. Berman, Nicholas.
Pte. Bernstein, Sydney.
Gnr. Black, Bernard.
Pte. Bloch, Arthur Stanley.
F/Sgt. Blomson, Ben.
Pte. Bloom, Abraham Joshua.
Bdr. Blumberg, Max.
Gnr. Blumenthal, Benjamin.
2/Lt. Bowman, Eric Isadore.
Lt. Brener, Jack Ian.
L/A/M. Bronstein, Abraham Ralph.
A/Cpl. Buch, Isidore Lionel.
Cpl. Cohen, Albert Henry.
Spr. Cohen, Cecil Joseph.
Tpr. Cohen, Nathan.
Capt. Cohen, Philip.
A/Cpl. Cohen, Reuben.
A/Cpl. Cohen, Ronald Errol.
Sgt. Cohen, Samuel.
Cpl. Cohen, Sam Matthew.
Pte. Cohen, Walter Geoffrey.
Pte. Colman, Dave.
2/Lt. Datt, Zalman Aaron.
Pte. Davidson, Hellmut.
Pte. Davis, Isaac.
Tpr. Davis, Leo.
A/M. Davis, Raymond.

Sig. Davis, Sydney.
Lt. Dee, Cyril.
Lt. Denton, Philip Allan.
Pte. Dickman, Robert Louis.
L/Cpl. Dorfan, Manual Solomon.
Lt. Duchen, Michael.
Tpr. Eliason, Jack.
Sgt. Epstein, D.
Gnr. Erlichman, Norton.
Pte. Falcke, Roy.
Cpl. Falk, Werner.
P/O. Falkson, Jack.
2/Lt. Feinberg, Aubrey Cyril.
F/Sgt. Feldman, Marcus Harold.
Lt. Fillis, Robert Benjamin.
S/Sgt. Flax, Sydney.
Spr. Flor, Mendel.
Pte. Frame, Jack.
Spr. Frank, Isidore Meyer.
Maj. Franklin, Gerald Mark.
Sgt. Freedman, Hyman.
Pte. Freedman, Philip.
Sgt. Friedman, George Wilfred.
W..O. Friendly, Jocelyn, D.F.M.
Pte. Gafanowitz, Philip.
Stoker Geffen, Sonny.
Spr. Gerber, Isaiah Reuben.
F/Sgt. Gerson, Michael.
Pte. Ginsberg, Freddy.
L/Cpl. Ginsburg, Max.
L/Cpl. Gluckman, Joseph.
Sig. Goldberg, Harry.
W/O. Goldman, Gilbert.
Sgt. Goldman, J.
Gnr. Goldstein, Lazar.
Lt. Goldstone, Henry Benjamin (Mentioned in Dispatches).
Pte. Golombick, Israel.
Lt. Good, Ralph.
Pte. Goodman, Max.
2/Lt. Gordon, Nathan.
L/Bdr. Green, Morris.
P/O. Albert Greenberg.

Pte. Greenberg, Harry.
 Lt. Greenberg, Harry Noel.
 Capt. Greenberg, Sam.
 Sgt. Greenblatt, Ben Zion.
 S/Sgt. Greenhill, Noah.
 A/M. Grek, Issy.
 L/Bdr. Gruskin, Bernard.
 Sig. Gutsberg, Theodore.
 A/M. Gutstadt, Johannes.
 Pte. Hack, Ralph.
 Lt. Hacker, Abe Mannie.
 Capt. Haft, Archie Aaron
 Hirsch.
 Lt. Hanson, Desmond Marcus.
 2/Lt. Harris, Louis E. (Wolf).
 Lt. Hart, Elias.
 Lt. Hazeldine, Ernest.
 Capt. Heilbronner, Leopold.
 2/Lt. Hellman, Joseph M.
 Cpl. Hirschowitz, Philip Louis.
 Pte. Hirschowitz, William.
 Tpr. Hirson, Sydney.
 Pte. Hoffenberg, Joseph Selig.
 Sgt. Houthakker, Harold Sam.
 Pte. Israel, Charles.
 Cpl. Israelski, Kurt.
 Pte. Jacks, Albert.
 Capt. Jacobs, John R. M.
 Lt. Jacobs, Kenneth I.
 Cpl. Jacobson, Joseph.
 Sgt. Jacobson, Julius.
 2/Lt. Jacobson, Lawrence.
 P/Pilot Jacobson, Ralph.
 S/Maj. Jochelson, Hyman.
 W/O. (Miss) Jocum, Sylvia.
 Pte. Joffe, Jack William.
 Pte. Jones, Ailan Mortimer.
 Pte. Joseph, Lionel.
 Pte. Jude, Philip.
 Pte. Judes, Aaron.
 Pte. Kacev, Jose.
 Lt. Kallenbach, Charles Fer-
 dinand.
 Gnr. Kaplan, Lionel.
 A/Sgt. Karabus, Morris.
 Spr. Katz, Alec.
 Pte. Katzenstein, Kurt Man-
 fred.
 A/M. Kauffman, Simon.
 Cpl. Kisner, Abe.
 Pte. Kessell, William Alfred.

S/Sgt. Kibel, Harry.
 Pte. Kirsch, Jack.
 S/Sgt. Klagsbrun, Raymond.
 Lt. Klass, David Emmanuel.
 Lt. Klatzkin, Adolph.
 Tpr. Kossick, Mossy.
 Pte. Kretzmar, Lazar.
 Lt. Kriseman, Denzil.
 Lt. Krombein, Sidney.
 A/B. Kruyer, Simon Isaac.
 Lt. Landau, Derek.
 Lt. Lazarus, Abraham M.
 Cpl. Lazarus, Nevil Irwin.
 Sgt. Lee, Harry.
 Pte. Len, Aaron.
 F/Sgt. Lentin, Sidney.
 Cpl. Levin, Sholm Harold.
 Rfn. Lesheim, Werner.
 Cpl. Levithan, Arthur.
 S/Sgt. Levy, Astor.
 P/O. Lewis, Norman Leonard.
 F/Sgt. Lewis, Sydney.
 Pte. Lewison, Bernard Leon.
 A/M. Lichtenstein, Heinz.
 Cpl. Linde, Isaac.
 Cpl. Lipschitz, Cecil.
 Cpl. Lipschitz, Simon Lionel.
 Lt.-Col. Lurie, David.
 Tpr. Margolis, Hyman.
 Sgt. Master, Samuel.
 P/O. Masur, Dennis Stanley.
 L/Cpl. Mendelsohn, John
 Moss.
 Pte. Mendelsohn, Joseph A.
 Lt. Mervis, Gordon.
 Capt. Meyerowitz, Reuben.
 L/Cpl. Miller, George (Ger-
 ston).
 Pte. Miller, Harry.
 F/Sgt. Miller, Solomon.
 F/Sgt. Morrison, Edward.
 S/Sgt. Myers, Lewis Mark.
 Sgt. Myerson, Stanley Sydney.
 Pte. Nidzon, Leslie.
 Tpr. Nochumsohn, Harry.
 Pte. Noll, Jose.
 Pte. Paek, Marcus.
 Pte. Papock, Harry.
 Pte. Pass, Michael.
 L/Cpl. Perel, Monty.
 L/Cpl. Phillips, Dennis.

Cpl. Podlashuc, Leopold Zal-
 men.
 Pte. Pogrund, Samuel.
 Pte. Port, Isaac.
 A/Pupil Porter, Montague
 Reuben.
 Lt. Posel, Isaac.
 P/O. Posener, Fredk. Hyman.
 2/Lt. Posener, Ies.
 Pte. Resnick, Morris.
 2/Lt. Robinson, John.
 Lt. Rollnick, Ezra Jonathon.
 A/M. Rosenberg, Louis.
 L/Cpl. Rosenberg, Louis
 Israel.
 Lt. Rosendorff, Martin.
 Cpl. Rosenthal, Jacob.
 Cpl. Rosenthal, Norman.
 L/Cpl. Rosier, Isaac.
 P/O. Rosofsky, Harold.
 Cjl. Sacks, Israel Ivan.
 W/O. Sackstein, Solomon.
 Pte. Sandler, Israel.
 Gnr. Sapiro, Samuel.
 A/Pupil Sarcki, Eric.
 Bdr. Sarembock, Harold A.
 Lt. Saul, Edward Lawrence.
 F/O. Schilansky, Ivor.
 Pte. Schneider, Aron Wolf.
 Pte. Schneider, Louis.
 Lt. Seel, Isidore.
 Pte. Segal, Bernard.
 Capt. Segal, Sidney.
 Stoker Sevel, Harry.
 Pte. Shain, Benjamin.
 Cpl. Shapiro, Gordon.
 S/Maj. Shear, Leo.
 Capt. Shain, Isaac Reuben.
 L/Cpl. Shore, Herbert.
 F/Sgt. Sieve, Leonard.
 Pte. Silberman, Wilfred.
 Sgt. Smith, Michael (Men-
 tioned in Dispatches).
 A/M. Smith, Norman Louis.
 Cpl. Solomon, Emmanuel.
 L/Cpl. Solomon, Isaac.
 A/M. Solomon, Joe.
 A/M. Solomon, Laurie.
 Sgt. Sperber, Harold Nathan.
 Pte. Stane, Samuel.
 Lt. Stayne, Roger Thomas.

Pte. Stein, Harry.
 Pte. Stein, Isaac.
 Pte. Stein, Sam.
 Pte. Steinberg, Louis.
 Capt. Stratford, John.
 L/Cpl. Tager, Samuel M.
 Pte. Tankel, Sam.
 P/O. Taylor, David.
 L/Bdr. Tillim, Maurice Louis.
 Rfn. Toyk, Harry.
 A/S. Treisman, Gerald.
 Pte. Tren, Ronald.
 2/Lt. Udwin, Leon.
 Pte. Ullman, Peter.
 F/Lt. Von Mentz, Brian,
 D.F.C.
 Pte. Wasserman, Joshua.
 Lt. Weinrich, Norman Alfred.
 Pte. Weiss, Abraham. M.M.
 F/O. Wilk, Jack.
 Dvr. Wittenberg, Cyril Harold.
 Bdr. Wulfsohn, Moritz.
 Cpl. Yankelsohn, Benjamin.
 Gnr. Zamkov, Maurice.
 Pte. (Mrs.) Zadikoff, Audrey.
 S/Sgt. Ziegler, Bernard.

MISSING, PRESUMED DEAD

Lt. Abramowitz, Abraham
 Elijah.
 Lt. Alexander, Richard James.
 A/Sgt. Berkowitz, Oscar.
 Pte. Bornstein, Joseph Fran-
 cis.
 Capt. Buch, Harold Julius.
 Lt. Carnovski, Leonard Adam.
 L/Cpl. Chideckel, Solly.
 Cpl. Cohen, Daniel Solomon.
 Piper Cohen, Geoffrey Harold.
 Lt. Cohen, George.
 W/O. Daleski, Cyril Saul.
 Lt. Davids, Maurice Henry.
 Lt. Davis, Maurice.
 W/O. Deitch, Ralph.
 A/Sgt. Eliastam, Simon.
 2/Lt. Flax, Maurice.
 Lt. Friedland, Max.
 A/S. Friedlander, Cecil A.
 A/Sgt. Friedman, Aubrey.
 Lt. Goldfoot, Stephen.
 Sgt. Greenberg, Max.

S/Ldr. Greenhill, Ronald
Arthur.

Cpl. Hanreck, Johnny.
Lt. Isenberg, Maurice.
Lt. Josephson, Gerald.
A/Sgt. Kahn, Abraham A.
A/Sgt. Katz, Barney.
Gnr. Lange, Max.
Pte. Lasker, Lionel.
Pte. Leeb, Maurice.
Pte. Levin, Sam.
Lt. Lewin, Arthur.
F/Sgt. Lurie, Lionel.
Lt. Medalle, Alexander Morris
L/Bdr. Myerson, Isadore.
Lt. Michel, David James.
Pte. Milwid, Edgar.
Pte. Musiker, Ephraim K.
F/Sgt. Orlek, Leslie.
2/Lt. Pines, Michael.
A/Sgt. Radomsky, Solomon.
A/S. Raphael, Philip Reginald.
Lt. Rosenstein, Ernest Willy.

L/Bdr. Rosseinsky, Leo.
Pte. Rubin, Allan Bernard.
Lt. Rutkin, Sam.
Sgt. Saks, Eric.
Tpr. Sarembock, Nathan.
Lt. Schneider, Sam.
Lt. Segal, David.
Lt. Shepherd, Alfred Maurice.
Capt. (Miss) Starfield, Sybil.
Pte. Wallis, Jack S.
Pte. Weyl, Franz Wilhelm.
Spr. Wise, Edmund Douglas.

WOUNDED OR INJURED

Lt. Abramowitz, Abr. Elijah.
Lt. Adelman, Michael.
Pte. Adler, Milton L.
Pte. Alge, Harold.
P/O. Amshewitz, Marion
Harry (R.A.F.).
Spr. Arluck, Joe.
Pte. Assness, Alec Meyer.
Pte. Back, Alfred.
Pte. Bailey, Jack.

HUMAN LINKS

When Lieut. Abraham (Hammie) Lazarus was killed in Italy in Sept. 1944, Mr. A. C. Wessels, of Stellenbosch University, who is connected with the compilation of the Afrikaans dictionary, remembered his former Jewish friend and colleague on the staff of Vryburg High School. This is what he wrote to Mrs. P. Lazarus:

"Hammie and I lived in the same house for a few years and I, who am a Dutch South African, felt for him, a South African of Jewish extraction, the attachment one feels for a favourite younger brother. We all, English, Dutch and Jewish people, who worked and played with him, loved him.

"We all feel that he was a good Jew and at the same time an excellent South African. In making the supreme sacrifice, I feel he has made our land, South Africa, dearer to us. At the same time, he brought the Jewish people and the South Africans a little nearer together and forged one of those human links that Fate never wholly severs."

Gnr. Baker, David.
Cpl. Bank, Norman.
Pte. Banks, Monty.
Tpr. Barlin, Bernard.
L/Cpl. Barnett, George.
Pte. Bass, Joseph.
L/Cpl. Bayer, Morris.
Gnr. Beer, Frederick Eric.
Lieut. Behrman, Eric Wilfred.
Pte. Bendelstein, Leonard
Hirsch.
Pte. Benjamin, Frank Rupert.
CCapt. Berelowitz, Kalman
Solomon, M.C. (twice).
Pte. Berelowitz, Ralph.
Cpl. Berman, Emanuel.
Pte. Bernstein, Bernard.
Capt. Beron, Abraham.
Pte. Block, Hilbert.
Spr. Block, Hyman.
L/Cpl. Bloom, Harry (twice).
Sgt. Bloom, Nathan.
L/Bdr. Borkum, Max Mendel.
Cpl. Bradlow, Frank Rosslyn.
Spr. Bregman, Sam.
Tpr. Breit, Isadore.
Spr. Brener, Jack Arthur.
Lt. Brown, Wally.
Sig. Broer, Laurence Bertram.
S/Sgt. Buirski, Sydney.
Pte. Bussin, George Lionel.
Pte. Gaganoff, Nathan.
Spr. Cahn, Ernst.
W.O.2 Carel, Mark.
Tpr. Caro, Ralph Leonard.
Pte. Cassel, Louis.
Cpl. Chazen, Aaron Barney.
Spr. Chiger, Joseph.
Gnr. Chimes, Abe.
Pte. Cohen, Ernest Lew.
Sgt. Cohen, Fred.
Pte. Cohen, Hyman Jock.
Gnr. Cohen, Jack.
Maj. Cohen, Leslie Bernard.
Cpl. Cohen, Louis.
Pte. Cohen, Maurice.
Pte. Cohen, Morris.
Pte. Cohen, Montague.
Lt. Cohen, Raphael.
Pte. Cohen, Reuben.
Pte. Comaroff, Abraham.

Lt. Cooper, Abraham Joseph.
Pte. Damelin, Gabriel.
Pte. Damelin, Leslie.
Cpl. David, Louis.
Sgt. Davids, Edward Henry,
M.M. (wounded twice).
Pte. Davidson, Alexander.
Sgt. Davin, Lionel.
Tpr. Davis, Jack.
Pte. Diner, Harry.
Capt. Dison, Gerald, M.C.
(R.A.M.C.).
Spr. Dison, Leon.
Gnr. Dodo, Monty.
Pte. Dorfan, Manuel Solomon.
Sgt. Duchon, Raymond Basil.
Spr. Dworsky, Barney.
Gnr. Ehrlich, Walter.
Bdr. Eisenhammer, George
Mark, M.M.
L/Cpl. Eisenstein, Sydney.
Pte. Eelman, Israel.
Pte. Emdon, Mark Henry.
Sgt. Emdon, Rufus L.
Tpr. Evans, Isadore.
Pte. Fainsinger, Zenjamin F
Sgt. Faiverewitz, Joseph.
Pte. Falk, Bennie.
Pte. Falk, Herbert Julius.
Cpl. Fehler, Boris Michael.
Lt. Feinberg, Louis A., D.F.C.
Pte. Feldman, Joseph.
Maj. Fine, Mark.
Pte. Fisher, Percy.
Pte. Fleisch, Hayman Jacob.
Pte. Fleischer, Maurice.
Cpl. Frank, Hans P.
Sig. Frank, Louis.
Cpl. Frankel, Fred Harold.
Pte. Freedman, Stanley
Leonard.
Pte. Freedman, Zume.
Pte. Frenkel, Herman (twice).
Capt. Freund, Hans.
Pte. Friedlander, Leon.
Lt. Friedman, Fritz Wilhelm.
Sgt. Friedman, George Wil-
fred.
F/Sgt. Furman, Aaron Ben-
jamin.
Pte. Gampel, Max.

Jack. Gavronsky, Jack.
Lt. Gelb, Raphael.
Sgt. Ginsberg, Hans.
Pte. Glasser, Michael.
Pte. Goldberg, Harold.
Pte. Goldberg, Louis.
2/Lt. Golding, Cecil Alexander.
L/Bdr. Goldstein, Arthur Montague.
Gnr. Goldstein, Charles (twice).
Lt. Goldstein, Isaac, M.C.
Cpl. Goldstein, Montague Cecil, M.M.
Cpl. Goodman, Derek Raymond.
Pte. Goodman, Max.
Sgt. Gordon, Nathan (Sonny).
Sgt. Gottschalk, Norman Hyman.
L/Cpl. Green, Israel.
Cpl. Green, Solomon Charles.
Pte. Greenbaum, Fred.
Cpl. Greenberg, Harold.
A/M. Groll, David.
Cpl. Gross, Henry Jacob.
L/Cpl. Grunebaum, Hugo.
Pte. Gruss, Alfred Isadore.
Gnr. Hanauer, Viktor.
Pte. Harber, Hyman.
Lt. Harris, Arnold.
Tpr. Harris, Max.
Lt. Harris, Nathan.
Gnr. Herman, Joseph Nathan.
Gnr. Immerman, Jack.
Spr. Isaacs, Gerald Lionel, M.M.
Cpl. Israel, Robert Nathan.
Pte. Jacobson, Israel.
Pte. Jacobson, Laurie.
L/Cpl. Jaffit, Jesse.
Capt. Jammy, Joel Isaac.
L/Cpl. Jodeikin, Henry.
Sgt. Joffe, Sam.
L/Cpl. Judelsohn, Alec I.
Pte. Kaplan, Clarence.
Pte. Kaplan, Jeffrey.
Ch. P/O. Kaplan, Jerry (British Navy).
Pte. Kaplan, Louis Arthur.

Tpr. Kaplan, Morris.
Tpr. Kark, Jeffrey Arnold, M.M.
Pte. Karp, Harry.
Lt. Karstadt, David.
Pte. Katz, Herman Lionel.
Pte. Katz, Hyman.
L/Cpl. Katz, Myer Ellis.
L/Cpl. Katzew, Joe.
Gnr. Kirsten, David Henry.
Sgt. Kleiman, Maurice.
Gnr. Klein, Benjamin.
Spr. Klopper, Ernst Leopold.
Cpl. Kobrin, Mark.
Sgt. Koff, Maurice.
Pte. Kopelowitz, Nathan.
Lt. Kowarsky, Alexander Leopold.
Sig. Kruger, Herbert.
Pte. Kupshik, Isadore.
Gnr. Lange, Max.
Pte. Lazarus, David A.
Cpl. Lazarus, Hector.
Sig. Lazarus, Norman.
Cpl. Lazarus, Phillip.
Pte. Lax, Peter Frederick.
Pte. Leeb, Maurice.
Cpl. Leibowitz, Benjamin.
Lt. Lentin, Ephraim.
L/Cpl. Levi, Izak.
Spr. Levin, Basil Harold.
Sgt. Levin, Jack.
Pte. Levin, Marcus.
Pte. Levine, Harold M.
Pte. Levitte, Morris.
Tpr. Levy, Arthur Lionel (twice).
Sgt. Levy, Joe Hyman.
Pte. Levy, Stanley Paul.
Sig. Lichtenstein, Edwin A. (twice).
Pte. Liebman, Raphael Rudolph.
Pte. Lipschitz, Max.
Sgt. Lipson, Manfred.
Cpl. Lubinsky, Israel Emanuel.
Pte. Lurie, Harry.
Gnr. Lurie, Martin.
Pte. Lurie, Robert (twice).
Pte. Lurya, Alec.

Pte. Lyons, Lionel S.
Sig. Marcus, Abraham.
Spr. Maresky, Simeon Judah.
Lt. Margowsky, Isaac.
Cpl. Marx, Milton.
Cpl. Medalie, Philip Ellis.
Spr. Melmed, Herbert Meyer.
Sgt. Mervitz, Myer (twice).
Cpl. Metter, David.
Sgt. Meyer, Benjamin.
L/Cpl. Meyerowitz, Boris.
Cpl. Meyerovitz, Leo Maurice, M.M.
Pte. Meyerowitz, Robert.
Pte. Mierowsky, Azriel.
Pte. Miller, Clement.
Gnr. Miller, Harold.
Tpr. Miller, Hymie Eddie.
Pte. Milner, Maurice.
L/Cpl. Mograbi, Julius.
Pte. Muscat, Robert Joseph.
Lt. Myers, Ian.
Cpl. Myerson, Morris J.
Pte. Narunsky, Maurice.
Capt. Nelson, Cecil Phillip.
Pte. Nerwich, Louis.
Rfm. Newfield, Aaron.
L/Cpl. Noach, Gerald Max.
Tpr. Norman, Jack.
Pte. Norman, Phillip.
Pte. Odes, Solly.
Tpr. Perl, Herbert.
Pte. Perlman, Mark.
Pte. Plen, Leon.
Pte. Poplak, Morris.
Pte. Poplak, Rubin.
2/Lt. Rabie, Maurice.
Sgt. Reichman, Jacob Herman.
Capt. Reznek, Joel Robert, M.C.
Tpr. Richard, Israel.
Capt. Robinson, David.
Pte. Rodin, Manuel.
Pte. Roettgen, Berthold.
A/Gnr. Rosen, Mervyn.
Pte. Rosenberg, Cyril.
Pte. Rosenblaat, Edmond M.
Pte. Rosenthal, Herman.
Pte. Rosenthal, Kenneth Joseph.

Pte. Ross, Leslie.
Pte. Rostovsky, Stanley.
Sig. Rothschild, Gerald Francis.
Tpr. Rudnick, Rudyard.
Lt. Sachs, Albert, D.F.C.
Lt. Cashes, Feodore.
F/Sgt. Sack, Irwin C.
Pte. Sack, Morris.
A/M. Sacks, Frank.
Pte. Sacks, Louis.
Capt. Sacks, Samuel.
Sgt. Sandground, Jack.
Pte. Sandler, Leslie.
Pte. Sandler, Maurice.
Sgt. Sang, Samuel John.
Pte. Schneider, Joe.
Pte. Schyler, Harry.
Cpl. Scougal, George.
Pte. Segell, Mannie.
Pte. Selby, Maurice.
Lt. Selikman, Jack, O.B.E.
Pte. Seltz, Hillel.
Pte. Shapiro, Meyer Hennoch, M.M.
Gnr. Sher, Julius.
Pte. Shirk, Julius.
Tpr. Shnaps, Cecil Solomon.
Cpl. Siegenberg, Mossie.
Sgt. Siff, Robert.
Spr. Sklar, Solly.
Sig. Slighting, Edward Desmond.
L/Bdr. Smith, Louis.
Pte. Smollan, Stanley.
Pte. Solomon, David.
Capt. Solomon, Frank I., M.C.
Pte. Sonnenberg, Stanley.
Pte. Stark, Geoffrey (twice).
Pte. Stein, Abe.
Tpr. Stein, Leslie.
Pte. Steinberg, Reuben (twice).
Pte. Strathborne, Charles.
L/Cpl. Sturisky, Harry Jack.
Lt. Sussman, Trevor Felix.
Pte. Suttner, Montague.
L/Cpl. Symon, Israel.
Sgt. Taitz, Louis Sam.
Cpl. Tankle, Phillip.

Pte. Tayfield, Sydney.
 Gnr. Taylor, Harry.
 Pte. Toubkin, Moses M.
 Cpl. Traube, Eric (twice).
 Pte. Unterslak, Alec.
 Tpr. Victor, Otto.
 Lt. Gogelman, Nathan.
 Tpr. Wade, Jack.
 Bdr. Wainstein, Ellis Zellick.
 Sig. Wartski, Alec.
 L/Cpl. Weinberg, Leslie A.
 Lt. Weinronk, Jack.
 Spr. Weiss, Otto.
 Spr. Wenezky, Harry.
 Pte. Wiener, Heinz Adolph.
 S/Sgt. Witte, Frederick David.
 Gnr. Wolf, David.
 Pte. Wolff, Herman.
 Pte. Wolffe, Jacob Harris.
 Pte. Woolf, Julius.
 Gnr. Woolf, Keith.
 Pte. Woolf, Nathan.
 Cpl. Wulfson, Lionel Mendel.
 Pte. Zuck, Michael.

ACCIDENTALLY INJURED

L/Bdr. Berman, Eric Mark
 Pte. Cohen, Morris.
 Pte. Fein, Hyman.
 Pte. Grossman, E. S. (Miss).
 L/Cpl. Harris, Mark.

Pte. Jaffit, Ivan Leonard.
 Pte. Jankelow, Charles Hyman.
 T/Sgt. Leventhal, Lionel.
 L/Cpl. Maferer, Abe.
 Pte. Perlman, Leonard.
 A/M. Rosenstein, Abraham A.
 Sgt. Sang, Nicholas.
 Gnr. Sebba, Desmond James.
 Pte. Steyn, Jack.
 W.O.2 Benn, Harland Trevor.
 W.O.1 Bloch, Leonhard Berthold.
 Pte. Cohen, Gunther Rene.
 W.O.1 Cohen, Leonard.
 Lt. Gesundheit, Bertram Victor.
 Instructor Hirschman, Alf. (Grenadier Guards).
 Lt. Kerbel, Jacob.
 Sgt. Lewin, Ralph Hyman (R.A.F.).
 Lt. Salant, Harold.
 Lt. Schneider, Samuel.
 Lt. Senior, Leon.
 S/Sgt. Sossen, Philip (East African Div. Scouts, Ceylon Command).
 Lt. Swiel, Ronald.
 Lt. Wittenberg, Ronald Albert.
 Lt. Youngleson, Frank.

Decorations for Valour

OFFICER OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Lt.-Col. ASH, Sidney Herbert.
 Lt.-Col. BRAUN, Loswel Israel.
 Lt.-Col. GALGUT, Oscar.
 Lt.-Col. MELZER, Lionel.
 Lt.-Col. MYERS, Harry.
 Lt. SELIKMAN, Jack (ex-P.O.W.).

MEMBER OF ORDER OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Maj. BERNSTEIN, Hyman George Gillies (R.A.M.C.).
 Maj. GONSKI, Dan S.
 Capt. HERMER, Benjamin Samuel.
 Capt. KANTEY, Basil.
 Capt. LENTZNER, Joseph Gerson.
 Lt.-Col. LEVINKIND, Disraeli Hyman.

Lt. BEHRMAN, Eric Wilfred.
 Lt. BERELOWITZ, Kalman Solomon.
 Capt. DISON, Gerald (R.A.M.C.)
 Lt. GOLDSTEIN, Isaac.
 Lt.-Col. MELZER, Lionel.
 Capt. REZNEK, Joel Robert.
 Capt. SOLOMON, Frank I.
 Capt. VOGELMAN, Nathan.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Capt. BENSON, Basil George.
 W/C COHEN, Lionel (R.A.F.)
 Lt. FEINBERG, Louis A.
 Maj. GOLDING, Cecil Alexander.
 Capt. GORDON, Louis Lazarus.
 Capt. JACOBS, Ronald Harry.
 S/Ldr. LEON, Lionel Edward (and bar), (R.A.F.).
 Capt. MARGO, Cecil Stanley.

FACTS and FIGURES

DEATHS	252
PRESUMED DEAD	55
WOUNDED OR INJURED	341
MISSING	13
PRISONERS OF WAR	514
DECORATIONS	179

Lt.-Col. LEVY, Philip.
 Lt. MARCUS, Harold.
 Maj. ORLEK, Alan (R.A.M.C.)
 Maj. PENN, Jack.
 Capt. SAMSON, Hyman Harold.
 Maj. STARFIELD, Hyman.
 Maj. STEYN, Leopold.
 Lt. ZIMMERMAN, Leon.
MILITARY CROSS
 Capt. BABROW, Louis.

Capt. ROSENTHAL, Gerald.
 Lt. SACHS, Albert.
 Maj. SAID, Elkin.
 Capt. STEINBERG, Cyril Max.
 F/Lt. VON MENTZ, Brian (R.A.F.) (deceased).
 Lt. YUDELMAN, Montague Mortimer.
AIR FORCE CROSS
 S/Ldr. SMULIAN, Philip Keith (R.A.F.).



**DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT
MEDAL**

Sgt. GODDARD, Gerald (ex-P.O.W.).

MILITARY MEDAL

Pte. DAVIDS, Edward Henry.
L/Cpl. EISENHAMMER, Geo. Mark.

S/Sgt. EPSTEIN, Lazar (ex-P.O.W.).

Cpl. FREEMAN, Sydney.
Pte. GOLDSTEIN, Montague Cecil.

Sgt. HUMMEL, C.S. (Hymie).
Spr. ISAACS, Gerald Lionel.
Tpr. KARK, Jeffrey Arnold.
Cpl. LERER, Leib.
Cpl. MEYEROVITZ, Leo Maurice.

Pte. ODES, Solly.
Pte. RUDA, Albert Merwin.
Pte. Shapiro, Meyer Hennoch.
Pte. SHER, Bennett (ex-P.O.W.).

Gnr. UNGER, Hans Ernest (ex-P.O.W.).

L/Cpl. WALLIS, Joseph.
Pte. WEISS, Abraham (deceased).

**DISTINGUISHED FLYING
MEDAL**

F/Sgt. BERNSTEIN, Sydney M.

W.O. FRIENDLY, Jocelyn (R.A.F.) (deceased).

**BRITISH EMPIRE
MEDAL**

A/Cpl. FRIEDMAN, Jack.
L.A.M. MORRIS, Joseph.
Sgt. SCHNEIDER, Ruben.

PURPLE HEART

P.F.C. JACOBSON, Herbert (American Forces).

**MENTIONED IN
DESPATCHES**

Lt. ARONSON, John Cecil.
Maj. ASHER, Joseph.
W.O.1 BACH, Ferdinand.
Sgt. BARNETT, Isidore Morris.

Capt. BEILES, Aubrey.
L/Cpl. BONERT, Samuel Eli.
Lt.-Col. BRAUN, Loswel Israel.

Sig. BROOMBERG, Harold.
Cpl. COHEN, Gunther Rene (ex-P.O.W.).

Maj. COHEN, Leslie Bernard.
Lt. COHEN, Raphael.
Lt. COHEN, Sydney.
Maj. COMAY, Michael (twice)

Lt. DAVIS, Ivan.
S/Sgt. EDELSTEIN, Norman.
Cpl. ELKON, Solly.
Sgt. ELLIS, Oscar.

S/Sgt. FREEMAN, Cecil Jack.
Sgt. FRIEDLAND, Harry.
Sig. FRIEDLANDER, Hans Herman.

Lt. FRIEDMAN, Jack.
S/Sgt. FURMAN, Louis Maxwell.

Lt.-Col. GALGUT, Oscar (twice).

Tpr. GARB, Marius H.
Lt. GINSBERG, Henry (twice)
Lt. GLUCKMAN, Harold Lipman.

W.O.2 GOETZ, Manfred.
Pte. GOLDBERG, Harold.
Lt. GOLDSTONE, Henry Bernard (deceased).

A/M. GOODWIN, Walter Philip.

Capt. GOUDVIS, Samuel.
Lt. GREDER, Otto.
Cpl. GREEN, Solomon Chas.
Cpl. GREENBERG, Markham Leopold.

W.O.2 GROSSMAN, Philip (three times).

L/Cpl. HARRIS, Mark.
2/Lt. HEILBRONNER, Eric Werner.

Capt. JAFFE, Mossy.
Capt. JOSEPH, Edward Albert.

L.A.C. KAHN, Benjamin Bernard (R.A.F.).
Capt. KANTEY, Basil.

A/Sgt. KARLIN, Rafel.
L/Cpl. KATZ, Herman Lionel.
Capt. KATZIN, Alfred George.
Capt. KISNER, Cyril David.

A/Sgt. KUPOWITZ, Molly (Miss) (W.A.A.F.).
Sgt. LAZARUS, Sam.
Maj. LENTZNER, Joseph Gerson.

Cpl. LERER, Leib.
Lt. LEVY, Dan.
Maj. LEWIN, Woolf.
S/Sgt. LEWIS, Maurice.

Capt. LEZARD, Hugh Grant.
Pte. LIFEROW, Abraham.
Sgt. LIKNAITSKY, Raphael.
Capt. MARGO, Maxwell Alfred.

Cpl. MEIDNER, Hans.
Sgt. MILUN, Jack (ex-P.O.W.).

W.O.2 MIRWIS, Solomon.
Cpl. NATHAN, Joe.
Lt. ORKIN, Hyman John.

Capt. OSHRY, Marcus.
Lt. PILLEMER, Sydney.
Sgt. REICHMAN, Jacob Herman.

Capt. RESNEKOV, Victor.
Lt. ROSENBERG, Errol Geoffrey.

Pte. RUDA, Albert Merwin.
Capt. SAMSON, Hyman Harold.

2/Lt. SANDERS, Solomon.
Sgt. SAPIRE, Max.
S/Ldr. SENNET, Oscar Hyman (R.A.F.).

Capt. SHAPIRO, Louis.
Lt. SHORE, Maurice Isadore.
Capt. SIEFF, Samuel.
Pte. SIEGENBERG, Henry Max.

Sgt. SMITH, Mike.
Sgt. STEINBERG, Edward Robert.

Lt. SWERDLOW, Alfred.
Lt. SWERDLOW, Philip R.
Capt. WAYBURN, S.
Maj. WEGGER, Gordon.
Maj. WOLFOWITZ, Jack.
Pte. WOOLF, Dave Fred (ex-P.O.W.).

**GAZETTED FOR VALUABLE
SERVICES RENDERED IN
THE WAR**

W.O.2 BORKUM, Jack.
S/Sgt. KAHN, Jacob.
W.O.2 SAUNDERS, Jack.
Maj. STARFIELD, Hyman.

**COMMENDATION
MILITARY**

Capt. ALEXANDER, Louis Alexander (ex-P.O.W.)

Lt.-Col. BLUMBERG, Louis.

Maj. GETZ, Abraham.
S/Sgt. GLUCK, Edward.
Cpl. GOLDMAN, Ettie (Miss) (W.A.A.F.).

S/Sgt. GREEN, Aubrey M.
Capt. KAM, Michael Hyman.
Maj. KOWARSKY, Alexander Leopold.

Maj. LEON, Harold Clifford.
Maj. MAISELS, Israel Aaron.
Lt. MARKS, Maurice.

Lt.-Col. ROSEMAN, Hyman Solomon.

Cpl. Schwartz, Hans.
Maj. SHILLER, Philip Reuben.
Capt. SONNABEND, Henry Haskel.

Maj. SUMMERFIELD, Mark.
Capt. YOUNGLESON, Bilholt.



