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-J.P., Ngaruawahia.

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM PACIFIC

Letter From N.Z. General

A letter conveying the season's greetings of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. in the Pacific has been received by the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, from Major-General H. E. Barrowclough, General Officer Commanding the New Zealand forces in the Pacific. The letter is as follows:—

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The Password of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. in the Pacific will fail to remember with affection and with longing the Dominion which is his home and the relatives and friends he left there some time ago. On behalf of the whole force may I extend to you and your Ministers, to the Parliament and people of New Zealand our sincere good wishes and an earnest pledge of our desire to join with all the Allied forces in their effort to re-

AUCKLAND, January 5.

TO LEARN TRADES

Japanese Prisoners In New

Zealand

ARMY SEEKS INSTRUCTORS

An Army memorandum which has been circulated to units invites applications from suitably qualified soldiers for the purpose of teaching Japanese prisoners of war certain trades. The prisoners, many of whom have been captured in action by American forces, are held in a large New Zealand camp, and the Minister of Defence (Mr. Jones) stated recently that the Gov-ernment was exploring means of employing them usefully.

The Army memorandum states that applicants must possess a knowledge of carpentry, furniture making, and concrete work. It is stated that some of the prisoners will be employed on making furniture, floor and roofing tiles, and concrete channels. It is added that plans, specification and drawings of methods of assembly will be available.

Employment of prisoners of war by the detaining Power is governed by a section of the Geneva Convention. It states that belligerents may employ as workmen prisoners of war who are physically fit, other than officers and persons of equivalent status, according to their rank and ability. Officers and to their rank and ability. Officers and persons of equivalent status may be-found suitable work if they ask for it. Non-commissioned officers may be compelled to undertake only super-visory work unless they expressly re-quest remunerative occupation. No prisoner may be employed on work for which he is physically promited.

which he is physically unsuited. It is also laid down by the conven-tion that the duration of the daily work of the prisoners, including the time of the journey to and from work, shall not be excessive, and shall in no case exceed that permitted for civil workers of the locality employed on the same work. Each prisoner. on the same work. Each prisoner must be allowed a rest of 24 consecu-tive hours each week, preferably on Sunday.

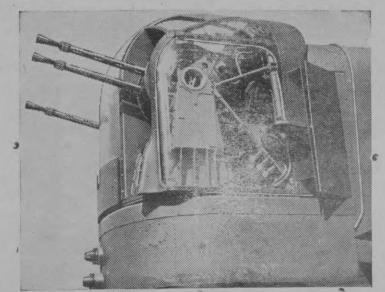
The convention prohibits the employ ment of prisoners on work with direct connexion with the operations of the war. In particular, it is forbidden to employ them in the manufacture or transport of arms and munitions of any kind, or on the transport of material destined for combatant units.

It is forbidden to employ prisoners on unhealthy or dangerous work, and conditions of work shall not be rendered more arduous by disciplinary measures. Pay is at a rate fixed by agreement between the belligerents.

store to a war ridden world that peace and goodwill which is usually associated with the Christmas season.

"I should like also to acknowledge with thanks the contribution which has been made to regimental funds by the Government and by the National Patriotic Fund Board to supplement the Christmas fare. This donation together with the individual Christmas parcels received by every man will not fail to remind us of New Zealand's interest in our welfare. We shall eat our Christmas dinners under varying and in some cases under trying circumstances, but every effort is being made to observe Christmas in the old traditional spirit and of that I am sure you will approve.

"If you think it proper to do so I should be greatly obliged if you could pass on to the people of New Zealand our grateful thanks for their kindly acts of remembrance of us and our sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and an early return to Happy and Prosperous New Years."



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