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BACK HOME AGAIN 400 Sick And Wounded Of 2nd N.Z.E.F.

The feelings of many of the 400 men of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. who recently returned sick and wounded to New Zealand were aptly expressed by the chairman of the Wellington Harbour Board, Mr. W. H. Price, at the informal welcome given, when he said he believed that glad though they were to be home they would love to be back in the Middle-East to assist in the final exodus of Rommel's army.

Approximately 60 of the men had also served in the Great War, among them an Englishman, now only 42, who, as a trumpeter in a Canadian unit in the last war, had his 14th birthday in camp.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, told the men of the difficulty Parliamentarians had had to secure pensions 10 to 15 years after the last war for returned soldiers whose war disabilities records were inadequate. He asked the returned men of this war to bear that in mind, and to carry out the instructions given to ensure their cases being properly and fully recorded. The Government and the people wanted to ensure that the best possible was done for the returned servicemen who had done their best for their country. If the men assisted now in having their cases fully recorded they could return to their homes with the knowledge that they would be looked after in the future.

This was the happiest Christmas in New Zealand in the three years of war, said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, who had a special word of commendation for the returning V.A.D.'s and those still on service overseas.

Though little in numbers, New Zealand was great in deeds, said Mr. Hapi Love, father of the late Lieut. Colonel E. T. W. Love, who extended a welcome on behalf of the Native race.

"Welcome back to the best country in the world," said Mr. W. E. Leadley, for the N.Z.R.S.A. to a chorus of warm approval. "Now you are back," he said, "get into the R.S.A. Take it over from us—the whole show—because we of the last war have no one to leave it to but you."

The Adjutant-General, Brigadier A. E. Conway, O.B.E., N.Z.S.C., and Colonel C. W. Salmon, D.C.M., deputy Quartermaster-General, represented the army at the welcome to the men

NEW ZEALANDERS IN ROYAL AIR FORCE

Headquarters In London

PERSONAL INTERESTS AND WELFARE

The establishment in London of R.N.Z.A.F. headquarters for the United Kingdom was announced yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones. Air Commodore L. M. Isitt has been appointed Air Officer Commanding the new Headquarters.

Mr. Jones said that the rapid increase in the number of New Zealanders serving with and on loan to the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom, Middle East, and India, had made

Everyman's Hut

BELLS ACROSS THE SNOW.

O Christmas, merry Christmas,
Is it really come again
With its memories and greetings,
With its joy and with its pain!
There's a minor in the carol
And a shadow in the light,
And a spray of cypress twining
With the holly wreath to-night.
And the hush is never broken
By laughter light and low,
As we listen in the starlight
To the "bells across the snow."

O Christmas, merry Christmas,
'Tis not so very long
Since other voices blended
With the carol and the song!
If we could but hear them singing
As they are singing now,
If we could but see the radiance
Of the crown on each dear brow,
There would be no sigh to smother,
No hidden tear to flow,
As we listen in the starlight,
To the "bells across the snow."

O Christmas, merry Christmas,
This never more can be;
We cannot bring again the days
Of our unshadowed glee,
But Christmas, happy Christmas,
Sweet herald of good will,
With holy songs of glory,
Brings holy gladness still,
For peace and hope may brighten,
And patient love may glow,
As we listen in the starlight
To the "bells across the snow."
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

necessary a more comprehensive organization to look after their welfare and interests in liaison with the Air Ministry, in conformity with the similar headquarters of the Royal Canadian and Royal Australian Air Forces established in London.

"The number of New Zealanders now serving with or loaned to the Royal Air Force," said Mr. Jones, "has reached a substantial figure. New Zealand airmen are serving in the United Kingdom, Middle East, and India, and the task of looking after their welfare and personal interests has now overtaken the capacity of the small liaison staff hitherto maintained within the Air Ministry by the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

"No change of command is involved as the Air Officer, Commanding R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters, will not exercise direct control over New Zealand airmen serving with the Royal Air Force, but he will, with his staff, be in a position to safeguard their personal interests and welfare.

"It is most gratifying," said Mr. Jones, "that this proposal has met with the warmest approval from the British

Christmas should be season of happy gatherings, when scattered families hope to meet together for a short while before going out again to their individual tasks and responsibilities, when the cares and anxieties of everyday life are cast aside and their place taken by the goodwill and cheer linked with Christmas.

But again Christmas will look upon many vacant chairs and smiling faces will hide many sorrowing hearts. Loved ones far away facing the hard-

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ships and dangers of war—some never to return—that we in this favoured land may celebrate the Christ Mass in peace and safety. Others have loved ones returned broken in body or mind—constant reminders of the horrors from which we have been spared.

To all of these, we, of Everyman's Hut, desire to express our gratitude and sympathy for sacrifices made and being made, and to offer our sincere prayer that, in the mercy of God, the time may not be far distant when He can cause this war to cease, and our loved ones will be able to return home.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men" was the message of that first Christmas. The world had wandered far from these ideas, but God is still offering the greatest Christmas gift of all time for ". . . unto us a Child is born," "unto us a Son is given"

At the close of this another year, we extend to all our best wishes for a brighter year to come and a speedy return of peace.

Government as expressed in the following message received from the Secretary of State for Air by the Prime Minister, through the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London: "We warmly welcome this proposal, which marks ever-increasing contribution to the war of men of the Royal New Zealand Air Force serving in the Royal Air Force. Provision for establishment of the R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters in the United Kingdom is accordingly being made in the Empire Air Training Scheme agreement now being negotiated between representatives of the two countries. I would like to take this opportunity to place on record the Air Ministry's deep appreciation of the splendid way in which the New Zealand Government and its representatives have responded to the call which has been made upon them, and to let you know that the proposal to appoint Air Commodore Isitt, who is well known, respected, and liked throughout the Air Ministry and Royal Air Force, as first Air Officer Commanding R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters has given special pleasure."

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Getting ready to "bomb up" a Boston III. Fitting tail fins and fusing bombs for a daylight attack.