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ROBIE'S CAT

You've all heard the story
Of Dick Whittington's cat;
But I'll tell you a tale
Much better than that.

'Tis about our friend Robie,
He's well known to you,
Yes he has a cat
And four kittens too.

He has christened her Minnie,
She well knows her name,
And because of this pussy
He has risen to fame.

His leave at week-ends
He often declined,
He couldn't leave Minnie
While she was confined.

He nursed her by day
And he watched her by night;
He made her a bed
And she smiled with delight.

He called on the cooks
And somehow contrived
To collect all the tit-bits
On which she survived.

He found her a home,
The old Records marquee.
Here her babies were born
Three Toms and a She.

Now Robie's quite proud
Of Minnie's quartet,
Tom, Dick and Harry
And little Nanette.

He's decided to breed
On a much bigger scale
And advertise freely
That he's kittens for sale.

He says he will study
And become a real vet.;
He's promised the Colonel
A cat for a pet.

He intends to buy land,
Ten acres or more,
And start a cat farm
Right after the war.

So let's drink to Robie,
And let it be known
That he was the founder
Of an Army cats' home.
—J.P., Ngaruawahia.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

American visitor had been taken to one of Adelaide's few real coffee lounges. Proprietress prided herself on her coffee, and claimed it was the best anywhere. Confidently, she asked the visitor who dropped in about 2 a.m. how he liked the coffee.

"— awful," he opined. "Worst I ever tasted."

After he left it was found that he's tipped mayonnaise instead of cream into his cup.

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PATRIOTIC EFFORT

Work Of Air Force Relations

An outline of the work done by Air Force Relations, which is the accredited agent of the National Patriotic Fund Board for providing comforts and amenities for Air Force personnel, was given last night by Mrs. Goddard, wife of Air Commodore R. V. Goddard, Chief of the Air Staff in New Zealand, in continuation of the series of talks forming part of the drive for patriotic funds.

The Patriotic Fund Board, said Mrs. Goddard, had paid almost all the expenses of Air Force Relations and had supplied 24,000lb. of knitting wool. This wool had been turned into more than 83,000 garments for the benefit of New Zealand Air Force personnel. The knitting had been done by the members of 53 branches and knitting centres of the organization and also by individual knitters, one of whom must hold the record for the two years with 101 pullovers, 34 balaclavas, three scarves, 12 Cranwell jerseys, nine pairs of gloves and six pairs of socks. The board had also supplied materials for making hussifs, more than 9000 of which had been given to airmen in this country and to those going overseas.

Reference was made by Mrs. Goddard to the dispatch of woollen goods, tinned foods and butter for distribution to New Zealand airmen in England. Air Force Relations assisted in staffing canteens and at many of the stations had established sewing circles where airmen could have badges and chevrons sewn on or clothes mended. The organization also catered for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

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More knitters, specially in Wellington, were required, and Mrs. Goddard asked that anyone willing to assist in this way should communicate with the headquarters of the organization in Aitken Street, Wellington.

Air Force Relations would play its part. "Will you do your part," Mrs. Goddard concluded, "by helping to supply the funds and sending a donation to your local patriotic committee?"