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FOREWORD by WING-COMMANDER G.A. NICHOLLS.

Commandant of the Air Training Corps in New Zealand.

The initiative which has prompted the editors and committee responsible for the "Observer" to produce a purely "ATC" Bulletin does, I think, express the spirit of the Air Training Corps in New Zealand today. I extend my congratulations to "Observer", and my best wishes for its success in the interests of A.T.C.

That the Air Training Corps in New Zealand is fulfilling its function of increasing the quantity and quality of recruits for the R.N.Z.A.F. with distinction and success is already established. In every town in New Zealand public opinion is appreciating the splendid training which is being carried out by the cadets. Those cadets who have already entered into Service life in the R.N.Z.A.F. have set a high standard and have earned the praise of their instructors. The keenness of cadets is commented upon by Air Force officers everywhere. All these facts are an impression of the spirit of the Air Training Corps. The interest and keenness of the Youth of New Zealand as shown in the ever-increasing membership in the Air Training Corps leaves no doubt as to the quality of the reserves for the Air Force of the future.

With such a splendid spirit shown by cadets and with such keenness to get on with their training, it is no wonder the Air Training Corps has made such rapid strides in so short a time. Every cadet realises that when he joins the A.T.C. there is plenty of hard work ahead of him. Those who work the hardest will reap the greatest benefit. In Aviation today, the standard is high - only hard work today in every phase of training can produce the airman of tomorrow. A.T.C. is the first step in Air Force training and provides the foundation necessary for service training. Much depends on the soundness of the foundations which are laid during the cadet's training in the A.T.C.

The production of a Bulletin such as "Observer" can materially assist in spreading the spirit of the A.T.C. If it creates a wider interest in A.T.C. activities and brings large numbers of new enrolments into the Corps, it will have achieved outstanding success.

(Sgd) : GEO. A. NICHOLLS,  
Commandant, Air Training Corps.

AIMS and OBJECTS of BULLETIN.  
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To strengthen the links between our officers, N.C.O. and Cadets within the Unit.

To establish a liaison with other A.T.C. units throughout N.Z.

To provide an up-to-date resumé of squadron activities.